

# KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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## *the* **President's message**

As noted in my last message, due to the pandemic during the last two years, our AGMs for 2020 and 2021 were not able to be held. It has certainly been a frustrating and challenging time.

I am happy to advise that our deferred AGM was finally held on Saturday 19 March, and therefore we are able to meet our obligations to the Department of Fair Trading. A big thank you to all the members who attended to support the Society

My thanks to our treasurer, Marilyn van Eerde, for preparing the reports for the financial years 2019 to 2020 and 2020-21. A big job!

What a great asset Marilyn has been to KHS since joining our Society, and especially since becoming a Committee member in 2019. Marilyn took on the role of Treasurer in October of that year, managing KHS funds with the utmost competence. For all of us, it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with her. She really is a 'treasure'.

 Sadly, Marilyn is facing a personal challenge and finds it necessary to step away from her roles as a member of the Committee, as Treasurer, as our Public Officer, and from all the many other volunteer tasks in which she is involved at KHS.

We will all miss her, and our love and best wishes go with her as she embarks on her journey on the way to regaining her health.

Take care,

*Lorna Watt*

## General Meeting

2pm Saturday 9th April 2022

*Rayner Hoff*

### **John Ramsland, OAM, FACE, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Newcastle**

John was born in Manly in 1942 and educated at Manly Boys High School, Bathurst Teachers College,



*John Ramsland*

and the Universities of New England, Sydney and Newcastle. He is the author of many historical books, book chapters, journal articles, conference papers and press features. In 2003, he became Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Newcastle after serving there as Dean of the Faculty of Education, and later, Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

### ***"Exciting, Adventurous and Heart-Rending – Rayner Hoff's Memorial Masterpieces as a Sculptor"***

As one of the most significant artists in early post-World War I Australia, Hoff translated his sculptural forms into the egalitarian values of Australians – as a neo-heroic race that rivalled the Ancient Greeks!

Authorities agree that Hoff's innovative work on the Hyde Park Anzac Memorial was his crowning glory. He captured war's grim, gritty reality in a vast complex visual essay on the entire war.

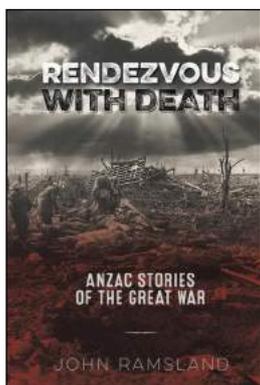
His group sculpture, *Sacrifice*, at the Memorial's heart, is the greatest achievement of his entire career.

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Hoff was one of the rare memorial sculptors to convey a duality of meaning of the relationship of male-female; masculine-feminine; timeless and modern-ancient; sacred-profane; and past-present-future elements. He expressed both the sacrifice and horror of war on the youthful manhood and womanhood of the nation.

### Book Launch

Immediately following John Ramsland's presentation, military historian and battlefield war guide, David Wilson, will launch John's latest book, *Rendezvous With Death – Anzac Stories of the Great War* (Brolga, 2021) on behalf of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society.



*Rendezvous with death* has been described as “an elegantly crafted anthology of epic heroism”. The book's 564 pages hold many moving stories of men and women caught up in the tragedy of World War I. Each chapter deals with the life of historical figures – known and unknown, celebrated or forgotten – with the

final chapter, 'Remembrance of Things Past', being on the life and work of George Rayner Hoff.

*Copies will be available for signing at the special price of \$20.*

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### March Family History Meeting

#### **11.00am Meeting**

Sue Holmes opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the committee who were jointly to present the workshop. She announced that the next NSW/ACT Family History Conference will be run by Newcastle FHS in September and Online again. Sue reminded everyone that nominations for KHS Family History Group Committee must be in before 18 March.

Sue then opened the Workshop with 'Tips for Family Research' covering eight topics. This was followed by 'Beginning Research' containing twelve points and 'Documentation' with five points. Sue also covered Civil Registration for the Australian States, when it began and what dates were available. Participants were given handouts for each section and sheets for

information as they found it, (fourteen sheets in all). Susan Alder followed, describing and showing examples of how she does her research and the methods she uses to record it. She also referred to some of the sheets members had already been given. Jo Harris then spoke about 'Some Australian Internet Sites to Explore' from Google to Wikitrees. She covered the subscription sites including Ancestry of which the library edition is freely available in the KHS Rooms. She also mentioned Worldwide sites. A very worthwhile but underused site is 'Local Resources' available on KHS computers and she explained what it includes. Handouts were also distributed by Jo. During and after each session questions were welcomed. Everybody who attended agreed it was a very worthwhile session.

