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## Welcome from the new **EDITOR**

There is good news and there is bad news. The good news is I am enthusiastic about my first appointment in Family History journalism. And the bad news is ..... I have never been any kind of journalist and I am amateur in Researching Family History. So feel free to criticise..... but if you do, you will be the next Editor.

So let us begin.

I am introducing 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 Andrea Herbert  
20th Margaret Battam  
24th Ron Dunbar  
27th Margaret Stapper

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) 8/9/2013 – Open House at “Linwood House” - an historic house at 25 Byron Rd, Guildford.
- 2) 10/9/2013 – Camden Library – Bring in your photos and make digital copies. \$5 between 10am and 7:30pm
- 3) 11/9/2013 - Camden Historical Society – at 7:30pm Camden Museum  
Guest Speaker is Charles Cowell on preserving and digitising old photographs.
- 4) 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 - NSW & ACT Family History Societies annual Conference in Canberra  
Tony Jackson needs help – can you attend on 1, 2 or 3 days to help Tony?  
If anyone is able to come to Canberra for part of the weekend it would be very helpful even for one day. There would be no cost involved as long as you let Tony know so he can let the organisers know.
- 5) 28/9/2013 **LIFE & TIMES OF THE SUNDIAL** Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society, Camden Inc.  
The philosophical, poetic, artistic and technical perspectives of the history of time-telling using sundials as the continuing emphasis – but also in the context of other time-telling devices. Presented by: Kevin KARNEY  
Narellan Library, 4.00 for 4.30 pm Members: Free Visitors: \$20 (Booking essential)

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### BELGENNY FARM FAMILY HISTORY DAY - 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2013

Again Tony, Barbara, Cathey, Ray and Andrea carried the CAFHS flag at Belgenny Farm Family History day. It was not very well publicised so there were not many people there. We have offered to help if they plan to have a similar event again.

### TONIGHT'S TALK:

Bruce Denison is giving a presentation on the presenting of the a Banner, by the Princess Royal to the Royal Australian Corp of Transport.

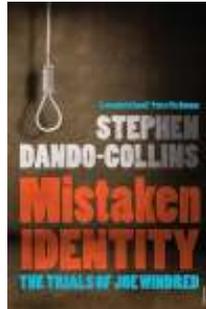
### FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

- Bruce Denison, our hard working Social Secretary has begun checking Christmas Party venues and a 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt to get a Bus trip into (and out of) Joadja.
- Cathey Shepherd is checking advertising in the Australian Family Tree Connection 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”*



### **Mistaken Identity: The Trials of Joe Windred**

Another extraordinary true Australian tale discovered by the bestselling author of Crack Hardy, Stephen Dando-Collins. ISBN: 9781742755175 Published: 01/08/2012 Imprint: Vintage Australia 304 pages

Stephen Dando-Collins tells the amazing and inspiring true tale of Joseph Windred (1822-1901), an ordinary Australian who was wrongly convicted of identical crimes in two countries over a decade apart.

Mistaken identity haunted Joseph Windred. But every time fate knocked him down, Joe got up, and came back stronger. His fighting spirit would make him a hero and see him strike it rich.

Overcoming physical disability to become a champion boxer, a fine oarsman, swimmer, and rider, Joe had a lot more to overcome in his lifetime. Almost strung up by San Francisco vigilantes, he would be at the centre of one of the most sensational legal cases in American history. Most amazing of all, he was wrongly accused of identical crimes, committed 11 years apart, in New South Wales and California.

Little did the people of Orange NSW know when they twice elected Joseph Windred as their mayor that this upstanding Windsor-born businessman, colonial hero, and founder of their local jockey club had, in chains, helped build the San Quentin Penitentiary in San Francisco during the California gold rush, only to make a thrilling escape back to Australia. And that, technically, Joe was still a fugitive from American justice.

Back in Australia, Joe would chase down a bushranger on his racehorse, save the lives of children on a runaway dray, almost drown trying to save a woman in a flooded creek, and strike gold near Bathurst, becoming one of the most respected figures in his community. Sportsman Joe Windred was a central figure in early professional boxing and horseracing in Australia. But it was the way that courageous Joe came back from repeated, extraordinary, and life-changing adversity that marks him as one of the most inspiring figures in the history of ordinary Australians. And he lived in Camden for a while.

Refer TROVE: <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/85853784>

Available at Camden and Wollondilly Libraries; and the ABC on-line shop.



**CLUB ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

The AGM was held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – and the winners are:-

**2013-2014 Committee Members**

- President: Ray Herbert
- Vice- President: Sharon Greene
- Secretary: Cathey Shepherd
- Minute Secretary Pat Patterson
- Treasurer: Barbara Sulley
- Library Coordinator: Tony Jackson
- Editor:** Ken Hughes
- Assistant Editor: Tony Jackson
- Research Officer: Sharon Greene
- Assistant Research Officer: Ron Dunbar
- Public Officer: Rex Dowle
- Membership: Beveley Booth
- Social Secretary: Bruce Denison
- Committee Members: Neil Patterson and Diana Rolfe

And Thank You, to **Councillor Eva Campbell our Patron** for Chairing the elections.

**AND** we have 38 Members

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**Family History on the Cheap**

Tony Jackson enthralled us for 3 ½ hours on **Saturday 19/8/2013** with a 40 page PowerPoint presentation dealing with the HUGE range of Records, Websites and Genealogy Societies available for the amateur Family Historian.

Tony spoke at length about resources available including **free resources** in Australia e.g. NSW State Archive; State Libraries; National Archives; National Library of Australia including the magnificent **TROVE** website; State Births, Deaths and Marriages; & the Ryerson Index. Travelling further afield he covered New Zealand; United Kingdom; then England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland; British India; USA and Irish resources.

The **free websites** Tony explained included “Family Search”. Tony then explained in great detail the **Paid websites** with their various advantages; problems and availability – Ancestry, The Genealogist, Find My Past, and British & Scottish websites.

This was followed by a long discussion on various **Australian and overseas Genealogical Societies**, including an in depth look at the County & Parish records for Essex & Lincolnshire.

Finally Tony showed us **2 world wide website portals** – My Heritage & Worldgenweb.

We received printouts of the **PowerPoint slides** and **3 pages of website addresses**.

For those of you who missed this **essential** talk - crawl, suck-up or bribe (me) to get copies of the handouts – you need them.

**Signed :** *The Editor*

(P.S. I am exhausted and have to take a 3 week holiday – see you in October)