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NEWSLETTER

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Starting tonight, 10th July, our monthly meetings will be held in the Vonnie Young Auditorium on the first floor at Bowen Library. Due to a very generous and supportive offer from

the library management this change of venue has been made after thirty years * at the Maroubra Senior Citizens' Club (* *Shirley Harper, Kith & Kin, June 2015, p.6*). The meetings will be starting half an hour earlier i.e. at 7.00pm as the library closes at 9.00 p.m. So we shall need to be packed up and cleared away before then as I am sure no-one wants to be locked up in the Vonnie Young Auditorium overnight! There is some parking available in the carpark, entered from Gale Road, including two disabled spots and disabled access via the lift.

Review of changes: Due to reservations of some committee members about these arrangements, a review of this change of venue will be held after four months. So, although the booking for the Maroubra Senior Citizens' Club have been put on hold, the Spring Fashion Parade in November will definitely be held there. For further updates – *Watch this space!* - &/or ensure your email address is included on the Cape Banks email list.



100's Club: Let's hope you all have paid for your 100's Club ticket as the first draw is this Monday, 13th July. Good luck!

Dianne Griffin has had to resign, with regret, from the committee due to health problems. Dianne's contributions to our society have been greatly appreciated and, although no longer on the committee, CBFHS members will continue to benefit from her scholarship and wisdom. Thank you, Dianne.

Glass Cabinet Display: Items are required once again for a CBFHS display in the glass cabinet on the first floor foyer at Bowen Library

during Family History Month, August 2015. We are seeking items of interest passed down through families which are representative of an age rather than of monetary value. Last year such things as a Box Brownie camera, a shaving mug, a 1940s baby rattle, a 1904 Midwives Q & A book, a Victorian mourning brooch and various pieces of china attracted a lot of interest from the public and librarians. However we want nothing of a 'military nature' at this time as we anticipate needing them for displays in the future. If you have an item you would be happy to lend please leave a message at the rooms or contact me at linzofcoogee@gmail.com or the secretary at secretary@capebanks.org.au



New Roof: The Scouts have replaced our old, leaky roof and have some further work to do on the guttering etc. While this work was being done it required all book shelves, cupboards, computers, micro-fiche readers and other equipment to be packed up and covered by plastic tarpaulins. Then, a few days later the interior had to be cleaned of all the detritus that had fallen with the removal of the old roof before the tarpaulins were removed and then books and equipment put back into place. Many thanks to the Dianne Walker, Helen Fatouros, Rossie van der Sandt, Cheryl Humphries, Eric McLaughlin, Lee Bevan, Lindsay Harden, Margaret Dennis and Verna Little who volunteered to help at one or both of these busy-buzzy working bees.



Guest Speakers: How lucky are we to have such wonderful speakers addressing our meetings? Thanks to Lesley Potter, with some help and suggestions from others, we have had a diverse and fascinating program of speakers with the last two also presenting us with some entertaining video clips.

May Meeting: Guest speaker, Einar Docker, gave us a fascinating insight into his family's history. Blessed with the inheritance of boxes full of family newspaper clippings, fragments of film, photos and BDM records, he has been able to enhance these due to his profession as an archivist recently at the Powerhouse Museum and currently at the Art Gallery of NSW. On SIX maps <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/> (only on Chrome or Firefox) he found 1943 aerial shots of his family home in the once sandhills of South Coogee: well worth investigating. We also were shown film footage from T3 MEDIA, firstly of squatters, including his parents, post WW2 occupying the vast and vacant Maramanah mansion at Kings X - http://www.t3licensing.com/license/clip/48050068_7200.do . Whilst searching on this same site he searched for Cape Banks and found some short but amazing footage of the 1930s squatter's homes in Happy Valley - http://www.t3licensing.com/license/clip/48050068_9200.do?assetId=clip_8863372&keywords=squatters

Mothers' Day Raffle: Phil Bell was sure to be popular with his female relations having won a lovely basketful of Avon products provided per courtesy of member, Debbie Riley. The coffee & chocolate June raffle was won by Margaret Allen.

June Meeting: Well-known by many of our members was the ebullient and irrepressible Joy Hruby OAM who came to present her "Joy's World" team's latest production "A School is Born; La Perouse Public School; 1868-1900". Due to the desire of Michael McDermott for his children to receive an education, as the resident Customs Officer of the La Perouse Watchtower, the first school was started there in 1868. Beginning with 25



pupils, it was originally named Botany Heads Provision School (later La Perouse Public School). It was the first school in Australia to enrol Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children. The production contained some wonderful old photos of

the area and a play, written and produced by Joy, which steered us engagingly through the development of the early school and its teachers.

New Resources: Three new small, informative and practical books have been purchased from the 'Unlock the Past' series.

- *Where do I Start? A brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks.
- *Buried Treasure: What's in the English parish chest* by Paul Milner
- *Discover English Parish Registers* by Paul Milner - plus
- *Anzac Girls. The story of Australia's WW1 Nurses* (as seen on ABCTV) by Peter Rees (Donated by Phil Bell)



Sick List: Eileen James, Margot Philips, Helen Fatouros and Clarry Jones have all been reported to be on the sick list and, considering the wintry weather, there are probably more of you we don't know about

who haven't been 100%. So do look after yourselves and "Get Well Soon".

Kith & Kin: What a great addition this journal is to our knowledge and reading enjoyment! I never can wait to sit down with the cup of tea (or glass of wine!) with the latest edition. However it will not continue to be fascinating to us all without contributions from YOU - our members! Articles are desperately needed to keep up the high quality produced by editors, Hazel Brombey and Barbara Ellis. Don't be wary of writing one of your family stories: just do it! Or join us at the Writers' Group on the first Saturday of each month at 11 to 1.00 for encouragement &/or inspiration. Hazel advises that articles written in your own "voice" have great appeal to the readers.

