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Rooms: 799 Pacific Highway Gordon Meetings held in the Gordon Library Meeting Room, 799 Pacific Highway Gordon

General Meeting

Saturday 16 November 2.00 pm

“Old Characters of the Hawkesbury”

Characters old and new, Hawkesbury facts and folklore as told by raconteur Bob Davis at our final meeting for the year.
Speaker: Bob Davis



**Please bring a plate for our
Christmas Afternoon Tea.
Visitors welcome**

Family History Meeting

Saturday 2 November

11.00 am “Where will I find ?????”

2.00 pm **General Meeting** followed by:
“Tom Wills: an Australian Story”

Speaker: Greg de Moore is a psychiatrist at Sydney’s Westmead Hospital. His book – the story of Thomas Wentworth Wills, who became the first captain and coach of the famous aboriginal cricket team which later toured England – has been short-listed for numerous awards including the National Biography Award.



**Afternoon Tea will be available.
Visitors welcome.**

General Meeting

Saturday 18 January 2.00 pm

***“One Small Step out of the Village:
the Australian-Chinese story”***



Speaker: Gordon MAR tells this Australian-Chinese story through the eyes of his family. The Mar family portrait above, and the title, promise an intriguing story!

**Afternoon Tea will be available.
Visitors welcome.**

Family History Meeting

Saturday 7 December

11.00 am **No morning meeting**

2.00 pm **General Meeting**
“Show and Tell”

Please bring:

1. An interesting item from an earlier member of your family.
2. An envelope with a photo of yourself before the age of 10 years.

**The meeting will be followed by a Christmas
Afternoon Tea. Please bring a plate.
Visitors welcome.**



*We wish members the
very best for Christmas
and the New Year.*

*Thank you for your
support through 2013.*

Special Interest Groups

Combined Mac Users & Tech SIG

Our combined meeting was a great success. Notes from the meeting are now on the Society blog.

All members are invited to join us with their tech questions (there is no such thing as a silly question) at our next meeting on **Thursday 14 November at 1.30 pm** when we will answer questions and discuss our favourite apps.

No need to book – just come along. Need more information? Email Jill Ball jillballau@gmail.com.

Jill Ball

Society 50th Anniversary Dinner

7 November

Do you have special dietary needs? If so, please advise Don Nicholson on 9144 6948 or donnicholson@inet.com.au as soon as possible as arrangements cannot be made after 31 October.

Hall display for our 50th Anniversary

To mark this event Jocelyn Brennan-Horley is organising the hall display with lots of information on the Society and what has been achieved over the last 50 years.

This is another beautifully presented display, which is Jocelyn's speciality.

Over the past year Jocelyn has organised displays covering a number of topics. She puts many hours into their research and presentation.

The Society is very fortunate to have so many people with talents they are willing to share.

Wanted: Traymobile

The catering group would like to obtain an old fashioned Traymobile to assist with providing afternoon tea for the meetings. If you can help, please call the KHS rooms on 9499 4568.

Quiz answers (see p. 8 for Questions)

1. c) The population of Australia reached 11 million. 2. d) In 1963 Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited all States of Australia. They attended the Jubilee Celebrations in Canberra in February. 3. a), b), c) & d). All events occurred in 1963. a) Australia agreed to buy 24 American F1-11s for the RAAF. b) Gilbert Bogle and Margaret Chandler were found dead in bushland beside the Lane Cove River near Fullers Bridge. c) Children born out of wedlock became legitimate by the subsequent marriage of their parents. d) On 7 November 1963 *The Ku-ring-gai Historical Society* held its inaugural meeting.

German Research SIG

Another lively meeting of the German SIG was held on Monday 14 October with 8 attendees.

Several of the members reported they had made no progress on their family history research since the last meeting but they drew inspiration and determination from the group and resolved to get back to active research before the next meeting. Good intentions all.

