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From the Editor



Christmas has come again and on behalf of our Office bearers and Committee, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30 pm and will be our first for 2016. Remember, if you have any articles for The Valley Voice or Camden Calling, you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email: w.sims53@gmail.com.

Once again have a very merry and safe Christmas/New Year period.

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 December 2015*

**Brian Burnett Rex Dowle
Lesley Hudson Ken Hughes
Susan Smith**



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**

Normal	Pensioners/Concession
Single \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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

Research Room Christmas Closure

The Research Room will be closed for Christmas; the last day will be the 12th December 2015 and will reopen on the 21st January 2016.

UK 1939 Register available now on Find My Past

The UK 1939 Register is now available on the FindMyPast website. Genealogists everywhere are eagerly anticipating its release, as it includes the names, addresses, occupations and marital status of 41 million people recorded in September 1939, just before the outbreak of World War Two. It's particularly significant for this period of English history as the 1931



Census was destroyed and because of the war, the 1941 census was never taken.

Please be aware access to the 1939 Register will not be included in your Subscription, access will require purchasing pay per view credits which will be available through the CAFHS account in Find My Past within your rooms.

New Resource

A new CD has just arrived – Employment and Dispersal Lists for Assisted Passengers Arriving 1848 – 1854. Arrivals at Moreton Bay, Port Phillip, Sydney & Twofold Bay.

This CD will be on the Computers soon.

CAFHS Christmas Dinner Get Together.

Many members had a good night out at Macarthur TAFE as guests of the Catering School and from the many very impressed comments it appears the students out did themselves this year with excellent fine food and service.

NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies 2016 State Conference 9th – 11th September 2016. Civic Centre - Camden

Do not forget to mark your Diaries for this conference which as you will know is being hosted jointly by CAFHS and Picton & District Historical & FHS at the Camden Civic Centre.

Tony Jackson
Conference Convenor



Victorian BDMS - Indexes now free

The Victorian BDM indexes which previously cost 99 cents per page to view, are now free. The [search facility](#) has also been upgraded and you can search all events (birth, death and marriage) in the one search if you wish. Note that the search results do not show the registration district where the event took place however you can come to the SAG Library and access their resources if you require this information.

For Your Diary

Central Coast Family History Society Inc Seminar

Seminar 2016 will be held on Saturday 5th March 2016 at the Gosford Lions Community Hall rear of our cottage 8 Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford commencing at 9.15 am with the official opening.

Guest speakers will be Amanda Ianna—Registrar NSW BDMs - Joy & Allan Murrin - Transcription Agents - Topic Discoveries in Family History Resources - Some case studies that will unlock your research in BDM Index and online databases - Ben Mercer—Ancestry.com.au and Andrew Gildea—FindersCafe.

For more information visit their webpage <http://www.centralcoastfhs.org.au/>