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NEWSLETTER

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The 100 Club is now over for another year and many thanks to all members who generously contributed.

This is a very worthwhile fund raiser for the society and congratulations to all our winners.

Also a big "thank you" to Helen for again organising the 100 Club this year and for her time and effort to have this running so successfully.

FINAL 100 CLUB WINNERS
Week 6 – Lyle Underwood
Week 7 – Verna Little
Week 8 – Denise O'Connor
Week 9 – John Bevan
Week 10 - $100 – Jason Ashmore

This is the LINK to interviews carried out by the
UNIVERSITY OF NSW CANBERRA - AUSTRALIANS AT WAR FILM ARCHIVE
https://australiansatwarfilmarchive.unsw.edu.au/

Undrneath the row of faces are various options. 'Browse by Theme' (and others) gives selections on the left. At the top is SEARCH which could be a name, an event, a campaign, a ship, a plane, a place/country/ocean, an activity. By searching 'Oatley' where my father and uncle grew up, my uncle's interview and many more were listed. From that interview I discovered that my Paternal Grandfather was instrumental in my father joining the Air Force when 18 years old. By searching 'Wirraway', a plane piloted by my father, many interviews are available (not by him) and confirmed and built upon information which he had written about on a tiny slip of paper about 40 years ago. As with my father, there could be information to help with your researching or filling out their life stories, even if your Ancestors did not do an interview. The sub-links/search facilities are extraordinary.

Contributed by member Denise O'Connor

Time has rolled around again and the committee is now organising this year's

Christmas Party

The venue will be

THE BOTANY BAY GOLF CLUB

1434 Botany Road, Botany – Parking on site

Friday 28 November at 12:00

Donations for the Christmas Raffle are now being taken at Cape Banks.
Please check "use by" dates and obviously no perishables.
Acceptable foods would be puddings, biscuits, chocolates, wine (of course!) jars of olives and goods that are appealing for inclusion in hampers to be won at the Christmas Party.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

For members attending the AGM on Saturday 11th October 2025, you can collect your Christmas raffle tickets and pay on the day.

For those not attending the AGM your raffle tickets will be mailed to you and payment can be made at our Research Rooms during opening hours.

If you wish to pay online PLEASE email the society regarding your payment and let us know your ticket numbers. We will then need your ticket butts posted or delivered to us so that they can be included in the draw.

Closing date for payment and receipt of butts will be Saturday 22nd November 2025.

On Saturday 25 October at 1:00PM at Cape Banks there will be a workshop run by Eric McLaughlin – 1:00PM – 3:30PM

WHY YOU SHOULD USE MAPS IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Maximum number is fourteen so put your name down on the list at Cape Banks or advise a committee member if you wish to attend

BUS TRIP – THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

STATE ARCHIVES KINGSWOOD

Usual meeting place corner of Wise Street and Anzac Parade Maroubra Junction at 8:30.

Please ensure that you have applied for and received your Reader's Ticket confirmation email. Your ticket will be available on arrival at the Reading Room on presentation of this email.

Same email would have enabled you to pre-order original archive records prior to arrival.

If you are participating in the BEHIND THE SCENES tour of the Archives this will save you a lot of time.

Let me know if you require any more information rho30633@bigpond.net.au

To date there are still a few spots left on the council bus.
If you would like to join us please contact me rho30633@bigpond.net.au

Just another reminder to please bring your own coffee/tea mug to the AGM if you can. We are now running very low on disposable cups which is the intention.

We have some mugs that can be used if your unable to bring your own.

Thanks everyone

Discussion Group – Saturday 29 November – 1:30PM to 3:30PM

ANCESTRAL HOMES & PROPERTY – Pre 1900

From your family history research, what have you found out about the homes and/or properties that your ancesors lived in, or on, before 1900?

Were the homes built from timber with a corrugated iron roof, or of a stone and mortar construction with thatched roofing? Maybe a two storey terraced house with outside convenieces?

Did your ancestsor(s) own the home and property, or were they working for the owner who provided a place for them to live?

Have you visited the house and/or property and taken photographs? Do you have any details on the history of the house and/or property?

We encourage you to bring along your story and any protographs and share them with other members.

Even if you do not have anything to contribute, we invite you to join us and listen to the tales of others as their stories may inspire your own memories to surface.

Looking forwad to hearing many differnet stores!

Eric McLaughlin and Margaret Phillips

Irish Cottage

Bush Hut

Suburban Dwelling

2025 AGM – Saturday 11 October – 1:30PM at Cape Banks

Committee Member Nominations for 2025 - 2026 are now open and the wooden box will be at Cape Banks to place them in.

At the AGM all Committee positions become vacant so if anyone would like to join the committee in any capacity, we welcome your nomination.

After the AGM will be our popular "Show & Tell".
Bring along a treasured family item with a story to show members.

Afterwards Afternoon Tea will be served.

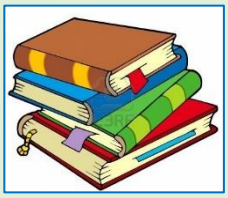
Please remember a $2:00 gold coin is requested as this pays the tea, coffee and biscuits costs.

PLEASE NOTE

Only financial Members are able to vote for the Committee
Please make sure your membership subscription is paid for the coming year

There will be some second-hand family history books available for sale at the Annual

General Meeting so why not grab a bargain.



NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Saturday 08 November – 1:30PM

Last Guest Speaker for the year will be X Police Officer Tony Fitgerald from *NSW HISTORICAL POLICE MUSEUM*

Tony is a long-time friend of member Bill Shute and the talk will be exploring the rich history of the NSW Police Force nswhpm.org

LIBRARY ROSTER

November 2025

Tuesday 4th
10.00-1.00 D Walker, J Ford
1.00-3.30 M Phillips, E McLaughlin

Tuesday 11th
10.00-1.00 R Horne, T Russell
1.00-3.30 R Horne, L Bevan

Tuesday 18th
10.00-1.00 H Fatouros, C Garrett
1.00-3.30 H Fatouros, L Heavener

Tuesday 25th
10.00-1.00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 J Gallagher, V Little

Saturday 1st
10.00-1.00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1.00-3.30 L Harden, H Fatouros

Saturday 8th
10.00-1.00 R van der Sandt, L Harden
1.00-3.30 L Bevan, C Humphreys

Saturday 15th
10.00-1.00 L Bevan, C Humphreys
1.00-3.30 D Walker, R Nicol

Saturday 22nd
10.00-1.00 C Humphreys, L Bevan
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Saturday 29th
10.00-1.00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
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December 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, T Russell
1.00-3.30 R Horne, L Bevan

Saturday 6th
10.00-1.00 M Phillips, E McLaughlin
1.00- 3.30 L Harden, H Fatouros

Research Room Closed
Re-open Tuesday 13th January 2026