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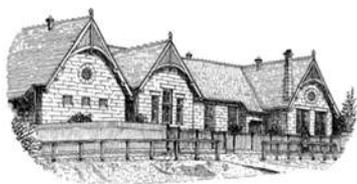
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## the President's message

Spring has almost sprung! We are about to begin one of the best seasons of the year. The daylight hours are increasing, the plants are budding ready to flower, the birds are singing and building nests; if only the sun would shine a little more often! We can only hope.

With the new season and an improvement in the weather we can all venture out to enjoy the fresh air and a few more activities, such as those organised by your Society.

We had a great response to the new Family History Course commencing in September. If you missed out on securing a place, the Murrins have kindly offered another course planned for February.

As a follow up to the course, we plan to hold other information sessions such as learning how to use all the valuable resources held in our rooms and on our computers, and ways to organise your family and property history research.

Do you have suggestions for other topics for further sessions? Don't forget, though, these activities can only be provided with the assistance of volunteers. Why not be in touch?

Also, our General Meetings continue on the third Saturday of each month when we have very interesting presentations by engaging speakers. Note them in your diary.

Time to come out from under the doona; including my dog!



Take Care

*Lorna Watt*

## General Meeting

2pm Saturday 17th September 2022

### *—The Tasman Map — the Dutch East India Company and the first Dutch discoveries of Australia Ian Burnet*

Every visitor who passes through the vestibule of the Mitchell Library stops to admire the magnificent marble mosaic of the Tasman Map, which fills the entire vestibule floor.

This story of the first Dutch voyages to discover Australia is set against the background of the struggle of the newly formed Dutch Republic to gain its independence from the Kingdom of Spain, and the struggle of the Dutch East India Company for trade supremacy in the East Indies against its Portuguese, Spanish and English rivals.

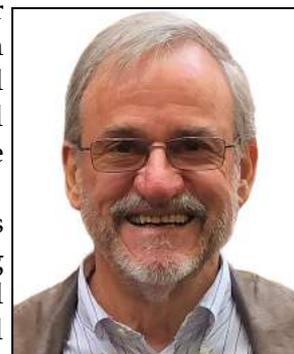
From 1606 to 1644, based on sixteen separate discoveries, the first map of Australia took shape. The Tasman Map shows a recognisable outline of the north, west and south coasts of Australia, that was not to change for another 125 years until James Cook charted the east coast in 1770.

Author, historian and voyager Ian Burnet grew up in South Gippsland and graduated with a degree in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Melbourne.

He has spent thirty years living, working and travelling in Indonesia and is fascinated by the diverse history and culture of the archipelago.

This is reflected in his books *Spice Islands; East Indies; Archipelago – A Journey Across Indonesia; Where Australia Collides with Asia; The Tasman Map – The Biography of a Map; and his latest, Joseph Conrad's Eastern Voyages.*

A review of *The Tasman Map* states "Ian Burnet in this stunning volume brings alive the many voyages of discovery that linked the exploration and Dutch conquest of Indonesia to a growing awareness on the part of the Dutch of the great, but as yet unknown, land to the south".



## A Dilemma

### *'What to do with the Family Militaria?'*

I was prompted to write this article after several discussions with KHS members and other colleagues who were seeking advice on what to do with their family militaria. If your family is like mine of recent times, we had become a repository of furniture and effects from both our late parents' houses. These items were stored throughout the house and garage until they could be effectively re-distributed. Added to this mix are younger generations of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century who are not inclined to inherit or collect hand-me-down period furniture or boxes of exquisite cut-glass crystal. It's now a throw-away, minimalist world: "I don't want any of this stuff! Where am I going to put it?"

Unfortunately, I can provide little guidance on disposing of furniture and other household goods. What I can do is provide some tips on what you might consider doing with the family's militaria if no-one wants it. By militaria I mean books, maps, personal diaries, photos, souvenirs, uniforms, accoutrements and medals. The most common items I am asked about usually come from the First and Second World War periods. So here are some suggestions, based on several decades of my own military history research and militaria collecting.

