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*Superbly restored old Buick  
outside MACARIA HOUSE  
John Street Camden*



**From the Editor**

This month The Valley Voice is somewhat bigger than usual as September is proving to be a very busy month with NSW&ACT AFHS Conference upon us in a week or so and much information being passed to attendees. We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Joy Thorn OAM and also an article on the Changing Management of Cemetery Grave plots. Linwood house is open again on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September this weekend and an article for many of us who spend a great deal of time at our PC's about the increased prevalence of Scammers..

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](mailto:w.sims@bigpond.net.au) or [cafhs2570@gmail.com](mailto:cafhs2570@gmail.com) all submissions will be greatly appreciated.

*Happy Birthday  
To the following members  
for September 2018*

Andrea Herbert 9<sup>th</sup> September

Margaret Battam 20<sup>th</sup> September

Robert Lester 11<sup>th</sup> September



**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**

<b>Normal</b>	<b>Pensioners/Concession</b>
Single \$30	Single \$25
Couple \$35	Couple \$30



**CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC**  
**General Monthly Meeting**

This Month on Tuesday September 4th , Michelle Roffe will be speaking on her experience as a local Funeral Director. This will be in line with the History Week Theme of Life & Death.

**CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY September Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Camden Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Museum.

*For Your Diary*

**CAFHS Christmas Dinner**

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

**TAFE**  
MSW

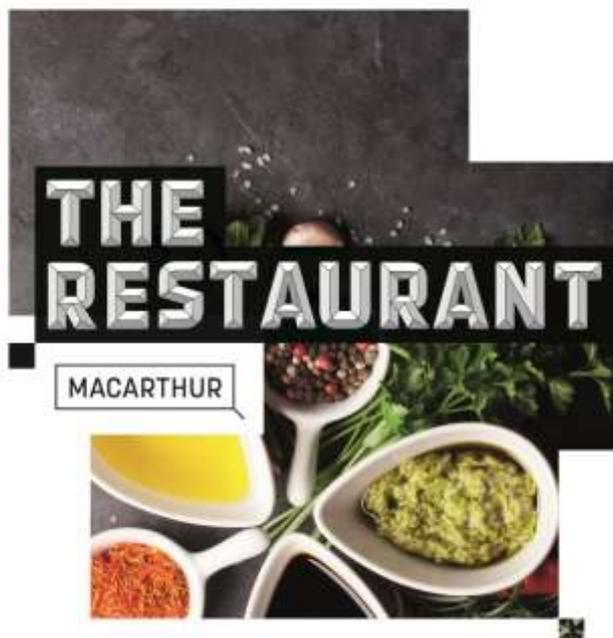


**When:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 2018 at 6.30pm

**Where:** Campbelltown TAFE

**Cost:** \$40 per Person

**See Barbara Sulley for Tickets**





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

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

<p><b>NSW &amp; ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc</b></p> <p><b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018</b></p>  <p><b>Sailing into History</b></p> <p><b>Friday 14—Sunday 16 September 2018</b> <b>At the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club</b></p>  <p>Photographs: Courtesy Eurobodalla Shire Council ©2017</p>	<p><b>PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b><u>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September</u></b></p> <p><b>9.00 – 4.00 FREE Family History Fair open to the general public</b></p> <p>Free public talks; workshops for conference registrants</p> <p>Help desk to assist with family history research</p> <p><b>For conference registrants</b></p> <p>6.30 – 8.30 Meet and Greet</p> <p><b><u>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September</u></b></p> <p>8.30 Open</p> <p>9.00 – 3.30 Conference</p> <p>4.00 Annual General Meeting</p> <p>6.30 – 10.00 Conference Dinner</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September</u></b></p> <p>9.00 – 1.00 Conference</p> <p><b>For further details access</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.sailingintohistory.org.au">www.sailingintohistory.org.au</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@sailingintohistory.org.au">info@sailingintohistory.org.au</a></p>
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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.sailingintohistory.org.au)



## **Last Minute advice from John Hely for Conference Attendees**

### **People registered for the Conference**

If you have registered for the Conference; when you arrive at the venue please visit the Registration Tables to receive your Conference Bag and other information regarding events.

### **Plan to visit the Friday 14 September for the Family History Fair and free talks.**

If you only plan to visit the Family History Fair (**9 am to 4 pm**) to trawl the exhibition tables; spend some time at the Getting Started Table; listen to the free talks in the Auditorium, you are welcome to pick up a visitors bag at the Registration Table to store all your purchases and collected information to start/progress your family history research.

