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What an event filled few weeks Cape Banks members have had! The best of it must be our highly successful Open Day and Beginners Workshop back on April 18th. The low point was the water-logged research rooms resulting from the late April storms and specifically the hailstorm on the 25th. Duty librarians, Joan Robertson and Raylene O'Hehir opened up to a room full of puddles and valiantly mopped up until further help arrived. However I am sure we were all grateful that the weather at least stayed clear for the ANZAC Day dawn services and the Sydney Central March.



Open Day and Beginners Workshop: There was great roll-up on this day! The local press gave us unprecedented publicity which resulted in a number of contacts made by interested people and it was a pleasure to welcome a dozen or so new-comers to our rooms for another excellent workshop for beginners conducted by Margaret Phillips.



New Members: As a result of this we are able to give a warm welcome to newcomers Beverley Toohey, Penny Newton, Elle Sidoli, Kathleen Tollis, Thistle Anderson and former members, Shirley and Tony Walton who have rejoined Cape Banks. Experienced members are always willing to assist newcomers so please visit the

rooms soon and don't be reluctant to ask for help. We want you to have success!

April Meeting: Fiona Archinal from the Randwick and District Historical Society gave us a most interesting talk about some early residents of the local Randwick area which she discovered when volunteering to enter archived information, collated in 1977-78 by John Lumsden, on a data-base at the society. Some ancestors of CBFHS member, Jeanette Napper, are in these records so maybe you may be fortunate too. A glittering crystal raffle was won by our sparkling gem, Margaret Morscheck!

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.



This year the draw will begin on the week commencing Monday 13 July. 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 96614214 or Joan Robertson 93494476.

Publicity: Thanks to the diligence of Rhonda Horne we have recently had articles in both The Southern Courier and, a new local publication, The Eastsider. The Southern Courier also followed-up with notices for our Open Day and last meeting. So thanks for pursuing this, Rhonda.

Kith & Kin: In a check of the archives it has been discovered that Journal No 84, March 2007 is missing. If anyone has a spare copy of this it would be appreciated to keep our collection intact.

Sick List: Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Julie Galpern, who is about to have a second knee operation, and to our Vice President, Hazel Brombey who has been on the “not so well” list of late.



Congratulations to Pat Willcox on the birth of her third great-grandchild. A gorgeous boy, I'm told.

Dawn McCamley is stepping down from the library duty roster after many years of service. Thank you, Dawn for all your work and good humour.

Postage: Emails have been received from various Family History Societies expressing concern about the rising cost of postage for their journals. Research of many Cape Banks FHS members have greatly benefited from information and articles derived from journals exchanged with a number of Australian and overseas societies. But now our committee has to consider what our policy will be for *Kith & Kin*. The cost of mailing is going up from sixty cents to one dollar in July, a very large drain on our resources. So, if you are a regular reader/borrower of any of these journals please let a committee member know what you think about this. Review of other postage costs is, regretfully, underway.



CBFHS email system has been set up to broadcast news and reminders to members and to improve our lines of communication. It is not too late to add your name and email address to the list. There are times when it is important to inform as many members as possible about an issue e.g. the Boy Scouts have scheduled re-roofing of our building and access to our research rooms will be curtailed during this work. How much easier it will be to inform you all of the temporary closure via email. Messages for inclusion in these broadcasts can be sent to secretary@capebanks.org.au

Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Board of Trustee held a meeting last month with our President and Vice-President. It was suggested that an Open Day should be held at ESMP and requested Cape Banks assistance. Our president, Lee Bevan, advised that we had been dressing in period costume at the Open Days for the past five years and assisting and informing visitors on these occasions.

After thorough investigations the Board also noted that there were no bodies buried under the current headstones in the Pioneer Memorial Park!

Emu Plains Bus Trip: Despite the rain 15 hardy souls enjoyed the day out on 30th April at Emu Plains where we were made to feel very welcome by our hosts from the Nepean FHS and later at the Museum of Arms. Starting with a tour of the charming little 1848 sandstone church of St Paul's, by the time we were to wander through the graveyard with our knowledgeable guides the rain had thankfully stopped. The cemetery was originally attached to St Paul's Anglican Church with provision made after 1867 for other denominational portions to be added. Part of the cemetery site stands over the site of the prison quarters and kitchen garden of the 1819 government farm.



Two of our group set out with plans in hand to find the graves of their ancestors. It didn't take Helen Fatouros long to find her John Brown's towering monument.



Dianne Walker, following instructions from her mother, Shirley Harper, not only found the gravestones of their Holland ancestors but also sought out and found an ancestor's portrait at the Museum of Arms. Details about these forebears from Helen and Di will be in a future *Kith and Kin*.

Gesher Galicia website is a non-profit site for people with relatives from Galicia, formerly part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, but now split between Poland and Ukraine. It is free to search the 320.00 records and there is a subscription option which provides added benefits and helps to support this. The primary focus is on researching Jewish roots, but the records span all the ethnic and religious groups that once lived in this region. Search at <http://geshergalicia.org/>

Women of the Empire: An ANZAC

Commemorative Exhibition: was launched at Bowen Library on Monday April 20th. Uniforms and costumes of Australian and New Zealand Women of the First World War are on loan from the Dressing Australia Museum of Costume Detailed personal stories illustrate each costume, bringing to life the social history of the era and the impact of the WW1 on their lives. Despite the stormy weather, Cape Banks FHS was well represented at the launch. You have until 30th May, to view this fascinating exhibition.



The 1914 Star and 1914-15 Stars: The 1914 Star was awarded for service in France and Belgium only from 5th

August to 22nd November 1914. The few Australians awarded it were mainly medical personnel. Introduced in 1917, it was the first generic medal and was never issued alone but always with the British War Medal and Victory Medal. This was also the case with the 1914-1915 Star which was expanded to cover any theatre of war from 5th August 1914 to 31st December 1915. 82,000 Australians received the 1914-1915 Star for service in the Middle East and Gallipoli.

