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From the Editor

Coming up to the half way point of the year again and remembering how busy we all were preparing for the NSWACT AFHS Annual Conference and associated events. This year is much quieter and thus more time for reflection and research. Contributions for the Camden Calling have now closed and the new Journal should be published and available by the end of June. However, as usual, I am always on the lookout for more contributions to our own monthly newsletter, the Valley Voice. And would welcome any items you may like to see included. For those on Facebook, please Find and like the CAFHS page as I try to keep adding items of interest whenever I find them. Remember also that Member Subscriptions are due at the end of the month for the next year, so please see Barbara as soon as you can.

As always you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email: w.sims53@gmail.com.

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 June 2017*

**Bruce Denison Lester Lovell
Alexander & June Matheson
Janet Moore Jo O'Brien
Janice Taylor Chris Thomson
Dawn Williams**



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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – Now Due

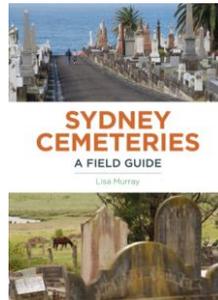
Please be advised that membership renewals are due from the 1st of July, with all members needing to renew for the upcoming year! Members can collect their receipts at our Rooms or alternatively you may provide a self addressed envelope with stamp to mail a receipt back to you.

CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY General Meeting

The Camden Area Family History Society will hold their next meeting on Tuesday 6th June, 2017 at 7.30pm at the Camden Historical Society's Museum in the Camden Library Complex.

The speaker this month will be **Dr Lisa Murray**, Historian for the City of Sydney, who is speaking on "**Sydney Cemetery Adventures**" This talk is based on her recently published book, **Sydney Cemeteries: a Field Guide**.

The book will be available during the evening at \$35 per copy. Please note that the meeting this month is being held in the Camden Museum at 7.30pm, 6th June 2017. Gold coin Donation to cover Supper.



CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting

The June monthly meeting of Camden Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 12th May at the Society's Museum in the Camden Library Complex starting at 7.30PM. This month's speaker will be Maurice Augustyn and he will be talking about 'Warragamba Dam' through the eyes of his father who work on its construction. He will be showing a Power Point Presentation plus items of interest.

For Your Diary...



The Menangle Community Association Inc. plans to hold a public charity event called the 'MENANGLE MILK-SHAKE UP' on Sunday, 17th September, 2017.

The Event

Menangle was a private village of the Macarthur Family. The Macarthurs excelled in milk production through establishing a Creamery and the famous Rotolactor which is a 1950s state of the art milking carousel. The nearby railway line facilitated fresh daily milk supply to Sydney. With this event we want to bring back the memories of the heydays of milk production in the 1950s in the Wollondilly Shire. We will achieve this by providing history displays, market stalls, refreshments and music with the help of volunteers dressed in 1950s costumes. This will enable us to 'remember the Rotolactor'.

Our Aim

We are holding this event to create awareness for Menangle's historic value and its many rare and endangered buildings.



Through this awareness, would like to raise money for maintenance work essential to Menangle's unique buildings and structures.

We will also showcase the potential that Menangle possesses as a possible tourist destination and event space, conveniently located in a beautifully intact Australian countryside location, close to Sydney.

- [Free admission](#)
- [Kid Friendly](#)

“A family is a bunch of people who keep confusing you with someone you were as a kid”. ~Robert Brault

Just a few things to Think About.....

- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered *assassinated* instead of just *murdered*?
- Why do you have to ‘*put your two cents worth in..*’ but it’s only ‘*a penny for your thoughts*’?
- Once you’re in Heaven, do you get stuck wearing clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- What disease did CURED HAM actually have?
- How is it that we put a man on the moon before we worked out how to put wheels on luggage?
- Why do people go up tall buildings and then put money into binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why is ‘bra’ singular and ‘panties’ plural?
- If the Professor on Gilligan’s Island could make a radio out of a coconut, why couldn’t he fix the hole in the boat?
- If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is BABY OIL made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does this mean morality comes from morons?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a ‘hearing’?
- Why do people say they slept like a baby, when babies wake up every two hours?



Norfolk Island History Lovers Tour – March 2018 Foundation Week

Step back in time and celebrate the 230th anniversary of the island's first settlement. Immerse yourself in Norfolk Island heritage for a history Lovers holiday in March 2018.