Registrants and Visitors please note that the first talk - '**Aboriginal Research**' in the Memorial Rooms 9.30 to 10.15 am on Friday morning **is also a free talk.**

### **Programme**

For details of the programme please access

<http://sailingintohistory.org.au/program/index.php>

### **Parking**

There is extensive unrestricted parking provided by the Club adjacent to the Club Facilities, undercover parking in close proximity to the Club entrance is substantially allocated to those with a disability sticker, there is a drop of zone next to the Club entrance in the undercover parking.

### **Signing in to the Club**

The Club's front welcome desk is immediately inside the main entrance accessed from the undercover carpark. The escalators and lift to the Conference level and restaurants are located adjacent to the Clubs main entrance desk. When you initially sign into the Club your registration voucher is valid for the duration of the Conference, so hang on to your sign in voucher. The club will require proof of your identity, for most people this will be your drivers licence.

### **Food - Friday 14 September Family History Fair and free Talks**

For your morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and those regular coffee breaks and snacks, the Club has a range of facilities located on the same level as the Conference area for you to satisfy those needs through the day.

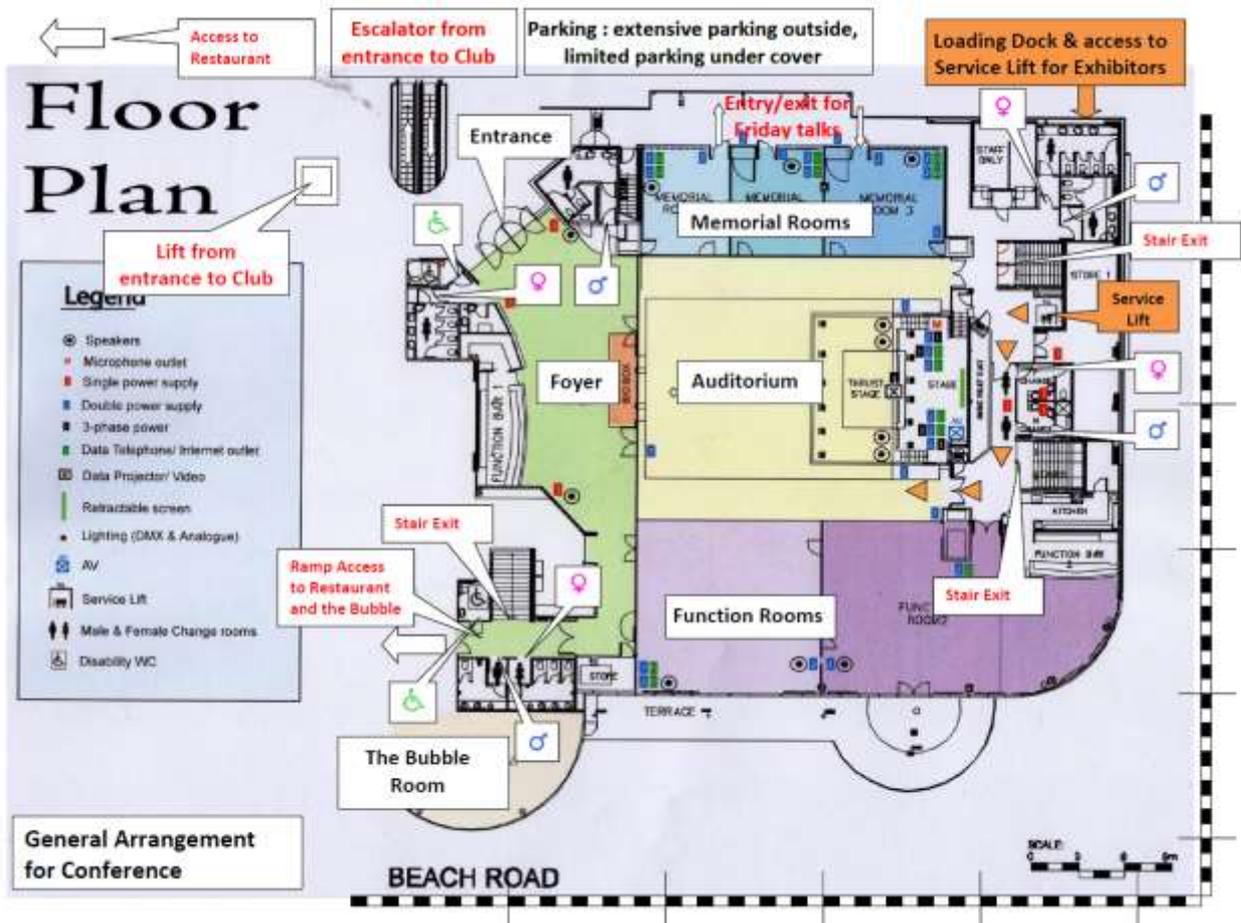
Regards

John Hely

Secretary NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies



## BATEMANS BAY SOLDIERS CLUB – CONFERENCE LAYOUT





**Camden Museum**

25 August at 14:10 · 🌐



In Memoriam Joyce (Joy) Thorn OAM.

For service to the community Mrs Joyce Thorn, nee Bradford, received the OAM in January 2005.

Joyce arrived in Cobbitty in 1948 with her husband Keith to run the general store, which they ran for over 20 years.

Joy was involved with St Paul's Anglican Church Cobbitty as Treasurer and Warden; St Paul's Women's Guild as Secretary; and written a booklet on the history of St Paul's Cobbitty in conjunction with John Burge and the late Janice Joh... See more





## 2018 RAHS CONFERENCE

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

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## 2018 Association Forum Reading Material regarding Item 3. 'The changing management of cemetery grave plots.'

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/new-nsw-legislation-allowing-rentable-graves-to-be-scrutinised-in-public-inquiry/news-story/5da5a17c96fe5d7eefb8e21162d05d43>

**New NSW legislation allowing rentable graves to be scrutinised in public inquiry**  
A NEW law that critics have said allows "loved ones to be dug up" will be referred to a public inquiry.

**Benedict Brook** @BenedictBrook [news.com.au](https://www.news.com.au) AUGUST 24, 2018 6:33PM

A "MACABRE" new law change that means the dead have to effectively rent their own graves, and could be dug up if they don't keep up the rent on their plots, is set to be put under the spotlight.

In late June, the NSW Government passed changes to the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act that will, for the first time, allow graves to be rented for periods of 25 to 99 years for people who can't afford the fees for a permanent grave.

