



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	<b>Fiona Brooker</b> - 5 DNA Research Steps - Let's start at the beginning	
11.00 am	<b>Danielle Lautrec</b> - Plan Smarter, Not Harder: Using Notion for Strategic Genealogy Research	<b>Christine Woodlands</b> - When the paper trail runs cold: How DNA can restart the search – 90 mins
1.00 pm	<b>Jill Ball</b> - Social Media and Family History	<b>Christine Woodlands</b> - When the paper trail runs cold: How DNA can restart the search – 90 mins
2.00 pm	<b>Fiona Brooker</b> - Slow Down: Planning your research	
3.00 pm	<b>Robyn Denley</b> - 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	<b>Martyn Killion</b> - When the Paper Trail runs dry –	

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

## Saturday 19 September continued...

	Auditorium	Rushcutter Room
1.00 pm	Lunch	
2.00 pm	<b>Louise Briffa</b> - BDM - From paper to pixels: the long journey of Registry Records	<b>Jeff Madsen</b> - Land records impact the family narrative
2.40 pm	<b>Chris Hingerty</b> - From Paper to Patriarchs: Using Y-DNA to Rebuild Lost Lineages	
2.45 pm		<b>Tony Wales</b> - 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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Auditorium	
8.30 am	Doors open
9.00 am	<b>Cathie Sherwood</b> - From Grant to Grid Reference: Following an 1822 Paper Trail into the Digital Landscape
9.40 am	<b>Jill Williams</b> - Ireland -The Irish Schools Collection - a vastly (webinar)
10.20 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	<b>Shauna Hicks</b> - Finding your way on digital trails in the archives
11.40 am	<b>Fiona Brooker</b> - 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.