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Welcome from the **Editor**

Last month's talk "TREASURES IN TROVE", was by our Cathey who demonstrated some of the resources in TROVE on the National Library website. Trove was described and then some of the interesting functions - including "Tags" and how to use them; and "Lists" collecting things you think belong together in either Public or Private Lists. Cathey demonstrated how to create a new List; how to add to the List; and how to find your List again! Then how to Sign-up and Log-in and the advantages of Signing in. Cathey then concentrated on basic and Advanced Searching in the Digitalised Newspapers. Finally correcting text in the Digitalised Newspapers was explained and examples shown.

Secret information was shared including our Username and Password.

A 6 page Handout covering all of the above - including how to find Help on the Trove website is available from Cathey. Well done Cathey – I found an ad my Mother placed in the Sydney Morning Herald in 1949.

Remember – Our Review this month is Historical in nature.

**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.



May 2014 Happy birthday!



Janice Johnson 1st May
Cathy Shepherd 3rd May
Sandra Cooke 6th May
Warren Sims 14th May
Naomi Davis 17th May
Michael McEwan 23rd May

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) State Library of New South Wales - Workshops & courses –

Refer to <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/courses/index.html>

The State Library of New South Wales provides a range of workshops and courses for the public.

- 8/5/2014, Thursday 10:30AM Talk: Where do I start? Discover the State Library For the first-time user, this talk introduces the fantastic services and collections available at the State Library and provides a good idea of where to begin research.
- 16/5/2014 Friday. 10:30AM Reading Yesterday's news. Discover how to find newspapers in our computer catalogue, via our electronic databases and on the internet.
- 27/5/2014. Tuesday. 10:30AM Starting Family History Research at the State Library Family history librarians will provide an introductory program on the State Library's diverse family history collections. Rarely seen collection items will be on display.

2) Old Government House – Parramatta. <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/old-government-house>

- 16/5/2014 - **Ghost Night** tours run on the third Friday each month (evening)
- 10/5/2014 - Saturday 9:30 AM Cox's Road Walk 2014 The walk from Mt York to Hartley, down the road constructed by William Cox and his party of 30 convicts 200 years ago in 1814-15 is, in many places, still intact. The walk is mainly downhill and quite steep in parts. You will need good, strong footwear. There will be a hearty lunch to greet you at the bottom and a bus will take walkers back to Mt York.

3) Rookwood Cemetery Heritage Walk Part 1 OR Murder & Mayhem

1/6/2014 Sunday - Heritage & Theme Tours depart from Necropolis Circuit (near William Drive)
Tours - 10am - 12.30pm. Details and bookings (02) 9889 3899

<http://friendsofrookwoodinc.org.au/tours> <http://friendsofrookwoodinc.org.au/2014-tour-timetable>

5) Society of Australian Genealogists - Costs apply. <http://www.sag.org.au/events/list-of-events.html>

- 7/5/2014 – Is it True? The Facts, Fiction & Fun of Family History 10:30AM - 12:30PM.
- 10/5/2014 – Family Tree User Group 10:30AM - 12:30PM.
- 17/5/2014 – Getting Started on Your Family History 10:30AM - 12:30PM.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

TONIGHT'S TALK - by **Betty Villy** - **Women of the Old Razorback Road**
– part of Heritage Week “Journeys”.

Program for 2014 :-

- **3/6/2014** - Irish Research – Hillary Walker from the Society of Australian Genealogists
- **1/7/2014** – Talk by BDM Transcription Agent – *To be confirmed*
- **5/8/2014** – AGM – “Show & Tell for Family History Month”
- **2/9/2014** – Orphanages – Professor Perry - *To be confirmed*
- **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
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FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Sharon is investigating a **Uniform for the CAFHS** incorporating our “Tree” insignia.
Possibilities include one or more of a Polo-style; Shirt & Blouse; and a Tie?
Comments 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.
- 3) **The National Trust – 2014 Heritage Festival “Journeys”**
 - On the road to Camden – April and May. Camden Library.
 - “*Camden’s WW1 Diggers 1914-1918*” – a new book by Janice Johnson..
- 4) **12th July 2014** – Christmas in July @ Wivenhoe
- 5) **12-14/9/2014** NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies - Illawarra Remembers 1914-2014
- 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 proposed **Family History Conference** in Camden. Discussed by the Committee and to be considered at a later meeting for a date after 2016.
- 10) 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.
- 11) A 2nd attempt to get a Bus trip into (and out of!) Joadja has been postponed.

AND we have 48 Members and 2 Life/ Honorary Members. Thank you Beverley.



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

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

Catafalque and Catafalque Party



A catafalque (cat-a-falk) is a raised structure supporting a stand that usually holds a coffin to allow mourners to file past and pay their last respects. A watch or catafalque party was traditionally mounted around the coffin to ensure the safety of the body while it lay in state. A catafalque may be represented for ceremonial purposes by a shrine or remembrance stone.

At a memorial service for a distinguished personage, which is being held at a different location or time to the actual funeral, a representation of a catafalque may be erected in the churches concerned.

Today, catafalque parties are mounted around coffins as a sign of respect and around memorials on occasions of remembrance such as Anzac Day.

The catafalque party consists of four members of an armed guard who stand, their heads bowed and their arms (weapon) reversed, facing outward approximately one metre from the coffin or catafalque as a symbolic form of respect for those who have fallen. The origin of the tradition of resting on reversed arms is lost in time. It was used by a Commonwealth soldier at the execution of Charles I in 1649 (the soldier was duly punished for his symbolic gesture towards the King’s death) and it is recorded that at the funeral for the Duke of Marlborough in 1722, the troops carried out a formal reverse arms drill which was especially invented for the service as a unique sign of respect to the great soldier.

If a catafalque party is requested to be mounted for an extended period of e.g. ‘lying in state’ then a series of ‘watches’ divided into ‘vigil’ periods will be provided. A catafalque party must not be senior in rank to the deceased over whom it is mounted.

The term originates from the Italian *catafalco*, which means scaffolding. The most notable Italian catafalque was the one designed for Michelangelo by his fellow artists in 1564. An elaborate and highly decorated roofed surround for a catafalque, common for grand funerals of the Baroque era, may also be called a *castrum doloris*.

<http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Traditions/Catafalque-Party>
<http://www.anzacday.org.au/education/tff/catafalque.html>

Signed : The Editor