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January General Meeting

Most of us tend to look on January as a time to relax with serious business starting again after the Australia Day holiday. With this in mind, our January speaker, retired solicitor Dr Ian Barnett, dealt with the lighter side of Sydney's past by talking of three "Bs".

The first "B" was bees themselves. It seems our native bees were not particularly good in producing honey so early settlers imported European strains. There is some disagreement about the identity of these importers but Reverend Marsden is widely mentioned along with several others. The point is that queen bee descendants of some of those early bees are now being exported back to Europe. It seems their lineage here has been kept undiluted by isolation.

The second "B" was the Frenchman Nicolas Baudin who explored parts of Australia in 1801-1802 armed with a "scientific passport". Governor King apparently suspected Baudin had, what we would call today, a hidden agenda. England and France were at war and the Governor believed there was a little spying afoot. Baudin had with him crewmen who made drawings of what to expect if the French wanted to attack in the future, including installations and a "street directory" of Sydney. Behind the scene, it has been said Baudin advised his superiors that any attack should not be through the Sydney Heads but should be from the rear via Parramatta where the support of disaffected Irish could be sought.

The third "B" was appropriately the ship *Three Bees* that brought convicts to Australia in 1814. Ku-ring-gai has a particular interest in the *Three Bees* because one of the convicts was Richard Archbold whose name is now applied to Archbold Road. The *Three Bees* provided the citizenry with both fear and excitement because it caught fire while in port. Drama came because the ship was well provisioned with gunpowder and sported a number of loaded cannon. It finally sank at the entrance to Sydney Cove (Circular Quay) though no evidence of its remains ever come to light.

Website Update

Our website needs a complete redevelopment to improve the quality and presentation of the information. It has grown over past years but there is a lack of consistency in the 'code' that supports it, making it extremely difficult to update and ensure current information. We have been fortunate to get a professional web site builder to agree to do this work on a significantly reduced fee basis. Nevertheless, the costs are substantial. Your

Coming Meetings

NEXT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 21 March

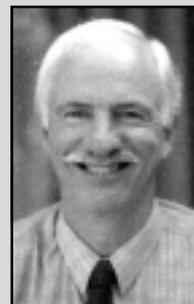
7.45pm – GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker: Richard Lander

Hon Secretary of the

Australian Society of the Lacemakers of Calais

Topic: *The Lacemakers of Calais*



**Supper will be available
Visitors welcome**

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

Saturday 3 March

11am - Members' Research Session

2pm - Family History Meeting

General Reports on activities and events

Electing nominees to the Family History Committee

**Afternoon Tea will be available
Visitors welcome**

committee fully supports this initiative and is doing so by making substantial personal donations to avoid increasing fees or eroding our existing capital. An invitation is extended to any member, who is able to assist in defraying costs, to make a donation and forward a cheque to the Society. Your support in this way would be very much appreciated.

Committee Changes

Don Fifer has taken over as Secretary and replaces Judi Oliver who held the fort temporarily. Also, Sue Dunston has found it necessary to resign from the committee although she will continue in a publicity role for a time. Our thanks are offered to Judi and Sue for the work they have done and to Don for accepting the Secretaryship.

Birthday of “Our Bridge”



The 75th birthday of “Our Bridge” on 19th March is being well publicised. The Bridge obviously had a big impact on Sydney’s growth on the northern side of the Harbour. Kuring-gai has a particular interest in the Bridge because J J C Bradfield, who played such an important role in the development of the Bridge and its

Dr J J C Bradfield approaches, was a Ku-ring-gai resident. Born in Queensland in 1867, he spent the major part of his life in *Kholo*, their home on the corner of 23 Park Avenue and Rosedale Road, Gordon. A Memorial to him is in a small island park on that corner. He and his wife, Edith, raised their family in their Gordon home. One son, Dr Keith (Bill) Bradfield, made a significant donation to help the Society establish the Headmaster’s Museum in the old Gordon Public School which he had attended. His bridge-building father, Dr J J C Bradfield died in 1943 and he and his wife are buried in St Johns cemetery.

