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## *NEWSLETTER*

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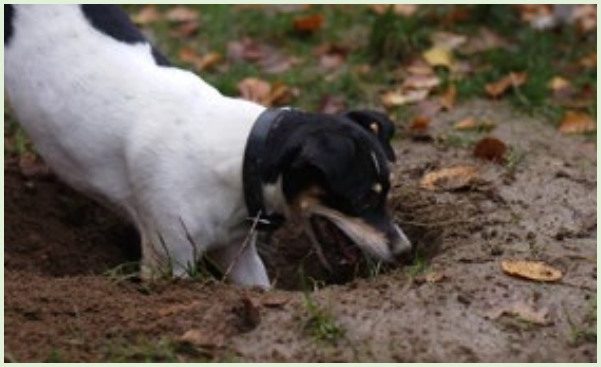
**This year's *STATE CONFERENCE* will be held as a virtual, mini conference on Saturday 14 September 2024. This year's theme *DIG DEEPER.***



**Same as last year Cape Banks will be showing the day's presentations on the large screen at the Coast Centre.**

**The charge will be $10:00 including morning tea.**

**Bring your own lunch. There is a reasonable break in the presentations. An attendance list will be at Cape Banks closer to the time.**

**The Day's Program**

- **10:00 - Clive Smith – Dig Deeper into the Colonial Secretary's Records on Ancestry.**
- **11:00 – Andrew Redfern – AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Family History.**
- **1:15 – Nick Reddan – The Registry of Deeds Dublin and Family History.**
- **2:15 – Ruth Graham – A Framework for Multidimensional Family History Research.**
- **3:15 – Closing question and answer session.**

**3:45 - CLOSE**

**From Linda Heavener, who puts together our monthly raffle prizes, a big "Thank you" to the anonymous donors who made generous contributions for the prizes.**

## *Date for your Diary – Bus Trip - Thursday 03 October 2024*

***Visit to the Parramatta Female Factory***

**These historic buildings are a fascinating relic of Australia's convict history and well worth visiting. They are listed on the National Heritage Register and ultimately it is hoped they will be accepted on the World Heritage Listing.**

**It is the largest and oldest surviving convict women's site in Australia. Built by convict men this multipurpose institution served the Colony of New South Wales between 1821 and 1848 as a refuge for women, children, elderly and sick women; a marriage bureau; a place of assignment and moral reform; a penitentiary; a women's hospital for the convicted as well as the free and a workhouse all rolled into one.** **$25:00 per person**

## *June's Guest Speaker*

**Was Rossie Van de Sandt speaking of her amazing transcription of the 95,000-word diaries of the wonderful voyage to Europe in 1913 of her Grandparents Susan and Rev. Ernest Smith.**

**Grandma wasn't very informative on addresses relating to her beginnings in Northern Ireland or giving details of cousins visited who could have then been researched - much to Rossie's disappointment.**

**However, she was very grateful for Grandma having written the diaries and to those family members who, although not interested in reading it themselves, did not throw them out! Pages were written on the voyage then stuck into these huge books on returning home. They are a considerable weight.**

**Grandma having no idea her grandaughter would have typed the words up, had them scanned and copies made onto USB's for Grannie's GG granchildren to enjoy for themselves and delightfully received Christmas 2023.**

**Well done Rossie!**

## *Our next three months of Guest Speakers*

***Saturday 13th July***
***Presenter:  Bill Phippen***

**Kathleen Butler "Godmother of the Sydney Harbour Bridge"**
**Kathleen M. Butler was nicknamed the "Godmother of Sydney Harbour Bridge" and also known as the "Bridge Girl". She was John Bradfield's secretary. Bradfield had been working on the audacious project to build a monumental bridge over Sydney harbour, alongside a city metro network, since he proposed it in 1912. The First World War and the changes of government threatened these plans. When Kathleen realised that the new government wanted to stop plans for a bridge, she warned Bradfield and he was able to leave the country so that the plans in place could go ahead.**

