Cape Banks Family History Society Inc.

ABN 31 178 078 400

Founded 1985

Member AFFHO, ACT & NSW FFHS, RAHS

NEWSLETTER

Edited by Rhonda Horne

ISSN1933331 1874 **Vol 39 No. 05** **August 2025**

Following on from the interesting and enjoyable day trip Cape Banks FHS made on Thursday 01 May to Liverpool Regional Museum and Liverpool Genealogy Society we were delighted to welcome members of the Liverpool Society and Hill End & Tambaroora Group to our Frangipani Research Room on Tuesday 08 July.

The visiting group began the day with a visit to the Prince Henry Hospital Nurses Chapel, morning tea and a tour of the Prince Henry Hospital Nurses Museum prior to making their way to our research room where they were welcomed by Cape Banks members and enjoyed a BYO lunch.

The highlight of the day for the members of the visiting groups and our society was greeting friends they have known for many years and acquaintances made on the previous visit.

Visitors & Members

100 CLUB WINNERS TO DATE

Week 1	**Bob Lopresto**
Week 2	**Bob Lopresto**
Week 3	**John Bevan**
Week 4	**Debra McDonald**
Week 5	**Valerie McCarthy**

NEXT DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturday 30 August at Cape Banks – 1:30PM

Letters, postcards and photographs to and from the home front.

In the era before email, the internet and telephones, letters, postcards, and photographs served as cherished means of staying connected with family and friends across the country or around the globe. This connection was particularly vital during wartime when individuals stationed overseas faced long separations from loved ones. A letter or photograph from home could uplift their spirits and maintain a sense of closeness.

Additionally, family members who moved to other countries often wrote back to inform those at home about significant life events such as births, marriages, and deaths, as well as the happenings in their new surroundings. Occasionally, these letters found their way into local newspapers, particularly in rural areas.

If you possess family letters, postcards, or photographs that you'd like to share, we encourage you to bring them along and share their stories.

Even if you don't have anything to contribute, we invite you to join us and listen to the tales of others, as their experiences may inspire your own memories to surface.

Looking forward to hearing many different stories!

Margaret Phillips and Eric McLaughlin

July's Guest Speaker Paul McKenzie

Gave a very interesting talk on the conservation of Historic Abbotsford House on the Parramatta River and restoration to its former glory.

Paul was introduced by former colleague member Kerry Crotty.

Winner of the Raffle was Helen Fatouros

August Guest Speaker at BOWEN LIBRARY is Kerima-Gae Topp from TOPP TOURS

Don't forget this talk will be held at BOWEN LIBRARY Saturday 09 August at 1:00PM.

At this presentation of WEIRD and WONDERFUL AUSTRALIA you will discover many amazing and curious facts about our country, Australia

French Genealogy Archives Nationales Finding Aids

https://www.siv.archives-wnationales.culture.gouv.fr/siv/cms/content/display.action?uuid=Accueil1RootUuid&onglet=1
The national archive's online finding aids provide access to over eight million images. You can request a copy of the record you need if it has not been digitised.
Legion Of Honour Dossiers

w https://www.leonore.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/ui/
These dossiers can contain copies of birth, marriage and death records, summaries of military service, and details of heroic acts. Nearly all of the records are digitised.
Mémoire Des Hommes

w https://www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/
The website of France's military archives is a superb resource. It is constantly being updated, and volunteers work together to index the country's military records.
FamilySearch

w https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/France_Genealogy
FamilySearch's wiki has useful advice for the country, including links to online records here and elsewhere. In English and French.
London Genealogy

