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August Meeting: Dennis Smith, OAM addressed the meeting about “*Lord Sydney & the First Fleeters*”. He



wants recognition for the 1st fleet landing and Gov. Arthur Phillip. In the last newsletter there was a request for members who could trace

their family history back to the First, Second or Third Fleets to please email me at linzofcoogee@gmail.com or leave a note so CBFHS records can be updated. So far I have only heard from three members; Shirley Harper, Charmaine Piaud and Jocelyn Bakewell. A bit disappointing as I am sure there are more of you out there. The raffle, a lovely towel set embroidered by Judy Ford, was won by a delighted Margaret Allen.

September meeting: Guest speaker, Barbara Wimble from *Botany Bay FHS*, reportedly gave a fascinating talk about “*An Irish Journey that leads to DNA Testing*”. The Fathers’ Day raffle was a well-equipped wine and cheese board accompanied by a nice bottle of red. The lucky winner was Denise O’Connor.

100’s Club Winners: The winner for Week 10 and the big final draw for \$100 was Ticket 967 held by Eileen James. This was an ‘extra’ ticket Eileen had bought



and the third time the winner’s success has been due to an extra ticket, these other generous supporters being Clarrie Jones and Rhonda Bevan. Congratulations to all the winners for 2014.

The full list of winners is:-

Week	Winner	Ticket #
1.	Margaret & Dale Tremaine	769
2.	Margot Phillips	655
3.	Jean & Debra McDonald	536
4.	Judith Flitcroft	254
5.	Barbara Ellis	228
6.	Clarrie Jones	983
7.	Hazel Brombey	099
8.	Rhonda Bevan	207
9.	Lee & Lyn Holmes	418
10.	Eileen James	967

Family History Month

At our Colonial Afternoon Tea on CBFHS’s Open Day we had a good “*roll-up*” despite the dreadful weather. There was a “*posh*” table with dainty cakes, fine china and silverware on a lace tablecloth and another covered in oil cloth where the billy-tea was served in mugs and the golden syrup and honey took pride of place. Thanks to the committee, a few of whom “*dressed*” for the occasion, for organising such a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon function. The guest speaker at the R&DHS meeting was Bruce Notley-Smith, MP and son of our member, Gloria Notley-Smith, who spoke about his family. Although his story went back a number of generations, arriving at his own generation the audience were rather amused with some photos taken in his youth, especially the one with the horse at Coogee Public School. The display cabinet at Bowen Library, filled to the brim with items kindly lent by some of our members, drew quite a lot of interest from the librarians and the library visitors.



Membership renewals: Thanks to those members who have already renewed and remember we are always looking for new members. Forms went out with the September Kith & Kin and please ensure you attach and return this renewal **form** with your payment. It does make life easier for the Membership Secretary to know who the money is coming from! And, if you wish to be on Cape Banks email list do ensure that your email address is clearly filled-in. Our current Membership Secretary, Bob Tonazzi, will not be seeking re-election for 2015 and will be missed for handling the membership files plus his skills with any smaller computer problems. So thank you Bob.

And thanks also...

.... to many of our members who contribute to make our society and its functions a success. Greatly appreciated at this time are:-

- Lesley Potter for arranging such an interesting and varied program of speakers for our 2014 meetings. Any suggestions for future speakers would be gratefully received.
- Joan Robertson, Lee Bevan and Jan Gallagher for all the work and effort they put into running the 100'S Club.
- Linda McIntosh for another batch of her delicious home-made marmalade which were sold at the rooms to raise funds for us.



Interest Groups

As well as our program of monthly speakers, CBFHS endeavours to cater for specific needs and interests of our members. Currently there are two interest groups operating – both on Saturdays from 11.00 am to 1.00pm – and are enthusiastically attended by members wishing to hone their skills. If you have ideas and enthusiasm to start another group the committee would be very pleased to hear from you. Recently a Discussion Group has started on an occasional Saturday afternoon and the committee is open to suggestions for ideas, topics and/or for any members to lead a 'one-off' discussion session. But we need to know what you want.

