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## NEWSLETTER

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### NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April

#### Discovery & Discoveries

*Program booklets from the National Trust of NSW describing these exhibitions plus many other fascinating walks and talks are available at the rooms.*



### OPEN DAY AT CAPE BANKS

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00 am to 4.00 pm**  
*Starting at 11.00am*  
*Margaret Phillips will be conducting a free two hour*  
**Beginners' Workshop**

**Beginners Workshop:** This is an ideal way to learn the correct procedure to begin tracing your family and learn of the numerous facilities and records available in this workshop conducted by education officer Margaret Phillips. Please place your name on list in research room to attend the class.

**February meeting:** Guest speaker, Vashti Farrer, explained her methods of research in gathering material for her book about the only woman ever to be hanged in Queensland, "*Ellen Thomson; Beyond Reasonable Doubt?*". Clarrie Jones was the lucky winner of the Valentine's Day raffle. A short "*Research Spotlight*" segment has been introduced to our meetings with the aim of drawing attention to resources held at CBFHS rooms. Magazines such as '*Who Do You Think You Are?*' and '*Your Family Tree*' were presented and some borrowed on the night.



My apologies to Shirley Harper for giving the UK Interest Group the wrong title in our last newsletter. It is the U.K. and not the English Interest Group.

**United Kingdom Interest Group Vacancies:** This group meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at Cape Banks research rooms, from 11.00am to 1.00pm and right now they have three vacancies. If you have done your Australian research but are having difficulty in tracing your ancestors back to the United Kingdom, then this group is for you. It is not suitable for beginners unless you were born in the UK. Please email the group organiser, Shirley Harper at [teran81gan@bigpond.com](mailto:teran81gan@bigpond.com) or phone her on 9344-8437 if you would like to join this group. Due to the time factor the group must be kept fairly small so it will be the first three to apply who will be accepted.

**March meeting** Dr. Harry Irwin, Emeritus Professor, Western Sydney University, told us of '*The Excellent Adventures of Captain David Dawson (1777-1859): What he did and how we know*'. An article about this can be found in the June 2015 SAG Journal DESCENT available at our rooms. Three visitors were welcomed to the meeting; Brian Barnett who read about our guest speaker on Randwick Council's website, and Jan and John Cook came all the way from Turramurra having seen in '*Australian Family Tree Connections*' that Jan's cousin, Harry was to speak about their common ancestor. So, you see, it does pay to advertise. The "*Research Spotlight*" was on the '*Log of Logs - Vols 1, 2 & 3*' and a reminder of what a wonderful resource these are. They list not only ships but lighthouse keepers, pilot stations and many shipboard documents. The raffle was won by Lesley Potter.



**Camden Bus Trip:** The council bus has been booked for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April for a visit out west to Camden, the area hosting the state conference later this year. Despite their very busy schedule, the Camden Museum and Historical Society will be taking us on a guided tour of the museum and an hour's bus tour of Camden places of interest. Your \$20 will include the bus trip, entrance fees and tour costs. Lunch is B.Y.O. and bring a thermos for your cup of tea or coffee if you wish. Please put your name on the list now at the rooms and payment would be appreciated by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



**Cowpastures and Beyond:** The annual conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies for 2016 is to be held at Camden Civic Centre from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September. The keynote speaker will be the Emeritus Professor Alan Atkinson FAHA, University of Sydney. He is the author of 'Camden; a history of a country village' and a series, 'The Europeans in Australia'. Registration is now open and forms are at [www.cowpasturesandbeyond.org.au](http://www.cowpasturesandbeyond.org.au). Costs for the whole conference are:-

- Normal \$135
- Early bird \$120

Listed also are costs for one day only. Be aware that the 4th July 2016 is the cut off for early bird registrations.

**Research Fees:** The cost for research fee for photographs of headstones in cemeteries is to rise to \$30, effective from 1st June.

**Discussion Group:** The next discussion group is scheduled for Saturday 28th May and will be on the subject of "Leisure".

**Member 550 Gwen Crane** is the very proud mother of Graham Ford who was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honour's List for services to surf life-saving at the national and international level, Graham is President of Surf Life Saving Australia and of the International Life Saving Federation. Gwen is a keen member of our Writers' Circle which meets at the rooms on the first Saturday of every month.



The First Fleeters Memorial will be opened at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00am. All members of CBFHS are invited to attend.

An excellent article is on page 6 of the March 2016 issue of Endeavour, the journal of the Botany Bay FHS. Written by Pat Fearnley it is titled "Preserving your Research, and Your Genealogical Will". As Joan Robertson commented, "Nobody wants all their hard work thrown out which could happen if we don't think ahead as to what we want done with it." Do remember that journals from many other societies are available for borrowing at CBFHS.

**Waverley Cemetery** has been approved for State Heritage Listing. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> "Residents for Waverley Cemetery" received news from the NSW Heritage Council advising that their nomination has been referred to the minister for signing. They told us they were in awe of the level of community support having received over 270 letters, all in favour. Cape Banks FHS sent one of those letters of support.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **APRIL**

8<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting: Margaret Phillips & Eric McLaughlin – "Travel & Research"  
 10<sup>th</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk in WW2  
 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Australian Heritage Week  
 16<sup>th</sup> Cape Banks FHS Open Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> Beginners Workshop 11.00-1.00  
 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY – Research Rooms closed  
 28<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Camden

#### **MAY**

8<sup>th</sup> 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of VE day WWII  
 13<sup>th</sup> ESMP First Fleeters Memorial  
 13<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting: Hannah Hibbert – "A Collection of Characters – A History of Randwick Racecourse"  
 20<sup>th</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Crete WW2  
 28<sup>th</sup> UK Interest Group: 11.00 am - 1 pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> Discussion Group: "Leisure": 1.30 – 3.00pm  
 29<sup>th</sup> Boer War Day

#### **JUNE**

4<sup>th</sup> Writers' Circle: 11.00am – 1.00pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting: Clare Ashton – "The Mascots of WW1 Soldiers"  
 25<sup>th</sup> UK Interest Group: 11.00 am - 1 pm

An Honour Roll of solicitors, law clerks and articulated clerks in WW1 is being prepared for a memorial in the Law Society Building. The draft list is available on the NSW Law Society website [lawsociety.com.au/about/organisation/history/HonourRoll/index.htm](http://lawsociety.com.au/about/organisation/history/HonourRoll/index.htm). If you have a person who should be added to the list, please contact [acunneen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acunneen@bigpond.net.au)