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Christmas Party



A great time was had by all at the Christmas Party on Friday, 11th December. Jayne Goodes and Raylene O'Hehir won prizes for the best-dressed in Christmas regalia and John Bevan won the Lucky Door Prize which was a box of Avon products donated by Debbie Riley. Thank you to all those who brought some festive fare to share for supper.

Raffle Prizes

Due to all the generous donations from members for our Christmas Hamper Raffle there were able to be five lucky winners with the big prize going to Georgina Keep, Local Studies Librarian at Bowen Library. Georgina has been a great supporter of Cape Banks FHS for a number of years and we were happy to see how happy it made her.

1 st	Georgina Keep	Ticket No.	Green	C073
2 nd	Lesley Potter	" "	Green	C056
3 rd	Patricia Campbell	" "	Orange	C053
4 th	Jean McDonald	" "	Red	C05
5 th	Hazel Brombey	" "	Yellow	D099

Monthly Meetings

These are now held at the Vonnie Young Auditorium, Level 1, Bowen Library, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra on the second Friday of each month at 7.00pm. Some parking is available in the car park under the library (entrance from Gale Road) including two disabled spots. An exciting program of speakers has been organised by Lesley Potter commencing with Vashti Farrer on February 12th followed by Professor Harry Irwin in March.

November meeting

Guest speaker, Carol Baxter, delivered an engaging talk about her new book *"The Lucretia Borgia of Botany Bay"*. The raffle was won again by an embarrassed Margaret Morschek. Some people are just born lucky, Margaret!

Kith & Kin Awards for 2015

1st prize Eric McLaughlin

'Family Mystery Solved After 140 years'

K & K December 2014



Journal Editor, Barbara Ellis, presents Eric with his prize

2nd prize Verna Little

*Colonial Secretary's Correspondence
1826-1894 Index to Convicts and Others*
Research Award

3rd prize Jan Gallagher

*NSW State Library
WW1 Diaries and Letters 1914-1918*
Research Award

Many thanks to our judge of the Kith & Kin Awards who is objective, impartial and, as customary, wishes to remain anonymous. Hearty congratulations as well to Eric, Verna and Jan!

Clean-up Day at CBFHS

Many thanks to all who turned up to help on Sunday 10th Jan to have the rooms "ship-shape" for the re-opening the following Monday. Dusting bookshelves, sorting papers, cleaning micro-fiche & computers were amongst the tasks and for this assistance helpers were rewarded with great conversation over a yummy *"Sausage Sizzle and Salad"* lunch.



Christmas Lunch

A delicious meal and good company was enjoyed at the Coast Golf Club in November. Thank you to Margaret Morschek for all the work she went to organising this function.

State Records Visit

It seems so long ago but it was a full bus load of enthusiastic researchers who visited State Records in Kingswood last November. Some went on a tour of this vast facility whilst experienced hands dived straight into the files with mixed results. Articles for Kith & Kin are expected from the fortunate few who found previously hidden "gems" about their families.

Camden Bus Trip

The council bus has been booked for Thursday 28th 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. Thanks to Rhonda Horne and Rossie Van de Sandt for organising this visit. For further details – watch this space!

Especially Special Birthdays

Too many of us celebrate too many birthdays and so they are rarely mentioned in our newsletters.



However **90** does seem very special, particularly for two such spirited and inspiring women as Pat Wilcox and Daphne Spitz. So Happy Birthday Pat for 28th

December and Daphne for 26th January!

Kith & Kin

The theme of the March issue is *Ancestor's Occupations*. The editors welcome **your** contributions! Research interests published in K&K is a great way to advertise as it is distributed to societies around Australia and overseas.

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The new CBFHS web site is now up and running with a new look and added features. A calendar of events has been added so that members can see "what is on" for 2016. The events includes Discussion Groups, workshops, Writers Group and UK Interest Group, Monthly Meetings and special events.

June Adams Cemetery Book Collection

This wonderfully wide-ranging collection of cemetery records was bequeathed to our society by the late June Adams and is available for research at our rooms by members and visitors. These have now been added to our holdings listing on Cape Banks website with over 1,000 items in this collection alone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

6th Writers' Circle: 11.00am – 1.00pm

12th Monthly Meeting: Vashti Farrer – "*Ellen Thomson; Beyond Reasonable Doubt?*"

27th UK Interest Group: 11.00 am - 1 pm

MARCH

9th Members' Workshop

11th Monthly Meeting: Professor Harry Irwin – "*Research into his ancestor, Capt. D. Dawson*"

19th Discussion Group: '*Occupations*': 1.30 – 3.00pm

25th to 28th EASTER

28th Easter Monday: Research Rooms closed

APRIL

8th Monthly Meeting: Margaret Phillips & Eric McLaughlin – "*Travel & Research*"

16th to 24th Australian Heritage Week

16th Cape Banks FHS Open Day

16th Beginners Workshop 11.00-1.00

25th ANZAC DAY – Research Rooms closed

28th Bus Trip to Camden



Library Report

Thanks to members Joan Robertson, Charmaine Piaud,



Lesley Potter and Diane Griffith for their generous donations of these new books which are available for borrowing by members.

- *Insights into the NSW births, Deaths and Marriages Index* by J. and A. Murrin, published by Unlock The Past
- *A Carefree War – Australian WW2 Child Evacuees* by Ann Howard
- *Early Edition: 19th Century News and Genealogy in Australia 1800-1899* compiled and published by Tasmanian Genealogy Services
- *The Story of Victoria Barracks – From Sydney Cove to Paddington Hill* by John Kreckler, published by the Army Museum Society,
- *Memories and Dreams, A Biography of Nurse Mary Kilpatrick* by Noeline Kyle

Special Interest Groups

Two special interest groups meet monthly from 11 am to 1pm at our rooms. The Writers' Circle meet on the first Saturday of each month and the English Interest group, convened by Shirley Harper, meets on the fourth Saturday. The latter now has three vacancies for members who have already researched their Australian ancestors but have encountered difficulties with their English ones; for more information email Shirley at teran81gan@bigpond.com or ring her on 9344-8437.