ANCESTRY

w https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/1558/
Ancestry continues to dominate the London scene, and content from its partnership with The London Archives is regularly being added to the site. The collection 'London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813–1924', for example, was updated in March, and now boasts nearly 24 million records. The electoral-registers material, which spans 1832–1972, tops 217 million entries. Other datasets include admissions and discharges for schools and workhouses, city and county directories from the 18th century to the 1940s, and material from Westminster Archives, which includes a further 5.5 million parish records.
LONDON LIVES

w https://www.londonlives.org/
Here you can search names drawn from a wide range of sources for 18th-century London. The focus of the project is on poorer residents and includes a range of parish and tax records as well as records from the trials heard at the Old Bailey. Some of the datasets that power this site have been incorporated into the Digital Panopticon (https://www.digitalpanopticon.org/), which seeks to trace the lives of convicts sentenced at London's central criminal court between 1780 and 1925. And since 2019 the latter site has been bolstered by a tattoo database – meaning you can search detailed descriptions of tattoos worn by about 58,000 convicts.
LAYERS OF LONDON

w https://www.layersoflondon.org/
Here you can access historic maps of the city.
LOCATING LONDON'S PAST

w https://www.locatinglondon.org/

Search digital resources relating to the history of early modern and 18th-century London.
LONDON PICTURE ARCHIVE

w https://www.londonpicturearchive.org.uk/
Browse more than 250,000 images from The London Archives and the Guildhall Art Gallery.
OLD BAILEY ONLINE

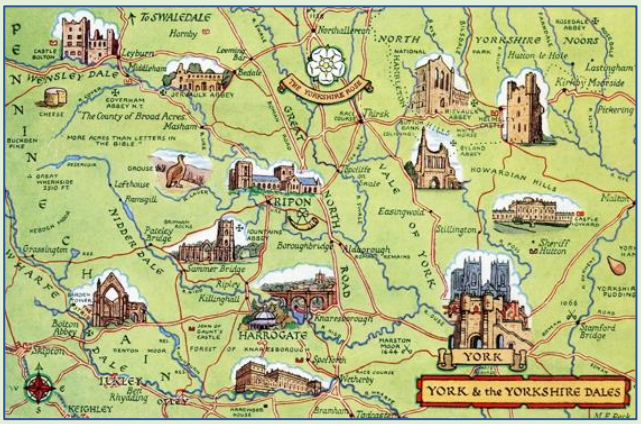
w https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/
Search records of 197,752 criminal trials.

Source: Who do you think you are magazine, June 2025

On Saturday 25 October at 1:00PM at Cape Banks there will be a workshop run by Eric McLaughlin

WHY YOU SHOULD USE MAPS IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Using maps in your family history research makes storytelling more engaging by showing how places relate to your personal stories. They can illustrate where your ancestors moved, emphasise important events and give context to their journeys. By adding maps you help readers see the geographical ties of your failily's history enriching their understandbg and connection to your narrative.
The workshop will cover such things as what types of maps are available, where to find them and how to use them in your research and storytelling. This workship is limited to twelve participants and reservations will open from 01 October. If bookings are oversubscribed a second presention will be organised later.



This year's MEMBERSHIP FEES are increasing by $2:00 to $50:00

Family Membership remains the same at $65:00

Postage fees will not be increased

August **is** ***National Family History Month*** **and the glass cabinet at Bowen Library is showing an amazing array of memorabilia kindly donated by Cape Banks members.**
The theme "How Did we Entertain Ourselves before the days of Television".

Lindsay has again put together a wonderful exhibition of artifacts and assisted in the presentation by Helen. A lot of work is involved putting the cabinet together from organising and collecting items, labelling them then putting the whole exhibition together into an interesting display.
Don't forget to look at this exhibition when coming to the August Guest Speaker Day

Cape Banks Members who have contributed to the exhibition

Di Walker, Helen Fatouros, Lee Bevan, Lindsay Harden, Roslyn Nicol, Geoff George, Ross Van de Sandt, Linda Heavener, Lyle Underwood

