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# CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016

**Price:** \$50 per person **non-refundable** (complete the form inside this brochure)

**Time:** Register from 8.30am. Conference 9am - 4pm.

**Venue:** Bonyngé Concert Hall, Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, 597 High Street Penrith.

**Parking:** Parking in the Civic Centre car park or behind Sinclair Hyundai.

Your ticket includes all presentations, a conference pack, tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Trade tables from local family history and historical groups will be available throughout the day during breaks.

Front cover: Workers at Farley & Lewers Quarry, Castlereagh (Penrith City Library)



## THE MAKINGS OF A CITY: SEX, CRIME & POLITICS— CASTLEREAGH CONNECTIONS

15th Annual History Conference  
12 March 2016

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## A FOCUS ON CASTLEREAGH

Our conference this year focuses on Castlereagh—the earliest settlement area in the City of Penrith. Settlers came down the river from Green Hills (Windsor) to settle on the banks of the Nepean. A close community developed amongst the families in the area, leading to a web of family inter-relationships with scandalous liaisons and flourishing crime.

One of the more notorious family members originating from the Castlereagh area was John Vane, the bushranger, who rampaged around the Cowra and Blayney areas.

By way of contrast to Mr Vane, Sir Arthur Rutledge was born in Castlereagh and went on to become a Methodist minister and then, after settling in Queensland, a respected politician who was instrumental in the push for Queensland to become part of the Commonwealth.

Using Castlereagh's paper and digitised records, we will have a look at the details that can be uncovered in the various government and church records before wrapping up the Conference with a look at the topics we have covered in the first 15 years of our annual history conferences.

We will also remember the local people who served their country and died during 1916.



## OUR SPEAKERS

We welcome **Associate Professor Grace Karskens** as our keynote speaker to talk about the complex family relationships that defined Castlereagh from the early years.

**Craig Bratby** will be looking at the family connections that tied bushranger John Vane to Castlereagh.

**Graham Wilcox** has recently published a book on Old politician Sir Arthur Rutledge and will talk about his early life as a farmer's son in Castlereagh.

Librarian and researcher **Ann-Maree Bonner** will explain the value of the local records held in the Research Room for local and family history research.



Castlereagh Methodist Church and Hall, Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh (Penrith City Library)

Left: Castlereagh General Cemetery, Church Lane Castlereagh c1980s (Penrith City Library)

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

First and last name of attendees (for name tag)

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Price **\$50 per person** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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