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Welcome from the EDITOR

I would like to thank Tony for stepping in as Editor whilst I am in Western Australia with my wife looking at the wildflowers, local history sites e.g. The Albert Facey Trail & Father John Hawes, and sampling historical foods – New Norcia Pale Ale.

Our 2nd Book Review is one of those - *“You’re kidding? , this really Happened?”* stories. Somewhere in North West WA there is a HUGE fortune in cut diamonds buried in the sand – you just have to find them!!

Remember - I have introduced a Book Review each 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.

**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.



September 2013



Happy birthday!

9th Neil Patterson
21st Del Clinton
23rd Beverley Booth
26th Julie Wrigley
28th Patricia Patterson

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

2nd Nov – Central Coast FHS Family History Fair. Venue Gosford City Lion's Hall, Building 3, rear 8 Russel Drysdale Street, East Gosford NSW. Trade & Display Tables, Ancestry.com.au, State Records of NSW, Wyong FHG, Newcastle FHS, Nepean FHS, First Fleeters and more. Entry \$5.00.

16th Nov - Nepean Family History Society NFHS will be holding a Land Records Seminar with Carol Lister & Lorraine Stacker at NFJS Library at Emu Plains. The seminar will start at 10am, further details to be confirmed.

26th Nov – Christmas Dinner to be confirmed tonight

CLUB ACTIVITIES

20th to 22nd September 2013 - NSW & ACT Family History Societies annual Conference in Canberra A very successful weekend in Canberra was had by the Tony, Ray & Bev, we sold over \$700 worth of book and purchased a number new acquisition for CAFHS. A full report will be included in the next Camden Calling

TONIGHT'S TALK:

Our Guest Speaker for tonight is Janet Klepatzki a writer and a member of the Copyright Council

FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

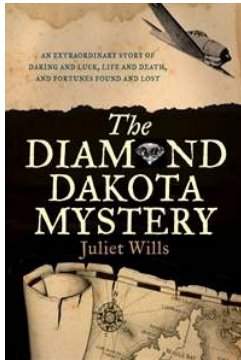
- Bruce Denison, our hard working Social Secretary has begun checking Christmas Party the venues will be finalised tonight, and a 2nd attempt to get a Bus trip into (and out of) Joadja.
- Cathey Shepherd has arranged for advertising in the Australian Family Tree Connection magazine, the first is in this months magazine.



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 Diamond Dakota mystery -- Juliet Wills with Marianne van Velzen



An extraordinary but true war-time tale of daring, mystery, luck and in excess of \$20 million dollars worth of diamonds, and how they were lost, found and lost again.

It's **March 1942**, and one of the last planes out of **Java** is about to wing terrified Dutch refugees away from the advancing Japanese army. At the last minute, a mysterious brown paper package is thrown to its pilot, Russian air ace Captain Ivan 'Turc' Smirnoff.

Heading for the supposed safety of Australia, the ill-fated DC-3 flew straight into the path of three Japanese Zeroes returning from a **devastating air raid on Broome**. Under heavy fire, Smirnoff miraculously landed the badly damaged plane on an isolated beach on the far northwest coast. The survivors were eventually found, but not before several had died from their injuries or thirst. A few weeks later, Jack Palmer stumbled across the lost package—containing precious diamonds—among the plane's wreckage. Nicknamed "Diamond Jack," Palmer and two others were charged with theft of the diamonds. This true adventure follows the diamonds as they are lost, found, and lost again.

Here, for the first time, is the full story of what really happened to Smirnoff's lost diamonds. The military history aspects of the book are confined to the first part. Part two deals with the search for the diamonds and piecing together the evidence of their whereabouts.

Award winning journalist, **Juliet Wills**, is a Senior Researcher for the **ABC program Can We Help?**.
ISBN: 9781741147452; **Published:** August 2006; **Publisher:** Allen & Unwin

Refer TROVE: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/result?q=%22%20Diamond%20smuggling%22>

Available at Allen & Unwin on-line shop.



CLUB ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

OUR NEW ACQUISITIONS

- Wyong & District Pioneer Register PR 033
- Mt. Victoria, Wilson & Irvine Cemetery Transcriptions CE 070
- Lawson Cemetery Transcription CE 071
- Wentworth Falls C of E Cemetery Transcriptions CE 072
- Wentworth Falls Catholic Cemetery Transcriptions CE 073
- Leura & St Albans Memorial Gardens & Crematorium Transcriptions CE 074
- Harden Shire Cemeteries Transcriptions CE 022
- Wyong Shire Cemeteries CD. CD 103 installed on computer
- Brisbane Waters area Anglican Pioneer Church Records CD. CD 104 Installed on Comp.
- Parramatta Female Factory for all Australian CD. CD 100 Installed on Computer
- National Treasures from Australia’s Great Libraries. AU 058
- Women Transported – Life in Australia’s Convict Female Factories. AU 057
- New Zealand WWI Service Personnel & Reserve List CD. CD 101
- New Zealand Marriages 1836-1856 CD. CD 102

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Whroo Cemetery

An index of burials to Whroo cemetery in Victoria has been published online at www.whroocemeteryinterments.weebly.com. The index was first published in hard copy in 1996 and has now been updated and revised before being published online.

Also on the site you'll find a brief history of the cemetery, photographs of some headstones and a plan of the cemetery.

Recently digitised Tasmanian records

The Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office have an ongoing project with FamilySearch whereby the entire Tasmanian birth, death and marriage records to 1899 have been digitised from microfilm and are being made available online. At present only the digitised images are available but the long term plan is to provide an index to the record. Images for births are currently available on the Tasmanian Archives website while all birth, death and marriage images are available on FamilySearch.

Other records available from the TAHO include Lower Court Records (Magistrates Court), Hobart Public Cemetery and the Weekly Courier newspaper.

Signed : The Assistant Editor