As part of the 75th Birthday celebrations the Society has set up a display of Bridge “memorabilia” in the Display cabinets outside our Gordon Research Centre. Thanks to Jo Harris, Helen Davies, Ann Barry and David Wilkins their efforts.

Preservation of our Collection

Opportunities exist to assist with maintaining and preserving our Collection. Come along any Tuesday or Wednesday and we will be sure to find interesting work for you. You will also benefit from learning more about our resources and ‘how to’ preserve and maintain records. Contact either Jennifer Harvey (9489 6390) re Tuesday or Kevin Callinan (9983 1525) re Wednesday. It is intended to run an update course on preservation shortly so we suggest you get in early.

Seniors Week Activities

* The Society will be at St Ives shopping centre Seniors Week event outside Woolworth’s on Thursday 8 March (10am-4pm) with a Local and Family History display.

* We will also be at a special “Living Information Day” on Saturday, 17 March, at which a number of local groups will arrange displays, entertainment, stalls and literature. It will be at the Turrumurra Uniting Church, 11 Gilroy Rd, Turrumurra, from 10am to 4pm.

“History” Coach Tour

Kuring-gai Council has organised a tour of a number of local historic sites and places of interest for Friday, 16 March starting at 9.45am (departing 10am) from the Bus terminal on the western side of Gordon Station and finishing at 3pm. Luncheon will be provided at the Wildflower Garden. There will be a fee of \$20. Bookings are necessary at Council’s offices on 9424 0778. Our Society will be providing commentary.

Quiz - Neighbouring Names

Do you know why several of our neighbouring suburbs have the names they do? Let’s see.

1. *Hornsby*.

(a) because a large rock rising from the ridge dominates the skyline when viewed from the valley

(b) after a convict who became a policeman

(c) after a town in Cornwall

2. *Normanhurst*

(a) after English engineer who put forward the idea of an underground circular railway linking Sydney, its suburbs and the ferries

(b) after a town in Norfolk on the English coast opposite Normandy

(c) after the eldest son of the pioneering Hurst family

3. *Ryde*

(a) after a town on the Isle of Wight

(b) derived from the term “riding” which is a division of land within an area of government and defined for the purposes of administration

(c) after the name of one of the first breweries in Australia

Gordon “Walk”

As part of the National Trust’s Heritage Week, we will be conducting a 10am-1pm heritage “Walk” on Sunday, 11 March in conjunction with Ku-ring-gai Council. It will start outside the Gordon Library and will include the old School, the Society’s facilities, Headmaster’s Office Museum, Council Chambers, the heritage railway station, St Johns Church and cemetery and will finish at Tulkiyan. There will be a \$10 charge. Bookings essential on 9489 6390. Luncheon will be available for purchase at Tulkiyan.

Recent Acquisitions

The following are some of the many additions recently made to our Collection:

MY DEAR MRS MACARTHUR – The Recollections of Emmeline Macarthur (1828/1911). By Jane de Falbie. Kangaroo Press (1988). 128 pages. Indexed.

RASCALS, RUFFIANS AND REBELS OF EARLY AUSTRALIA (Frank Clune). Angus & Robertson (1968/1987). 234 pages.

PEAKS & VALLEYS – An Autobiography (Lloyd Rees). Collins Australia (1985/1989). 280 pages. Indexed.

GEORGIANA (1804-1890) (Brenda Niall) - a biography of Georgiana McCrae, professional painter, diarist, pioneer and grandmother of Hugh McCrae. Melbourne University Press (1994). 346 pages. Indexed. Donated by Virginia Robison.

A HISTORY OF WAGGA WAGGA (Keith Swan –1970). 220 pages. Indexed.

FEDERATION AUSTRALIA (David P Miller). The career and photographs of Charles Kerry (1858-1928). David Ell Press (1981). 128 pages.

THE VOYAGES OF CAPTAIN COOK (Rex and Thea Rienets). Paul Hamlyn (1968/1969). 160 pages. Indexed.

SITES OF WONDROUS TREASURE – the Story of Hill End. National Parks and Wildlife Service (1989). 50 pages. Indexed.