I am going to suggest two worthy institutions among several possibles that might be very interested in donations should you decide to go down that path. They are the **Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park** and the **State Library of New South Wales**. Readers will immediately note that I have not suggested the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. This is by no means a negative comment on the AWM's purpose or its work, but a simple recognition that they already possess a vast amount of material which has to remain in storage because of lack of display space. I favour the State Library and the Anzac Memorial because they have smaller, more intimate collections based on military service for the State of NSW (but not exclusively). They also have frequently-changing displays and exhibits that provide an opportunity for donated items to be seen on public display.

**The Anzac War Memorial Hyde Park.** During 2020 I was privileged to be offered the temporary position of Resident Military Historian at the Memorial. Part of this job involved identifying and cataloguing new acquisitions in conjunction with the memorial's curators.

During my several months there, we had various visitors who would randomly drop in or email to show us medals and/or militaria items that they wanted identified. Inevitably we were always asked what to do with such items if no-one in the family wanted them.

One of our standard suggestions was to think about donating them to a reputable institution that would preserve them for posterity.

In one incident, a generous person posted in a relative's set of WW1 medals - anonymously. We identified the recipient who had been a mechanic in the Australian Flying Corps, making them a relatively rare set awarded to a small and select group of men who made up our fledgling air force.

We were unable to identify the donor to thank him or her for their generosity. Other donations to the Memorial have included uniforms and equipment stretching back to colonial times and right up to modern conflicts.

When I finished that temporary appointment, I donated some uniforms and accoutrements from my own more than 40 years of service which included operational deployments in Africa, South-East Asia and the Middle East. I am confident that those items are in good hands and will be appropriately preserved and displayed in relevant exhibitions. At the end of this article is a link to the Memorial's website for its currently held Collections.

**State Library of NSW - Personal Diaries.** Personal diaries, letters and associated papers are literally a gold mine – not so much in monetary terms, but in the context of identifying and sharing the ambience of the times and the writer's experiences and viewpoints. WW1 diaries are particularly valued in this regard. The State Library of NSW has always had a forward-thinking acquisition policy for war diaries and it now has more than 1200 war diaries and papers written by over 500 servicemen and women. This collection project was begun in 1919 by William Herbert Ifould, a Turramurra resident who was the Principal Librarian at the Mitchell Library for 30 years from 1912. Immediately after WW1 he very actively advertised for and purchased war diaries across Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom for the Mitchell. The collection includes diaries and papers of two other men with Ku-ring-gai connections, those of Lindfield residents Alan Fraser Fry who died of wounds at Pozières in August 1916 and his brother Dene Barrett Fry who was killed in action at Hermies in November 1917.



*'Life Interrupted'*

*The display of WWI diaries in the State Library - 2014*

*Photo: State Library*

In 2010, while writing the history of the 19th Battalion I was asked to help 'translate' the diary of one of that unit's men, Private Charles Briggs Hardy, a resident of Dawes Point, whose diary, pay book and private letters had been acquired by auction. Hardy enlisted in February 1915 and served at Gallipoli and in France before being severely wounded at Fleurbaix in 1916 which resulted in his repatriation and eventual discharge in March 1917. He began his diary entries from the day of enlistment and moved forward on alternate pages, often undated. Reaching the end, he turned the diary over and wrote on the blank pages, going back to the front with odd notes interspersed anywhere there was room. It was a complex jig-saw puzzle until we decoded his method of entry.

While the keeping of personal diaries and journals was perfectly legitimate during WW1, cameras and photography during active service were officially *verboten*. Nevertheless, in good Digger fashion, many men had the folding Kodak camera that fitted discreetly into the tunic pocket. Any photos they took 'illegally' are therefore much more valuable in the historical context.