Margaret Gribbin reported, for the second successive meeting, that her uncanny research skills (combined with a little bit of luck?) have not deserted her. She was able to find valuable information on a possible ancestor using the Genwiki site (http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:DigiBib/Andere_Digitale_Bibliotheken). Margaret was able to use Google translation on German script text which she copied from an image. She was also able to locate information on her German ancestor from a report in a Missouri newspaper, the *St Louis Republic*. A real “needle in a haystack” find. Margaret and her dogged persistence are an inspiration to us all.

During the latter part of the meeting the group explored the German links available through Cyndi's List (<http://www.cyndislist.com/>) and Cora Web.

The next meeting of the German SIG is planned for **Monday 10 February 2014 at 1.30 pm** in our rooms.

Peter Stehn

Irish Research SIG

On Friday 11 October Irish descendants gathered at the rooms to talk about their Irish family history. We discussed a number of searching ideas and looked at various websites. We all learnt a bit, shared stories and had some fun. The meetings are on the second Friday of each month.

Our next meeting is **Friday 8 November at 1.30 pm**. All welcome.

Ric Hall

Scottish Research SIG

Needs a volunteer co-ordinator!

New Zealand SIG

Calling for expressions of interest. Please add your name to the booking sheet.

Violence on the Northside

At our September general meeting one of our members, the TV weatherman Richard Whitaker, gave a fascinating presentation on some of the violent thunderstorms that have hit the northern suburbs over the past 150 years.

He firstly described, with the aid of clear graphics, how a thunderstorm developed through its three stages, culminating with cumulonimbus clouds rising to more than the height of Mt Everest. Flat “anvil” tops are drawn out by the strong updrafts and the associated downdrafts produce severe wind and rain at lower levels.

Mostly the rain shows the severity of the wind but there are also “dry” downdrafts which, unless dust is present, can’t be seen and certainly are a risk to aircraft (down bursts and micro bursts).

Richard mentioned that meteorologists have adopted the Enhanced Fujita Scale (EF0 to EF6) for winds up to and above 322 km/h. This six-level scale is based on the damage wrought by intense winds rather than from instruments which may be destroyed by the storm.

Turramurra, St Ives, Gordon and Pymble are particularly prone to thunderstorms, high wind and rain, because it is thought that the nearby north shore ridge lifts the atmosphere, increasing convection in the local area. Storms are most likely from late spring to the end of summer, mostly occurring in the late afternoon and usually from the western quadrant.

At least 14 severe storms have been well documented on the north shore since 1871. Richard told of some of these storms, the damage wrought and the loss of life.

In 1896 there was a massive hailstorm through Pennant Hills, Turramurra and Pymble, with hail up to two feet deep. But perhaps our most severe storm was in 1906, when a super-cell thunderstorm generated a tornado that cut a swathe from Naremburn down the Pacific Highway through North Sydney to Lavender Bay, killing one man at Naremburn. Richard showed photographs taken at the time, and from the severity of the damage, he suggests that it was an EF3 tornado with winds peaking at about 230 km/hr.

There were two killed in a very severe widespread storm in November 1940, one when a coal loader collapsed in Berrys Bay and the other death at Bexley.

A greenkeeper William Caddey was killed by lightning at Killara Golf Club in November 1949 – he was sheltering under a tree.

But perhaps the worst storm in terms of damage, within our memory, hit on Monday afternoon, 21 January 1991. The sky turned green as the storm swept in from the northwest through Fox Valley, Wahroonga, Turramurra and St Ives, uprooting trees onto cars and houses amid heavy rain and large hail – many of the audience remembered it well. Fortunately there was no loss of life.

Richard concluded with advice on what to do when a severe storm hits – perhaps the best advice is to move inside to seek shelter when lightning is about. A very interesting and informative talk.

Doug Milne

Member Profile Annet Latham



Annet was born and raised in the eastern suburbs near the original General Motors Holden at Matraville.

She obtained her Leaving Certificate at Sydney Girls High and was very much influenced by her Headmistress, Doreen Wane, who was a very active member of this Society. After leaving school she pursued a career in accountancy – an area very few girls pursued at the time.

