



# THE CAMDEN VALLEY VOICE

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## ***From the Editor***

Last month's talk was by Carol Herben OAM on The Old Waterfall Cemetery and was filled with many images of forgotten and overgrown gravesites. The history of the burial ground was interesting and saddening to think that family have been locked out for so long. The video produced by Wollongong Council was very visual and enlightening. Once again I would ask for any items you may have to contribute or ideas that you may think appropriate for the newsletter or Camden Calling, you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email: [w.sims53@gmail.com](mailto:w.sims53@gmail.com).

Our meeting this month will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm and several of our members who attended the NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies 2015 State Conference will talk on their experience of the conference

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

The research room is currently 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 \$10.00 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 October 2015*

**Beverly Booth Del Clinton  
Marlene Masters Jennifer Meston  
Neil Paterson Patricia Patterson  
Esma Rea Julie Wrigley**



## 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  
OVERDUE**

| <b>Normal</b> | <b>Pensioners/Concession</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Single \$30   | Single \$25                  |
| Couple \$35   | Couple \$30                  |

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**Please remember that membership renewals were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, and we currently have 48 members renewed – a few members still to renew for the current year!**

## Bunnings Narellan Sausage Sizzle

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Narellan. The day started early with a 7.30 setup and customers waiting as the first sausages came off the B-B-Q. Many thanks to those members who assisted on the day and in preparation, but a special heart felt thanks to Ray & Andrea's daughters, Danielle and Ainslee who both worked tirelessly to make the day the success it was. Due to the slightly cooler weather than last year, Ray had to make several trips to purchase additional bread rolls and sausages but our drinks held out.

We sold over \$2200 of Sausage Sizzle and Drinks and after expenses made approximately \$1470 for the Society.



## **CAFHS Christmas Dinner Get Together.**

As we did last year we will again be attending a Dinner at Campbelltown TAFE catering school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Cost is currently set at \$37 per head. Please pay your money to Barbara Sulley for the night.

## **NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies 2015 State Conference. 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September at Panthers - Port Macquarie,**

Reports will be delivered at the October meeting by Fred Gibson, Dawn Williams, Ray Herbert, Tony Jackson and Cathey Shepherd.

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

Planning is continuing for this conference which as you will know is being hosted jointly by CAFHS and Picton & District Historical & FHS at the Camden Civic Centre and we are continuing discussions with Camden Council for some form of Grant or Sponsorship to help cover the hiring cost.

We have a number of speakers lined up already, and approximately 141 expressions of interest from attendees at this years conference in Port Macquarie.

We are still looking for sponsorship from both the local community and from Family History related business, such as Ancestry, Find My Past, and State Records, etc. and we are also after Raffle Prizes for the 2 raffles to be held over the conference. One to run over the period of the Conference and a 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle for the night of the Conference Dinner on the Saturday night, so if you have contact with local business who would like to donate item for these raffle prizes please contact me or members of the Conference Committee..

We are also looking for some people to dress up in period costume as Mr & Mrs Macarthur to meet & greet conference attendees at the Friday evening cocktails so if you know of anyone who are members of a local drama society that may be interested in dressing for the occasion, please see me.

Tony Jackson  
Conference Convenor



## *For Your Diary*

### **Denbigh House**

Denbigh House will be open for inspection on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Devonshire Teas will be available.

### *Pre- Christmas Meeting*

December “Xmas” Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and we invite all members to bring along a plate to make this a social night celebrating the end of the year and the Christmas season.

### *-Herstory-*

#### **Lives of the Parramatta Female Factory Women**

An exhibition presented by the Parramatta Female Factory Friends in collaboration with the Parramatta & District Historical Society. This exhibition will be held at Hambledon Cottage, cnr Hassall St & Gregory Place, Harris Park and open Thursday to Sunday 11am-4pm from October 2015 – March 2016

### **IT'S A RIOT !**

Come along, celebrate & commemorate the day the Women of the Parramatta Female Factory struck out for freedom. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 is “Riot Day at the Factory”

Come along to The Cumberland Hospital Fleet Street, North Parramatta. Entry is ‘Gold Coin Donation’ and via Fleet Street.

*You can speak to a Descendant, share your history search the database for your female Factory ancestor or just come along & learn more about this historic Governor Macquarie & Francis Greenaway site c1818.*

Keynote Speaker 1pm – 2pm is Alistair McGregor (biographer – Francis Greenaway)

For further details please contact Cathey Shepherd