The United Kingdom Interest Group was started seven years ago by Shirley Harper. Their meetings are held on 4th Saturday each month at the research room. Currently they have a vacancy for one or two new members but membership is restricted to about 12 people so that everyone can have up to 10 minutes to talk about their problems and successes. If anyone is serious about finding out how to take their research further in the UK and would like to come along they



could email Shirley at teran81gan@bigpond.com. This group is not suitable for beginners who are catered for with Margaret Phillip's Beginners Course.

The Writers' Circle has been meeting on the 1st Saturday of the month for the last year. Once again membership is restricted 10 to 12 participants but not everyone is able to turn up every time. So if you may be interested in joining please speak to Lee, Helen or contact me at linzofcoogee@gmail.com; or just turn up one session to see what we do. We are neither skilled nor talented writers; just aiming to be as good as we can be "with a little help from our friends". The next meeting will be on Saturday 1st November.



Discussion Group #2: was on September 27th. Webmaster, Eric McLaughlin was co-ordinator and led the discussion. The focus was on computer software for Family History researchers. Topics for discussion included "What software is available to record your research? Why did you select this software? How much of your research material do you include in the software database?" There were 17 participants and some very lively discussions ensued and much eating of home-made, cream-filled sponge cake. Yum!

NSW BDM Website: Many users have found the new index search challenging. However there are some really good things about the new index – the best one being that they update with new entries daily. So, for example, tomorrow, 11th October search for a birth in 1914 where you don't know the date. But there will be no result. Then look at the extra day available with the end date changed to 10th October 1914, and hopefully your entry will have been added to the on-line search database that very day! More help is at http://www.shortfamilytree.com/nswbdm/nsw_bdm_search.php or check official BDMs again at <https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

The 30th Annual Conference of NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies was held recently in Wollongong with a theme of "Illawarra Remembers: 1914 -2014". The program was a mixture of stories from WW1, the Illawarra and, sometimes, a mixture of both. Information was sought about a project <http://www.illawarrawomen.com/> and also about former patients of the Waterfall Sanatorium and burials in its cemetery. Heritage Listing has just been applied for this by Wollongong City Council. Cape Banks members who attended were Joan and Malcolm Robertson and Lindsay Harden. The 2015 conference will be in Port Macquarie.

The Centenary of the commencement of World War 1

was marked by Randwick City Council in a service at St Jude's Church, Randwick in the late afternoon of 4th August. It was attended by local dignitaries and representatives of many service organisation, each of whom lit a candle, as well as members of the public including a number from CBFHS. At 5.17pm all went outside to hear the tolling of the tenor bell – 100 times – one for every year since 1914.



Cape Banks World War 1 Project: As reported in the August newsletter, our own CBFHS project has over 2,000 names listed so far. Following the above visit to St Jude's, Lee Bevan was allowed to return to take photos of the memorial boards in their Soldiers' Chapel in order to list the names. There were also two lovely dedicated stained glass windows there. We are still seeking any 'hidden' memorials or honour boards in local schools, churches, or elsewhere.

Teachers' War Service goes digital: The biographical details and records of war service of officers from the NSW Department of Education, including public school teachers who enlisted in World Wars I and II, are now available on a new webpage.

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/educators_ww_1-2 This digital version is of a three-volume work written by former public school teacher, principal and district school inspector, Tom White who served on the Western Front during WWI, including the battlefields of Ypres, Polygon Wood, and Villers-Bretonneux. In October 1917, he was seriously injured in a mustard gas attack at Passchendaele - the effects of which he suffered for the rest of his life. Following his retirement from the Department in 1950, Mr White began his research and writing in 1951 and completed his project in 1958.

Boer War: Because Federation occurred during the Boer War period, soldiers from the states went to Africa as New South Welshmen, Queenslanders or Victorians and came back as Australians.



