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Saturday 7 May

Family History Meeting

11.00am Workshop: Family Search - not just the old IGI

2.00pm General Meeting followed by:
Making the Most of Your Visit to State Records, Kingswood

Speaker: **Gail Davis**, Senior Archivist, research and publications

Gail has had a long and distinguished career at State Records NSW. Gail is in charge of the research and copying services and has undertaken numerous research projects involving the NSW State Records. Most recently she has undertaken research for the NSW Anzac Centenary.

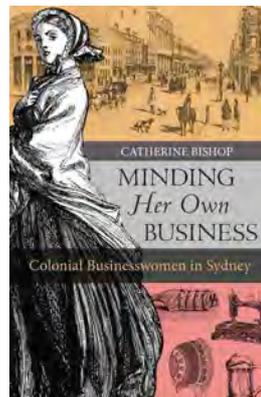
She worked on two key research projects; in 2010 digital exhibitions showcasing the NSW State Records relating to Lachlan Macquarie, and in 2011 celebrating State Records' 50th Anniversary.



Saturday 21 May

General Meeting

2.00pm Minding Her Own Business



Speaker: **Dr Catherine Bishop**, Research Officer, School of Humanities and Communications Arts, Western Sydney University.

Dr Catherine Bishop is the author of a new history that populates the streets of colonial Sydney with businesswomen earning their living in a variety of small - and sometimes surprising - enterprises, many of them married and thus not legally in control of their own property,. There are few memorials to colonial business women, but if you know where to look you can find many traces of their presence. This is Dr Bishop's first book.

ANGLICANISM IN AUSTRALIA

Our March general meeting was well attended by members and guests, no doubt attracted by the opportunity to hear Sydney University Emeritus Professor Brian Fletcher speak on a subject for which he is well-known, the influence of the Anglican Church in 20th century Australia.

Professor Fletcher was brought up in England in close contact with the Church of England. Emigrating to Australia in 1949 he continued that association, culminating in two books: *The Place of Anglicanism in Australia (2008)* and *An English Church in Australian Soil (2015)*.

The Professor drew heavily from these works in his talk.

In the history of Australia there had been no systematic study of the Anglican Church and its effect on the shaping of Australia. It was pushed to one side and ignored - seemingly quite deliberately by the secular universities.

The importance of the English connection is apparent, with *Church of England* in its title up to 1981. Until the 20th century all of its Bishops, many of the clergy and the laity were migrants from England. However in terms of numbers, it outshone all other denominations - 40% of the population said C of E on the census form, although for many that simply meant “Christmas and Easter” attendance. The church did play a part in the shaping of policy with its leaders certainly supporting Federation - although it had some qualms about the first bill, the “white Australia policy”, standing up for the Kanakas in the plantations of Queensland and giving support to the Aboriginals in their ancient beliefs. Several Aboriginals became members of the clergy, with a couple appointed as Bishops.

After WWII there was a drift away from the Anglican Church. The Catholic congregations increased due to postwar immigration from Catholic countries and the nonconformist churches gained strength from amalgamation, whilst the Anglican Church suffered from its close ties to the Church of England, leaving little room for a turn around until 1958 when it became independent of the English church. *A Prayer Book For Australia (1978)* was published and hymns more suited to Australian needs were introduced. The Church was quick to adopt multiculturalism, introducing changes accepting all people and creeds without British background. One can say that the Anglican Church kept pace with changes in society, for example the ordination of women - a huge shift - and current problems with same sex relationships and marriage.

Professor Fletcher concluded by stressing that Australia owes the Anglican Church a debt and historians should be aware of this. The session

ended with several questions, lively discussion and rousing applause.

Doug Milne



St Albans Anglican Church, Epping
This is Prof. Fletcher's Church



St James Anglican Church, Sydney.
The oldest church (1824) in inner Sydney.

April Family History Meeting

11.00am Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed the 18 attendees including Stella Sutherland. Jo showed an agreement document dated 26th August 1740 handwritten on vellum (a parchment of calf skin prepared for writing on or book-binding).

