

# *Journey of Discovery*



**2015**

Family History Conference

Port Macquarie 11 – 13 September

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc



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## Symbols on your Name Tag



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Meet & Greet**



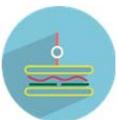
**Attending Palaeography  
Master Class**



**Attending Saturday  
Conference Dinner**



**Attending PROV  
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**Booked Sunday Lunch  
at Panthers**



**Attending DNA & Family  
History Master Class**





## Facts about NSW & ACT AFHS

**History:** The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies was formed in 1984 and initially operated under the name of the NSW Association of Family History Societies. From 1999 it incorporated ACT into its name to better reflect the interests of the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc (HAGSOC) which had been a member since the Association's inception.

**Objectives:** To foster an interest in family history and to represent the views of its member societies in matters of state, national and international genealogical interests.

The Association does not undertake genealogical research, or help individual family historians, but it can provide researchers with contact details of the most appropriate member society or societies to assist with their enquiries.

**Structure:** The Association is co-ordinated by a Management Committee of eight annually elected members. The Association is divided into four regions and to ensure balanced representation, two executive members are appointed from each region.

## NSW & ACT AFHS Committee

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>President</b>                      | Gail Hanger <i>Picton &amp; District Historical &amp; Family History Society Inc (Metropolitan Region)</i>   |
| <b>Vice President</b>                 | Suzanne Voytas <i>Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc (Southern Region)</i>  |
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| <b>Treasurer &amp; Public Officer</b> | Clive Smith <i>Port Macquarie &amp; Districts Family History Society Inc (Northern Region)</i>   |
| <b>Committee</b>                      | Nick Reddan <i>Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc (Southern Region)</i><br>Kay Radford <i>Central Coast Family History Society Inc (Central Region)</i><br>Kerrie Metcalfe <i>Wyang Family History Group (Central Region)</i><br>Ann Plumb <i>Inverell District Family History Group Inc (Northern Region)</i> |
| <b>Conference 2015</b>                | Jennifer Mullin, Conference Convenor <i>Port Macquarie &amp; Districts Family History Society Inc</i>  |
| <b>Conference 2016</b>                | Tony Jackson, Conference Convenor <i>Camden Area Family History Society Inc</i>  |



## Welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> Conference of NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies

I would like to welcome everyone to the 31<sup>st</sup> NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference, in lovely Port Macquarie.

We were last here 20 years ago, in 1995, as a "Place of Banishment". We were welcomed by the garrison soldiers to get the Conference started. The John Vincent Crowe Memorial lecture was given by Heather Garnsey and Martyn Killion. It was a wonderful start to the conference and I am sure anyone present that day, still remembers that wonderful talk. It showed what we could all do with our family history.

How far has family history come in the last 20 years?

The use of the internet has made research for us here in Australia so much easier. So much more is now available online and able to be done using the internet. Many of us now use other avenues that were not thought of back then.

Twenty years ago, Port Macquarie gave us a memorable conference. I'd anticipate that this will be just as memorable.

Enjoy yourself as we make another "Journey of Discovery" here in Port Macquarie.

**Gail Hanger** *President*

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc



***Congratulations to the following  
Family History Societies who are each  
celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
during 2015***

*Burwood & District*

*Cape Banks*

*Shoalhaven*

*Port Macquarie & Districts*

Three decades down, many more to go – a wonderful achievement.



