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Welcome from the Editor

Last month's talk was by **Betty Villy - Women of the Old Razorback Road** was sub-titled
"Life on the Great South Road between Camden and Picton 1830-1930".

The issue is - it was a man's world – even their names are mostly gone because women were known as
Mrs (Husband's First name) (Husband's Surname).

We only catch glimpses of the women –Mrs Catherine Campbell a victim of the Scottish Clearances from the Island of Mull in 1838 dying a lonely death at the base of Razorback. Caroline Chisholm escorting and protecting women and girls destined to be Wives or Servants, moving to Goulburn and Yass around 1844. Two of the 4,000 Irish Famine Orphan Girls (1848-1850) who were injured and stayed in Camden probably alone and disliked as Catholics. Then the interesting Nelson family of entertainers during the Gold Rushes - a brother and 2 sisters. The unfortunate Mrs Elizabeth Harris, the wife of a Ticket-of-Leave man, killed when her carriage over-turned. The intrepid Mrs Thomson, a woman driver in the male world of Touring Car events. And Finally our 1st Miss Australia, Miss Beryl Mills travelling by in 1926 and earning £80 pounds a week showing her photos of the USA!!! And possibly having High Tea at Mrs King's Tea Room in Picton. A wonderful talk from Betty; a-come-back-next-year-please-Speaker.

Welcome to our Newest Members – Robert and Margaret Wheeler – Robert knows the location of Mt Taurus, site of the colony's first BBQ. Will this be his article's subject in "Camden Calling" in July??

Remember – Our Review this month is not a book, but is familiarly Historical in nature.
-- have you had an Inspiration for your Contribution to the July "Camden Calling"?

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



**June 2014
Happy birthday!**



Bruce Denison 12th June
Brian Howlett 18th June
Susan Webb 25th June
Dawn Williams 26th June
Janet Moore 27th June
Alexander Matheson 28th June

Best wishes and a happy birthday to you all!

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 \$25	Single \$20
Couple \$30	Couple \$25

FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1) **“Back Then” Writers Workshop 21st June 2014, Camden Museum, from 9:30 to 10:30am.**
Are you a budding writer and interested in local history?
The *Camden Historical Society Writers Group* along with *The District Reporter* are glad to offer you the opportunity to attend a free writing workshop for the **Back Then** page. *The District Reporter’s* editor Lee Abrahams will present a session of how to write a short history piece for publication. **She will cover** the use of photos, types of topics, the type of information needed, how to present it and other things. If have always wanted to be a published writer, now is the opportunity, especially if local history is your thing. Get involved. Talk to the other people who have done it and see how they did it.
You might even surprise yourself – it’s not that hard – you just need to make a start! Cost Free.
Booking and enquiries : Dr Ian Willis email: willis804@gmail.com
- 2) **From “Australian Family Tree Connections” June 2014 –**
Society of Australian Genealogists - <http://www.sag.org.au/events/list-of-events.html> Costs apply
21/6/2014 – UK Criminal Records with Jeremy Palmer 10:30AM - 12:30PM.
28/6/2014 – Find your Ancestor’s Land 10:30AM - 12:30PM.
4/7/2014 – Irish Counties – County Cork Workshop 10:30AM - 130PM
- 3) **Yerranderie Cemetery** – Maria Pozza is looking for names and information on people buried in the Yerranderie Cemetery between 1906 and 1958. A monument will be erected with the names of those known to be there. There are only 30 marked graves; research to date has shown 70 burials.
email: mposza@bigpond.net.au
- 4) **Pen to Paper** – *The Camden Writers and Scribblers* meet at the Narellan Library on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9:30am to 12 Noon. New members are welcome and there is no age limit. Call Grace on 4655 6064. And continue writing after the “Back Then” Workshop.
- 5) **Book Launch** - 12th October 2014 – “*A History of Camden Bowling Club: 75 years*” by Frank Faruggia. It contains a detailed history of the Club, anecdotes from past and present members, and more than 400 pictures. The book launch will coincide with the Club’s 75th birthday.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

TONIGHT'S TALK - Irish Research - Hilary Walker. Hilary has spent the past 35 years in Genealogy Research and is from the Society of Australian Genealogists.