#### **2.00pm Meeting.**

Sue introduced the speaker Judith Dunn OAM who had been at a plaque ceremony that morning before coming to Gordon. We were surprised to learn how many cemeteries there are in Parramatta with the first burial being in 1790. Some are Council owned, so cared for by Parramatta Council, but most rely on a group of volunteers under Judith's leadership looking after them, doing both transcribing and weeding, etc. Many are very overgrown.

**St John's Cemetery** is the oldest one with the first burial being in 1790. It was a public cemetery until 1850s when St John's Anglican Church took it over. The first burial grounds in Sydney were where Sydney Town Hall now stands and under Central Station. Sixty-five First Fleeters (only 12 with headstones) are in St John's as well as members of the Blaxland and Wentworth families.

**St Patrick's Cemetery** has a chapel and graves of people of French, German and Irish origin. The Martins of Martin Place are there.

**Wesleyan Cemetery** where the gravestones are laid flat, so are badly worn. The names of the people buried there are engraved on bronze pillars now. Presbyterian and Baptist graves are there too.

**All Saints Cemetery 1844** which also has the names engraved on bronze pillars.

**Benedictine Cemetery** which has been demolished but there is a mud map of priests, nuns and other people.

**St Paul's Carlingford 1888** which has sixty-eight burials and is a private cemetery.

**North Rocks 1893** is a Catholic Lebanese Cemetery.

## Tales from the Past

**Oatlands Cemetery 1895** is now closed but the headstones have been moved to Prospect.

**Burns Private Cemetery 1894** is in the grounds of the King's School.

**Marist Cemetery** where there was a seminary and the headstones have now been moved to Northern Suburbs Cemetery.

There were several interesting questions before a vote of thanks was given by Laurel Cameron. Afternoon tea was then enjoyed by all present. Two ladies there were descendants of Samuel Marsden and when they mentioned this to Judith, she said that she had been weeding his grave that very morning after the plaque ceremony. What a coincidence!

*Jean Smith*

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## **Ku-ring-gai...**

### **Then... and Now**

*by David Wilkins*

John Gaukrodger was born in Yorkshire, England and migrated to New Zealand in 1843 on board *I ndus* with wife Elizabeth and two children, John born 1835 and Elizabeth born 1838.

Son John married and produced eight children in New Zealand. Some of these children came to Australia, including James and George who opened a butcher's shop on the corner of the now Pacific Highway and Bannockburn Road at Pymble. There are Gaukrodger families living in the area today.

Elizabeth Gaukrodger, born 1835 married Andrew George Scott about 1856 in Wakefield, New Zealand; he was born in County Down, Ireland and had migrated to Australia and on to New Zealand to fight in the Maori Wars. After the Maori Wars, he moved to Victoria where he became a lay preacher at Baccus Marsh. On 20 January 1880 he was hanged at Darlinghurst Jail in Sydney. He was of course **CAPTAIN MOONLITE** and the uncle of the Gaukrodger Brothers, butchers of Pymble.

*Jo Harris*

*This article has been sourced from a previous issue of a KHS newsletter.*

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Stanhope Bridge in Stanhope Road,

Killara, c. 1926

*(photo courtesy Gordon Library).*

Stanhope Road, Killara looking east with Swain Gardens entrance on the right and Kardella Avenue going off to the left.



**Do you have any 'Then & Now' photos of Ku-ring-gai?  
We'd love you to share them with us!**

## THE KU-RING-GAI TIGER MOTH

The RAAF was using the de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth as the initial training aircraft for pilots. When World War II started, a large order was placed with de Havilland Australia which had set up a factory at Bankstown to manufacture these aircraft in Australia.

Two sisters, residents of Ku-ring-gai, Misses M and S Newton-Scott, conceived of the idea that the citizens of Ku-ring-gai might show their patriotism and help to win the war by subscribing to buy a plane for the RAAF. Ku-ring-gai Council enthusiastically adopted this suggestion and the mayor, Judge McIntosh, and fellow aldermen, established the 'Ku-ring-gai Training Aircraft Fund' to raise money to purchase a DH-82 Tiger Moth. Children gave their pennies, adults chipped in the pounds, there were card parties, jumble stalls, and dances to raise the necessary funds.

