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February meeting: The guest speaker was Leonie Sheedy who spoke about 'CLAN Orphanages'. Pamphlets and literature about CLAN have been left at the rooms and further information can be found on their website at www.clan.org.au. The raffle was won by Denise O'Connor.



March meeting: Cl. Kathy Neilson took us 'Behind the Fences of Randwick'. With a focus on social history of the area and a map to guide us on our way. One of a number of lovely old houses, now only to be seen in photographs, was a late Victorian mansion, "Holkham", in Alison Road Randwick which was built by Robert and Marianne Richards. Their great-granddaughter, Stephanie Richards, was a special visitor at our meeting. Rayeleen O'Hehir won the raffle.

Left: President Lee Bevan presenting Cl. Neilson with a Certificate of Appreciation

Raffle prizes: Thanks to those many members who have donated prizes for our monthly raffles. Primarily the money raised is used to pay for the rent of the Senior Citizens' Club Hall for the Friday night monthly meetings; but any money over and above this amount helps to pay for other expenses and resources at our rooms.

National Trust Heritage Festival – "Journeys"

12th April to 26th May

As an enthusiastic, regular participant in this festival, Cape Banks FHS will be holding an

Open Day

Saturday 26th April

10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Starting at 11.00am Margaret Phillips will be conducting a free two hour

Beginners' Workshop

Program booklets from the National Trust of NSW are available at the rooms.

Beginners Workshop: This is an ideal way to learn the correct procedure to begin tracing your family and learn of the numerous facilities and records available in this workshop conducted by education officer Margaret Phillips. Please place your name on list in research room to attend the class.

Fashion Parade: CBFHS's annual Fashion Parade will be on Sunday 25th May from 2 to 4pm at the Senior Citizens Club, Alma St, Maroubra. Entrance tickets are \$5 which includes lucky door prizes and afternoon tea. The clothing will be supplied by Julie of "Golden Girl Fashions", the models provided by our members and a percentage of any sales go to CBFHS. A "fitting room" will be set up for trying on clothes and credit card facilities will be available for those who wish to purchase garments. So please support our committee and bring your friends and neighbours along to join in the fun.



Membership Cards: Thanks to all members who have renewed for this year. If you have paid your 2014 fees your current membership card awaits you at the rooms.

Discussion Group/Mini-workshops: Diane Griffin has offered to facilitate a one to two hour session on one Saturday morning each month. This will provide an opportunity for members to share their knowledge and learn from each other about favourite websites and research methods. Topics to be discussed might cover Trove, the 1,185+ Australian databases in Mocavo, free genealogical sites or perhaps focus on e.g. Scottish, New Zealand research to work-shop in one session. If you are interested in being a part of this group and/or have ideas about what would interest you Diane is keen to hear so please contact her at dianegriffin74@hotmail.com



Carss Park Cottage Bus Trip: A bus load of our members and some visitors from the R&DHS had a wonderful outing on Thursday 20th March. The day was blessed with glorious weather to view this historic cottage surrounded by green lawns and perched on a small spit of land surrounded on three sides by the sparkling water of Kogarah Bay. Following an informative and entertaining talk by Janette Hollebhone we were taken for a walk through the grounds by another volunteer, 90 year young Betty, and down through a small part of the 50 acres of Carss Bush Park to the beach front to view the grave of



William Carss and an early First Aid Station. A tour of the cottage and museum followed where we were all impressed by the high standard of the presentation of the exhibits which are maintained by the Kogarah Historical Society. Carss Cottage is a sandstone cottage built in 1865 for William Carss and family and it is the oldest building still standing in the Kogarah area. After lunch we



had a brief but interesting visit to the Sutherland Historical Society Museum where we received another warm welcome from and a guided tour by two of their members.

CBFHS Website: Eric McLaughlin has updated our webpage, renewed our domain name for the next two years and our web-hosting. A new printer has been installed on the Internet computer and the committee has approved the purchase of a Brother Colour Printer. Thank you, Eric, for all your work on the CBFHS computers. Have you checked out our website recently? www.capebanks.org.au



Julie Galpern is now recovering from a foot operation. She has had 3 toes straightened with the help of pins being inserted and a bunion removed. Ouch! Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Julie. And our president, Lee Bevan, has undergone hip surgery in hospital and so we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lee.

Kith and Kin: Another excellent edition of Cape Banks journal has been produced once again by Hazel and Barbara. But the standard can only be maintained by input from you, the members. The next edition of Kith and Kin, due in June, is going to focus on “Autographs” and it’s hard to believe that there is not at least one Autograph Book lurking in your family archives. Other signatures of the famous or infamous may be found on forgotten programmes, photos, sporting paraphernalia or mere scraps of paper. And is there a story to go with any of these autographs or are they remembered for the sentiments expressed? Please send these to hazelbr@optusnet.com.au or bellis@iimetro.com.au Copies of many of those wonderful verses from the autograph books (*By hook or by crook I’ll be last in this book... etc.*) would also be appreciated for an Autograph Display on the big board at the rooms. Please send these to me at linzofcoogee@gmail.com or leave them at the rooms.