If the right to the plot isn't renewed by relatives of the deceased stumping up more cash, the headstone could be removed, with remains put into a communal "bone room" and the patch of ground re-let.



Picture: Cemeteries like Rookwood in Sydney are filling up. *Source: News Corp Australia*

The decision to allow rentable graves will now be put under the spotlight by the newly established



Upper House Regulation Committee which could urge changes.

Labor has criticised rentable graves. Opposition lands spokesman Mick Veitch said it was a direct result of the State Government failing to invest in space for new cemeteries.

“This is a macabre proposal which will impose horrible choices on many families,” Mr Veitch said.

“This regulation will lead to two classes of burials: permanent monuments for those who can afford it and those who can’t afford it will be forced to see their loved one dug up.”

A spokeswoman for NSW Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole said burials were a “sensitive issue” that should be treated with dignity and the legislation allowed “equal access to interment services for all”.

[The legislation passed in June give cemeteries the option to offer a 25-year rolling rental period known as a “renewable interment right”. New regulations set out how that process should be managed.](#)



This would be a cheaper option than a “perpetual interment right” where the remains are undisturbed forever.

A year before the rental period expired cemeteries would have to “telephone, post and email” family members, or if that fails, use Facebook and Twitter, to see if they want to continue paying for the patch of soil.

Picture: Joel Carrett/AAP Source:News Corp Australia

The legislation allows for renewable interment rights for graves. But religious groups are excepted. The grave rental could be renewed each time for a maximum of 99 years.

If the family declined to renew the grave, or couldn’t be found, then after two years the remains and memorial could be removed and the plot reused.

The remains would be rehoused in somewhat tighter premises in an ossuary house, otherwise known as a bone room.

The inquiry into the legislation will take submissions until September 7 with a report due in late October.

Religious groups and organisations working with people on low incomes are among those who have been invited to submit their views on rentable burial plots.

“This Government has had eight years in which to identify appropriate sites for new cemeteries but has done little,” Mr Veitch said

“In fact last year it rejected a proposal for a new cemetery — and now comes back with a plan to dig up loved ones and sell the plot to a complete stranger.”



Labor says the new legislation is “macabre”.

Picture: Joel Carrett/AAP Source:News Corp Australia

But the minister said renewable interment rights would help existing cemeteries remain sustainable.



“The NSW Government respects the beliefs of all religious and cultural groups and is committed to ensuring equal access to interment services for all,” Mr Toole said.