***Saturday 10th August***
***Presenter: Christine Yeats***

**Local Criminals**
**Christine will present interesting cases of historical local crime.**
**The talk 'Tales from the darker side: crime and misdemeanours'.**
**If you look closer at the history of any town, suburb or local community there are sure to be tales from the darker side where crime and punishment have gone hand in hand for decades. Christine will discuss some of the crimes, misdemeanours and the downright amazing that are part of the history of the Randwick Municipality. As we will discover 'larrikinism', sly-groggers, 'gruesome confessions', the Shark Arm case, the exploits of Tilly Devine, the 1949 Case of the Bloodstained Glass or Thallium as a murder weapon are all part of our rich past.**

**This presentation will be at the Lionel Bowen Library at the earlier starting time of 1:00PM.**

## *Saturday 10th September*

## *Presenter: Monika Laszewska*

**Title: One Polish Family's Experiences in Eastern Europe.**
**Monika's paternal grandparents had to jump from the first-floor balcony of a building to escape the Nazis. Her grandmother was pregnant at the time with her first child. Then they lived in an attic for some months being given food by friends. This happened in Lviv which is now part of Ukraine. All because the grandfather was an officer in the Polish army.**
**Their family was severely affected by the wars of the 20th Century in Eastern Europe.**

**Please note that membership was half price from 1st May 2024**

# 100 CLUB

**Hopefully you have all now received your copy of our wonderful "Kith and Kin" with the green 100 Club ticket attached?**

**As you know the 100 Club is one of our major fund raisers of each year and we do appreciate your contribution to keeping Cape Banks afloat. Many thanks to all the early birds and the extra ticket buyers, and good luck in the first draw, which will take place on Monday 8th July, not too far away now.**

**There are still 'vacant' tickets available and if you'd like to take another ticket or two, please let me know via email. You can now do a direct debit into our account or drop in to the rooms and pay in person. Our bank details are -**

**Our bank details are – BSB: 062-198, ACCOUNT: 00906-869**

**Please email the Secretary informing them of your deposit, and I will certainly email you a copy of your new ticket(s).**

**Many thanks again, Helen Fatouros, Convenor**

**Our first 100 Club winner on 08 July was Margaret Morscheck.**

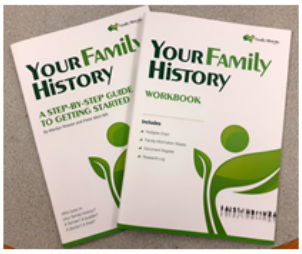
**June Marks' daughter has advised that June now has her own private and direct phone line into the nursing home and would love to receive calls from friends**

**07 3510 1244**

## *FAMILY HISTORY WORKBOOKS FOR SALE*

**We have had an encouraging number of orders for these two publications from new and old members. All of us seem to need a bit of direction sometimes to get our research into some order – I know I do – and these are a great way to do this.**

**We have received our first delivery and for anyone wanting to order in the future please see Lindsay. linzofcoogee@gmail.com**

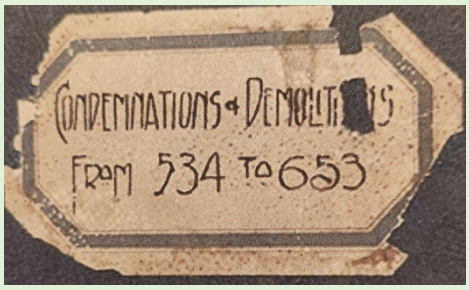



The ***Your Family History "Getting Started" package*** consists of a Getting Started Guide and a Workbook.

- The 42 page step-by-step guide, written by Peter Moir, MA and Transcription Agent Marilyn Rowan, covers topics such as *How to verify information, Finding records, Troubleshooting and DNA.*
- The Workbook includes in its 53 pages different forms and record keeping documents needed to stay organised in your research.

