

Norfolk Island conference program 27-31 October 2014

All conference sessions are at Norfolk Island RSL Club/Bistro, Taylors Road, Burnt Pine

Tuesday, 28 October 2014

- 4.30pm Waeklam yorlye – enjoi Norf'k Ailen (informal get together at RSL club)
- 6.00pm option to stay at the RSL Club for dinner

Wednesday, 29 October 2014

- 8.45am arrive & book sales
- 9.00am **Norfolk Island history 1st settlement** – Cathy Dunn
- 10.00am **Ancestors in church: using church publications** – Shauna Hicks
- 10.50am break & book sales
- 11.30am **Norfolk Island convict penal settlement 1825-1856** – Liz McCoy
- 12.10pm lunch
- 1.30pm **It's not all online: where else can I look?** – Shauna Hicks
- 2.30pm Norfolk Island cemetery visit (don't forget to bring your camera)
- 4.30pm free time & research help
- 6.00pm option to stay at the RSL Club for dinner

Thursday, 30 October 2014

- 8.45am arrive & book sales
- 9.00am **Demolishing brick walls: tips & tricks** – Shauna Hicks
- 10.00am **History of land ownership 1st settlement 1788-1814 on Norfolk Island** – Cathy Dunn
- 10.50am break & book sales
- 11.30am **Unlock the Past cruises 2015-2016** – Alan Phillips
- 12.10pm lunch
- 1.30pm **Norfolk Island archives: what records are available?** – Cathy Dunn
- 2.30pm **Mining ancestors: where to look** – Shauna Hicks
- 3.20pm break & book sales
- 4.00pm free time & research help
- 6.00pm option to stay at the RSL Club for dinner

Friday, 31 October 2014

- 9.15am arrive & book sales
- 9.30am **Six of one, half a dozen of the other** – Cathy Dunn
- 10.30am break & book sales
- 11.10am **Online trends in family history** – Shauna Hicks
- 12.noon lunch
- 1.30pm **Research Help Zone** – or free time
- 2.30pm break & book sales
- 3.00pm **We say goodbye: the last three years** – Cathy Dunn
- 4.00pm free time & research help
- 6.00pm option to stay at the RSL Club for dinner

Norfolk Island conference 27-31 October 2014—presenters and topics

Cathy Dunn (NSW) – Cathy’s love of history research and writing started back in her Fashion and Marketing teaching days. After leaving full time TAFE teaching, Cathy continue with her studies at UNE and she completed Graduate Diploma in Local, Family and Applied History. She has published over 15 South Coast NSW regional history and early colonial NSW and Norfolk Island history publications. With the change in publishing formats and technology, Cathy has recently joined the Harbour Publishing House who has published many of her out of print books as ebooks, thus taking the opportunity to share her historical research with a whole new audience. Cathy has been involved with family history research and indexing of records of early colonial NSW and Norfolk Island for over 25 years.

Cathy is a member of the Professional Historians Association of NSW & ACT (PHANSWACT), and has completed many research projects in addition to heritage and family history reports for individuals, companies and government bodies including the Old Sydney Burial Ground 1792-1820 Project for the City of Sydney Council. And yes Cathy has other hats too. She is also a web designer and tourism destination publicist which is an ever changing industry online with her business South Coast Promotions. She has been an innovator and support to the South Coast business and tourism sector for the past 15 years. Cathy has worked in all media, from newspaper articles, radio, TV to social media.

Today she also works greatly in heritage tourism, combining all her heritage skills and knowledge with tourism promotion. Cathy is an experienced presenter/speaker and has for many years been involved with using Facebook as a communication tool for historians.

Her historical research and love of Norfolk Island started many years ago with her husband Arthur’s family members of Andrew Hamilton Hume, William Broughton, Richard Burrows, Elizabeth Cole and others. Over the years she has done vast research and writings on the people who arrived in NSW aboard the Royal Admiral 1792, many of whom were on Norfolk Island.

Her first visit to Norfolk Island was in July 2010 for the Islands of History, the 25th Anniversary Conference of the PHANSWACT. After many years of research, in March 2012 she published Norfolk Island Deaths: 1st Settlement 1788-1814, which was launched on Norfolk Island during ‘Foundation Day’ Week. In March this year Cathy launch her latest publication Rev. Fulton Baptisms, Burials and Marriages 1801-1806 during the 2014 History Lovers Tour of Norfolk Island.

