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Cape Banks Family History Society lost an outstanding member with the passing of **Joan Robertson** recently. Joan was a long-time supporter of our society and has worked tirelessly in many capacities. Condolences are extended to her husband Malcolm and the other family members.

At Joan's funeral Dawn McCamley fell and badly fractured her arm. Dawn has spent a couple of weeks in the Eastern Suburbs Rehab facility but should be home by now. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our journal '**Kith and Kin**' has been honoured by winning the **Nick Vine Hall** award for journals in **Category A** for smaller societies. This was awarded from the **Australian Federation of Family Organisations Inc.** Congratulations to **Lindsay Harden** for an understanding job in editing our journal.

Discussion group: The next Discussion Group topic is "*A picture is worth a thousand words*". (A thousand words is not necessary though) **Closing date is Sunday 25th October 2020.**

Writing group: The next writing topic is writing from a researched woman's point of view. This may take a bit of thought and effort, but it also should be worthwhile.

Two of our regulars in the Writing group have their stories featured in Seniors' Stories Vol. 5. You can listen to their stories on the audio files:

<https://www.seniorcard.nsw.gov.au/news-activities/seniors-stories>

There are 100 stories. Beverly Toohey's is no. 39. Judith Neville's story is no. 59.



Our proposed bus trip to NSW State Archives Kingswood on Thursday 22 October has now been cancelled. Both bus trips to Ebenezer Church and NSW State Archives will be rebooked again for next year.

Please be advised that a large number of magazines and overseas journals have now been culled at the rooms and are free for members to take. They need not be returned. Next time you are there have a look. You may find something of interest.

Membership Renewal: Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2020-2021. If you have misplaced your form you can pick one up at the Research Rooms or download a copy from our website <https://capebanks.org.au/membership/>

Websites:

From the magazines:

Where to find prisoner of war records

- The National Archives: <https://nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/british-prisoners-second-world-war-korean-war/>
- FINDMYPAST: <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/prisoners-of-war-1715-1945>
- Children and Families of Far East Prisoners of War: <https://www.cofepow.org.uk/>
- International Committee of the Red Cross: <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/world-war-i-1914-1918-find-relativeour-archives>
- Imperial War Museums: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/research/tracing-your-family-history/prisoners-of-war>
- Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/1601/>
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission: <https://www.cwgc.org/>
- Forces War Records: <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/blog/2016/02/18/tracing-your-pow-ancestor>
- THEGENEALOGIST: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/prisoner-of-war/>
- The London Gazette: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

Jamaica

- Church Records and Cemeteries:
 - Family Search - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>
 - Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>
 - Findmypast: <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
 - Jamaican Family Search: <http://www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com/>
- Civil Registration online for births 1878-1930, deaths 1878-1990, and marriages 1880-1950:
 - Family Search - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>
 - Ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/>
 - MyHeritage: <https://www.myheritage.com/>
- Censuses:
 - Jamaican Family Search: <http://www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com/>
- Military Records:
 - Findmypast: <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
- Newspapers:
 - British Newspaper Archive: <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>
- Slaves and their Owners:
 - Former British Colonial Dependencies, Slave Registers, 1813–1834: <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/1129/>
 - Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-ownership at University College London: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs//>
- Wills and Probate:
 - Jamaican Family Search: <http://www.jamaicanfamilysearch.com/>

Wales

- Researching Welsh Ancestors:
 - The National Library of Wales: <https://www.library.wales/>
 - Welsh Tithe Maps: <https://places.library.wales/>
 - Cymru 1914: <https://cymru1914.org/cy/home>

Source: *Who Do You Think You Are?* - July 2020

Using maps for family history research

- Historical maps of Scotland, England, Wales and North and South Ireland with a side-by-side view - <https://maps.nls.uk/>
- Historical maps of England, Scotland and Wales without side-by-side view - <https://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps/>
- British History Online (excluding Ireland) - <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/>
- Mapping outside of British Isles - <https://www.oldmapsonline.org/>

Source: *Family Tree UK* - August 2020

Passengers to New Zealand

<https://cotyrone.com/~intheneews/passengers-to-new-zealand/>

Duty Librarians – October 2020

Saturday 3rd

D Walker

L Bevan

Saturday 17th

H Fatouros

L Harden

Saturday 31st

D Walker

E McLaughlin

Wednesday 7th

M Phillips

E McLaughlin

Wednesday 21st

M Phillips

E McLaughlin

Saturday 10th

H Fatouros

L Harden

Saturday 24th

L Bevan

C Humphreys

Wednesday 14th

R Horne

C Humphreys

Wednesday 28th

D Walker

R Horne



Welcome to our first 2021 Conference Newsletter
 ~ keeping you up to date with information about Conference 2021 ~

For more than 40,000 years the Birpai people have been the original inhabitants of the Port Macquarie-Hastings region. Some of the first European visitors were convicts sent to the newly established penal settlement in Port Macquarie to serve time for secondary offences.

2021 is a significant year for our area because we commemorate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the penal colony here in 1821.

Our theme suggests those penal beginnings, and also reflects on the way we research our family history – with conviction and beyond reasonable doubt (best-case scenario anyway).



Not long after the first meeting of our 2021 Conference Team, Covid-19 happened. This meant reimagining the conference in these uncertain times. At the moment, this seems like putting together a jigsaw puzzle without a picture to guide us.

But we can do this!

In a way, compiling our family history is like putting together a jigsaw puzzle - you take one piece and start trying other pieces one by one to see if the two can be joined together by their interlocking shape, or by the common patterns or colour until they go together to build the beautiful image hidden in its individual pieces.

So... although the format of the conference may currently be uncertain, we are confident that we can present an interesting, informative and entertaining conference that will help attendees to continue their own family history journey with conviction ...and beyond reasonable doubt. In the words that are currently bandied about, we may have to "pivot", but are up to the "challenge" of presenting the conference in "unprecedented" times.

Please mark your calendar with the date of the Conference
Saturday, 11th September 2021

We keep our fingers crossed that the Covid-19 rules may be relaxed by next September and we have contingency plans to include some of the traditional events such as the Family History Fair, Meet and Greet, Conference Dinner.

Jennifer Mullin
 Conference Convenor

Conference 2021 - Hosted by Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society Inc
 Email: conference2021@pmdfhs.org.au Website: Currently under construction