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18 April Meeting

As is the custom, President Kevin Callinan opened the meeting and reported on a number of items currently being considered by the Society. In particular, he mentioned participation of the Society in the coming Anzac Day "Ignite the Flame" activities at St Ives, planning for our Oral History program, the photographing of headstones at St John's, progress on preservation of our Collection and the War memorabilia cabinet in the hallway. This was followed by a report from Jo Harris on the activities of the Family History members and coming training programs on computers and aspects of family history. Helen Davies then reported that *Tulkiyan* now appeared on Council's website.

Guest Speaker. Unfortunately Jim Macken our intended guest speaker, who was to have spoken on *Coasters Retreat*, had cancelled at the last minute because of illness. Instead, **Past President Max Farley** was invited to speak on the *Search Ku-ring-gai* database of local history information available in the Society's Rooms.

Before referring to *Search Ku-ring-gai*, Max spoke briefly about *Coasters Retreat* which is in Pittwater opposite Palm Beach. He said it played a very important role in the very early days of the colony by offering haven and a gathering place for the convoys of the many small and rather unseaworthy vessels that transported food and supplies between the food-growing districts of the Lower Hawkesbury and Sydney. It had been an unruly place and harboured numbers of escaped convicts, and convicts who had served their time, whose regard for the law was minimal.

In his opening comments on *Search Ku-ring-gai*, Max said though the Index to *THE HISTORIAN* continued to be very useful, there were now so many books, documents, CDs, databases and other source material in the Society's Rooms that it was increasingly difficult to locate information about specific people and events. *Search Ku-ring-gai* allowed researchers to enter the name of an individual or a keyword and, with luck, discover not only facts about that individual or the subject of that keyword but also, most importantly, a number of sources that could be pursued for more information.

Max said that *Search Ku-ring-gai* could never contain reference to all the people and events that constitute Ku-ring-gai's history. It is an ongoing project with more information constantly being added and earlier content amended and updated. He also said that by its very nature it

Coming Meetings

NEXT SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING (Gordon Library Meeting Room)

Saturday 16 June

12.30pm: Special luncheon for Volunteers

2pm – GENERAL MEETING Volunteers

The opportunity will be taken to "recognise" our many Volunteers whose efforts contribute so much to the success of the Society

Guest Speaker: *Dr Bronwyn Hanna*

Topic: *Early Women Architects of NSW*

(There were over 200 women architects practising in NSW before 1960, many of them living and working in Ku-ring-gai)



Marion Mahony Griffin

**Afternoon tea will be available
Visitors welcome**

NEXT FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

Saturday 2 June

11am - Members' Research Session

2pm - Family History Meeting

General Business – Reports and activities

Guest Speaker: *John Jewell*

Topic: *Memory Banks*

(John will tell of the problems and pitfalls he struck when researching his family – a family that has been involved in banking)

Afternoon tea will be available

contained conflicting information even if only because sources frequently presented different information on the one topic. It was not *Search Ku-ring-gai's* role to resolve those conflicts but merely to provide researchers with basic information and with leads and sources they could follow through themselves.

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Max then gave several examples of how useful *Search Ku-ring-gai* had been in researching with a view to writing articles, in finding some basic facts about houses and streets and in obtaining information about early residents and their families. In closing, he pointed out that it was necessary to routinely update the means used to store electronic information in order to keep pace with changing technology. Problems currently being encountered as a result of Microsoft's new VISTA operating system demonstrated the necessity for this to be done. If it were not, much of our current digital information would become inaccessible to general users and useless. He contrasted this with surviving copies of the Gutenberg Bible that were printed at the time Columbus was exploring the New World.

President Kevin Callinan thanked Max for his talk and for the work he had done in compiling the *Search Ku-ring-gai* database.

Heritage Course Report

A number of members have been beavering away over the last couple of months delving into the heritage of a number of homes on the eastern side of Gordon around Nelson and Edward Streets. This project has been part of the Course the Society has been conducting into researching the built heritage of Ku-ring-gai. The program has been orchestrated by Jennifer Harvey with helpers including Kathie Rieth and Ann Barry.

A number of the "students" presented their results to the group on Tuesday, 8 May and it was amazing how much historical information had been gleaned about the homes, their past owners and occupiers. Quite a few of those past owners had played an important role in shaping the history of our area.

