

AFFHO

NEWSFLASH



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Family History Month!

New AFFHO website
launched!

MyHeritage Special Deal
5-9 August 2024

The countdown to
Connections2025 begins!

2024 E.M. Fletcher Writing
Competition— 15 July!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Family History Month is nearly upon us!

This year's theme "Family as a Community—Together We Can Achieve Much More" focuses on how we are part of a bigger community, despite much of our family history research being a solo endeavour.

It's an opportunity to celebrate amazing members of our community, who have contributed so much to family history research's development as well as a chance to share ideas for how we can all support. It honours the central role family history organisations and societies play in progressing our beloved pastime.

To support all your wonderful activities throughout the month, **AFFHO is delighted to announce the [website](#) has been redeveloped! The new and improved website is live!**

Members should find the calendar usability for Family History Month activities easy to use, to ensure more people hear about the great things they can do during the month.

AFFHO is very grateful to our WebMaster, Andrew Redfern, for his efforts. The website will continue to grow over the coming months, so please let us know if you have ideas.

Congratulations to all applicants to this year's Nick Vine Hall Award—over half of AFFHO's eligible organisations entered, which is a huge success after several years not proceeding. The winners will be announced in August. Our thanks to Shauna Hicks.

In celebration of Family History Month, we are pleased to partner with MyHeritage to offer an exclusive 50% discount for AFFHO members to the OmniPlan which includes full access to all historical records and all features on MyHeritage, all historical newspapers on OldNews.com, a premium Legacy Family Tree Webinars membership, a Geni.com Pro plan, and unlimited photo scanning on MyHeritage's mobile apps. **The offer will only run between 5-9 August, so remember to check your emails!**

~ Sonya Russell

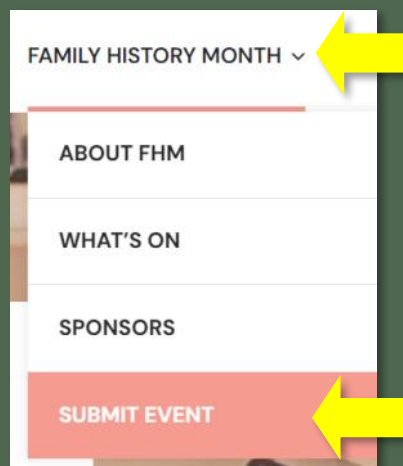
FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

1—31 August 2024



In 2024, Family History Month's theme is "Family as a Community - Together We Can Achieve So Much More". This year's theme focuses on how we are part of a bigger community, despite much of our family history research being a solo endeavour. It is an opportunity to celebrate amazing members of our community, who have contributed so much to family history research's development as well as a chance to share ideas for how we can all support family history research. The theme honours the central role family history organisations and societies play in progressing our beloved pastime.

Save the Date for the Opening (1 August) and Closing (31 August) Ceremonies and don't forget there are prizes to be won!



Don't forget to submit your events on the brand new AFFHO website!



FAMILY HISTORY MONTH August 2024

Celebrating all things Family History across Australia and New Zealand since 2006, this month long festival includes in-person and virtual events.

LEARN MORE

Check out the brand new AFFHO website at www.affho.org and log your Family History Month Events!

Event Information

Event Name required

Society or Organisation Responsible for Event required

Select the Event Category required

Date & Time

Start required

Date

14 July 2024

Time

10:02 am

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Date

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Description required

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Invitation

Gathering of Family History Societies

What: Inaugural Gathering of Family History Societies

Why: For representatives of family history societies who would like to share ideas on solving shared concerns unique to societies and not-for-profit organisations.

Host: GenealogySA

When: 10 am to 4 pm, 20 September 2024

Where: GenealogySA Library, 201 Unley Rd, Unley (Adelaide) or Virtual Attendance

Cost: Self-Funded

(See Invitation Email sent 14 July for more info)





Australasian Conference 2025
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 - Dr Nick Barratt
 - Professor Hamish Maxwell-Stewart
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www.connections2025.org.au



Use the QR CODE or find the details on our website.



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AFFHO Special Deal
50% off OmniPlan
5-9 August 2024

The AFFHO Mailing List will receive an email on 5 August with a special link to get the deal.

Please share with your members!



