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Welcome from the Editor

As Warren is away Cruising between Sydney and Perth I am writing this months Valley Voice

Our last meeting we had an interesting talk by Janet Klepatzki about writing her Family History and some of the pitfalls and perplexing issued she encounters. She encourages everyone to try and write their own Family History.

This month's meeting we will have a representative from Service NSW to talk about what services are available from the new Services NSW Hub at Gregory Hills.

Our May meeting I will be talking about the resources of CAFHS, what we hold and what is available this will be in conjunction with The National Trust Heritage Festival "Discovery & Rediscoveries.

**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 April 2016*

**9th Geoffrey Howe
10th Dawn Lottie
18th John Wrigley
25th Sharon Greene**



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 \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30

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

As stated last month we are giving a special deal to CAFHS members who are willing to work during the weekend a discount of \$20.00 on the Early Bird registration. If you would like a copy of the registration form I have some available.

We are starting to get a number of registrations coming in as well as a number of Exhibitor Table Bookings.

We have nearly finalised the program, this should be completed in the next few weeks, and we will then start to publish the basic program.

Most of our speakers are now locked in and we may be able to publish a list for next month's VV. We also have quite a number of Major sponsors, they include, Camden Municipal Council, NSW Birth, Death & Marriages, Ancestry, Find my Past, Marilyn Rowen, Joy Murrin, Finders Cafe, Gould Books, Pastkeys, CAFHS, Picton Family History Society.

Tony Jackson
Conference Convenor



Coming Events

Kiama Family, Local & Social History Expo. The Kiama HFC is hold an Expo on Saturday 16th April at the Kiama Pavilion, 2 Bong Bong Street, Kiama. Starting at 9:30am and concluding 4:00pm. CAFHS and the Conference Committee will have 2 Table during the day one for selling our book and the other promoting the Conference. If you are available to help on the day please let Tony know.

National Trust Heritage Festival 1916 16th April to the 29th May. The theme of this years Festival is **Discovery & Rediscoveries**.

Camden has a number of events organised they are:

Camden's Historical Buildings Then and Now. This will be and Exhibition/Display of photographs of Camden's Historic Buildings as they looked and as they look now. The exhibition will be show in the Fiction Section of Camden Library and online at www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au from the 2nd May to the 30th May.

Discover and Rediscover your Family History. This will be a talk on the resources that you can use in our resource room to discover your family History and how to rediscover more you didn't know. Tuesday 3rd May in the Meeting Room and in the Resource Room, 7.30 pm

Mini Discoverers – Clothes. Children Events, a hands on session for preschoolers and their cares in place of story time. Camden Museum 10th May 11am to 12pm.

What we dug up at home. A show and tell session by members of the Camden Historical Society on the 11th May 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Museum.

Camden Heritage Walking Tour and App Launch. Walking Tour with a difference. The Camden Heritage Walking Tour App will be launched and then a tour conducted with demonstration using the App to view how buildings looked in the past. Camden Library 17th May 10am to 11:30am.

Campbelltown has the following:

Rediscover Queen Street. Exhibition/Display – Step back in time and rediscover Queen Street. The Exhibition will reveal what Campbelltown's main street looked like. At the H.J.Daley Library Campbelltown 26th April & 29th May.



Museum Family Fun Day. Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum 14th & 15th May 9.00am to 3.30pm. Exhibition and fun day at the museum 86 Menangle Road, Mt. Gilead.

Campbelltown Heritage Forum and 2016 Medallion presentation.

Campbelltown City Council will present an evening of community oral histories that look to the past. Campbelltown Arts Centre – Art Gallery Road – Campbelltown.

Further details of these events are available in the National Trust Heritage Festival Free Guide available in our room and in the Library.

Botany Bay Family History Society In association with the Sutherland Shire Citizens Fair and the National Trust Botany Bay Family History Society will be holding their 2016 Heritage Fair on Saturday 7th May at the Tradies Club Gynea from 10am to 4pm. CAFHS and the Conference Committee will have 2 Table at this fair selling our books and promoting the conference if anyone is available to help on the day can they see Tony. There will be a number of free informative talks on researching your Family History.

Coffs Harbour District Family History Society will be holding a Full Day Seminar on the 28th May at the Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street Coffs Harbour, 10.00am to 4.00pm