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SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

11.00AM WORKSHOP: *'How did you find your convict Ancestor'*.

2.00pm GENERAL MEETING followed by: *'New Family History Resources for NSW Land Research'*.



Speaker: Carol Liston

Is an Australian historian who specialises in the history of early New South Wales (1788-1860). Her research covers early colonial history with interests in people (convict, colonial born and free immigrant and their family histories), local history, heritage and the built environment.

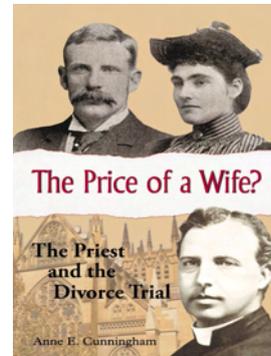
Her particular interest is the colonial development of the County of Cumberland (Greater Western Sydney), using land records, family history and surviving buildings to document the past.

Afternoon tea will be available.

Visitors welcome.

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

2.00pm GENERAL MEETING, followed by *The Price of a Wife*.



Lindfield author, Dr Anne Cunningham, investigates a sensational 1900 Sydney divorce case involving a well know cricketer who accused his wife's priest of having an affair with her, and the religious bigotry and skulduggery that two trials brought to light.



Anne is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University, and has been an Executive Committee member of the Global Irish Famine Committee.

Afternoon tea will be available.

Visitors welcome.

FAMILY HISTORY MEETING. 3 SEPTEMBER

11.00am Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed members, with a very special welcome to Gail Davis, Senior Archivist, State Records NSW.

Gail gave a most interesting workshop “*Deciphering Early Handwriting*” with her PowerPoint presentation to the 23+ members present.



Gail Davis

Some interesting points to understand – Guides, Indexes, Alphabetical – S = Sentence beyond the Seas Provenance; what do you know about the document; family names, first names, surnames, traditional names, Biblical, German, French, Chinese; abbreviations; Public Service Lists are printed – MICE = Member Institute Civil Engineers; popular terms, acronyms, place names, areas, house names; Places Now Forgotten – E C Gleeson’s Place Names; London GD = London Gaol Delivery; Latin and Latin abbreviations, Rex = King, Regina = Queen – Medical terms have Latin base - Law terms are particular to countries – business and occupational terms, symbols – troublesome letters – several members did not know the “long and short ‘s’ = fs for ss”; the German ‘ß’, ‘Do’ means Ditto; crossed writing.

Handouts were given and we practised with great success. Thank you Gail for your most interesting workshop.

2.00pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting and welcomed members and the 7+ visitors who had joined us. Jo gave a special welcome to our three guest speakers from the Fellowship of First Fleeters, Arthur Phillip Chapter: Geoff Lucas, Joy Zamaitin and Nan Bosler.

On This Day – 3rd September 1788, a Wednesday, there were “Light Breezes from the south and south-east, with heavy rain. The temperature was 42° F = 17.777 Celsius (from “Sydney Cove 1788” by John Cobley) – happenings for 3rd September 1813, 1817, 1853 and of course 2016.

Tours

Yvette Reeve spoke about the upcoming Tours, *Thursday 6th October to National Maritime Museum \$40.00 plus lunch at own expense. *Monday 7th November, the last “Exploring Ku-ring-gai Mystery Tours” for 2016, \$40.00 includes lunch. So far between 480-500 persons have enjoyed these 90+ kilometre tours in the Community Bus.

See **Tour Desk** for more information

General

Jo gave the regular information regarding Murrin transcripts, Family Tree Connections, and publications sent regularly to the Society. As the member who accessions new books being away there were no books to show. Angela Lind told about a book launch on Hamilton Hume by Robert Macklin and another to be held on 6th November in Yass.



Jo and Jenny spent a happy time visiting North Turramurra Primary School and the school's excellent Exhibition about Aborigines, early convicts, lots more Australian History – 750 teachers had visited the week before. Congratulations to the school.

On Thursday 15th September, there was a visit French’s Forest Cemetery.

General Business: Jo congratulated Jenny Joyce as our new KHS President and also on her invitation to be an Ambassador for the 2017 Rootstech Conference in Salt Lake City. This involves promoting the conference beforehand,

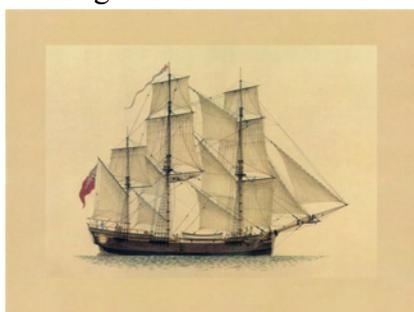
writing about it and reporting on it during and after the conference.