In 1968 she married her husband Kevin and together they lived in many countries, each time on transfer with his employer, Merck, Sharpe & Dohme.

They lived in New Zealand from 1971 to 1974; in Tehran, Iran, from 1974 to 1978 (where their eldest daughter, Aeron, was born); returned to Sydney in 1978 to 1981 (where their second daughter, Lorinda, was born); back to Auckland, New Zealand, in 1981 to 1983; then to New Jersey, 1983 to 1986.

They returned to Sydney in 1986, intending to settle down in order for their daughters to go to high school, and to help them identify as Australians rather than citizens of the world. They bought a property in St Ives, and set about transforming the 1950s house into their dream home.

In 1992 Kevin received another posting in the U.S. and Annet and the girls began commuting during school holidays to the U.S.

Once both girls finished their schooling Annet returned to the U.S. where they lived until 2000, when they had their final transfer to Bermuda (2000 to 2004).

It was from Bermuda that Kevin finally retired, and they returned to St Ives to take up their life once again in their family home.

Annet joined the Society in 2006, and volunteered to help index the Gordon School Register. This has been an ongoing task for a number of years, but she has now compiled over 9000 records of the pupils at the school from 1918 to the 1960s. Records beyond this time are held at State Records and will be released periodically as privacy laws permit.

She was elected to the Society’s Committee in 2012, and serves as a general Committee member and distributor of emails received by the Society.

“Kuringai Avenue” in Melbourne!

Ku-ring-gai lives beyond its suburban boundaries here on the North Shore.

I noted this recently during a visit to Melbourne’s Ian Potter Centre in Federation Square, part of the National Gallery of Victoria. I came across a colourful painting by Grace Cossington Smith (1892-1984), who lived most of her life at 43 Ku-ring-gai Avenue, Turramurra (today No. 43 displays the property name “Cossington”).

Below is a black and white photograph of the oil painting, called “Kuringai Avenue” (sic). The information tablet adjacent to the 1943 painting said it had been part of the Joseph Brown Collection, donated in 2004.

From Grace’s studio built under a large gum tree within the family garden, her constant subjects were garden and gully, as well as still life and interiors within the Cossington Smith family home.



In the painting she used one of her favourite compositional devices, a straight path or road that begins at the bottom edge and runs up the canvas to disappear over the rise. The viewer stands with the artist and looks up between a cathedral-like frame of tree trunks on the left, branches overhead and solid hedges on the right.

David Wilkins

A Social Society

Don’t forget that you can read about our activities via social media channels.

Our blog: <http://kuringgaihs.blogspot.com.au/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/kuringgaihs/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/kuringgaihs/>

There is no need to sign up to these sites to view them.

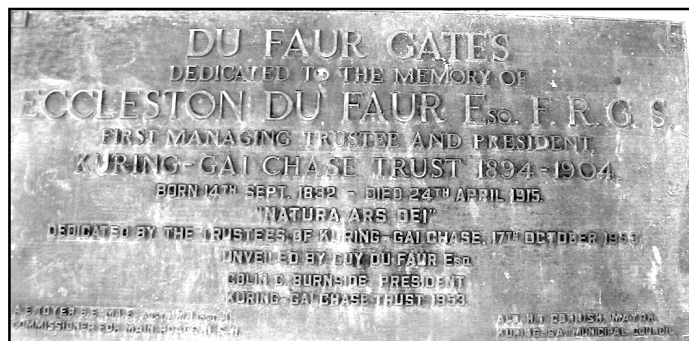
Can you help?

What’s the history of this gate?

There is a LARGE ornamental gate on the Du Faur Street side of *The Landings* at North Turramurra. It also has a very large solid post with slots for the hinges, and is possibly one of a pair.



The plaque shown below is at the entrance to the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, WITHOUT gates.



The implications are clear, but we don’t really know if the gate and plaque are related, or (if so) how they became separated.

Can you help with more information on this?

