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MACARIA HOUSE
John Street Camden



From the Editor

This month being August is our Annual General Meeting when all Committee positions will be declared vacant and election held for new office bearers for the 2018-2019 year. In addition Janet Howe has prepared a short presentation on the Newspapers in Find My Past as a much underutilised resource in the Library. While not a patch on Trove, Janet has made some wonderful discoveries for her own family research

As usual any members who have articles for both the next edition of Camden Calling and June Valley Voice please send them to me at w.sims@bigpond.net.au or cafhs2570@gmail.com all submissions will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday To the following members For August 2018

Jennifer Mack 13th August
Ian Smith 4th August
Lee Stratton 8th August
Barbara Sulley 23rd August
Allen Webb 25th August



Camden Area Family History Society Inc.

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

The research room is currently open
Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm
Saturday 9:30am to 12:00 noon
All other times by appointment only.

**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 either Ray
Herbert on 96066075 or Fred Gibson on
46559073 letting them know when you are
available.**

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**

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



CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC
Annual General Meeting

This Month on Tuesday August 7th, in keeping with a discussion last month, Janet Howe will present a small introduction into "Newspapers in Find My Past" as a much underutilised resource she has found quite rewarding while doing her family research. Also being August we will be conducting our AGM and Election of Officers for the ensuing Term.

CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Camden Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm in the Museum when Election will be held for Officers and Committee members for the next 12 months. In addition Ian Willis will be speaking on the coverage of WW1 as seen in the Camden News.

For Your Diary

CAFHS Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner for Camden Area Family History Society Committee and Members will be held:

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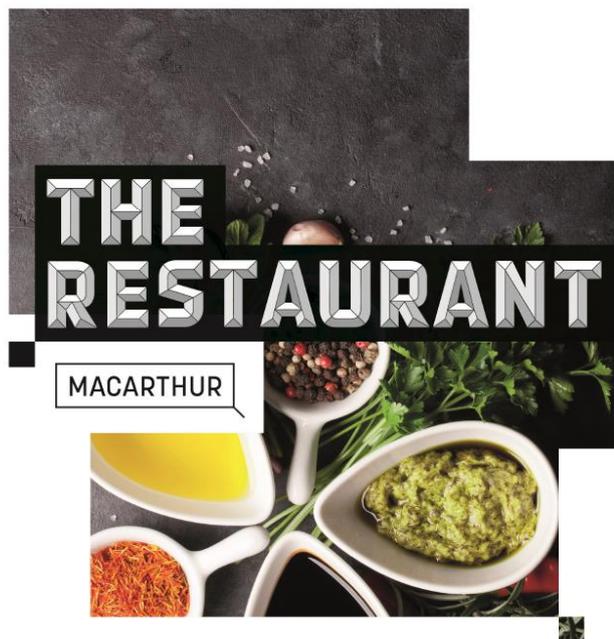
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When: Wednesday 28th
November 2018 at 7.30pm

Where: Campbelltown TAFE

Cost: \$40 per Person

See Barbara Sulley for Tickets





Friends of the Laperouse Museum



A 2018 "HISTORY WEEK" TALK
AT
THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM
Saturday 1 September

To celebrate NSW History Week, the Friends of the Laperouse Museum Inc are pleased to announce Dr Geoffrey Lewis (author of the publication "Laperouse") will be our guest lecturer on 1 September for History Week. Recent studies have shown that following the fatal sinking of the two expeditionary ships in the Solomons, some of the crew may have indeed survived and even reached the Torres Strait Islands.

Who: Dr Geoffrey Lewis

Topic: "What would survivors of the Laperouse shipwrecks have done?"

When: Saturday 1 September — 2pm for 2:15pm start

Where: Laperouse Museum, Cable Station, Anzac Parade La Perouse

Cost: \$5 members of the Friends, FASS, R&DHS, Coast Centre for Seniors & PIM

- \$10 non-members

Post Lecture: Refreshments will be served!

