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Welcome to new members Linda Heavener, Patricia Cameron, Tom Regan, Ann Earle and Graham and Jenny Manning. Happy researching to you all!

Open Day was held at our Cape Banks rooms on Saturday 16th April as a part of the National Trust Heritage Festival. Thanks to Margaret Phillips and Eric McLaughlin who prepared and ran another very successful Beginners' Workshop. It attracted 13 visitors and thanks also to our members who welcomed and assisted the visitors during the afternoon.

Cultural and Community Grants program: Cape Banks Randwick City Council awarded \$600 to Cape Banks FHS to support our Education Program. Our application for funding was successful mainly due to the expertise and efforts of Dianne Walker. This will help defray costs for such things as photo-copying workshops. So many thanks Di.

June Marks, a regular attendee at our monthly meetings, celebrated her 90th birthday in April. Congratulations and many happy returns, June!



A Seniors "Clubs" Day was held at Bowen Library on Tuesday 5th April during Seniors Week. A number of local organisations had the opportunity to "display their wares" and introduce retirees to available activities as varied as croquet, bridge and computers. Cape Banks was represented by Lee Bevan and Helen Fatouros and the afternoon was well attended by other Cape Banks members.

April Meeting: Margaret Phillips & Eric McLaughlin took us on a journey with their power point presentation "Travel & Research" relating tales and showing photos from their recent trip to the U.K. and the WW1 battlefields. The "Spotlight" focussed on the Research Guides published by the U.K. Federation of Family History Societies. Rayleen O'Hehir won the raffle.

Glass Cabinet Display: Items are required for a display in the glass cabinet in the foyer at Bowen Library during Family History Month, August 2016. We are seeking items of interest on the theme on "Sport and Leisure". Perhaps you have a family sporting trophy, a piece of granny's needlework or photos of your ancestors enjoying life. If you have an item you would be happy to lend please leave a message at the rooms or email secretary@capebanks.org.au

Discussion Group: Join in on Saturday 28th May from 1.30 to 3.00. The topic is "Leisure Time". How did our ancestors spend their leisure time? Sport? Music? Gardening? Fishing? Picnics? Painting? Dramatics? *Items or photos related to the topic are welcome!*

New books:

- Discover Irish Land Records: Northern Ireland born family historian Chris Paton takes a look at the potential amongst documents of ownership and tenancy, valuation and tithes records, inheritance, censuses, and many other resources.
- Irish Family History Resources online (2nd edition) by Chris Paton, 2015. This revised and fully updated Unlock the Past guide explores the key repositories and records now available online, especially valuable if you have been put off with Irish research in the past



Congratulations Dr Potter!

Our Lesley Potter has been advised that she is to receive her Ph D for her research and thesis about midwives in colonial times. Well deserved, Lesley!



74 years ago on the 31st May will be the anniversary of the entry of Japanese midget submarines into Sydney Harbour in WW2. I wonder how many of our members can recall that day?



Camden Bus Trip: We were blessed with glorious weather for our bus trip to Camden on 28th April. John Wrigley from the Camden Museum and Historical Society joined our bus to guide our trusty bus driver, Dave, through the streets of Camden and surrounding countryside pointing out places of interest which he spiced with local anecdotes. After a picnic lunch in a picturesque park we re-joined John for a guided tour of the impressive Camden Museum incorporated into the Camden Library along with the Camden FHS.



Some members enjoyed "hands-on" items in the Camden Museum.

State Conference in Camden: The bus trip whetted the appetites many of us to revisit Camden to see and hear more about the area. "Cowpastures and Beyond" is the theme for the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc 2016 State Conference to be held in the Camden Civic Centre from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September. For more information pick up a flyer from Cape Banks rooms or go to cowpasturesandbeyond.org.au. A reduction in fees is available for *Early Birds* who register before July 21st.

New Resources: Listed in this newsletter are books and CDs recently purchased by the committee and more are on order. These are all accessioned and waiting for you to browse at the rooms. So please make use of these wonderful resources.

New CDs:

- *Pugh's Almanac and Directories of Queensland 1859 to 1865 inclusive.*
- *Paupers in Workhouses 1861: Names of adult paupers workhouses in England and Wales (Donated by D. Walker).*
- *Sydney Directory 1858 (Sands & Kenny)*
- *Surgeons at Sea*, published by Newcastle FHS. An index to the filmed surgeons' journals on the convict ships to Australia from 1817 to the end of transportation plus a few migrant and Royal Navy voyages. The database is derived from the sick lists and general comments of the surgeons are fully searchable with over 50,000 entries in one and more than 3,000 in the other.

First Fleeters Memorial: This memorial is due to be opened today, 13th May, at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park by the Hon Mark Speakman, Minister for the Environment and Heritage. The opening date is significant as the First Fleet set sail from Portsmouth on this date in 1787. Cape Banks members were invited to attend. For further reports on this event watch this space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

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

JUNE

- 4th Writers' Circle: 11.00am – 1.00pm
- 6th 72nd Anniversary of D-Day WW2
- 10th Monthly Meeting: Clare Ashton – "The Mascots of WW1 Soldiers"
- 25th UK Interest Group: 11.00 am - 1 pm

JULY

- 1st 100TH Anniversary of Battle of the Somme
- 2nd Writers' Circle: 11.00am – 1.00pm
- 8th Monthly Meeting: Judith Dunn – "Demolished & Isolated Graves, Parramatta Cemetery"
- 23rd UK Interest Group: 11.00 am - 1 pm
- 28th Discussion Group: "Holidays": 1.30 – 3.00pm
- 29th July 2016 ESMP Military Memorial