

# Ryde District Historical Society and Family History Group

## e-NEWSLETTER      MARCH 2019



## NEWS UPDATE

### ➤ RYDE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECTS

At the conclusion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting, the membership discussed the proposal of a number of projects to be initiated for the coming year and beyond. Projects decided upon include: The 1919 Influenza Pandemic, a Primary School Curriculum handout, RGTW2 'starting project', TWT Photograph Collection, a headstone photography project of St Charles Borromeo grave yard as well as others. For details please see the attachment to this newsletter. For more information or to lend a hand, please contact the Committee at [rdhs1@bigpond.com](mailto:rdhs1@bigpond.com)

### ➤ NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Hosted by Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, the 2019 NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies conference will be held at Knox Grammar School, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga, New South Wales from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 October. The theme of this year's conference is 'Exploring the Past' and will cover genealogical and historic themes regarding the Ku-ring-gai area.

### ➤ LITHGOW MUSEUM EARNS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum has been added to the prestigious UNESCO Australia Memory of the World Register. The Museum's archive collection dating from 1910 to 1986 is one of a small number of inscriptions to be added to the Australian Memory of the Word Register. President of the Museum, *Renzo Benedet* said 'this was a clear indication of the Museum's significance on Australia's society and industrial influence of that time period'.

### ➤ LANDMARK HISTORY SERIES ON SBS TELEVISION

A new 4 part television series 'Australia in Colour' will premiere at 8.30 pm on **Wednesday 6 March on SBS**. The series reveals how Australia finds its voice as a nation. The period covers from the White Australia Policy of 1901, to the 'populate or perish' slogan of the 1940s; then the spirited protests of the 1960s to the very first hints of modern multiculturalism in the 1970s. The latest digital colouring techniques have been used to transform the black and white footage.

### ➤ 'BROUGHTON HALL – BROUGHT TO LIFE'

A recent '*Friends of Callan Park*' publication regarding *Broughton Hall* has been authored by Roslyn Burge. Patron and RDHS member Judith Godden states: 'It is

beautifully presented with an array of fascinating photographs, many previously unpublished. *Broughton Hall* is essential reading not only for those interested in the history of mental health, but also for those who want to walk in the beautiful grounds and see it all with fresh, informed eyes'. It costs \$20 (or \$25 with postage) and is available from <http://www.callanpark.com/>.

## **RYDE DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY** **2019 EXECUTIVE**

The following members have been installed as the Society's Executive for the year 2019

**President** - Kim Phillips

**Vice President** - Tina Bean

**Treasurer** - Margaret Farlow

(Margaret announced that this would be her last year as Treasurer)

**Secretary** - Christine Jones

**General Executive:** Peter Rich, Kevin Shaw and Christine Sanderson.

**Judith Godden** accepted the request to remain as one of our patrons.

The Executive Committee is waiting on a reply from **John Booth** to continue on in the position of additional Patron.



## **MEETINGS! SAVE THE DATE**

Please see below the dates and information regarding the first two meetings for 2019 – save the dates in your diary so you don't miss out! *Tuesday Meetings start 7 p.m. and Saturday Meetings start 10 a.m.*

**Saturday**      **9 March 2019**      **Historic Fernleigh House, Meadowbank**  
**Guest Speaker:**      **Tina Bean**

**Tuesday**      **12 March 2019**      **'Escape from Berlin' – one family's story!**  
**Guest Speaker:**      **Peter Nash**



## WHAT'S ON

### TALKS, EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

**TALK:**                    **CEMETERIES OF CONCORD**

**TIME:**                    **2 March 2019                    2 PM – 3 30 PM**

**VENUE:**                **City of Canada Bay Museum, 1 Bent Street, Concord + [Google Map](#)**

**COST:**                    **FREE (Donations welcome)**

Canada Bay Heritage Society invites you to hear speaker Clare Stapleton as she discusses her project on the 'Cemeteries of Concord'. Cemeteries in the talk include St Mary's Catholic Church and Longbottom Cemetery in Flavelle Street, Concord. After checking an 1890 listing, Clare noticed lots of omissions. This led her to investigate whether there were other burial sites in the district and eventually led to the publication of her book, *Cemeteries of Concord*.

**TALK:**                    **LIFE AND DEATH IN THE LIBRARY**

**TIME:**                    **5 March 2019                    11 AM – 12PM**

**VENUE:**                **State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Auditorium, Macquarie Street**

**COST:**                    **FREE**

Join [Dr Catie Gilchrist](#) as she discusses what the Library holds that relate to life and death in colonial Sydney. Life in the colony was precarious and some material in the Library's collection delves into how people lived and died as well as a shocking and gruesome murder! This is a fascinating journey into the early lives of the city's citizens. Dr Gilchrist is an Honorary Fellow (SLNSW), a contributor to Dictionary of Sydney and Research Affiliate History Department of University of Sydney.

