

## **Speaker Profile for 2023 State Conference**

### **Jeff Madsen**

Jeff Madsen has had a long career in Information Technology using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software to prepare maps for Government, private enterprise and family researchers. He was involved in a family company which provided software, consulting and training services in Geographic Information Systems.

He has used the Historical Land Records Viewer (HLRV) since 1999 to access digitised Parish Maps and, more recently, to research NSW Historical Land Records for property owned by ancestors.

It became evident that this Spatial knowledge could be used in genealogical research. Using maps and investigating areas of historical geography would enhance family stories by finding information beyond names and dates.

Advanced skills in digitising records were acquired when left the legacy of a large collection of records consisting of World War 1 diaries, glass negatives, photo albums, celluloid negatives and 16mm movies needing to be archived.

He is currently involved in the digitisation of manuscript material for the Society of Australian Genealogists and is a member of Botany Bay Family History Society, Newcastle Family History Society, Society of Australian Genealogists and a volunteer at the Maritime Records and Research Centre of the Sydney Heritage Fleet.