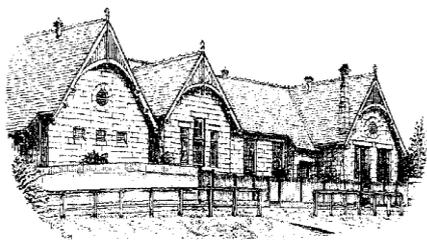


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## November/December 2015 Newsletter Vol. 33 No. 10



**KHS  
 BOOK  
 LAUNCH**  
**Rallying  
 the Troops  
 Volume 2**  
**Sunday 6  
 December  
 2-4 pm**

This is the Society's latest achievement – by our team of World War 1 researchers, writers and editors – and not to be missed!

Come along to St John's Anglican Church Gordon to help celebrate and share the afternoon tea with our writers, local dignitaries and guests.

Mark your diary now, more details on page 7.

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**'Sydney's  
 Irish  
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 Speaker:  
**Tom Power**



The story of 4114 Irish orphan girls who arrived from 1848 to 1850 is sad but incredibly important, as is Tom's objective to get in touch with their descendants.

Visitors welcome, afternoon tea available.

## 19 September General Meeting Notes 'The French are Coming!'

For twenty-two years from 1793 to 1815 England was at war with France, but in spite of the hostilities, cordial relations existed between their respective scientific communities. It now seems that France was not always playing the game, and at our September general meeting, Murray Radcliffe from the City of Sydney Historical Association, told of recently revealed French invasion plans for the Sydney colony.

In April 1802 two expeditions met by chance at Encounter Bay (in St Vincent's Gulf). The French scientific expedition of Nicholas Baudin had been mapping Tasmania and the southeast coast of Victoria (which they called *Terre Napoleon*) whilst Mathew Flinders had been charting the southern coast west of St Vincent's Gulf. Baudin's two ships, *Géographe* and *Naturaliste*, were in need of repair, so Baudin sailed to Sydney Cove, where they stayed for five months.



***Sydney in 1802 by Leseur  
(Baudin expedition camp and ships in foreground)***

While they were in the colony, Baudin and his party were given every assistance and Baudin and Governor King became good friends. Colonel Patterson learnt over drinks with one of the crew that the French intended to establish a base in Tasmania which could cut the shortest route to England.

Baudin left Sydney to continue exploring in Tasmania, so Governor King immediately sent the *Cumberland* to intercept the French at King Island, where, it is said, a squad from the *Cumberland* raced into a group of partying French and planted the English flag, claiming King Island for England. The French party broke up in laughter. Not only was the flag upside down, but the English had to borrow gunpowder for the ceremonial salute!

There does seem to have been a spy in Baudin's party. It is now known that Francois Peron, a zoologist and the leader of the scientific party, prepared a report for Napoleon on a possible invasion of the Sydney colony. In this report, which has been found only recently, Peron suggested that it would be easy to take over the colony, possibly with the help of Irish convicts or Aborigines. In admiration of the work done setting up the colony, he dismissed the idea of simply destroying it, but by 1805, with the loss of his navy at Trafalgar, Napoleon had problems closer to home.



***Nicholas Baudin Monument at Albany WA***

Certainly Baudin had been instructed to look for possible settlement opportunities, but his expedition also did a lot of scientific work, charting new coastlines and discovering many new species of plants and animals. It is doubtful if Baudin knew of Peron's activities – it is most likely that Peron was acting under orders, and alone.

Murray gave us an interesting and well-illustrated talk on a little known aspect of our early history.

Notes by Doug Milne

## 17 October General Meeting Notes 'Whitlam and Nixon at War'

At our October general meeting Sydney University Associate Professor, James Curran, gave a fairly complete overview of Australia-United States relations since the Second World War, with emphasis on the turbulent Nixon-Whitlam years: 1972 to 1975. Before joining academia, James served in various roles in the Australian Public Service, including in the Prime Minister's Department and the Office of National Assessments, which has given him access to Australia's foreign policy and an understanding which came through in this talk, based on his recent book, *Unholy Fury – Whitlam and Nixon's Alliance Crisis*.