A sum of one thousand seven hundred pounds was raised and the aircraft, the 1,000<sup>th</sup> Tiger Moth built by de Havilland Australia, was handed over to the RAAF by Lady Gowrie, wife of the then Governor-General, in July 1942. She presented it "as a gift from, and on behalf of, the citizens of the Ku-ring-gai Municipality".

The aircraft was given the RAAF serial number A17-588 and a plaque was attached to it to mark the gift from Ku-ring-gai citizens.



*A17-588 at Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre*

After training hundreds of airmen, A17-588 was sent to a squadron serving in New Guinea having been especially fitted for communication duties in that operational area. The Tiger Moth remained with the RAAF until October 1957 when it became an 'item of war disposal'. The plaque was removed at that time.

A17-588 was purchased by a resident of the Wagga Wagga area and went onto the Civil Register as VH-GMF. The plaque 'turned up' in 1969 and, at a simple ceremony at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Squadron Leader Sherwood of the RAAF handed the plaque to Judge McIntosh for display in Council Chambers. As a flying instructor, Squadron Leader Sherwood was at the controls of A17-588 on a number of occasions, his nervous pupils "doing their best to wreck the machine".

THIS PLANE WAS PRESENTED

BY THE CITIZENS OF

KU-RING-GAI MUNICIPALITY

NSW

*Facsimile of original plaque*

It was fitting that Judge McIntosh should be handed the plaque as he was Mayor of Ku-ring-gai when the move to buy the aeroplane was started.

### **And what of A17-588?**

Tiger Moths had become the mainstay of Australian aerial agriculture since its inception in 1947. RAAF disposal Tiger Moths were plentiful and cheap. Hundreds of DH-82s were converted to crop sprayers, seeders or spreaders. So A17-588 was sold again and re-registered as VH-RIN. It was operated as an aerial sprayer in the early 1960s by Sasin Aircraft Service at Goulburn NSW.

In 2016 it was again sold and flown to Nhill Victoria where it was restored to its former glory and became a star attraction at the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre. A17-588 is still airworthy and regularly takes to the skies. Nhill, in country Victoria, is on the Western Highway about halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide.

If you are ever driving that road why not stop at the Aviation Heritage Centre and touch the gift our residents gave the air force 80 years ago!

*Graeme Collins*

### References:

*RAAF News November 1969 and January 1970*

*Sydney Morning Herald 16 July 1942*

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*Sydney Morning Herald 2 March 1943*

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## Tales from the Past

*9 October 1803*

Sergeant Packer of Pitt's Row, has in his possession a native animal some time since described in our Paper, and called by the natives, a Koolah. It has two young, has been caught more than a month, and feeds chiefly on gum leaves, but also eats bread soaked in milk or water.



*Photo: rainforest-rescue*

# PRISONERS OF WAR IN AUSTRALIA

## *Part Three*

### Managing the Repatriation of the Italian POWs

While the British Government had the responsibility to repatriate the prisoners, because of transport difficulties in finding ships this would take some time. This meant that the prisoners had to be looked after and given jobs.

In a Gallup Poll of Australians in September 1945, 73% were in favour of repatriating the Italians, 24% would let them stay and 3% had no opinion. The withdrawal of 13,000 Italian prisoners from farms to internment camps began in November 1945.

In June 1946, living in the Signal Hill Drill Hall, Old South Head Road, Sydney, the Italian prisoners demolished barbed wire entanglements along the coast near South Head and then from North Head to Brookvale. They did the same along the harbour foreshore.

On 8 January 1946 the last draft of 448 Italian prisoners of war from Cowra left Sydney on the *SS Otranto* for Italy. In Melbourne a further 3,000 would be embarked. On 23 December 3,000 prisoners embarked at Pyrmont on the *SS Alcantara* for Italy. On 31 December, 2,000 prisoners left for home. 20% indicated that they wanted to return.

In August 1946, it was reported that more than 40 Italian prisoners had escaped from the Glenfield hostel near Liverpool. Some had been missing for more than two years. Over the period, several POWs escaped internment camps, at least one was shot for allegedly trying to escape from a camp, one committed suicide in a camp, fights between fascist versus anti-fascist supporting prisoners, and others were charged with criminal offences. At least one was named as a party to divorce proceedings.



