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## OUR LOCAL MELBOURNE CUP HERO

### Chester



Chester c.1878

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***From the Editor***

Welcome to all on 2018 Melbourne Cup day. I hope everyone has had a good day partying. This month we will have local James Warrand speak on the Mini Sub attack on Sydney Harbour.

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The cover this month features Chester, a past winner of the Melbourne Cup and reputed to be the means of financing development of Kirkham House (Camelot), even if this is not quite correct. Please see details of the horse and his achievements on page 8.

This months Camden Historical society meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November will be addressed by Eva Campbell talking about long 22 year career as a Camden Councillor.

As usual any members who have articles for both the next edition of Camden Calling and 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 November 2018***

- Annette Clissold 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Louise Connor 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Yvonne Donovan 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Ron Shepherd 24<sup>th</sup> November
- Eva Campbell 29<sup>th</sup> November



**Camden Area Family History Society  
Inc.**

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

The research room is currently open  
**Thursday & 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**



**INVITATION**

You are invited to a talk on the “The Midget Sub attack on Sydney Harbour” An attack waiting to happen, when the harbor defense preparations were found wanting’

Sydney in early 1942 was a city which expected an attack yet the precautions did not stop two Japanese midget submarines entering the harbor and for a while causing alarm and confusion. They were unlucky not to sink or cause severe damage to some major warships clustered around Garden Island. This fascinating story can now be told in full with all three midget submarines now found.

Your speaker will be James Warrand. . He has been a keen sailor since he grew up on the Pittwater sailing VJ’s, and then owned a small yacht on Sydney Harbour for many years.

His working life included being a dairy farmer and contractor, also as a life insurance and general fire insurance agent, marketing of insurance funding companies and as a financial planner. He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for five years and enjoys showing visitors over HMAS Vampire, HMAS Onslow and Bark Endeavour.

James was very involved with the Rural Fire Brigade for over 35 years, and also in several other local organizations.





## **CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY November Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Camden Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30pm in the Museum. Eva Campbell will be talking on her Long 22 year career as a Camden Councillor about changes and decisions made in her time and that she has been involved in.

## *For Your Diary*

### **CAFHS Christmas Dinner**

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

**TAFE**  
NSW

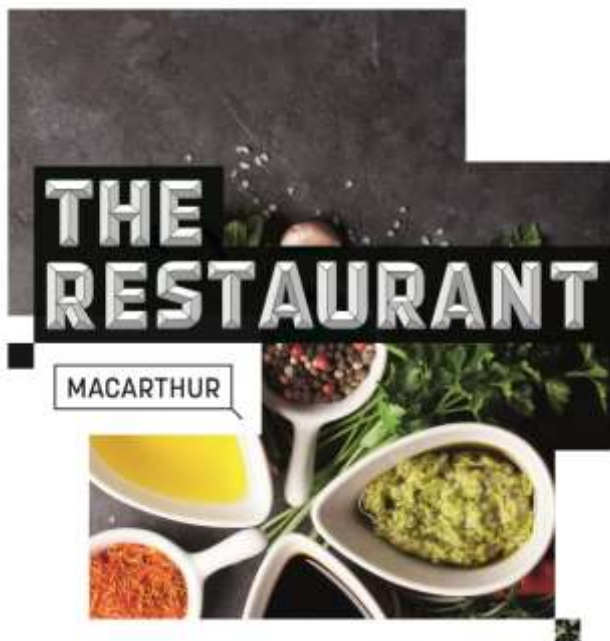
  
tofensw.edu.au

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

**Where:** Campbelltown TAFE

**Cost:** \$40 per Person

**See Barbara Sulley for Tickets**



**Don't forget Numbers and Money must be given to Barbara Sulley by tonight at our November Meeting.**



## **A short Addendum to Cathey Shepherd's talk at The Camden Historical Society on Trove and the Interest it generates as you look for your Ancestors.**

When I was doing the trove talk at the Camden Historical Society meeting last month, I had an example of searching results which I didn't talk about. A snippet for Valley Voice?

While searching for ancestors in my GARDINER line the following search terms resulted in...

