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Welcome from the Editor

Happy New Year – 2014 is the Chinese Year of the Horse and people born in the Year of the Horse are clever, kind, animated, energetic; and sometimes talk too much. Exactly the characteristics we want in our members!!

Members of the CAFHS Board met on Tuesday 21/1/2014 to plan this year's activities. It is very much a work in progress although some items are confirmed already.

Suggestions from you, the Members are encouraged and welcome. If you have an idea for say, a Guest Speaker or Group Activity please **put it up for consideration at tonight's meeting**. We are also interested in recommendations for **Book acquisitions**. **Fund raising** is a priority and fund-raising ideas are needed – simply put - the more we raise outside the Society, the less the pressure to raise our subscription cost and research fee.

Remember – There is now a Book Review **from next Month** with the vague criteria:
– *Australian History and/or History by an Australian writer*. Feel free to tell me about your personal favourites so I can let everybody know and enjoy; Or, write your own Review.

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.



January/ February 2014 Happy birthday!



Helen Howlett 28th January
Barrington Peck 22nd January

Lorna Riley 1st February
Pamela Allison 27th February

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.

- Thursday 6 February, 10.30 AM Course: Social Networking for Beginners
- Thursday 13 February, 10.30 AM Talk: Where do I start? Discover the State Library
- Monday 17 February, 10.30 AM Workshop: Starting Family History Research at the State Library
- Monday 10 March, 10.30 AM Workshop: Reading Yesterday's News
- Thursday 13 March, 10.30 AM Workshop: Where do I start? Library Website & Catalogues
- Thursday 27 March, 10.30 AM Workshop: Preserving Your Family History: Letters & Diaries
- Wednesday 2 April, 10.30 AM Course: The Art of Searching Online

2) **Until 16/2/2014. Powerhouse Museum “The Beatles in Australia”** Beatlemania in Australia in 1964 was more intense than anywhere in the world. The Exhibition looks at how Australians responded to the Beatles and the tour's lasting impact on Australian music and culture.

<http://www.thebeatlesinaustralia.com/>

3) **23/2/2014. Rookwood Cemetery Twilight Tours** depart from the pedestrian gate on East Street (near Railway Street) **promptly** at 5.30pm and return at approximately 7.30pm.,

2/3/2014 - Heritage Walk Part 2 or The Irish Tour.

Heritage & Theme Tours depart from Necropolis Circuit (near William Drive) Tours - 10am - 12.30pm

Details and bookings (02) 9889 3899 or

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

4) Macarthur Community College – Courses of interest???

- 1) **9/2/2014 - Becoming A Published Author – Write & Publish Your Own Short Story – a 2 day course in Cartwright**
- 2) **2/3/2014 - Get Published! - a 2 day course in Cartwright**
For enrolment details ph 9826 6455 Or www.macarthurcc.com.au



CLUB ACTIVITIES

TONIGHT'S TALK – **Speaker: Us** (spelt y-o-u)

Proposed Program for 2014 – you can talk, argue, chatter, natter, suggest, feedback, feedforward:-

- 4/2/2014 - Neil Patterson – The Patterson Family in Australia 1792+
- 4/3/2014 – NZ Family History BDM Resources ; with secret speaker
- 1/4/2014 – Cathey to demonstrate TROVE on the National Library website; with secret info.
- 6/5/2014 – Old Razorback Road – part of Heritage Week “Journeys”; with secret speaker
- 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

