



NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc
Port Macquarie

Annual Conference 2026

THE PAPER TRAIL & BEYOND: FAMILY HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Conference address
Panthers Port Macquarie
1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie

Friday 18 September		
10-4 pm	Family History Fair in the Auditorium	
	Rushcutter Room	Renaissance Room
10.00 am	1 Full Fiona Brooker - 5 DNA Research Steps - Let's start at the beginning	
11.00 am	3 Danielle Lautrec - Plan Smarter, Not Harder: Using Notion for Strategic Genealogy Research	2 Full Christine Woodlands - When the paper trail runs cold: How DNA can restart the search – 90 mins
1.00 pm	4 Jill Ball - Social Media and Family History	5 Full Christine Woodlands - When the paper trail runs cold: How DNA can restart the search – 90 mins
2.00 pm	6 Full Fiona Brooker - Slow Down: Planning your research	
3.00 pm	7 Robyn Denley - FamilySearch - Join your generations	
Saturday 19 September		
	Auditorium	Rushcutter Room
8.00 am	Registration – Doors open	
8.45 am	Welcome attendees - Martyn Killion: John Vicent Crow Memorial address	
9.00 am	Martyn Killion - When the Paper Trail runs dry –	

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	alternative sources for births, deaths and marriages in NSW	
9.40 am	Christine Yeats - The legal paper trail and beyond: finding family on both sides of the law	
10.20 am	Morning Tea	
11.00 am	Andrew Redfern - Beyond the Paper Trail: Digital Workflows for Family History	
11.40 am	John Grenham - Mapping Ireland's Records (recording)	
12.20 pm	Shari-Lei McLean - Ryerson - Ten Million and Beyond	

Saturday 19 September continued...

	Auditorium	Rushcutter Room
1.00 pm	Lunch	
2.00 pm	Louise Briffa - BDM - From paper to pixels: the long journey of Registry Records	Jeff Madsen - Land records impact the family narrative
2.40 pm	Chris Hingerty - From Paper to Patriarchs: Using Y-DNA to Rebuild Lost Lineages	
2.45 pm		Tony Wales - German Brick walls and digital Joy!
3.25 pm	Afternoon tea	
4.15 pm		NSW & ACT FFHS Annual Meeting
6.00 pm	Doors open for 6.30 Dinner	



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Sunday 20 September	
Auditorium	
8.30 am	Doors open
9.00 am	Clive Smith - Allman Hill: How many, and who, are buried there?
9.40 am	Jill Williams - Ireland -The Irish Schools Collection - a vastly (webinar)
10.20 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Shauna Hicks - Finding your way on digital trails in the archives
11.40 am	Fiona Brooker - The Time Travelling Genealogist
12.20 pm	Lunch (boxed)
1.00 pm	Close - Farewell

Only presentations in the auditorium will be recorded and available to view again later.