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2024 RAHS CONFERENCE



Windows into Local History

Campbelltown Catholic Club, 26–27 October 2024

The Royal Australian Historical Society is coming to Campbelltown for its 2024 annual conference. The two-day history conference theme is *Windows into Local History*. With its intimate view of the past, local history can broaden and challenge our understanding of Australia's national history. Campbelltown's diverse historic sites, landmarks and festivals make it the perfect location to explore how local histories can enhance our understanding of the past.

RAHS President Dr Iain Stuart says, 'The theme *Windows into Local History* reflects our commitment to uncovering and sharing the rich tapestry of our local communities. I look forward to meeting delegates at the conference and exploring these fascinating stories together.' Our keynote speaker, Emeritus Professor Mark McKenna FAHA, author of several prize-winning books, including *From The Edge: Australia's Lost Histories*, will discuss how changing our focus to a local perspective can challenge and enlarge our view of Australian history.

The conference program features topics on Campbelltown, the Fisher's Ghost Festival, and digital tools and resources to support your history projects. There are also plenty of opportunities to network, including a welcome reception on Friday, 25 October, hosted by the Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. On Sunday, 27 October, we will present the Certificates of Achievement and Appreciation, which recognise the invaluable contributions made by individuals to historical societies throughout NSW.

For more information and to book online, visit <https://www.rahs.org.au/2024-rahs-conference/> or call us on (02) 9247 8001

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