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Welcome from the Editor

Last meeting we had a very interesting talk by our Library Coordinator Tony Jackson on using “Find my Past”. This resource which we pay each year for is been sadly underused by members. The talk which showed the member what is available from this resource, hopefully this talk will galvanise members into using this resource more.

This Months meeting the guest speaker will be Tom Rofe his speech titled “Back to the Track” is about the road built to Darwin during the Second World War.

December’s meeting will be our Christmas Meeting we will have a Family History Show & Tell with a Christmas Theme, so get thinking and looking.

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 inquiries.

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.

Welcome our new Volunteers for our Research Room. I would like welcome Margaret & Robert Wheeler to our research room they are looking after Thursday afternoons. We still need a volunteer for the Fourth Saturday of the month



**November 2014
Happy Birthday!**



Eva Campbell – 29th Nov
Our Patron

Best wishes and a happy birthday to Eva!

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

Dr Michael Molkentin will present a talk on his book : Australia and the War in the Air

Date: Sat 15 November 2014 02:00 PM to 03:30 PM

Location: Liverpool Library gold room

Dr Michael Molkentin is a historian, teacher and battlefield guide. His research focuses on the wartime histories of Australia and the other British dominions with an emphasis on aviation and air power. Michael has a PhD in History from the University of New South Wales. He has taught high school to HSC level and guides tours to the Western Front, Gallipoli and Korea for Mat McLachlan's Battlefield Tours. Michael was a featured contributor on the ABC documentary Lost in Flanders and a consultant historian on Channel 9's series 'In their Footsteps'. He has published articles in various journals and magazines including The Journal of the Australian War Memorial, Wartime, Flightpath and Teaching History. He is also author of Zero Hour an online resource for teaching First World War history. Allen & Unwin published Michael first book, Fire in the Sky: the Australian Flying Corps in the First World War in 2010; it was highly commended for the Fellowship of Australian Writers Sid Harta Literature Award for Non-fiction and is currently in its second edition. His second book, 'Flying the Southern Cross': Aviators Charles Ulm and Charles Kingsford Smith was published by the National Library of Australia in 2012. Michael's next book is titled Australia and the War in the Air and is based on his doctoral thesis. It is Volume 1 of Oxford University Press Centenary History of Australia and the Great War series and will be published in October 2014.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Our Christmas DINNER will be at Macarthur TAFE on **Tues 18th November 6.00pm for 6.30pm**, the cost is \$30.00 per head, that includes a free drink on arrival. All monies must be to Bruce by tonight's meeting no monies or bookings will be accepted after then.

TONIGHT'S TALK

1) CAFHS meeting. Tom Rofe will speech about "Back to the Track" about the road built to Darwin during the Second World War.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES: Program for 2014 :-

- **16/11/2014 Saturday** – will be the first meeting of the Conference Committee all interested parties are invited. Time, 1.00pm in the Library Meeting Room, bring your ideas and suggestions.
- **18/11/2014 Tuesday** – Christmas Dinner - @ TAFE Macarthur Restaurant. BYO appetite. Your investment is \$30 per person – and please pays by 4/11/2014. Not BYO.
- **22/11/2014 Saturday**. The Cemetery Group will be working on Glenmore Cemetery starting at 8.00am. Bring a chair and a picnic, hot water will be available and we will have some drinks available.
- **2/12/2014** – "SHOW & TELL" with a Christmas Theme

WHATS ON

- 9th November – Launch of a book: *A Long March from Lithgow*. To be held at 1.30pm at Club Lithgow 2c Lithgow Street, Lithgow NSW 2790. Hosted by The Lithgow & District Family History Society Inc. rsvp @ ldfhs@lisp.com.au or (02) 6353 1089.
- 19th November Gail Davis – Pandora's Box? Lifting the lid on the weird and wonderful in the States archives. 11am – 1pm History House. (02) 9247 8001
- 23rd November – **The Oaks Historical Society will launch Elizabeth Villy's** latest book "**The Racing Doctor - Tales of Medical Care in the Cowpastures**". Time 2pm on Sunday 23rd November at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum 43 Edward Street, The Oaks. RSVP Trish on 0432 698 034 by 16th November 2014.
- The 175th Anniversary of the completion and licensing of the St. Peters Church, Cooks River will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd November 2014 at 10.00 am. All interested persons are invited to attend. Morning tea will be served after the service.
St. Peters Anglican Church. 187 Princes Highway. St. Peters. 2044.
Enquires: lrhorton@optusnet.com.au. Tel: (02) 9558 7504
- 27th November Dr Ruth Plaint – A century of missing persons. 10.30am – 12.30pm. SAG. info@sag.org.au (02) 9247 3953
- 1st December – Exploring the mysteries of the Australian Dictionary of Biography. 1-2pm. History House RAHS (02) 9247 8001



- 6th December Jeremy Palmer – Probate Records for England and Wales. 10.30am-12.30pm at SAG. (02) 9247 3953
- 13th December Martyn Killion – Sydney Cemeteries. 10.30am-12.30pm. at SAG (02) 9247 3953

Occasional Book Review – from the Assistant Editor’s desk

Michael Kelly - A Peaceful Man

Author: John J Kelly

ISBN: 0 646 29688 4.

Publisher: John J Kelly

Address: 11 Verletta Avenue, Castle Hills, NSW, 2154

A genealogical record of the descendants of Michael William Kelly and his wife Susannah Ireland.

Michael Kelly was born in 1806 at Athione, County Roscommon, Ireland. Arriving in Australia in 1831 as a convict serving a seven year sentence for violent assault, Michael Kelly was to be remembered in the Illawarra district as "a quiet and unpretentious man of a most peaceable disposition."

His wife Susannah Ireland, was born around 1814 in County Galway, Ireland, and arrived in Australia as a free woman, living firstly and briefly in Tasmania. They were to have eight children, many of whom were to take up farming on the New South Wales South Coast.

This record includes nearly 900 members of the Kelly family and will be a valuable document for many tracing their family links.

If you'd like to purchase a copy of the book please contact the publisher directly. Their address is just under the title's listing.

The book review can be seen on <http://www.fastbooks.com.au/previews.html>

Signed : Tony Jackson *The Editor*