



# THE CAMDEN VALLEY VOICE

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## Welcome from the Editor

Well back from cruising “over the top” and finally back on my feet 2 weeks later

At our last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April, Krishneel Goundar from Service NSW at Gregory Hills was our guest speaker and Krishneel along with the Manager and Concierge gave us a presentation on the many services offered at the new Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills, not just Motor Registry and BDM.

At this months meeting Tony 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” and shown on page 3 as part of **National Trust Heritage Festival 1916** 16<sup>th</sup> April to the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**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 \$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 May 2016*

**Christine Harris    Sandra Cooke  
Lorraine Keher    Warren Sims  
Naomi Davies    Sharon Loane  
Michael McEwan    Brian Stratton**



## 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

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

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

The Conference planning is progressing quite well with 33 delegates booked so far, and as well we have a number of Exhibitor Tables booked. Hopefully this number will rise a lot more over the next couple of months.

Just a reminder to members that it has been decided members of Camden & Picton Societies who are helping out over the weekend will get a discounted registration fee, the fee for assisting members will be \$100.00 and this can only be paid directly to Barbara by cash, cheque or by EFT but not by Credit Card. For those who are interested I have copies of the Registration Forms available tonight.

We are still looking for local companies who are willing to donate products for use in the Raffle on the Friday, I have copies of a generic letter which you can take to these local companies available tonight. We also have a number of advertising flyers we wish to distribute around the district, so again if you are able to assist please take a handful of flyers with you.



We have received replies from a number of speakers accepting our offer including, Professor Alan Atkinson, Nick Brodie, Ben Mercer from Ancestry, Alan and Joy Murrin, The Lace Makers of Calais, Jo Oliver from Camden Library, Lorraine Stacker from Penrith Library, State Library with a number still to be fully confirmed.

Tony Jackson  
Conference Convener

## *For Your Diary*

**National Trust Heritage Festival 1916** 16<sup>th</sup> April to the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 an Exhibition Display of photographs of Camden's Historic Buildings as they looked and as they look now. The exhibition will be shown in the Fiction Section of Camden Library and online at [www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> May to the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 carers in place of story time. Camden Museum 10<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 12pm.

**What we dug up at home.** A show and tell session by members of the Camden Historical Society on the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April & 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Museum Family Fun Day.** Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Tradies Club Gynea from 10am to 4pm. CAFHS and the Conference Committee will have 2 Tables 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 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Coffs Harbour Community Village, Earl Street Coffs Harbour, 10.00am to 4.00pm

**Campbelltown District Family History Society** are hosting a workshop about Aboriginal Family History research on Sunday 15 May 2016. 11.00am – 3.30pm Cost is \$10 which includes morning and afternoon tea but bring your own lunch Bookings are essential Contact Denise Baxter on 02 46258612 or e social@cdfhs.org.au

The St David's Presbyterian cemetery talk/walk is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11am-12noon, meeting at the cemetery. To book a spot telephone the library on 4645 4444.

The Methodist Congregational Cemetery talk/walk is on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am-12noon, meeting at the cemetery. To book a spot telephone the library on 4645 4444.