



## 2022 Conference NSW/ACT Association of Family History Societies

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# Further Finetuning for the 2022 Conference

Our 2022 Conference Committee met on Friday, 11 February 2022, to make some final decisions regarding the 37th Annual State Conference which could then be taken to the State Management Meeting on Sunday, 13 February for discussion and approval.

The continuing presence of Covid in the community coupled with the fact that we are heading into the winter months and a new variant has begun to emerge in some European countries has made us carefully reassess our options for mid September.

The decision has been made to dispense with the Face-to-Face component of the conference altogether for the second year running and follow the lead of many other groups at this time. We know many

of you will be disappointed but many will also welcome the decision. Those who attended the wonderful online conference put on for us last year by Port Macquarie & District FHS know how truly successful a virtual event can be and we will be following closely in the footsteps of PMDFHS who are keen to help us make this conference just as successful as last year's.

The 2022 Conference will still be held over three days. Friday, 16 September and Saturday, 17 September will have presentations from many of our guest speakers who had agreed to participate in the 2020 Conference. You will be able to 'binge watch' as I did last year, or you may wish to select certain presentations on the 16/17th and view the others at a later date via YouTube as many did.

The virtual Trade Fair will run concurrently and there will be some great offers and specials. There will also be an online raffle as well as a 'goodies bag' similar to last year.

In addition to all of this we will run a local Family History/History Trade Fair on Sunday, 18 September, in the extensive grounds of 'The Barracks', home to Maitland & Beyond Family History. We anticipate that mainly Hunter Valley groups will participate in this day but it will most certainly also be open to exhibitors from further afield should they wish to attend. This will be a fun day open to the public with displays, raffles, morning & afternoon teas, and a BBQ lunch available.

For the very first time last year our Annual State Conference attracted almost 500 participants - perhaps this year the numbers may even increase. We hope that you will understand our decision and support the 37th Annual State Conference in September this year as you have always done in the past.

More information will be forthcoming as our plans progress.

Kindest regards,  
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