Since 1941 Australia had a fear of Japan's movement south, which with the defeat of Japan, was replaced with fear of left-leaning Sukarno in power in Indonesia. Australia objected to Indonesia's territorial claims in West New Guinea and we wondered why the United States did not support us but it appears that the United States had more important fish to fry: the fear that Indonesia might become communist. It was perhaps then realized that the 1951 ANZUS Alliance did not provide the protection expected from the United States and later it was clear, from Nixon's 1969

Guam Doctrine, that support from the United States would only be given in its own interest.

The Nixon-Whitlam tension probably arose in mid-1972 when Whitlam, then leader of the Opposition, took it upon himself to visit China and establish diplomatic relations, six months before Nixon's China visit.



*Whitlam meets Zhou Enlai in 1972, courtesy of Wikipaedia.*

Then two weeks after his election as Prime Minister Whitlam condemned, as did many others, the Christmas bombing offensive in civilian areas of North Vietnam. Whitlam's attitude in a letter to the White House, was described by Secretary of State Kissinger as an 'absolute outrage' and 'a cheap little maneuver'. So, despite the jovial appearance of Nixon and Whitlam during their 1973 White House meeting, the diplomatic tension was simmering deep beneath the surface, said Professor Curran, further suggesting that Whitlam was moving too quickly in the Asia-Pacific region with his style of foreign policy.



*Prime Minister Whitlam and President Nixon at the White House in 1973, courtesy of Wikipaedia.*

The Nixon-Kissinger reaction was to freeze Whitlam out by ignoring his requests for a White House meeting. With the United States close to pulling out of SEATO, and Australia looking to terminate the ASIO-CIA relationship, Marshall Green was sent to Canberra as the new United States ambassador, to smooth things over. He asserted that the election of a Labor government would not upset the alliance but warned Washington that if it continued to freeze Whitlam out

they might lose United States defense facilities in Australia. Professor Curran suggested that the United States realised then that it could not take Australia for granted and the Australia-United States Alliance moved toward a more healthy relationship.

Richard Nixon was soon after embroiled in the Watergate accusations and was forced to resign. Fifteen months later, Prime Minister Whitlam was dismissed by the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr. Professor Curran did not mention the conspiracy theory that linked the CIA to the dismissal.

Altogether an excellent talk on our relations with the United States, conveying far too much information to present here. I look forward to reading Professor Curran's book.

Notes by Doug Milne

## **HISTORY NOTICEBOARD**

### **The History Council of NSW Annual History Lecture 2015 Recording**

Now available from the History Council's website is: **'ANZAC Amnesia: How the Centenary Forgot the War'**.

The speaker, Professor Bruce Scates, is Director of the National Centre for Australian Studies and author of several books on war and memory.

Free subscription to regular updates (ENEWS) from the History Council is available via the website: [historycouncilnsw.org.au](http://historycouncilnsw.org.au).

### **Regional Seminar on Lands Research**

The Royal Australian Historical Society is calling for Expressions of Interest. Contact: E-mail: [news@wwdhs.org.au](mailto:news@wwdhs.org.au) or phone 9247 8001.

### **Government Gazette Digitisation Usage Survey**

The State Library NSW and National Library of Australia are working collaboratively to digitise NSW Government Gazette 1832 to 2001 through the Trove Newspapers service, [trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/). The NLA is conducting a short online user survey, open until Sunday 2 November, to help better understand use of the service. It is proposed that this information will assist to align with user needs. The NLA would like to hear from a wide range of gazette users. The survey is available at:

[surveymonkey.com/s/GovGazetteUse](http://surveymonkey.com/s/GovGazetteUse)

### **Social History Book Project 'Ben and his Mates, 1915-1920'**

New author Penny Ferguson seeks support for her work in progress, a valuable social history from the letters, diaries and snaps of a Wahroonga boy, Lieutenant Ben Champion, including his contact with many contemporaries listed in **'RTT'**. PO Box 96 Narooma 2546 or E-mail: [bellbird2012@bigpond.com](mailto:bellbird2012@bigpond.com).