**War and Service Medals.** There is no doubt that medals can be an emotive topic. What does one do with precious war service gongs belonging to a parent, grandparent or other relative? Families expand through the generations and often there are no clear arrangements for inheritance of such items. The one piece of advice I always give is never ever – never ever - break up a set of medals to distribute them singly among the great-grandchildren. Splitting up a set simply diminishes their worth as a complete official recognition of an individual's service to their country.



*Medals on Display - framed and hung on a wall*

There are, however, workable alternatives, such as purchasing a set of full-size replica medals or less expensive sets of miniatures. It may require a dedicated family meeting to determine who inherits the full original set, and that issue I will gladly leave to the family to sort out.

I would be happy to help anyone who has questions on the suggestions made above. I can give you my best advice or steer you in the direction of relevant curators or medal experts. I can be contacted through the KHS Secretary if you wish to discuss anything further.

Link to Anzac Memorial Hyde Park – Collections:

<https://www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/our-collection>

**About the Author :**

*David Wilson is a 47-year veteran of the ADF who is now a military historian, lecturer, author and battlefield guide. He is the principal of AIF Research Services, a business which helps families trace the service of their ancestors who served in the First World War.*

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**German Special Interest Group**

Our German SIG met on 8th August with 20 devotees attending – a new attendance record!

Tony updated members on recent German Australian Genealogy and History Alliance (GAGHA) activity and the latest from the International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP).

Ralph read a poignant narrative written by his cousin about her father's remarkable escape from Prague in 1939 – a triumph of confidence, ingenuity and luck over difficulty.

Peter briefed members on a very useful page on the Family Tree Magazine website, 'The 12 Best German Genealogy Websites' :- [familytreemagazine.com/heritage/german/german-genealogy-websites](http://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/german/german-genealogy-websites)

The next meeting is planned for Monday 10th October at 1:30 pm. Visitors are welcome and will be treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea! For more information, see [www.khs.org.au/german-sig](http://www.khs.org.au/german-sig)

*Peter Stehn*

**New Members**

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

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Gillian Hosking | from Allambie Heights |
| Grahame South   | from Gordon           |
| Stephen Buck    | from Roseville        |
| Tamara Moon     | from Killara          |
| Pam Gibson      | from Gormans Hill     |

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

## WILD FLOWER GARDEN - *An Urgent Need*

by *DAVID STEAD*

*President, Australian Forest League - 1932*

For many years past the Wild Life Preservation Society of Australia and the Australian Forest League have been urging the establishment of a nature park in the metropolitan area of Sydney, of an entirely different order to any of the existing reserves or parks. This would be an area of land entirely devoted not only to the preservation, but to the deliberate cultivation of a number of the glorious wild flowers for which the Sydney sandstone district has become so justly famous, in Australia, and throughout the world. Though the need for this has been quite apparent to many wild-bush lovers for a long time, it has recently become most urgent, owing to the rapid spread of settlement in nearly every portion of the sandstone country and the widespread bush depredations of trippers, wild-flower dealers, and the devastation caused by bushfires.

The sort of wild flower garden that is visualised by me would not be at all a costly affair either to produce or to maintain. In fact, once it was established, and reticulated with rough bush paths - merely for the purpose of keeping visitors to definite tracks and so that the wild flowers would lie undisturbed - one resident caretaker, possessed of the right knowledge, with the help of one junior assistant, could successfully maintain a considerable area carpeted with, say, native rose and other boronias, flannel flower, Christmas bells, etc, intermingled with protecting clumps of Christmas bush, waratahs, red bottle-brush, wattles, and Banksias. The possibilities of such a wild garden can hardly be exaggerated. It could not only be one of the great sights of Sydney, but would be the talk of



*Some of the wildflowers in the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden*



every oversea traveller, from all parts of the world. The Sydney sandstone country, while so unpromising from the agriculturist's standpoint, is possessed of the greatest collection of natural wild bush flowers to be found in any area of similar size in the world - I mean to say, the greatest aggregation of prominent flowering species. But, to gaze at many of the hillsides to-day one would hardly think this could have been so. While it is quite hopeless for us to expect to restore this pristine beauty over any large area, there is nothing whatever in a practical way to prevent our establishing the sort of nature park that I have suggested, where, in addition to the massing of a few notable kinds of great charm and beauty, we might readily have a representation, at least of a hundred others.