Links:

- Australian History Research – www.australianhistoryresearch.info
- Heritage Tourism – www.heritagetourism.com.au
- Facebook – Cathydee – www.facebook.com/cathydunn
- Facebook – Early Colonial history of NSW, Norfolk Island, Tasmania 1788-1820
- www.facebook.com/earlycolonialhistoryNSWNorfolkIslandTasmania
- Facebook – Australian History Research – www.facebook.com/australianhistoryresearch
- Twitter – <https://twitter.com/historianCathyd>

Topic outlines

- **Norfolk Island history 1st settlement** – the people of the Norfolk Island 1788-1814, what primary resources are available for historians and family history researchers and where are they located. Includes convicts, NSW Corps and free settlers, deaths and headstones, resources for researchers, victualling books, population returns, shipping records, journals and diaries, musters, and baptism, marriage & burial records, includes a general outline of the three settlements of Norfolk Island.
- **History of land ownership 1st settlement 1788-1814 on Norfolk Island** – in March 1788 the population of Norfolk Island was 23, four years later the population peaked at 1156 with the settlement closed down in February 1814 – land grants and leases; land purchases; reimbursement given to people for relocating to Tasmania or NSW; stock and crops; buildings; modern day location on Norfolk Island; place names
- **Norfolk Island archives: what records are available?** – What records are available? Where are copies the records kept? What can be found online that relates to Norfolk Island 1788-1814
- **Six of one, half a dozen of the other** – in 1790 Ralph Clarke on Norfolk Island wrote: Of all the places in the World this is the greatest nest for Rascals it is impossible to trust any one of our men hardly much more any of the Convicts in Short there is no difference between Soldier Sailor or Convicts there Six of the one and half a Dozen of the other. Was Norfolk Island paradise or hell – 1st settlement for Convicts
- **We say goodbye: the last three years** – Norfolk Island first settlement closed down in late February 1814. Life on Norfolk Island 1811-1814: from a population of 218 to the island’s total abandonment. What happen to the people?

Shauna Hicks (QLD) – Shauna has been tracing her own family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years in libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. Since retiring, she has written a number of family history guides and is a regular speaker at genealogy cruises, conferences and seminars. She now operates a small part time research and consultancy business Shauna Hicks History Enterprises at www.shaunahicks.com.au and is the author of the blog, Diary of an Australian Genealogist.

Shauna has a number of tertiary qualifications from Queensland universities including a Master of Arts in Australian Studies, a Graduate Diploma in Library Science and a Diploma in Family Historical Studies from the Society of Australian Genealogists. She is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society; a recipient of the Australian Society of Archivists Distinguished Achievement Award and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations’ Services to Family History Award.

Topic outlines

- **Ancestors in church: using church publications** – this talk explores an underutilised resource that can provide information on our ancestors not likely to be found elsewhere.
- **It’s not all online: where else can I look?** – this talk is a reminder that not everything is online and that researchers still need to use archives, libraries, historical societies and museums, genealogy and family history societies and so on.
- **Demolishing brick walls: tips & tricks** – everyone comes up against a brick wall at some point in their research and this paper outlines some search strategies that might assist in getting past that brick wall.
- **Mining ancestors: where to look** – this talk explores how to trace your often elusive mining ancestors and their families and looks at a wide variety of resources.
- **Online trends in family history** – this talks looks at various Web 2.0 technology and how it can be used for family history research. In particular, Twitter, Facebook, blogs, nings, RSS and wikis will be discussed.

Liz McCoy – Liz, who holds a Bachelor of Historical Inquiry and Practice, grew up on Norfolk Island being a descendant of one of the famous Bounty Mutineers. She is fluent in the local language and has been researching the history of Norfolk Island and it various settlements and inhabitants for more than 20 years.

Liz worked in the Kingston Arthur’s Vale Historic Area (KAVHA) for over 12 years as their research and interpretation officer and has extensively researched the burial grounds, land grants, and families of Norfolk Island. She has worked on transcription and restoration of the monuments in Norfolk Island’s existing burial ground. Liz has researched extensively the harsh Second Penal Settlement. She has represented KAVHA and Norfolk Island at many conferences, on Norfolk Island in Tasmania and in NSW and has studied the close links and family connections between Norfolk Island, Tasmania, NSW and New Zealand.

Topic outline

- **Norfolk Island convict penal settlement 1825-1856** – Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area is part of Australia’s National Heritage and recognised as World Heritage.

Conference participants

Marcelle Curtis, Wairoonga NSW
Audrey Dillon, Willowbank QLD
Arthur Dunn, Milton NSW
Cathy Dunn, Milton NSW
Rosemary Forbes-Smith, Hornsby NSW
Merle Grinly, Oxley QLD
Shauna Hicks, Banksia Beach QLD
Deirdre Irwin, Varsity Lakes QLD
Claire Juler, Willowbank QLD
Liz McCoy, Norfolk Island
Anne McEwen, Tauranga NZ
Jim McEwen, Tauranga NZ
Jane Morrison, Banks ACT
Alan Phillips, Gumeracha SA
Anthea Phillips, Gumeracha SA
Merren Saunders, Brighton VIC
Max Spencer, Banksia Beach QLD
David White, Beecroft NSW
Sharn White, Beecroft NSW