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From the Editor

Well the annual conference is over and along with all the other members of the Committee, I have relaxed a little and have been somewhat negligent in producing this month's Valley Voice. I promise I will get back into it next month.

At this month's meeting we will be discussing the final washup after the Annual Conference at the Camden Civic Centre and some of the Highlights of 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.

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 October 2016*

**Beverley Booth Charlene Carpenter
Del Clinton Janet Howe
Neil & Patricia Patterson**



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 1st 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. Unfinancial members will be removed from the emailing lists for Valley Voice, Camden Calling and all other notices if still unfinancial after the October Meeting.

for Your Diary

Camden Historical Society Monthly Meeting

At the October monthly meeting at the Museum on Wednesday 12th the speaker will be Terry Goodacre who will be discussing the work carried out on Catherine Park House. In 1817, 500 acres of the land was granted to George Molle, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony and second in charge to Governor Macquarie. He named it “Catherine Field”, after his wife, Catherine Molle. The estate has passed through the hands of a number of prominent historical Australian figures, including one-time owner Hubert Harry



Robbins. What was once the long driveway approaching Catherine Park House is now designated as Robbins Lane.

Described simply as ‘a Sydney gentleman’, Robbins’ purchase of Catherine Park House in 1937 came exactly 100 years after its construction began. During his ownership, between 1937 to 1945, he made significant alterations and additions to the great house, including updating the facade from Victorian Italianate to Georgian Revival, still visible in the architecture today

Lost In Immigration and Travel – Society of Australian Genealogists

How did your ancestors get to Australia and how did they travel around the country? Join SAG for a weekend of lectures to help you track down your ancestors.

Topics include: 19th century and 20th century immigration, unusual records and travel within Australia.

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th November 2016 10am – 4pm

In the Dixon Room, NSW State library, Macquarie Street Sydney.

Cost: \$115 members \$140 non-members

Impressions from the 2016 Conference of the NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies

I was very impressed by the bravery of two of the smaller Association Members — Camden and Picton (both less than 100 members) to put their hand up to host the 2016 Conference. I was much more impressed by the success they achieved with the support from Camden Council. Holding the entire conference in the one facility was for me, a great outcome. The commitment of the two groups and the council staff, left an enduring impression of a very enjoyable time. As the Association Secretary I got to enjoy the space provided, lots of chatting and lots of fun, and came away very enthused about encouraging people to pursue their family history and attend future conferences.

The selection of speakers provided very informative presentations, the choice of the Key Note for the John Vincent Crowe Memorial Address, Emeritus Professor Alan Atkinson, was a wonderful choice, not only his words of insight in the Address, but his interest in the Conference and participation over the weekend.

John E Hely

New Release from Kaye Vernon and Billie Jacobsen of Teapot Genealogy



Ratcatchers at Quarantine Station Nurse Coast Hospital

***"Doctors, Ratcatchers and
Quarantine in Between"***

Index to the Board of Health Salary Registers 1895-1913

[3/5620] [3/5621] and part [3/5622]

This index is a list of names retrieved from the original records at State Records NSW.

The Board of Health Salaries Index contain a huge number of different and unusual names and a wide variety of employment positions. These registers record monthly payments made to Board members and staff under the control of the Board, The places include the Quarantine Station at Manly, the Coast Hospital, David Berry Hospital as well as many country locations and gaols. Varied occupations included mattress makers, ratcatchers (during the Bubonic plague), fumigators, lazaret, members of the clergy, bacon house inspectors, medical officers, ambulance drivers and dozens of nurses. An exceptional source of information. (Photos courtesy of State Records NSW)

Price CD: \$30 plus \$4 post.

Book: \$35 plus \$10 post.

Website for Historians & Genealogists

Biographical Database of Australia (BDA) www.bda-online.org.au

This is a not-for-profit Project started many years ago by genealogists & historians. The main aim of the BDA Project is to build a Biographical Database of people born in, or who arrived in Australia. There is no restriction provided that the subject of the Biography is deceased. It also allows the subscriber to hyperlink from one Report to a Biographical Report of anyone else mentioned in the first Report, and endlessly hyperlink throughout the Database.



Society of Australian genealogists Event Calendar November 2016

- Thursday 3rd – research techniques and records for Norfolk Island 1788 – 1814
Historian Cathy Dunn takes you on a journey back to the first settlement of Norfolk Island 1788 – 1814. Also discover the history of the island’s first settlement and its role in the early colony of NSW.
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm Cost \$22 members \$35 Non-members.
- Tuesday 8th – Three Centuries of the British Workhouse Expert on British Workhouses, Peter Wigginbottom will be conducting an online webinar on the remarkable story of the British Workhouse from 1601 to 1948.
- Thursday 10th – Writing Discussion Group – Making Interactive Presentations
Learn how to construct a basic interactive story using PowerPoint. These stories can be based around photographs, maps, family trees and lots more and then shared with family members. – Coral Shand
Where; SAG 120 Kent St Sydney 10.30am – 12.30pm Cost \$10 members \$15 Non-members.

IT’S A RIOT !

Come along, celebrate & commemorate the day the Women of the Parramatta Female Factory struck out for freedom. Friday 28th October 2016 is “Riot Day at the Factory”

Come along to The Cumberland Hospital Fleet Street, North Parramatta. Entry is ‘Gold Coin Donation’ and via Fleet Street.

You can speak to a Descendant, share your history search the database for your female Factory ancestor or just come along & learn more about this historic Governor Macquarie & Francis Greenaway site c1818.

The speaker this year is Meg Keneally -

a factory woman’s descendant and co-author with

Tom Keneally of The Soldier’s Curse - a Colonial whodunit; stranger than fiction, blurring the lines between historical fact and story and the remarkable true stories which emerge along the way.

For further details please contact Cathey Shepherd



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