Such an area as one has in mind can be found to-day in, say, the French's Forest area, Davidson Park, a part of Ku-ring-gai Chase, and perhaps Lindfield Park. There are other places, also, which will suggest themselves to some of our nature lovers and bush walkers. I would strongly emphasise the point, however, that it will not be sufficient for any public body or local authority to merely set aside an area for the purpose with a view to 'leaving nature to herself', as it is often foolishly put. To leave nature to herself in any of our bush districts now, means constant depredation and bushfire. The work must be organised from the beginning, and there must be a resident caretaker. The total cost need not be more than about £600 per annum, as all the necessary advisory work, I can guarantee, will be supplied in an honorary capacity by expert men and women.

This projected wild flower garden would be intensely popular, specially during the main flowering months of spring and early summer. Probably additional protective work would be necessary during that season, but I am confident that we can arrange for such at the peak periods of public interest, without extra cost to the community. I hope earnestly that our people will take up this important matter, of such moment to ourselves and to posterity, without further delay. While we dally the magic carpet of the bush is dissolving before our very eyes.

Source: - *Trove, SMH of Wednesday 6 April 1932, p 15.*

*Chris Edye*

**Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden** at 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives, the Wildflower Garden is one of Sydney's best kept secrets. ●●● *Well worth a visit* ●●●

## St Ives Championship Dog Show

18th March 1950

In 2019 the State Library of NSW completed the digitisation of 9000 negatives taken by PIX Magazine photographers, bringing to life in vivid detail images only previously seen reproduced in half-tones on faded news magazine stock. These are fully searchable online through the Library's catalogue. The project is part of the State Library's Digital Excellence Program, a major initiative supported by the NSW Government.

Thank you to Dick Whitaker for contributing this article and photos from the PIX Magazine collection:



"Even a wet and soggy March day couldn't stop dog lovers turning up at the 23rd annual St Ives Championship Dog Show. Billed as one of the biggest dog shows in the southern hemisphere the event was part of the Royal Karing-gai [sic] Agricultural Society's Show at St Ives, Sydney. The show drew tens of thousands of people over the course of a weekend and on 18 March 1950 PIX Magazine sent one of their photographers to catch the action. Rather than focus the show events, the photographer chose to look behind the scenes. Here the mud and rain provided ample opportunities for capturing candid shots which clearly expressed the relationship between people and their pets."



Being our very own weatherman, Dick adds "A feature of the images is the wet and muddy conditions – common across Sydney at the time. 1950 remains the wettest year on record for Sydney (Observatory Hill) with 2194 mm - although this is under serious challenge in 2022. From January 1st to August 12th 2022, 1966.8 mm has been recorded, so at the time of writing on August 12th, with more than 4 months to go, it is very likely this long-standing record will tumble."

Many more PIX images from the 1950 dog show can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/statelibraryofnsw/albums/72157704266496422/>

In one of the images there is an elevated water tank visible. We don't think it's there anymore, but perhaps at least one of our members will know something about it? Car identification may also be an interesting exercise - although these images are 72 years old, can any car buffs recognise some of those whose rear ends are visible?



You may contact us with your answers at- [editor@khs.org.au](mailto:editor@khs.org.au)

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### TOUR REPORT

*West Of Sydney Harbour Bridge Cruise with the Naval Historical Society of Australia  
Thursday 24th November 2022*

As advised previously, we received an overwhelming response to our request for expressions of interest for this tour. In early September an email, with further details, will be sent



to all who registered their interest. If you wish to join the waiting list for the tour, please contact Yvette at [yreeve@optusnet.com.au](mailto:yreeve@optusnet.com.au) or 0414 249 737.