Program for 2014 :-

- 1/7/2014 – Talk by BDM Transcription Agent – *To be confirmed*
- 5/8/2014 – AGM – “Show & Tell for Family History Month”
- 2/9/2014 – Q & A by our Members, for our Members
- 7/10/2014 – Member’s stories – Searching for your Hardest/ Favourite Ancestor
- 4/11/2014 – “Back to the Track” Tom Rofe – WW2 Military History in the Northern Territory
- 2/12/2014 – “SHOW & TELL” with a Christmas Theme

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Sharon has investigated a **Uniform for the CAFHS** incorporating our “Tree” insignia. A Polo-style Shirt or Blouse has been chosen from the Supplier in Narellan. A Minimum order is required with a cost up to \$35. Your comments & Orders are welcome.
- 2) The Committee has decided to proceed with **recording the Gravestones in the Cemeteries** in the Macarthur area. A Roster of people willing to take photographs etc is being drawn up and we would like as many Members as possible to join in. Tony has more.
- 3) Cathey has nearly finished her endeavour to obtain a copy of “Snapshots of Early Cawdor Pioneers” for our Research Room. Keep going Cathey!
- 4) **12th July 2014 – CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Lunch at Wivenhoe. You are welcome from 11:30am for a **12:00 Noon** start. Your Investment in Goodwill is \$40 per person and mustly must be paid by 1st July 2014 to Bruce who hangs out in the CAFHS room on Thursday mornings.
- 5) **12-14/9/2014** NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies – 30th Annual Conference 2014 - Illawarra Remembers 1914-2014. Includes Fromelles researcher Lambis Englezos <http://www.conference2014.org.au/Newsletter.html>
- 6) **November 2014** – Christmas Dinner - @ TAFE Macarthur Restaurant. BYO appetite.
- 7) **2014** - Kingswood State Archives - <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 8) **2014** – The Royal NSW Lancer Barracks - <http://www.lancers.org.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 9) A **one day Workshop in 2015** related to the Local Area was discussed by the Committee and it was decided to proceed. Initial thoughts for themes included WW1 topics; Lands Title; Cemetery Research, Transcription and photographic recording results.
- 10) **Short of Reading Material?** Then Check-out **Project Gutenberg**; *a treasure-trove of literature* found hidden with no evidence of ownership. You can download the eBook and/or PDF file or read On-line at:- <http://gutenberg.net.au/> **OR** <http://www.gutenberg.org/>
Try this one - **Joseph Lievesley BEESTON (1859-1921) - Five Months at Anzac** - A Narrative of Personal Experiences of the Officer Commanding the 4th Field Ambulance, Australian Imperial Force <http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks/e00006.txt>



Occasional (Book) Review – from the Editor’s desk

“What I really like is an intelligent review. A review that has some kind of insight”

The Editor’s Magical Family History Tour

I took six days off in May to pursue my Family History. I travelled to Cowra; Wagga Wagga) ; the Sheep Station where my Dad grew up in the 1930s and 1940s; then onto Mt Horeb via Adelong. I discovered family grave records and obituaries for 2 ancestors; went back 2 generations in one line; was given an 18 page family tree going back 14 generations with the 2 oldest ancestors born about 1566 and 1570 and the lady Alice Aldridge died 27/5/1627 in Bishops Canning, England – nice surprise. Was given the South Wagga Primary School Centenary book “*The Belltower – 1892-1992*” by Ruth Lewis, that my Dad contributed to. Had lunch with the current owners of the Sheep Station. And found the grave and obituary for the 105 year old Chinese gardener who was my Dad’s mentor on the Sheep Station.

And in so doing I found these resources that may be useful for you.

Cowra Family History Group Inc. <http://cfhg.webs.com>

Said by many visitors to be one of the best resourced FHG in NSW., including 30,000 catalogued photos – the Pardey Photographic Collection No.2; and a large number of NSW and Victorian cemetery records (400+) catalogued by Postcode. Set up by a Librarian over 14 years. They collect *Orders of Service* for all Funerals which may be the only biographies of many people. I will be sending them “*Camden Calling*” – they stopped receiving them a few years ago. And we will be receiving their “*Eagle Eye*” Journal. I have their July 2013 and December 2013 Journals. **Contact** : Olwyn Barnes, Research Officer Cowra Family History Group Inc.

Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc. www.waggafamilyhistory.org.au

Huge facility in their own building. Large library and Records collection. Very helpful Research Officer, Leanne Diessel. I will be sending them “*Camden Calling*”. And we will be receiving their “*Murrumbidgee Ancestor*” Journal. I have their February 2014 Journal.

Charles Sturt University Regional Archives <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/archives>

I said “I had not heard of CSURA before I came to Wagga”; Paul replied “Neither have most people in Wagga”. Oh.

Paul O’Donnell is incredible and so helpful – he drops his job to help you; and his Manager, Wayne Doubleday is keen for word to get out about the huge collection held by CSURA - including University records; Regional Records and Newspapers for the Riverina & Murray – some papers are not on Trove yet; and Local and State Government material.

Wagga Wagga City Library <http://www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/library>

As large as you would expect for NSW’s largest inland city. Local history items including photographs.

Riverina Regional Library <http://rrl.nsw.gov.au/>

Includes Wagga City Library, 17 other branches and an amazing eLibrary . Check it out.

You know you are a Genealogy addict when....

.... You brake for libraries.

.... You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.

.... You would rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.

Signed : The Editor