

Welcome to our 2015 Conference Newsletter No.3

People helping people.... that's what genealogy is all about. We are pleased that in the Panthers Port Macquarie venue, at the times when you are not attending a talk or manning a table, there are many cheerful nooks and crannies where you can catch up with long-standing friends and with brand new ones over a cuppa or two.

Website & Facebook: You can access these from Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society's home page www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpmfhs/ and then clicking on the FACEBOOK or WEBPAGE links. If you haven't already done so, please "like" us on Facebook and bookmark the website so you can visit it often.

Table Booking Form and Exhibitor's Information: The table bookings are coming in at a steady pace, so if you or your society is intending to book a table for the Fair or the Conference, you can download the Booking Form and Exhibitors Information from our website. A reminder: Wi-Fi is available, but rear wall spaces and power outlets may be limited, so if you require those, please get your form in early as they will be allocated as we receive the booking and payment.

Dates for your Diary:

01 Mar 2015	Early Bird Conference Registration opens
03 Jul 2015	Early Bird Conference Registration closes
28 Aug 2015	Close of Conference Registration
11 Sep 2015	10-4pm Family History Fair in Port Macquarie Panthers Auditorium (FREE entry - open to the public)
12 Sep 2015	Day 1 of 2015 Family History Conference (Auditorium)
13 Sep 2015	Day 2 of 2015 Family History Conference (Auditorium)

Local Interest Feature - Koalas: We'd like to introduce you to "Retro Rita" one of 50 large scale fibreglass koala sculptures, individually designed and hand painted, which dot the landscape from the mountains to the sea to create the "Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail" (www.hellokoalas.com). Our President Rex Toomey and his wife Yvonne followed the trail throughout our area and Yvonne photographed them all. They will be on exhibition to December 2015. Rita is sitting in the grounds of Sails Resort, opposite Panthers Port Macquarie.



While here, you can also visit the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital which is the world's first rehabilitation facility dedicated solely to the care and preservation of wild koalas. It is situated in a tranquil tree-filled reserve next to historic Roto House which was built from local red mahogany timber in 1891 for surveyor John Flynn and family. The family owned it right until 1979.

We are looking forward to seeing YOU at the conference.

Jennifer Mullin (Conference Convener)
On behalf of the Committee

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