



The Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) in conjunction with Central Coast Family History Society (CCFHS) present

2026 Central Coast Regional Seminar

From Classrooms to Courtrooms: Exploring NSW State Archives

Saturday 4 July 2026 – 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

at
**Gosford Lions Community Hall,
3/8 Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford NSW 2250**

RAHS Research Skills Seminar – supported by Create NSW

10:00 am – 3:30 pm

The RAHS and the CCFHS will co-host a regional seminar for genealogists, historians, and researchers, covering a range of resources essential to exploring local and family history.

Participants will learn how to access and use records from the NSW State Archives Collections, including collections that have recently been digitised. Participants will learn about Education records, the Old Register, Small Debts Courts, and how to locate and research State Archives on Ancestry.

- ***The Registers of Assignments and Other Legal Instruments (Old Register)***
- ***Click to Connect: NSW Archives on Ancestry***
- ***Education Records in the NSW State Archives Collection***
- ***Unlocking Local Stories: Small Debts Courts***

Cost: \$25 (includes a morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea)

Bookings essential in advance for catering purposes

For more information and online bookings:

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RAHS Regional Seminar – Program

Session A: Morning

Time	Details
9.45 am	Registrations
10.00 am	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome Introduction to Seminar
10.05 am	Speaker: Carol Liston AO, RAHS President <i>The Registers of Assignments and Other Legal Instruments (Old Register)</i> Discover how to trace early land transactions, legal agreements, appointments of guardians, marriage agreements – even separations – and much more.
11.05 am	Morning tea
11.20 am	Speaker: Christine Yeats, RAHS Senior Vice President <i>Click to Connect: NSW Archives on Ancestry</i> This presentation will demonstrate how to locate and use the NSW State Archives on Ancestry, offering users suggested search strategies and research techniques.
12.20 pm	Lunch break

Session B: Afternoon

Time	Details
1.15 pm	Speaker: Carol Liston AO, RAHS President <i>Education Records in the NSW State Archives Collection</i> This presentation will discuss the use of the NSW State Archives Collection – including teacher records, school registers, and Education Department files – for family and community history.
2.15 pm	Afternoon tea
2.30 pm	Speaker: Christine Yeats, RAHS Senior Vice President <i>Unlocking Local Stories: Small Debts Courts</i> This talk explores the records relating to ‘small debts’, dating from the earliest days of the colony until well into the 20 th century and in the context of local and family history.
3.30 pm	Seminar Close

About the RAHS Regional Seminar Program supported by Create NSW

The program aims to promote the study, writing and dissemination of Australian history. It aims to develop historical expertise in the community that will support history and heritage projects. To learn more about online and regional seminars, grants, RAHS membership and how we can support your history projects, see our website www.rahs.org.au or contact us on (02) 9247 8001.