*SS Moreton Bay*

In August 1946 172 Italian prisoners were repatriated on the liner *SS Moreton Bay*, also on board were British and Dutch servicemen. Later, in December

1946, using the liner *Moreton Bay*, 700 Italian prisoners of war were repatriated from Adelaide to Naples. They were confined to one deck. Also on board were passengers from the Royal Dutch Navy, the Royal Airforce and 20 civilians.

In September the liner *SS Chitral* left Sydney for Naples with 284 prisoners, a further 2,500 were picked up in Freemantle. The *SS Rangitata* left Sydney with 53 prisoners with an additional 347 picked up in Adelaide. Of the 33,000 Italian prisoners who left for Naples in 1946, many said that they would consider returning to Australia as many

had become engaged to Australia girls while working in Australia. By November 1947, 4,000 Italian prisoners had married Australian girls. In October 1945 it had been announced that no requests to remain in Australia would be considered until they had returned to Italy.

In 1947, Immigration Minister Athur Calwell gave consideration to farmers to being able to nominate Italian prisoners for return to Australia. In October 1948, Minister Calwell declared that the government intended deporting all escaped Italian prisoners and that those deported would never be allowed to return to Australia.

In June 1950, 26 Italian prisoners were still at large and the Australian Government offered 25 pounds for information leading to arrest. More than 50 Italian and German prisoners of war had escaped during the war. One of the hunted was wanted by the Italian Government for trial for torture and murder during Mussolini's regime.

In August 1950, the South Australian RSL wanted a complete ban on the readmission of Italian prisoners of war.

One brand of red wine, still being produced in Australia, is called 'Rabbit & Spaghetti', this being the customary diet of Italian POWs in Australia.

**Part four of this story will deal with the camp at Richmond Avenue, St Ives and the breakouts from there.**

*NOTE.* This story is not intended as an exhaustive account of Italian prisoners of war in Australia in WWII. For a range of interesting material written by Italians, relating to Italian prisoners of war, consult:

<https://italianprisonersofwar.com/category/italian-internees/>

and

<https://italianprisonersofwar.com/category/italian-internees/page/2/>

*Morrison Hammond*

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#### New Members

At the end of February we have had 1 new household join our Society.

Please welcome to the Society.

Jennifer & James ANDERSON from Lindfield

We hope you will find your membership rewarding, and look forward to your participation in the many activities we have to offer going forward this year.

*Annet Latham*

## TOUR REPORT

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:** In last month's Newsletter, the tour team outlined the April 21 planned tour to the NSW Railway Museum at Thirlmere. Unfortunately this event has had to be postponed.

*We have scheduled a tour to the NSW State Library for this date, Thursday April 21.*

Many of you will be familiar with the fact that there is always a number of interesting exhibitions available for viewing there. Of current interest in the Amaze Gallery for instance, is the recently opened exhibition of a rare album of photographs by a woman who has documented the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Exhibition of Discovery of these very rare photographs begins with the celebrations marking the 90th Anniversary of the opening of the bridge. After lunch (at own cost) we can visit the Museum of Sydney's current series of very interesting exhibitions nearby in Bridge Street.



*Photo from Customs House website*

As an alternative, a Virtual Exhibition curated by Laila Ellmoos called 'Developing Sydney: Capturing Change 1900-1920' is on at Customs House. Travel for the day is by train and there is an administration charge of \$10. Entry to the Museum of Sydney will be \$15. Please contact Yvette if you would like to join this

tour. ([yreeve@optusnet.com.au](mailto:yreeve@optusnet.com.au) or 0414 249 737)

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday** : Naval Historical Society Harbour Cruise - 80th Anniversary of the Japanese Mini Submarine attack on Sydney Harbour. This tour is fully booked. Please register with Yvette ([yreeve@optusnet.com.au](mailto:yreeve@optusnet.com.au) or 0414 249 737) if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.