Every family has a story – write yours now!

2024 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

The Award is named in honour of Society Fellow Eunice Fletcher

- 1500 to 2000 words on a family history theme.
- Prizes of \$1,000 for best short story, \$500 for runner up (sponsored by UTAS), and a bonus \$100 prize for FHACT members.
- Open to individuals over 18 years.
- Entry fee of \$20.00 for FHACT members and \$30.00 for non-members.
- No limit on the number of entries.
- Terms & Conditions and Entry Form available at familyhistoryact.org.au or by email from writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au



Competition closes 15th July 2024

2024 Judges

- **Associate Professor Emmett Stinson:** Emmett is Head of the School of Humanities in the College of Arts, Law and Education at the University of Tasmania. He is a literary scholar, a creative writer, and an expert on the global publishing industry.
- **Therese Lynch:** Therese is a retired senior public servant who now works as a professional genealogist. Therese is a FHACT member and Education Officer for the Association of Professional Genealogists (Australia and New Zealand Chapter).
- **Beverley Richardson:** Beverley's love of writing commenced at an early age and was a major focus of her former career as an English teacher. A member of FHACT, Beverley was shortlisted in the 2021 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition and took out the award in 2022.

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Saturday 10 August 2024

Family History – Community History

Half-day mini-conference
Saturday 10th August 9am to 1pm

Hosted by Family History ACT

This seminar is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the connections between family and local and community history, and how to share their stories.

You can attend via Zoom or in person at the Family History ACT (FHACTION) Library in Canberra (note places are capped for in-person attendance so book early).

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au>

Cost: FHACTION members - \$28
 Non-members - \$40





Ancestry is offering a series of grants to support the family history & archival community within Australia and New Zealand.

- ◆ **2 x Gold Grants up to the value of \$100,000 AUD for digitisation services** to be awarded within Australia and New Zealand to assist with digitisation within the archival & family history community. Also included is **five years of free Ancestry access**.

(The individual service grants have a maximum value of \$100,000 AUD but can also cover works of any lesser amount up to that total figure. The grant will be for imaging of records only, meaning that the services provided are for scanning of paper or microform collections.)

- ◆ **2 x Silver Grants up to the value of \$25,000 AUD for digitisation services** to be awarded within Australia and New Zealand to assist with digitisation within the archival & family history community. Also included is **five years of free Ancestry access**.

(The individual service grants have a maximum value of \$25,000 AUD but can also cover works of any lesser amount up to that total figure. The grant will be for imaging of records only, meaning that the services provided are for scanning of paper or microform collections.)

- ◆ **1 x Bronze Grant up to the value of \$15,000 AUD for digitisation services** to be awarded within Australia and New Zealand to assist with digitisation within the archival & family history community. Also included is **five years of free Ancestry access**.

(The individual service grant has a maximum value of \$15,000 AUD but can also cover works of any lesser amount up to that total figure. The Bronze Grant can also be used for philanthropic causes that may not align to typical family history digitisation.)

The grant submission period will begin at the start of July 2023 and your questions and submissions are encouraged. The submission period will remain open until the end of August 2023.

Q: How do I apply?

A: For now, simply review the documentation and ensure you agree to the terms contained within. If so, please send an email to jreeve@ancestry.com containing information on the collection / content you wish to see digitised – the more information the better but as a minimum;

- ◆ Collection Name(s)
- ◆ Date Range
- ◆ Record Count / Image Count
- ◆ Existing Format (i.e. paper, volumes, microfiche)

**Family History
organisations can
apply!**



GPO Box 1394, Canberra, ACT, 2601 www.affho.org Contact: president@affho.org

Membership

Full membership is open to any organisation based in Australasia, which satisfies the Council it is primarily concerned with family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

Associate membership is open to any organisation which satisfies the Council that it is interested in family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

Mission Statement

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) aims to promote, preserve, and foster the study of family history, genealogy, and related subjects in Australia and New Zealand. AFFHO aims to support its member organisations in their pursuit of family history research by providing resources, networking opportunities, and educational programs. AFFHO will advocate on behalf of member organisations to address arising challenges. Additionally, AFFHO seeks to raise awareness of the importance of family history and genealogy in preserving cultural heritage and understanding individual and collective identities.

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