Fairfax News Store

Readers may be interested to know that downloads from the Fairfax News Store are now free. This is an excellent resource for tracking down recent BDM notices mentioned in the Ryerson Index, and other recent articles.

Coverage is from 1990s to the present day.

<http://newsstore.fairfax.com.au/apps/newsSearch.ac>

Thanks to contributors

The Editor wishes to thank all those who contributed interesting articles to the *Newsletter* over the past year, and those who very kindly proof-read each issue. The value of the *Newsletter* to the Society depends on their efforts.

Bob Barry

Ku-ring-gai Heroes of World War I

Our third local hero to feature in these “heroes” articles was a medical practitioner, Major Archibald John Collins.

His decorations and qualifications were: DSO MC MB ChM FRACP. He was also mentioned in despatches in 1918 and finally, in 1955, he was knighted (KB) for his significant service as a leader in the medical profession.



Born in Lismore NSW, on 19 June 1890, and a graduate of The University of Sydney Medical School in 1913, Collins was working at RPA Hospital when he enlisted on 13 August 1915. He named as his NOK his mother, Annie Maria Collins of Rockwood, Hilda Street (today's Bareena Avenue), Wahroonga. Upon allocation to the Australian Army Medical Corps, Captain Collins was initially posted to the 2nd Australian Clearing Station in Egypt for several months before his unit moved to France in April 1916. In January 1917 he became the Regimental Medical Officer to the 48th Battalion.

On 12 October 1917 during the Passchendaele offensive he was stationed at Zonnebeke (north-east of Ypres in Belgium) when his battalion reported it was having difficulty evacuating its many wounded. That day the battalion had 370 casualties from its force of 621. Captain Collins organized 40 stretcher bearers and set off to the front line, unfortunately at a time when the enemy began two heavy artillery barrages between Zonnebeke and the front line. He successfully led his party through both barrages and attended to the wounded despite being under direct observation of the enemy who brought fire to bear on his position. Undaunted, Collins treated the wounded and successfully organized their safe evacuation. He was awarded the Military Cross for these gallant deeds.

On 1 November 1917 he joined the 12th Australian Field Ambulance and soon after was promoted to major. On 5 April 1918 he was in charge of evacuating hundreds of wounded from the Divisional front at Millencourt and displayed remarkable energy, coolness and courage in achieving this under heavy enemy fire. His magnificent example inspired both junior officers and the exhausted stretcher bearers to further efforts which saved the lives of many men. He was awarded the DSO.

The year after returning to Australia, he married Clotilde (Clo) Donnelly of Melbourne on 31 July 1920, and lived at 1 Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield for a few years before moving to 65 Springdale Road, Killara, where he died on 24 June 1955.

David Wilkins

Sidney Reichenbach

Dear Kathie,

Congratulations on your article on Sidney Reichenbach in the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society *Newsletter* July edition. A fellow Reichenbach researcher came across it recently on the net and has just emailed it to me.

My name is Beth Macleod and I am his grand-daughter. The son born in 1915 to whom you refer in your piece, was my father.

I am intrigued about how you managed to find so much information. Was it just your own research, Kathie, or have my other family members contributed? If you are the researcher, you have done a wonderful job.

Sadly, I do not remember meeting my grandfather. As you noted, he lived in Noumea from the 1930s and I have lived in Sydney. And my grandmother Marion Ruth Reichenbach (known as “Ruth”) née Maclean, died before I was born.

Incidentally grand-père (as we referred to him) was born in 1886 and died in 1965. His father, Samuel Hermann Reichenbach, died in 1905. After Samuel's death, his wife Ellen Elizabeth Reichenbach (known as “Nelly”) and her children moved back to Sydney.

After my grandmother's death grand-père married Jeanne Pizzorno in Nouméa in 1934. I do remember meeting Jeanne – she was a very warm and charming person.

The only tiny inaccuracy I can see in what you have written is that grand-père's sister's name was Marguerite (or “Daisy” in Australia). Emilie was her second name.