St Ives Records

We are fortunate to have been given the early records of the St Ives Progress Association to add to our records. As is usual, we need to sort them so they can later be searched by researchers. Helping the Society do this would be a pleasant pastime for any member who has a particular interest in St Ives. Spending time at our Gordon Research Centre in the company of kindred souls is enjoyable as well as worthwhile. If you would like to help, a call from you to President Kevin on 9983 1535 would be very welcome.

House Styles in Ku-ring-gai

Ku-ring-gai Library has arranged three talks on Ku-ring-gai House Styles by prominent Sydney architects and heritage consultants. The talks will be in the Library Meeting Room at 7.30pm (for 7.45pm) on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th March. *The three topics will be Federation Arts and Craft Styles; Interwar Housing and Modernism.* A \$5 fee will apply. Bookings should be made with Margaret Phillis at the Library on 9424 0910 (phillis@kmc.nsw.gov.au)

More on the Hickey murder

Last month we mentioned having added to our Collection a booklet in which Thomas Brown puts his views on being charged with the 1913 murder of Sergeant Hickey. We said that Brown was found guilty and was later declared insane. Ours was an abridged version of events because he won an appeal. However, the Crown pursued its case. The eventual upshot was Brown was indeed declared insane and 18 months later released on the understanding he leave the country. He did so but soon returned. It is too complex a story for these pages. We recommend anyone interested should read the Brown booklet and also pages 31/32 of the Brown Family Chronicle 3B. Both are in our Rooms along with other material.

Japanese Visitors

People from all over come to our Gordon Research Centre and many have interesting stories to tell. During February we had two gentlemen from Osaka (Japan) – one a museum curator and the other an archaeologist. It seems they found us through our website. Their quest was to find out more about Rev George Brown (1835-1917) who was famous in his day not just as an outstanding Methodist churchman but also an amateur archaeologist who assembled a superb Collection of Pacific Island artefacts. He was a Gordon resident in his later years and lived in the old home, then known as Kinawanua, on the southern side of St Johns Church. It seems his Collection was bought by the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka in 1999. Its final home had been the subject of debate since as far back as 1918 with the NSW Government and Australian Museum, and many others throughout the world, having expressed interest over the years. Our visitors were absolutely delighted with the information we were able to give them. They reciprocated with information of value to us. One item they gave was a large beautifully printed book they produced to mark the opening of the Collection. Unfortunately, but not at all surprisingly, it is in Japanese, but they will let us have the English version they are now planning.

Member Profile– Hans Bandler



Hans Bandler is seen too rarely at our meetings these days because of health and transport problems but nevertheless still makes an effort to come along once or twice a year. Few current members would know of his remarkable background.

Hans was born in Vienna during the “First” War and, as his parents had separated, was raised by his Aunt Fritzi. He studied engineering and was disturbed in the mid 1930s by the threatening cloud of Nazism gathering over Europe. Early one 1938 May morning he was unexpectedly arrested, threatened by rifle butt, and taken to Dachau Concentration Camp and, later, to the much worse Camp at Buchenwald. War had not been declared and Aunt Fritzi bribed officials to release him provided he left Europe immediately. He did so and arrived in London virtually penniless in 1939 but had some help from friends. In his Vienna days he had met several Australians and this led him to Australia later that year – again virtually penniless. However he did have some doctor friends here who he had met in Vienna.

His Austrian qualifications were not recognised so he enrolled at Sydney Technical College for a degree in Local Government Engineering. He tried to join the AIF but, of course, was not accepted. During and after study he was engaged in several jobs in engineering design. In 1954 he joined the Sydney Water Board. Expanding his knowledge continued to attract him and he undertook a post-graduate course at Macquarie University in environmental studies in 1973 and then obtained a Master of Science degree.

Hans has presented many Technical papers to International conferences throughout the world and recently compiled a booklet titled *Warragamba and Burratorang* for The Oaks Historical Society.

His shattering experiences in Europe, his uprooting from family, friends and culture stirred in him an interest in social issues. Politically, like so many others who detested Fascism, Hans was attracted to student activism while at College and, later, to left wing labour politics and the Peace movement. Even later he became active in *Scientists against Nuclear Arms* and in the *Society for Social Responsibility in Engineering*.

