



# Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Easter Raffle:** A very happy Debbie Riley won our Easter Raffle which was a lovely glass bowl full to the brim with Easter eggs. Debbie is a worthy recipient as she is also a most generous donor of Avon prizes for special occasions of CBFHS. Congratulations, Debbie!

**April Meeting:** Bob Wilson, Chairman of the Rookwood Cemetery Trust, was our guest speaker. In 2012 the NSW Government merged five trusts at Rookwood into one and he was appointed to lead this team. From the first burial in 1867 Rookwood when beautiful gardens were laid out by eminent horticulturalists, the 190 hectares have catered to 189 different cultural and religious groups requiring 14 different styles of burial. Over these years the records have been severely neglected but, being a genealogist himself, Bob has promised that a new computer system is on its way which will be very user-friendly for family historians.



*Bob Wilson with his wife, Dr Joy Wilson*

**Boer War Day:** The first of the Boer War Day ceremonies will be held on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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. See [www.bwm.org.au](http://www.bwm.org.au) for further information. This is supported by Randwick City Council and Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL Sub-branch. Cape Banks FHS will be represented by members of the committee but all are welcome.

### **Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.**

#### **Fashion Parade**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2 to 4pm**

**Senior Citizens Centre, Alma St, Maroubra**



**Fashion Parade:** CBFHS's annual Fashion Parade will be on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 data bases 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](mailto:dianegriffin74@hotmail.com)



**The 100 club:** Attached to their June copy of "Kith & Kin", members will receive a ticket containing ten numbers which gives the ticket holder ten chances to win in each draw. The prize each week for nine weeks is \$20 and for week ten \$100. The cost of the ticket is \$10.

The winning number each week is based on the winning number of the first lottery drawn each week and the last three figures of that number constitutes the winning number for our draw. A list of winners will appear in the Newsletter and on the notice board in the research room.

Members are under no obligation to buy the 100 club ticket, but we hope you will, as the money raised makes an important contribution to the running of the society. If for some reason you feel unable to purchase the ticket, please let one of the organisers know as soon as possible. Contacts: Lee Bevan 9661 4214 or Joan Robertson 9349 4476.

**Lost Cousins:** This is a free website many of you will know; but for others it is well worth checking out. It has regular, informative newsletters with all sorts of interesting tit-bits, mainly English but with references all over the world. As they say about themselves, "*You've found your relatives on the census.... now let us find your 'lost cousins'!*" the idea being that if you have found relatives who were recorded on the 1881 UK census you can enter their details and "*...let our 100% accurate automatic matching system do the rest!*" So if other researchers share your ancestors they'll put you in touch without publishing any information online. A third of their matches involve cousins on different continents and best of all it is free. [www.LostCousins.com](http://www.LostCousins.com)

**Cricket Tragic**s will love the current exhibition in the museum space at Bowen Library. The Randwick Petersham Cricket Story, going back to early last century, is told in writing and by many photos, posters and documents. On show is cricket memorabilia such as trophies, pennants and club uniforms plus Australian Team items from Simon Katich and Nathan Hauritz. But local & family historians will probably be more interested in the contents of the '*Subscription Book 1904 – 1930*'. The exhibition is on until May 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Toys Through Time** will be the topic of the next exhibition at Bowen, opening 10 June through to 31 August. The curator is seeking toys, games or related memorabilia to be included for this display. Please ring 9314 4888 or go to [www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library) if you can contribute.

**Sands Directories online:** The City of Sydney Archives has made the complete set of Sands available and searchable online. <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/history/search-our-collections/sands-directory>. Access is free. The firm of John Sands Ltd (Printers and Stationers) published their directory each year from 1858-59 to 1932-33 (except for 1872, 1874, 1878 and 1881). The household and business information it contains has become a fundamental source for research into Sydney history, especially family history. Until now the directory has usually been accessed through a microfiche edition made by WF Pascoe Ltd which is available at many public libraries. The City of Sydney has now obtained a complete digital edition of the directory from WF Pascoe, scanned from the microfiche, and is making it available for public access through this website.



**World War 1 Centenary Project:** The focus has changed to encompass all conflicts involving the defence forces of Australia. Local churches, schools, RSL and sporting clubs are to be contacted seeking out memorials and honour rolls on display in any of these institutions and we seek your help in finding any relevant items within our local area. Lee Bevan is co-ordinating this project and is looking for volunteers to assist with the information gathering, photographs and data entry.

**Sick List:** Anne Henderson has made good progress but needs continuing rehabilitation. Shirley Harper has had a "minor procedure" from which she is recovering slowly with the stoic attitude we have come to expect of her. Gwen Crane has also had a few days in POW hospital after a fall so our best wishes to you all and stay strong, ladies! Cape Banks president, Lee Bevan, and secretary, Helen Fatouros, are both '*back on deck*' after recent spells in hospital but, hopefully, will take things a little slowly for a while until 100% well. Good news about Julie Galpern who is literally back on her feet. Just goes to prove, once again, that you can't keep these great women down!



