



# Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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**The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers** were held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. The scrutineers for the committee election were Joan Robertson and June Marks and the committee elected for 2014/2015 is as follows:

President:	Lee Bevan
Vice-President:	Hazel Brombey
Secretary:	Helen Fatouros
Treasurer:	Jan Gallagher
Membership Secretary:	Dianne Walker & Eric McLaughlin
Library and Microform Co-ordinator:	Dianne Walker
Publications Officer:	Eric McLaughlin
Publicity Officer:	Rhonda Horne
Committee member:	Roslyn van de Sandt
Committee member:	Dianne Griffin
Committee member:	Cheryl Humphries

### Committee Appointments:

Journal Editors:	Hazel Brombey & Barbara Ellis
Newsletter Editor:	Lindsay Harden
Research Officer:	Shirley Harper
Public Officer:	Margaret Phillips
Education Officer:	Margaret Phillips

**Committee changes:** Many thanks to retiring committee members Bob Tonazzi and Denise O'Connor for their input and assistance and welcome new committee members Roslyn van de Sandt and Cheryl Humphries. Also most welcome is the return 'to the fold' of Shirley Harper as our Research Officer. Show and Tell was full of interesting items and the raffle was won by Daphne Stitz.

**Life Membership** of Cape Banks FHS was awarded to long-term *Member #216* - a very deserving and wonderful Joan Robertson for her many years of support to our society in so many, many ways. The 100's Club, Librarian, Kith & Kin contributor, Newsletter contributor, Election Scrutineer, UK Researcher *Extraordinaire* – and last, but *certainly* not least, "*quartermaster*" (*mistress?*) of the CBFHS stores (tea/coffee/biscuits etc.) and "*beater of the carpets*" on Clean-up day. For Joan has always been willing and most able to assist us members whether it be with researching or tasks more mundane: so thank you and congratulations from us all, Joan.



### 30th Birthday Celebration



To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Cape Banks Family History Society next year a *Birthday Celebration Dinner* will be held on Friday 13th March 2015. Invitations with full details of venue and cost will be in the December issue of Kith & Kin.



**The Extra Special Raffle** for December will be, as usual, a super-duper Christmas Hamper with a number of smaller yuletide prizes as well. A basket is at the research room and **members are asked to contribute** an item or two of

Christmas goodies to make up these prizes. A book of three tickets is attached to this newsletter; the tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and more raffle books and tickets are available at the rooms. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Party.

**Christmas Party:** Do come along to the meeting on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Guaranteed to be short on business and long on fun, it will be a chance to catch up, share a few laughs and a delicious supper with old friends. As well as the raffles there will be a Lucky Door Prize and prizes for the best dressed (*Christmas-wise*). Plates of festive food to share for supper will be appreciated.

**Closure of Research Rooms** for the Christmas Break: The research rooms will be open for the last day on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. We have an extensive library of print resources – books, journals and magazines – all of which, with the exception of reference books, are available for borrowing over the holiday period. There will be no Friday night meeting in January.

**Clean-Up Day** will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 preceding the re-opening on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. There is a range of jobs to do from cleaning floors to checking micro-fiche boxes so all and any members can help. For even a couple of hours assistance between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm, you will be rewarded with, not only good company but, a “Sausage Sizzle and Salad” lunch.



**Online Journals:** Some family history societies are now publishing their journals exclusively online e.g. ‘Fig Tree’ from Taree and Manning Wallamba FHS <http://www.manningwallambafhs.com.au/newsletter> A shame for interested readers who do not have home access to the internet; but do not despair as our local libraries all offer free access and have kind staff willing to help. Don’t be afraid to ask! And don’t forget that we still have hard copy journalistic “swaps” with many other FHSs within Australia and abroad available for borrowing at any time.

**Poppy Project:** In conjunction with Randwick Library Services, Cape Banks is launching “*The Poppy Project*” at the beginning of 2015. Lovely, red, hand-knitted poppies with labels attached showing the name of someone who served in World War 1 will be displayed at our rooms and Bowen Library. If you have an ancestor who you would like to be remembered in this way you can start knitting now: patterns and samples are available at the rooms or, if you can’t make it there we can email the pattern to you. For those who **can’t** knit – don’t worry! For a gold coin donation someone will knit a poppy for you. Bowen Library is keen to get the community involved and may need some researching of service personnel on the War Memorial website. So we are also looking for some volunteers to do this research.

**Discussion group #3** will be held at the rooms on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 from 1.30pm to 2.30 pm. The topic for discussion will be “*Tips to becoming a better researcher*” and Eric McLaughlin has once again offered to be the facilitator. The committee would be pleased to hear from any member who is willing to lead a group or suggest a topic of interest. Please contact [diannegriffin74@hotmail.com](mailto:diannegriffin74@hotmail.com) or speak to a committee member if you can contribute.