Outside politics, it was nature, the environment, music and film that claimed his non-working time. He was heavily involved in working for and promoting the ABC Youth Concerts, the Sydney Film Society and the Sydney Film Festival. While working as a projectionist for a film on Australian Aborigines, he was impressed by the guest speaker, Faith Mussing, whom he came to see regularly at concerts. She became Faith Bandler when they married in 1952 and has made a significant contribution to Australian history. Hans and Faith have lived at Turrumurra for many years and have a daughter, Lilon Gretl, who is a medical practitioner.

(More about Hans can be found in “*Strauss to Matilda*” – 1988)

History Notes

Echo Point?

When we hear of Echo Point we usually think of The Blue Mountains. Few would realise Ku-ring-gai has its own Echo Point with a pretty little Park and neighbouring marina and restaurant. Our Echo Point is at Middle Harbour on the right-hand side of the road that used to take us down to the old Roseville Bridge and swimming baths.



Echo Farm by Conrad Martens, 1856 (Dixon Library)

We think of the Lane Cove River as the watery highway along which our pioneers came to and from Ku-ring-gai. We invariably overlook the fact that the municipality also has water access both from the north along Cowan Creek and from Middle Harbour on the east. It was by way of Middle Harbour that Samuel Bate arrived as a squatter about 1829.

Samuel was not the run-of-the mill squatter as we understand the term today. He was born in London in 1776, began an Army career, and served five years in India. This ended when he was dismissed by a General Court-Martial for reasons now unknown. Life soon improved for him, however, and he was appointed Deputy Judge Advocate to the Port Phillip Colony. To his dismay he found on arrival in 1806 that he was to be stationed in Hobart. When Samuel, his wife, Sarah, and a very new baby got to Hobart, Sarah immediately disliked it and promptly went back to England. She disappeared from Samuel's life and he married Matilda King in 1810.

Samuel, for his part, found officialdom had not even established Courts in Van Diemen's Land and fell out with the authorities, Governors and all. He became a "very troublesome, ill tempered man" and returned to England himself in 1815. Ten years later he came back to Sydney as Surveyor of Distilleries, a post he held until about 1831 by which time he had become blind.

His interest really lay in silk production and he energetically cultivated mulberry trees. In January 1829 his 18 year-old son, Richard, unsuccessfully asked for about "twenty acres ... a mile and a half down the Middle Harbour" for which he could obtain from his father "orange, walnut, filbert, almond, peach and a variety of English forest trees". The

area was really accessible only by water and totally uninhabited by Europeans though used for a long time by Aborigines. An existing midden testifies this.

It appears the Bates then squatted on the Echo Point site but the Sydney Morning Herald soon records that, by 1831, Samuel was officially renting the 20 acres it described as Mr Bate's farm. In 1839 the ailing Samuel was allowed to purchase it. It is unlikely though that Samuel and Matilda lived there themselves because of his blindness. In 1841 one of their sons, John, is recorded as living there with his family. It seems however that John left Echo Point in 1842 and did not return until the early 1850s after Samuel's death in 1849.

In 1853 John was Clerk of the Select Committees in the NSW Legislative Council. By this time there was surface access of a sort to Echo Point and John would follow a bridle track through Willoughby to Blues Point, cross the harbour by ferry and walk up Macquarie Street to Parliament House. He bought 12 acres at Chatswood to spell his horses where Myers is now.

The Bate family sold Echo Point Farm in 1862 to Henry Milford, a Supreme Court judge but soon after it was bought by John Bate's brother-in-law John Baptist and later by Thomas Moore who lent his name to Moore's Creek. The Temperance Society bought it in 1892 as a home for inebriates and Henry Lawson was a patient there for a time. By 1914 all traces of the old farm had gone apart from some ancient mulberry trees (though a diligent search may find an old step). Persons of a political bent will recall Jeff Bate who married Dame Zara Holt. Jeff was a great-great grandson of Samuel.

If some time you are looking for something pleasant and different to do why not visit Echo Point and dream a little of its isolated but interesting past?