In a number of cases contact had been made with the present owners who had willingly supplied such information as they might have had and welcomed the many extra facts the researchers had gleaned. Without exception they valued the new information about the history of their homes. It is expected that, in time, most of this information will find its way into the Society's records.

It is to be hoped that further courses along these lines will be arranged.

Participate, Contribute, Learn and Enjoy

A active and expanding Society such as ours always has much to do. There are plenty of opportunities for members to join in, to learn and to have pleasure in doing so. Just some of the special projects now in hand are:

- to become part of the oral history team we are putting together and training
- to develop and apply digital camera skills photographing headstones at St John's (contact Jo Harris – 9489 4393)
- to "learn by doing" when working with the team preserving our historical records
- to gain knowledge and experience by joining those scanning our large photo Collection
- to work in the Rooms or at home transferring information

to various databases.

- to type up old handwritten documents into MS Word files to make their content more easily read by researchers.

President Kevin Callinan would welcome calls on 9983 1525 – or generally ask a committee member.

St Ives Festival on the Green

The annual Festival on the St Ives Village Green will be on Sunday 17 June. This year the Society has obtained a special tent of its own which will be well stocked with information on Ku-ring-gai's history and its built heritage along with family history research resources. So why not call in and see us?

Tulkiyan on Council Website

It is pleasing to see that Council has now added information on the Heritage home, *Tulkiyan*, to its website. Though Council, and not the Society, is responsible for its management we retain a big interest in its welfare. It was built and owned throughout by the Donaldson family who were very active within our Society, and a number of our members give their time to it as volunteers.

Anzac Day Celebrations

President Kevin Callinan and Vice President Jo Harris represented the Society at *Anzac Day Ignite the Flame Celebrations* at St Ives on Anzac Day. A special feature of the Society's presentation was a listing of all those servicemen and women who served Australia in wartime and whose names appear on Honour Rolls within the municipality. On the previous Sunday, 22 April, Jo Harris had earlier paid homage to our servicemen and women by giving the Commemorative Address to members and guests of the Roseville RSL.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

A Special luncheon!

All our volunteers are invited to an informal, but special, luncheon on Saturday 16 June in our Rooms at 12.30pm. This will be followed by our regular General Meeting at which each will be formally "recognised" and thanked.

An RSVP by Wednesday 13 June would be appreciated. Preferably, by calling in personally or by phone to the Rooms during Opening Hours – see the Back Page. Or email Ann Barry on a.barry@optusnet.com.au

Turrumurra Memorial Park

Those visiting Turrumurra Memorial Park in Eastern Road will almost certainly have noticed the entry gates and the many names inscribed on the columns recording those who served in World War I. Our long-time member, David R V Wood of Turrumurra, has recently published a small book that lists all those whose names appear together with those from WWII on the memorial at St James', Turrumurra, with brief details of each. It was so popular that it sold out within days though another printing is in the pipeline (it may even have been completed before you read this). Within Ku-ring-gai circles, David would be known as the Honorary Editor of *St John's Wahroonga – The First 100 Years 1898-1998*.

Support for our Website

The major recasting of our website is progressing well and is being greatly helped by a number of donations. To those we thanked last issue we can now happily add Sue Dunston and Jennifer Harvey.

Quiz

1. We suspect we will regret asking this question but if you have any second cousins are they:
 - (a) persons with the same four grandparents as you?
 - (b) persons married to your first cousins?
 - (c) the children of persons with the same four grandparents as you?
 - (d) persons with whom you share all grandparents but not all the same great grandparents?
2. Our first question may have been a little hard so we are making up with a couple of easy ones.
 - (i) What does "Killara" mean?
 - (a) "a place of trees" (b) "always there" (c) "peaceful"
 - (ii) What does "Wahroonga" mean?
 - (a) "our home" (b) "a place of trees" (c) "stop here"

Recent Acquisitions

The Jenkins Road (D K Muir – 1994). Convict James Jenkins arrived in 1802 with his convict brother, William. His various homes and land included Sydney Town, Roseville and Manly Warringah. 22 pages. Donated by Kathie Rieth.

A History of Solicitors in NSW (J M Bennett 1984). Published by Legal Books Pty Ltd. 450 pages. Indexed.

Valley of the Macleay (Marie H Neill – 1972). Wentworth Books. 104 pages. Indexed.

GRAMMAR – A History of the Sydney Grammar School 1819-1988 (Clifford Turney). Allen & Unwin (1989). 490 pages. Indexed.