## 3 October Family History Meeting

### 11 am Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed all, including Patrick Dodd, our member and today's guest speaker and a special visitor, Michelle Patient. The Family History Conference held at Port Macquarie was very interesting and a great success. The Central Coast FHG has invited our members to visit their research rooms on a Sunday in 2016 and members indicated that a Sunday would suit. Jo was unable to order the Flip Pals at the conference, so Lorraine Henshaw and Michelle Patient will investigate.

Jenny Joyce gave a presentation on '**Keeping Your Photos Safe**', the third presentation in our series on researching photos. Jenny had been on a cruise which showcased information for family historians and Gordon Nuttall was one of the presenters. He told of how photos had been restored after being washed ashore in Carolina USA after Cyclone '*Sandi*'.

### 2 pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed all and gave a special welcome to Patrick Dodd, KHS member and guest speaker, and Margo Falconer after her absence.

'On this day, 3 October 1788, there being no record for 3 or 4 October, jumping ahead one hundred years from 1788 to 3 October 1888: the railway line from Sydney to Kiama was completed, and back one hundred years from now to October 1915, Billy Hughes became Prime Minister.

15 people attended the workshop at 11am today 'Photographs in Family History – Part 3'. November's workshop is to be a 'Q & A on Computer Challenges'.

**Tours** conducted in September: 'Macquarie Lighthouse'; 'The Two Crypts: St James' and St Mary's' where original marriage records were sighted at St James' Anglican Church, King Street Sydney (the booklet, 'Memorials inside St James' will soon appear on the shelves at the Research Centre), and St Mary's Cathedral where Father Dougherty spoke about the Irish and their importance to early Sydney; 'First Direct Message Day' at the Wahroonga Fisk Memorial (with a visit from Alister Henskens, SC MP, Member for Ku-ring-gai); and the eleventh 'Exploring Ku-ring-gai' 98km Mystery Tour.

See the tours list in the newsletter for November. There will possibly be a tour to State Archives in 2016, 18 people will be required to indicate interest to be able to arrange bus transport.

At our next FHG Meeting on 7 November the 11 am session will be as stated, the 2 pm General Meeting is to be followed by speaker Tom Power, on: 'Sydney's Irish Famine Girls' Memorial'.

Jo gave a reminder to use the Murrin Transcripts, and about the publications available for members.

**Book Reports:** Marie Rumsey, '*The Hatch and The Brood*' by Portia Robinson; Angela Lind, '*Allies Forever*' by Jacqueline Wilde; Jo showed her books, '*Macarthurs of Camden*', '*Elizabeth Macarthur and Her World*', '*My Dear Miss Macarthur*' and '*Beautiful Sheep*'.

**Seminars, Conferences or Interesting Places:** Jenny Joyce indicated that five members attended the

Port Macquarie Family History Conference and that the next conference will be held in Camden in early September 2016. The possibility of a bus tour to Waverley Cemetery is being considered for 2016. The lucky door prize was won by Sandra Simpson, '*Australia's First Lady, The Story of Elizabeth Macarthur*' by Leonard Bickell.

Jo closed the meeting with thanks to all who help with the FHG, special thanks to Margaret and Ray Holland and the helpers for afternoon tea, to Peter Bidencope for looking after the sound and recording, to the committee and others who help in so many ways to make this a happy and interested group.

### 'John Macarthur, Visionary or Villain?'

Guest speaker, Patrick Dodd, is a KHS member, historian and Macquarie Society President.

Macarthur is remembered by most people for laying the foundations of the great Australian wool industry. In fact he spent so much time away from home fighting Governors and facing a court martial in England his practical achievements owe a very great deal to the persistence and loyalty of his wife and sons.

