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Welcome from the Editor

Last month's talk was not given by somebody who I never met, and who did not apologise.

Our July "**Camden Calling**" was the best I have edited – except for one glaring error when I did not note that the Article "*Never Underestimate the Value of a local family history society*" by Sharon was Part 1 of 2, and that Part 2 (with 23 pages) will be printed later.

Last night I stepped in at Ray's request and attended the launch of the DVD "Camden Anzacs – Our Story – 1914-2014 Lest We Forget" at the Camden Civic Centre. We were greeted by a lone Scottish Piper and 4 members of a World War 1 re-enactment group dressed in battle fatigues with Lee-Enfield .303 rifles – brought back memories of my School Cadet camps at Singleton immediately. The DVD was produced by Camden Community Connections, with assistance from Office of Veterans' Affairs, NSW Government and Camden Council. It is a series of Interviews between School children and Camden Veterans from WW2, Korea, Vietnam and Army Reserve, with the participant's ages ranging from 14 to 91years. **It is superb.** See the Book Review page.

I have moved on in life and will step down as Editor to take up my role as Treasurer in Rotary. I have told Tony I will contribute Book Reviews about Family History or close.

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.



**August 2014
Happy Birthday!**



Ian Smith 4th August
Jennifer Mack 13th August
Barbara Sulley 23rd August
Allen Webb 25th August
Marjorie Ollis 31st August

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) Family History Day at Belgenny Farm.**
Wednesday 6th August 2014. 10am - 4pm. \$5 entry. Contact office for more details.
<http://www.belgennyfarm.com.au/>
- 2) From “Australian Family Tree Connections” August 2014 –**
Society of Australian Genealogists - <http://www.sag.org.au/events/list-of-events.html> Costs apply
27/8/2014 – Arthur Phillip: sailor, mercenary, governor, spy. 7:30pm . speaker Justice Michael Pembroke. State Library of NSW. Royal Australian Historical Society. 02 9247 8001.
3/9/2014 – How did we get to Gallipoli. 1-2pm 133 Macquarie Street. Royal Australian Historical Society. 02 9247 8001
3/9/2014 – Rookwood Cemetery – Heritage Walk Part 2 OR Plague & Pestilence. 10am-12:30pm . 02 9889 3899.
- 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: mpozza@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.
- 5) Continuing my WEBSITE OF THE MONTH feature.**
Check out Obituaries Australia <http://oa.anu.edu.au/> .
Obituaries Australia is a digital repository of obituaries published in newspapers, journals, magazines and bulletins. Here you will find the life stories of Australians from the earliest times to the present. This site is hosted by the National Centre of Biography at the Australian National University, which also produces the award-winning *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our CHRISTMAS IN JULY Lunch at Wivenhoe 12th July 2014 was a great success. Bruce Denison did a great organisation job. And Tony stepped in as Tour Guide. Our Christmas Dinners really do bring back memories of my childhood Christmas's.

TONIGHT'S TALK

1) CAFHS meeting. "Show & Tell for Family History Month"

General Business –

1.1 A Member has requested that the CAFHS's Meetings be held on Saturdays in instead of Tuesday evenings. The suggestion will be open for discussion tonight. A final decision will be made by Vote by the members present at the September meeting.

1.2 Nomination Forms are available for Board Member positions. To be elected at the AGM on 5th August 2014.

2) **AGM** –& Elect Board Members.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Program for 2014 :-

- **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
 - **18/11/2014 Tuesday** – Christmas Dinner - @ TAFE Macarthur Restaurant. BYO appetite. Your investment is \$30 per person – and please pay by 4/11/2014. Not BYO.
 - **2/12/2014** – "SHOW & TELL" with a Christmas Theme
- 1) We are having a major Fund raising activity on the **long weekend in October, on 5/10/2014.** The aim is raise enough money so that our current Membership Fee remains the same or at least has a small increase. Costs are rising mainly due to research items and printing. Bruce Denison is organising a **BBQ at Bunnings Narellan from 9:00am to 4:00pm** and we need (*read* - must) have help from at least **10 members** – a huge ask but if we pull it off everybody benefits. Abandon hope, all who enter the members meetings.
- 2) **Recording the Gravestones in the Macarthur area Cemeteries.** 8 cemeteries have been selected – Camden General & Catholic; Luddenham Anglican & Uniting; Glenmore Uniting; The Oaks St Matthews; Cawdor Uniting; and Rossmore Holy Innocents. See Tony to help.
- 3) **12-14 September 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>

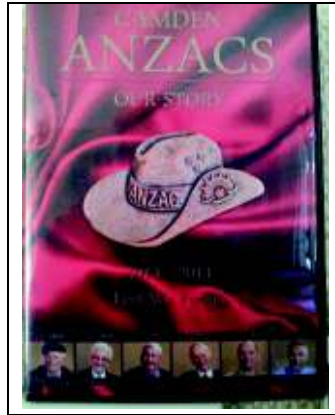
AND we have 51 Members and 2 Life Members and 1 Honorary Member. Thank you Beverley.



Occasional Book Review – from the Editor’s desk

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

“Camden Anzacs – Our Story – 1914-2014 - Lest We Forget”



AS AUSTRALIANS remember the nation’s declaration of war to start our involvement in World War I, the Camden community has unveiled a DVD that reflects on the event and pays respects to all local Diggers.

Camden Anzacs – Our Story is the brainchild of Camden Community Connections.

The 59-minute DVD was launched in front of an appreciative audience at Camden Civic Centre on Monday.

The film matches local high school students with veterans from World War II, Vietnam and Iraq while the narration bridges the conflicts Australian have fought in – from WWI to current peacekeeping efforts

Students interview six veterans in the beautiful setting of Studley Park House, at Elderslie.

The interviews encompass two World War II veterans aged 91 and 89, two Vietnam War veterans, a major in the Australian Army who served in Iraq and a reservist.

The narration includes the story of four Camden brothers who served in World War I.

Camden Community Connections manager Sue Robinson said one of the things she was most proud of was the intergenerational work.

“It really showed what could happen when you brought different age groups together,” she said.

“The mutual respect was overwhelming.”

Ms Robinson facilitated the 18-month project by initially identifying interest from schools, finding veterans who wanted to be involved, giving students a lesson on war history and working on students’ interview techniques. Students and veterans met three times before the filming,” she said.

"This is about bringing our youth and veterans together to preserve important stories," she said.

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Signed : Ken Hughes *The Editor*