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NEWSLETTER

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It is with great sadness that we recently heard about the passing of **Julie Galpern.** Julie was a long-time member having joined CBFHS in April 1998. She was very active in the society, this included assisting as a Duty Librarian, helping on clean-up days, maintaining microfiche readers, by cleaning, replacing globes and repairing them. Julie volunteered on many Market Day stalls with the setting up, packing up and selling of items on the day. Market Day stalls were held on election days in the front yard of Paine St, Maroubra when lots of people passed by on their way to vote at the South Sydney High School next door. Julie also wrote many articles for our journal *Kith and Kin* and participated in the Discussion Group meetings.

When on library duty, which she did for at least two decades, Julie would almost always bring a homemade cake, sometimes two cakes for afternoon tea. This same sense of generosity was present when Julie helped researchers and made financial and research item donations.

We extend all our sympathy to her husband Igor and family.

Congratulations to **Clary Jones,** who recently received Life Membership of the Botany Historical Trust! Clary is an old Botany boy who has served on the Trust's executive board and has shown great dedication over the years to preserving and celebrating the history of our community. Well done, Clary!

Our **Annual General Meeting** was held on Saturday 8th October 2023. Below is the committee for the next year:

President – Lee Bevan, **Secretary** – Dianne Walker, **Treasurer** – Geoff George, **Committee members** - Eric McLaughlin, Margaret Phillips, Lindsay Harden, Helen Fatouros, Cheryl Humphreys, Rhonda Horne and Linda Heavener. After the AGM Rhonda Horne accepted the position of **Vice President.**

At the AGM **June Marks** was presented with a small bunch of flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation. **Roslyn van der Sandt** and **John Bevan** both received Certificates of Service for their strong support of Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.

Following the election of the committee some of our members presented an item of interest.

Malcolm Robertson spoke briefly about the Robertson family and the story of their journey to Australia.

Cathy Bunce had some lovely old photos of Queen Elizabeth II (very topical).

Di Walker showed us a medal which was given to her great aunt when she became a nursery school nurse. This lady was one of the Australian war brides from the United Kingdom.

Bill Shute had a family tree done as a fresco. On the back was a representation of a Ticket-of-leave for an ancestor's convict wife and a Certificate of Pardon.

All of these short presentations were very special to hear.

During the November meeting Jane Britten and Barbara Swebeck from Woollahra Library Local Studies Team, presented to us *'Maps and Mansions.'* They spoke about twelve beautiful historic houses which had been built in the Woollahra area, in the early nineteenth century. Sadly, many houses have been knocked down in more recent years.

Malcolm Robertson won the raffle prize which was of a lovely old cup, saucer and plate setting.

Ancestry Support provides a website which sets out questions we could consider asking to assist in researching oral Family Histories. This website is available to all whether or not you are a member of Ancestry. https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Questions-for-Interviewing-Family-Members?language=en_US

These questions could be used as a basis for recording our own stories and memories. *Supplied by Denise O'Connor.*

The closing date for Cape Banks Family History Society Inc. Research Rooms at the Coast Centre is TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022. We reopen on TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2023 as the Coast Centre does not reopen until MONDAY 16th January 2023.

February Meeting:

The next General Meeting will be held on 11th February 2023 at 1:30pm in the Research Rooms at the Coast Centre, Little Bay. The speaker will be **Leonie Bell**. The title of the presentation will be ***"Stannumville: Suburb in the Sand"*** *Many people are aware of the canvas and tin shacks that were erected by desperate people on the sandhills of La Perouse and Sans Souci during the throes of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Shanty towns such as these have a long history in Australia, particularly in pioneer and gold mining towns in Victoria and New South Wales during the Gold Rush. However, few will have heard of a News South Wales State Government scheme to house families in a purpose-built tent town during World War 1. Canvas Town, sometimes referred to as Calico Town or Tin Town, was later known as Stannumville and was situated south of Daceyville.*

This photo was taken during one particularly cold day in Winter, when we held a committee meeting at the Coast Centre. It was so cold the Community Transport Group next door offered us parkers to help stop us from freezing.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Library Roster

January 2023

Tuesday 17th
10:00-1:00 H Fatouros, M Dennis
1:00-3:30 H Fatouros, L Heavener
Tuesday 24th
10:00-1:00 L Potter, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 J Gallagher, V Little
Tuesday 31st
10:00-1:00 M Dennis, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 L Bevan, C Humphreys

Saturday 21st
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 D Walker, R Nicol
Saturday 28th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 L Bevan, C Humphreys

February 2023

Tuesday 7th
10:00-1:00 D Walker, J Ford
1:00-3:30 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
Tuesday 14th
10:00-1:00 M Morscheck, R Horne
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Tuesday 21st
10:00-1:00 H Fatouros, M Dennis
1:00-3:30 H Fatouros, L Heavener
Tuesday 28th
10:00-1:00 L Potter, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 J Gallagher, V Little

Saturday 4th
10:00-1:00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1:00- 3:30 L Harden, H Fatouros
Saturday 11th
10:00-1:00 R van der Sandt, L Harden
1.00-3.30 C Humphreys, L Bevan
Saturday 18th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 D Walker, R Nicol
Saturday 25th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 L Bevan, C Humphreys