**Open Day** at Cape Banks was on April 26<sup>th</sup> and there was a good roll-up for the Beginners' Workshop run by our Education Officer, Margaret Phillips. Not all participants were 'beginners', some members of longer-standing attending for a "refresher", knowing that our Margaret's presentations are always refreshing! Also attending were visitors, Fiona Archinal and Christine Daniels who both joined CBFHS after the workshop. So welcome Fiona and Christine and good luck with your research.



**Autograph Display:** 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 be appreciated for an Autograph Display on the big board at the rooms. Please send these to me or contact me re the loan of these precious items at [linzofcoogee@gmail.com](mailto:linzofcoogee@gmail.com) or leave them at the rooms.

**Illawarra Remembers: 1914 - 2014:** The 30<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>– 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Early Bird registrations opened on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The website is [www.conference2014.org.au](http://www.conference2014.org.au)

## ***Dates for your diary***

May

9<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *The Huguenots: the Almost-Forgotten People* - Robert Nash

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

25<sup>th</sup> CBFHS Fashion Parade:

25<sup>th</sup> Boer War Memorial dedication, High Cross Park

June

4<sup>th</sup> Last "Evening Opening" at Cape Banks research rooms.

13<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *The Icing on the Cake* - Annabel Little

21<sup>st</sup> R&DHS Meeting: *A History of Racing at Randwick* - Hannah Hibbert, AJC Archivist

July

19<sup>th</sup> R&DHS Meeting: *Dress and Clothing Collections at the Powerhouse Museum* - Einer Docker

11<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *A walk through the trees* - members of CBFHS

**British Red Cross Grant:** Agatha Christie's records are among those of 244,000 people to be put online as part of a project to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The Heritage Lottery Fund has granted £80,000 to the British Red Cross to conserve and digitise the treasure trove of fragile papers which detail the tasks performed by the volunteers - two-thirds of them women and girls - on the Home Front. Duties included work as nurses, ambulance drivers, and seamstresses mending military uniforms. Dame Agatha Christie worked throughout the Great War, at first unpaid and then, from 1917, on £16 a year, as a "VAD". Other notable VADs were the pacifist Vera Brittain and the novelist and poet Naomi Mitchison.



**UK Land Registry 1862 registers:** Access is free to these digitised and published online historic land registrations dating from the years following 1862 when the first Land Registry Act was passed. Registration was voluntary so only just under 2000 properties in England & Wales are recorded. You may be lucky on [digitalarchives.landregistry.gov.uk/1862/search](http://digitalarchives.landregistry.gov.uk/1862/search)

**Mitchell Library Reading Room:** After a protesting petition of over 10,000 lovers of the historic Reading Room, the State Librarian, Alex Byrne, has bowed to public pressure and reversed the decision to turn it into a technology hub and books are to be returned from the Macquarie wing to where they belong. Wonderful news!



**Absent ancestors:** If you have been unable to find ancestors on any UK census you may find it helpful to go through a list of 15 useful tips to help track down missing ancestors. It can be found at [anguline.co.uk/free.html](http://anguline.co.uk/free.html) and has been compiled by Roy Stockdill, a Master Craftsman of the Guild of One-Name Studies and a Trustee of the UK Society of Genealogists.

**Coast Centre for Seniors:** CBFHS received some welcome publicity at a workshop run at the “Coast” by the Benevolent Society on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please take every opportunity to publicise our society and its extensive range of resources for, as WE all know, ALL the answers are NOT on the internet. Friends and visitors are always most welcome and a helping hand is available to them, as well as to new members, to help them get started on their research.

**Column 8 (SMH)** has provided us with these recent gems:-

- Regarding stonemason’s spelling/transcription errors this question was posed, “*If a stonemason makes an error in carving letters, would that be a carvo instead of a typo?*”
- Followed by a wit the next day preferring to call it “*a monumental error*”
- After viewing 17<sup>th</sup> Century graves in the U.S. a reader found that if a wife predeceased her husband she was considered ‘*a consort*’ but if she outlived him she became merely ‘*a relic*’. The comment was “*I am pleased that this quaint custom is no more*”. Mmmm. I wonder?

## ***Duty Roster***

JUNE		JULY	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	H. Brombey, E. James
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin
<b>EVENING</b>	M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, E. James	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED: QUEEN'S B'DAY</b>	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Robertson, D. McCamley	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	J. Robertson, D. McCamley
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, R. O'Hehir
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	M. Dennis, R. O'Hehir		

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** will, unfortunately, be the last ‘Evening Opening’ at Cape Banks research rooms. Due to the low attendance of members on these evenings it seems no longer viable for the rooms to offer this research opportunity. Many, many thanks from us all go to librarians, Margaret and Eric, for all their valuable time and effort volunteering for these evening duties.