*Raising the Japanese mini sub from Sydney Harbour  
(Photo courtesy Australian War Memorial)*

**June 23 Thursday:** Madame Tussauds - Darling Harbour

**July 21st Thursday** : Powerhouse Museum – Ultimo  
*KHS Tour Team.*

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### **JOHN TERRY HUGHES**

Interesting snippets of our history are around us all the time but many pass most of us by. At one of our recent Training Sessions, mention was made of a 'John Terry Hughes' (c1802-1851) who owned huge slabs of land in the Turramurra/Wahroonga/Warrawee area, having been granted 2000 acres in 'Hunters Hill' in 1842. Yet he made no personal impact on Ku-ring-gai so is scarcely recognised in our own local history.

Hughes was however, a most interesting character. Born in England and a free settler, he was the nephew of Samuel Terry (c1776-1838) a fabulously wealthy ex convict who was labelled 'The Rothschild of Botany Bay'. Hughes married Terry's stepdaughter Esther. He went into partnership too with Sydney's first Mayor, John Hosking, who had married Samuel Terry's daughter Martha. Esther was later to gain a reputation for the shrewd way she negotiated the sale of family land to the Government for the building of the GPO in Martin Place. John Hughes and his wife Esther lived in Elizabeth Street in 'Albion House'. Apart from being a huge landowner throughout Sydney, Terry was also a flour miller with his Albion Mill and a brewer at Albion Street near what was to be Central Station. Many would know the brewery there. It was said at the time that his beer carried a special flavour because it used water which had passed through the nearby Devonshire Street Cemetery. Things eventually came unstuck financially for him and John Hosking; the burning of the Albion Mill was a factor that led to their bankruptcy and indirectly to the collapse of the Bank of Australia.

Samuel Terry's name is also linked through his son John with Rouse Hill House near Windsor (John married Eleanor Rouse), and with Ryde, where Edward Terry was mayor and an MP. In Ku-ring-gai we had Terry's Hill Estate which was a 1908 subdivision in the Gerald/Dudley Avenues section of Roseville in which Edward Terry was involved.

*Max Farley*

*This article has been sourced from a previous issue of a KHS newsletter.*

## Honouring a Digger

As Anzac Day approaches it is appropriate to remember all those Australians who served in wars. This however, is to honour one of the most decorated Ku-ring-gai veterans from World War I, Arthur Wheen, who was awarded three Military Medals (MM) for bravery in battle.

An admiring fellow Digger summed up one aspect of this courageous and gallant soldier:

*"Arthur Wheen was the quietest and gamest man in the old 54th Battalion.*

*Never saw a Digger with less regard for high explosives than Arthur Wheen. To see him quietly strolling along to repair broken telephone lines always created the impression that he was off to meet his best girl."*



**Lieutenant Arthur Wheen** (1897-1971) Photo: Tanya Crothers

A resident at *Norton Lees* in Kelburn Road, Roseville, and with an educational background of excellence at Gordon Public School and Sydney Boys' High, Wheen attended Teachers' College (Blackfriars) in 1915 and simultaneously studied arts at the University of Sydney, where he was also a member of the University Scouts (militia). At age 18 he enlisted in the AIF and embarked for Egypt where he joined the 54th Infantry Battalion as a signaller. They deployed to France to be immediately involved in the disastrous Battle of Fromelles, where his gallantry under fire led to his first MM:

*"At PETILLON on 19/20th July 1916, Private Wheen, a signaller [in] Battalion Headquarters showed conspicuous bravery in laying and repairing under fire the telephone line across 'No Man's Land'. Both NCOs of this Section were casualties, and Private Wheen attempted repeatedly to get telephone communication between Battalion Headquarters [newly located] in the German trenches and Brigade Headquarters. He repeatedly crossed and recrossed 'No Man's Land' under heavy fire endeavouring to establish communication. On the night of the 20th, he volunteered to go into 'No Man's Land' in search of wounded and showed very fine spirit in bringing in wounded under machine gun and rifle fire."*

The following year in March, with 54th Battalion further south in the Somme Valley, Signaller Wheen was again decorated. As part of the leading patrol across No Man's Land towards the Hindenburg Line, he maintained communications throughout the battalion by working tirelessly to mend lines and construct new ones while under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire.