Congratulations to CBFHS members, Eileen James and Margot Phillips who have been recently honoured with Life Membership of Randwick and District Historical Society. Both long term members have put in countless hours working on conservation and cataloguing of innumerable historic items as well as being “tea ladies” on numerous occasions. They were presented with their awards by local MP, Bruce Notley-Smith who himself has been a member of the R&DHS since the age of 15!

Duty Book: Librarians are reminded to fill in the duty book to report any problems that may arise while they are on duty or information that needs to be passed onto the committee. Please notify the Librarian on duty of any concerns so these can be noted by them.

World War One Project: The Mayor of Randwick is delighted to offer us assistance with our project to celebrate the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli. The committee had requested his assistance in recording honour rolls in the Council Chambers and other council premises. Lee Bevan is co-ordinating this project and is looking for volunteers to assist with the information gathering and photographs.

Dates to Remember

April

5th Commemoration service at St Peters Graveyard

11th Monthly meeting: - Rookwood in the Family HistoryAge - Dr. Bob Wilson, Rookwood Trust

12th R&DHS Meeting: *Early 19th C. Sydney People and Places – Elizabeth Ellis*

16th Twilight Tour: Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum

26th **Open Day at CBFHS (10 to 4) and Beginners’ Workshop (11 to 1)**

May

9th Monthly meeting: *The Huguenots: the Almost-Forgotten People - Robert Nash*

17th R&DHS Meeting: *History of the Shakespeare Bust from Battysberg, Coogee*

25th CBFHS Fashion Parade

25th Boer War plaque dedication, High Cross Park

June

13th Monthly meeting: *The Icing on the Cake - Annabel Little*

21st R&DHS Meeting: *A History of Racing at Randwick – Hannah Hibbert, AJC Archivist*

New Acquisitions: Librarian, Dianne Walker, has advised of the following new items on our shelves:-

- Phillimore Marriage Register CD: England/Wales: Box 1
- Witnesses who gave Evidence before NSW Parliament Enquiries: 1832 to 1888: CD: NSW Box 2
- “Come with Me” by Joan Fisher; memoirs of a WW2 nurse
- “Hobart Town Gazette and Southern Reporter” Vols III & IV, 3/1/1818 to 25/12/1819. The last two items have been donated by Charmaine Piaud.

Boer War Day: The first of the Boer War Day ceremonies will be held on Sunday, 25th May to dedicate a plaque on the 1925 High Cross Park WW1 memorial, cnr of Avoca St and Belmore Rd Randwick beginning at 10.40 a.m. All are welcome; medals and medallions may be worn. See www.bwm.org.au for further information. This is supported by Randwick City Council and Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL Sub-branch. The NSW State Library has a war memorial website www.warmemorialregister.nsw.gov.au

Illawarra Remembers: 1914 – 2014: The 30th Annual NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference will be hosted by the Illawarra Family History Group at the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow from 12th–14th September 2014. Early Bird registrations opened on 1st March 2014. The website is www.conference2014.org.au The Vincent John Crowe Memorial Address will be presented by Dr Perry McIntyre who has held positions in several historical and genealogical organisations and is currently Chair of the Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee. Also speaking will be Lambis Englezos, an expert on Australia's Great War experience. In 1996 he developed the theory that many Australian Diggers lay in a burial site yet to be found near Fromelles in France which was finally found in 2008.

Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum: Join their Twilight Tour from 6.30 to 9.00pm on Wednesday, 16th April. Enjoy an interactive talking tour and hear about the life and times of Constance Kent and the Road Murder in a talk by guest speaker Dr. Noeline Kyle. It is a wheelchair accessible venue. Entry is \$5 and light refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential by phoning 9387 4412 or by emailing phtna@bigpond.com.au



Duty Roster

	MAY		JUNE
Sat 3 rd	H. Brombey, E. James	Mon 2 nd	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin
Mon 5 th	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Wed 4 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 7 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little	EVENING	M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin
EVENING	M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin	Sat 7 th	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 10 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Mon 9 th	CLOSED: QUEEN'S B'DAY
Mon 12 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 11 th	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 14 th	P. York, C. Jones	Sat 14 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Sat 17 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Mon 16 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 19 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 18 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Wed 21 st	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Sat 21 st	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Sat 24 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Mon 23 rd	J. Robertson, D. McCamley
Mon 26 th	J. Robertson, D. McCamley	Wed 25 th	H. Brombey, V. Little
Wed 28 th	H. Brombey, V. Little	Sat 28 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Sat 31 st	H. Brombey, R. O'Hehir	Mon 30 th	M. Dennis, R. O'Hehir



A reminder about ...

Wednesday evenings: Unfortunately very few members have been turning up on the Wednesday evenings to the point where the viability of an evening opening is being reconsidered. **Eric McLaughlin and Margaret Phillips** are both very experienced and knowledgeable researchers, who are also most willing and able to assist members with work on the computers at the rooms. However, after a long day's work, they both travel quite some distance to open the rooms up for others who, due to work or family commitments are unable to come during the day, and are finding it can be a waste of their precious time if no-one turns up. **So please consider visiting the rooms on a Wednesday evening soon or we may lose this opportunity.**