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November Meeting: Our guest speaker was our own Lesley Potter who revealed information about ancestors of our members, Malcolm Robertson, Barbara Ellis and Eileen James who were amongst the colonial midwives Lesley is researching. The raffle was won by Rayeleen O’Hehir. We were informed that the new Mayor of Randwick, Scott Nash, has graciously accepted the role of patron of Cape Banks FHS Inc throughout his mayoral term.

Christmas Party: Our celebration for Christmas, on 13th December, was well attend by a colourful, cheerful and rather smart crowd judging by the speed with which the winners of the various competitions completed the mind-bending tasks and claimed their “glittering” prizes (*well, boxes of shortbread actually but at least the tinsel glittered!*) There were too many of these winners to list; however other significant winners were:-

Kith and Kin Award, 2013: Eileen James was presented with this award for her article ‘*Bridget Campbell née Whittaker, 1850-1954 or ... another Treasure from Trove*’ which appeared in the September, 2013 issue of Kith & Kin. Congratulations Eileen!



Lucky Door Prize: Jayne Goodes
Best Dressed Male: Phil Bell
Best Dressed Female: Rayeleen O’Hehir
all pictured at left with elfin Dianne Griffin.



Christmas Hamper Raffle: Many thanks to all those members who contributed goodies for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. For, as you can see, it made a lot of people happy.

1st Bob Tonazzi
4th Lindsay Harden
7th Helen Fatouros
10th Barbara Chapman
13th Tony Walker

2nd Barbara Ellis
5th June Fleming
8th Joan Robertson
11th Jeanette Napper
14th Lorraine Wood

3rd Phil York
6th Bob Lo Presto
9th Dianne Walker
12th Charmaine Piaud



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.

Clean-up Day was on January 12th. Thanks to Julie Galpern, Lee Bevan, Lesley Potter, Bob Tonazzi, Verna Little, Lindsay Harden, Helen Fatouros, Margaret Morscheck, Eric McLaughlin, Jayne Goodes, Jennifer Nance, Rayeleen O’Hehir and Rossie Van de Sandt for all their hard work, to John Bevan for feeding the hungry workers, to Anne Collings for a mountain of scones and to Rhonda Horne for being the “quality controller”. Apologies if anyone has been left out but not all helpers signed the book.

Culled Magazines and Journals: Since CBFHS exchanges journals with many other societies in Australia and England, the boxes on our shelves had begun to bulge alarmingly and, as there is not room to “archive” these items at the rooms, they have been culled leaving only journals and magazines from the last five years. From Queensland to Kent, from South Australia to Surrey – and all bundled up with tape – are these items looking for a home. Please take any of these from locations that interest you. Any left at the end of this month will, sadly, go into the recycling bin.



Christmas Lunch: Many thanks to Margaret Morscheck for organising this function for members’ enjoyment last November at the Coast Golf Club. Delicious food and delightful company! What more could you want?



Findmypast subscription. A trial of the UK edition of *Findmypast* will be available in the research room from 1st February until the end of our current Australian subscription in May. Please make use of this facility. Your feedback is welcome and it will be invaluable in the decision as to the future of continued subscriptions.

Trade Fair: Botany Bay Family History Society will be holding a Trade Fair on Saturday 29th March at the “Tradies” Club, Gymea. Cape Banks FHS have booked a Trade Table to provide information about CBFHS and to sell our books and CDs. Helpers are welcome.

Yvonne Jones is a long-term member of Cape Banks FHS and is an experienced, enthusiastic and professional genealogist who does local research for UK clients through Sovereign Ancestry and they provide a reciprocal service through Yvonne for e.g. location photography. Their research services are available throughout Europe as well as the UK. Yvonne offers a discount for Cape Banks members and she can be contacted at vonniej@bigpond.com



Carss Park Cottage Bus Trip: Thursday 20th March. The bus will depart from outside the Uniting Church in Anzac Pde Maroubra at 9.00am. The cost of \$20.00 includes a tour of the cottage and museum, morning tea and a history talk. Carss Cottage is a sandstone cottage built in 1865 for William Carss and family. It is the oldest building still standing in the Kogarah area and houses a Museum focusing on local history, run by Kogarah Historical Society. Lunch will be at St George Rugby League Club at your own cost. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the

Sutherland Historical Society Museum to hear about historical elements of Sutherland Shire. Please add your name to the list at the rooms if you wish to join this excursion. Early payment would be appreciated.

St Peters Graveyard: To commemorate the 175th anniversary of the first burial here, permanent information panels installed in the graveyard are to be unveiled at 2pm on Saturday, 5th April followed by a graveyard walk. At 2.30 there will be a PowerPoint presentation on Victorian death and mourning and an organ recital at 3.00. Afternoon tea and a sausage sizzle will be available and all visitors are welcome.

Rookwood Cemetery: Keep an eye out in the new series of ‘*Rake*’ (starting soon on ABC1 and starring the gorgeous Richard Roxburgh) for scenes in this historic cemetery. Heritage Walks and Theme tours are run regularly by the Friends of Rookwood, usually on the first Sunday of each month, at a cost of \$15 p.p. Highlights include the history of the Mortuary Station where trains used to bring caskets, mourners and visitors there from 1868 to 1948.



Transcription agent, Marilyn Rowan, has a new web site <http://nswtranscriptions.com.au/> as of 1 October 2013.



Get Well Wishes: Commiserations to Shirley Harper who is nursing a very painful leg and also our best wishes to Ann Henderson for her continuing recovery. Please remember to advise us if any of our members are on the “sick list” as there are always others who are willing to help even if it only cheering up.

