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**I WAS PLANNING A TRIP TO
AUSTRALIA.**

**I WAS ASKED IF I HAVE A
CRIMINAL RECORD...**

**I REPLIED, "I WASN'T AWARE YOU
STILL NEEDED ONE."**



From the Editor

As we settle into the cooler months of the year, some say finally, autumn and winter are a great time to sit down and read up on all the research we have done over the last 6-8 months and collaborate leads while also spending a great deal of time fascinated reading our Heritage (People Places and Things) hidden in the newspapers off old in Trove. Many hours of indoor fun. Also coming up we have Family History Month in August and History Week in September so events will be notified as they draw nearer.

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.

*Happy Birthday
To the following members
for May 2019*

- Cathy Shepherd 3rd May
- Sandra Cooke 6th May
- Warren Sims 14th May
- Naomi Davies 17th May
- Colin Spilstead 19th May
- Michael McEwan 23rd May
- Brian Stratton 23rd May



**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**

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



May General Monthly Meeting Tuesday 7th May

This month at our May meeting we will have Dr Lisa Murray from The Dictionary of Sydney who will address us on both the Sydney City Archives and Dictionary of Sydney. Dr Lisa Murray is the City Historian and heads up the history unit at the [City of Sydney Council](#). She oversees a [diverse History Program](#) at the City that encompasses local and community history, civic and municipal history, and urban history. With over 15 years experience in the field of public history, Lisa is passionate about making history accessible to the public.

June General Monthly Meeting Tuesday 4th June

Next month at our June meeting we will have Jeff Madsen providing us with an introduction to Land Records – Parish Maps and how Land Grants are displayed.

Jeff Madsen - Google Maps

Jeff spent 18 years preparing maps and building databases for the NSW Office of Water and was involved in a family company selling GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software, as well as providing consulting and training services.

Jeff also has an interest in digitising records and images due to the large photographic collection left by his wife's grandfather who was a professional photographer with a studio at Ashfield. He left a legacy of glass negatives, photo albums, celluloid negatives, diaries and 16mm movies. This collection is now being digitised.



CAFHS Open Weekend 4th & 5th May 2019

As part of Heritage Month, Camden Area Family History Society opened their rooms to all on Saturday 4th May and Sunday 5th May last weekend and had several members staffing the rooms during these times. 4 talks were provided by Tony Jackson (Getting started in Genealogy), Janet Howe (Where is it? Record keeping for family history), Tony Jackson (Family History on the cheap), Geoff Howe (Tips & tricks of Family History) and Jo O'Brien (Beginners guide to Ancestry) and I believe a few members came along to see what facilities are available in our room and the museum as well as at least 2 new members on Saturday members of the general public who may like to learn a little more about Family History research.

Please see Flyer on next page for details.....



CAMDEN AREA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

Open Weekend: May 4 & 5



Do you have little or no understanding about where your ancestors came from and how they lived their lives?

Come into our room in the Camden Library Building and let us help you turn your family's history into a rich and compelling story.



On Saturday Afternoon and Sunday there will be a number of short talks on Family History subjects; refer to our Web Site www.cafhs.com.au or the notice in our Resource room for times and subjects.

SPECIAL OFFER: FREE 3-Generation Family Tree to the first 3 people who come into our room during the weekend and request one. For terms and conditions see our website.

For further information refer to our Web Site: www.cafhs.com.au or email us on cafhs2570@gmail.com.



Botany Bay Family
History Society Inc

HERITAGE FAIR

SATURDAY 11th May 2019

10am-4pm

Tradies, Gynea
FREE ADMISSION

Learn how to begin tracing your ancestors
How to get help with your research
Find out what our Society has to offer
Discover more about our Interest Groups

See how to display, store and
save your research

Free informative talks
Transcription agents
Arts and Crafts





Received from Barb Sulley

ODE to THE SPELL CHECKER

Eye have a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea,
It plainly marques four my revue,
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight 4 it 2 say
Weather eye am wrong oar write,
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid,
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite,
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it,
I am shore your pleased two no,
Its letter perfect awl the weigh,
My chequer tolled me sew!