## Timeline of NSW & ACT AFHS Conferences

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>1984</b> | Nepean FHSD Mini Conference, Penrith. Decision to hold Annual Conference                     |
| <b>1985</b> | Dubbo and DFHS and RAHS: <i>Working Together for the Future</i>                              |
| <b>1986</b> | Central Coast and Wyong FHG: <i>Experience History</i>                                       |
| <b>1987</b> | Goulburn and DFHS: <i>Is Your Society Working?</i>   |
| <b>1988</b> | Coffs Harbour FHS: <i>200 Years On</i>   |
| <b>1989</b> | Lithgow and DFHS: <i>Co-operate and Promote</i>  |
| <b>1990</b> | Illawarra FHG: <i>Share and Grow</i>   |
| <b>1991</b> | Wagga Wagga & DFHS: <i>For God, King and Country</i>   |
| <b>1992</b> | Newcastle FHS: <i>How, When, Where and Why</i>   |
| <b>1993</b> | Liverpool and DFHS: <i>Fit for the Purpose</i>   |
| <b>1994</b> | Casino & DFHG: <i>Facing the Challenge</i>   |
| <b>1995</b> | Hastings Valley FHG (now Port Macquarie & Districts FHS): <i>Place of Banishment</i>         |
| <b>1996</b> | Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai FHS: <i>What about Federation?</i>                                       |
| <b>1997</b> | Newcastle FHS: <i>A Journey of Discovery</i>   |
| <b>1998</b> | Dubbo and DFHS: <i>Progress and Prospects</i>  |
| <b>1999</b> | Tumut and DFHG: <i>Beyond the Boundaries</i>   |
| <b>2000</b> | No Conference – Sydney Olympics  |
| <b>2001</b> | Society of Australian Genealogists: <i>3Rs Researching, Reading and Recording</i>            |
| <b>2002</b> | Casino and DFHG: <i>Unity and Progress</i>   |
| <b>2003</b> | Central Coast FHS: <i>Voyage of Discovery – Continuing the Journey</i>                       |
| <b>2004</b> | Blue Mountains FHS: <i>Crossing the Barriers</i>   |
| <b>2005</b> | Cowra FHG: <i>The Great Escape</i>   |
| <b>2006</b> | Liverpool Genealogy Society: <i>That Never Ending Story</i>                                  |
| <b>2007</b> | Casino and DFHG: <i>Sailing Through the Centuries</i>  |
| <b>2008</b> | Dubbo and DFHS: <i>Conquering the Tyranny of Distance</i>                                    |
| <b>2009</b> | Wyong FHG: <i>From Home to Hinterland</i>  |
| <b>2010</b> | Shoalhaven FHS: <i>A Most Suitable Place</i>   |
| <b>2011</b> | Inverell FHG: <i>Pioneering the Country</i>  |
| <b>2012</b> | Botany Bay FHS: <i>Endeavour Resolution Adventure Discovery</i>                              |
| <b>2013</b> | Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra (HAGSOC): <i>Limestone Plains to Marble Halls</i> |
| <b>2014</b> | Illawarra Family History Group: <i>Illawarra Remembers: 1914-2014</i>                        |
| <b>2015</b> | Port Macquarie & Districts FHS: <i>Journey of Discovery</i>                                  |



## Welcome from Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society

Please accept our warmest of welcomes to this most beautiful part of the mid-north coast of New South Wales.

The Port Macquarie Hastings area has a long history extending back nearly two hundred years to the early days of European settlement when it was first designated as a place of 'secondary punishment' for truculent convicts. After the area was opened up for free settlers around 1830, the preferred and most appropriate access to our town was by ship, despite the (still) treacherous bar at the mouth of the river. Then exactly one hundred years ago, the railway arrived at Wauchope and with improved road access, Port Macquarie started to shake off its reputation as a sleepy little fishing village.

Starting in the 1960's, our town 'woke up' and its mild climate and perfect location inspired some people to see the potential of the town. They opened up large tracts for residential development. Since then, Port Macquarie has become one of the fastest growing towns in the state with many people opting to escape the hustle and bustle of the 'big smoke' and enjoy a more relaxed coastal retirement.

Thirty years ago, a few people passionate about family history formed a group to help each other with their research. Originally, it was named Mid North Coast Family History Group and from those early days to the present, albeit with name changes over time, there has always been a strong interest and involvement in the journey of family history at Port Macquarie.

Port Macquarie previously hosted the Association's State Conference in 1995. Twenty years have now gone by and during that time, interest in family history has continued to grow, in line with the increase in the availability of information at the touch of a button. The cost of 'pay-to-view' websites is still cheaper than travelling overseas to view these unique records.



*Image courtesy of Port Macquarie Hastings Council*



The growth in the digital journey is being reflected in the changing role of family history societies. Gathering and publishing local records such as cemetery transcripts, is being replaced by sites like the Australian Cemetery Index that make the information universally available. There is so much to learn about the types of records held by repositories and how to use them, as well as the ever-changing world of technology and its gadgets that we all need to use to access the records on the internet.

As a result, I think the most significant role of local family history societies in today's world is education – offering friendly encouragement, advice, skills and expertise in the use of not only local, but Australia wide and overseas resource material, as well as providing an opportunity to share our journey and have fun!

Providing support to hundreds of locals and visitors who have taken up this most interesting, popular and satisfying leisure time activity and embarked on their own journey of discovery, is one of the most rewarding undertakings members of a family history society can undertake.

Have a wonderful time in our amazing town, meet many long-standing acquaintances, make new friends and enjoy a relaxing and educational time at the State Conference.

**Rex Toomey** *President*

Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society



## Welcome to Port Macquarie-Hastings

I am delighted to welcome you to the Conference. I hope you have scheduled some extra time to enjoy what the Port Macquarie district has to offer at this time of the year, and I look forward to meeting up with you over the next few days.

I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers of Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society for their enthusiasm, consistent efforts and time committed to making this Conference a success.

Let the Conference begin ... enjoy it all.

Jennifer Mullin *2015 Conference Convener*

*2015 Conference Secretary:*

Wendy Anson

*2015 Conference Treasurer:*

Clive Smith

*2015 Conference Committee:*

Gwen Grimmond, Trysha Hanly, Brian Panisset



## Dorothy Fellowes Website Award

In early 2010, the Association Committee decided to hold a Website Award to encourage members to enter their Society for the Best Member Website of the year.