Patrick compiled the 'Scholarly Musings and Timeline about John Macarthur (1767-1834)' in September 2014. On Saturday 14 November he will 'Walk Cox's Road' with Macquarie Society members and invites anyone interested to get in touch with him. He recommended the book, '*Girt: The Unauthorised History of Australia*' by David Hunt (2013) as historically correct and well worth reading.

John Macarthur was born in August 1767 and married Elizabeth Veale in 1768. He was an ideas man (not a worker), John Macarthur Esquire – not an easy man: touchy and haughty. In 1789 he was made lieutenant in the New South Wales Corps Regiment, sailed in the Second Fleet, a nightmare voyage: Captain Nicholas Nepean was a tyrant. How many convicts left England? (not how many arrived in the colony: 267 died). Insults led to a duel in Plymouth where both men missed two shots, yet honour was satisfied.

On his three month voyage to Cape Town, Macarthur was incapacitated by fever and never free from pain the rest of his life. He is considered to have suffered from bipolar disorder and possibly Coeliac disease. One of the Macarthur children was born, only lived an hour, and was buried at sea. The Macarthurs arrived in New South Wales and first lived in a hut on the Tank Stream while William Bligh was in the middle of the Timor Sea.

Elizabeth had only one other free woman to talk to, Mrs Richard Johnston. They did not get on. Surgeon John Walker had a piano and taught Elizabeth to play 'God Save The King'. Invited guests to Government House for dinner were required to bring a bread roll. Henry Edward Dodd, Patrick's 5 x great uncle, who started Government Farm at Parramatta, died after climbing a tree during a thunder storm, Patrick's earliest Australian connection!

Major Francis Grose was Lieutenant Governor then Acting Governor (1792-1794) The social scene improved as more friends began to arrive with wives.

There was a three year gap before Governor Hunter (1795-1800).

After leaving the army, Macarthur was inspector of works in charge of funds and controlled the allocation of convicts. He grabbed a hundred acres at Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta, cleared fifty acres then got another fifty acres. He was away in England for twelve years during which Elizabeth managed the estate and convicts and was saved from being pregnant. She had only 8 children!

In 1796 sheep arrived from Cape Town which Marsden, Cox and Waterhouse used for meat breeding. Macarthur, however, used them for wool breeding. Marsden was a sworn enemy. Cowpastures and Camden were significant land holdings.

In 1800 the last son, William, was born. When ships arrived, one army officer went to the ship and purchased the goods entirely. A dilemma occurred when another officer and Simeon Lord, an emancipated pardoned convict went to another ship and chipped away the monopoly of the officers.

There were arguments with Governor King, so Macarthur sent him to Coventry. A duel, followed by Court Marshal. While in England he returned to favour and purchased sheep from King George III. He had five thousand acres at Camden at the time of Governor Bligh.

Macarthur had a tempestuous career, was the first to succeed in a land based career after beginning as a sailor. Patrick considers that Elizabeth Macarthur deserves the title 'Australia's First Lady'.

We look forward to Patrick's next riveting talk to our members.

*Ps My husband had a great suit with a label on the inside pocket, the wool had come from sheep at Camden Farm Estate.*

Notes by Elaine Turnidge

## Ancestry & DNA Seminar

Wyang Family History Group has advised of a seminar on 21 November, 10 am – 4 pm at Club Wyong, (Wyang RSL) corner of Anzac Avenue and Margaret Street Wyong. Cost \$20 includes afternoon tea.

The guest speaker Ben Mercer is Content Manager for Ancestry.com Australia and New Zealand.

Session 1: 10.30 – 12 am 'Ancestry Search Tricks' and 'Ancestry's Lesser Known Gems'

Session 2: 2.30-3.30 pm 'Using DNA to Discover Your Family History'.

The club dining room will be open for the lunch break.

