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**Camden Family History's entry in this year's
Australia Day Parade**

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From the Editor

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. This year we are trying to review the way we do things so please let us know if you have any new ideas for consideration. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th February at 7.30 pm and will be our first for 2019. Please remember that we publish our journal Camden Calling next in May so if you have any articles for either The Valley Voice or Camden Calling, you can contact me directly at any time on my mobile **0438 012 013** or email:

w.sims53@gmail.com.

Welcome back and we hope we can bring you a new and exciting year at Camden Family History.

Happy Birthday To the following members for February 2019

Doug Barratt 19th February
Elizabeth Byrne 24th February
Peter Harrison 20th February



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**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**

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



General Monthly Meeting

Our meeting this month will be addressed by our own Tony Jackson. Tony recently visited The Western Front over a 17 day tour and has an interesting account of his time spent in France.

Bunnings Sausage (&Onion) sizzle



We held our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser on Saturday 19th January at Narellan and while the day was busy and hot, all those who helped out had good time raising funds for the Society. In all we sold \$2321 of sausages on a rolls and drinks, which after costs of \$956 were deducted left us with a profit on the day of \$1365.35 (a believe there may have been some loose change thrown as well). Well done to those who helped out as these funds help keep our costs to members to a minimum.



Planning Meeting for 2019

The Year 2019 Planning meeting was held on Tuesday 29th January 2019 with both Committee members and general members attending. Many ideas were put forward for both activities and for our monthly meetings.

Some of the activities being considered for this year include:

- Our monthly meetings for the year
 - Not necessarily having a Guest Speaker at every monthly meeting
 - Introducing more 'hands-on' learning sessions at our meetings incorporating members workshops
 - Introducing one-on-one assistance nights where members are asked to bring along details of "roadblocks & barriers" in their research for the group to review and assist
 - Hold 1 or 2 daytime meeting/event on a Saturday at Carrington (not a monthly meeting format) if well received may become a regular event. The first is currently planned for around 24th August.
 - We are hoping to invite Lisa Murray from Dictionary of Sydney for our May meeting.
- Inhouse and external workshops.
 - The committee is proposing a Family History Seminar (Mini conference style event) for around 15-16th June depending on venue availability
 - An Open Weekend as part of our commitment to the National Trust Heritage Festival on 4th – 5th May.
 - CAFHS will try to co-ordinate a day time lecture to be held in conjunction with our neighbouring FHS's (Cambelltown, Picton and The Oaks) from a specialist speaker arranged through State Archives who will speak on "Bushrangers"
- A new program of Cemetery registrations for our local cemeteries will begin in 2019 with Cawdor Church being the first to kick off possibly around March.
- Outings to historic and genealogical venues, archives and Libraries.
 - A week day tour of Rookwood Cemetery once the temperature starts to drop a little (date to be advised)
 - An organized tour of the State Archives facility in Penrith (hopefully in March)
 - Possibility of arranging a tour of SAG in the city.
- We are also considering holding Open Weekends in the Research Room to entice other people and members in to utilize the resources available in the rooms.

If you have any further ideas that you would like to see in our program please let one of our Committee know and we will see what we can arrange.



Other Society's Journals

Don't forget our website now has a page for Other Society Journals which will be updated (unfortunately it is a slow process) with all the current and past journals from other societies. This page is password protected and only available to members so you will need to use the password **cafhs2019** to access. There is a great deal of information in these journals and this will make them much more available to our members without need to come to our rooms to borrow the journals.

Local CAFHS Member Recognised in 2019 Australia Day Awards



Congratulations to Ron Shepherd for being awarded an OAM for services to Bell Ringing in Australia. For those who are not aware, Ron devotes a lot of his time and effort into not only restoring bells in many churches, but he also spend much time in creating bell ringing groups associated with each of these installations.

Ron has been involved with Bell installation/ringing groups at St James Menangle Anglican, St Hilda's Anglican Katoomba, Bowral/Kangaloon Uniting Church, Wagga Anglican and All Saints Cathedral Bathurst.

These are but a few of, in excess of 20, churches Ron has been involved with over many years.

Once again, Congratulations from the all our members of Camden Area Family History Society, we are proud of your achievements and a well deserved recognition of your efforts and passion.



For Your Diary



*Exploring
the
Past*

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/>

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