



NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter for August 2023

Message from the President

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Hi and Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter,

It is nearly time for the 2023 Annual Conference. I am not sure where 2023 has gone!

This year's Conference is being run by the Wyong Family History Group and is being held both virtually and in person. There is still time to buy tickets. The speakers look good, as does the raffle, so don't forget to get tickets.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom at 2pm on 17th September 2023. Delegates' papers will be emailed to all registered delegates. The meeting is open to everyone and if anyone would like papers, please let us know. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the date.

After the meeting we will hold the Forum. The Committee have added a couple of topics, but if any Society has anything they wish to discuss, please email the Secretary to have it added.

Finally, to date no society or group has nominated to hold the 2024 State Conference. I sincerely ask all groups to think about it. There will be lots of help to assist you. I am happy to talk to any group that is interested.

Hope to see some of you at the conference. Please come and say "Hi".

Best Wishes to all our members,

Gail.

August 2023 Management Committee Meeting

This was held on Sunday 13th August via Zoom. All nine committee members were present. Some important points from that meeting were:

6. Treasurer's Report:

6.3 Membership – some societies are still to pay their annual memberships. Committee members can only be voted in if their society has a current membership.

7. Conference Report:

7.2 Conference – Wyong – There are not as many registrants as originally envisaged, especially for the face-to-face component. Trade tables have all been finalised. Several Societies have taken out a group booking and will be holding the Conference on their premises. Excellent raffle ticket prizes.

8. Other Reports:

8.1 Australian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) –
The next Congress will be held on 21st – 24th March 2025 in Brisbane, Queensland.
The Nick Hall Vine Award for 2023 was cancelled due to insufficient entries. Shauna Hicks will co-ordinate the entries for 2024.

8.3 Website Report – slowly more societies are adding their events to the What's On page. Please do encourage your society to add their events, as this is a free service and it has a wide reach.

9. General Business:

9.3 - NSW & ACT Association Evening Zoom Groups – All three Zoom Groups are running well:

Tech Support Group: Topics and presentations included:

- o June – Mark Wonson, Picton FHS – 'The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (TNG).
- o July - Clive Maddocks, IT Manager from Newcastle FHS shared information from a recent course he attended on 'Using Podcasts for Family History'.
- o August – Richard Goss, President of Richmond Tweed FHS shared his experience with survey construction, the use of Microsoft Forms, and the results to foster conversation on the topics of 'Divining the Membership's Mind or Member Surveys with Purpose'.

Social Group:

Livelier groups have evolved with the introduction of a topic for discussion at each meeting:

- o July – Share non subscription sites you have found useful.

Office Bearers Network Group:

- o June - This session was for Secretaries.
- o August – Treasurers.

Future sessions are advertised below.

We would like to say a Special Thank You to all the above presenters Mark, Clive and Richard and to our committee members who hosted our groups – Mel, Elizabeth and Clive.

Upcoming Family History Events in 2023

38th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. “The Running Waters of History”.

Conference Organisers: Wyong Family History Group

Dates: 8th, 9th and 10th September 2023

Venue: Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre, 1 Hargraves Street, TOUKLEY, NSW.

Details: <https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>

Registration and Raffle Ticket links on above link too.

Full Registration: \$175

Virtual Conference: single ticket \$50

Virtual Conference: Access for Groups \$150.



Tech Support Group Meetings: held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm – 9pm on Zoom. Future Topics will be advertised on our private FB Page, and on the Association website.

13 Sept Andrew Redfern (SAG) will introduce us to SAG's new website 'Ironclad Sisterhood' focusing on the technology used to create it.

11 Oct TBA

8 Nov TBA



Office Bearers Networking Group: held on the fourth Wednesday of every second month 7.30pm – 9pm on Zoom. This group is aimed at members with specific positions within FHS's. Group to be advertised on our private FB Page and on the Association website.

23 Aug Treasurers Group

25 Oct TBA



Social Group – held on the fourth Wednesday of every second month 7.30pm – 8.30pm on Zoom, alternating months with the Officer Bearers Networking Group. After an introductory social chat, participants will be requested to share some information for a few minutes on the specific topic. Future Topics will be advertised on our private FB Page and on the Association website.



27 Sep – demonstrate or discuss a website, FB page or group that you have found invaluable.

22 Nov - TBA

If you haven't attended any of our evening Zoom Group meetings this year, to attend, please email Mel, our Secretary, at secretary@nswactfhs.org for the Zoom details. Please specify which group you wish to participate in.

The Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia Inc.

Invite you to a tour of Carisbrook House

Date: 7th September 2023

Venue: Carisbrook House – 334 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove

Time: 10am meet in carpark

Cost: \$35.00 followed by a light lunch (sandwiches, cake and fruit)

RSVP: to Mrs. Joy Dean joyldean@bigpond.com

Huguenot Heritage: Past and Present Conference

Date: 21st October 2023

Venue: Club York. 95 – 99 York Street, Sydney

Time: 10am – 5.30pm

Cost: Early bird till 22nd September \$150.00 and after that date \$165.00 (morning and afternoon teas and lunch included)

Registration and program: online at www.huguenotsaustralia/org.au/2023-conference

Enquiries: Pamela Summers pamelaannesummers@gmail.com

To have your Family history event advertised in this newsletter, please forward details to our Secretary secretary@nswactfhs.org Please request that it is added to our next Newsletter.

Could Secretaries of all member societies please ensure that our email address, secretary@nswactfhs.org is in their email address book, as some mail has been bouncing back with the message “unauthorized mail is prohibited”?

