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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to new members Mark and Sharon Probert and also to new members Marie and Geoffrey Nilon. We hope that you enjoy both being members of our family history society and making many interesting discoveries about your families along the way.

We would like to express our sympathy for the death of Pam Karayannides. Pam was one of our very early members and had always remained a member of the Cape Banks Family History Society.

It is also with much sorrow that we announce the death of Clarry Jones. Clarry was a member of several clubs including Cape Banks FHS. He was always willing to help others if needed and was known for his sense of fun. Clarry's funeral service was held on 24th March 2023.

The guest speaker at the first Speakers Meeting on Saturday 11th February 2023 was **Leonie Bell** with the topic ***"Stannumville: "Suburb in the Sand"***. This was about the development of a canvas town south of Daceyville. This was a fascinating presentation for most of us.

On 14th March at the Speakers Meeting, four members spoke about connections to family history. Lindsay Harden presented an Italian love story that was part of her extended family. Lee Bevan spoke about her success in finding her father even though he had changed his name. I spoke about finding new first cousins using DNA and the tools available for their identification. Dianne Walker informed us about the beginnings of the Cape Banks Family History Society and its early development.

Lindsay Harden won the raffle this week.

Please continue to bring your own cups to the Coast Centre when we have afternoon tea, as we attempt to become more *"environmentally friendly."*

Lend Lease Apartments Little Bay have invited Cape Banks members to a promotional talk and morning tea to be held Friday 28th April at 10:00am at Lend Lease building 20-40 Pine Avenue, Little Bay. The minimum number required to attend will be 15 people to ensure our society is eligible for the financial benefit of a Gift Card valued at $250. No one is requested to provide personal information. A viewing is possible if a vacant residential unit is available at the time of the visit. Further information available in early April.

The Cape Banks Family History Society **Beginners Workshop** will be held on Saturday 29th April 2023 from 11:00am – 1:00pm. If you are free on the day, please come to be of assistance. If you know of anyone interested in starting the journey into their family history, please let them know. They will need to make a booking by emailing the society at secretary@capebanks.org.au. Further information can be found on our home page at https://capebanks.org.au.

May's Hill Cemetery Bus Tour & Heritage sites of Parramatta

Thursday – 25 May - $35:00 per head.

May's Hill Cemetery for a short tour of interesting headstones by Kerrima-Gae of Topp Tours including morning tea.

After the tour, we go to Parramatta Park for our picnic lunch. (Please bring your own lunch)

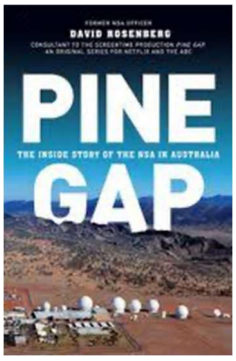
From 8th-10th September 2023 we are looking forward to the 38th **NSW and ACT Family History Society State Conference** hosted by **Wyong Family History Society** and with the title of ***"The Running Waters of History"***. It will be held live at the Toukley 50 Leisure Centre, 1 Hargraves St., Toukley. The aboriginal word Wyong is generally accepted to mean *"running waters"*. There will also be the chance to view the conference online as we have had over the previous two years. However, we will not be hosting an online event at the Coast Centre, as we did last year. If you want to attend online, you will need to organise and pay for the event yourself when you are given the opportunity, through the conference website. At this stage, the presenters and other information are available on their website. This can be checked out: https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com

Changes to Commonwealth Banking Transaction Procedures

The Commonwealth Bank has informed us that as of 3rd June 2023, no more cheque books will be issued. We have already started paying our debts using electronic banking, which is saving us postage and the inconvenience of writing cheques, and the increasing cost of postage. The process requires the authorisation of two authorised signatories.

In future should a member of CBFHS require a refund or win prize money in a raffle, payment will be made electronically directly into their bank account. This will save the Society postage and the member going to the bank to deposit a cheque. To facilitate this electronic payment the treasurer will need a member's bank account details (Account Name, BSB and Account Number). Providing these details will not compromise an account's security. It only allows the holder of these details to deposit INTO the account. This is already common practice for many business transactions. The Committee believes that overall, this is a positive development.