**TALK:**                    **THE POWER OF THE PEDAL**

**TIME:**                    **6 March 2019                    1 PM – 2 PM**

**VENUE:**                **History House, 133 Macquarie Street Sydney, NSW + [Google Map](#)**

**COST:**                    **FREE**

Bicycles changed our lives – they meant a new and faster way to get around, both in the city and country. This gave rise to new ways of exploring, socialising and competing. In the nineteenth century bicycles gave us many different ways of enjoying the great outdoors. Cycling clubs gave women a new kind of freedom to mix socially with men as well! Join [Rupert Guinness](#), senior sports writer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Walkley Award* winning journalist, as he reveals 200 years of the bike in Australia

**TALK:**                    **HAROLD CAZNEAUX – PICTORIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

**TIME:**                    **9 March 2019                    2 PM – 3 PM**

**VENUE:**                **Sydney Mechanics School of Arts 280 Pitt Street Sydney**

**COST:**                    **\$3 (Members)                    \$6 (Visitors)    No booking required**

Sue Rosen examines [Harold Cazneau's](#) life as an artist, his practice and our treatment of heritage sites reflective of the historic associative criteria. Responsible for many iconic images of Sydney in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Caz was internationally acclaimed as a photographer. In 2016, Sue Rosen and Roy Lumby undertook a Heritage Assessment of Caz's home and studio at Roseville which was the subject of a development application for alternations and additions. While the garden has been lost through subdivision, his house and studio are remarkably intact! *This is a City of Sydney Historical Association event.*

**TALK:**            **WHAT DOES IT SAY?**

**TIME:**            **20 March 2019            10.30 AM – 12.30 PM**

**VENUE:**        **Barry O'Keefe Library, 605 Military Road, Mosman**

**COST:**            **FREE                    Bookings and Map: [Click here](#)**

Join NSW State Archives' Gail Davis as she helps with the interpreting and understanding of handwritten 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century documents including wills, title deeds, letters and personal diaries. Gail will share her tips and hints on how to decipher those and other tricky handwritten documents.

**TALK:**            **THE LETTERS OF RACHEL HENNING**

**TIME:**            **25 March 2019            10 AM – 12 PM**

**VENUE:**        **West Ryde Library, 2 Graf Avenue West Ryde, [View Map](#)**

**COST:**            **GOLD COIN DONATION**

Set in the mid-1850s, the story of [Rachel Henning](#) and her voyage to Australia is told through the letters she writes to family and friends. Rachel's descriptive letters, mainly addressed to her sister in England, provide a detailed account of nearly 30 years of pioneering life in Australia. The letters were first published by The Bulletin in 1951 and 1952. Join Angela Phippen for discussion on Rachel's letters, life and times. Light refreshments provided.

## **RDHS MAIL BOX**

**PRINT JOURNALS\***

***Family History Society of Singleton Inc.***, "The Patrick Plains Gazette", December, 2018.

***HAGSOC.***, "The Ancestral Searcher", December, 2018.

***Society of Australian Genealogists.***, "Descent", December, 2018.

***Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc.***, "The Cedar Log", December, 2018..

***Family Tree, UK***, Christmas, 2018, Jan and Feb, 2019. Accompanying the Family Tree, **UK**, is a Family History Handbook for 2019.

***Goulburn & District Historical Society & Family History Soc.***, "The Argyle Bulletin" November, 2018.

***Campbelltown District Family History Society Inc.***, "Ghostbuster", November, 2018.

***Casino and District Family History Group Inc.***, "The Crossing Place", November, 2018.

***Port Macquarie and District Family History Society Inc.***, "Footsteps", November, 2018.

***Balmain Association.***, "The Peninsular Observer", December, 2018.

***Burwood & District Family History Group.***, "Ance-Tree", November, 2018.

***Parramatta Family History Group.***, "The Parramatta Packet", Nov 2018 to Feb 2019.

***Irish Roots.*** Fourth Quarter, 2018.

***Cowra Family History Group Inc.***, "Eagle Eye" December, 2018.

**South Australian Genealogist**, November, 2018.

*\*Print journals can be accessed at the Research Centre at 'Willandra' at monthly meetings or Friday mornings.*

### **e-JOURNALS and e-NEWSLETTERS^**

**City of Canada Bay Heritage Society**, Newsletter, October and November 2018.

**Ku-ring-gai Historical Society** Newsletter, December, 2018 and Newsletter No. 2

**Yass and District Historical Society**, Newsletter, "Yandoo" Nov 2018, Jan 2019 and "Boongaroon", October, 2018.

**Shoalhaven Family History Society Inc.**, "Time Traveller", December, 2018.

**Carisbrook Historic House Lane Cove** – Invitation to a Twilight Jazz evening on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – 5pm to 7pm. \$30.