KNOX – A History of Knox Grammar School (1924-1974). (Bruce Mansfield in association with Fay Richardson). 1974. 185 pages. Indexed.

100 Years of Field of Mars Reserve (Rod Wallace). Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society (1987). 36 pages.

Member Profile

Doug Milne



Our Treasurer, Dr Doug Milne, was born in Goulburn NSW into a pioneering family. His great grandmother, who dominated the family until he was 14, was described in her obituary as "The Sarah Hordern of Goulburn" having built a country department store from the millinery shop she opened when she was widowed in 1871. As a teenager he moved with his parents to Mosman where he rapidly developed a love of sailing, mainly ocean racing and cruising. He sailed in four of the early Sydney to Hobart races, most likely the youngest ever to do so, and winning 3rd place one year. These days he sails a 38 foot catamaran with his son on Lake Macquarie.

He also pursued a love of music with a three year scholarship to Sydney Conservatorium. All this time he was apprenticed to the electrical trade and finally realising that he would make a better engineer than musician he enrolled in the electrical engineering diploma course at Sydney Technical College. Then, deciding that he needed a government job "where I could have a 'bludge' while I was studying", he joined the CSIRO Radiophysics Laboratory as an electronics technician. It was anything but a *bludge* though and he rose rapidly through the ranks to Senior Principle Research Scientist, aided by an honours degree in physics and mathematics (UNSW), a research scholarship to the ANU (MSc in astrophysics) and the fairly rare Doctorate in Science (DSc) for his pioneering work in Australia and USA on supernovae (stars that explode). He retired in 1995 and continued as an Honorary CSIRO Fellow at the Australia Telescope National Facility for a further ten years. He was elected Honorary Fellow of the Astronomical Society of Australia (ASA), a life member of the International Astronomical Union and has published some 150 scientific papers and two books.

Doug always had an interest in history and with expectations of continuing research and writing, he joined KHS in April 1996. He had been treasurer of the ASA for 20 years so it seemed natural that he should fill the treasurer's job in our society, and he has done that for the past 10 years. Although with little time for historical research he has published two pieces in the *Historian* and always hopes to finish his research on the explorer Francis Barralier. Doug's other activities are with the University of the Third Age (U3A) where he is immediate past president of the Upper North Region, a member of the Sydney U3A central management committee and teaches various science courses. Doug hopes to return to his other long-time love, bushwalking, when he gets a knee replacement in this coming June. He is recently widowed with five children, two stepchildren and six grandchildren.

History Notes

Eden Herschel Babbage (1844-1924)



E H Babbage
(The Father of Roseville)

Most Ku-ring-gai people know Babbage as the road leading down to the old Roseville Bridge but not so many would know of the man whose name it carries. We were recently asked by a local newspaper for a story with a connection with the month of May. It was to appear in its May issue and we chose Roseville's Eden Herschel Babbage as a suitable candidate.

Eden Babbage's link to the month of May is simply that he was born on the eighth day of that month. This event took place in Genoa in 1844 but his interest to us extends way beyond that. His antecedents alone are of significance. His grandfather was Charles Babbage, a Cambridge Professor of Mathematics and a philosopher who had outstanding mechanical talents as well. He cemented his place in history by conceiving and designing a "difference engine" with 25000 parts which was the forerunner, believe it or not, of today's computers. He is highly respected by computer historians. His machine was not actually constructed until 1989-1991 but proved to be as effective as modern pocket calculators. Sir John Herschel, a renowned astronomer, scientist, photographer and mathematician was a close friend and colleague. Charles chose to call his eldest son Benjamin Herschel Babbage. In turn, Benjamin passed the name Herschel on to his own son Eden Herschel Babbage.

Why was Eden Babbage born in Genoa? It came about because his father, Benjamin, was an engineer, scientist and explorer who gained wide experience in constructing railways in England and overseas. One of his assignments had taken him to Italy where Eden was born. In 1852 the South Australian government brought Benjamin to that State to do a "Geological and Mineralogical Survey" where, amongst other projects, he helped build the railway from the Adelaide city to its port. He followed this with extensive explorations in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Eden arrived in South Australia with his family as an eight-year-old. On leaving St Peters College he chose banking as his career and was with the Bank of Australasia in South Australia, Victoria, New Zealand, Tasmania and then Sydney. He settled in Sydney at Roseville where he built his home, *Rawhiti*, in Clanville Road in c1896 and was to live there until he died in 1924. His New Zealand experience clearly caused him to have nearby streets named *Rawhiti*, *Waimea*, and *Kelburn*, all of which are places in New Zealand.

