



# Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### AUGUST IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH



.... so what is happening locally?

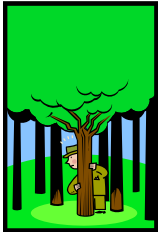
- At our evening monthly meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Smith, OAM will be speaking on "*Lord Sydney & the First Fleeters*". How many Cape Banks FHS members can trace their family history back to the First Fleet?
- Our local State MP, Bruce Notley-Smith, will be addressing the Randwick and District Historical Society members and visitors at Bowen Library on the afternoon of August 16<sup>th</sup> on the "*Notley-Smith Family History*". Bruce's mother, Cape Banks member #329 Gloria, will be there along with other members of his family.
- During the month of August there will be a display of family memorabilia, kindly lent by Cape Banks FHS members, in a glass case in the first floor foyer of Bowen Library. Please let librarians know that you enjoyed the opportunity to "*show our wares*" so that we shall, hopefully, be invited again to put on a display.
- On August 30<sup>th</sup> CBFHS will be holding a **Family History Month Open Day**. All members are encouraged to attend, particularly those who have not been to the rooms for some time, and maybe bring a friend or neighbour who may be interested in starting their own research.



The "*Colonial Afternoon Tea*" at 3 p.m. should be fun with damper and cocky's joy (golden syrup) on the menu as well as an opportunity to socialise. Do think about dressing-up for the occasion.



We "Walked Through The Trees" at the July meeting with some of our members telling stories they have



discovered researching their *Family Trees*. Greeted by the resonant voice of Paul Robeson singing "Trees", co-ordinator, Lesley Potter, further set the tone by a recitation of her version of "I Walk (Talk) through (to) the Trees" (with many apologies to Lerner &

Loewe). Eileen James followed with a slideshow illustrating her research into an ancestor who, in the long run, said she didn't like very much at all! Joan Robertson had found a young relative who was described in an English census as an "idiot or imbecile" and described how she had tracked down, with the aid of a researcher in the UK, what had happened to him. Jayne Goodes has been trying discover more about her father's family and, perhaps, a relationship with our current Australian of the Year and soon-to-be-seen on "Who Do You Think You Are?" Adam Goodes. Margaret Phillips and Eric McLaughlin, at the end of her amusing talk about even *more* of her notorious relations, produced an enormously long roll of paper trying to show us the relationships between all the villains. Altogether a very entertaining evening and thanks to Lesley and all who took part. The raffle was won by a delighted visitor, Freda Backes.

**Vale Shelagh Cook:** Those among us who remember long time member, Shelagh Cook, were saddened to hear of her recent death in Chesalon Nursing Home, Malabar where she had lived since 2011 after some happy years at Maroubra Garden Village retirement complex. Shelagh joined the society in 1987 and was a very active member doing library duty on a regular basis often accompanied by her much loved canine companion, Chelsea and indexing articles of interest in overseas journals. Shelagh was born in Portsmouth, and came to Australia as a child so her family research was all overseas. Long before the UK BDMs were available online or at SAG, Shelagh would make endless trips to the LDS library at Mortdale and generously spend time on many a 'look up' for other members. Shelagh's funeral, which she had organised some years previously, was held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park Chapel.



**Discussion Group #1:** The discussion group about TROVE was a great success with about fifteen attendees. Dianne Griffin was the organiser and had some print outs of various ways to search Trove and those experienced with this website were encouraged to contribute to the discussion. A demonstration of Trove was done on the computer at the end of the session which was mainly for the

novices. Dianne had made up packs of information for each person which included some sweets to nibble on and Lesley Potter had "the lucky number" so won a whole chocolate, which she benevolently shared around. Congratulations and a big thank you to Dianne for all her efforts to make this inaugural group discussion the informative and enjoyable event it was.

**Discussion Group #2:** will be on Saturday 27th



September 2014 and our webmaster, Eric McLaughlin has volunteered to co-ordinate the session and lead the discussion. The focus will be on computer software for Family History researchers.

Topics for discussion will include "What software is available to record your research? Why did you select this software? How much of your research material do you include in the software database?"

**Our website** has recently been updated by Eric and a new computer installed. Thanks to Eric for his time performing these tasks along with installing some new software and fixing a faulty computer.

**Cheshire FHS** has ceased publishing a hard copy of their journal so Yvonne Jones has kindly offered to pass on her journals to keep in our rooms. She has expertise in UK research as well as local issues. Your generosity is appreciated, Yvonne.

100's Club winners to this date are:-

Week 1: #769 Margaret Tremaine

Week 2: # 655 Margot Phillips

Week 3: # 534 Jean & Debra McDonald



**Bus Trip to Parramatta** is booked for Thursday 18th September. A 45 min guided tour of the Female Orphan School and the Whitlam Institute in the grounds of the University of Western Sydney, an "unguided" heritage walk (*but with map*) through the historic grounds and a visit to St Patrick's cemetery are the planned highlights of this trip. The cost of \$20 includes the tour and bus trip. You can bring your own lunch, buy a wrap or sandwich at the kiosk or, for those who want their cappuccino in a *real* cup and/or a sit-down meal, there is The Boilerhouse Restaurant and adjacent chimney stack which were constructed in 1894 from finely crafted sandstock brick and contain a number of artefacts of historical significance. Please place your name on the list in the research room and make payment of \$20 by Saturday 6th September. The



maximum number is 18 people so book and pay early if you want a seat. The bus departs at 9.00am from the front of Uniting Church, Anzac Parade, Maroubra.