The winners announced at the 2014 Association State Conference hosted by Illawarra Family History Group in Wollongong were:



*Dorothy Fellowes presenting the  
2014 Award to PMDFHS President  
Rex Toomey*

*(Photo courtesy of Yvonne Toomey)*

**Category A:** Best website designed and administered by a society member Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpdmfhs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpdmfhs/)

**Category B:** Best website designed by a professional designer and administered by a society member Central Coast Family History Society Inc [www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/](http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/)

This year the judges of the Dorothy Fellowes Website Award are:

- Peter Applebee, President of Adelaide Northern Districts Group and previously the webmaster of AFFHO
- Ben Mercer, Content Manager of Ancestry.com.au.

**Dorothy Fellowes** was President of Wagga Wagga & District FHS for many years, joining in 1983. She served on the State Association committee from 1991 until the early 21<sup>st</sup> century and was President from 1995 to 2000 and has always been a vocal representative for the Wagga Wagga group at the AGM. In 2001 the NSW & ACT Association presented her with a pen and pencil set, made from timbers grown in Wagga Wagga area, in recognition of her many years serving on the committee. She was elected to the AFFHO Council in 2001 and served as a NSW State Councillor for several years.

Dorothy is an author and has written books on family history and church history. She has worked as a researcher and has conducted classes in family history at her local library.

One of Dorothy's main contributions to the Association has been establishing the new set of Model Rules and By-Laws written in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Department of Fair Trading.



## Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award

The Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award is presented annually and chosen by Cynthia Foley from a list of new members of the Association for the current year.

The prize is a 12-month membership to the Association and is designed to encourage the new Society to see the benefits of being a member and continuing their membership. At Illawarra Conference in 2014 the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award was presented to **Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc.**

**Cynthia Foley** was an inaugural member of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies and was in the chair at the first Family History Conference held in Dubbo in 1985, which was aptly called *Working Together for the Future*. It was at this meeting that the motion to form a NSW state organisation was moved and passed.

Cynthia has been president of Dubbo and District Family History Society since its inception in 1983; Dubbo Citizen of the Year in 1992 and State President of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies in 1994, 1995 and 2001. She has received an OAM for *service to the preservation of local history particularly through the Dubbo Family History Society*.

Cynthia is passionate about family history and says that "*in more than 30 years my enthusiasm has never waned*".

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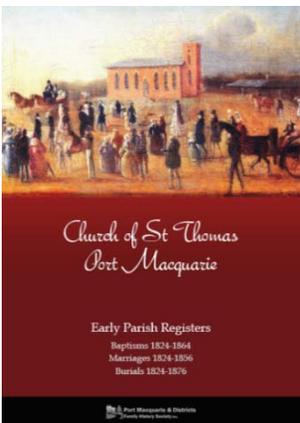
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### Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society

Hundreds of volunteer hours went into creating this event and to the many members of Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society who contributed in so many ways – time, skills, effort, raffle prizes, support for attendees to discover and enjoy “Our Town” – Thank You.

And to all delegates - thank **YOU** for being here.



**St Thomas' Anglican Church** is an icon in Port Macquarie and was built by convict labour from 1824, with the first service being held in 1828.

The original Parish Registers of the Church “disappeared” from the church well over a century ago but our Society located and transcribed those original registers. They detail the marriages, baptisms and burials not only at Port Macquarie, but also in the Hastings, Macleay and Manning River Valleys. They give a fascinating insight into early settler (and convict) society.

*RRP \$30. Available for sale at the PMDFHS Table for \$25 during the Fair and Conference.*



## Speakers at the Friday Family History Fair



**Russ Wilding** joined MyHeritage in March 2012 as its Chief Content Officer and is leading the growth of historical content at MyHeritage. Russ enjoys working with archives around the globe and welcomes the challenge of bringing millions of unique records to family historians and genealogists worldwide. Russ brings a wealth of expertise in historical content acquisition, licensing and digitization from his previous 11-year role as CEO of iArchives Inc and Founder and CEO of its customer-facing website Footnote.com which was sold to Ancestry.com in 2010. Russ also had a long and successful career in the financial world, holding past positions as CFO and Board member at Assist Cornerstone Technologies and Senior Manager at world leading professional services firm, Ernst and Young.



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Russ will be sharing how easy and fun family history and genealogy is as MyHeritage automatically generates new leads and discoveries by using a single record as a key to open the door to more.



**Gail Davis** is the Senior Archivist, Research and Publications at State Records, which is the New South Wales Government archives and records management authority.



**State Records**

### Documenting the Lives of Aboriginal People

Gail will present an introduction to key record sources relating to Aboriginal People in the New South Wales State archives.

The talk will look at resources available for researching records relating to Aboriginal People with an emphasis on those which can be used for family history.

It will look at the types of records which can be found and how to access them.