In World War I Sidney Reichenbach served in the Heavy Artillery Regiment 115 from 1916-1919. Unfortunately I haven't been able to find out anything else about his war service – or even where his regiment fought during those years. If you know any way of finding out, I'd be most interested to hear.

My father served in World War II in the Middle East (he was a Rat of Tobruk), Borneo and New Guinea.

Through my family research I have been in contact with some distant cousins in France – the descendants of Ellen Stilling's brother and his wife. One of them kindly sent me the photo which I have attached of my grandfather in his military uniform. As the soldiers of WWI seem to be your particular interest, I thought you might like to see it.

I am 64, retired, and live at Balmain.

Looking forward to hearing from you when you have the time to reply.

With best wishes, Beth



FAMILY MATTERS

October Family History Meeting

11.00 am Session

This was held in the meeting room and 21 people were present. The topic was 'London Research' and it was presented by Jenny Joyce. She distributed a guide sheet which listed over 20 online resources to assist in doing London Research. She first covered the history of London from the Bronze Age through the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons and the Normans to the London we know today. In the 19th century the City of London was just one square mile with 97 parishes and there were 10 parishes in the City of Westminster outside the city walls. Using a Power Point Presentation she demonstrated how to search Civil Registration Indexes, Parish Registers, Censuses, Wills, Cemeteries, Jewish Records, Occupational Records, Criminal Records and Newspapers, etc. Everyone left the session feeling very confident about finding their 'lost' ancestors in the huge city that is London.

2.00 pm Session

Jenny Joyce chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially our guest speaker, Louise Wilson.

Family History Conference 2013

This was held in Canberra from 21–22 September, 2013 with a fair on the Friday, and the formal conference on the Saturday and Sunday. Jackie Van Bergen reported on how successful it was with many informative sessions both at the fair and the conference itself. She made special mention of the Trove, and the Writers' Workshops on the Friday. Next year's conference will be in the Illawarra.

Jenny introduced the speaker, Louise Wilson, who had won the Alexander Henderson Award for *Writing Family History*. Her topic was: 'Story-Telling-Disinterred – Early Convict Settlers of the Hawkesbury'.

When Louise started to research her family history she had very little information and had no idea she had convict ancestors, as the family had always talked about the 'genteel' side of the family. In a very short time she had discovered 5 convicts: 4 early ones in 1788, 1790, 1792, and one in the 1800s. On making a trip to Wilberforce she found out more about them and also found a memorial in Windsor with some of their names on it. She became intrigued by the small ships they came on so researched them too. She visited the places where they had lived in the Hawkesbury area but also went to Norfolk Island and Portsmouth where the First Fleet sailed from.

She soon discovered that what had been written about her ancestors, Robert Forrester and Paul Bushell, was a version of the 'truth', so went back to the newspapers to unearth the real story. Land Records and Court Reports were also invaluable, as were maps. She recommended writing up the story as research proceeds rather than waiting until it is completed. Anything that might be boring to the reader or interrupt the story line should be put in an appendix so it can be referred to later. One unexpected outcome of her research has been a project to restore Paul Bushell's grave. She has become convinced that Australian 'mateship'

began in the Hawkesbury District, long before WWI, as with almost yearly floods, people had to make their farms productive very quickly, so they all helped each other. Not only did we learn about Louise's ancestors but we also learnt how to do research and how to write it up in an interesting way so that our ancestors become 'real' people.

A vote of thanks was moved by Angela Lind who also had ancestors in the Hawkesbury. .

Afternoon tea followed, and the 2 Lucky Door prizes were won by Keith South, a visitor who had come to hear the talk (*The Merchant's Women* by Elizabeth Rushen and Perry McIntyre), and Marjorie Perry (*A Short History of Australia* by Manning Clark).

