

**The Future of Regional Heritage Conference**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**  
**Program**

9.00 – 9.30	Registration & tea/coffee
9.30 – 10.00	Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country, Introduction to Heritage NENW
10.00 – 10.30	Keynote: <b>Julie McCarthy</b> , <i>Future Proofing the Past: Connecting and Protecting Regional Collections.</i>
10.30 – 10.45	Morning tea
10.45 – 12.00	<b>Concurrent Presentations/Panels – Innovations and projects:</b>
	<p><b>A. Museums and collections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Vicki Taylor</b>, <i>Spaces Make Lace - The Janice Jones Collection at McCrossin's Mill Museum, Uralla</i></li> <li>b. <b>Bronwyn Hopwood</b>, <i>What's happening in heritage at the UNE Museum of Antiquities (UNEMA)?</i></li> <li>c. <b>Marie Hobson</b>, <i>How a memorial to Vietnam War veterans at the Gunnedah Water Tower Museum veterans became a tourist attraction</i></li> <li>d. <b>James Warren</b>, <i>Australian Poetry Hall of Fame - Promoting, Preserving Poetry and Prose in Perpetuity</i></li> </ul>
	<p><b>B. Local and family history &amp; events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Martin Gibbs</b>, <i>Remote sensing at the Tabulam mission cemetery</i></li> <li>b. <b>Jody Ekert</b>, <i>Hey Vernon - uncovering forgotten local LGBTQIA history</i></li> <li>c. <b>Rob Taber</b>, <i>The New England Heritage Festival</i></li> <li>d. <b>Wayne Hoppe</b>, <i>Compiling the Armidale Cemetery Index</i></li> </ul>
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch
1.00 – 2.00	Grants and funding possibilities - Lauren Mackley, Arts NW
2.00 – 2.10	Introduction to Round tables
2.10 – 3.15	Concurrent Round tables – Challenges, opportunities & strategies
	A. Museums and collections – Facilitator, Julie McCarthy
	B. Local & family history & other – Facilitator, Wayne Hoppe
3.15 – 3.30	Afternoon tea
3.30 – 4.00	Round tables report back and discussion
4.00 – 4.30	Looking to the future & closing summary – HNENW committee