“The regulation provides further direction for cemetery operators if they choose to offer renewable interment. The regulations were finetuned to reflect feedback following a draft that was released last year.

“Renewable interment is not compulsory, nor is it retrospective. This voluntary option for future burials would provide a 25-year interment right, renewable for up to 99 years. “Conventional practices such as perpetual interment and cremation will continue to be available.”

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies chief executive Vic Alhadeff said: “It is clearly stated in the Act that graves which are used by a religious or cultural group that require perpetual burial may not be re-used.

“This means the Jewish community’s religious needs in the burial space are not at risk from the newly introduced right to re-use graves.”

As well as the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, news.com.au contacted a number of religious organisations including the Archdiocese of Sydney, Greek Orthodox Diocese, Lebanese Muslim Association and also the NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) but they did not respond by deadline.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/death-graves-burial-leases-labour-review-20180822-p4zz1s.html>

High density death: Proposal for 25-year lease of burial spaces under review

By Julie Power 24 August 2018 — 12:00am

Plans to introduce shorter-term leases of 25 years on graves in NSW with the option of renewing for a maximum of 99 years - or buying the rights to a burial site forever - could face further delays as they come under fresh scrutiny.

The proposals could create two classes of citizens in death, claims Labor, while the government argues they will provide more choice, certainty and free up much-needed burial space.

Sources said Labor seemed to catch the government off guard when it successfully referred proposed regulations for renewable tenure and interment rights in cemeteries to an Upper House committee for review.

Waverley Cemetery offers renewable tenure for its graves.

**Photo: Michele Mossop**

Jason Masters, the administrator of Rookwood General Cemeteries Trust, said he was "surprised" by the "high level" review given the legislation had been passed for five years.

But the section of the act containing the controversial proposals for renewable tenure was in limbo for four years until they were proclaimed in the middle of last year.

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The shadow minister for primary industries Mick Veitch proposed the review, saying Labor was concerned renewable tenure was inequitable. It could create "two classes of burials, where those who can afford it are looked after in perpetuity, while those struggling to pay could only rent out their final resting place."

The proposal to allow graves to be re-used is one of a range of reforms to address NSW's dire shortage of burial space and improve the management of Crown cemeteries.



## RELATED ARTICLE

[Renewable rights: Report labels government plan for burial plots 'disrespectful'](#)

Other Australian states and most countries across the world have renewable tenure. NSW is unusual because most cemeteries have perpetual tenure except for Kemp Creek natural burial site and Waverley, which offer renewable tenure.

Even without renewable tenure, government modelling showed Sydney area cemeteries would be full by 2051 unless further action was taken, according to the Metropolitan Sydney Cemetery Capacity Report.

The Minister for Lands Paul Toole stressed renewable interment was a choice: it was neither compulsory nor retrospective.

"This voluntary option for future burials would provide a 25-year interment right, renewable for up to 99 years. Conventional practices such as perpetual interment and cremation will continue to be available," he said.

Mr Toole said the government respected the beliefs of all religious and cultural groups and was committed to ensuring equal access to interment services for all.

"This is a sensitive issue that must be considered with respect and dignity," he said.

The Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 included a new interment rights system for all cemetery operators in NSW. But the regulation (which is the subject of the Upper House committee review) provided further direction for cemetery operators if they chose to offer renewable interment.

The legislation also includes an investigation by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to compare cost and pricing of burials and cremation services, and look at the cost of ongoing care of interment sites and cemeteries.

Research released last year found consumers were confused and mostly negative about the changes, with many fearing burial costs would rise.

## RELATED ARTICLE

[Funeral services and costs 'shrouded in secrecy', university research finds](#)

Add to shortlist

"Most assumed that people were buried forever – so 25 years for burials was considered too short a period of time, and some felt that it was 'disrespectful' to the person deceased (and to their family) to move the remains after this period of time," found the study by Woolcott Research for Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW.

After researchers explained what was planned, they found many participants expected "the remains to stay in that location forever".

Mr Veitch told Fairfax he was concerned the changes would "place a price premium on perpetual interment, effectively forcing many in the community to pay more to bury their loved ones".

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2505>

### **Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018**

This inquiry was established on 15 August 2018 to inquire into and report on the impact and implementation of the [Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018](#).

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**Terms of Reference:**

Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018

1. That the Regulation Committee inquire into and report on the impact and implementation of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018.
2. That the committee report by 24 October 2018.