Based on notes by Jean Smith

Family Tree Tracker Magazine

This new Australian genealogy magazine appeared in newsagents this month. A one-off publication, it contains articles by several Australian and international experts. It differs from other Australian magazines that concentrate on stories and results of research. Family Tree Tracker contains useful advice on how to get started in genealogy, information on websites and guides to using resources. There are articles on military research, preservation and a comprehensive section on genealogy software packages. There are very few ads in this magazine, so the \$14.95 cover price represents good value. The publication is only available from newsagents.

Jill Ball

Recent Acquisitions

The Society has recently purchased *Atlas of the Great Irish Famine*, edited by John Crowley, William J. Smyth and Mike Murphy, and this book will shortly be placed in our reference library. My initial impression is *expensive and heavy!* The book was first published 2012, and has 710 pages. To quote a snippet from the blurb on the jacket of the book "This monumental work is far more than an Atlas, it is the definitive summary of all aspects of the Great Irish Famine. The many maps are accompanied by accessible yet scientifically sound texts. The demographics and geography are surveyed with unequalled detail and care, yet the historical background, the politics, and the economics of the Famine are discussed at an equally high scholarly level ... this volume belongs in the library of everyone interested in the greatest natural disaster of the modern age." The book explains how the actions of the politicians and landholders exacerbated the problem.

It is now widely accepted that a million people perished between the years 1845 and 1852. At least one and a quarter million fled the country, the majority to North America, some to Australia and a significant minority (c. .3 million) to British cities. This Atlas contains over fifty chapters; case studies; 200 maps; and numerous illustrations. When placed on the reference shelf, its reference will be OVS/IRL.

Bruce Robinson

Who downed the Red Baron?

The name 'BUIE, R' is on the St Ives Public School Honour Board that hangs on the wall in the corridor outside the KHS rooms. This must be Robert Buie, who is reputed to have been one of the two men who shot down the Red Baron. Born in 1893, a son of James and Jane Buie, he enlisted on 27 October 1916 and embarked on *HMAT Anchises* on 24 January 1917 with the 10th Reinforcements, 1st Pioneer Battalion, disembarking at Devonport in late March. He entered the Pioneer Training Battalion at Fovant, later transferring to the 14th Field Artillery Brigade as Gunner, and was serving in France by the end of 1917.

In April 1918 he and fellow gunner William John Evans were recommended for the Meritorious Service Medal. The recommendation stated: 'On 21.4.1918 these Gunners were on duty with Lewis Guns at the 53rd Battery, Australian Field Artillery on the hills north of Corbie. At about 11 a.m. two aeroplanes flying at a low height approached the Battery position. These were discovered to be a British Sopwith Camel closely pursued by a hostile single seater red triplane. As soon as the British plane had passed the line of fire both these gunners opened fire at close range at the hostile machine. Splinters were immediately seen to fly from the latter which crashed about 800 yards from the guns. It was then discovered that the enemy pilot was dead and was identified as Baron Mannheim von Richthofen. The fire from these Lewis guns it is considered undoubtedly saved the British plane. The prompt action and accurate fire of these two gunners are worthy of special recognition.'

The award, however, was 'Not recommended for decoration in King's Birthday Honours Gazette.' Although it appears clear from the contemporary account that Buie and Evans were successful in downing the Baron, others later claimed credit.

In July 1918 Buie fell ill and was evacuated to England. Diagnosed with myocarditis, he returned to Australia per *Somali*, arriving home in February 1919. He was discharged from the AIF on 7 September 1919.

His movements after the war are not clear. An online account, written by family, states that he was plagued by ill health and financial problems. He returned to his former occupation, fishing the waters of the Hawkesbury. He died in April 1964 and was buried at Brooklyn Cemetery.

Kathie Rieth

Major new Australian Resource

The *Biographical Database of Australia* is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia, starting from the earliest times.

Searches of the resource are free. An annual subscription is excellent value at \$25.

Jill Ball

BUILT HERITAGE

Roseville Golf Club



The KHS 50th anniversary dinner will be held at the club on 7 November, when our latest publication will be launched – *Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, the first 50 years 1963-2013*. A fitting location. Last year the club reached a milestone of its own, **ninety** years of operation. During this time a large number of Ku-ring-gai residents would have been members of the club or enjoyed playing there.