Jo invited Stella Sutherland to give her presentation “Non Conformist Records – Quakers – not Baptists”. Stella advised when looking for a missing person: look everywhere, Google, try different time periods, SAG, place, quarter, vol, page, Baptism records, Hugh Wallis list, Irish index for Quakers, IGI Batch Numbers. A three page handout was given. Thank you Stella for your interesting and well researched presentation. Jo presented Stella with a book “The Grimaldis of Monaco”, with whom Stella has a family connection.

2.00pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting, welcomed members, new members, visitors and a special welcome to Rowena Monty, our Guest Speaker, and her husband Harry. Rowena spoke about the Ku-ring-gai Art Society. We also had other special visitors, you will learn more about them later - page 6. Apologies were recorded, 31

members and 9 visitors signed the Attendance Book.

On this day – Wednesday 2nd April 1788 – The day was cloudy with southerly winds, the temperature was 67 degrees F = 19.444444 Celsius. (“Sydney Cove 1788” by John Cobley).

“Carpenters from the *Borrowdale* were ordered to work on shore.

John Herbert and Deborah Ellam were married in the presence of Mary Gamble and Thomas Acres.”

Jo listed all the Society’s happenings for April and May; the Seniors’ Festival Programme; Coach for 40 persons to visit ANSTO at Lucas Heights and lunch; Volunteers’ Lunch; “Commemoration Walk to Bungaroo and the First Exploration to what is now Ku-ring-gai 228 years ago by Captain Arthur Phillip in April 1788” – Giles Tabuteau, of the Ku-ring-gai Preservation Trust and Friends of Pymble, to give a talk and then lead a walk to Bungaroo, the place at the tidal limit of Middle Harbour Creek and give a toast ‘to Captain Arthur Phillip, Founder of the Colony and first Governor of NSW’ and another ‘toast to Ku-ring-gai and its peoples’; 7th May Guest Speaker will be Gail Davis “Making the Most of Your Visit to State Records at Kingswood”. See Tours Column, page 4.

A Revision Course over 6 Wednesdays commencing 13th May for participants who have previously attended the KHS Family History Course with Jo.

Sue Holmes spoke about the KHS forthcoming coach tours – look at the “Tours Folder” in the Research Centre..

Jo invited Marie Rumsey to come forward to receive her Mayoral Award Certificate which had been misplaced on the day the Certificates had been presented.



Marie Rumsey

Certificates had also been presented to Gerard Esquilant, Margaret Holland and Jean Smith. Congratulations to these members.

Then there was a very special story: Please read “*The Gartrell Bible*” story on page 6.

Jo gave introduced and apologised to Rowena Monty for such a busy meeting, but thought that Rowena and Harry would have enjoyed “The Special Bible Story”.

Rowena, a past president of the Ku-ring-gai Art Society, had written the Society’s Golden Celebration Book. After stating “that it was a hard act to follow”, she spoke about her thirty years’ involvement with the Society.

When the Art Society commenced in the 1960s the Opera House was years from completion, the AMP building was 26 storeys high, the Prime Minister was Robert Menzies, NSW Premier was Jack Renshaw, Australia's population was 11 million, the North Shore was very different, the MLC building was the first skyscraper, the suburbs were quiet and leafy. In March 1965, a group of artists, women and men were welcomed. 43 members exhibited at 12 Stanley Street with paintings hung on fences. Another exhibition was held at Senior Citizens’ Hall, Lindfield, with proceeds of \$1000 given to Margaret Reid Orthopaedic Hospital at St Ives. In 1972 an exhibition was held at Pymble to coincide with the opening of the Sydney Opera House. An Archives’ Committee waded through masses of records in various members’ homes including 46 years of boxes to get a quote for the Golden Celebration Book, with one painting from each exhibiting member chosen. An offset stitched book was cheaper than a digital printed one. Libel law, copyright had to be sorted out for the 160 page book including placement of 154 paintings and proof reading. Harry was a great assistant, organising for the manuscript to be sent to China and for the books to arrive back in Australia two weeks before the Golden Jubilee. Rowena feels that the future of the Ku-ring-gai Art Society looks bright with some schools having Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day exhibitions. She described “peace of one’s own space when painting”. Rowena had these beautiful books for sale at \$50.00 each.