John Gardiner.....466,269 results  
Gardiner, John.....466,269 results  
"John Gardiner".....15,167 results  
"John Gardiner"~2.....18,920 results  
"John Gardiner"~0.....12,604 results  
"John Gardiner"~2 and Penrith.....598 results.(You could have further narrowed this search with year/s)

It demonstrates that the more you narrow down your search, the better the results. However, always start from very basic (simple) and add to it. A full explanation of these search techniques can be found in Trove.

Cathey Shepherd

### **Also from Cathey Shepherd ...**

I did a free webinar on the **Colonial Secretary's Papers** last week. If anyone would like to watch it, it is available on the NSW State Archives site. **Main page** and **quick links** will take you to 11 webinars, such as Asylum records, Probate, Divorce, Shipping, Conservation, Goalbird's, and more all relevant to NSW. These webinars are Free to watch at your leisure. and one is coming up on 7 November, 10am - 11am on **Sources for marriage in NSW**, which you need to book if you want to watch on the day.

Cathey Shepherd



35th Annual Conference of the  
NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies

11-13 October 2019  
at Knox Grammar School,  
Pacific Highway, Wahroonga

FRIDAY 10-4: FREE Family History Fair  
(open to the public)  
Evening Meet and Greet  
SATURDAY: Conference  
Evening Conference Dinner  
SUNDAY Morning: Conference

For full details see  
<http://exploringthepast.khs.org.au/>



Hosted by  
Ku-ring-gai Historical Society



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The Friends of Linnwood invite you to

**OPEN HOUSE**  
at Historic Linnwood  
25 Byron Road, Guildford



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

11.00am – 4.00pm

**\$3 Admission** (Children under 5 years Admitted Free)



Today marks the Centenary of Armistice day  
11<sup>th</sup> November 1918  
The "Last Post" will be played and the  
Australian flag raised at 11.00am, followed  
by a minute's silence.

World War I  
Photographic Display by  
Holroyd Local History Research



**THE BRITISH ARE  
COMING!**  
Rolls-Royce Owners Club  
Rover Owners Club  
Wolseley Car Club  
And more!



Photo courtesy of Google Images

**'Til the Boys Come Home'**  
Display by Christine McKenna  
of Women's and Children's  
fashions during the WWI era

A variety of other  
Vintage Vehicles will also  
be attending, including:

**"THE TREVOR THOMAS  
BIG LIKES (Bikes) DAY"**  
Display of Vintage Motor Bikes by  
THE VINCENT HRD OWNERS  
CLUB

Please note that the best time  
to view the vintage cars and  
bikes is between 10am – 2pm  
as they tend to leave early to  
allow for travelling time &  
traffic on their way home.



Stalls including  
Western Sydney Woodturners  
The Traditional Tools Group  
Holroyd Art & Craft Society  
and a variety of other stalls  
will also be there on the day.  
A great time to start your  
Christmas shopping!



Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire  
Teas and Cakes  
by the Friends of Linnwood



Coffee cart on the front lawn

**Linnwood**  
Listed on the  
NSW State Heritage Register

Further information:  
Dorothy – 0412 606 644 or  
Helen – 0409 227 679



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Chester (horse) - Wikipedia

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### Breeding

Chester, on the side of his sire, was a third generation colonial-bred Australian stallion. Chester's sire was the influential stallion Yattendon, who was serving mares while still racing.<sup>[3]</sup> His dam Lady Chester (GB) was by Stockwell from Austrey by Harkaway.<sup>[1]</sup> Stockwell was out of the breed-shaping broodmare, Pocahontas.

### Racing career

Chester's illustrious racing career began on New Year's Day 1877 in the Sydney Tattersall's Two Year Old Stakes, in which he came a close second to Viscount. After that, Chester won three consecutive races, all in the same week, and was spelled to await his three-year-old season. He was ridden in these three wins by jockey, G.Donnely. Chester was then sold to James White.<sup>[4]</sup>

As a flying three-year-old, Chester won seven of his ten starts, setting three race records. He placed short-head second in the AJC Derby. Two starts after the AJC Derby, he started in the VRC Derby, he won, and claimed a track record – 2:43 – a record that held itself until 1897 by Amberite. His next race, just three days after his Derby triumph, was the gruelling two-mile (3,200m) Melbourne Cup over a slippery, muddy track. Chester held on to beat the lightly weighted Savanaka by a half-head in the record time of 3:33½.