More information: Bookings:
friendsofthelaperousemuseum@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE LAPEROUSE MUSEUM M INC.
Po Box 475 Matraville NSW 2036
Websites: www.laperousemuseum.org
www.laperouseeducationfund.org.au



**NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018**

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 September 2018 – At Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

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Sailing into History

**Friday 14—Sunday 16 September 2018
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Photographs: Courtesy Eurobodalla Shire Council ©2017

PROGRAMME

Friday 14th September

**9.00 – 4.00 FREE Family History Fair
open to the general public**

Free public talks; workshops for conference registrants

Help desk to assist with family history research

For conference registrants

6.30 – 8.30 Meet and Greet

Saturday 15th September

8.30 Open

9.00 – 3.30 Conference

4.00 Annual General Meeting

6.30 – 10.00 Conference Dinner

Sunday 16th September

9.00 – 1.00 Conference

For further details access

Website: www.sailingintohistory.org.au

Email: info@sailingintohistory.org.au



NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference: Newsletter 9

Date: 14 to 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

Location: Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

Hello everyone,



Sailing into History

THE GANG PLANK IS ABOUT TO BE RAISED

The final registration date 10 August is fast approaching. We do need to observe this date so that the committee can finalise a number of items, such as ordering the conference bags, finalising all the catering arrangements and ensure that the exhibitors have time to organise their displays.

There is still some places for the conference but the dinner has only space for a couple of more people.

A full list of member societies who will have trade tables, exhibitors and service providers, together full particulars of guest speakers and their topics are listed on the Conference website. www.sailingintohistory.org.au



PAUL PARTON is a presenter for Family Search in their outreach program. He also gives technical support to 145 Family History Centre Australia-wide. He has had an interest in family history for more than 45 years. Paul was a professional trainer prior to his retirement as Pacific Area Director of Information Technology Services with FamilySearch's parent organisation.

FamilySearch Update –cessation of the circulation of FamilySearch's 2.4 million rolls of microfilm occurred in September 2017. This session demonstrates how to access the 1.3 million newly digitised records that are being added on line daily and are viewable for free. The workshop will cover FamilySearch affiliates and partners, using the FamilySearch catalogue and collections. FamilySearch tree concept and a roadmap to the future.

If you are planning to linga-longa in this beautiful part of our State, check out the Eurobodalla Shire's comprehensive website www.southcoasttravelguide.com.au it will gladly tell you where to go!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to help out over the weekend. *The old saying many hands make light work*, so we will have a very bright weekend, may even need your sunglasses! It is a great feeling that so many people are willing to contribute to your family history conference. Towards the end of August a preliminary roster will be circulated, giving time for any adjustments. All volunteers will be provided with a souvenir jacket as a memento, a good investment, you will be easily found if you go overboard.

Association Members and Sponsors have also been very generous in donating items for the Raffle. The items range from the individual society's resources, local businesses, sponsors and service providers' products. Make sure you get some tickets. There will be two raffles, one drawn on Sunday and the other at the conference dinner on Saturday night.

For those who have questions or would like advice about how best to serve your Society, ensure that you attend the Forum at 3pm on the Friday, The Forum has proved in recent years to be a valued venue where issues and concerns impacting Association Member Groups are discussed. Group delegates and other individuals are encouraged and welcomed to participate in this event.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE BATEMANS BAY SOLDIERS CLUB FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT AND ESPECIALLY ANDREA THOMPSON FOR HER UNFLAPPABLE ASSISTANCE.

Suzanne Voytas – Conference Convenor,
NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.
Conference Website: www.sailingintohistory.org.au



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More interesting snippets from Congress 2018

Compiled by Jo O'Brien

London and other UK records - Paul Blake

- Poor law records can contain much detailed information about families.
- For more information on workhouses see Peter Higginbotham's website:
<http://www.workhouses.org.uk/>
- Records from what we now call London are by county (e.g. Middlesex, Surrey) until 1888 –the City of London was within/without the walls. Early records include Boyd's Inhabitants of London (at FMP). Also look at:
 - London Lives www.londonlives.org/
 - Old Bailey online <https://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>
 - locating London's past <https://www.locatinglondon.org/>
 - Booth maps <https://booth.lse.ac.uk/>
 - www.connectedhistories.org
- For National Archives records see find an archive at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk or catalogue at www.aim25.com
- Criminal records: Court of King's Bench was the highest court, next the assizes – these records are at TNA (The National archives) at Kew. Less serious crimes were tried at Quarter sessions – records held locally. However London and Middlesex are different – sessions met monthly. See Old Bailey online for official transcripts of trials, also www.connectedhistories.org, and other connected papers at LMA (London Metropolitan Archives) <https://search.lma.gov.uk>