A raffle is to be drawn on the day for a 12 Month Subscription to World Heritage Ancestry.com.

Details and bookings: Phone 4351 2211 or online [www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au](http://www.wyongfamilyhistory.com.au).

## KHS Tours

To secure a place, complete a booking form and signed indemnity form for each person attending, with cash (preferred) or cheque payment, placed in envelope then in Jo Harris' tray at KHS.



### 17 November Tuesday

#### Belgenny Farm and Camden Park House

Two tours in one day, travel by coach, morning tea and lunch \$90. Please note the Expressions of Interest List was an indication for numbers only. There are limited places remaining, book now to secure your place.

### 30 November Monday

#### Exploring Ku-ring-gai

98 km minibus tour. Cost \$35 includes 'Mystery Lunch'. Meet at Bert Oldfield Oval Killara early for 8.30 am departure. Bookings open.



*Recently visited: Cockatoo Island with Sydney Skyline.*

## Correction

The October 2015 Newsletter Vol. 33. No. 9 Page 7 item, 'Hidden Treasures of Sydney', gave the name of one of the artists as 'Roy' incorrectly. The correct name is Roland Wakelin.

Wakelin is known to have lived in the Eastern Suburbs and seems to have been involved, as well as Grace Cossington Smith's group, known as the 'Turramurra Artists', in painting a part of the St James' Childrens' Chapel frescos.

## Newsletter Deadline

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## From the President

Dear Members,

With our collection growing at such a rapid rate and currently bursting the seams, I wanted to take a moment to inform you the KHS Committee is currently exploring additional shelving for the library collection, and options for making better use of the compactus storage unit which is now entirely for KHS use.

I had lunch recently with our new mayor, Cheryl Szatow, and invited her to be Patron of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, continuing the tradition. Mayor Szatow told me she was delighted to accept our kind invitation and is looking very much forward to being involved in the various KHS activities.

We are very pleased Mayor Szatow has long held an interest in built heritage and the importance of retaining as much of that as we can, and in preserving our streetscapes, our tall tree canopy and other aspects of our natural heritage that attracted so many KHS members and other Ku-ring-gai residents to the district in the first place, often many years ago.

I encourage you to attend and invite others who may have an interest in attending the Book Launch for ***Rallying the Troops Volume 2*** on Sunday 6 December at St John's Gordon, 2-4 pm. This event is anticipated to be just as popular as the launch of Volume 1, so it is recommended to arrive and be seated early.

We are justifiably proud of this further achievement towards completion of the World War 1 Researchers and Writers Group project, and very grateful for local council and federal government project funding and support.

On behalf of the KHS Committee, I would like to say a very big 'Thank You!' to our many wonderful volunteers, for your assistance and participation through the year and we wish you a very 'Happy Festive Season' and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Graham Lewis

## Ryerson Index Reaches 5 Million Milestone Remembering Local Legend Joyce Ryerson

A long time former KHS member, Joyce was a SCEGGS Darlinghurst Old Girl's Union committee member and archivist. Her 'job' was to keep track of 'the living and the dead'! Her archival activities there will be appreciated by generations of students to come.

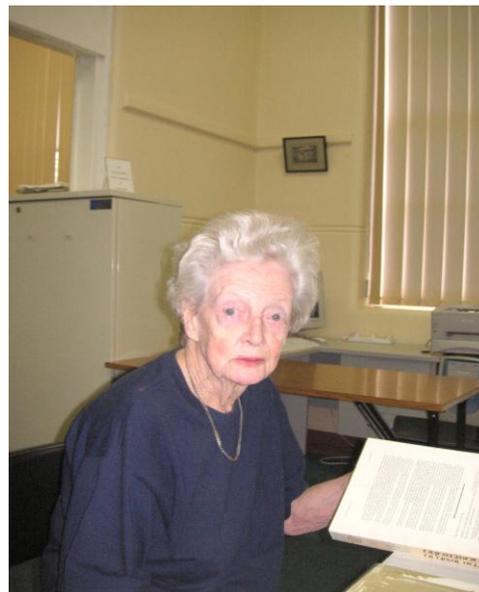
Joyce has left a wider legacy in company with the Sydney Dead Persons Society of which she was also a member. They named the Ryerson Index to honour her because of her vast collection, twelve years in fact, of Sydney Morning Herald Death Notices, 1986 to 1998, stashed away in her laundry cupboard.