**Paul Parton** has had an interest in family history for more than 40 years and is a presenter for FamilySearch in their Outreach program. He also gives technical support to 145 Family History Centres Australia-wide. Paul was a professional trainer prior to his retirement as Pacific Area Director of Information Technology Services with FamilySearch's parent organisation. He was also involved in the early development of data acquisition systems for Australia's nuclear research facility.



### **The Journey of Discovery through FamilySearch**

There can't be many family historians who haven't heard of FamilySearch. Put simply, it is the biggest family history organisation in the world. It holds billions of records from hundreds of countries and is gathering more digital images every day.

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**Debbie Campbell**, formerly the Director of Collaborative Services at the National Library of Australia and the inaugural business owner of Trove, is now a digital heritage consultant. Debbie currently works with two historical societies and she joined the management committee of the Tweed Heads Historical Society in 2014.

As an avid genealogist and family historian since 1981, Debbie is familiar with the experiences of discovery both online and offline. She writes about the memory services made available by Australia's cultural heritage agencies in her blog at <http://utfp.blogspot.com.au>

### **Trove - Digitised Newspapers and More**

Debbie will present a session aimed more at newcomers to family history, with tips and suggestions for retrieving the best results from the rich digital content available via Trove.



**Ben Mercer** is the Australia and New Zealand Content Manager of Ancestry.com.au and works closely with key cultural institutions that partner with Ancestry.com.au, including archives, libraries, museums and societies so that historical collections are digitised and made available to subscribers *ancestry.com.au*

## **Ancestry Q & A Forum**

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During this Question and Answer Forum, Ben will tell you what's new at Ancestry and will answer questions you might have.

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**Shauna Hicks**  
**Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) Master Class**

Shauna has been tracing her own family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years in libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. Since retiring, she has written a number of family history guides and is a regular speaker at genealogy cruises, conferences and seminars.

Shauna now operates her own business at [www.shaunahicks.com.au](http://www.shaunahicks.com.au) and is the author of the blog *Diary of an Australian Genealogist*. Shauna has a number of tertiary qualifications from Queensland universities including a Master of Arts in Australian Studies, a Graduate Diploma in Library Science and a Diploma in Family Historical Studies from the Society of Australian Genealogists. She's a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society; a recipient of the Australian Society of Archivists Distinguished Achievement Award; and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations' Services to Family History Award.



**Public Record Office Victoria:** PROV was the last State Archive to be established in Australia and holds material dating from 1836 onwards. The Master Class will highlight how to discover unexpected gems and explore nooks and crannies at PROV in order to locate and access the sometimes elusive records about your Victorian ancestors. Participants will learn how to search more effectively for individuals within the online catalogue, indexes and digitized records.

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**Kenneth Hunt**  
**DNA and Family History Master Class**

Recently retired and living in Port Macquarie, Ken has had numerous careers and a lifetime interest in science.

He's worked in rose gardens; sales; the Australian Army; as a detective with the AFP; with the UN in the Middle East; renovating properties; run his own training and consultation business; tutoring at the Royal Melbourne

Institute of Technology; and for six years prior to retirement, he owned a design and manufacturing company.

Ken's qualifications include Bachelor of Business (RMIT) and Graduate Certificate of Social Science (Swinburne Institute of Technology). He's currently undertaking an online genetics course through Udacity.

Having investigated Family History for many years, Ken's scientific interest and a "brick wall" led him to use DNA as a genealogy tool. Since then, his family tend to steer clear of him as he'll whip out a DNA testing kit on the slightest pretext and request cheek swabs!



**Explaining the Gene in Genealogy – Exploring the benefits of DNA testing for Family Historians:**

The role of DNA in genealogy has grown over the past decade, and will become more important to genealogists as tests become faster and cheaper and interpretations are improved. In this Master Class, we'll look at the

benefits and restrictions of using DNA before delving into the types of tests available and the reasons for taking them. We'll identify some tools to manage and organise the data that our testing delivers before, finally, discussing some real-life examples. DNA genealogy can, and often does, challenge family myths by opening avenues of investigation not previously suspected but, at the same time, it's an exciting and often revealing addition to our paper-based family tree.

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## Exhibitors

Conference 2015 will host a great range of exhibitors at the Family History Fair and during the Conference. They will be promoting their services designed to help and encourage you with your family history research and beyond.

### Research Services

- Ancestry
- Biographical Database of Australia
- Carol Baxter
- Ezitree
- FamilySearch
- Finders Café
- Genealogy ebooks
- Gould Genealogy
- Guild of One Name Studies
- Joy Murrin Family History Services
- MyHeritage
- NSW Family History Transcriptions (Marilyn Rowan)
- NSW Registry of BDMs
- Ryerson Index
- State Records of NSW
- Teapot Genealogy
- Unlock the Past
- Unlock the Past Cruises