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- 1) 1/3/2014. Saturday. A 2nd attempt to get a Bus trip into (and out of!) Joadja. The following details will be confirmed at tonight’s meeting:- Cost \$35 per head; Pick-up outside Camden Library at 8:45am.
- 2) 1/3/2014 to 1/6/2014 Sydney Costume Exhibition – Old Government House, Parramatta. Including the fabulous costumes from the wardrobe of The Hon. Miss Phryne Fisher (Detective).
Date to be confirmed
- 3) April 2014 – Mondays – Ray Herbert – “Finding WW1 Ancestors”
- 4) 12/4/2014 – “Family, Local and Social History Expo” Kiama Family History Centre – refer to the “Australian Family Tree Connections” magazine January 2014, page 9 for details.
- 5) July 2014 – Christmas in July - @ Wivenhoe **Date to be confirmed**
- 6) 12-14/9/2014 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies - Illawarra Remembers 1914-2014
- 7) November 2014 – Christmas Dinner - @ Wivenhoe BYO appetite. **Date to be confirmed**
- 8) 2014 - Kingswood State Archives - <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 9) 2014 – The Royal NSW Lancer Barracks - <http://www.lancers.org.au/> **Date to be confirmed**
- 10) 2016. A proposed Family History Conference in Camden.

We have to nominate by **September 2014**. Ideas are more than welcome at any stage. Eg. There has been a request for companies that do **Self-Publishing** to be asked to attend and talk. Another suggestion has been for speakers and /or Workshop to **learn how to edit** your Family history articles or Family biography..

A big **THANKYOU** to Tony Jackson for a wonderful talk to the Rotary Club of Camden on *Researching your Family History* on 23rd January 2014.

AND REMEMBER –

The quickest way to research your Family History is to go into Politics.



Occasional Book Review – from the Editor’s desk

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

My Christmas reading and surfing the Web came across items which for some of us are well known – but perhaps we assume incorrectly everybody knows about these places or ideas. So here goes.

1) The Friends of Rookwood Cemetery Tours – from the website

Voluntary guides conduct public tours within the cemetery on the first Sunday of every month, from March to November. Tours commence at 10am. Twilight tours are held from 5.30pm until 7.30pm, in the cool of the evening, and they depart from the small pedestrian gate in East St Lidcombe. Twilight tours are conducted from November until March, excluding December.

Tours cost **only \$15.00 per person** (\$10.00 for members). Children 11-16 years half price. Children under 11 are free.

The **Friends of Rookwood** conduct general tours of the Heritage areas each month & also a "theme" tour from the following list:-

Heritage Walk, parts 1 & 2; The Irish Tour; Tales from the 20th Century; Plague and Pestilence; The Railway Walk; Ships and Shipwrecks; Murder and Mayhem; 19th Century Sydney; Our ANZAC Heritage; Our Convict heritage; Flowers, Gardens and Symbolism; Funerary Symbolism & 19th Century Landscapes. <http://friendsofrookwoodinc.org.au/tours> .

2) Self publishing a Book

Here is an idea for those considering self-publishing their book. I have had no dealings with either Wild & Woolley or Busybird Publishing, but present this item as an idea to consider, and not a recommendation..... and not a recommendation.

2.1) Wild & Woolley – Fast Books

“Service - We provide quick turn-around for printing and perfect binding of books in small quantities: 50-500 copies. Our innovative manufacturing facility uses the newest and best technology for professional book printing: it is truly state of the art.

For Your Information - Because we know all about book publishing, we can help you with your cover design, advise you on copyright, apply for your ISBN, and (at no charge) send your books to libraries as required by the Copyright Act and for listing in Australian Books In Print.”

- refer <http://www.fastbooks.com.au/publish.html> <http://www.fastbooks.com.au/default.html>

2.2) Busybird Publishing – from an email sent to CAFHS 9/1/2014

*“Hello my name is Kev Howlett and myself and my wife Blaise run a small publishing company called Busybird. We help people self publish books and have been helping people, associations and historical societies collate and publish lasting memories for years now. We have found this invaluable for these people as finally all their history, photos and memories are preserved for ever. If you were ever looking for a caring, small publisher to hold your hand through the process of getting your collated words into print form then we are the people you should talk to. We are in Melbourne but these days all this can be done via the computer. If you live in Melbourne and would like a no obligation chat over a coffee please feel free to contact us anytime. Both Blaise and myself will be **in Sydney this Feb 9-12th meeting people and giving free workshops** if anyone there would like a catch up, we would love the chance to meet and hear your ideas.*

You can contact us any time on 03 94346365 or just go to www.busybird.com.au.

Signed: The Editor