By September his unit was in the Ypres sector of Belgium where, during the Battle of Polygon Wood, Wheen was wounded and evacuated for a month. Promoted to Corporal Signaller, he re-joined his unit north of Villers-Bretonneux during the 1918 German Spring offensive. The British units guarding the town on 54th's southern flank gave way, relinquishing the town and exposing the Australians who had to defend furiously. During this German attack on 24th-25th April, Corporal Wheen *"maintained communication throughout the whole period at great personal risk and self-sacrifice under intense artillery and machine gun barrages. Although the majority of the Battalion signallers had become casualties, [he] maintained the lines alone under extremely difficult circumstances."* Although he was recommended for the higher Distinguished Conduct Medal, Corporal Wheen was decorated with his third MM.

In May 1918 Wheen was commissioned in the field and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and then to Lieutenant three months later. In September, following the Australian capture of Péronne, Wheen was severely wounded in his left shoulder and chest from a German aircraft machine gun. As he was evacuated he instructed, "Tell them I'm sorry I couldn't see the job through." Unable to return to the battlefield, he was invalided to Australia.

Wheen became a Rhodes scholar and a highly gifted linguist, famous for his translation into English of the

German novel by Remarque, 'All Quiet on the Western Front'.

David Wilkins OAM

This article has been sourced from 'Rallying The Troops: a World War I Commemoration' (Volume IV), our celebrated four-volume series which commemorates the almost 1800 men and women associated with Ku-ring-gai who served in The Great War.

Until 30th April 2022, this award-winning series is available at specially reduced prices as a special ANZAC Day offer.

Details: Page 9 & KHS website

[www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops](http://www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops)

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## Family History Group

+++ The morning meeting at 11am +++

**April 2** : Family History Group workshop will be led by Lorna Watt on the subject of 'The New Trove'. This site contains an enormous amount of information useful to family historians and other researchers of Australian history generally. Lorna will teach us how to search efficiently on 'Trove', how the information is categorised and how one can become part of the Trove community correcting the transcription downloads.

+++ The afternoon meeting at 2pm +++

The Dreadnought Boys presented by Patrick Dodd

The afternoon meeting will be addressed by Patrick Dodd who will tell us about *The Dreadnought Boys* – a fascinating and also horrifying story of child and youth migration to Australia.

There were numerous schemes to bring out children and young people to Australia starting in mid-Victorian times. The Dreadnought Scheme was a program designed to promote and assist the migration of British youths willing to become farm workers in Australia. Funds which had been raised by public subscription for the purchase of a battleship were diverted to establish the scheme, when the Commonwealth instead decided to build

an Australian Navy.

On arrival in Australia, the teenage boys were assigned to a state government farm for three months of agricultural training, after which the boys could be sent to work on any farm in the state.



Patrick Dodd

Ku-ring-gai Historical Society member Patrick Dodd will speak about these schemes and the experiences of his late father-in-law, David Hogg, who was a Dreadnought Boy; as well as his own experiences as a 'Ten Pound Pom'. It's bound to stimulate plenty of discussion!

At this meeting an election will take place for the Family History Committee for 2022/23.

We hope Clare Brown will have returned from overseas to teach us 'How to Publish our Family Histories' at the May 7 workshop at 11am. The afternoon meeting on May 7 will also be a postponed one – a forum on 'Who was your First Ancestor to set Foot on Australian Soil?' and members are asked to be prepared to talk for just a few minutes on that person. It will be interesting to see how many early immigrants were on the same ship, and whose ancestor is the most recent arrival.

Sue Holmes

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### Finding Sanity - An Australian Story

by Greg de Moore

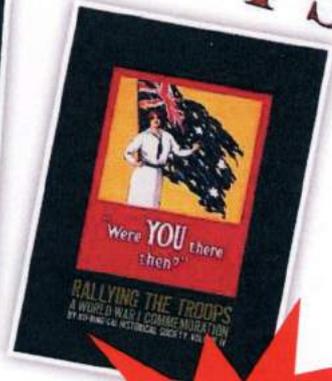
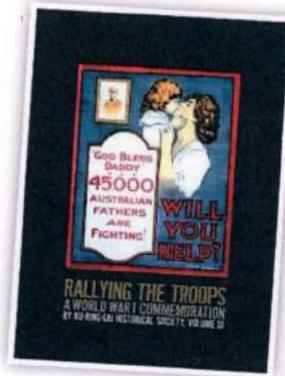
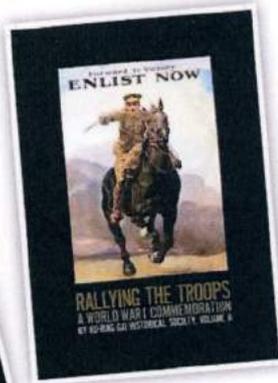
At our first in-person general meeting in eight months, Greg de Moore spoke about becoming a psychiatrist and his interest in history. He then gave an overview of his second book (co-authored with medical historian Ann Westmore) *Finding Sanity: John Cade, lithium and the taming of bipolar disorder*. He told the fascinating story of ex-POW Dr Cade deciding to give lithium to a bipolar patient, after first testing it on himself and sacrificing numerous guinea pigs to the cause.