St Swithun's or St Swithun's

The true name of the historic Anglican Church in Telegraph Rd, Pymble, has caused many an argument. Even though it was referred to generally over its early years as St Swithun's it formally and officially became St Swithun's in 1940 and as such became the only St Swithun's in NSW. Marcia Cameron in her book *Living Stones, St Swithuns, Pymble 1901-2001* tells us that it took its name from the 9th century Bishop of Winchester. He gained a reputation for miraculous cures. Legends about him abounded with the most famous being:

St Swithun's Day, if thou dost rain,

For forty days it will remain:

St Swithun's Day, if thou be fair,

For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

St Swithun's Day is 15 July. We must remember that St Swithun was speaking of the northern hemisphere and had not heard of El Nino.

A Square that Isn't

Just over the railway line from our Gordon Research Centre is a street sign that promises to point from Park Avenue to "Garden Square". We normally envisage an urban square as an open area surrounded by structures. A "garden" square sounds quite pleasant. Though the area undoubtedly has appeal as a residential area, one would be disappointed if looking for such a traditional square and finding instead just a normal street. So why "Garden Square"?

It seems that a draughtsman, John Marshall, lived for many years with his family in *Corra Lynn*, 24 Park Avenue. This was, and is, on the corner of what was to be *Garden Square*. His home had considerable land behind it and in the mid 1920s he subdivided his original "square" of land making provision for five new blocks with a new access road. Nothing at all original about that of course. Perhaps, however, he felt that selling his original square of land would be made more attractive to buyers if he promoted it collectively as *Garden Square*. What evolved was that it was the access road which came to be called *Garden Square*. John and his wife Louisa are, by the way, buried at St Johns.

Amy Mack - A Lover of Nature

Many Ku-ring-gai people have an affinity with nature and our surrounding bushland. Too few, however, have these days heard of Amy Mack who published *A Bush Calendar* just on 100 years ago in 1909. It is only a small volume but joyously records the changing seasons around her Lindfield home. It describes the bush and details the many plants and birds which could then be seen so plentifully each successive month. It is a charming publication, which had a number of reprints. As we now approach March the following, for example, is from her thoughts about that month:

"It is the resting time in the bush; the time when birds and flowers and insects, having all produced their share of life and beauty, rest for a while before beginning once again the joyful task allotted them by Mother Nature".

Who was Amy Mack? She was one of thirteen children born to Hans Mack, a Wesleyan minister and his wife Jemima. Hans served his church in many places and it was while in Adelaide in 1876 that Amy was born. She and several of her siblings were destined to make their mark in Sydney. Perhaps the one to attract most fame, and in later life notoriety, was her elder sister Louise Mack who was an author, poet and war correspondent and pursued a bohemian lifestyle.

Both Louise and Amy attended the Sydney Girls High School. The school's Register for that time lists not only their names and those of three other sisters but also that of Ethel Turner who wrote her *Seven Little Australians* while living at Lindfield. The Mack girls and Ethel became associates at school and moved in the same social set. They remained in contact in later years mainly through Louise.

Amy became a journalist and was editor of the Women's Page of the Sydney Morning Herald from 1907 until 1914. Unlike her flamboyant sister, Louise, Amy was of quiet demeanour. In 1908 she married zoologist Launcelot

Harrison and they settled in *Bullimar*, Buckingham St, Killara (1909-1911) and then Trafalgar Avenue, Lindfield (1912-1915). Amy began her publishing life with *A Bush Calendar* (1909), *Bush Days* (1911) and two children's books *Bushland Stories* (1910) and *Scribbling Sue and other Stories* (published in 1915). In her writings there can be no doubt that she drew on Launce's knowledge of birds and plants.

The couple left for England in 1914 where Launce did postgraduate work at Cambridge. In the War he served in Mesopotamia and she worked as publicity officer in London for the Ministry of Munitions. On returning to Sydney they lived at *Amarah*, 4 Burgoyne Street, Gordon, from 1919. In 1922 Launce was appointed Professor of Zoology at Sydney and she published *The Wilderness*. She wrote frequently for the Herald's literary pages. In another sphere of life she was honorary State Secretary of the National Council of Women from 1920 until 1923. The seemingly idyllic partnership between Amy and Launce came to a halt in 1928 when he died suddenly at Narooma at the age of 48 while on holiday.