*(Tour report continued)*

The Society's tour team has had difficulty in putting together the tour program over recent months, partly due to the continuing problem with the COVID pandemic. Encouragingly, it appears that by early 2023, as commentators and Government have started to espouse, the situation for all will be improved. This could very well mean that life may soon be back to a more normal status for our members and friends to consider tours and monthly meetings in a more positive and available manner.

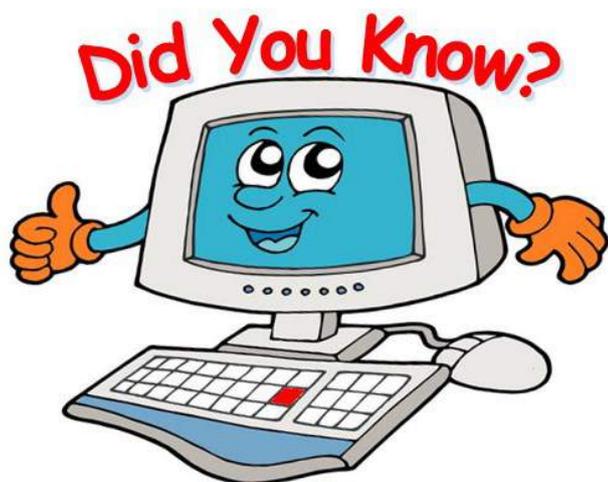
The team has conducted over 70 tours in the last 8 years providing a valued benefit to members and a healthy source of income for KHS.

After 8 years, the team is seeking to encourage the participation of a new organiser/s to carry on the task 'going forward'. The team would help mentor the new organiser/s and hand over useful ideas and records about tours and planning background.

There have been some suggestions that, at least initially, a smaller number of tours could be considered e.g., quarterly. The tour team, Neil, Yvette and Geoff welcome any calls from interested members.

Tour planning pre visits etc are very enjoyable as are the tours themselves. The team would like to thank all those who have participated in our tours for their support in the past.

*Your Tour Team*



**Thanks to the helpful input and participation of several dedicated members and volunteers over the last few months, our new and improved Intranet has now officially launched!**

So, "what's an Intranet" you may ask?  
Good question!

With a familiar appearance just like a web browser, our Intranet provides easy access to over 1000 computer and paper resources in our collection.

Think of our Intranet as a 'catalogue of catalogues' that provides a clickable doorway to our collection.

**So you can experience what a valuable asset it is, we would like to give you a personal tour of our new Intranet, by way of a 30-minute introductory session!**

Sessions will be conducted in our rooms at Gordon on the dates and times listed below. No need to book – just drop in to our rooms on any of the dates below.

#### **Using our Intranet you can:**

- Browse our numerous catalogues, including our Book catalogue
- Get guidance on useful websites for family history and built heritage (property history) research
- Get FREE access to Ancestry's 'Library Edition' and the FamilySearch 'Affiliate Library' collection
- Access KUPEDIA – our very own encyclopaedia of Ku-ring-gai history – not available anywhere else! It's a fully searchable app of every article in our journal *The Historian* we have ever published since June 1972 (50 years – wow!) as well as every article in our publication, *Women of Ku-ring-gai*
- Access over 20,000 photographs in our searchable collection
- Explore the history of the historic Gordon Public School including the Admission Rolls and class photographs
- Access numerous apps containing valuable data from times past such as births, deaths, marriages, convicts, pioneers, properties, cemeteries, immigration...
- And much more!

#### **Sessions will be held on the following dates:**

- ◆ Monday 5th September
- ◆ Monday 12th September
- ◆ Thursday 15th September
- ◆ Monday 19th September

Please note, this is **not** a four week course! You may come along on any of those days for one 30-minute session. We look forward to welcoming you at any time between 10 am and 1 pm on the days above.

