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## From the Editor

At our Annual General Meeting last month all office bearers were returned to their positions and all agreed to serve for the ensuing year. We are all very excited about the upcoming conference and looking forward to a very community based and informative series of talks and displays over the three days. At this time we must recognise the devotion and unstinting effort provided by many members of our Society (CAFHS) and Picton District History & Family History Society to bring this conference to its fulfilment this weekend.

At this month's meeting we will be discussing the upcoming Annual Conference at the Camden Civic Centre and arrangements made for attendees. At this time we will also be discussing the role members can play to help in conducting the conference and asking for members to help over the weekend.

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**  
**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 September 2016*

**Margaret Battam    Andrea Herbert  
Robert Lester    William Dunbar  
Rita Oliveri**



## 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

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

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Now Well OverDue

Please remember that membership renewals are due from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, with all members needing to renew for the current year! Members can collect their receipts at our Rooms or alternatively provide a self addressed envelope with stamp to mail a receipt back to you.

## *for Your Diary*

### Camden Historical Society Monthly Meeting

At the September monthly meeting at the Museum on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a 'Show & Tell' – Family Recipe Books & memories of meals & cooking. Bring along some food made from these recipe books of memories.

### St. Pauls Anglican Church Cobbitty, Cemetery Tours

As a feature during History Week, we are conducting 2 tours of St. Pauls Anglican Church Cobbitty's historic Cemetery in Cobbitty in conjunction with St Pauls Archivist.



The first tour will be a “Twilight Tour” next Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> September (the night before the Conference commences) starting at 4.30 pm and the second will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon starting at 3.00 pm.

This Sunday Tour will work in conjunction with the tour of Wivenhoe, organised for after the conclusion of the conference, as members of the families that owned Wivenhoe are buried in the Cemetery.

Anyone attending either of these tours are asked to meet at the Main Door of the Church from the Car Park at the appointed time.

## Camden Festival Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Once the Conference is over, the Camden Festival from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September offers a two and a half week program showcasing the historic Camden region. This kicks off with the Picnic in the Park – High Tea and Garden Showcase set in the iconic Macarthur Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3pm. Curry reserve will be transformed into a children’s wonderland on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and the ultimate outdoor movie event ‘Cinema under the stars’ at the Australian Botanic Gardens Mount Annan on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 12noon – 5pm, there will be Food Wine & Music Festival held at Camden Town Farm with cooking demonstrations from Tasia and Gracia, 2016 My Kitchen Rules winners.

More information and a complete event listing is available at [www.camdenfestival.com.au](http://www.camdenfestival.com.au) or by calling 4645 5034.

Also don’t forget to mark your Calendar for the Open Days at *Camden Park House* on Saturday and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September, always a great day out and the once a year opportunity to see inside this beautiful home.

*A little more food for thought...*

### THE FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT van GOGH (pronounced ‘van go’)

The dizzy Aunt..

The brother who ate too many prunes..

The Grandfather from Yugoslavia..

The Magical Uncle..

The Mexican Cousin..

The nephew who drove a stage coach..

Vert Gogh

Gotta Gogh

U Gogh

Where Diddy Gogh

A Mee Gogh

Wells Far Gogh



The constipated uncle..	Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing Aunt..	Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle..	Flamin Gogh
The Aunt who taught positive thinking..	Way To Gogh
The bouncy nephew..	Poe Gogh
A sister who loved to dance..	Goh Gogh
And his sister who travels the country in an RV..	Winnie Bay Gogh

*A cute poem in keeping with Father's Day just past....*

## **Father's Day**

**Walk a little slower, Daddy  
Said a little child so small.  
I'm following in your footsteps  
And I don't want to fall.  
Sometimes your steps are very fast,  
Sometimes they are hard to see;  
So walk a little slower Daddy,  
For you are leading me.  
Someday when I'm all grown up,  
Your what I want to be;  
Then I will have a little child  
Who'll want to follow me.  
And I would want to lead just right,  
And know that I was true;  
So walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For I must follow you.**

**Author unknown  
From: *Great Poems*, Barfield Press 2005**



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

### **Registrations**

Registrations have now closed and we have 200 delegates registered for the Conference, 149 for the Meet'n'Greet on Friday night, 158 for the Conference Dinner on the Saturday night and 60 for the visit to Wivenhoe.

### **Conference Publicity**

The Committee has been heavily working on publicity for the FREE Friday Family History Fair to ensure as many local people as possible are aware and attend. We have erected 2 large Display Banners advertising the fair at the intersection of the Old Hume Highway and Camden Bypass at South Camden and on Camden Valley way near Kirkam Lane between Narellan and Elderslie and we were represented at the Family History Day at Belgenny Farm and the Antique Fair in the Camden Civic Centre. In addition, as the Conference falls within History Week, we are getting a lot of publicity through the Camden Library and general History Week publicity. We have arranged extensive media coverage by placing a number of articles in the Local Newspapers and also the 2 Local Radio Station, 98.1 and MCR have agreed to run advertisements on-air over the week or so preceding the Conference.

### **Free Friday Family History Fair**

On the Friday during the Family History Fair we had arranged for the local Rotary Club to have a BBQ for Lunch in the carpark out front of the Camden Civic Centre, unfortunately the Rotary Club has indicated they are unable to meet this commitment, so in addition to the many fine Cafes' and food outlets in Camden we have organised a "Family History Café" which will operate between 12 noon and 2pm at the Civic Centre, serving a selection of lite lunch choices, a sweets selection and Devonshire Teas for a small charge.

The talks by our advertised speakers will be conducted throughout the day and all attendees are welcome to make the most of these talks.

### **Saturday Night Dinner**

On Saturday night at the Conference Dinner, we will have 16 Tables seating 10 guests and each table will be decorated with an ornamental Cow in keeping with the theme of the Conference. These Cows will be auctioned off during the night, with the occupants of each Table having first preference to purchase their Cow and if not sold they will be offered for auction to the highest bidder at the dinner. For the puritans, while these ornamental cows are not of the breed discovered at The Cowpastures, we feel they go with our theme Cowpastures and Beyond.



Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Tony Jackson (Conference Convener)