### Family History/Historical Societies

- Australian Society of Lacemakers of Calais
- Bega Valley Genealogy Society
- Camden Area Family History Society *2016 Conference host*
- Cape Banks Family History Society
- Central Coast Family History Society
- Coffs Harbour District Family History Society Inc
- Douglas Vale Historic Homestead
- Fellowship of First Fleeters
- Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society
- Hornsby Shire Family History Group
- Illawarra Family History Group
- Inverell District Family History Group
- Kempsey Family History Group
- Manning Wallamba Family History Society
- Newcastle Family History Society
- NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies
- Parramatta Family History Group
- Parramatta Female Factory Friends
- Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc
- Port Macquarie Historical Society
- Ryde District Historical Society
- Society of Australian Genealogists
- Taree Family History
- Wyong Family History Group



## Friday Fair Program

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**Free Speaker Sessions open to all Family History Fair attendees**

| Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 |  | Auditorium                             |
|---|--|--|
| From 10 am                              | Conference Registration (outside Panthers Auditorium Doors)  |  |
| 10:00 am                                | Welcome to the Family History Fair                           | Rex Toomey<br><i>President PMDFHS</i>  |
| 10:30 am                                | Instant Discoveries and Record Matches with MyHeritage Magic | Russ Wilding<br><i>MyHeritage</i>      |
| 11:30 am                                | Documenting the Lives of Aboriginal People                   | Gail Davis<br><i>NSW State Records</i> |
| 1:00 pm                                 | The Journey of Discovery through FamilySearch                | Paul Parton<br><i>FamilySearch</i>     |
| 2:00 pm                                 | Trove - Digitised Newspapers and More                        | Debbie Campbell                        |
| 3:00 pm                                 | Ancestry Q & A Forum   | Ben Mercer<br><i>Ancestry</i>          |

### Meetings & Master Classes for Conference 2015 attendees only

| Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 |   | (upstairs) Rushcutter Room |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| 9-10:30 am                              | NSW & ACT AFHS Committee Meeting  |                            |
| 11:00 am                                | Master Class: Palaeography  | Brian Panisset             |
| 12:15 pm                                | Master Class: Public Records Office Victoria  | Shauna Hicks               |
| 1:30 pm                                 | Master Class: DNA and Family History  | Kenneth Hunt               |
| 2:45-4:15 pm                            | NSW & ACT AFHS Forum  |                            |
| 6:00 pm                                 |  <b>Meet &amp; Greet Program</b><br>Finger food, friends and fun!<br><i>(Pre-booked)</i> | Rydges                     |



## Saturday Conference Program

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| <b>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015</b> |   | <b>Auditorium</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| 8:00 am   | Conference Registration (outside Panthers Auditorium Doors)   |  |
| 8:30 am   | <i>Welcome to Country</i><br><i>Welcome to Port Macquarie</i><br><i>Welcome to Delegates</i>  | <i>William "Uncle Bill" O'Brien</i><br>Mayor <i>Peter Besseling</i><br>President NSW & ACT AFHS <i>Gail Hanger</i> |
|   | MC <i>Brian Panisset</i>  | Convenor <i>Jennifer Mullin</i>  |
| 9:00 am   | <i>John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address</i><br>Colonial Gulag: The Rise and Fall of the Port Macquarie Penal Station<br><i>Dr David Roberts</i>      |  |
| 9:45 am   | Discovering the NSW Musters<br><i>Carol Baxter</i>  |  |
| <b>10:30 am</b>                                 | <b>Morning Tea</b>  | <b>Pier One</b>  |
| 11:15 am  | Gems found in the Mitchell Library<br><i>Wendy Holz</i>   |  |
| 12 noon   | Researching your Family History in the Digital Age<br><i>Ben Mercer</i>   |  |
| <b>12:45 pm</b>                                 | <b>Lunch</b>  | <b>Pier One</b>  |
| 1:45 pm   | From Banbury to Barraba and Broodseinde Ridge – 20 years on<br><i>Heather Garnsey &amp; Martyn Killion</i>  |  |
| 2:30 pm   | The Journey of BDMs in New South Wales<br><i>Amanda Ianna</i>   |  |
| <b>3:15 pm</b>                                  | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>  | <b>Pier One</b>  |
| 4:00 pm   | NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies AGM<br><i>Rushcutter Room</i>   |  |
| <b>6:30 pm</b>                                  |  <b>Conference Dinner</b><br>Three course dinner<br>(Pre-booked) | <b>Rydges</b>  |

Thinking of attending Conference 2016 "Cowpastures and Beyond" in Camden?  
 See the Camden Area Family History Society Table for more information  
 and a chance to win a free registration.