If these dates don't suit, do feel free to get in touch with Peter Stehn on 0423 096 609 and he'll be glad to arrange a mutually convenient time.

*Peter Stehn and Ralph Davis*

## Iolanthe – Gordon's First Post Office

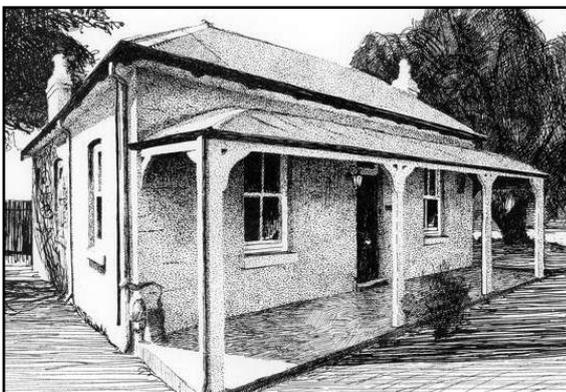
Did you know that the Gordon Post Office is now in its fifth location? In this article, we take a look at the establishment of the first post office in Gordon.

*Iolanthe* is a State Heritage listed building and one of the earliest existing dwellings in Ku-ring-gai. From 1860 to 1894 a post office operated from this family home, playing an important role in the everyday lives of the early residents of the area. Along the Pacific Highway from North Sydney to Pearce's Corner, it is one of the very few remaining original dwellings which once lined the main road north.

The cottage is directly associated with the Pymble and Edwards families – prominent pioneers in the development of the North Shore.

Prior to 1810, New South Wales had no regular postal service, so mail was usually passed on in a co-operative spirit by informal arrangements between transporters, storekeepers and settlers. It was common for early settlers to ride many miles out of their way to deliver neighbours' mail, which had been collected from informal distribution points. The North Shore's mail was carried from Sydney, and later from St Leonards, by residents travelling along the road. Eventually, residents of Lane Cove (the present Gordon area) successfully petitioned the Postal Department for a local post office, and one was established on 1st February 1860 with Mrs Eliza Edwards as Postmistress, initially being paid £12 per annum. Her sureties were neighbours Robert and George MacIntosh, orchardists.

Eliza (1819-1902) was the youngest daughter of North Shore pioneer Robert Pymble. Whilst in Tasmania she married convict David Edwards in 1842. They had two children, James and Elizabeth. Eliza returned to Sydney with her young children in 1849.



*Iolanthe* - sketched by Kenneth McGuire

The post office was conducted from a back room of *Iolanthe*, a modest weatherboard cottage with an iron roof, where Eliza lived with her children.

Eliza has often been written about as 'Elizabeth', but this is incorrect – as noted above, it was actually her daughter who was Elizabeth. This confusion is the reason why it has previously been widely written that Elizabeth became the postmistress at the age of 14 ½. This has been proved wrong – Elizabeth was indeed 14 ½ at the time, but it was her mother who was the postmistress. They both share a headstone in St John's Cemetery, Gordon. It is badly deteriorated, but their names are clearly recorded as "Eliza Edwards ... also Elizabeth, daughter of above".

Situated on what is now 691 Pacific Highway, Gordon, *Iolanthe* still survives in the grounds of Ravenswood School for Girls.



*Iolanthe*

*Pacific Highway (formally Lane Cove Road), Gordon*

A document in the National Archives postal records is a letter to the Post Master General dated 25th January 1879, from a PV Trebeek of Lane Cove River. He drew attention to the fact that inhabitants of Lane Cove 'proper' were subjected to inconvenience through their letters being sent to a post office of the name Lane Cove, but which was actually many miles away. One suggestion had been made that the post office should be renamed 'Laneborough' – but on 1st June 1879 the name was officially changed to Gordon Post Office.

