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## ***From the Editor***

Well once again we have reached April and the year is running away again. Camden show has come and gone and now we look forward to the Easter Break and Anzac Day. Next month I need to put together the next Camden Calling Journal and all contributions will be gratefully received. If I do not get contributions there may be no Journal to publish. This month's speaker Lauren Hokin certainly sounds like she will be interesting, speaking on her experience in producing the Anzacs of Macarthur. Our thoughts this month are with Beverly Booth who I believe is back in Hospital again.

I have received a couple of articles for the upcoming Camden Calling due in May but I would continue to ask for any items you may have to contribute or ideas that you may think appropriate for either the newsletter or Camden Calling, you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email:

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## **Camden Area Family History Society Inc.**

**Research Room, Library/Museum Complex, John St. Camden**

The research room is currently 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 \$10.00 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.**



*Happy Birthday  
To the following members  
For April 2017*

**Rosemary Abela  
Sharon Greene  
Geoffrey Howe  
John Wrigley**



## 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 we ask for a gold coin donation.

*Visitors most welcome.*

## MEMBERSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Normal	Pensioners/Concession
Single \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30

## CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY General Meeting

This month's Speaker at our monthly meeting will be **LAURA HOKIN**

The Camden Area Family History Society will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday 4 April, 2017 at 7.30pm at Camden Library**. The speaker will be **Lauren Hokin**, a local author and historian, with a BA (Honours) in history, philosophy and politics and a Master of Teaching (Secondary). Lauren will be talking about her recent publication, **The ANZACS of Macarthur**, commenting on the research and writing process and some stories of the men that feature in her book. The book will be available on the night. Cost is \$60. **Contact Secretary on 0246559963 for more information.**

Supper will be provided at the meeting this month by Diana Rofe and Kay Ryan. Remember the \$2 donation for supper goes to assist in providing this supper each month.

*We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies.*

*Shirley Abbott*



Recently one of our Members – Anne McIntosh – travelled up to the Central West of NSW and one of her points of interest was Orange, NSW. For all those attending the 2017 NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual State Conference to be held in Orange, Anne has written an interesting report on the Orange Local Museum and the venue for this year's Conference.

Last weekend, I went up to Orange to hear Heather Nicholls, who I had organised to speak for the (cancelled) tour. She was talking about Cobb & Co, a subject that I researched when I was at university, and in which I have maintained a casual interest. It was a great talk.



I have attached some pics of the venue so you can see how appropriate for a Family History Conference. The large town theatre is next door across the concrete courtyard. Across the road is one of the two large Victorian style parks in the town. It is one block from the centre of town, yet strangely isolated from it.

The new Orange Museum is notable because they have not replicated what is done in most country towns. One of the best local museums in NSW is 15 minutes away at Millthorpe. It has a large and diverse collection and takes a more conventional approach – they had to take care not duplicate their efforts or detract from their ambitions.

Unlike most local museums, the Orange museum is notably uncluttered. The large objects on display have been carefully selected and placed – a vintage car, printing press, coach, Olympic kayaks and a shepherd's hut, and against the black on white painted backdrops, they make a powerful impression.





The storyboards are quite long and detailed, but they are easy, and generally interesting, to read.

There is plenty of open space and an extremely large sales area. It feels Spartan and a bit as if there is wasted space. But although you are isolated from the display items, there is room to move around and view them from different angles.



Lighting and AV are used in a sophisticated way, and there are two interactive databases - one on flora of Mount Canobolas and another on local sportsmen, which would be a great thing to replicate in our own museum – as there is so much scope for improvement, I suspect that Orange may have run out of time to develop the stories for the sportspersons that are featured. The small screen lists sports and opens to local sportspersons who have competed at a state or national level. Both major and minor sports are included, so a person who represented Australia in rollerblading (?) gets a mention alongside cricketers, hockey players and athletes. It would be much improved if there was a photo of each person participating in a major competition, and perhaps stating their main events and achievements. I think these types of displays are of local interest because people are curious to know how many national cricket (or whatever) players have emerged from their town and the family names represented. A lot of info can be included, visitors can choose to view only what interests them and, with only two displays for each database, it doesn't take up much space.

As for the building itself, it's cleverly designed, so that it is prominent at the forecourt, but with a lawn roof, it makes a minimalist impression from other angles. Very different to what I had expected.

Anne

## **Saturday 25 March – Family History Saturday: Sourcing and Sorting It**

In conjunction with the Nepean Family History Society, State Archives and our local bookbinder Ted Chapman, Penrith Library will host a day to help people research and preserve their family history. Nepean Family History Society will have volunteers available all day to provide guidance and advice on all matters family history. State Archives will present talks on the preservation of historical documents, and on the government records they hold and how to access them. Ted Chapman will be repeating his workshop on bookbinding techniques. Penrith Library staff will also be presenting talks on researching local and family history.

## **Camden History Society Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

will feature **Roger Percy** who will be speaking on the new Gallery that will be opening in **Macaria** featuring the collection of Alan Barker.



This item received from Janet Howe highlights some of the more humorous moments when correcting text in Trove as many of us spend our spare time doing. This can be very time consuming but also a whole lot of fun.

Nearly every day I do some text correcting in Trove and a favourite area of research is the meetings of the Dundas Council. It can be a tedious occupation, but on occasion, the OCR (optical character recognition) results yield some entertaining results.