**Timeline:**

15 Aug 2018      Referred  
07 Sep 2018      Submissions closing  
21 Sep 2018      Hearing - Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney

**Hearings and Transcripts**

21/09/2018      Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Sydney

**Reports and Government Responses**

No documents are available for this inquiry.

**Other Documents**

15/08/2018      Media release - Cemeteries and Crematoria Amendment Regulation 2018 - Call for Submissions  
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**NEW RELEASE**

## ***Beechworth Gold Mining Leases***

### ***1868-1882, Part 3***

Teapot Genealogy's latest release is an index of *Register of Applications for Gold Mining Leases Beechworth 1868-1882 Part 3*; records from the Victorian Public Records Office, VPRS 7842. These records cover the **Mining Divisions of Buckland, Jordan (Woods Point), Omeo (Crooked River), Benalla, Yackendandah, Rutherglen, Bright, Indigo and many more.** The index gives you the **applicant's name, other names on the lease and the location of the lease.**

A **reference number** is included to enable you to access the original document from the Public Record Office Victoria where you can find further information, or contact [kaye@teapotgenealogy.com](mailto:kaye@teapotgenealogy.com).

You can purchase this valuable index at [teapotgenealogy.com](http://teapotgenealogy.com) for only **\$25 per CD** (plus \$4 postage) and **\$30 per Book** (plus \$10 postage) or by **cheque**. For further information contact [kaye@teapotgenealogy.com](mailto:kaye@teapotgenealogy.com) or 0419 624 673.

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25 Byron Road, Guildford



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

11.00am – 4.00pm

**\$3 Admission**

(Children under 5 years Admitted Free)

**Mustang Owners Club  
“Spring Muster and State Concours”**



Photo courtesy of Mustang Owners Club



Display by the Carnival  
Glass Collectors  
Association



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The Traditional Tools Group



Session times TBA

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<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

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## **Beware scammers wanting access to your computer and bank account**

**27 August 2018**

Scammers are increasingly catching out people by impersonating well-known businesses or the police so they can get access to computers and steal money or banking information.

The ACCC's Scamwatch website has recorded a significant spike in these types of scams, known as remote access scams, with more than 8000 reports recorded in 2018 so far and losses totalling \$4.4 million.

***"The spike in remote access scams is very concerning; losses so far in 2018 have already surpassed those for the whole of 2017, and sadly it is older Australians that are losing the most money,"*** ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

Scammers will impersonate a well-known company, most commonly Telstra, NBN or Microsoft, or even the police, and spin you a very credible and believable story about why they need to access your computer using software such as TeamViewer.

***"The scammers are becoming more sophisticated. The old trick scammers used to use was to call people and say there was a virus on their computer that needed fixing but, in a new twist, scammers are now telling people they need their help to catch hackers,"*** Ms Rickard said.

The scammers claim they are tracking the 'scammers' or 'hackers', and tell the consumer that their computer has been compromised and is being used to send scam messages. This is where they say with the victim's help, they can use the victim's computer and online banking to trap the (fake) 'scammer'.

The scammer will then pretend to deposit money into their victim's account. In reality the scammer just shuffles money between the victim's accounts (for example, from a person's credit card account to a savings account), which gives the illusion of money being deposited. The money is then sent out of the victim's account as part of the con to 'catch a scammer', straight to the scammer's own bank accounts.

***"Unfortunately there are many stories from people who give a scammer access to their computer and are then conned into giving access to online banking. Some are also tricked into providing iTunes gift card numbers over the phone to these scammers,"*** Ms Rickard said.



Once the scammer has a victim on the hook, if they start to doubt the situation, the scammer will become threatening, stating that the victim would jeopardise the investigation if they refuse to help and may even face legal consequences.

These types of scam can be very scary, as scammers can become threatening and aggressive if they sense they are 'losing' the victim, or starting to cotton on. This is particularly frightening for older people who may not be as tech savvy.

***"It's vital that people remember they should never, ever, give an unsolicited caller access to your computer, and under no circumstances offer your personal, credit card or online account details over the phone,"*** Ms Rickard.

***"If you receive a phone call out of the blue about your computer and remote access is requested, it's a scam 100 per cent of the time. Just hang up."***

People can follow [@Scamwatch\\_gov](#)(link is external) on Twitter and subscribe to [Scamwatch radar alerts](#) to stay up to date with the latest scams targeting the community.



Read more

**Remote access scams try to convince you that you have a computer or internet problem and that you need to buy new software to fix the problem**