



NSW & ACT Family History Association Conference

December 2022 Newsletter.



The members of Wyong Family History Group Inc. would like to inform everyone that we will be hosting the Conference in 2023. This is very exciting news for us. Our group co-hosted the 1986 Conference and ran another by ourselves in 2009.

2023 will be a live event, with a virtual component.

The theme for this conference is “The Running Waters of History.”

We chose this theme because it reflects a generally accepted meaning for the Aboriginal name “Wyong”. Noted local historian Mr Edward STINSON wrote 7 volumes of his *Pictorial History of Wyong Shire* from 1979-1988 and 3 volumes of *Flashbacks*, which are compilations of articles he had published in the *Wyong Advocate Newspaper* from 1973-1979.

From an article published in *The Advocate* on 8 June 1977, Mr Stinson explains, ..“*It is not unreasonable to refer to Wyong Creek, Jilliby Creek, Porter’s Creek and Buttonderry Creek [all in the vicinity of the original CAPE* properties] as a ‘place of running water.’ The word (Wyong) was used in the 1820s with the same spelling that it has now, as evidenced by Cape’s letter to Colonial Secretary Macleay, addressed from Wyong, dated November 24, 1829.*”

*Free Settler, William CAPE, was given very large land grants in what was then ‘Brisbane Waters’. He was the first to bring sheep and cattle to this area.



This photo, taken by WFHG Inc. member Helen Johnston-Lord, is of a section of Wyong River, at South Tacoma.

Save the date! September 8th-10th 2023

Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre, 1 Hargraves St., Toukley

Our Conference website will soon be live and will contain all you need to know about registration, costs, accommodation and the program. Speakers are currently being confirmed. Trading table space will be available in an adjoining room.

Stay Tuned, 2023 Conference Planning Group.