Jo also congratulated Jan Cook for the help she gave to Harry Irwin, a SAG member, to help him produce a really interesting Family History Article “From Scottish Farm to Disaster at Sea – Captain Alexander Corrie (1807-?) printed in a recent SAG’s Journal “Descent”.

Jo thanked the FHG Committee, and the great helpers with afternoon tea, cleaning up, recording etc., etc.

FIRST FLEETERS TALK

Geoff Lucas told about Nathaniel Lucas and his wife Olivia Gascoigne, his 3x GGPARENTS. There is a large Family Tree. Geoff showed an amazing book about the family, researched by others. There are 30,000 current living descendants. Nathaniel's (1764-1818) first 20 years are mystery. He was literate, a carpenter and his father John was from Surrey. In 1783 Nathaniel lodged in a public house at Holborn, London. There was disagreement with the landlady over payment, and items stolen from next door were found stuffed into his mattress. He claimed he was framed, but in July 1784 was convicted at Old Bailey, and sentenced to 7 years transportation. Nathaniel spent time at Newgate, then for 2 years on hulks in the Thames. In February 1787 he was transferred to the “Scarborough” and sailed to Australia.



Scarborough

In 1784, Olivia (1761-1829), a servant, with others robbed a man at gunpoint of gold worth £14. She was convicted in March 1785 and sentenced to hang. The judge was retiring, and in an act of mercy commuted the sentence and in March 1787 she was transferred from gaol to the “Lady Penrhyn”.



Lady Penrhyn

About 3 weeks after the arrival of the First Fleet, 16 convicts were selected for their character and occupations to join 8 marines to form a sub-colony on Norfolk Island under Lt. Gov Phillip Gidley King and sailed in the “Supply”. It was thought the French might claim the Island. Trees suitable for ships’ masts and flax were grown there. Soon after arrival Nathaniel and Olivia were married by the Surgeon, but the marriage was later solemnised by Rev. Richard Johnson in November 1791. Nathaniel had a good relationship with King and became Senior Night Watchman. He became a successful farmer growing wheat, maize and pork. When the Government decided to close Norfolk Island, the family came back to Sydney, now with 9 children. He bought 2 prefabricated windmills, one for Government and one for himself which he leased to Henry Cable. He lived at No 1 York Street, next door to John Macarthur, and became a busy building contractor, including the Rum Hospital, but he clashed with Francis Greenway. Nathaniel was a signature on the petition for Bligh’s arrest. From 1817, things began to decline. Olivia and some family members moved to Van Diemen’s Land, where she died in Launceston. She bore 13 children. Nathaniel was given land grants in the Minto area. He continued building toll houses, windmills around the Colony, and was superintendent of the Government Timber yard with 60 men under him. He worked on St Lukes, Liverpool, where his headstone is. His body was found by the river; accident or suicide is unknown.

Jean Lucas, a descendant by marriage, thanked Geoff and presented him with a KHS bag with a surprise inside.

Jo invited **Joy Zamaitin** to speak about James Squires. James was baptised on 18th December 1754 in Kingston-upon-Thames in Surrey. His parents were Timothy and Mary Squires. At age 20, his career in crime began when he ran from a ransacked house into the local constabulary. At this time in 1774, England was sending convicts to colonial America and James received a sentence of transportation for seven years although it is unknown whether he went. He elected to serve in the army and earned his freedom within four years. He married Martha Quinton. They had three children and lived in Kingston where he managed a hotel. A life of crime continued and he was caught stealing four cocks, five hens, and other items belonging to John Stacey. On 11th April 1785 he was sentenced to transportation for seven years “beyond the seas” and held at Southwark gaol for two years, and while separated from his wife, began a relationship with convict Mary Spencer. On 13th May 1787, James sailed from Portsmouth on the Friendship leaving his wife and children behind. He transferred to, and arrived in the First Fleet on the Charlotte. Mary Spencer arrived later on the Prince of Wales and the relationship continued.

After stealing property of Surgeon John White he was fined £5 and received 150 lashes at once (of 300 lashes), but received sympathetic treatment and no further lashes, possibly as he was then brewing beer for the personal consumption of Lieutenant Gross and Colonel Paterson. He was apparently assigned as servant to Lieutenant Clark until Clark left for Norfolk Island.

About 1790, James became the official guard to Governor Phillip and in September was in Manly when Phillip was speared through the shoulder, and he held back Aborigines until Phillip reached safety.

Another relationship began with Elizabeth Mason, a convict, and they had seven children. Joy is descended from their daughter Martha. Emancipation for James came in 1795 and he received a 30 acre land grant in the Eastern

Farms (Kissing Point) district on the Parramatta River. He bought nearby land and had a large estate of about 881 acres. By 1798, he was the licensed proprietor of the Malting Shovel tavern there.