The Ryerson Index is very useful to family historians world wide and was created and has been added to solely by volunteers, now from all over Australia.

As a result of Joyce's foresight, the Ryerson Index now has over five million death notices on line for all to see.

'In 1998 the DPS were looking for a small project to embark on and Joyce volunteered that she had twelve years of death notices from the SMH, if these would be of any use. Not only were they of use, they formed the basis of prolific Internet research.

Joyce would be very proud to know what a great oak tree had grown from her little acorn. She died in 2012 and attended meetings regularly until ill health forced her into a nursing home.' – Annet Latham



**Joyce Ryerson**

The message that follows, from John Graham, records a remarkable milestone. I certainly remember Joyce at KHS meetings, as would many other members. More particularly, any member who has found family members in the Ryerson Index and thereby been more readily able to find a death or other notice in the SMH or some other newspaper will have had potentially many reasons to thank Joyce for her initiative.

Because of it the notices are often the means of extending our knowledge of a family many years before the limited access to official BDM indexes allow the same, or rather less, knowledge.' – Graham Lewis.

### **'SMH Deaths are now COMPLETE!**

Seventeen years and six days ago, members of the Sydney DPS decided to start indexing the death notices from the Sydney Morning Herald.

Yesterday we completed the job.

Every death notice published in the SMH since 1831 is now included in Ryerson – all 1,861,095 of them. That works out at more than 2,000 death notices per week for 17 years!

In addition, over 200,000 funeral notices are also included, some of them in addition to a death notice, but many as a substitute for a death notice.

This is a huge resource, and all the indexers over the whole period are to be congratulated on producing what is without doubt the only index to Australian death records outside the official BDM indexes which covers such a span – 184 years.

Special congratulations to Pauline, the only ‘stayer’ of that band of six SMH indexers...

At some stage we'll go back and add the missing funeral notices, but for now we should just enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done!

Thank you to all concerned for a fantastic effort.' –

(R.I.Inc.) John Graham, Ryerson Index Co-ordinator.

**References:** SMH 26 July 2005,  
KHS Facebook 8 September 2012.

**Additional Sources:**

Annet Latham, Graham Lewis, Jo Harris.

## Vale Yvonne Hall

We are saddened to report that Yvonne Hall died on 6 September 2015.

Yvonne had worked as a casual Room Volunteer for a number of years, always willing to help out with those difficult fifth days in the month.

She also assisted with the Photographic Collection.

Whenever she was in the Research Centre Yvonne was willing and able to assist others with their queries.

Her outgoing helpfulness will be sadly missed.

## Diary Dates

Meetings are held in the KHS Research Centre.

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.

### Mac-Users Special Interest Group

7 December Monday at 2 pm. Jackie van Bergen.

### Technology Special Interest Group

Currently in recess until further notice.

### Irish Special Interest Group

13 November Friday 1.30pm-3pm

Please bring along a list of topics you would like to discuss, any ‘brick walls’, useful books or website finds.

### German Special Interest Group

14 December Monday at 1.30 pm

‘A German research obstacle you would most like to solve in 2016!’ – Mutual help session. Peter Stehn.