Jill Nicholson gave a special vote of thanks to Rowena and presented her with books in a KHS bag.

Alison Trotter, Graeme Gartrell, Yvette Reeve, Morrison Hammond and Carol Field won the Lucky Door Books.

Afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.

Based on notes by Elaine Turnidge

Treasurer's Update.

Our total income for February amounted to \$1,301

Our total expenses for the month of March amounted to \$5,478 giving us a deficit for this month of \$4,177.

This still leaves us with an overall surplus of \$3,307 to cover our expenses till the end of the budget year.

New Members of KHS

John And Mary Allas

Derek and Maureen Bryden

Lady Janet Failie-Cunningham rejoined

Jan Glover

Francis Hornibrook

Margaret Lock

Elizabeth Olssen

Brian Fisher and Jennifer Riley

Kenneth and Rosemary Rowe

Henry Smith

Robert and Julieanne Spring

Paul and Pam Tout

TOURS COLUMN

Chatswood/Willoughby

Thursday 12 May

Bookings open 18 April

Paul Storm, president of Willoughby Historical Society and Museum, will lead us in a day of interest in the Chatswood/Willoughby area including the Society's Museum. Historical information will be given about people, places and houses within the area.

Cost for the day is \$40 including lunch

We will travel by Community bus leaving Pymble at 8.30 a.m. and returning about 4.00 p.m.

State Records, Kingswood

Wednesday 18 May

Bookings open 7 May

On 7th May, 2016 **Gail Davis** is addressing the Family History Group on the subject "*Making the Most of Your Trip to State Records*". Immediately following her talk, bookings will be opened for a bus tour to State Records on Wednesday 18 May. This will include a lecture, a guided tour (for those who wish to take part) and research. If you wish to undertake research on the day you will require a reader's ticket.

Application forms for Readers Tickets will be available at Gail's talk and she will then process

them and have them available for collection when we arrive at Kingswood. Alternatively, at www.records.nsw.gov.au they can be purchased on line

The bus will depart Bannockburn Oval at 8.30 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. Cost for the day will be \$40 which includes lunch.

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Wednesday 1 June

Bookings open 9 May

A Music and Heritage Tour of the Conservatorium has been arranged for June 1. We will travel by train, with the tour commencing at 10.30 a.m. followed by a pre-ordered lunch in Con's Café and then a lunchtime concert in Verbrugghen Hall. Following the concert we will enjoy a leisurely stroll through the gardens to the State Library where Patrick Dodd will guide us through the current exhibition. Cost for the day is \$45 which includes lunch.

Exploring Ku-ring-gai

Monday July 11

The next Exploring Ku-ring-gai Tour with vacancies will be on July 12.

Many long term Ku-ring-gai residents have enjoyed this tour led by Jo Harris and discovered places and buildings that they did not know existed. The bus tour covers 98 kilometres around the district and includes a mystery lunch.

Register your interest in attending this Exploring Ku-ring-gai tour, or future tours on the Expression of Interest form in the Green Tour Folder.

When booking a tour please come with exact money or cheque. Change is not always available.

Tour Review

ANSTO

On a 54-seater coach on Tuesday April 5, a large group made a trip to "The Shire" to visit ANSTO and learn more about Australia's only atomic facility. In fact that meant that they went interstate, as ANSTO is like Jervis Bay - part of the ACT.

ANSTO possesses one of the world's most modern nuclear research reactors, OPAL, a comprehensive suite of neutron beam instruments, the Australian Cyclotron and the Centre for Accelerator Science used for research into the area of health, environment and innovation for

industry. A new facility is being built which will enable production of more nuclear medicine products to sell beyond Australia and New Zealand, which it currently serves. 50% of the population are expected to use some aspect of nuclear medicine during their lifetime.

