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NEWSLETTER

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We are deeply saddened about the loss of our Founding Member Shirley Harper. Shirley passed away in her sleep on 11th September 2023. She had been in the Acute Care Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital for over two weeks beforehand. There was a lovely service farewelling her at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Crematorium on 26th September 2023, during which it was stressed a number of times, both her love and care for her family and her service to the community. We know how committed she was to Cape Banks Family History Society, but she also spent many decades doing work with the Scouts.

Welcome to **new member Sue Banning.** We wish you every success in your family history research.

Results of the "100 Club"

Below are the winners:

Week 1: Lindsay Harden
Week 2: Bill Shute
Week 3: Christina Garrett
Week 4: Fiona Archinal
Week 5: Cheryl Humphries
Week 6: Lorraine Smith
Week 7: Karen Gardner
Week 8: Margaret Morscheck
Week 9: Unsold
Week 10: Dianne Walker

Congratulations to **Eric McLaughlin** for winning the ***Dorothy Fellowes award for an outstanding web design by a society member for the Cape Banks Family History Society website***.

August Guest Speaker Meeting

The presentation from former mayor of Randwick during August was most interesting. **Danny Said** spoke about his family's connection to Egypt and Malta. This extended the topic of the Maltese immigration to Australia which **Geoff George** began with his family's immigration, who also were Maltese living in Egypt. Both **Geoff George's** family and **Danny Said's** family arrived in Australia under similar circumstances and around the same time.

Danny Said and Geoff George

Bob Lopresto won Margaret Morscheck's wonderful quilt in the raffle.

Bus Trip: **Rookwood Cemetery**

The bus trip to **Rookwood Cemetery** involved a presentation from a knowledgeable grave digger and some videos showing the history of Rookwood. We were also taken on a tour of some of the memorials in the cemetery.

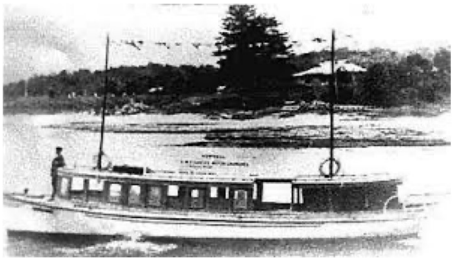
September Guest Speaker Meeting

This meeting involved a celebration of **Kith and Kin**. **Eric McLaughlin** and **Lindsay Harden** did an outstanding job on the PowerPoint presentation replacing a guest speaker at short notice. Thank you to Barbara and Bob Lopresto for the very generous raffle prize they donated. This included a lovely basket containing wine, nuts, dried fruit, crackers as well as delicious cheeses to accompany the same. The raffle was won by Kerry Crotty.

NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies held their conference over three days from 8th to 10th of September 2023. A few of us attended the Saturday's sessions on 9th September 2023 through Zoom at the Coast Centre. We were very happy with both the genealogy input and the socialising. We listened to a well-presented address from the Hon. David Harris member for Wyong about his success with family history. Michael Bell gave a talk about using family history from an aboriginal perspective. Dr Richard Reid presented Irish research. Gay Hendriksen spoke about the Parramatta Female Factory. Joy Murrin, Marilyn Rowan and Laurie Turtle spoke about the work of transcription agents. We heard a good presentation about how DNA can be used in family history from Kerry Farmer.

A **Christmas lunch** will be held in the **Bistro on the Greens** at the **South Coogee Bowling Club** on Friday 1st December 2023 starting at 12pm. The cost will be $55 per head and includes a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee. Details of menu selection, payment details and closing date will be forwarded to members in a separate email or via post.

The ferry to La Perouse. The construction of wharfs for the new La Perouse to Kurnell ferry service is underway. The previous ferry service ran from the 1890s to 1974. Do you have any memories of travelling on this old ferry? Anecdotes are sought for the next edition of Kith & Kin.



A **Membership Renewal Form** was included with the September edition of K&K. Full details of how to make payment are included on the form. If paying by Direct Deposit, please email confirmation of payment to the society along with a scanned copy of the form. If paying by post, please include the form along with your payment. To be able to vote at the upcoming Annual General Meeting you will need to be a current financial member. Thank you to all those members who have renewed their membership for 2023-2024. Your continued support of the society is very much appreciated. If you have not renewed, as yet, and intend doing so, please complete the form and forward a copy to Cape Banks FHS. If you do not wish to renew your membership, please let the society know.

Note that there will be no change in fees or postage costs for 2023-2024.

Events for Cape Banks Family History Society Members during October and November.

Event	Date	Time	Details
Room available for research	Tuesdays and Saturdays	10:00am - 3:30pm	
Family History Research Group	23rd November	1:30pm - 3:30pm	
Annual General Meeting – to be held in the Frangipani Room at the Coast Centre	28th October	1:30pm - 3:30pm	**Annual General Meeting**. Please note the change of date due to the Referendum
Guest Speaker Meeting – to be held in the Frangipani Room at the Coast Centre	11th November	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Speaker: **Ron Ray OAM, Volunteer Speaker, Australian National Maritime Museum** Topic: **"The Teddy SHEEAN Story"**

Event	Date	Time	Details
			Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean on ***HMAS ARMIDALE*** was the youngest at 18 and the most junior rank – a loader for the ***OERLIKON*** anti-aircraft gun. The ship was attacked by 13 Japanese planes attacking from different directions. Two torpedoes hit the ship and the order was given to abandon ship. Teddy helped launch the motorboat then decided to defend his shipmates from the Japanese. The Navy recognized him by naming a ***COLLINS*** class submarine ***HMAS SHEEAN***. He was finally awarded the VC on 1 December 2020, 78 years after the action.
Writers Group	4th November 2nd December	10:30am - 12:30pm	Please contact Lindsay Harden if you would like to find out more information: linzofcoogee@gmail.com
Christmas Lunch "Bistro on the Greens" South Coogee Bowling Club.	1st December	12:00pm	Details about booking and menu TBA.

Library Roster

November 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 Bevan, 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
Saturday11th
10:00-1:00 R van der Sandt, L Harden
1:00-3:30 C Humphreys, L Bevan
Saturday18th
10:00-1:00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1:00-3:30 D Walker, R Nicol
Saturday 25th
10:00-1:00 C Humphreys, L Bevan
1:00-3:30 C Humphreys, L Bevan

December 2023

Tuesday 5th
10:00-1:00 D Walker, J Ford
1.00-3.30 M Phillips, E McLaughlin

Saturday 2nd
10:00-1:00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1:00-3:30 L Harden, H Fatouros
Saturday 9th
10:00-1:00 R van der Sandt, L Harden
1:00-3:30 C Humphreys, L Bevan

Letters from Santa – ONLY $6

Cape Banks FHS has again asked Santa to send letters to children.

If you would like to use this service for a relative or friend, please PRINT the details below and leave at the rooms or post the form and money to Cape Banks F.H.S. Inc., PO BOX 67, Maroubra 2035

NAME OF CHILD: _____

GIRL/BOY: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

SIBLINGS, PET _____

SPECIAL _____

INTERESTS _____

e.g. school, _____

sport, holidays _____

toys, games _____

For additional letters just write the details above on a separate sheet of paper. Letters will be posted in early December. This is guaranteed to delight many a grandchild or other youngster.