Randwick & District Historical Society: The dates for the R&DHS Meetings are listed in our *Dates to Remember* as many of their talks are of interest to our members. The talks commence at 2 pm and are held at the Vonnie Young Auditorium, 1st floor, Bowen Library. Afternoon tea is served after the talk in the R&DHS rooms on Level 2; a gold coin donation is appreciated.

Bombing of Darwin Day: 19th February is the national day of observance. The city of Darwin commemorates this anniversary each year honouring those lives lost in the series of Japanese air raids across Northern Australia in 1942 with more bombs dropped on that city than on Pearl Harbour. Find out more at www.frontlineaustralia.com.au.

Dates to Remember

February

14th Monthly meeting: *CLAN Orphanages - Leonie Sheedy*

15th R&DHS Meeting: *History and archives of NIDA* – Julia Mant, NIDA Archivist

19th Bombing of Darwin Day

March

14th Monthly meeting: *Behind the Fences of Randwick - Cl. Kathy Neilson*

20th Bus Trip: *Carss Park Cottage*

29th Botany Bay FHS Trade Fair, Gymea

April

5th Commemoration service at St Peters Graveyard

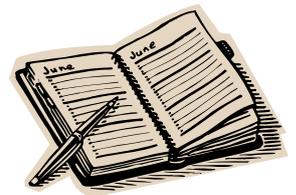
12th Monthly meeting: - *Rookwood in the Family History Age - Dr. Bob Wilson, Chair, Rookwood Trust*

15th R&DHS Meeting: *Early 19th C. Sydney People and Places* – Elizabeth Ellis

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*



Resources: Your Randwick Library card now gives you free access to the State Library's amazing resources anytime, anywhere! Bookmark 'resources' on your library website for quick access to millions of newspapers, articles, journals, encyclopaedias, ebooks and much more. Visit one of the Randwick libraries or go to www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library for further information.



Movie Classics DVDs: Amongst the DVD collection at Bowen Library was found 'Under Capricorn'; an Alfred Hitchcock movie set in 1830s Australia, filmed in Technicolor (but not on location here) starring Ingrid Bergman, Joseph Cotton and Michael Wilding with not an Aussie actor in sight nor accent in earshot. A most intriguing view of Australian colonial society as seen by Hollywood in 1949.

Artist Colony: This exhibition at the State Library of NSW will feature a lavish showcase of 100 rich and evocative natural history drawings created by colonial artists, known and unknown. It reveals the first visual impressions which inspired a wave of drawing and collecting and the extraordinary artistic culture that emerged out of the early colony's harsh and unforgiving environment. What did your ancestors see? From 1st March to 11th May, 2014.

Smoke Alarm assistance: Fire and Rescue NSW says that working smoke alarms are vital in all homes. One in three fire-related deaths in NSW have been among the over 65 age group and Fire and Rescue NSW will replace smoke alarm batteries or smoke alarms for people who have difficulty doing this. SABRE (Smoke Alarm and Battery Replacement) is aimed at frail aged people aged over 65 and/or people with disabilities or those who receive community assistance services. Eligible residents should ring 1800 151 614 or contact their local fire station. The service is free but residents must supply the battery or smoke alarm.

Paper conservation: The Institute of Conservators (ICON) UK has a large section on how to care for various objects and records. www.icon.org.uk

Irish Databases:

- <http://www.guinness-storehouse.com/en/GenealogySearch.aspx>: Guinness Archive Index, 1824-2002, Dublin
- <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/> Census of Ireland 1901/1911. The National Archives of Ireland

American websites:

- To learn more about the history of the American Revolution, visit the website of the museum dedicated to it at Yorktown, Virginia on www.historyisfun.org
- Across the USA communities are working to ensure that historic burial grounds are saved. Go to the Association for Gravestone Studies, Greenfield MA online at www.gravestonestudies.org for some fascinating information.
- If you can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution you are eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution which has 173,000 members worldwide. Further information can be found at www.dar.org

Mail Contracts NSW 1861: One of our members has had success here. The following partnership must have had one of the most lucrative routes. “William Crane and J. J. Roberts, Parramatta Railway Terminus, and Post Office and Penrith, twice a day; Penrith, Hartley, and Bathurst, six days; Bathurst and Sofala, three days; Hartley and Mudgee, six days; with branch Post from Kean's Swamp to Rylstone, three days, and Bathurst, Gulgong, and Orange, six days, per week for £3250.” <http://www.familytreecircles.com/mail-contracts-new-south-wales-1861-56167.html>

Opening Hours at CBFHS: The rooms are open for research three afternoons a week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 1.00 pm to 4 pm and the first Wednesday night each month. Our gratitude to the following volunteers who regularly fulfill the task of running the rooms and providing assistance when needed by members and visitors.



Duty Roster

MARCH		APRIL	
Sat 1 st	H. Brombey, E. James	Wed 2 nd	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Mon 3 rd	M. Morscheck, L. Bevan	EVENING	M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin
Wed 5 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Sat 5 th	H. Brombey, E. James
EVENING	M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin	Mon 7 th	M. Morscheck, R. O’Hehir
Sat 8 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Wed 9 th	P. York, C. Jones
Mon 10 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Sat 12 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Wed 12 th	P. York, C. Jones	Mon 14 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Sat 15 ^h	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Wed 16 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Mon 17 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Sat 19 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Wed 19 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Mon 21 st	CLOSED: EASTER MONDAY
Sat 22 nd	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Wed 23 rd	H. Brombey, V. Little
Mon 24 th	J. Robertson, D. McCamley	Sat 26 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Wed 26 th	H. Brombey, V. Little	Mon 28 th	J. Robertson, D. McCamley
Sat 29 th	H. Brombey, L. Bevan	Wed 30 th	J. Gallagher, L. Potter
Mon 31 st	M. Dennis, R. O’Hehir		



Full use was made of the special talents of all the cheery volunteers on Clean-Up Day.