**The Female Orphan School and Heritage Walk:** - *The Female Orphan School* building is significant as the first purpose built charitable institution in Australia. Construction of the building commenced in 1813 and was modelled on Airds, Elizabeth Macquarie's Scottish childhood home. The girls who were raised there were given a basic education in reading, writing and needlework. *The Orphan School Hospital*, 1854, was built as a part of the expansion to accommodate boys as well as girls on one site. *The Infants and Primary School House*, 1870, provided separate classrooms for boys, girls and infants. In 1888 the site became the Rydalmere Psychiatric Hospital which ceased operation in the 1980s. *The Vernon Building*, built between 1904-1908, accommodated the wards for female patients. The heritage walk commences at the edge of the Parramatta River and is through beautifully landscaped grounds. No records are held for any orphans or patients here but can be searched at State Records at [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)

**Orphans:** I had always understood an orphan was a child who had lost *both* parents or "*bereaved of them*" as the dictionaries put it. But be aware if you find the term "orphan" in one of your searches as in Victorian times an orphan was someone who had lost *one or both* parents. This definition is still used today by institutions such as UNICEF.

**St Patrick's Cemetery** at Parramatta is the oldest undisturbed Catholic cemetery in Australia. As far back as 1822 Father John Therry was attempting to procure a separate site and a block of land was secured for this purpose in 1826. However there are three headstones dated 1824 so Parramatta's Catholics appear to have had a cemetery before they had a church. There is a book on this cemetery, Number 88 in the June Adams' Collection at the rooms, which is well worth perusing if you are if going on our bus trip.



**Membership Renewal Forms for 2014-15** will be attached to the September issue of Kith & Kin. As well as the usual information you will be asked for your email address. This item is optional but, if you would like to be included on our "*soon-to-be-up-and-running*" data-base of members, do let us know. Be assured that this will be used only by our committee to alert members to items or events of interest and will not be shared with any other organisation.

**Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park** was recently visited by President Lee Bevan with Mr Les Bursiel who had obtained an aerial photograph of the Pioneer Memorial Park. Upon scrutiny it was revealed there was

something underneath the head stones there. They intend to conduct a dig to see if they can discover what the 'bumps' may be and will keep us informed of their progress.

**Hyde Park Barracks** has emerging exciting news from the archaeologists investigating the stories of 40,000 women who immigrated from England and Ireland who passed through these barracks c. 1860s. Watch this space! But probably watching the ABC (*before the gov't gets rid of it*) will keep you more up to date.

**Australian War Memorial: Treasures from a Century of Collecting** tells the story of how the Memorial's



collection developed since its beginnings in the First World War including personal souvenirs, diaries, letters, photographs and paintings. Author, Nola Anderson, is the cousin of CBFHS member, Denise O'Connor who tells us that, before resigning in

2012 to establish her own Museum Consultancy, Nola had worked at the Memorial for 25 years, most recently as Acting Director and before that, 8 years as Assistant Director, National Collections.

**World War 1 commemorations:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 will mark 100 years since the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force seized the German wireless station at Rabaul along with the loss of HMA Submarine AE1. They then took possession of German New Guinea at Toma on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1914. There will be a Dawn Service at Bita Paka. For more details go to [www.kokodahistorical.com.au/ANMEF](http://www.kokodahistorical.com.au/ANMEF)

**World War One Project:** Our own CBFHS project has over 2,000 names listed so far. If you are aware of any memorials or honour boards in your local school, church, club or elsewhere please let Lee Bevan know.

**Other materials** that may interest members are a book available from Lithgow FHS, "*Long March from Lithgow*" (\$50) and a CD from Kiama FHS about inmates in *Wollongong Jail* from the period 1866-1915 (\$30). Purchase details are at the rooms.

**The Discovery catalogue** is a comprehensive online catalogue of archival records across the UK and beyond from which you can search 32 million records. It has been recently updated and changed its website to [beta.discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://beta.discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk) so is worth a re-visit if you thought you had already exhausted it. They boast 22 million records in their archives, 10 million from other archives and 9 million are downloadable. It is also simple to find your way around the site.

# ***Dates for your diary***

## August

### Family History Month

4<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the commencement of World War One

8<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: Lord Sydney & the First Fleeters – Dennis Smith, OAM

16<sup>th</sup> R&DHS Meeting: Notley-Smith Family History – Bruce Notley-Smith, MP

30<sup>th</sup> Open Day: 3 p.m. Colonial Afternoon Tea at Cape Banks Rooms and “gardens”

## September

6<sup>th</sup> CBFHS Writers Group

12<sup>th</sup> An Irish Journey that leads to DNA Testing – Barbara Wimble, Botany Bay FHS

12<sup>th</sup> Kith & Kin Sept issue with Membership renewal form for 2014-15

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Conference, Fairy Meadow

13<sup>th</sup> R&DHS Meeting: Local WW1 enlistments– National Archives of Australia

18<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Female Orphan School at UWS and St Patrick’s Cemetery, Parramatta



27<sup>th</sup> Discussion Group: Computer Software for Family Historians

## October

10<sup>th</sup> Membership renewal for 2014-15 due to be eligible for voting at the AGM

10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of CBFHS Inc.

# ***Duty Roster***

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, E. James	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	J. Robertson, D. McCamley	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	J. Robertson, D. McCamley
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	M. Dennis, R. O’Hehir	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	J. Gallagher, L. Potter

## ***Early Colonists***

Referring to the question on page 1,

“How many Cape Banks FHS members can trace their family history back to the First Fleet?”

If you are one of these fortunate ones, or can go back to the Second or Third Fleet, please let me know at [linzofcoogee@gmail.com](mailto:linzofcoogee@gmail.com) or leave me a note so we can update our records for the next newsletter.