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# Newsflash

## Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

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## Newsflash special for NFHM

It is with regret that we have to advise that the Congress which was organised for 1st to 5th August 2021 on Norfolk Island has had to be postponed for a year. Congress is now scheduled for the first week of August 2022.

The June Covid-19 outbreak has caused travel restrictions for many members who had registered to attend the Congress and many others would have had to spend 14 days in quarantine on their return home. A number of our speakers have also been affected.

Despite the disappointment we know that many family history organisations are holding events – many of these are advertised on our National Family History Website – so check it out <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/>.

*Robyn Williams, President AFFHO*

**Opening event for NFHM  
via Zoom: Sunday 1 August 2021  
at 6.00 pm AEST**

Speaker: Shauna Hicks  
*A Look at Family History's Role in  
21st Century Society.*



**Closing event for NFHM  
via Zoom: Tuesday, 31st August  
2021 at 6.00 AEST**

Speaker: Fiona Brooker  
*The 1939 Register for Family Historians*

Following on from the declaration of War, on 29 September 1939, the details of the population of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were recorded, and identity cards were issued. This talk will look at searching the 1939 Register and what to do with the information you find.



# Family History ACT – Heritage Matters

In 1964 a notice appeared in the Canberra Times inviting interest in forming a family history society in Canberra and now, more than 55 years on, Family History ACT (FHA) is celebrating its growth and achievements with an exhibition *Heritage Matters* at the ACT Heritage Library. The exhibition will be held throughout August – National Family History Month – and will attract visitors from with Canberra and the Region.

FHA has always relied heavily on its voluntary membership. Many members have valuable professional and technical skills, some with creative ideas, some prepared to take on leadership roles, others prepared to simply make things happen and all prepared to share their knowledge.

As family historians we all know the value of belonging to a family history society and the wealth of knowledge and advice other members so willingly give. The roles of people within FHA will, therefore, be a major feature of the exhibition.

Particularly through the 70s and 80s members of FHA took Roadshows to many towns around NSW, gave presentations and encouraged the establishment and growth of local family history societies. Great photos of some of these events will feature in the exhibition.



Cemetery picnics were also a highlight in those early days and were a wonderful social event. But, most importantly, those picnics resulted in the publication of a series of Monumental Inscriptions thus preserving valuable information which could so easily have been lost.

The *Heritage Matters* exhibition celebrates the many contributions of members who have created/ authored relevant books and indexes; have developed and presented excellent learning programs for members; and convene and participate in a range of Special Interest Groups and Special User Groups.

Being in the national capital has provided the society with great opportunities to work closely with national institutions and locally it works with ACT Heritage, Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre and Telopea Park School on projects, talks and exhibitions to preserve, promote and share the region's history.

The exhibition will open on Monday 2nd August and will run until Friday 3rd September at the ACT Heritage Library, 255 Canberra Avenue, Fyshwick ACT. FHA are pleased to acknowledge the kind sponsorship of Bytes 'n Colours, The Framing Store and Trinity Law, all of Canberra.

For more information contact [secretary@familyhistoryact.org.au](mailto:secretary@familyhistoryact.org.au)



## Newsflash Special - win, win, win!

August is National Family History Month (NFHM) in Australia and New Zealand. It is the month where many organisations associated with family history hold events to celebrate and advertise their resources. Are you or your organisation holding an event? We encourage you to list your event on our NFHM website – and the bonus is that you may win one of our sponsors products. There are subscriptions, gift vouchers and other items which are desired by family historians.

Visit our website <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au>

If you are an organiser – list your event

If you are interested in family history – check out the programmes in your area or being delivered by audio visual link (mostly zoom)

AFFHO are sponsoring the opening and closing talks which are free – just register and attend on the day. See elsewhere for details.

The following sponsors have donated Prizes:

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The competition for individuals opens on 1 August 2021 and closes on 30 August 2021.

Prizes for the opening and closing events are available to those who register and attend the events.

Prizes available for societies who enter their events

Visit <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/competitions-in-august>

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