## Sunday Conference Program

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| <b>Sunday, 13th September 2015</b> |   | <b>Auditorium</b>               |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 8:00 am                            | Doors Open  |                                 |
| 8:45 am                            | <i>Welcome to Day 2</i><br>MC <i>Brian Panisset</i>   | Convenor <i>Jennifer Mullin</i> |
| 9:00 am                            | Land Records in New South Wales<br><i>Dr Carol Liston</i>   |                                 |
| 9:45 am                            | A Ticket to Paradise: Records relating to immigrants<br>in the National Archives of Australia<br><i>Fiona Burn</i>      |                                 |
| <b>10:30 am</b>                    | <b>Morning Tea</b>  | <b>Pier One</b>                 |
| 11:15 am                           | Leaving a Trail<br><i>Clive Smith</i>   |                                 |
| 12 noon                            | Invitation to NSW & ACT AFHS 2016 Conference<br>Close of Conference   |                                 |
| <b>12:30 pm</b>                    |  <b>Lunch at Panthers</b> (Pre-booked) | <b>Pier One</b>                 |



### In Appreciation of our Speakers

We would sincerely like to thank each and every speaker for enthusiastically agreeing to participate in the 2015 Family History Fair and Conference in Port Macquarie.

Some of you travelled a relatively short distance, many have come from much further away, but each of you is giving up your valuable time to share your knowledge and expertise.

Your presentations are an important aspect of the Conference. They help to inspire new thinking and encourage further learning in each of us. They give us a heightened appreciation of developments in family history research, emerging issues and the latest technologies available to us. History really does matter.

Thank you!



## Reminders



To comply with government regulations relating to licensed club premises, please wear your conference lanyard and name tag at all times.



Please be seated five minutes prior to the commencement of each session.



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For any queries please ask at the Conference Registration table, or speak to a PMDFHS volunteer wearing a white shirt and blue sash.



If you would like to choose your own table and seating companions for the Conference dinner, the seating plan will be available at the Conference Registration table. Please add your name to your selected table.



A notice board is available outside the Auditorium for messages, contacts, Member Connect etc. so please check throughout the weekend.



Free WiFi is available throughout the club, but be aware that demand may be high which will limit the service. Ask at the Conference Registration table for the password for WiFi.



***Hoping to see you all at Historic Camden  
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## Speakers at the Conference

### John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address

The annual John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address honours the life of a man who played a key role in the formation of the New South Wales Association of Family History Societies (now the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies). John Crowe was actively involved in forming the Association's original constitution and served as founding treasurer. Born at Rose Bay in 1919, John was educated at Marist Brothers College, Kogarah. After enlisting in the militia at the age of 18, he entered full-time army service at the outbreak of World War II and completed two overseas tours of duty as an officer in the Eastern Command Signals, rising to the rank of Captain. John served in Papua New Guinea where he and his fellow officers set up the first permanent communication line over the Owen Stanley Ranges.

John spent his whole business life in the transport industry. He was chairman of St George Taxi Cabs from 1960 to 1972. In 1978 he was awarded the MBE for service to the transport industry.

As well as his business life, John served the community in an extensive range of organisations, including Bexley Rotary, the Probus Club of Bexley, the Sutherland Shire Bicentennial Committee, the Keep Australia Beautiful Committee, the Friends of Sydney Town Hall and the Corps of Guides of the Victorian Barracks.

John dedicated much of his time to family history, was a foundation member of Botany Bay Family History Society and its treasurer from its beginning until his death in 1990.



**Dr David Roberts** will deliver the John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address. David will speak to the theme of the Conference – *Journey of Discovery*. He will explain how the Port Macquarie penal settlement was a particularly interesting and instructive episode in the history of the law and the convict system in Australia.

### John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address

#### *Colonial Gulag:*

#### *The Rise and Fall of the Port Macquarie Penal Station*







### Carol Baxter

Pursuing thieves and murderers through the ages is an average day for history detective, Carol Baxter. She hunts ordinary individuals whose unwitting impact on their world changed the course of history, and she brings their stories to life as 'true-crime thrillers'. She is the internationally-acclaimed, award-winning author of five such thrillers and has recently received a commission from Allen & Unwin for a sixth.

Carol has also written three 'how-to' books for family historians: *Writing Interesting Family Histories*, *Help! Historical and Genealogical Truth: How do I separate fact from fiction?* and *Help! Why can't I find my ancestor's surname?*

Carol is an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of New England, a Fellow of the Society of Australian Genealogists, and editor of six volumes of early New South Wales musters. Carol also teaches researching and writing skills at genealogical and historical conferences in Australia and on international cruise ships.



### Discovering the New South Wales Musters

The New South Wales general musters are an extremely important source of information about individuals who were born or arrived in the colony prior to 1828. However, many researchers fail to understand the records and, therefore, the information contained within. As a result, some researchers have ended up tracing the wrong ancestral line.

Carol Baxter edited most of the surviving musters during her years working for the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record so she is the perfect person to discuss this resource.

Carol's talk briefly covers each of the extant musters (1800-1802, 1805-6, 1811, 1814, 1819, 1822 and 1823/4/5) and explains how researchers can get the most out of these important primary sources.





### **Wendy Holz**

The Mitchell Library forms part of the State Library of NSW, which is Australia's oldest library and is a vast and surprising repository for biography, memoir and family history which can all be used to help build the story of a life or a family. While its focus is New South Wales, it also helps people from across Australia and internationally when they are seeking information unique to its collections.