The Discovery Centre staff were very good at explaining what is done at ANSTO and treated the tour group very cordially. Our bus driver became ill, and the Discovery Centre used two of its small buses to move the tour group around the site.

The driver's father had to go down to ANSTO to retrieve the tour group which meant a delay in getting to the Como Hotel for lunch. In the 19th century a number of Italians worked on the construction of the railway line to the south and in 1878 they established an Italian club in Como which later became the hotel. The hotel was burnt down in 1996, but it was rebuilt to look like the old one. The scorched front door sits in the dining room, where the tour group had a very nice lunch.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

German Special Interest Group

The KHS German SIG met on Monday 11 April and was well attended with 16 members present. The main item for discussion was the *German Ancestors of Ku-ring-gai residents* initiative. This is a group project whereby we summarize the histories of our German ancestors from the perspective of:

- why they left Germany?
- why they settled where they did in Australia?
- what they did or didn't achieve?
- how some of their offspring ended up in Ku-ring-gai?
- as a result of the meeting a fifth criteria has now been added - To what extent have German customs and language been preserved over the generations?

Over the past two months Leone has received and collated the inputs from members. Leone lead the discussions and briefed members on the progress achieved to date. As this is meant to be a year-long project, inputs were expected to be slow arriving. The relatively large number (12) of inputs received in the first two months was very encouraging.

Salient points from each input were demonstrated and described in context. As the inputs précised

the lives of ancestors they were mostly written in the third person. Only one submission was written in the first person.

There was a wide variety of fonts and styles used. To overcome any problems with this aspect of a group effort, it was agreed that text would be imported as plain text and a common style applied after import. Any images would be imported separately and linked separately.

The input from Frank was particularly noteworthy as he had managed to successfully paraphrase a thick book into just three pages without losing any of the important points. Notwithstanding, all the inputs were worthy of praise, as they illustrated the extremely diverse lives of our ancestors originating from many different areas of historic German territories, different backgrounds, and varied circumstances so that their descendants could converge years later in the Northern suburbs of Sydney.

The next stage of this group initiative is to distribute the combined draft, currently being refined by Leone, with the aim of inspiring and enlightening other members to draft and submit their offering. Hopefully, the combined draft will be disseminated during April.

The presentation was followed by an enjoyable afternoon tea and further animated discussion. The next meeting of the German SIG is planned for Monday 6 June 2016 at 1:30 pm.

Peter Stehn

Irish SIG

We had a very successful meeting in April, discussing genealogical discoveries and brick walls. We were pleased to welcome many visitors who attended as part of the Seniors' Festival. Our next meeting will be on 13 May at 1.30pm where we will do a case study in Irish research as a learning exercise.

Jenny Joyce

Apple Macintosh Group

The group meets at 2.00pm on the first Monday of the month in the Research Centre. Next meeting 2 May, 2.00pm.

It helps people who are new to the Mac, iPad and iPhone who want to become familiar with genealogical programmes, photo programmes and apps.

Experienced users come to show their work and have a Q&A time.

ST IVES SHOW

The first St. Ives Show was held at Hassell Park, St. Ives, on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd January 1921. An article from the Sydney Mail at the time remarked that *"Comparatively few people realise that within 3 miles of Pymble railway station on the North Shore Line, and within easy distance of the glorious Narrabeen beach, there are produced fruit and vegetables that compare favourably with similar produce grown anywhere in NSW. Hassell Park itself has been improved by the show. A ring, for instance has been formed, a trotting track made and the park generally cleared"*.



Hon T R Bevin congratulating Mr Shinfield, orchardist, prize for best table of fruit.

The show was put together by an organising committee that included A. Coupland and P. C. Clarke (vice presidents), W. J. Symington (treasurer), J. Hughes (President) and M. K. Bowden (Hon. Secretary) and included pioneering local families such as the Gaukrodgers.

The show featured exhibits of the produce that were grown in the area and these were recognised as being top class. Other events were wood chopping, a ploughing competition and a grand parade.