When the post office was first opened, prior to the railway line construction, mail bags were delivered to post offices weekly on horseback by a Michael Fagan. It was customary to leave Sydney at 7 am, deliver mail bags at Gordon, camp there, and then the next day continue onwards with the mail bags to Hornsby and Gosford. After the North Shore line was opened in 1890, these deliveries were made by rail. There was still no letter delivery at this time – the butcher, the baker, or indeed any resident who happened to call into the post office usually delivered letters to the residents. A report by Mrs Edwards in the 1880s said 'from Chatswood to Pearce's

*Corner (Wahroonga) people rode or walked or sent for their mail.'*

It seems that a letter delivery service commenced in the mid-1890s, with messenger Ernest Greenwood doing the work.

In 1885 two brick rooms were added to the front of *Iolanthe*, probably also including the existing verandah structure, giving the cottage its present appearance. Eliza's son was James 'George' Edwards, who became known as 'the father of Killara'. His Day Book notes: '*6 February 1885 bought 11,000 bricks for mothers house at £2.15.0 per 1000. On 18 March Henry Johnson commenced building the extensions to the cottage*'.

In July 1887 Mrs Edwards requested that the sale of money order facilities be granted to her office in view of the expected population increase once the North Shore line opened, since they were situated near the approved site of Gordon Station. This was granted from 3rd January 1888.

In May 1889 a number of ladies from the community met to present a testimonial to '*Mrs and Miss Edwards, in recognition of their services in connection with postal matters at Gordon during the last 30 years*'.

An address was read stating that during the period that Mrs Edwards had been postmistress, '*there had not been a single complaint against the management of the office, and a hope was expressed that she would long be spared to discharge the duties which she had so long and so ably performed. Testimony was also borne to the willing and cheerful assistance always given by Miss Edwards*.' (ie. referring to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, her daughter).

Telegraphic facilities were not available at the post office, so telegrams were sent and received by the Station Master on the railway telephone line. From about June 1894 they were then delivered by a messenger who received 5/- per week, paid monthly. It is uncertain whether this was the same messenger as mentioned above, Ernest Greenwood, but the timeline and duties would suggest that it's very likely.

In 1894 Eliza Edwards resigned due to failing health, at which time her final salary was £27 per annum. She was succeeded by Mrs Elsie Langford on 1st March that year, and the post office continued to be conducted from *Iolanthe*.

When Mrs Langford resigned after only a few months due to the low salary (still £27 per annum) it was decided to move the post office to Gordon Railway Station, and on 2nd October 1894 the Station Master, John Alt, became the new Postmaster.

Eliza Edwards continued to live in the dwelling until her death on 8th November 1902. Her daughter Elizabeth died on 23rd June 1928 at *Iolanthe*, and the cottage continued to be occupied by members of the Edwards family until 1952.

Ravenswood Methodist College purchased the property in 1955. In 1980 proposals to demolish the cottage for tennis courts were considered, but there was a public outcry and an Interim Conservation Order was put on the property on 11th July 1980. This was followed by a Permanent Conservation Order in 1983, and *Iolanthe* was listed on the State Heritage Register on 2nd April 1999.

**Sources:** Post Office files in State Archives; PO Directories 1886-1890; The Evening Standard News 13th May 1889; State heritage Inventory

*Ralph Davis*

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## INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY COURSE

With the September date for the first 'Introduction to Family History Course' fast approaching, planning is well underway. The course will be run at the KHS Research Centre on designated Thursday mornings. Attendees have responded to the pre-course details questionnaire designed to help the course presenters, Allan and Joy Murrin, focus their course programme details.

We are pleased to confirm that a second course is planned to commence in February 2023. If you would like to register your interest in a future course please contact Lorraine Henshaw, the course facilitator at [fhg@khs.org.au](mailto:fhg@khs.org.au) or 0418 221 354 or complete online at [www.khs.org.au/family-history-course](http://www.khs.org.au/family-history-course) where you can also read about what the course will include.