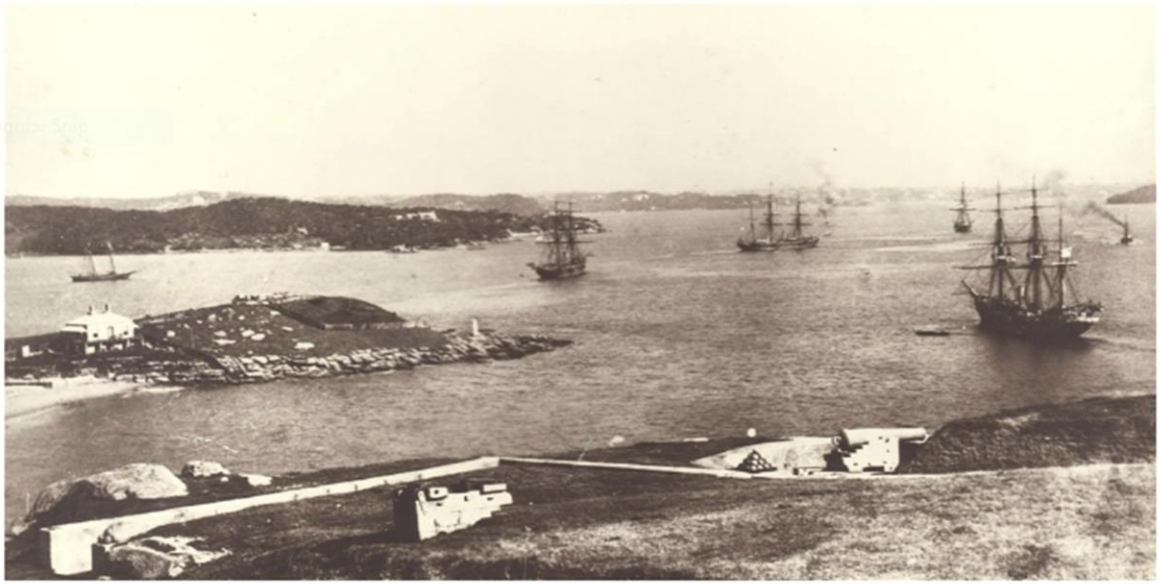
Thank you everyone…

This talk is being held at the Woollahra Library
451 New South Head Road, Double Bay.

Registration for this event is through EVENTBRITE

Australasian Family History Month: Migration Stories

Next date: Friday, 29 August 2025 | 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM



Suzanne Hyde from the Society of Australian Genealogists explores 19th century migration stories, drawing rich detail from the records.
Join us for a special talk with Suzanne Hyde from the Society of Australian Genealogists as she explores the three essential questions of a migration story: Why did they leave? How did they travel? What happened next?

Drawing on diverse stories of migration from the 19th century, Suzanne shares her discoveries of motives, journeys and life in a new land - and how she unearthed the detail.

Morning tea will be served at 10.00am, with the talk beginning at 10.30am.

Some members have been to talks at the library before and they are always interesting and informative. This one is especially of interest if you have family who came to Australia during the 19th century.

LIBRARY ROSTER

September 2025

Tuesday 2nd
10.00-1.00 D. Walker, J. Ford
1.00 – 3.30 M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin
Tuesday 9th
10.00-1.00 R. Horne, L. Bevan
1.00-3.30 R. Horne, L. Bevan
Tuesday 16th
10.00-1.00 H. Fatouros, T. Garrett
1.00-3.30 H. Fatouros, L. Heavener
Tuesday 23rd
10.00-1.00 L. Bevan, C. Humphreys
1.00-3.30 J. Gallagher, V. Little
Tuesday 30th
10.00-1.00 L. Bevan, C. Humphreys
1.00 3.30 R. van der Sandt

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 de 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
Saturday27th
10.00-1.00 L. Bevan, C. Humphreys
1.000-3.30 L. Bevan, C. Humphreys

October 2025

Saturday 4th
10.00-1.00 M. Phillips, E .McLaughlin
1.00- 3.30 L. Harden, H. Fatouros
Tuesday 7th
10.00-1.00 D. Walker, J. Ford
1.00-3.30 M. Phillips, E. McLaughlin
Tuesday 14th
10.00-1.00 R. Horne, L. Bevan
1.00-3.30 R. Horne, L. Bevan
Tuesday 21st
10.00-1.00 H. Fatouros, T. Garrett
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 11th
10.00-1.00 R. van der Sandt, L. Harden
1.00-3.30 L. Bevan, C. Humphreys
Saturday 18th
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