Amy continued to live at Gordon and though she published occasional articles her enthusiasm waned. She herself died in 1939. Amy and Launcelot had no children.

(The Society has a first edition copy of *A Bush Calendar* in its Collection).
- Max Farley

Different Days - Different Ways

J G Edwards, the "Father of Killara", chronicled his recollections of Ku-ring-gai's early days and published them under the pseudonym of "Jones" in Sydney's Evening News in July 1921. We suggest that those with a liking only for the finer things of life move on to the next item without reading further. Under the heading "Love in the Early Days" Jones writes:

"Pymble and McIntosh the elder, long since deceased, knew Foster and his wife intimately and they told Jones some strange stories about the old folk.

Foster, it appears, one morning found his wife hanging to a beam in his home. He buried her in Sydney, where the Town Hall stands today, and honoured her memory by erecting over her remains, a headstone, suitably and affectionately inscribed. After some delay he took to himself another wife, who, after living with him some time died. Foster took his horse and cart to Sydney and brought home the tombstone which marked the spot where rested his first wife. The stone was erected over the grave of wife No 2, who was interred in the paddock at the rear of the Green Gate. After mourning his loss sufficiently, he committed suicide, and was laid to rest with his later wife. A few years ago the late Mr Waterhouse brought the old stone up and placed it besides the blacksmith's shop, opposite Abbotsholme, lately removed, and probably the stone or remains are on adjoining land".

(The thought occurs that, as there seems no real evidence, Messrs Pymble and McIntosh, may have told the young Jones a fanciful story).

Family Matters

3 February Family History Meetings

11am Discussion Session.

About 24 members attended the 11am session led by Jo Harris. This featured a CD "Convictions - Arrivals and Departures 1788-1968"; an "1848-1879 Immigrants and Relatives" database and "Unassisted Arrivals 1842-1856". It was emphasized that a Memory Stick at home can be used to back up, store and transfer information.

2pm General Meeting.

This was attended by some 55 members and included:

Coming Events. Information on the following planned and suggested events – a Session on Powerpoint; a new 8-week family history course; a coming visit to State Archives; the proposed annual Family History Award; a visit to Ryde (including visiting Field of Mars cemetery) probably on a Sunday in mid May and the continuation of the project of photographing graves at St John's cemetery.

Books. Almost 50 books (some donated) were accessioned in the last month including: *These Are the Names* - biographies of every Jewish person who came to Australia 1788-1850; *Gift of God, Friend of Man* - about timber industry; *Betty Archdale*; a *Shipwreck Atlas* and *A Bush Calendar* by Amy Mack.

Australian Family Tree Connections. Recent issues had touched on the Wacey family of Wahroonga and Roseville; an exhibition about the Female Immigration Depot at Hyde Park Barracks and several recommended websites: www.dnzb.gov.nz - over 3,000 NZ biographies; <http://measuringworth.com/> - calculating today's value of yesterday's money; www.ancestorsonboard.com - departures and arrivals 1890-1899; <http://academic-genealogy.com/> - connects with billions of primary or secondary family history and records.

Virus Protection. AVG can be downloaded from the internet (no charge).

BDM NSW Registry Updates. Births to 1906, deaths to 1976, marriages to 1956.

GOONS. The Guild of One Name Studies was described.

Parramatta Heritage Centre. The Council-run Church St Centre has paid staff and is open 10am-5pm daily (8pm Thursdays).

Volunteers. Ann Barry said there is always a need for more volunteers as there are lots of different tasks. It is usually a case of "learn on the job". Kevin Callinan said this included transcribing records of the St Ives Progress Association (some could be done at home), upgrading the catalogue, and working on the records preservation project.

Shipping. Stella Green mentioned a good shipping website, www.theshipslist.com. She also reminded members to enter into the Members' Interests register the names of ships that brought their ancestors.

Chatswood District Registrar. Stella showed photo of her grandmother, Elizabeth Emily Stuart, who had been District Registrar in the early 1900s. Her name would be on many local certificates.