- Correspondence is often '**Deceived** and adopted' - Received
- 'A special **grunt**' – grant
- '**cut** bushes for decoration' – put
- 'appointment of the new **dork**' – clerk
- 'agitation is to be made for the **fridge**' – bridge [over Parramatta River]
- 'It was **denied** to form a deputation' – decided
- 'No, I am **nob!**' – not
- '**tissued** to the council' – issued
- 'the motion was **earned**' – carried
- '**Curried** unanimously' – carried
- 'The late **Major**' – Mayor
- 'with regard to the removal of **rooks** in the Parramatta River' – rocks
- 'should have **unequal** say' – an equal
- 'fruit was a **drug** in the market – a drag
- 'Seasonal **palialiations**' – Felicitations
- '**pregant**' [sic] – present
- 'taking much **internet**' – interest
- '**Haunter's** Hill Council – Hunters Hill
- '**mime** of a probable successor' – name
- 'nomination paper is being largely **sinned** by both sections of the community' – signed
- 'his **promises**' – premises
- '**boil** for filling in' – soil
- 'appellant **slated**' [at Appeal Court] – stated
- '**cypresses** the belief' – expresses
- '**whore** required' – where
- 'the **hat** near the river' – flat
- 'did not regard the **mutter** as one of urgency' – matter
- 'it was decided to **write**' – invite
- 'had strong **lights**' – rights
- '**violet** death' – violent
- '**Beard** of Health' – Board
- '**Hallway** Commissioners' – Railway
- 'the Metropolitan Board of **Waist** Supply & Sewerage' – Water



- ‘induce the Government to grant the Parramatta Council one day of **theft**’ – of the [Commonwealth celebrations, 1901.]
- ‘Council **beetling**’ – Council Meeting
- ‘at the **lust** election’ – last election
- ‘allow himself to be nominated for North **Weird**’ – North Ward
- ‘there had been **coining** to pay away’ – nothing
- ‘the above **mutters** to be attended to’ – matters
- ‘**respiting** the question of trespass’ – respecting
- ‘the beginning of the **louse**’ – lease
- ‘several **plants** partly or wholly decayed’ – planks [bridge decking]
- ‘Quarry **tragic**’ – traffic
- ‘a quarter mile past west of **whore**’ – where
- ‘joint deputation in connection with the **no-decking** of Green’s bridge’ – re-decking
- ‘well **moaning** men’ – meaning [for election to council]
- ‘**Torn** Smith’ – Tom
- ‘stirring **scones**’ – scenes
- ‘while the **dunce** goes on’ – dance
- ‘cruelty to **house**’ – horse
- ‘**Currant** Noates’ – Current Notes
- A solution to getting around a particular financial difficulty ‘had not suggested itself to the **Dimdas** Council’ – Dundas Council
- ‘**hates** outstanding’ – rates
- ‘in time of **ruin**’ – rain
- ‘evening’s **spoilt** at the Council table’ – spent
- ‘**ejection** as Mayor’ – election
- ‘the **sneaker** could not support his nomination’ – speaker
- ‘there was a **dancer** of the river’ – danger [1905: re pollution from abattoirs at Homebush]
- ‘collect the names of **doctors**’ – electors
- ‘whatever personal **fooling**’ – feeling
- ‘not one of the **poisons** most particularly affected’ – persons
- ‘special **lutes**’ – rates
- ‘as soon as **fluids** are available’ – funds
- ‘a **stop** in the right direction’ – step
- ‘they were **limply** asked for their co-operation’ – simply
- ‘the **Hallway** Commissioners’ – Railway
- ‘High-street, **Ripping**’ – Epping
- ‘best **menus** of effecting a reduction’ – means
- ‘The National Stock and **Moat** Industries Protection League’ – Meat
- ‘special **louse**’ – lease



# ANZAC DAY

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I saw a kid marchin' with medals on his chest  
He marched alongside Diggers marchin' six abreast  
He knew that it was Anzac Day – He walked along with pride  
He did his best to keep in step with the Diggers by his side  
And when the march was over, the kid was rather tired  
A Digger said "Whose medals son?" to which the kid replied,

They belong to Daddy, but he did not come back,  
He died up in New Guinea, on a lonely jungle track."  
The kid looked rather sad, then a tear came to his eye.  
The Digger said 'don't cry my son, and I will tell you why,  
Your Daddy marched with us today, all the bloomin' way  
We Diggers knew that he was there – it's like that on Anzac Day.

The kid looked rather puzzled and didn't understand  
But the Digger went on talking and started to wave his hands  
For this great land we live in, there's a price we have to pay,  
For we all love fun and merriment, in this country where we live and play  
The price was that some soldier, his precious life must give  
So that boys and girls that he left behind still have the right to live.

For you go to school my lad, and worship God at will  
Someone had to pay the price, so the Diggers paid the bill.  
Your Daddy died for us my son, for all things good and true  
I wonder if you can understand the things I've said to you?

The kid looked up at the Digger just for a little while  
And with a changed expression, said with a lovely smile,  
"I know dad marched here today – this our Anzac Day,  
I know he did – I know he did, all the bloomin' way."

Remember our  
Diggers



25th April



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## **The Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, and Hill End Family History**

The discovery of gold in NSW, at Tambaroora and then later around Hill End ( between Bathurst & Mudgee) resulted in the largest exodus of population from the established cities in NSW and then Victoria in the mid 19th Century. Maybe some of your society members' ancestors were among the many who took part in this "Rush". Maybe this is a bit of a "black hole" in their family history details. Maybe we can help...

Not often do you have a chance to immerse yourself in a whole weekend of family history in Hill End. The Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group, and Hill End Family History have combined forces and resources to present two and a half days of research in Hill End over the weekend of 5th – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

This event is part of the National Trust Heritage Festival and we would like to invite your members to join us for the weekend. There is a full program of speakers and activities planned as well as access to myriads of transcribed records and family files.

I have attached a poster which I am hoping that you may be able to print out for your noticeboard and for the interest of your members and we would appreciate it if you could bring the event to their attention through your next newsletter etc. The full details, bookings and program are available on our website at [| Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group](#)