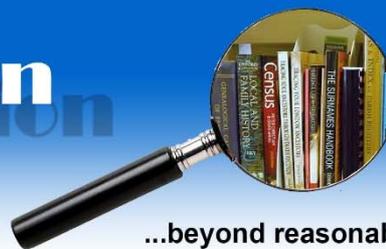


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NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference 2021

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Welcome to our first 2021 Conference Newsletter **~ keeping you up to date with information about Conference 2021 ~**

For more than 40,000 years the Birpai people have been the original inhabitants of the Port Macquarie-Hastings region. Some of the first European visitors were convicts sent to the newly established penal settlement in Port Macquarie to serve time for secondary offences.

2021 is a significant year for our area because we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the penal colony here in 1821.

Our theme suggests those penal beginnings, and also reflects on the way we research our family history – with conviction and beyond reasonable doubt (best-case scenario anyway).



Not long after the first meeting of our 2021 Conference Team, Covid-19 happened. This meant reimagining the conference in these uncertain times. At the moment, this seems like putting together a jigsaw puzzle without a picture to guide us.

But we can do this!

In a way, compiling our family history is like putting together a jigsaw puzzle - you take one piece and start trying other pieces one by one to see if the two can be joined together by their interlocking shape, or by the common patterns or colour until they go together to build the beautiful image hidden in its individual pieces.

So... although the format of the conference may currently be uncertain, we are confident that we can present an interesting, informative and entertaining conference that will help attendees to continue their own family history journey with conviction ...and beyond reasonable doubt. In the words that are currently bandied about, we may have to "pivot", but are up to the "challenge" of presenting the conference in "unprecedented" times.

Please mark your calendar with the date of the Conference
Saturday, 11th September 2021

We keep our fingers crossed that the Covid-19 rules may be relaxed by next September and we have contingency plans to include some of the traditional events such as the Family History Fair, Meet and Greet, Conference Dinner.

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