Wendy has worked at the State Library for many interesting years and finds the collections are unendingly fascinating. Wendy currently works with the Family History Team and assists researchers to use the collections of both the Mitchell and State Reference Libraries.



### **Gems to be found in the Mitchell Library**

The State Library of NSW is the premier library for the people of NSW. The Library's extraordinary collections, particularly those of the Mitchell, document the heritage of Australia and Oceania and are one of the State's most valuable assets.

In this talk, Wendy will be highlighting some of the Mitchell's most relevant collections for family historians and ways in which you can make use of these resources as well as access the services of the State Library of NSW.



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### **Ben Mercer**

Ben Mercer is Australia and New Zealand Content Manager for Ancestry.com.au.

He's a self-confessed history geek. Before joining Ancestry.com.au, he started *Inside History*, a digital and print magazine for Australian and New Zealand genealogists and historians.

Ben completed a B.Econ degree at the University of Queensland, working in IT in Australia and the UK, specialising in data warehousing and project management.

He combines these two passions at Ancestry.com.au, working closely with key cultural institutions that partner with Ancestry.com.au across the region, including archives, libraries, museums and societies, so that historical collections are digitized and made available through Ancestry.com.au.

Of course, he's researched his own family history extensively. Two of his grandfathers fought in WWI - Ernst Godlington Mercer with the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on the Western Front, wounded at the Battle of Menin Road (1917). His other grandfather, George Wheeler Skennar, was a Byron Bay dairy farmer who served at Gallipoli with the ANZACs in 1915, later wounded in the Battle of Pozières in 1916.



### **Researching your Family History in the Digital Age**

Once, we toiled through paper archives and rolls of microfilm to track down those elusive ancestors. Sometimes it took many years, and occasionally a lot of travelling, to collect information. Today, an increasing volume of that information is available online. Ancestry is a leader in collecting more, and making it easily available.

Ben Mercer, Ancestry's Content Manager, will guide us through starting a search with the internet, and show us the range of information you can find there. Researching via the internet can be done in our own home and Ancestry has been designed to make researching an easier task.







**Heather Garnsey** has worked full-time with the Society of Australian Genealogists since 1984 and regularly represents Society of Australian Genealogists at conferences and on shows such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* She holds a Masters in English history with a special interest in the old poor laws of England. She is a Fellow of SAG and holds its Diploma in Family Historical Studies, as well as being a former President of the NSW & ACT Association of FHS and Vice-President of AFFHO.

Heather's own ancestry includes the usual mix of English, Scottish, Irish and German lines, as well as convicts and plenty of black sheep!



**Martyn Killion** has been involved in family history since 1977. He has also been a Councillor of the Society of Australian Genealogists since 2000 and is currently the Society's President, a role he held between 2001 and 2005. He is also a Fellow of the Society and holds its Diploma in Family Historical Studies.

From 1991-1995 Martyn was President of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) and from 1991-1996 was NSW representative of the Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents. Martyn was also employed at State Records from 1987 to 2003 and was a foundation staff member of the Western Sydney Reading Room at Kingswood.

Martyn is a well-known speaker and authority on family history sources and research techniques. He has presented seminars and lectures in Australia, New Zealand and England.



### **From Banbury to Barraba and Broodseinde Ridge – 20 years on**

At the 1995 State conference in Port Macquarie, Heather and Martyn presented the John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address. Their presentation focussed on the official and personal records of William Thomas Bloxham, who emigrated from Oxfordshire, settled in Barraba NSW, enlisted in the AIF in 1915 and was killed at Passchendaele. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Twenty years on, Heather and Martyn re-visit William Bloxham and his life. How have the changes in family history research in those intervening years affected what we can find out about his story? What has been gained and what has been lost? And what lessons can be learned as a result?





### **Amanda Ianna**

Amanda Ianna is Registrar for the NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages. She's been with the Registry for 18 years and has worn many hats in that time. In recent years, she's held the position of Assistant Registrar, Client Services and Business Owner for the LifeLink Project.

Amanda recently oversaw the implementation of a new whole of business operating system which has brought with it significant changes.

This operating system delivers a completely new way the Registry does business and records vital records for individuals in NSW and Australia. Amanda is passionate about the records that the Registry holds, and making them accessible to genealogists. She's focused on driving change within the Registry and leads by example.

Amanda holds a Graduate Certificate in Change Management from the Australian Graduate School of Management in 2006 and has gone on to achieve a foundation certificate in Managing Successful Programmes.



### **The Journey of BDMs in New South Wales**

In order to properly understand recorded information you need to know how and why it was recorded in the first place. So today, Amanda will describe how BDM registration information has been collected over the years, from when it was written directly into the register which the informant then signed, to the lodging of forms, to computerisation, as well as how the indexes were compiled.