Hassall Park: Horse event

In 1925 the Show was relocated to the area of land that was named the St. Ives Showgrounds, where it remains as an annual event today.

Dick Whittaker

This year's St Ives Show will be on 21-22 May.

THE GARTRELL BIBLE

One Monday in March when Jo Harris and Yvette Reeve were on Society Research Centre duty, they received a phone call concerning clearing unwanted items from a deceased estate home recently sold in Gordon. The caller stated that there were unneeded books published by our Society and would we like them? Yes please, so an arrangement was made to call in after the day's shift at 37 St Johns Avenue, Gordon, where our family historians were met by two ladies distantly related to the previous owner.

Little did our intrepid team expect the riches they were to find ... the centrepiece was an amazing American Bible, the finest Jo had ever seen, with many photos and information on the 'Gartrell' family. *What shall be done with this?*



Sample page from the bible

Jo promptly volunteered her assistance in finding the rightful owner, and in the next 24 hours went into overdrive, working through the family records and following up by cold calling those likely candidates she identified in the phone book. She struck gold in Picton, NSW, at last finding a most enthusiastic gentleman familiar with the names in the Bible, and could he please come and collect it the next day!

Jo advised him that she would first like to share the wonderful Bible with the Society's Family History Group, and would he be able to call in at their upcoming meeting on Saturday, 2 April? It was agreed, and on that day both Rodney (great grandson) and his son Graeme (great great grandson) Gartrell with their wives Helen and Christine were warmly welcomed to formally recover their own family Bible, brought to Australia by their ancestor Alfred Gartrell, born in Cornwall in 1866. Several more piles of books and photographs, only collected from the house on the meeting day morning, were also presented, with due ceremony, together with family charts prepared by Jo as part of the package, to assist with clarifying the family connections. Rodney

Gartrell planned to take the Bible to show his 97 year old mother after the meeting.

But why an American Bible, and how did it come to be in the Gordon house?

James Gartrell (b1816), coalminer, and wife Mary Ann nee Davies left Cornwall in 1868 seeking opportunity at the coal mines in Pennsylvania in the US, where their eldest two sons had already settled. With them went their remaining ten sons and daughters and their families. The working conditions were not fruitful and the Gartrells moved on as a group of 29 from New York to Sydney aboard *Annie H Smith* in June 1877. After 6 weeks' quarantine on arrival they settled in Orange, NSW.

Frank Gartrell was the tenth child of James and Mary Ann. When young he started a bakery in Orange, continued by his brother when Frank left for Sydney, where he opened a bakery in Paddington in 1899. Frank prospered, expanded and finally merged with the family-owned White and Abel's bakery businesses to form Gartrell White Pty Ltd in 1917, at that time the largest individual bakery in the southern hemisphere. The company continued to thrive and in 1948 became part of George Weston Foods, a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods Plc.

Alfred (Fred) Gartrell was Frank Gartrell's youngest sibling. Alfred, his wife Alison (nee Brown) and family lived on the property *Avondale* from 1897 and then on *Maroomba*, a cattle and orchard holding near Orange, NSW from 1909 until his wife's death in 1927. Alfred moved with his daughters Maude and Evelyn to build another, smaller *Maroomba* in Epping, Sydney. Following Alfred's death in 1937, the Misses Gartrell moved to St Johns Avenue to be closer to their sister, Elsie (m Edward Farleigh) and her family in Matong Street, Gordon. They built number 37, designed by architect Carr Hedley, on a previously undeveloped block in 1940.*

Maude Doris Gartrell died in 1962 when her sister Miss (Mabel) Evelyn became sole owner of No 37, remaining there almost until her own death in 1986. Subsequently, the property was home to Alison Farleigh (daughter of Elsie Gartrell and Edward Farleigh), who died in October 2015, aged 92 years. The house was sold in February 2016.

The Gartrell family American Bible is now held by Rodney and Graeme Gartrell, who are descendants of Harold Alfred Gartrell, b1893 in Orange, NSW, the only son of Alfred Gartrell, and brother to Maude Doris and Mabel Evelyn who built the St Johns Avenue house where it rested for many years.