### WWI Writers and Researchers Group

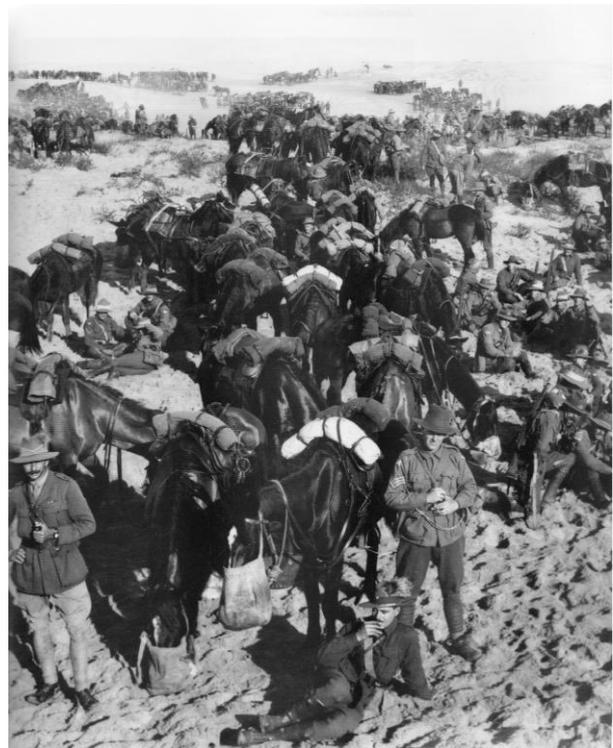
28 November Saturday 2-4 pm. Kathie Rieth or David Wilkins.

(from front page)

The launch of ***Rallying the Troops Volume 2*** is beautifully timed in the run up to Christmas and it will be a precious gift for anyone interested in World War 1 and the history of Ku-ring-gai, and a valuable resource for anyone interested in the growth of our community.

Although focused on service during the war, a detailed picture of life in Ku-ring-gai in the 1910s and 1920s emerges from the research, revealing the origins and occupations of families and networks within the community.

***Rallying the Troops Volume 2*** contains the war stories of our veterans, both men and women, with names beginning G to K and there are chapters on the extensive training conducted in Roseville at the Engineers Camp, elsewhere in New South Wales, and later overseas.



***1st Australian Light Horse Regiment resting near Jaffa, 1918, photo courtesy of the Australian War Memorial.***

There is detailed coverage on service in the Middle East and on the Western Front, at Fromelles, Pozieres, Mouquet Farm and Bullecourt and individual stories of heroism and sacrifice.

***Rallying the Troops Volume 2*** will be available to purchase at the book launch (cash or cheque) or afterwards from the Society's Research Centre.

## KHS Research Centre Hours

The Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Research Centre and Meeting Rooms are located at 799 Pacific Highway Gordon in the old Gordon Public School, next door to Gordon Library.

**Open 10am – 2pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays**, except the first Saturday of each month. **Closed** Wednesdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

## General Meeting Dates

### 7 November Saturday

#### Family History

11 am Workshop 'Computer Questions'.

2 pm General Meeting followed by:  
'Sydney's Irish Famine Girls'  
Memorial'.

Speaker: Tom Power – Roseville resident and vice-chairman of the Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee.

Visitors welcome, afternoon tea will be available.

### 21 November Saturday

2 pm General Meeting followed by:  
'Mercury, Murder & Madness'  
Until the dark side of this metal was fully understood, mercury was seen as a wonder treatment for a wide range of ailments in the 19th century.

Speaker: Murray Radcliffe, Historian  
Visitors welcome, members please bring a small plate of food to share for Christmas get-together following the talk.

### 5 December Saturday

#### Family History

11 am 'TBA – Members' Help Session'

2 pm General Meeting followed by:  
'Show and Tell' an item from your own family.

Bring along a photo of your wedding day for a display and competition.  
Christmas fare . . . please bring a small plate to share for the festive season.

### 16 January 2016 Saturday

2 pm General Meeting followed by:  
'Hitler's Lost Spy'

Speaker Greg Clancy tells the true story of Swiss-born Nazi spy, Annette Wagner, who skilfully created an elaborate mask of deception during her two years in Sydney, broadcasting her own national radio program.

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