

PHA NSW & ACT Report for Professional Historians Australia 2022 AGM

PHA NSW & ACT held its AGM on 19 September 2022, and following our election of officers, our association's Chair for 2022-23 is Dr Peter Hobbins, Deputy Chair is Jeff Hopkins-Weise, and Secretary is Alison Wishart.

Despite the continuing impacts of COVID faced through the past year, our association has continued to be active and has continued to offer personal, professional, and political value for our members throughout 2021-22. Currently, our membership is approximately 105 members (at all levels).

Our association's two nominated Delegates for Professional Historians Australia for 2022-23 are Peter Hobbins and Jeff Hopkins-Weise; though we have yet to secure members who are willing be the Alternates and will advise PHA as to any developments here is securing these additional back up representatives to PHA.

PHA NSW and ACT looks forward to working with PHA through our Delegates throughout 2022-23 and look forward to the next national conference during 16–17 September 2023 at the State Library of South Australia in Adelaide.

In 2022-23 PHA NSW & ACT will be moving to the Wild Apricot membership and financial software system. We are grateful for the assistance and advice provided by PHA VIC & TAS in undertaking this change, and note that several other historical associations in NSW have also moved to this platform.

During 2022, the development of several proposed major changes in NSW legislation has occupied the PHA NSW & ACT committee, which has hindered development of the proposed professional education program. With a new committee now elected, this matter will be canvassed for potential action in the coming year.

It was also suggested at the PHA NSW & ACT that, in the spirit of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, that PHAustralia might consider undertaking the formal Reconciliation Action Plan process, which takes approximately 12 months to develop and finalise.