During his Roseville years he became deeply embroiled in community affairs as a founder and active member of the

Roseville Progress Association. In 1896 the whole of Ku-ring-gai was entering a period of growth and there was much to be done following the 1890 opening of the railway. Households had no gas, electricity, town water, garbage collection or sewerage services. Local amenities had to be developed, streets had to be built and, even then, attention was given to beautification including tree plantings. Ku-ring-gai Council was not established until 1906 and in those early days these many community tasks were carried out or organised by local people themselves or in association with State Government authorities. There was a lot of planning and negotiation to be done and Babbage and the Progress Association were heavily involved.

It is, however, for the pivotal role Babbage played in developing Roseville Chase that we owe him the most appreciation. The Chase is an area of 100 acres of treed hillside stretching down to Middle Harbour in the vicinity of Roseville Bridge. It was Babbage who took the early steps to have the land dedicated for public use, who dreamt of its preservation and development, who devoted himself to nurturing its natural beauty and making it more "user friendly" by fashioning walking tracks and pathways. A monolith in his honour stands in a park located between the busy Warringah Road leading down to the bridge and the old Babbage Road.

The description of him by his contemporaries as *The Father of Roseville* was well merited.

- Max Farley

Bradfield's Changing Fortunes

Recently an enquiry was received from a country resident who grew up in the 1940s and 1950s in West Lindfield. The question was: "When were the British migrants housed there?". Past President Michael MacCabe wrote a story about the history of this area in *THE HISTORIAN* of October 1990. Further comments from Michael are as follow:

"Bradfield" was the name given to the proposed suburb which C Bowes Thistlethwayte tried, unsuccessfully, to establish in 1924. The gazetted suburb stretched along the Lane Cove River from Fullers Bridge to a line parallel with Yarrara Road, covering most of the area from present West Lindfield to West Pymble.

The World Scouts' Jamboree, celebrating Australia's 150th Anniversary, was held from 29th December, 1938 until 9th January, 1939 in the West Lindfield section of Bradfield. In May, 1940, the Royal Australian Air Force took over the areas for the basic training of recruits and as the Embarkation Depot for most of their personnel going overseas. In November, 1941, it became RAAF Station, Bradfield Park and occupied

both sides of Bradfield Road. The RAAF Station closed in late 1946.

Following the end of the War, the need for housing was acute, especially for returned service personnel with young families. The NSW Housing Commission took over a number of military camps to provide emergency housing – Bradfield was one of these.

However, there was also a shortage of teachers and other specialists and the NSW Government employed people in the UK to come to NSW. Some of these early post-war migrants were accommodated in the Housing Commission huts, with up to three families per hut.

In 1949, the Ten Pound (Sterling) assisted British Migration Scheme was inaugurated and about a quarter of the RAAF site was taken over by Commonwealth Hostels Ltd to house those sent there. The migrants were provided with family sleeping quarters and had communal meals, washing and toilet facilities.

The Housing Commission area was closed in the early 1960s and the buildings demolished. The Hostel closed in late 1971. The British moved out from 1967 to self-catering accommodation and migrants from South America were housed there.

The CSIRO took over the whole of the ex-Air Force site and commenced building the National Standards Laboratory in 1973. It opened in 1977. The Migrant Centre was demolished, and the land left unused. In the late 1990s it was decided to release that land for housing, asbestos was removed from the site and, in 2005, 29 blocks of land were sold at an average price of just under \$1,000,000 each. Now a total of 44 housing blocks, plus recreation areas, cover most of the old Air Force site where at one stage 5000 people were living.

- Michael MacCabe

“Lovers Jump”

A Wahroonga resident who had lived in Turrumurra in the 1940s as a child, recently wrote to us expressing concern that what she knew as *Lovers Leap* (Creek) on Burns Road just north of Bobbin Head Road was now called *Lovers Jump* Creek. She felt the word *Leap* was preferable and should be “reintroduced”. Unfortunately, though the term *Lovers Leap* may not have been uncommon in everyday parlance, there seems no record of it ever being the recognised name. Council records and Directories over many years show *Jump*. As far back as 23 December, 1901, the *Pymble News* wrote in praise of the beauty of *Lovers Jump* and told its readers how to find it. Their article said the term “jump” was thought to be a corruption of “leap” which was a common English name for a small (water)fall. Realistically, *Lovers Jump*, having been used for over 100 years is unlikely ever to be changed. Indeed there are those who would take the view that *Lovers Jump* has been in our history for so long it should be left well alone. The origin of the descriptive term “lovers” is quite unknown though there was a theory, completely without proof, that a jilted swain suicided there by jumping off the rocks into the water a few feet below.