Scottish, Irish and early UK records - Paul Milner

- There are gaps in early parish registers for a variety of reasons (e.g. law changes, fees, plague) – this may be why you can't find your ancestors. Knowing the history of the time is important.
- Other early sources include probate and wills, taxes, military, apprenticeship records, poll books, and herald visitations.
- Clandestine marriages (e.g. at The Fleet) are those without banns or licence but still in front of a minister.
- For Scottish and Irish records make sure you have the correct parishes and place names - this is less straightforward than for English records. Check on maps from that time that you have the right place. Look at Topographical Dictionary of Scotland (Samuel Lewis).
- Scottish records at: <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>
- In Ireland you need to understand the land divisions to understand Griffith's Valuation records. See General alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns of Ireland. Can access these at Ask about Ireland website <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>



➤ Old British Isle records by location at: <http://www.dustydocs.com/>

2018 RAHS CONFERENCE

20th & 21st October 2018

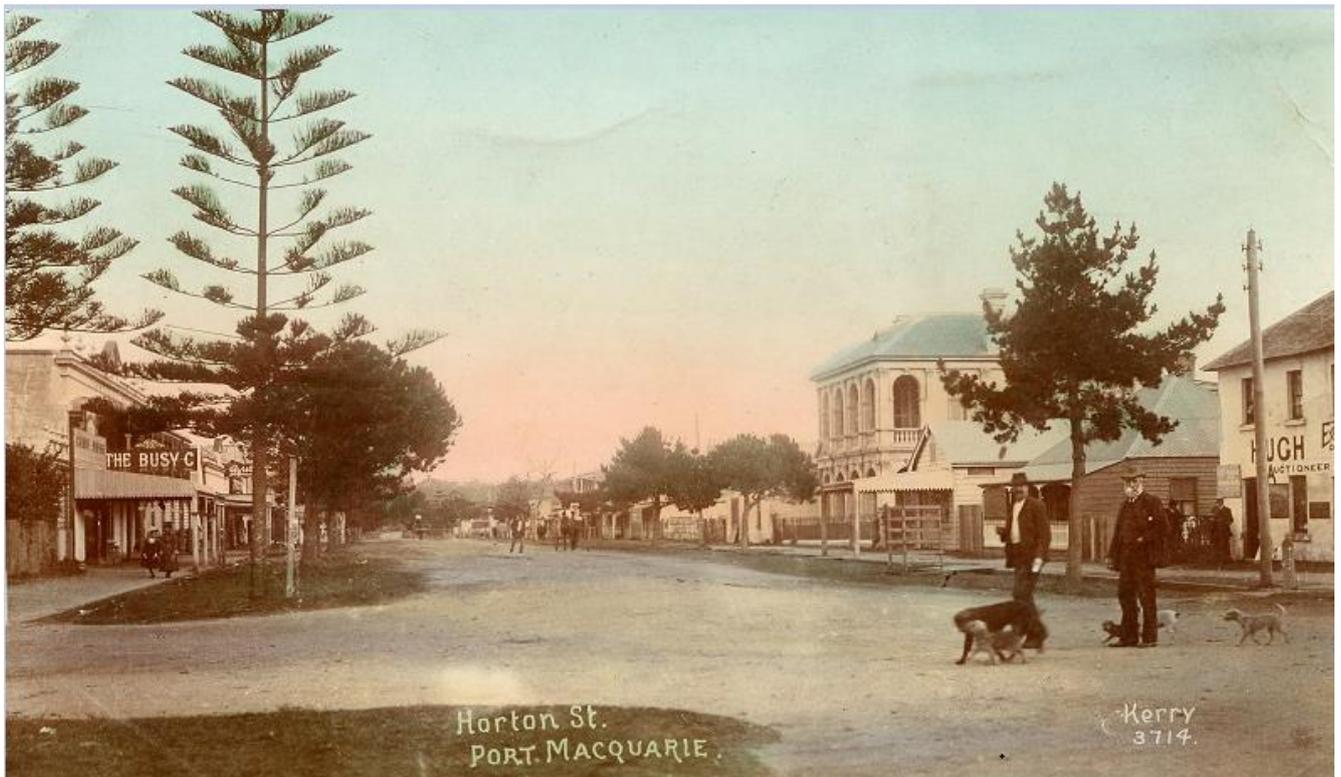


Image: Horton Street, Port Macquarie, ca. 1900 [Port Macquarie Historical Society Collection]

Bookings are now open for our [2018 Conference: *Surveying the Past, Mapping the Present*](#) at the Westport Club in Port Macquarie.