Guest Speaker Dr Robert Robins outlined the story of his mother's Rhodes family, who were the first settlers at Jerusalem Bay, 2km east of Cowan railway station. Bob's grandfather, George Rhodes, was a boat-builder and boat-hirer. He married Agnes and they had 4 girls and one boy. Ku-ring-gai Chase was gazetted in 1894 after lobbying by Eccleston Du Faur. In 1901 Rhodes was permitted to lease a section of Jerusalem Bay and built his first house. A second one came around 1922. Access is via the Great North Walk and by boat. Bob showed us pre-1910 postcards of the Bay and later photos of steamers on day visits. A 1997 aerial photo shows no structures left.

A vote of thanks and gift was presented to Bob by Ken Dunstan. The raffle was won by Jeanette Rennie who chose "Monuments and Memorials".

Sessions on Family Tree Maker

January Session - There is no doubt about the popularity of the one-day Training Sessions run by Jo Harris, our Vice President and Leader of the Family History group. On 19 January, 36 members attended another special "one-off" session on how to get the best results from the widely used Family Tree Maker genealogy computer program.

Next Session 12 March - The next one-day Training Session on using the Family Tree Maker efficiently will be in our Gordon Research Centre at 10.30am on Monday 12 March. Please contact Jo on 9489 4393 to book. There will be a nominal fee of \$5 per member (\$10 for non-members to cover costs).

New SAG Website

The Society of Australian Genealogists is not yet operating at its new 379 Kent St address as we write but has taken its enforced partial "lay-off" to revise its web site – www.sag.org.au. It seems quite friendly and informative and might be worthwhile having a look at it.

Rules for Passengers

Our regular contributor, Stella Green, found this on her favourite website *TheShipsList*. The Rules applied to fare-paying passengers on the SS "Great Britain" which made numerous voyages to Australia from the 1850s.

Built Heritage

Meals & Bedtime

1. Every passenger to rise at 7am unless otherwise permitted by the SURGEON.
2. Breakfast from 8 to 9am, Dinner at 1pm, Supper at 6pm.
3. Passengers to be in their beds at 10pm.

Fires & Lights

4. Fires to be lighted by the Passenger's Cook at 7am & kept alight by him till 7pm then to be extinguished, unless otherwise directed by the MASTER, or required for the use of the sick.
5. Three Safety Lamps to be lit at dusk; one to be kept burning all night in the main hatchway, the two others may be extinguished at 10pm.
6. No naked lights allowed at any time, or on any account.

Cleaning berths etc.

7. The Passengers, when dressed, to roll up their beds, to sweep the decks, (including the space under the bottom of the berths) & to throw the dirt overboard.
8. Breakfast not to commence till this is done.
9. The sweepers for the day to be taken in rotation from the males above 14, in the proportion of five for every one hundred passengers.
10. Duties of the sweeper to be to clean the Ladders, Hospital & Dining Rooms, to sweep after every meal, & to dryholystone {a soft stone for scrubbing decks} and scrape them after breakfast.
11. But the occupant of each berth to see his own berth is well brushed out; and single women are to keep their own compartment clean.
12. The beds to be well shaken and aired on deck.
13. Mondays and Tuesdays are appointed washing days, but no clothes are to be washed or dried between decks.
14. The Coppers & Cooking Vessels to be cleaned every day.

Ventilation

15. The Scuttles and Stern Ports to be kept open (weather permitting) from 7am to 10pm and the Hatches at all times.
16. On Sunday the Passengers to muster at 10am when they will be expected to appear in clean and decent apparel. The day to be observed as religiously as circumstances will admit.

Miscellaneous

17. No Spirits or Gunpowder to be brought on board by any passenger. Any that may be discovered will be taken into custody of the Master till the expiration of the voyage.
18. No loose straw allowed below.
19. All gambling, fighting, riotous behaviour or quarrelsome behaviour, swearing & violent language to be at once put a stop to. Swords and other offensive weapons, as soon as the passengers embark, to be placed in the custody of the Master.
20. No sailors to remain on the passenger deck among the passengers except on duty.
21. No passenger to go to the Ship's Cookhouse without special permission from the Master, nor to remain in the forecabin among the sailors on any account.

