



# THE CAMDEN VALLEY VOICE

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## Welcome from the Editor

Firstly I would like to apologise for no Valley Voices for the past 2 months as I have been overseas for 7 weeks and our Assistant Editor has been tied up with his work with Rotary. I would like to let it be known that I will not be standing as Editor at next months AGM as I am finding it to much work with the Convener of the Conference role, so we will require a new Editor.

This months meeting is a Show and Tell meeting and a general discussion on Family History between ourselves

Our August meeting will be our AGM so we will not have a guest speaker.  
Our September meeting the Guest Speaker will be Carol Herben OAM she will be speaking on the Old Waterfall Cemetery..

## **Camden Area Family History Society Inc. Research Room, Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden**

The research room is open  
**Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm**  
**Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm**  
**Saturday 9:30am to 12:00 noon**

**There is a charge of \$5.00 per session for non-members to use our resources,**

There is a volunteer on duty whenever the research room is open. They are only too happy to assist with any inquires.

**If you would like to volunteer to assist in the research room please contact the Library Co-ordinator Tony Jackson on 4655 1098 letting him know when you are available.**



*Happy Birthday  
To the following members  
For July 2015*

7<sup>th</sup> Frank Battam  
9<sup>th</sup> Ray Herbert  
13<sup>th</sup> Diana Rofe  
15<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Dowle  
21<sup>st</sup> Margaret Wheeler  
24<sup>th</sup> Tony Jackson  
30<sup>th</sup> Steve Robinson



## MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden.

To help cover the cost of supper there is a gold coin donation.

*Visitors most welcome.*

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Normal	Pensioners/Concession
Single \$25	Single \$20
Couple \$30	Couple \$25

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**Please remember that membership renewals were due in the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, Barbara would love to take you money tonight or as soon as possible. Also remember you have to be a financial member of the Society to vote or be a member of the committee.**

### Upcoming Events;

**AGM** Remember next month is our AGM if you wish to nominate or be nominated you will have to complete the nomination form which will be available tonight. Also if you are unable to attend you may wish to leave a Proxy voting form also available tonight.

### **Digger from the shire of Blacktown 1914-1918**

Blacktown and District Historical Society extends an invitation to attend the launch of the above book on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the Nirimba



Room at Blacktown Council, Chambers if you wish to attend please RSVP before Friday 10 July by telephoning on 9920 011 or email at [chornex@excite.com](mailto:chornex@excite.com).

**Irish Day.** Illawarra Family History Group will be holding an Irish Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St., Fairy Meadow. The speakers are Dr. Richard Reid and Dr. Perry MacIntyre. Cost is \$15.00. Further information on IFHG website [www.illawarraafhg.blogspot.com](http://www.illawarraafhg.blogspot.com), or a copy of the form can be made available from CAFHS

**NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies 2015 State Conference.** 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September at Panthers - Port Macquarie, Early Bird registrations have closed. But booking can still be made on [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpmfhs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpmfhs/). If you are booking online you will need to use the discount code to obtain the lower fee for member societies of \$140.00, for CAFHS the code is PM2015.

## **Cemetery Transcribing and Photographing St. Mathews**

We have now completed the first stage of transcribing and it is now ready for checking. The photos are nearly ready but it seems that I have missed part of one row so will have to back and rephoto some of them probably when we do the checking, who would be available on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday during the day to carry out the checking.

I would like to start on the nest cemetery after the State Conference in Port Macquarie, probably early October, please indicate if you are available

Tony Jackson

## **Honour Your Anzac CD.**

Honour Your Anzac CDs can be produced for any soldier who served. They may, or may not, have served at Gallipoli, they may have returned to Australia, they may not have survived the Western Front. The information available will vary from soldier to soldier. CDs also contain "Virtual Tours" of both Gallipoli and the Western Front Today.



The CDs are available from [www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com](http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com) or by filling out a form and sending it in, forms and address are available in the room. The cost of the CDs is 1 CD \$40.00 each, 5 CDs - \$30.00 each.

## **NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies 2016 State Conference 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

Planning is well underway for this conference which as you should know is being hosted by CAFHS.

The venue will be Camden Civic Centre which has already been booked, we are in discussion with Camden Council for some form of Grant or Sponsorship to help cover the hiring cost.

We have a number of speakers line up already, some have yet to be confirmed.

We are now actively looking for sponsorship from both the local community and from Family History related business, such as Ancestry, Find My Past, and State Records, etc.

We are also after Raffle Prizes, we will be hold 2 raffle one during the whole weekend plus one on the Saturday night dinner, so if you have contact with local business who would like to donate item for these raffles please contact me.

At the 2015 conference at Port Macquarie we will have to put on a short presentation to the conference showcasing Camden and the surrounding area. If you have any ideas please let me know, we have a couple of ideas at the moment but yours might be better. We will be primarily working out this presentation at the next conference committee meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12.30 pm in the meeting room.

Tony Jackson  
Conference Convenor

### **Ancestry.**

Camden Library now has Ancestry available, we will also be able to access it in our room once I have been able to set it up, hopefully by this weekend or at the latest next weekend. I will keep you informed.

Tony Jackson