



2022 Conference NSW/ACT Association of Family History Societies

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NSW & ACT Association of
Family History Societies Inc.



Annual Conference 16, 17, 18 September 2022



Hosted by: **Newcastle Family History Society Inc.** www.nfhs.org.au
Maitland & Beyond Family History Inc. mdgs.org.au/

New Location:

Scarborough Function Centre – East Maitland Bowling Club

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As our 2020 State Conference venue (West's New Lambton) no longer hosts large events, the 2022 Conference Committee has been investigating several possible alternatives. Although we identified three suitable venues in the Newcastle area, we discovered that prices had risen considerably in the past twelve months. We had paid \$2000 as our venue deposit in 2020, we were now being asked for \$8000 - \$9000. We decided to look a little further afield.

The 2022 Conference Committee also had concerns about the possible ongoing Covid-related restrictions which might occur next year and just how confident potential Conference Delegates might be about travelling to the Newcastle area for three days.

Coupled with this, the success of the 2021 Port Macquarie Virtual Conference led us to believe that there will be a good proportion of potential conference-goers who will be keen to register for another virtual event rather than physically travel to the 2022 Conference.

All things considered, we have come up with a plan. We hope that you will appreciate our reasoning. The 2022 State Conference will be a wonderful event to look forward to next year. Newcastle Family History Society and Maitland & Beyond Family History are certainly excited about hosting it.

We have booked the Scarborough Function Centre on the top level of the East Maitland Bowling Club not far from Maitland & Beyond Family History's rooms at the Barracks, near historic Maitland Gaol. It has a large auditorium which seats 190 people theatre style. The auditorium can be divided into four separate seminar rooms each with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment.

The Conference will run all day Friday, 16 September and Saturday, 17 September. The Conference Dinner will take place on the Friday night. On Sunday, 18 September, a one-day Trade Fair will take place in the extensive grounds of the Barracks. A BBQ will be available for a very reasonable price at lunchtime as well as morning and afternoon teas.

For those who choose to attend the Conference in a virtual capacity there will still be online raffles, a virtual Trade Fair and a 'Goody Bag' much the same as this year – no-one will miss out!

We look forward to welcoming you to this historic part of New South Wales from mid-September 2022.

Mel Woodford
Conference Convenor



Newcastle Family History Society



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