



# A.N.D.F.H.G. Inc. News Sheet

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### **ELECTED COMMITTEE 2011-2012**

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## From the Committee

Hello Members,

We have a range of articles in this month's newsletter, which we think will interest most of our readers. A big thank you to the members who submitted them. If anyone has a story to tell, please send them in. We are always looking to put "flesh on the bones" of our ancestors.

As you can see from the article written by Peter Applebee he has been busy in New South Wales lately where he attended his second conference with the 2012 NSW & ACT State Family History Conference hosted by the Botany Bay Family History Society. The conference sounded very interesting and informative.

With an abundance of magazines and books recently donated to our library, we have purchased a mobile library trolley which will give easier access to the magazines. This will enable you to browse through the library material without interruption.

This month we have the return of Paul Bartlett, as our Guest Speaker, so we would like to see as many people as possible to come along and get a free appraisal of your heirlooms etc.

As the first half of this financial year is rapidly coming to a close and Christmas is just around the corner, please note we will be printing our closing dates in November, and our starting date for January 2013. Next year, the committee will be discussing another possible cemetery tour as well as working hard to keep you entertained with speakers. In the meantime, if you have any contributions to this newsletter, please let us know.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1st Oct</p> <p>Public Holiday</p>			<p>4th Oct</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm</p>		
	<p>8th Oct</p> 			<p>11th Oct</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm</p>		<p>13th Oct</p> <p>Research and Networking Day</p> <p>1 pm – 4 pm</p> <p>Committee Meeting</p> <p>2 pm</p>
				<p>18th Oct</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm</p> <p><b>Guest Speaker Night</b></p>		<p>20th Oct</p>  <p>Adelaide Family Tree Maker User Group Meeting 1.30 pm</p>
				<p>25th Oct</p> <p>Mid Week Open Day</p> <p>10 am – 4 pm</p>		<p>27nd Oct</p> <p>Research and Networking Day</p> <p>1 pm – 4 pm</p>

## 2012 NSW & ACT State Family History Conference

What a great event, hosted this year by the Botany Bay Family History Society and held at Tradies at Gympie. A Free Family History Expo was held on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September and open to the General Public. There was the Traditional Trading Tables with various vendors and societies showing their wares, as well as a number of small presentations taking place during the day. Plus the two specialist \$5 workshops that set the scene for the following conference. The Traditional was with Helen Garnsey with Researching the UK National Archives from Australia and Jill Ball with the New Age, Geneablogging: A New Endeavour for Genealogists. The day closed with a Meet and Greet Gathering for Conference delegates with a bit of entertainment provided by some of the Botany Bay Members in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Clothing poking fun at today's New Age jargon.

The Saturday commenced with the Welcome to Country by Les Bursill, OAM and the official event opening by Sunderland Shire Mayor Carol Provan. The first session was by Carol Liston on Discover On-Line Land Records where we heard that the NSW Torrens Title Purchase Records Index 1863-1971 will hopefully be available on-line by Christmas. We also learnt that the Primary Applications for Torrens Title System were also a Huge Resource although these are not on-line. Also in the pre-lunch sessions we had Ian Heads OAM with Things Found along the Way: Discoveries and Dilemmas of a Sporting Historian and Trish Levido – Valuing Memories: Your Spoken Family History Legacy.

Following Lunch we were offered up a smorgasboard of choice in the Alternate Sessions. Carol Riley: Why Family Historians Should Embrace Social Media or Pat Fearnley with An Adventure: Build Your Own Website. After a room swap or a short break, Caitlin Hickie and Kerry Farmer followed up with Preserving Your Family History Amidst the Challenges of Technology and DNA Technology and Family History respectively. Following afternoon tea the NSW delegates retired the NSW & ACT Association Annual General Meeting.

As with all these events the Dinner is normally the highlight of the Conference, with a number of presentations taking place. Kerry Grey AFFHO president presented The Nick Vine Hall Award for Category A to Cape Banks Family History Society for their Journal Kith & Kin. Kerry also presented the runner up award for Category B to The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra for their The Ancestral Searcher Journal. The NSW & ACT Association Awards were the Dorothy Followes Website Award which went to Central Coast Family History Society and the Cynthia Foley Encouragement Award went to Parramatta Female Factory Friends.

Sunday Morning we were all back and this time in the hands of Event Convener Allan Murrin and others in a ten minute address. We were back into sessions and what a wonderful range of presentations we were to receive. Brad Manera for the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, Sydney with Private William Irwin's Adventure: Discovery of an Anzac Story. Lisa Murray, a City of Sydney Historian with Community Connections: Technology and the Renaissance of Local and Family History. Paul Parton from Family Search showed us their plans to introduce shortly their single Family Tree for the Human Race. Paul Brunton of the Mitchell Library took us on a journey to the foundations of our Country with The Great What-if of Australian History: the Endeavor Voyage and the Charting of the East Coast of Australia.