- BY ORDER OF THE MASTER



"Glenwood" 134-8 Eastern Road, Wahroonga

Many people have inquired about the neglected looking historic house that is sited atop a rather large mound of dirt at the busy intersection of Burns and Eastern roads. The Arts and Crafts style Federation house is now clearly visible due to the clearing of a large number of trees from the site. The house, Glenwood, itself has quite an interesting history. The original lot of land containing over 6 acres was part of the Vanceville Estate, and was purchased in 1907 by George and Mary Jane Wright. Arthur Henry Wright, recorded as an Architect and listed on the title deeds may have designed the house, which was constructed in c.1910. The property was subdivided into fifteen lots and sold in the late 1920s. The Patrician Brothers bought Lots 13, 14, and 15 in 1929. These lots contained an area of two and a half acres and Glenwood which they used as their new formation house. They called the property Mt St Joseph.

In 1934 the Brothers purchased the adjacent block of land fronting Burns Road, containing two and a half acres to build extensions to accommodate the growing numbers of young boys entering Mt St Joseph. A large two-storey building designed by Mr Doug Gorman was erected in 1935. This new addition included a spacious chapel, classrooms, and large dormitory. It was amazing that this building was constructed during the Depression years. Brother Paul O'Connor recalled "...the poorest house was Wahroonga, where the Brothers and the Juniors endured Spartan conditions, at one period having butter only on Sundays".

As attitudes to religious vocations changed the use of Mt St Joseph took on a different shape. In the 1970s boys were encouraged to complete their school education at their own schools and then to begin their training with the Brothers. By the late 1980s strategies changed again and Wahroonga ceased being used as a house of formation and became a retreat centre. The hall was used for adult education and local schools and other community groups utilised the playing fields. The property was then occupied by caretakers until sold in 2003. Since then all the structures except Glenwood have been demolished and the land subdivided in 17 house sites.

- Jennifer Harvey

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New Members

We are pleased indeed to welcome the following new members:

Robert and Yvonne Allen (Gordon), Sue Bulbrook (Pymble), Carolyn Darby (Gordon), John and Margaret Eoler (West Pennant Hills), Athol Higgins (Pymble), Lorraine Swalwell (St Ives), Penelope Symes (Thornleigh) and Margaret Williams (West Pymble).

We know they will enjoy their time with the Society and find membership will open the door to many friends and activities of interest.

Quiz Answers

1 (b). Samuel Horne was transported for life, arriving here in 1817 aged 19. He received a Full Pardon for his role in apprehending two bushrangers in 1830, killing one, and later became Chief Constable at Patrick's Plains. In this action he had been accompanied by Chief Constable John Thorn (Thornleigh). It should be mentioned that the site of the present Normanhurst had earlier been called Hornsby. The name "Hornsby", at its present location, was transferred and then applied to what had been called "Jack's Island".

2 (a). Norman Selfe (1839-1911) was born in England and came to Australia in 1855. His engineering involvements were many, and he was responsible for Technical Education being taught at the Sydney School of Arts. In his later years he lived on Pennant Hills Road in what was to be Normanhurst.

3 (a). The first discovered reference to the name Ryde was in an 1841 subdivision *Plan of the village of Ryde and Kissling Point*. Ryde on the Isle of Wight had been the home of the Reverend George Turner's wife, Mary. Turner St in the subdivision carried his own family name.

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 from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the first Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

Diary Dates

Fri 23 Feb	10.15am. Six week course on local history/heritage
Sat 3 Mar	Family History 11am Members Discussion 2pm General Meeting and election
Thu 8 Mar	10am - St Ives Seniors Week event
Sun 11 Mar	10am - Gordon "Walk"
Mon 12 Mar	10.30pm - Family Tree Maker Session
Fri 16 Mar	9.45am Bus tour (Council and KHS)
Sat 17 Mar	10am - Turramurra "Living Information Day"
Wed 21 Mar	7.45pm - KHS General Meeting - <i>The Lacemakers of Calais</i>
Sat 7 Apr	Family History 11am Members Discussion 2pm General Meeting (Speaker Ian Palmer)
Wed 18 Apr	7.45pm - KHS General Meeting - <i>The History of Coasters' Retreat</i>

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