A Meditating Monk

The Weekend Edition of the Sydney Morning Herald of 28-29 April had a photo of a Benedictine Monk, Father Laurence Freeman, enjoying a quiet moment in Sydney’s St James’ Church in King Street. Father Freeman was in Australia to introduce children to the practice of meditation. What particularly caught the eye in the photograph was the brightly coloured mural in the background. This seemed in strange contrast with the colours one normally associates with the interiors of our older churches. Yet his setting was particularly appropriate because he was seated in the Childrens Chapel in the crypt of the Church. The mural combines religious motifs with scenes of children enjoying happy outdoor times on Sydney Harbour and has a Turrumurra connection.

The mural was painted in 1929 by artists known as the *Turrumurra Wall Painters*. The group was formed by poet and writer Ethel Anderson who was born in England of Sydney parents in 1883 and married a British Army Officer. She lived in India, then England, and settled in Turrumurra in 1924. Her husband was private secretary to several NSW Governors.

When in England, Ethel attended drawing classes and exhibited with a group of modern painters. On returning to Australia she found the art world well behind that of overseas and formed the *Turrumurra Wall Painters* in 1927 in an attempt to address this. The group was based at her Turrumurra home and she sought the involvement of professional artists of her acquaintance as well as local residents not attracted to the usual social amusements of the times. The professional artists included Roy de Maistre, Roland Wakelin and Grace Cossington Smith. To list all the members of the group would be impossible because of its fluid and informal nature. Apart from the professionals there were Ethel’s own daughter (the author Bethia Foott), Jean and Gwen Ramsay, Nell Badham-Jackson, Nancy Campbell, Betty Linder, Stephen Scheling and a number of art students and amateurs. Some participated regularly, others from time to time on specific projects. Few are recognised names today.

As with the membership, there is no complete record of the work carried out by the group nor what survives. The Childrens Chapel, restored, is at St James’ for all to see. Other works included a mural on a brick wall at Turrumurra College and at least eight murals, often for churches, for locations as far afield as Bunbury in Western Australia, Scone and New Guinea. These latter projects were produced on canvas, rolled up and sent away.

Though the Childrens Chapel is perhaps the only surviving physical evidence of the *Turrumurra Wall Painters*, it was the group’s contribution to a wider appreciation of modern art that made it so valuable in retrospect. Beyond even this, it also offered an opportunity to artists, both professional and amateur, to meet regularly, to learn and to give encouragement to each other at a time when such encouragement was needed in Australia’s otherwise moribund art scene.

Family Matters

5 May Meeting

11am Session. Member Peter Stehn gave the 25 members present a very informative, well prepared and entertaining presentation on German research. He included a good “potted history” of Germany from pre-medieval times and provided a handout sheet of references and resources. Peter explained the three main ways to conduct family history research of German records with practical illustrations from his own experiences in researching his own family. He said there was a booklet on German research genealogy which could be downloaded from the Latter Day Saints website which was available in our Rooms and on the Society’s “du Faur” computer.

In his talk Peter conveyed a great deal of information and mentioned some of the many complexities that could be expected. These included the confusion that arose because, over the centuries, Germany had consisted of many separate principalities, the boundaries of which were subject to continuing change as, indeed, were those of Germany itself. The gradual move from the Julian to Gregorian calendar introduced many problems to challenge the researcher. For a time, too, some areas adopted a separate French Republican calendar. Peter said that emigration really increased after the 1848 revolution with most emigrants going to the Americas. All in all an enthralling talk.

2pm General Meeting.

This was attended by 35 members and chaired by Jo Harris who drew attention to the following matters:

A Coming event:

Monday 18 June, 10.30am, session on computers. Bookings could still be made.

Reminders:

- * The Murrin transcript service continues to be accessed by members through Jo.
- * Publications of other societies are held in our rooms and worth reading.
- * Volunteer digital photographers are being sought to photograph headstones at St Johns Cemetery, Gordon. If needed, helpful instructions can be given.

