

# THE CAMDEN VALLEY VOICE

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## ***From the Editor***

Well we have come, yet again, to the end of another year and what a year it has been. All the work along with Picton throughout the year building to the climax at our annual Conference held in Camden.

At last month's meeting we were addressed by Lorraine Stacker from Penrith Library, who spoke about DNA testing and what it means to Genealogists and Family History aficionados and our Committee is hopeful of being able to arrange some sort of group discount with Ancestry to make this service available to members at a discount. This month is our Christmas night

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).

## **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**

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**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 2016*

**Brian Burnett   Rex Dowle  
Margaret Hughes   Janette Loomes  
Susan Press   Susan Smith**

*And January 2017*

**Rosemary Gibson**



### 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 we ask for a gold coin donation.

*Visitors most welcome.*

**MEMBERSHIP  
SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE**

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

## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

**The President and Committee of Camden Area Family History Society wish all members the merriest time during this Christmas Festive Season**





## *For Your Diary*

### **Camden Area Family History Society Christmas Closure**

To all our members please be advised that the CAFHS Research Rooms in the Camden Library facility will be closed from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and will reopen on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

To all we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



**15<sup>th</sup> Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour,  
Sydney, Australia**

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**Society of Australian genealogists Event Calendar**  
**December 2016 & January 2017**

**December**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Writing Discussion Group – Festive Flash 2: treasures

Do you possess an heirloom or artefact to do with your family history?  
We'd love to see it (or a photo, if it is too large to bring) and hear its story.  
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Cost \$10 members \$15 Non-members.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Legacy Software user Group – Bev Hyssett

Discover ways to maximise the benefits of this Family History software program. Learn from others, share tips and ask questions.  
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Cost \$10 members \$15 Non-members.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Family History Films – Simon Cunich

Have you thought about making a film to preserve your family history. Simon Cunich, from Heirloom Films, will be showing examples of family history films and offering practical advice about how to use digital technologies and filmmaking for family history  
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.

**January**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Getting the most out of your SAG membership –Danielle Lautrec

Discover the benefits you receive as a SAG member, with tips for accessing special deals and services. Find out whats new and what is hidden in the basement.  
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm  
Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Manning River region, NSW – Exploring the SAG's collections

The latest of our popular series examining places and topics through the Society's wonderful collections. Join us whether you have family from the Manning River region or just want to find out more about how the collections can assist with your family history  
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 1.30pm – 3.30pm



Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.

Wednesday 18th – Millers Point Walking Tour in the Twilight – Ralph Hawkins  
Walk in steps of the convict stonemasons, millers, sea captains and merchants of Millers Point. See the history and hear the stories of Sydney's colourful past. Walk starts with a lecture at Richmond Villa and refreshments. Limit 15.

Tour starts at SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Cost \$30 members \$45 Non-members.

Thursday 19th – Getting Organised – Lilian Magill

Simple tips and ways to get yourself organised. How to cut your paper storage. What to do with your documents and photos. A quick look at online storage and organising your bookmarks. Looking at what you can do with your family tree program for photos and notes.

Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.

Friday 20th – Hands On @379 – Blogging for Family History – Jill Ball

How to create a geneablog using free blogger software. Note this is a computer session and computer skills are assumed. Limit of 14

Where; Hands on Computers 2/379 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost \$35 members \$50 Non-members.

Saturday 21st – Digitising your family history Part 1 – Jeff Madsen

Learn how to create digital images of your family records. The session will cover reasons and uses for digitising, image resolution, colour management, file types, compression, metadata, storage options and equipment.

Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm

Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.

Saturday 21st – Digitising your family history Part 2 – Jeff Madsen

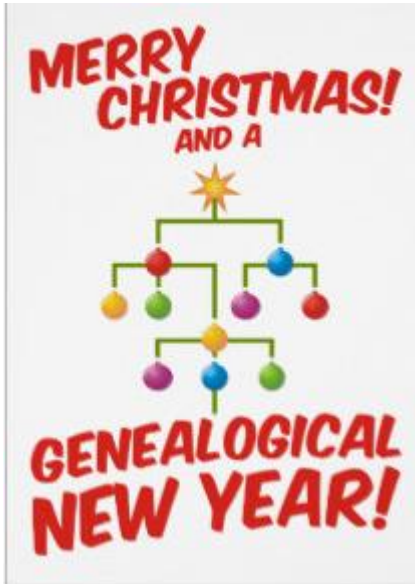
This workshop will put into practice some of the tips from Part 1, with demonstrations and assistance. Participants should bring records with them to be digitised. This session is only open to people who attend part 1 in the morning and is limited to 10 people

Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Cost \$10 members \$15 Non-members.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS



I have a list of folks I know, all written in a book,  
And every year at Christmas time I open it and look.  
For each name stands for someone whose path touched mine and  
then,  
Left such a sense of friendship that I want that touch again.

And though it may seem trite of me to make this solemn claim,  
I really feel there's part of me in each remembered name.  
So never think my Christmas Cards are just a mere routine,  
With names upon a little list, forgotten in between.

See, when I send a Christmas Card, and it's addressed to you,  
It's because you're on a list of folk that I'm indebted to,  
For every year, when Christmas comes, I realise anew,  
The biggest gift that life can give ..... is knowing folk like you.

Anon

From: The Book of Australian Popular Rhymed Verse  
ABC Books 2008

## CAFHS Christmas Dinner at Campbelltown College of TAFE

A group of CAFHS Members attended a Christmas Dinner at Campbelltown TAFE and a great time and good food was enjoyed by all.





**And don't forget to "like" our new Facebook Page**



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