* see KHS *Historian* V38.1, 2009 p115
Helen W Davies, Jo Harris and Elaine Turnidge



Graeme and Rodney Gartrell with the bible



37 St Johns Avenue, Gordon
Built 1940 by Gartrells and occupied by the extended family until 2015.

FOUND ON THE TIP

Elderly Couple Seek New Home



Could you help find this very respectable and well behaved couple a place with one of their descendants?

Their photographs, set in an interesting wooden frame, were created by Freeman & Co Ltd in Sydney around the time of their marriage in 1866. They were rescued from the Wahroonga tip about 20 years ago and have been resting safely with one of our members. The time has come for them to find a new home.

Pictured is Major **Charles Fyshe Roberts** born 1837 in Bedfordshire, England and his wife **Alice Caroline Bradley**, daughter of William Bradley

and Elizabeth Hovell, large property owners in the Monaro district of NSW.

Trained at the Royal Military Academy Woolwich Charles was posted as a sub-lieutenant to the Royal Artillery in 1853. He first served with distinction in the Crimean War, then in India, part of that time in command of the Sikkim Field Force. In 1865 he served with the Royal Artillery in Sydney, and as secretary to the Governor Sir John Young. In 1866 he married Alice Bradley at Goulburn. His career included moves back and forth between Sydney and England, as he was appointed acting secretary to Sir William Cowper, Agent General for NSW in London. On his return to NSW in 1876 Charles was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Artillery Forces. Promoted in 1882 to Commandant, he carried out that role for fifteen years. On return to England in 1899 he was appointed honorary ADC to Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and King George V. He returned to NSW about 1910 and died at Double Bay in 1914. Alice Caroline Roberts died 1932 at Woollahra.

Charles and Alice had five children:

Winnefred Myrtle Caroline ("Freda") b. 1871 at Worcester (Eng). Married 1906 at Sydney to John MacKae of Masterton, NZ.

Beatrice Isobel b. 1876 at Goulburn, NSW. Died 1949 at Double Bay.

Ester Maude Emily b. 1877 at Paddington, NSW. Married 1903 to Vincent Wallace Ryrrie, lived at Bathurst, Braidwood, Double Bay, before moving about 1953 to Lord Street Roseville with her daughter Hope Ryrrie (1910-2003) a well-known dancing teacher. Ester died 1967 at Roseville.

Charles William Fyshe-Palmer b. 1879 at Woollahra, NSW. Married 1904 to Mabel Alice Mahony at Bombay, India. Served with British forces in the Boer War, and as 2nd Lieutenant with the NSW Lancers. He died in Victoria in May 1962, NSW probate was granted Nov 1962.

Dorothy Vivienne b. 1885 at Sydney, NSW. Married 1913 to Hilton Charles Bernard Blythman in Sydney. The 1954 Electoral roll shows her residence as Rosedale Road, Gordon. Died November 1957.

Descendants interested in these photographs are invited to contact Ann Barry by email: a.barry@optusnet.com.au

WHERE IS ?

Last month's answer: House and studio of Sydney Nolan, Woniora Avenue, Wahroonga.

This month's question: Where would you find this lion in pride of place ?



VOLUNTEERS' CORNER

Volunteers are the backbone of many organisations and the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society is no exception. We have research volunteers, there are the World War I writers, the Built Heritage Group, the Family History Group and there are those volunteers who are rostered to come to the Research Centre to carry out all sorts of tasks associated with the day to day running of the Society.

There are two volunteers rostered on each day the Research Centre is open to the public and their room duties include, inter alia, taking phone enquiries, walk in enquiries and preparing the computers ready for KHS members to carry out family and house research. There are two in house publications in the rooms for volunteers to check what their duties consist of: one is the comprehensive 'Volunteer's Directions', and the other is the 'Mini Guide' which lists a few of the basic duties of the volunteers.

