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**On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all prosperous New Year and hope that you my manage to break some of your Brick Walls this year.**

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## **\*\*\*Planning Meeting for 2015\*\*\***

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015** we held a planning workshop, in conjunction with our normal committee meeting. During the meeting we have organised a number of guest speakers for the year, most have to be confirmed. Listed below are the proposed Guest Speakers.

February – Peter Sage will be speaking on the Sydney Tramway. (Confirmed)

March – Carol Herben (To be Confirmed)

April - Transcription Agents (To be Confirmed)

May – Kim Phillip will be speaking on the Spirit of Gallipoli project that she has been running for a number of years. (Confirmed)

June – Ben Mercer from Ancestry Australia (To be Confirmed)

July – Dictionary of Sydney (To be Confirmed)



August – AGM

September – Show and Tell, members will be invited to give a short talk on their family history.

October – No speaker yet

November – No speaker yet

December – Christmas meeting

*Happy Birthday  
To the following members  
For January/February  
2016*

1<sup>st</sup> Feb - Joy Riley

27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Pam Allison



**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.**

## **Upcoming Events;**

**Penrith City Library 14<sup>th</sup> Annual History Conference 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 –  
The Making of a City: From Guard House to Gallipoli. Price \$50.00 per head  
Phone 4732 7891 for more information**

**Nepean Family History Society Family History Fair. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Penrith City Library. Entry by Gold Coin Donation.**



## 2016 Conference Planning Meeting “Cowpastures and Beyond”

The first Conference for this year was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1.00pm in the meeting room.

There was a poor turn-up with only 4 from Camden and 2 from Picton in attendance. At the meeting we have decided to explore the use of Belgennie Farm for the Dinner on the Saturday, Neil and Pat Patterson are looking into the numbers they can cater for and the costs.

We had a discussion on Speakers for the conference and have a number of avenue to explore, we need about 9 speakers with a backup speaker for emergencies. We also need a number of short talks for the Friday on basic Family History Topics, any ideas.

We have set up a dedicated Email address for the Conference it is [nswactconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:nswactconference2016@gmail.com) and we will be setting up a Web Site, one of our members has offered to work on that.

We are also going to have a number of Raffles going over the weekend so we will be looking for prizes, so if you are aware any local companies or shop that would like to donate some prizes please let me know. Ideally I would like to have one person responsible for the raffles, **any takers.**

We are still looking for a Conference Logo to go with the theme so get your creative juices going and see if you can come up with a design.

The next meeting will be the 28<sup>th</sup> March in the library meeting room at 1.00pm.

Tony Jackson  
Conference Convenor

## Cemetery Transcribing and Photographing

I have completed the typing up of the transcription work for Glenmore Church Cemetery and have sorted the photos into Row and number order.

We will now have to meet out there for a short time to check the typing and also to check on the Row and numbers as I have had to re number completely as the existing numbers system was not workable.

If you are available to assist one day probably during the week would be preferable to me, Monday to Wednesday, I will discussed at the meeting and ask for interests.



I would like to start on the second cemetery before I go away and I would like someone who would be willing to organise to work on one of the other cemeteries whilst I am away, probably Cawdor, anyone interested.

I propose that we do the St. Mathews Church The Oaks cemetery on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, starting at 8.00am as before so as to get through it before it gets too hot, let me know if you are interested.

Tony Jackson

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## Web Sites of Interest.

### **BDA – Biographical Database of Australia.** [www.bda-online.org.au](http://www.bda-online.org.au).

BDA is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia, starting from the earliest times.

You can search the index for free but for \$30.00 a year personal or \$100.00 Library you get full access.

### **English & Welsh Probate Service.** <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>

The Probate Service have added a searchable database online for the post-1996 wills and grants of probate, to complement its soldiers wills offering already available. If an entry is found from the search a full copy will cost £10 to access.

### **New Zealand Service Records** [www.Archives.govt.nz/world-war-one](http://www.Archives.govt.nz/world-war-one)

14,000 Defence force records – free to download.

### **Historical Hospital Records Admission Project** [www.hharp.org/](http://www.hharp.org/)

Access this free database of nearly 120,00 records in the period 1852-1914 from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow and three London hospitals – the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, the Evelina Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease.

### **Irish Family History Online** <http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com>

This subscription website of the Irish Family History Foundation contains a searchable database of over 20 million records including over 9 million Births/Baptisms and 4½ million marriages, plus death/burials, memorial inscriptions and census returns. On registration you are able to view for free 100 pages of index searches but must purchase credits to view the actual records.