He took a long and deserving spell after his spring campaign, and didn't return to racing until the April 1878. During his return, he won the AJC Autumn Stakes and two days later took second to Savanaka in the two-mile Sydney Cup, giving Savanaka twelve pounds. He won the AJC Cumberland Stakes over two miles, the next day winning the three-mile AJC Plate.

<b>Chester</b>	
	
	Chester c. 1878
<b>Sire</b>	Yattendon
<b>Grandsire</b>	Sir Hercules
<b>Dam</b>	Lady Chester (GB)
<b>Damsire</b>	Stockwell
<b>Sex</b>	Stallion
<b>Foaled</b>	1874
<b>Country</b>	Australia
<b>Colour</b>	Brown
<b>Breeder</b>	Hon. Edward King Cox
<b>Owner</b>	Hon. James White
<b>Trainer</b>	Etienne de Mestre
<b>Record</b>	29: 19-6-1
<b>Earnings</b>	\$53,000 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Major wins</b>	
Champagne Stakes (1877)	
Melbourne Cup (1877)	
LKS Mackinnon Stakes (1878, 1880)	
Victoria Derby (1878)	
Craven Plate (1878)	
AJC Queen Elizabeth Stakes (1878, 1879)	
<b>Awards</b>	
Leading sire in Australia (1888, 1890, 1892, 1893)	
Last updated on 18 May 2009	





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Lame for the majority of his next season, Chester ran twice. He won the AJC Spring Stakes over 12 furlongs, and came third in the AJC Craven Plate. A year later, he ventured out for the VRC Melbourne Stakes, which he won, despite being lame. He was entered in the Melbourne Cup two days later, assigned with top weight of 9 st 6 lb (60 kg), but sore and out of condition for the two-miler, he placed sixth, with yet another Yattendon son, Grand Flaneur, taking the money.

## Stud record

By the time Chester had retired to stand at Kirkham Stud,<sup>[1]</sup> near Camden, his owner, James White, had purchased a number of well-bred colonial broodmares. He began to build up a high-quality broodmare band through the 1880s, including Chester's dam, Lady Chester. White had also purchased Martini-Henry, by Musket, as a stallion for Kirkham, and he used as a cross with Chester daughters with some success. His best son, Abercorn (AJC Derby), defeated Carbine several times.<sup>[1]</sup> Chester sired 26 stakeswinners for 104 stakeswins, including Camoola (AJC & VRC Derbies), Carlyon, Dreadnought, Stromboli (AJC Derby, Sydney Cup), Titan and Uralla.<sup>[5]</sup>

Chester led the sire's list in Australia in 1887–88, 1889–90, 1891–92 and 1892–93, the latter two posthumous placings since Chester died on the 21 November 1891, aged seventeen from rupturing his bowel. He was buried at Kirkham Stud.<sup>[4]</sup>

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## External links

- Chester's Extended Pedigree (<http://www.pedigreequery.com/Chester>)

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Our Latest acquisitions for the Camden Area Family History Library have been ordered from Teapot Genealogy and are as shown below:

## LIBRARY – FEATURED ACQUISITIONS

Indexes to State Archives records from Teapot Genealogy:



- Index to Miscellaneous Records Relating to the Gold Fields, Volumes 1-5
- Register of Prospecting Grants, Department of Mines NSW, 1888-1932
- Register of Leases of Auriferous Lands NSW Mining Districts, 1874-1953
- Admissions Mater Dei Narellan Boys and Girls Orphanages, 1910-1925
- Index to Convict Road Gangs, Road Parties and Iron'd Gangs, 1827-1830

All indexes can be searched by name as well as subject and are well worth investigating, but you will still need to make a trip to State Archives!