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ROOKWOOD TOUR DAY

Saturday 11 May 2019

The Rookwood Tour Day invites the community to explore Australia's most iconic cemetery. By attending, you will be able to journey back in time with one of our historic cemetery tours.

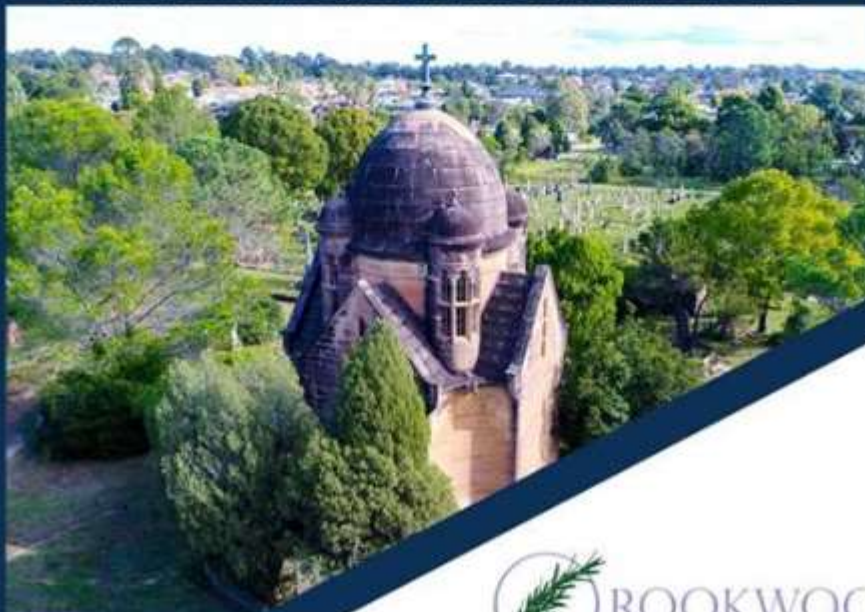
Tour Program

Friends of Rookwood Heritage Tour 1,
10:00am, 12:00pm

Friends of Rookwood Heritage Tour 2,
11:00am, 1:00pm

Rookwood General Cemetery Landmark Tour
Landmark Tour,
10:00am, 1:00pm

For more information or to book a tour, visit
www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/tour-day or call 02 8575 8100





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For Your Diary

Don't forget the upcoming conference this year



*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/>

Hosted by
Ku-ring-gai Historical Society



Ku-ring-gai Historical Society



CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY General Meeting

The monthly General Meeting of the Camden Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Museum and Doug Fulford will talk on an adventurous trip from Fremantle Western Australia to Sydney New South Wales in a Studebaker car in 1915.



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BOOKS FOR SALE

September 2018

Camden Pioneer Register	Third Edition	\$25.00
Pioneers At Rest (Cawdor Cemetery)	Daphne Koob/CAFHS	\$20.00
Camden General Cemetery + Index	Transcript by CAFHS	\$12.00
Camden Catholic Cemetery	Transcript by CAFHS	\$8.00
St. Thomas's Narellan Cemetery	Transcript by CAFHS	\$15.00
Camden Council Rates Book	Transcript by CAFHS	\$20.00
CAFHS Cookbook	CAFHS Members	\$8.00
Camden	Alan Atkinson	\$40.00
They Worked at Camden Park 4th Edition	CHS	\$25.00
The Cemetery at St. Pauls Anglican Church Cobbitty	Birch, Johnson & Thorn	\$25.00
St. Mathews Anglican (The Little Slab Church) The Oaks Transcript & Photo DVD	Transcribed by CAFHS	\$20.00
Camden Country Uniting Church Glenmore Cemetery Transcript & Photo DVD	Transcript by CAFHS	\$20.00
Pictorial History of Camden	Ian Willis	\$24.95
St. Thomas C of E Narellan Parish Registers Transcription DVD	Transcript by CAFHS	\$25.00
St. Paul's CofE Cobbitty Parish Registers Transcription DVD	Transcript by CAFHS	\$25.00
St. John's CofE Camden Parish Registers Digital Images and Index	Scanned & Index CAFHS	\$25.00
The Racing Doctor	Elizabeth Villy	\$20.00