



THE RUNNING WATERS OF HISTORY

38th Annual Conference of
The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies
8th – 10th September 2023
Hosted by **Wyong Family History Group Inc.**

Happy New Year to you all. We hope to see many of you at the Conference, ‘in the flesh’, so to speak! Of course, for those who can’t make it in person, we will also have a virtual version of the Conference. More on that in later newsletters.

Our Conference website is now live, via our Group’s main page. <http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au/>, with details of possible accommodation options in the area. Two options are within easy walking distance of Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre, and the others range from a short 3-5 minute drive to those further away, in Wyong, Budgewoi and The Entrance. There are budget options, mid-range ones and luxury resort options for those of you who wish to stay longer and enjoy their facilities, such as golf courses and spa treatments. Of course, there are many other options available via websites such as Airbnb, Stayz, Wotif and Booking.com.

If you want to bring family, we have many local attractions to keep them entertained while you are attending the Conference. There are pristine beaches, indoor and outdoor public pools, The Australian Reptile Park, Amazement and much, much more. Check out this website for more options.

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/central-coast/activities>

As usual, Friday will be a free day, with a range of interesting speakers and access to the many and varied trading tables. The Leisure Centre adjoins the main shopping centre for Toukley, so there are numerous options for breakfast, brunch, lunch and general shopping, just a short walk away.

The Leisure Centre has its own generous carpark, and the one provided for Coles and the Village Square shops is very large. On Sunday, the Coles carpark is partly taken over by a variety of stalls. The market runs from 8am-1pm.

We have booked rooms at Toukley RSL, [35-47 Holmes Ave., Toukley, (02) 4396 4855] affectionately known locally as “The Ary”, for Friday night’s Meet and Greet and Saturday night’s dinner.

Our speakers and topics are currently being confirmed, but we can promise expertise, variety and entertainment. Future newsletters will showcase our program. We have chosen a lovely green as our Conference colour, to pay homage to the invaluable contribution water plays in both nature and farming.

To conclude, an excerpt from a poem by local author Bert SHACKLETON, entitled “Wyong Creek”

“Running again to a full banker, waring silently, wearing swiftly towards the lakes in a torrent since the recent summer rains, crushed the droughts grip on the thirsty brown paddocks...”

Stay safe and well, from the 2023 Conference Committee.



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