Anzac Day:

- The Society had a display at St Ives Village Green including records of war memorials. Some new members were recruited and books sold.
- David Wood’s book of biographies of men whose names are on the Turrumurra Memorial Gates was launched. The first printing sold out but another is coming.
- Jo read an address she gave on Anzac Sunday, 22 April, at the Roseville Memorial Club about a Scottish soldier who married her mother in a hospital bedside ceremony and died the next day.

The Huguenot Society has received a grant and will publish a book on Australian Huguenots. A list of known names is in the current issue of *Australian Family Tree Connections*.

The Slains Castle 1850/51 voyage. A full list of passengers is available. This was the first vessel to Australia under Caroline Chisholm’s Family Loan Colonisation Society scheme.

Books, CDs, Journals

- the Magazine of the Society of Genealogists UK
- the Magazine of the New Zealand Genealogists Society
- 4 CDs: Historical Indexes of Canberra-Queanbeyan District
- Family History of Friedrich Herbig from Germany. He first lived in a tree
- The Bush Telegraph magazine - Jo read a letter re the Gain family
- *The Commonwealth of Thieves* - by Tom Keneally
- *Into Tasmania* - by Thomas Shakespeare

Reports were given on:

- A SAG weekend on Irish research, goldfields Victoria and NSW
- The National Trust Art Deco tour of Ku-ring-gai
- The Rose family reunion
- Visits to war cemeteries in Belgium and France
- Peter Stehn reported that Queensland BDMs are now online up to 1914.
- Windows Vista will not run SAG CDs. Best to stay with Windows XP for the time being.

Diana Rose won the raffle of pre-loved books.

based on notes from Stella Green

An Impressive Family History

Committee member David Wilkins has just published *From Brecon to Broken Hill; the History of a Wilkins Family*. It traces the author’s paternal Wilkins family from the 11th century in Wales as well as his maternal Kitchen and Dunstan families from the 16th century in Cornwall.

The book is substantial with 326 pages complete with family tree charts, maps and photographs, many of them in colour. The story is indexed and includes coverage of life in Wales and Cornwall, the lives of some relatives who served as merchants or soldiers in the East India Company, migration to New Zealand and South Australia, and a chapter on three brothers in World War I.

David is to be congratulated on his work, a copy of which he has donated for our Collection.

Queensland BDMs

Just in case you missed it in the Meeting Report, The Queensland BDMs (1829-1914) are now online at www.justice.qld.gov/bdm/IndexSearch.htm. Worth listing as a “Favourite”.

Vista brings Problems

It seems Microsoft's new Vista operating system is causing users many a problem. A major concern is that it is difficult and often virtually impossible to get some existing software, printers, modems etc to work using Vista. The Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG) is far from alone in advising caution before upgrading from XP or earlier systems. SAG even goes so far as to say that "anyone who doesn't need to 'upgrade' to Vista should sit tight for a while and watch how it sorts out". Data on many existing CDs risks, in time, becoming inaccessible forever unless the computer industry deals with problems such as this once and for all. Imagine if Microsoft were to declare it would no longer "support" XP in the same way Windows 98 is becoming obsolete!

Some Sites to see

* www.ancestorsonboard.com. This site is powered by www.findmypast.com and is useful for those who are looking for ancestors who left Britain by ship between the years 1890 - 1919. The site is gradually being extended to cover the years up to 1960. Searching the index is free but to look at the original transcript it is necessary to register with findmypast.com and pay a small fee per page.

* www.records.nsw.gov.au. A very useful site which is expanding all the time.

To access indexes to all currently available on-line records, go to the right hand column on their *Homepage* and click *indexes online*. *Intestate Estate Records* have recently been added.

* www.theshipslist.com. Recommended by Stella Green. Online since August 1999, this site has ships' passenger lists, immigration reports, newspaper records, shipwreck information, ship pictures and descriptions, list of marriages at sea, fleet lists and much more. Has over 2000 free access web-pages with new databases added regularly.

- collated by Lyn Done

Family History Courses

* There is to be another one-day session on Computers and on the Family Tree Maker program on Monday 18 June at 10.30pm. Contact Jo Harris (9489-4393) for details and registration.

* An eight-week Course on researching family history will commence on a date in June to be announced. The fee will be c\$80. The Course is not restricted to members. As we write there are still some places - contact Jo Harris (9489 4393).

Anything to Offer?

Readers will have noticed we sometimes carry items from members. We like to do this and believe other members enjoy reading them. Being a Newsletter, we cannot include lengthy articles but shortish, "pithy" snippets about members' family research or items of interest, or whatever, are welcome indeed.

