



NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. Newsletter

Newsletter for May 2024

Message from the President

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Welcome to this edition of our newsletter,

Time is certainly flying by very fast.

I am continuing to go through my late mother's belongings, "Digging Deeper," you might say. I am amazed at what I am finding. She wrote a story about her first day at boarding school, followed by the reasons her family moved to this area. In another story, why her grandmother moved from Victoria to New South Wales, where she later met her husband to be. Not to mention all the documents she did for our Society – Picton. We actually now have a whole new collection from her work. This work did not just cover family history, but local and social history as well. My dilemma now is "what to throw out and what to keep"! This is probably a familiar scenario to many of you too.

For anyone who might be interested, AFFHO's tri-annual conference will be held in Brisbane, Queensland in March 2025. Early bird registrations close in November 2024.

We are going to Dig Deeper in 24 in just 105 days on Zoom. Have you bought your ticket yet? Have you decided to hold an event with other members of your Society? Of course, don't forget to buy some raffle tickets, as we already have many great, donated prizes.

Best Wishes to all our members,

Gail.

May Management Committee Meeting

This was held on Sunday 19th May 2024 via Zoom. Seven committee members were present. Some important points from that meeting were:

7. Conference Report

7.1- The State Conference will be held as a virtual, mini conference on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Theme: "Dig deeper in 24". <https://digdeeper24.org/>

Presenters and their presentations are finalized:

Session 1 – 10:00 – Clive Smith. Topic: – Dig Deeper into the Colonial Secretary's Records on Ancestry

Session 2 – 11:00 – Andrew Redfern. Topic: – AI and Family History

Session 3 – 13:15 – Nick Reddan. Topic: – The Registry of Deeds Dublin and Family History

Session 4 – 14:15 – Ruth Graham. Topic: – A Framework for Multidimensional Family History Research

Session 5 – 15:15 – Closing Question and answer session

End of conference 15:45

15:45 – Annual General Meeting followed by the Forum

Registrations are via the TryBooking site on the website with the choice of individual or society/institutional participants. The cost is: \$10 – individual and \$50 – per society/institution. <https://digdeeper24.org/booking.php> ; <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1183571>

An online raffle is also available via the TryBooking site mentioned above.

The AGM and Forum will be held after the conference concludes at 15:45.

Further information, booking and raffle ticket purchases can be found on our webpage - <https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/conference>

We are in discussion with MyHeritage re offering our conference registrants a 50% discount on an annual subscription. More in the next newsletter.

8. - Other Reports:

8. 1 - Australian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) –

The next Congress will be held on 21st – 23rd March 2025 in Brisbane, Queensland. Early bird Registration closes in November 2024. Accommodation at the venue is limited, so book early mentioning the special conference rate. Please refer to Upcoming Family History Events below for more details.

AFFHO have also asked if their members and societies hear about the Newsflash? Could you please reply to this query to president@nswactfhs.org

It was also raised if committee members of various societies have Directors Insurance or any other type of insurance that covers the committee members? Please also reply to Gail at president@nswactfhs.org

8. 3 - Website Report – Please encourage your society to add their events, as this is a free service and has a wide reach. Our Speakers' Register is currently being updated.

10. - General Business:

10.2 - Conference Guidelines – Will be updated to reflect Hybrid Conferences after information is finalised by the Wyong Conference Committee.

10. 3 - NSW & ACT Association Evening Zoom Groups – All three Zoom Groups are running well. See Upcoming Events below.

Upcoming Family History Events in 2024 and 2025 and Other Information

Dorothy Fellowes Award – entries close 12th July 2024. Information has been sent out to the Secretary of your society.

Conferences:

39th Annual Conference of the NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. "Dig Deeper in 24".

Conference Organisers: Management Committee NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.

Date: 14th September 2024.

Venue: on Zoom at home or in your society rooms.

Details: Closed FB Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270683911161995>

(NSW & ACT AFHS Inc, Members Group Private – please answer all questions).

Association website:

<https://www.nswactfhs.org/index.php/conference>

Forum and AGM will be held that afternoon too.



Individual Registration: \$10

Society/Institution: \$50



Conference Organisers: Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.

Date : 21 – 23 March 2025 (Conference); Tours 24th March 2025

Venue: Brisbane Technology Park, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, Qld

Details: <https://www.connections2025.org.au/>

Registration : Early Bird \$395 – 3 days - Available until 30 Nov 2024. After this date: Three Day Conference \$515; One Day Conference \$260.

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

12th June 2024 – Using **LibraryThing** Please have your Smartphone & some books to hand when you attend.

10th July 2024 – Using **Linux**.

- ❖ **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 FHSs. Group to be advertised on our private FB Page and email sent to the Secretary of your Society/Group.





26th June 2024 – Postponed
28th August 2024 – Presidents & Vice Presidents
23rd October 2024 – TBA

❖ **Social Group** – held on the **fourth Wednesday of every second month 7.30pm – 9 pm 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.



24th July 2024 – **Share a mysterious ancestor.**

25th September 2024 – To be confirmed as minimal members attending.

From the National Library of Australia:



Chase your own tale

Do you know about our Legal Deposit Discovery Video?

I am writing today to highlight the most recent blog produced by the library to talk about the importance of legal deposit. This blog examines the history of legal deposit, and how it developed from 16th century France through to the modern day.

You can view the blog on the NLA website here:

<https://www.nla.gov.au/stories/blog/history-legal-deposit-sixteenth-century-france-library-today> . You can also view it on the National Library's social media pages: Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn

Read more about it here:

<https://bit.ly/3vT1W6n>

To have your family history event advertised in this newsletter, please forward details to our secretary at 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!”