## *Visit to Sydney City Archives*

**On Friday 31 May twelve members visited the *Sydney City Archives* for a very informative talk on *Curiosities & Treasures in the Archives.* Two archivists gave an hour-long presentation, and it was amazing how much could be researched in the archives relating to the City of Sydney. Of particular interest were the Demolition Books and the ladies kindly forwarded the following websites and research enquiry website: -**




The Demolition Book links are here:

- Demolition Books page: https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/1952412
- Developing Sydney exhibition prints: https://archives.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/nodes/view/1894649
- Developing Sydney virtual tour: https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/developing-sydney-capturing-change-1900-1920
  Developing Sydney story map: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7ff14d38b46645d79c3c48bb6bb9e6a3

If anyone has further queries our email is: archives@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
We don't perform research for people but we can point them in the right direction or give tips for searching.

## Glass Cabinet at Bowen Library with loans of precious family items from Cape Banks members for *National Trust Heritage Month*

**The theme was "Connections" and member's items all related to their family's past. Lee and Helen doing a wonderful job arranging the memorabilia.**

## *August - Family History Month*

**We feel privileged to be asked to mount another display in August for Family History Month. A theme of '*Fruit and Flowers*' has been chosen and you are asked to search through your memorabilia and China cabinet for items we could use. As well as lovely items of China – teacups, figurines etc - do you have embroidered serviettes, handkerchiefs, jewellery, painted entries in autograph books featuring fruit and/or flowers? Or maybe a surprise item!**

**Please let Lindsay at linzofcoogee@gmail.com know of any items you are willing to lend for the month of August. Thanks!**

**June 29th was another day for our interesting Discussion Groups run by Margaret Phillips and Eric McLaughlin.**

**The day's theme was based on memorable moments in our lives especially relating to Family History.**

**Those present all had quite amazing stories to tell so come along to our next one if only just to listen.**

# LIBRARY ROSTER

## September 2024

**Tuesday 3rd**
10.00-1.00 Di Walker J Ford
1.00 – 3.30 M Phillips E McLaughlin

**Saturday 7th**
10-1.00 M Phillips E McLaughlin
1.00- 3.30 L Harden H Fatouros

**Tuesday 10th**
10.00-1.00 M Morscheck R Horne
1.00-3.30 M Morscheck R Horne

**Saturday14th**
10.00-1.00 R van der Sandt L Harden
1.00-3.30 C Humphreys L Bevan

**Tuesday 17th**
10.00-1.00 H Fatouros C Garrett
1.00-3.30 H Fatouros L Heavener

**Saturday21st**
10.00-1.00 L Bevan C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 D Walker R Nicol

**Tuesday 24th**
10.00-1.00 L Bevan C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 J Gallagher V Little

**Saturday 28th**
10.00-1.00 C Humphreys L Bevan
1.000-3.30 L Bevan C Humphreys

## October 2024

**Tuesday1st**
10.00-1.00 Di Walker J Ford
1.00 – 3.30 M Phillips E McLaughlin

**Saturday 5th**
10-1.00 M Phillips E McLaughlin
1.00- 3.30 L Harden H Fatouros

**Tuesday 8th**
10.00-1.00 M Morscheck R Horne
1.00-3.30 M Morscheck R Horne

**Saturday 12th**
10.00-1.00 R van der Sandt L Harden
1.00-3.30 C Humphreys L Bevan

**Tuesday 15th**
10.00-1.00 H Fatouros C Garrett
1.00-3.30 H Fatouros L Heavener

**Saturday 19th**
10.00-1.00 L Bevan C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 D Walker R Nicol

**Tuesday 22nd**
10.00-1.00 L Bevan C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 J Gallagher V Little

**Saturday 26th**
10.00-1.00 C Humphreys L Bevan
1.000-3.30 L Bevan C Humphreys

**Tuesday 29th**