Genealogists always take a joyful step forward when they take a new step back.

Built Heritage

1-15 Bundarra Avenue, Wahroonga



5a Bundarra Avenue



9 Bundarra Avenue

Tucked away in a quiet street just off the Pacific Highway at Wahroonga is a group of seven intact Californian bungalows. They are located on *Bundarra Estate* which was subdivided in 1893. The estate goes from Woonona Avenue to Pacific Highway and takes in both sides of Bundarra Avenue. As part of this area has been rezoned for five-storey development, some of these bungalows could be demolished, so it seems an appropriate time to document them. This group of similarly designed houses were with one exception owned and constructed by builder, Adam Bowman Anderson. The information we have has been confirmed by building applications, *Sands'* directories, oral histories and tenders.

Numbers 3-5 Bundarra Avenue are sited on part of lot 4. Sarah Humby bought this lot fronting Lane Cove Road (Pacific Highway) and Bundarra Avenue in 1896. Euphemia Anderson wife of Adam Bowman Anderson purchased part of this lot which fronted Bundarra Avenue in 1919. The land was subdivided into two and a cottage built on the northern portion by Anderson. In 1921 he sold this property (No.5) to Alexander Grey of Wahroonga, chauffeur. Lillian Evans wife of Charles Frederick Evans of Manly, chemist, was sold the southern portion (No.3) of the property with a cottage on it in March 1922.

Numbers 7-19 are located on land that had previously been part of *The Briars* which was subdivided by Jessie Balcombe in 1922. Over the following four years Anderson purchased most of the subdivision. He bought lot 1 in June 1922, constructed a cottage on the land, and sold the property to Gordon Albert Stuckey of Sydney, a civil engineer. This property at number 7 remained in the Stuckey family as at 2005. In September 1922 Anderson purchased lot 2. He constructed a cottage at number 9 and sold to Rose Annie Johnson. He then purchased lot 3, constructed a cottage and sold the property to John Ross Cuthbert in September 1923. This property (No.11) was sold to Eustace Lynden Holliday of Sydney, engineer in 1939. In 1926 Lots 4 and 5 were bought by Anderson. After constructing a cottage on lot 4 Anderson sold the property to Amy Elizabeth Tarvinect (*name illegible*) of Point Piper in June 1927. When she died the property went, by a process of Application of Transmission, to Thelma Charles wife of Burton Charles of Wahroonga, salesman in 1937. This became number 15.

John George Major who was also a builder purchased the residue of Sarah Humby's corner lot 4 in 1927. He constructed a bungalow at number 1 Bundarra Avenue which he sold to Mary Ramage in 1928. - Jennifer Harvey

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New Members

We are pleased indeed to welcome the following new members:

Robert Browne (St Ives), Ray Grindley (Wahroonga), Marian Kingham (St Ives), Aubrey Knowles (St Ives), Judith Macleod (North Turrumurra), Margaret Mahony (Lindfield), Graham and Helen Molloy (Pymble) and Paul and Janette Smith (Wahroonga).

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

Quiz Answers

1. The answer is (d) a - these are your (first) cousins b - these are related only by marriage with no blood connection c - these are your first cousins "once removed" (one generation removed) d - these are your second cousins
2. (i) The answer is (b) "always there". A little strange perhaps because the railway station did not open until 1899 - nine years after the line itself. Killara was not mentioned in the Sands Directory until 1904 and not as a separate suburb until 1921.
(ii) The answer for Wahroonga is (a) "our home". In passing it is noted that it is Warrawe, not Wahroonga, that means "stop here". Early residents at Warrawe complained that the distance between the Wahroonga to Turrumurra railway stations was too long. Their request for an intermediate station achieved success in 1900. "Stop here" was quite appropriate.

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

Sat 2 June	Family History - 11am Members Discussion - 2pm General Meeting: Speaker John Jewell
Sat 16 June	12.30pm – Luncheon for Volunteers 2pm - KHS General Meeting: Bronwyn Hanna (Women Architects)
Sun 17 June	St Ives Festival on the Green (Volunteers needed)
Mon 18 June	10.30am – Computers and Family Tree Maker
Sat 7 July	Family History - 11am Members Discussion - 2pm General Meeting
Sat 21 July	2pm – KHS General Meeting: Trevor Patrick (Pennant Hills)

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