**Tasmanian Family History Society Inc.** - Entry Form for the Lilian Watson Family History Award for 2019.

**Dubbo & District Family History Group** Newsletter, January and February, 2019.

*^Please contact [rdhs1@bigpond.com](mailto:rdhs1@bigpond.com) for e-Journals and e-Newsletters to be sent to you.*

## **TREASURE TROVE - NEWSPAPERS**

'**TROVE**' is a wonderful resource for a range of Australian newspaper and publications – there is so much of interest for both researchers and family historians. See this [link](#) to find out recent additions to the publications list! (Source: Gould Genealogy newsletter)

Check out the story from Gillian Russell regarding the popular 19<sup>th</sup> century essayist [Charles Lamb](#) and his connection to Australia inside the latest edition of National Library's digital magazine [UNBOUND](#)

## **JOURNAL AND MAGAZINE RAMBLINGS**

Please visit our library which is open every Friday mornings and on Saturday after our monthly family history group meeting. This is where you will find the following magazines and journals as well as many others. We also have a fine collection of history books to help you with your research. The '**Ramblings**' are compiled by Shirley Noble, RDHS Member.

### **Richmond Tweed Family History Society - The Cedar Log Dec 2018 Issue 138 - Page 14**

**Hendrika Johnson** has written the story of her husband's ancestor Peter Hibbs who has a unique place in history. As a youngster he arrived in Botany Bay in 1770 aboard the *Endeavour*. It is claimed he set foot on Australian soil after Sir Joseph Banks and while carrying Capt. Cook on his back. In 1788 he returned as an able seaman on the *Sirius* being the only person of the Fleet to have been in Australia before. In 1789 he was selected as one of a crew to explore land with Govt. Phillip; this journey resulted in the discovery of the Hawkesbury River, On the voyage up the river he took a great liking to a piece of land where they camped and Govt. Phillip granted him this. I knew a young boy carried Capt. Cook ashore but didn't know his name or his history did you? Read more in this issue of *The Cedar Log*.

## BITS AND PIECES

### ❖ AUSTRALIA'S EARLY SPIES – CLOAK AND DAGGER DOWN UNDER

During the early 1900s, Australia was not seen as international spy gathering nation, but as [this article](#) uncovers, it seems Australia was right up there when it came to the spy game. 'Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, the U.S. and China have all been spied on by Australia before World War One' says a former intelligence office and author John Fahey.

### ❖ AUSTRALIA'S EDISON?

Henry Sutton loved to invent and he was very good at it. The Ballarat born inventor has been likened to notables such as Alexander Graham Bell, Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison. His name and ground breaking inventions are not well known here in Australia, but his great granddaughter is on a mission to change that. Learn more about Henry Sutton and his inventions [here](#).

### ❖ THE LAST LAUGH SPARKS MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH

English chemist Humphry Davy organised some amazing soirees. He offered his guests (that included poets, playwrights, doctors and scientists) not alcohol but a puff from a green silk bag containing nitrous oxide (aka laughing gas). The year was 1799 and his experiments ended up a rollicking good time. They also led to an incredible breakthrough in medical science: anaesthesia! Read the story [here](#)

### ❖ AUSTRALIA'S WW1 ENEMY ALIENS – THEIR STORIES.

The State Library of NSW's collection of papers of 'enemy aliens' interned in Australia during WW1 contains around 40 handwritten [diaries](#) written by internees. These diaries form the heart of the collection, which also contains the internees' newspapers, theatre and sporting programs, petitions and letters of complaint, and glass plate negatives of the Holsworthy camp. Confiscated when the internees left in 1919, they are now in the Library's collection.



## HOT WEBSITES

Try these Web sites to further your research!

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/cromwell-army-officers>

Over 4,000 officers who served in the armies of Parliament during the first English civil war (1642-6)

[https://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/sydneys\\_lost\\_theatres#ref-uuid=8ae1da0f-e37c-9841-2768-453f82490da2](https://dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/sydneys_lost_theatres#ref-uuid=8ae1da0f-e37c-9841-2768-453f82490da2)

Sydney's lost theatres

<https://www.scan.org.uk/researchrtools/glossary.htm>

Scottish Legal Terms

<https://scottishindexes.com/>

Free access indexes-census,mental health,criminal,non-OPR births,marriage and death records

<http://www.historicalpageants.ac.uk/>

Information on over 550 pageants that took place in Scotland, England and Wales in 20<sup>th</sup> century

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/relationship-calculator/cousin-kinship-chart-how-am-i-related-to-someone>

Cousin relationship chart – easy to use!