On 4 October 1922 a meeting was held at the Roseville Hall, to which acting secretary WSG Horwood invited residents and ratepayers to discuss the formation of the Roseville Golf Links Company. It was well attended. Applications for shares in the company and for membership assured 'the immediate success of the new links'. Provisional directors were FG Carr, C Coles, ES Cranford, EG Foskett, WSG Horwood, R Pennefather and Dr JWS McKee. By the time the first annual meeting was held in March 1924, Clifford Coles was president, they had a club house, nine holes were playable, there were 140 shareholding members, and another nine holes were planned.

On Saturday 23 May 1925, Sir Dudley de Chair, Governor of NSW, drove the first ball on the new 18-holes' course and was then entertained at lunch. Roseville Golf Club Ltd was registered in July 1929, only a few months before the Wall Street crash. By the end of 1933 the club was sound enough to contemplate re-building. In November a contract was let by architect Clifford Finch to HW Thompson Ltd of Alexandria to construct 'a pleasing brick structure' costing approximately £4,000 in total, to replace the weatherboard house the club had been using as temporary accommodation.

Finch, a WWI veteran, Captain with the 4th Pioneers and Mentioned in Despatches, had lived in Roseville for some time. Married in 1922, he and his wife lived in Middle Harbour Road. His parents, Alfred and Millicent, had moved to *Gallipoli*, 55 Lord Street, Roseville in 1916.

The new club house was officially opened on 30 April 1934 by WE Bain, president of the NSW Golf Council. The single-storey building was of textured brick, the roof 'of mottled tiles blended to match the colouring in the brickwork. The principal members' rooms and administrative offices are finished in maple with floors of selected polished tallowwood.' Accommodation included a lounge 50 ft by 20 ft 'en suite with a ladies' lounge 16 feet square, which can be used as a combined room for social purposes'.

Alterations and additions to the club house, designed by Finch, were carried out in 1937 and again in 1953. The club house has hosted numerous functions over the years, and this year, it is the location of our own very special anniversary.

Kathie Rieth

Copy for Newsletter

General copy for publication should be lodged with the Editor, Bob Barry (bob_barry@optusnet.com.au), as early as possible but no later than the 15th of the month (except November and December), unless otherwise arranged. Copy is accepted on the basis that the **Society has editing rights and that readers can reproduce it in whole or in part with acknowledgement.** Material should be in electronic form if possible.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to members who have recently joined the Society.

Chris Madden Wahroonga
Bernadette Nowland East Lindfield

We hope you find your membership rewarding, and look forward to your participation in our activities.

November–December Quiz (answers p. 2) “50 Years Ago – 1963”

- In 1963 the population of Australia reached?
a) 9 million b) 10 million c) 11 million d) 12 million.
- Who arrived in Canberra in February 1963?
a) Peter, Paul and Mary b) Julius Sumner-Miller c) Frank Sinatra d) Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.
- Which event occurred in 1963?
a) The flood gates were closed on the Molonglo River
b) Floods occurred in Lismore c) First stage of the Ord River Irrigation Scheme was opened d) The EJ-01 Holden was produced.
- Who won the 1963 Women’s Singles Championship at Wimbledon?
a) Martina Navratilova b) Margaret Court c) Chris Evert d) Yvonne Goolagong.
- Which of these events occurred in 1963?
a) Australia agreed to buy 24 F1–11s b) Gilbert Bogle and Margaret Chandler were found dead c) Children born out of wedlock became legitimate by the subsequent marriage of their parents d) On 7 November the first meeting of The Ku-ring-gai Historical Society was held.

Jo Harris

Research Centre Hours

The Society’s Research Centre is at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai Library.

The Centre is open to the public from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the 1st Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

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- 2014**
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“The Australian-Chinese Story”
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- Sat 1 Feb Family History Meeting**
11.00 am to be advised
2.00 pm to be advised

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