To enable the Research Centre to be properly staffed, it is necessary to have a full quota of permanent volunteers. This means having two people per day for the each day the rooms are open during the month. At present we need another six 'permanents': three of these positions fall on the 5th day of the month and thus you might only have 3 – 5 days on duty per year; the other 3 positions would involve being on our monthly roster.

As volunteers go on holidays, have family commitments and sometimes need to visit a doctor, we need a few 'fill in' volunteers as well. These might be members who have perhaps retired from volunteering and would like to assist for a day or so a year. Anyone who would like to

help with either volunteer position please contact me by phone or by email at geofflittle@bigpond.com : it is not an onerous task and can be very rewarding for everyone involved.

If you would like to attend for a few hours at some stage to see a day's activities before you make a commitment, you are welcome to arrive on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month or the 3rd Saturday. Alternately contact me for a suitable time slot.

Geoff Little ~ Volunteer Coordinator .

Volunteers' Lunch

The annual Volunteers' Lunch was held on 16 April. It was a grand affair enjoyed by around 40 volunteers. For a change it was a sit down meal.

Thanks go to all who were involved in its organisation, food preparation and serving, particularly Margaret Holland, chief chef.

During lunch, the Hazel Perdriau Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Carolyn Darby for her service to the Society.

Bungaroo Walk

The walk on Sunday April 17 to Bungaroo (near the tidal limit of Middle Harbour) from St Ives and back was well attended by an assortment of KHS, FOKE and First fletcher members, including a couple with hip/knee problems. Toasts were proposed and drunk, at the top and bottom of the track, and then the climb back up the hill commenced. It took over 2 hours in all, but no-one came back in an injured or distressed state, and it was all accomplished in mild weather, and without rain – couldn't have been better, weather-wise. Ages ranged from 12 to 80-something, and they all seemed to enjoy it.

Those who didn't venture on the walk stayed at the top and nattered while they awaited the return of the main party.

All in all, a very enjoyable few hours, well organised by Jo and her helpers, and by our member, Giles Tabuteau. Jo and Giles both spoke well of the significance of Phillip's little journey of exploration, which led to the discovery of the fertile flood plains out towards the Blue Mountains. And enabled the young colony to set aside its fears that it would be impossible to find sufficient land suitable for crops in quantity adequate to allow a self-sufficient settlement to evolve!

Graham Lewis

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A Gift Suggestion for Mothers' Day

A useful KHS bag - large enough, easy to carry. Buy at the Research Centre.

DIARY DATES

May

Monday 3, 2.00pm Apple Macintosh SIG
 Saturday 7, 11.00am **Family History Workshop**: Family Search - not just the old IGI
 Saturday 7, 2.00pm **General Meeting** followed by Gail Davis - Making the Most of Your Visit to State Records, Kingswood
 Thursday 12, **Tour** to Chatswood/Willoughby
 Wednesday 18, **Tour** to State Records, Kingswood
 Saturday 21, 2.00pm **General Meeting** followed by Catherine Bishop - Minding her own business
 Friday 13, Irish SIG 1.30pm

June

Wednesday 1, 10.30am **Tour** to Sydney Conservatorium of Music
 Saturday 4, 11.00am **Family History Workshop**: TBD
 Saturday 4, 2.00pm **General Meeting** followed by Paul Schiebaan - From The Netherlands to The Shed
 Monday 6, 1.30pm German SIG 1.30pm
 Monday 6, 2.00pm Apple Macintosh SIG
 Saturday 18, 2.00pm **General Meeting** followed by TBA

July

Saturday 2, 11.00am **Family History Workshop**: TBD
 Saturday 2, 2.00pm **General Meeting** followed by TBD
 Monday 4, 2.00pm Apple Macintosh SIG
 Monday 11, **Tour** Exploring Ku-ring-gai
 Saturday 16, 2.00pm **General meeting** followed by TBA

SIG Meetings are held in the KHS Research Centre. General Meetings are held in the Library's meeting room

Please check group e-mails or contact the group leader or Research Centre before attending if uncertain of any group going ahead. Room volunteers endeavour to update or correct the schedule on the Research Centre entry door with the most up-to-date information.

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