**A \$250 Grant** has been awarded to CBFHS from Randwick C.C. to assist with our Education Program. This includes Open Day Workshops held for our members and the public and 6 months’ rent- free use of Senior Citizens Hall Alma Road for our Friday night meetings to which visitors are always welcome. Thank you to Dianne Walker for all your hard work completing the grant application forms.

**An 1891 petition** calling for the right to vote to be granted to women has been brought out of storage and is being displayed outside of Melbourne for the first time at the Museum of Australian Democracy Eureka (MADE) in Ballarat until January 2015. The details of the document and its approximately 30,000 signatures and the facility to search the names and find individual signatures can be found at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/the-history-of-parliament/womens-suffrage-petition>

**Lost Cousins website** has reminded its readers and subscribers that on your “*My Details*” page at LostCousins you can find out and enter information about keeping your research for future generations. They also suggest leaving a note with your will addressed to your executors to ensure that they understand how important your research is to you, and suggesting how best it might be preserved.



**Christmas Lunch** has been booked for 12 noon on Thursday, 27th November at The Coast Golf Club. There will be two courses plus tea/coffee and the cost will be \$30 per head. Final bookings and payment would be appreciated before Friday, 14th November. Please add your name to the list at the rooms or email Margaret Morscheck [mmorsch@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mmorsch@bigpond.net.au)



Photos are from Cape Banks members enjoying the Christmas Lunch last year at The Coast Golf Club.



Who remembers the Australian Christmas Carols taught from little green and white books in many Australian schools in the 1950s? Words were by John Wheeler and music by William James. How Australian was "The Three Drovers"?

*"Across the plains one Christmas night, three drovers riding blythe and gay,  
Looked up and saw a starry night, more radiant than the Milky Way;  
And on their hearts such wonder fell, they sang with joy "Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!"*



## Letters from Santa - ONLY \$6

Cape Banks FHS has again asked Santa to send letters to children. If you would like to use this service for a relative or friend, please PRINT the details below and post the form and money to Cape Banks FHS , P O BOX 67, Maroubra 2035

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ GIRL/BOY: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

e.g. school, \_\_\_\_\_

sport, holidays \_\_\_\_\_

toys, pets, \_\_\_\_\_

siblings, games \_\_\_\_\_

*For additional letters just write the details above on a separate sheet of paper. Letters will be posted in early December.*

# Dates for your Diary

## November

- 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *A Genealogist's Timeline of Irish History* - Alan Jones
- 15<sup>th</sup> R&DHS: *Beyond a Reasonable doubt: the Ellen Thomson Case* – Vashti Farrer
- 23<sup>rd</sup> St Peters Anglican Church; 175th Anniversary
- 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch: Coast Golf Club
- 29<sup>th</sup> Discussion group 3: *"Tips to becoming a better researcher"*
- 30<sup>th</sup> St Andrew's Day (*Patron Saint of Scotland*)

## December

- 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Last Day at CBFHS for 2014
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at the Seniors' Citizen Club, Alma Rd, Maroubra Junction

## January 2015

- 11<sup>th</sup> Clean-up Day at CBFHS
- 12<sup>th</sup> Re-opening of CBFHS for 2015

## February

- 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *Australian Cemeteries Index* – Peter Olsen

## March

- 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting: *Writing About Your Childhood in Family History* – Dr Noeline Kyle
- TBA CBFHS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

**Llansantffraid**, a village of 1,100 residents in Wales, hope they have resolved a dispute dating back to the mid-1800s. Originally named Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain, (*"Church of Saint Bride"*) the name was changed 150 years ago to Llansantffraid – a decision which Welsh linguists say suggests the incorrect gender of the saint. Councillors voting to drop the 't' six years ago incurred the wrath of locals who voted two years later for the 't' to be reinstated. Powys C.C. has finally acceded to their demands, and reinserted the 't'. Emeritus Professor Hywel Wyn Owen of Bangor University stated *"This particular village never used to have a 't' in it – the 't' is in fact not very Welsh at all ..."*



# Duty Roster

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLEAN-UP DAY</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis	Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY - CLOSED</b>	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	J. Glasby, M. Dennis
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	D. Walker, J. Goodes
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	H. Brombey, R. O'Hehir	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Robertson, D. McCamley
		Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	H. Brombey, V. Little
		Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	J. Galpern, L. Potter



30<sup>th</sup> November marks St Andrew's Day, the Patron Saint of Scotland. We are not sure whether Clarrie is acknowledging his Scottish ancestry here or getting ready early for Hogmanay and celebrating the New Year! So, although this is also somewhat premature, being the last newsletter for 2014 may all of you and your families and friends have an enjoyable Christmas and a New Year well worth celebrating. Best wishes to you all!