The 2018 RAHS Conference is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Port Macquarie, with local historians speaking about the experiences of the Birpai people, life on the early estates in the Hastings, and Port Macquarie's last convicts. Our keynote speaker is [Dr Mathew Trinca](#), Director of the National Museum of Australia, who will discuss the very pertinent theme of 'History from the ground up'.

Attendees will discover new resources and techniques to help survey the past of your own local community and be inspired by historians whose research interests span surveyors' field books and explorers' notes, historical market research, women in business, and understanding the social, medical and domestic legacies of World War I. (Full program is available for [download](#))

Attendees can also attend a range of other events during the weekend including:



- **Pre-Conference Workshop (Friday 19 October | Port Macquarie Library)**
From Governors' Wives to Sydney Harbour Bridge Builders: Amplifying the State Library of NSW sound archive via open-source and the machine
- **Welcome Reception (Friday 19 October | Port Macquarie Museum)**
This event will be hosted by the [Port Macquarie Historical Society](#) and provides an informal opportunity to view the award-winning Museum's significant collections and exhibitions
- **Walking Tour: *Stories Behind the Graves* (Saturday 20 October)**
This guided walking tour of [Port Macquarie's Second Burying Ground](#) will explore the stories of Port Macquarie's famous and infamous residents.
- **Bus Tour: *Chains and Milestones* (Saturday 20 October)**
This bus tour will provide an overview of Port Macquarie's historic sites, maritime history and convict past.
Expressions of Interest: Innes Ruins Tour (Monday 22 October)
Step back in time on this guided tour of the extensive [ruins of a grand country mansion](#) built by convict labour in the 1830s.
- **Post-Conference Workshop: *Researching and Commemorating the Spanish Flu* (Monday 22 October | Port Macquarie Library)**
The pneumonic influenza or 'Spanish flu' pandemic that circled the world in 1918–19 left few communities untouched. In this practical workshop, we review the bigger picture of the pandemic before considering how its impact might be commemorated locally.

To learn more about our Conference, including transport and accommodation, Port Macquarie's history and things to see and do, visit our [Conference webpage](#).

CHANGES TO THE NSW LAND REGISTRY SERVICES HISTORIC LANDS RECORD VIEWER

Reproduced from the RAHS Newsletter

The icon on the NSW Land Registry Services, Historic Land Records Viewer (HLRV) enabling researchers to download or print documents located on the HLRV site has recently been removed. Researchers requiring copies of the documents have to purchase them from one of the NSW Land Registry concession holders.



The RAHS is concerned about this change to the HLRV site and has contacted the office of the Registrar General – the NSW Government agency responsible for overseeing the operations of the NSW land title registry and the connections between the registry and other public and private sector parties – for an explanation. We hope to receive a report in response to our approach shortly. We hope to publish an update in our next e-Newsletter.



WODONGA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Invites you to its seminar

“Finding and Preserving Memories”

Date: Saturday 1st September, 2018

Venue: Felltimber Community Centre, Ritter Road, Wodonga

Registration: 8.30 am Start: 9.00 am Finish: 4.00 pm.

Topics and Presenters:-

- **Dating photographs** – Barb Toohey and Sue Pillans. Barb and Sue are members of the Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra.
- **The Life of Emigration – the processes and experiences of 19th century migration** – Dr. Liz Rushen is the Chair of the History Council of Victoria, a social historian; Liz has published widely in the field of migration history.
- **Finding shipping records** – Meg Bate is the Assistant Library Manager at The Genealogical Society of Victoria.
- **Restoring and preserving photos and documents** – April Padbury. April holds an associate degree in Local and Applied History.

Cost \$40, \$35 early bird if booked and paid for by 3rd August, **WFHS** members \$35. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch provided.

Contact: Wendy: 0447 035 725 or 0260 563 220. Norma: 0448 356 125

Email: secretary@wodongafamilyhistory.org

Mail: Wodonga Family History Soc. Inc., PO Box 289, Wodonga 3689

Exhibitors include Tony Stewart Photography, The Little Purple Dragon Scrapbooking, Archival Access, Eric Barton Books, Genealogical Society of Victoria, [Officeworks](#) Wodonga.