St Peters Anglican Church, Cooks River will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of its completion and licensing on Sunday 23rd November at 10am. All interested persons are invited to attend. Morning tea will be served after the service at St Peters at 187 Princes Highway, St Peters 2044. Phone: 9558 7504 or email lrhorton@optusnet.com.au



The Bus Trip to the Female Orphan School at the Parramatta campus of the University of Western Sydney was a great success. Beginning with a guided tour of this significant, purpose built charitable institution we heard of the Macquarie's philosophy behind the construction and purpose of this 1813 building. Fully restored by

2013, it is now used as a public exhibition space and a permanent home for the Whitlam Institute. All Gough & Margaret Whitlam's papers and library as well as his office furniture were donated by them: at right



some of us tried out the "big man's" desk, while, below, others decided to cuddle up on the big leather lounge in Gough's re-assembled office.



Lunch and leisurely strolls around the beautiful grounds dotted with historic buildings amongst the modern lecture theatres was most enjoyable. Then it



was off to the oldest Catholic cemetery in Australia which had its first burial in 1822 and the last in 1972.

St Patrick's Cemetery is an oasis of bushland calm

separating two busy roads. And Rhonda found my Barber ancestors' graves for lucky me!

Dates for your Diary

October

- 10th Annual General Meeting of CBFHS Inc: followed by *Show and Tell*: items displayed by members
- 18th R&DHS: *Colonial Food* – Jacqui Newling

November

- 14th Monthly meeting: *A Genealogist's Timeline of Irish History* - Alan Jones
- 15th R&DHS: *Beyond a Reasonable doubt: the Ellen Thomson Case* – Vashti Farrer
- 23rd St Peters Anglican Church; 175th Anniversary
- 28th Christmas Lunch: Coast Golf Club

December

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

Some websites for you

- Through the lens: shows some interesting photos of Central Railway Station
<http://gallery.records.nsw.gov.au/index.php/galleries/through-the-lens-central-railway-station/>
- Do you want to know here do the digitised newspapers come from? Try looking up
<http://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/trove/2014/06/20/where-do-the-digitised-newspapers-come-from>
- The Trove Blog site is <http://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/trove>
- Irish Website: Check this website for details regarding suspension of Irish records
<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/news/irish-website-suspends-access-civil-registration-records>
- For Ireland's Memorial Records visit www.inflandersfields.be
- For the Irish memorial in Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney: www.irishfaminememorial.org
- Fellowship of First Fleeters is based in Woolloomooloo: www.fellowshipfirstfleeters.org.au

Duty Roster

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Sat 1 st	H. Brombey, E. James	Mon 1 st	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin
Mon 3 rd	M. Morscheck, D. Griffin	Wed 3 rd	J. Gallagher, V. Little
Wed 5 th	J. Gallagher, V. Little	Sat 6 th	H. Brombey, E. James
Sat 8 th	M. Allen, C. Humphries, L. Bevan	Mon 8 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Mon 10 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros	Wed 10 th	P. York, C. Jones
Wed 12 th	P. York, C. Jones		CLOSED
Sat 15 th	D. Walker, J. Goodes	Re-open	12th January, 2015
Mon 17 th	L. Harden, H. Fatouros		
Wed 19 th	J. Glasby, M. Dennis		
Sat 22 nd	J. Galpern, L. Potter		
Mon 24 th	J. Robertson, D. McCamley		
Wed 26 th	H. Brombey, V. Little		
Sat 29 th	H. Brombey, R. O'Hehir		

'Resources for discovering your Jewish roots' was a handout given out at the state conference. Two pages of websites are too much to print here but the sheet will be left in a folder on the Librarian's desk. Some sites that seems to me essential to get started are:-

- Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (AJGS) <http://www.ajgs.org.au/>
- Australian Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) <http://www.ajhs.info/journal/index>
- Safe Haven; Records of Jewish Experience in Australia at the National Archives e.g. alien registration, ASIO files are at <http://guides.naa.gov.au/safe-haven/contents.aspx>