Cade's initial success had a similar impact on mental health as did penicillin for physical health. He had discovered the first effective medicine for any mental illness. As Greg pointed out, it is an Australian discovery that deserves to be better known.

Well done to our newest Life Member Beverley Dunstan for arranging another enjoyable and informative talk.

Judith Godden

# RALLYING THE TROOPS



## ANZAC DAY SPECIAL OFFER

**GREAT GIFTS!**

*The commemoration of ANZAC Day is always a reminder of the extraordinary achievements of our proud forebears - 104 years ago.*

The Ku-ring-gai Historical Society produced, over a six year period, the multiple award winning four-volume series *Rallying the Troops: a World War I Commemoration*.

The original focus was the war service of those who were born and bred in Ku-ring-gai, but as the series grew it revealed so much more about the first decades of 20th century growth within Australia.

This growth led to many stories about men and women who came from over 80 towns and villages dotted throughout NSW; from all over Australia; as well as from New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Europe and as far afield as Russia - but all had links of one kind or another to Ku-ring-gai.

*Rallying The Troops* commemorates these brave souls who defended our nation. Each chapter contains examples of their involvement, training, soldier settlement schemes, going-home awards etc.

Each volume contains appendices on Australian Military Structure in the AIF; an illustrated World War I glossary; lists of those who lost their lives; who were decorated; where they are commemorated overseas; and those who received honours and awards. Each volume is indexed, and photographs abound – many not previously published.

You can preview *Rallying the Troops* at [www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops](http://www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops) including Table of Contents, Index and Sample Pages for each volume. The Indexes include Personal Names, Detailed Battles & Campaigns, Place Names, Schools, Colleges & Universities and much more.

This project has been supported by grants from Ku-ring-gai Council and the Federal Government.

### *SPECIAL OFFER for ANZAC DAY 2022*

Until 30th April 2022, Ku-ring-gai Historical Society is making this award-winning series available for the reduced price of just \$30 per volume - plus there is a very special offer of just \$100 to purchase the entire set - a fantastic gift idea! Postage is \$15 per volume or you can pick up from Gordon, NSW.

**Buy or order online up until 30th April 2022 to receive this very special pricing at**

**[www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops](http://www.khs.org.au/rallying-the-troops)**

## DIARY DATES

### APRIL 2022

- Saturday 2 : **11am - Family History - Lorna Watt**  
*Using Trove to discover your Family History*  
**2pm - FHG Meeting & Election of FHG Committee**  
**Speaker : Patrick Dodd**  
*The Dreadnaught Boys*
- Saturday 9 : **2pm - General Meeting**  
*(Please note our April General Meeting will be held one week earlier due to Easter)*  
*Rayner Hoff's Memorial Masterpieces as a Sculptor.*  
**Presenter : John Ramsland OAM**
- Thursday 21 : **New tour** - State Library

### MAY 2022

- Saturday 7 : **11am - Family History - Clare Dunn**  
*How to publish our Family Histories*  
**2pm - FHG meeting**  
*Who was your First Ancestor to set foot on Australian soil?*
- Saturday 21 : **2pm - General Meeting**  
*Lying for the Admiralty*  
**Presenter : Margaret Cameron-Ash**

### JUNE 2022 :

- Wednesday 1 : **Tour** - 80th Anniversary of Sydney Harbour submarine attack cruise.
- Saturday 4 : **11am - Family History**  
**2pm - FHG meeting**
- Saturday 18 : **2pm - General Meeting**  
*Grace Cossington Smith - A Ku-ring-gai Local*  
**Presenter : Dr Reinhard Ronnebeck**
- Thursday 23 : **Tour** - Madame Tussauds - Darling Harbour

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