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Welcome from the Editor

At our last meeting Tony provide an insight into the resources available at the Society's rooms and many of the databases and resources held.

A suggestion was raised at last week's Committee Meeting, that all society members wear their Membership Badge at our Monthly meetings so please bring along your membership badge and wear it with Pride.

Don't forget our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Narellan is on Saturday 25th June and all assistance will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are required for whatever time you can spare between 7.30 am and 4.00pm.

For those interested Xmas in July is being held on Saturday 9th July at 'Upstairs at Freds' in Argyle Street at 7 for 7.30pm. Cost is \$60 per head for a 2 course meal and all the colour of 'Fred's', please see Barbara tonight for final numbers and money. Finally the new WalkinTour of Camden Smartphone app has been launched, please see Library staff if you are interested in trying it – there is no cost.

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 June 2016*

**June Black Lester Lovell
Robert Smith June Matheson
Dawn Williams Janet Moore
Alexander Matheson Bruce Denison**



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.

In the absence of Tony Jackson (enjoying a short break in Bega then off to Queensland for a few days) I would like to advise that planning for the State Conference is well in hand with around 48 delegates booked so far, and we have approx. 23 Exhibitor Tables booked. Hopefully this number will continue to increase as we get closer to the date.

Please remember that members of Camden & Picton Societies who are helping out over the weekend will get a discounted registration fee, for assisting members this will be \$100.00, but this can only be paid directly to Barbara by cash, cheque or EFT not by Credit Card. For all those who are interested in helping over the weekend, please remember that you will still need to download and complete a Conference Registration Form from the website or ask a committee member tonight.

We are still open to local companies who are willing to donate products for use in the Raffle on the Friday, and we ask if there are any members who are approved to drive a Council minibus as we have been asked about transport from Cambelltown Station and would like to investigate the possibility of providing a very limited transport option from the station to Camden Civic Centre. Please see Ray or Fred.



The Programme for the weekend has been completed and will be posted on the website shortly with all Speakers now being confirmed.

Warren Sims
Editor

For Your Diary

Family History at Belgenny

Belgenny Farm will be running the Family History day again this year. The family History day is about promoting family History and Local History and giving people a face or access point for questions and enquiries.

The day will be held on Wednesday 3rd of August, the first Wednesday of August as in past years. It will be held in the Granary and will be running from 10am to 3pm.

The Friends of Belgenny Farm have a new shop and will be running the Tea Rooms. We also have a new Creamery Interpretive Centre, which will be due to open around then, and will be able to be previewed, as well as the Historic Tours on the day.

State Library of NSW Lecture

I recently attended a 1 hour lecture at the state library of NSW, (which cost \$5.00) the subject of which was Using eResources and I found it to be very informative.

If you have a Camden/Narellan or Campbelltown library card, you can register with State Library of NSW and gain access to their amazing collection of information. Check with the Librarian at Camden or Narellan for further details

The General public, without registering has a limited access to some areas, with Family History members access is only from Sydney however a good deal of information can be accessed from home.

Sources include: Trove – up to 1955
SMH Archives 1955 – 2005

Margaret Wheeler



I found this Summary in a 1965 copy of a tourist booklet on The Rotolactor at Menangle which I found cute with all its pre-decimal references.



Summary for Visitors

No charge is made for entry to see the Rotolactor. Parking in visitors' parking yard is available free. But donations to a variety of charities will be gratefully received at the Kiosk.

REFRESHMENTS AND PICTURE POSTCARDS: are available at Kiosk where Rotolactor milk and hot water are obtainable. Meals may be had at the Camden Vale Inn between Camden and Menangle turn-off on the Hume Highway.

How to get to the Rotolactor

FROM SYDNEY BY TRAIN: Via Campbelltown. Ring 20 942 for timetable information.

BY ROAD: Via Campbelltown. Turn right at Appin cross-road. Take Menangle road on left, 2 furlongs on, before railway crossing. *From Hume Highway via Camden:* Take road east to Menangle, at 5.3 miles south of Camden; then keep left. Menangle 3¾ miles. *From Illawarra:* Either via Bulli Pass and Appin to Campbelltown, or via Douglas Park. See map, (page 4).

For Farmer Visitors

Camden Park Estate is Australia's largest dairying property — 8,000 acres. On it 3,500 cattle are kept — 900 milked at the Rotolactor and 600 at the six Model Dairies. Average daily yield, 2.75 gallons; average butterfat, 4.3 per cent.

All stock are bred for the Estate by artificial insemination — no cattle purchased. All stock are dehorned, under constant veterinary supervision and are T.B. tested.

Rotolactor cattle are fed rations of concentrates in bails and their roughage in feeding troughs. They do not graze. Their greenstuff comes off 400 acres of river flats, tile-drained and irrigated with various types of spray. These include the Rainline system which consists of 85 foot lengths of 6 inch pipe which "walk" in circles on caterpillar treads and can deliver the equivalent of 2 inch water coverage over 40 acres in 100 hours.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM: Grazing lands used by the cows of the Model Dairies are irrigated on a gravitation system with water from dams sheltered by belts of specially planted timber. For details of sowing and fertilising methods used. See pages 22-3.

THE DAMS: The Dams cover about 100 surface acres and can hold 170 million gallons when full.

The original irrigation plant installed in 1830 — a Belgian archimedian screw — delivered 5,000 gallons an hour. The smallest dam's outflow pipe today can deliver 180,000 gallons an hour.

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WITH TECHNICAL INFORMATION**