Ex Sydney 2 March for 7 days: Package includes return air flights with motel/resort accommodation for seven nights, enjoy eight wonderful days on Norfolk Island and all the history lovers' holiday inclusions:

The Norfolk Island History Lovers tour includes research workshop, special tours of Kingston. [Check out all inclusions](#)

Contact us for more details: including information flyer and booking form. Cathy Dunn 02 4455 4780 office@australianhistoryresearch.info

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Norfolk Island History Lovers Holiday: March 2018
<http://www.australianhistoryresearch.info/history-lovers-visit-to-norfolk-island/>

Heritage Tourism
www.heritagetourism.com.au

Camden Area Family History Society Christmas in July

The society will be holding a "Christmas in July" event on 26th July at Wivenhoe. The cost will be \$35 per head and while I have been informed the meal may not be a traditional Christmas roast, the dessert will definitely involve Pavlova. Keep your ears open for further details.



Bridging the Past & Future
SYDNEY 2018

Hosted by the Society of Australian Genealogists

9-12 March 2018
**International Convention Centre,
Darling Harbour, Sydney**

Early bird registrations open 31 May 2017

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Congress2018)
and Twitter @Congress_2018 #Congress_2018

www.congress2018.org.au

Congress 2018 is being held at the new International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney from Friday 9 to Monday 12 March 2018. Congress is the largest family history event in Australasia and is held every three years under the auspices of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO). Early Bird registrations open on 31 May 2017 and the full speakers' program will be released at that time. Follow the announcements at www.congress2018.org.au and www.facebook.com/Congress2018, and on Twitter @Congress_2018 #Congress_2018

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a town he planned to visit on his holiday. He wrote: 'I would like very much to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?'

An immediate reply came back from the hotel owner, who wrote: 'Sir, I have been operating this hotel for many years and in all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly and I've never had a dog run out on hotel bills. Yes indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here too.'



Queen's Birthday in Australia

The Queen's Birthday is an Australian public holiday but the date varies across states and territories. Australia celebrates this holiday because it is a constitutional monarchy, with the English monarch as head of state.



Australia's present monarch is Queen Elizabeth II, whose birthday is celebrated nationwide. ©iStockphoto.com/David Newton

Celebrate the Queen's Birthday

Many Australians have a day off work on the Queen's Birthday. For many, it is a chance to do something with their family or to visit a sporting event. Some people take advantage of the three-day weekend to make trips to visit friends or relatives.

Some well-known sporting events are held on the second Monday of June. These include an Australian Football League game played at the Melbourne cricket club between the Collingwood Magpies and the Melbourne Demons. It is also traditionally seen as the opening weekend of the snow season in Australia, although it is often not possible to really ski for another few weeks.



Traditionally, many public fireworks displays were organized on the Queen's Birthday. However, these have been overshadowed by the New Year's Eve displays in recent years. People in many communities can only buy and set off fireworks on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the Queen's Birthday weekend in the Australian Capital Territory. This is illegal at all other times of the year.

Public Life

The Queen's Birthday is observed on the second Monday of June in most of Australia. Schools, post offices, and other organizations are closed in most parts of Australia, except Western Australia, on this date. Stores that are open may have restricted opening hours. There may be some congestion on roads as many people use the long weekend to make trips. Public transport services may be reduced or not run at all.

The Queen's Birthday is a holiday in Western Australia at a different date to that observed by other parts of the country. The governor in Western Australia proclaims the holiday's date for this state. There are no fast rules about when it will fall but it is often on the last Monday of September or the first Monday of October. Western Australian schools, post offices, as well as many organizations, are closed when Western Australia celebrates the Queen's Birthday. Stores that are open may have restricted opening hours in the state. There may be some congestion on roads as many people use the long weekend to make trips. Public transport services may be reduced or not run at all.

About the Queen's Birthday

Australia is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations and the official head of state is the Monarch of the Realms. This is currently Queen Elizabeth II. She is also the head of state of many other countries and territories, including Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Canada and New Zealand. She was born on April 21, 1926, although her official birthday is celebrated on a range of dates in the different countries of the Commonwealth of Nations.

The Monarch's Birthday was first celebrated in Australia in 1788. In that year, King George III was the Monarch and Governor Arthur Phillip declared a holiday to mark his birthday. Originally, the Monarch's birthday was celebrated on the anniversary of the actual date of birth of the King or Queen. However, after the death of King George V in 1936, the date remained close to his birthday, which was June 3.

On the second Monday in June, the Queen's Birthday honors list is released. This contains the names of the new members of the Order of Australia and other honors issued by the Australian government or the Queen. These are generally for exceptional service to Australians, Australia or humanity as a whole.