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## ' Tales from the Past '

### Notice

THIS is to Caution all People not to Harbour or Trust ELIZABETH REYNARD, my Wife, as she has thought proper to Elope from me: Any Person Sheltering her will be dealt with according to Law.

H. REYNARD, Baulkham Hills

16 October 1803

# Ku-ring-gai... Then... and Now

by Dick Whitaker



Lindfield centre in 1964 looking northwards. The vehicles on the right side of the road in order are: AP5 Valiant, EH Holden, FE Holden, '48 Bedford truck and Reo bus (parked). Those parked on the other side of the road are: FJ Holden ute and VW Beetle.

Image: RMS archives

The shopping centre has changed a great deal in the last 60 years, although some of the older buildings are still identifiable today. The coloured dots identify buildings common to both images.

Image: Google Street View

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

Send them to [editor@khs.org.au](mailto:editor@khs.org.au) along with their descriptions. If possible, please also tell us where the photos came from, so that we can attribute them to the appropriate photographer or source.



Don't worry – no-one's drowning, *but* we do need some 'life-savers' to dive in and assist with helping to set up our monthly general meetings – there's a range of small tasks, which (you'll be thrilled to hear!) don't require any preparation beforehand, nor any previous experience.

Heck, there's not even any need to commit to doing something every month – assistance on even one or two occasions a year would be very welcome in spreading the load and covering for occasional absences.

Plus – as a bonus – you'll also get to hear wonderful guest speakers!

If you're able to assist or would just like to find out more, please email [khs@khs.org.au](mailto:khs@khs.org.au) *Thank you.*

## KU-RING-GAI ON DISPLAY

### Results of 2021 Census

On August 9 the Council held a briefing presentation on the results of the 2021 census for Ku-ring-gai at Council Chambers. Many surprises result from comparison with the 2016 census results.

The presentation by .id has been placed on Council's website <https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Council/About-Ku-ring-gai/Demographic-profile>

Go, have a look. Be surprised.

*Morrison Hammond*

### Spend more time on your Family History

Yes, but how?

1. Open a new folder on your computer
2. Name it 'Housework'
3. Send it immediately to the Recycle Bin
4. Empty the Recycle Bin
5. Your computer will ask "Are you sure you want to delete 'Housework' permanently?"
6. Answer calmly "Yes" and click the mouse button.

Feel better now?

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER 2022

Saturday 17 : **2pm - General Meeting**

*The Tasman Map*

**Presenter : Ian Burnet**

Thursday 22 : *The Family History course begins*

### OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 15 : **2pm - General Meeting and**

**Annual General Meeting**

*The Holtermann Collection*

**Presenter : Patrick Dodd**

### NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 19 : **2pm - General Meeting**

*Girt Nation*

**Presenter : David Hunt**

Thursday 24 : **Tour - West of the Sydney Harbour**

**Bridge cruise**

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Every Tuesday : The research rooms are open from 10am to 12 noon for built heritage and general enquiries.

Every Friday : The research rooms are open from 10am to 12 noon for family history research.

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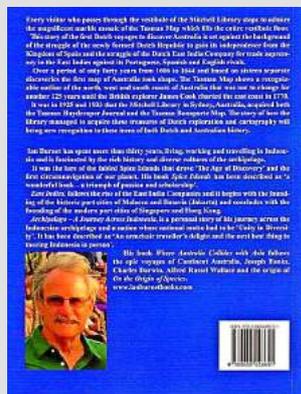
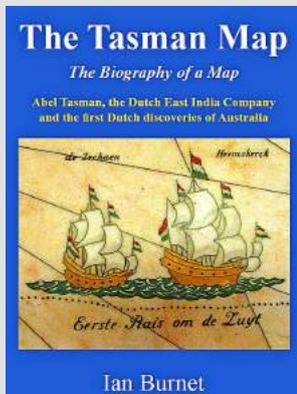
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*Ian Burnet's book on 'The Tasman Map'*

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