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### Dr Carol Liston

Carol Liston is Associate Professor in History at the University of Western Sydney. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Sydney. She is co-editor of the *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society* and has been elected president of the society for 2014-15.

Carol's research and teaching cover early colonial history in New South Wales, with interests in people (convict, colonial born and free immigrant), local history, heritage and the built environment. Her particular interest is the colonial development of the County of Cumberland.

Her publications include histories of Campbelltown, Parramatta and Liverpool, biographies of Sarah Wentworth, Thomas Brisbane and accounts of social life under Governor Macquarie and the convict women at the Female Factory, Parramatta.

An enthusiast for the use of archival resources and primary records as the basis for historical research and writing, she is excited by the increased availability of digital records, such as land records, and uses them in her local and family history research.

Carol's current research project with Dr Kathrine Reynolds is an investigation of convict women transported from Britain to NSW between 1818 and 1835.



### Land Records in New South Wales

Australia is a land of opportunity. This was what attracted many immigrants in the 19th century and it was the opportunity that helped an earlier generation of convicts to prosper.

Depending when your ancestor arrived, they could access free land grants, occupy vast acres at minimal cost as a squatter; purchase land at public auction; lease government land; or purchase land from another land owner – or even get land on a time payment system.

Mortgages help us to understand how your ancestor managed their finances to be a property owner. This talk will explain the different opportunities that applied and provide you with tips to get started in tracing the family property portfolio. You may be surprised at what you can find out about your ancestors!





### Fiona Burn

Fiona Burn is a Reference Officer in the Access and Communication program, in the Sydney Office of the National Archives of Australia. She was Assistant Director of the Program responsible for managing the reference and access services until August 2011 when she took extended leave. In 2012 she made the decision to return to her first love of reference work.

Fiona holds a Bachelor of Arts (University of Newcastle) and Graduate Diploma in Information Management - Archives Administration (University of NSW).

Fiona was a Federal Councillor of the Australian Society of Archivists Inc from 1995 – 2000. She was the Convenor of the Religious Collections Special Interest Group 2001-2004. She has held a variety of positions on the NSW Branch Executive. She was an Australian Society of Archivists representative on the General Council of the History Council of New South Wales from 1999-2012.



### **A Ticket to Paradise: Records relating to Immigrants in the National Archives of Australia**

This talk describes the records held in the National Archives which document the arrival of immigrants to Australia during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the post-World War II assisted migration schemes. Fiona will outline records created about assisted immigrants including Displaced Persons arriving under the auspices of the International Refugee Organisation and those who arrived under specific national assisted migration schemes. She will discuss records related to migrants classified as "Aliens" (any person who was not a natural-born or naturalised British subject) under Alien Registration Regulations during wartime and those arriving as new migrants during the post-World War II immigration boom. Fiona will then describe the records held in the National Archives which relate to naturalisation - the process of becoming a citizen of Australia. Records discussed will include:

- Passenger arrival lists and Nominal rolls of refugees
- Migrant Selection documents
- Naturalisation Certificates and Naturalisation files
- Alien Registration Forms



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### Clive Smith

Clive has worked as an archivist at the National Archives in Canberra (1974-1983), for Westpac Banking Corporation in Sydney (1983-1991), and for the World Bank Group in Washington D.C. (1991-2001). For the past few years he has volunteered as archivist at the Port Macquarie Museum.

He started to dabble in family history in 1977, but really only took it up in earnest after his retirement from full-time employment, essentially transforming from a keeper of archives to a user.



### Leaving a Trail

As an archivist, Clive argues that you must not only know how records were created in order to fully understand the information they contain, but you must accurately cite your sources (and whether you consulted those sources directly or through an intermediary) so that others can validate or rely on your interpretation of the information.

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| Bankstown Family History Group<br>Inc                         | PO Box 200 Panania 2213<br>bankstownfamilyhistorygroup@yahoo.com.au                         |
| Bega Valley Genealogy Society Inc                             | PO Box 19 Pambula 2549<br>begagenealogy@bigpond.com   |
| Berrima District Historical and<br>Family History Society Inc | PO Box 131 Mittagong 2575<br>bdhsarchives@gmail.com   |
| Biographical Database of Australia<br>Library Inc             | PO Box 795 North Sydney 2059<br>info@bda-online.org.au                                      |
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| Blue Mountains Family History<br>Society Inc                  | PO Box 97 Springwood 2777<br>xploretrees@yahoo.com.au                                       |
| Botany Bay Family History Society<br>Inc                      | PO Box 1006 Sutherland 1499<br>botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au                                    |
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| Cape Banks Family History Society<br>Inc                      | PO Box 67 Maroubra 2035<br>secretary@capebanks.org.au                                       |
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| Griffith Genealogical & Historical Society Inc  | PO Box 2703 Griffith 2680<br>ggahs@griffithgene.org.au   |
| Hawkesbury Family History Group                 | C/o Hawkesbury Library Service<br>300 George St Windsor 2756<br>michelle.nichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au |
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