15th April Meeting



David Rosenberg will be speaking about his book *'Pine Gap – Close To God's Ear: NSA Eavesdropping Memoirs'*

David worked for the NSA for over twenty years, including eighteen years as an American officer at the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap. This is the first book about the NSA's operations at a satellite ground site by an individual who held a Top-Secret security clearance which allowed him to work inside Operations. His book details the intelligence collection mission at Pine Gap and the partnership between Australia and the United States that has made Pine Gap the most important satellite ground site in the Intelligence Community.

David is the Technical & Creative Consultant for the Netflix and ABC television series, '*Pine Gap'.*

New Books

The new books that were donated by member Bill Shute are:

- Humble and Obedient Servants -The Administration of NSW, Vol 2, 1901-1960 by Peter J. Tyler, published by UNSW Press.
- Revisiting The Granville Train Disaster of 1977 (Revised) Anniversary Edition (2011-2021) by Barry Gobbe OAM, published by Barry James & Associates.

Also donated by a person who wants to remain anonymous is: The London Gazette.

Events for Cape Banks Family History Society Members during April and May.

	Date	Time	Details
Room available for research	Tuesdays and Saturdays	10:00am - 3:30pm	The rooms will not be open on Tuesday 25th April 2023.
UK Interest Group	22nd April and 27th May	11:00am – 1:00pm	
Members Meeting – to be held at the Coast Centre for Seniors.	15th April	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Speaker: **David Rosenberg**, author, 'Pine Gap' and consultant to the Netflix TV series of that same name. Title of presentation: Pine Gap
Beginners' Workshop	29th April	11:00am – 1:00pm	Established members would be most welcome to help with attendees' inquiries etc.
Writers Group	6th May	10:30am - 12:30pm	Please contact Lindsay Harden if you would like to find out more information: linzofcoogee@gmail.com
Members Meeting – to be held at Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra	13th May	1:00pm - 2:00pm	**Advance notice of a venue change.** Speaker: **Dr Megan Neilson** is to tell the story of her English Gt grandmother and Chinese Gt grandfather and over 20 years of research by her here and in Victoria, Tasmania, London and Guangdong in Southern China. The title of her talk is ***"Unravelling the family myth: A personal glimpse of Chinese-Australian history"***
Bus Trip to May's Hill Cemetery	25th May	8:30am - 3:30pm	Cost: $35 Tour of the Cemetery and lunch at Parramatta Park.

Library Roster

April 2023

Tuesday 18th
10:00-1:00 H Fatouros, M Dennis
1:00-3:30 H Fatouros, L Heavener
Tuesday 25th
10:00-1:00 **CLOSED ANZAC DAY**
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Saturday 15th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00- 3:30 D Walker, R Nicol
Saturday 22nd
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 L Bevan, C Humphreys
Saturday 29th
10:00-1:00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1:00-3:30 M Phillips, E McLaughlin

May 2023

Tuesday 2nd
10:00-1:00 D Walker, J Ford
1:00- 3:30 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
Tuesday 9th
10:00-1:00 M Morscheck, R Horne
1:00-3:30 M Morscheck, R Horne
Tuesday 16th
10:00-1:00 H Fatouros, M Dennis
1:00-3:30 Fatouros, L Heavener
Tuesday 23rd
10:00-1:00 L Potter, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 J Gallagher, V Little
Tuesday 30th
10:00-1:00 C Humphreys, M Dennis
1:00-3:30 L Bevan, C Humphreys

Saturday 6th
10:00-1:00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1:00- 3:30 L Harden, H Fatouros
Saturday 13th
10:00-1:00 R van der Sandt, L Harden
1.00-3.30 C Humphreys, L Bevan
Saturday 20th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 D Walker, R Nicol
Saturday 27th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 L Bevan, C Humphreys