Research inquiries from new member, Thistle Anderson were a welcome addition to the June Kith & Kin. Not only do these give some new names for our members to check but they also go to all the other societies that swap journals with Cape Banks FHS. So do take advantage of this great way to get your information out to other potential contacts for you. Details can be left on the appropriate form at the rooms or sent to Hazel at hazelbr@livemail.com.au

Bus Trip: The date of the next bus trip has been changed from 6th August to Thursday 12th November. Suggestions of venues would be welcomed by the committee.



Kingsford Markets proved to be the right place and the right time for Clarry Jones last month. An old picture frame caught his eye and, disregarding the photo enclosed in it, when the dealer quoted him \$2 Clarry cheerfully paid up. It wasn't until later that he read the names of the people in the photo all neatly listed on the back that he realised they were the Cullen Family and distant relations. Just meant to be, Clarry.

Discussion Group: Photos In June Eric McLaughlin led a discussion about how photographs could help with



family history research. Books and magazines that help date photos accordingly e.g. clothing or hair styles were presented. With studio photos it can help to date the studio; Malcolm Robertson found a website at Cambridge University

that can help with studios from all over the British Commonwealth. Try

http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/rcs_photo_project

The NSW State Library has some interesting exhibitions lined up for winter. "Physie" has photographs of the Bjelke-Peterson Physical Culture Groups taken by Sam Hood in the 1930s and current ones by photographer Lyndal Irons. More photographs are in "Crowd Source" which are candid shots of Sydney people taken in the late 19th century by Arthur Syer. Inspiring the crowds will be the "inspiration by Design" on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London supplemented by "Australian Inspiration". Acknowledging International Map Year 2015-2016 is a display of early 1890s Sydney Suburban Borough Maps by Higinbotham & Robinson drawn from the recently digitised map collection.

Essential Embroidery will personalise one of your garments with the Cape Banks logo for \$10. You may have seen shirts and tops being worn at the rooms and these always receive favourable comments when worn by members at conferences and forums. You can drop



your garment into Essential embroidery at 92 Bronte Road, Bondi Junction Ph: 9386 1401 Mobile: 0425 332 420. Or leave it, clearly labelled with your name, at the Research Rooms.

Australian Turf Club Exhibition: Mounted (*pardon the pun*) by the A.T.C. in the museum space at Bowen Library, this fascinating collection is from their archive. It includes historical photographs and memorabilia which provide insight into the characters who shaped the club in its formative years as the Australian Jockey Club (AJC) which is all a part of Randwick's famous sporting history. A must for all punters and horse lovers.



The Department of Veterans' Affairs has developed a fabulous website about Australians on the Western Front, 1914 -1918. Called the 'Australian Remembrance Trail in France and Belgium' it links sites of the most significant Australian battles of the First World War. Developed by the Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs in partnership with local French and Belgian communities, councils and regional governments, the Trail project is very easy to find your way around and has clear precise information. Photos from then and now of people, towns, memorials – brief anecdotes and explanations of what occurred at any of the many places covered are sure to keep any visitor to this site occupied for some time.

www.wv1westernfront.gov.au is recommended for arm-chair travellers as well as those able to make the actual trip.

Maitland's Gallipoli Campaign: Like many towns throughout Australia, Maitland answered the call for men to enlist for service in the Great War. This book has chronicled some of the men and women of Maitland who enlisted and participated in the Gallipoli Campaign. Copies can be purchased at \$50 each, plus \$15 p & h from Maitland & District Genealogical Society PO Box 247, Maitland, NSW, 2320

Find My Past placed 2.5 million records from school admission registers and logbooks online some months ago. Now a further 2 million records have been added. All records previously available at *Origins* website are now at Findmypast, and all remaining subscribers have been transferred to Findmypast. Recently Findmypast.co.uk, uploaded over 1 million records of apprenticeships 1710-1808 which includes masters as well as apprentices and 2.5 million records from Dublin Workhouse Admission & Discharge Registers and Minute Books but are only available with a world subscription.

Dates to Remember

July

10th Monthly meeting at Bowen Library: "Writing Your Family History with emphasis on writing about Childhood" – Dr Noelene Kyle

18th R&DHS Meeting: *Eventual Poppy Day* – Libby Hathorn

~ ~ FAMILY HISTORY MONTH ~ ~

August

14th Monthly meeting at Bowen Library: "Furnishing Your Ancestor's House" – Christine Yeats

15th R&DHS Meeting: *Local Family History celebrity* – Matt Thistlewaite, MP

September

11th Monthly meeting at Bowen Library: "The Black Sheep in My Family" – CBFHS Members

11th to 13th NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF Family History Societies
Annual Conference,
Panthers Port Macquarie

12th R&DHS Meeting: *University of Sydney alumni who served in WW1* – Cate Storey, USYD



Duty Roster

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Wed 2 nd	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Sat 3 rd	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 5 th	H. Brombey, E. James	Mon 5 th	CLOSED
Mon 7 th	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Wed 7 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 9 th	P. York, C. Jones	Sat 10 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Sat 12 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Mon 12 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 14 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 14 th	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 16 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Sat 15 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Sat 19 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Mon 19 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 21 st	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 21 st	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Wed 23 rd	H. Brombey, V. Little	Sat 24 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Sat 26 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Mon 26 th	J. Robertson, R. O'Hehir
Mon 28 th	J. Robertson, R. O'Hehir	Wed 28 th	H. Brombey, V. Little
Wed 30 th	J. Gallagher, L. Potter	Sat 31 st	H. Brombey, L. Bevan