Next Year's Event is in Canberra at The Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT hosted by HAGSOG. For more information go to: <http://www.conference2013.org.au/>

I have been involved with judging the Dorothy Followes Website Award for NSW & ACT Association for three years now, and have just attended my Second Conference. I found this

one well thought out, entertaining and most importantly, informative. I particularly liked the way this conference pushed the technology barriers normally associated with younger generations.

## September 2012 Meeting

We had show and tell with four people bringing along their family treasures. Peter brought his Applebee family bible telling us how he acquired it from a cousin. The bible was handed down through the female line and it came into the hands of a cousin in the Baker line and he asked Peter if he would like it. You didn't have to ask twice Peter was there with bells on to pick up his new prize possession. Only recently he took in for a bit of restoration removing the letters, notes and pictures. When he goes to collect the restored bible they show Peter a lock of red curly hair which he didn't know was in there. Family thoughts is for the little boy whose mother died when he was 6 months only to be brought up by Joseph & Maria Applebee his grandparents. He also had a Methodist hymn book which was presented to his grandparents on their wedding in 1917 by Richard Jackson who was based at the Hepzibah Chapel in Salisbury.

Tammy brought in the hanging certificate from her great-great uncle Alexander Newland Lee who was hung in the Adelaide Goal in 1921 on circumstantial evidence for supposed poisoning his wife and 3 of their children. She then went on to tell us that his Aunt was also hung but in the Melbourne Goal in 1894 for poisoning her 3 daughters, husband and fiancés brother. She was caught when she tried to poison her finances other brother but luckily he had the doctor on hand who saved him. Her poison of choice was Rid o Rats.

Shirley brought in a lovely needlework from her grandmother and a Family History Book on the Modystach family which Tammy is in and the family is also related to member Helen Stein. She then proceeded to show us some Entertainment programs from 1864 in Mt Gambier written in Olde English.

Nola then showed us a Gentlemans book from 1840's Which was never used as a diary but had a number of poems it. One was "The Sabbath Bell" she has since found various versions on the internet and in hymn books.

Everyone who attended found it an interesting evening.

### From The Papers

Everyone comes to a 'brick wall' in their research at some stage. We may contemplate about a range of reasons for the missing information. Human error is always a possibility; this 1852 request for lost names is particularly poignant when viewed from a family historian's perspective.

The Adelaide Observer  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1852

If the parties who put in the Banns of Marriage about the middle of last week, will again furnish their names, they will oblige the undersigned, their names having been lost.

John Monk  
Clerk of Trinity Church

## **New Additions to the Library – September 2012**

The following books have been donated by Andrew Peake.

“Digging Stick to Rotary Hoe” by Frances Wheelhouse

“Who’s Who in Australia 1996”

2 Volumes of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society – Family History Section  
Volumes 1 – 6 (1974-1980) and Volumes 7 – 10 (1981-1984).

These are particularly interesting as they have literally hundreds of names in them from the early 1800’s onwards. If your ancestors came from Scotland, Northumberland and even Norfolk, you may find that they are listed as being in Yorkshire. A lot of seamen from Northumberland by-passed County Durham to settle in places like Whitby and Scarborough. Don’t be put off by the size of these books – remember you can browse through our library any time you are at Ann Street.  
(1981-1984).

Also donated by The City of Salisbury Local History Service.

A set (15 books) of “Australian Dictionary of Biography”

### **“Women Smugglers”**

Not only were women useful to the smugglers as signallers and carriers of messages from members of the gang to each other, but they actually brought goods in from the shore for them.

The voluminous skirt was a particularly useful fashion, for the women wound yards of silk and lace round their bodies and reached home as a rule quite peacefully with their contraband.

There have been cases, however, when women have, on inspection, been found to have had their petticoats puffed out by bladders filled with spirits.

A report from a Hampshire Chronicle of March 25th 1799 stated that  
"A woman of the name of Maclane, residing at Gosport, accustomed to supply the crew of Queen Charlotte with slops went out in a wherry to Spithead, when a sudden squall coming on, the boat sank; the watermen were drowned, but the life of the woman was providentially saved, by being buoyed up with a quantity of bladders, which had been secreted round her for the purpose of smuggling liquor into the ship, until she was picked up by the boat of a transport lying near." A case of being buoyed up by good spirits no doubt!"

# Guest Speaker Night

7 pm THURSDAY 18th October

**Paul Barlett - Valuer and Auctioneer.**

**Bring along an a Favorite Antique Item or Family Heirloom and Paul will value it for you.**



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