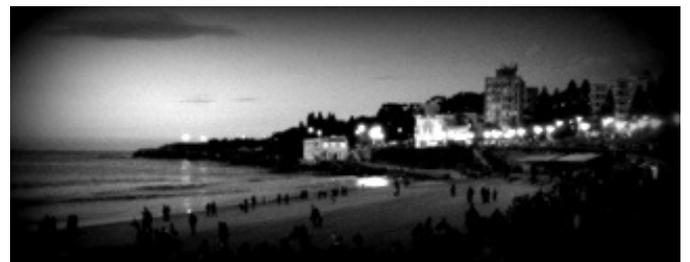


Poppy Project: Our Poppy Project banner is now on display in the foyer of Bowen Library, as a part of "Randwick Remembers". It is complementary to the Women of the Empire exhibition as all of these poppies were knitted with love by, not only our members but, ladies from the Randwick Knitting Group who also included remembrance cards from their family. Over 90 cards were also added for nurses who trained in the Coast Hospital and served in WW1 as well as a few additional ones filled in by interested members of the public on the day the poppy display was being mounted. Once again we had cheerful and expertise assistance from hard-working volunteers, Cheryl Humphries, Raylene O'Hehir, and Clarrie Jones.



Archives New Zealand has digitised over 141,000 detailed Defence Service records for New Zealanders who served in WW1. It is fully searchable and provides free access and is found at archives.govt.nz/world-war-one. Images taken by N.Z. official war photographer, Henry Armytage, in the latter years of the war can be seen at bit.ly/vfw9k2. Comprehensive coverage of N.Z. involvement in WW1 is at ww100.govt.nz

Every Man Remembered website (*and within the small print it actually says 'Woman' too*) is a collaboration from the Royal British Legion and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission aiming for personal details to be added, a tribute and a "virtual poppy" to the over one million names are on their database. My search easily found my uncle but as for me adding anything else I found very frustrating. Perhaps you may have better luck!



Thanks from us all, particularly from Lee and me.

Epitaphs: Common Forms

*If any question why we died,
Tell them, because our fathers lied.*

Rudyard Kipling

The ANZAC Day Dawn Service 2015 at Coogee Beach drew an estimated crowd of 20,000 from all over the Randwick CC area: far above the expected 5 to 7,000. Commencing at 5 am, it was a solemn, traditional service followed by a very beautiful sunrise which many quietly greeted from the sands of the beach, recently restored after the devastating storms.

The Boer War Association publishes a regular newsletter “*Monumentally Speaking*” which is available for borrowing at the rooms. With Boer War Day coming up at the end of this month, the B.W.A. is keen to raise their profile as they continue to seek funds for the proposed Boer War monument in Canberra. In October a commemorative envelope was launched by Vashti Farrar, author of “*Walers go to War*”. It features a bronzed figure of a horseman and a commemorative stamp. These are available from Major Bernadette Mottram, NBWMA, Building 96 Victoria Barracks, Paddington, NSW 2021. Further details can be found in the February issue which also contains an interesting article about women teachers who were sent to South Africa to staff schools in the concentration camps there and another about music of the time.

Dates to Remember

May

8th Monthly meeting: *Family History –Einer Docker, Assistant Curator, Powerhouse Museum*

16th R&DHS Meeting: *The Maroubra Bra Story – Mark Scott*

30th Discussion Group at CBHS

31st Boer War Day

June

6th Writers’ Circle: 11.00 to 1.00 at CBFHS

12th Monthly meeting: *A School is Born; La Perouse Public School; 1868-1900 – Joy Hruby*

20th R&DHS Meeting: *NSW State Records; NSW colonial volunteer forces and militia – Gail Davis*

28th St Jude’s Church, Randwick 150th Anniversary of their Dedication Day 10.30 a.m.

July

4th Writers’ Circle: 11.00 to 1.00 at CBFHS

10th Monthly meeting: *Writing about your childhood in Family History - Dr Noelene Kyle*

18th R&DHS Meeting: *The Peculiar Case of the Electric Constable – Carol Baxter*

25th Discussion Group at CBHS



“*Chocolat Anglais et – des pâtes boers*” is the caption on this 1900 French postcard in reference to the Boer War. “*The Queen’s Chocolate Gift Box*” which Queen Victoria gave to all her soldiers in South Africa for Christmas 1900 was mocked by the Europeans, many of these countries sympathising with the Boers. Another postcard of the time reads “*Victoria’s Chocolats: Infallible pour la guérison des blessures*” – (infallible for curing wounds) which drew attention to the horrendous casualties suffered by British soldiers in the opening months of the Boer War.

Duty Roster

JULY		AUGUST	
Wed 1 st	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Sat 1 st	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 4 th	H. Brombey, E. James	Mon 3 rd	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin
Mon 6 th	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Wed 6 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 8 th	P. York, C. Jones	Sat 8 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Sat 11 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Mon 10 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 13 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 12 th	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 15 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Sat 15 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Sat 18 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Mon 17 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 20 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 19 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Wed 22 nd	H. Brombey, V. Little	Sat 22 nd	J. Galpern, L. Potter
Sat 25 th	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Mon 24 th	J. Robertson, R. O’Hehir
Mon 27 th	J. Robertson, R. O’Hehir	Wed 26 th	H. Brombey, V. Little
Wed 29 th	J. Gallagher, L. Potter	Sat 29 th	H. Brombey, R. O’Hehir
		Mon 31 st	M. Dennis, L. Bevan