As a very enterprising person, he had sheep, pigs, goats, grew wheat, maize and barley. Early in the colony he began experimenting with English hops, and brewing equipment arrived regularly on convict ships. He is credited with the first successful cultivation of Australian hops. James’ brewery was built in 1806, and in March he attended Government House with two vines of hops. Governor King directed that James be given a cow from the Government herd. King was so concerned with the corruption spread by rum that beer brewing was officially endorsed. His licence for the sale of spirituous liquors was required to be renewed every year and there is evidence that James’ continued until 1822, the year of his death.

There are so many aspects of his life. He was a baker in Kent Street, supplied the colony with meat, widely known for fair play as a moneylender and philanthropist to his poorer neighbours, became a resident district constable. He had a close genuine relationship with Bennelong and another Aborigine. They lived their last years on Squires’ land and were buried there in 1813; later Bennelong’s wife also buried there.

James had an affair over a number of years with his live-in housekeeper, Lucy Vaughan-Harvey. He died aged 67 years on 16th May 1822 at Kissing Point where he had lived for 26 years. After his death the James Squire Brewery operated under his son then later other family members and is now brewed by Lion Nathan Brewery. James’ signature from his will appears on the ale label and also advertisements. His burial was at the Devonshire Street Cemetery,



but later his remains and tombstone were moved to Botany Cemetery where twelve FFs are interred, and Trustees have established an excellent memorial.



Dinah Warner gave Joy our vote of thanks and presented her with a KHS bag with a surprise inside.

Nan Bosler was then invited to tell us about Frederick Meredith. Frederick Meredith was Nan's GGGrandfather and was steward to Captain John Marshall. He arrived in Port Jackson on the Scarborough which embarked 208 convicts at Portsmouth, but because of bad weather it was 16th March 1787 before the 11 vessels of the first fleet were anchored at the Motherbank and then two months elapsed before the fleet was ready to put to sea. On 12th May, Phillip made the signal to sail, and the ship finally sailed at 3.00am next morning.

After arrival in Port Jackson, Meredith had an unfortunate experience with a possum for which he received a sentence of 100 lashes later reduced to 50. He transferred to the Sirius as an Able Seaman and when in port he tended the gardens on Garden Island, the colony's first food source. Graffiti there including "FM" is thought to be the oldest colonial graffiti in Australia. On 2nd October 1788 Sirius sailed in search of food for the starving colony on an untried course passing south west of New Zealand and around Cape Horn arriving back at

Port Jackson on 6th May 1789, after circum-navigating the globe in seven months and six days. Sirius brought back one hundred and twenty seven weight of flour for the settlement, and twelve month's provisions for the Sirius.



Sirius

With the threat of starvation in the colony, Sirius took convicts and marines to Norfolk Island in March 1790 without the full crew including Meredith. On 19th March 1790, Sirius was wrecked off the reef at Slaughter Bay, Norfolk Island. Back in the colony, Meredith was given the care of 25 sheep and lambs, the property of commissary John Palmer. Hugh Low was charged with stealing one of the lambs and Meredith gave evidence before the court at the trial, Low was sentenced to death and executed the next day.

The crew of the Sirius was required to return to England to determine the cause of the wreck. Meredith went with them when they left in March 1791 aboard the chartered Dutch ship, Waaksamheyd.

During his term as Governor, Phillip sent repeated pleas that "fifty farmers should be sent out with their families, they would do more in one year in rendering this colony independent of the mother country, as to provisions than a thousand convicts". Although Meredith had been part of the initial struggle in establishing a nation, he could have stayed back in his home port, but not so. He embarked on the Bellona which set sail off Dover on 8th August 1792 to return to Port Jackson.

He was listed as a 28 year old baker, and was one of the first groups of settlers going to the colony motivated by their own free will, possibly spurred on by the offer of free land. Bellona also carried 17 convicts, one being Sarah Mason, who had been found guilty of

receiving stolen goods at the Old Bailey on 5th July 1792. She had lived in Walsal all her life, had been baptised in St Matthews, Walsal, on 24th July 1765. She was the first member of the family to leave the village, and she would not return, yet her shame was recorded in the parish record. During the voyage, Meredith chose another convict Ann Case as his next partner, and a daughter Amelia was born in Sydney in May 1793. As one of the free settlers, Meredith was granted 60 acres at Liberty Plains (Homebush), which he called Charlotte Farm. A second grant of 60 acres at Concord in November 1794 was called Charlotte Field. Amelia died early in 1794 by which time Meredith had formed a liaison with Mary Kirk who had been transported on the Royal Admiral in 1792. Their daughter Charlotte was born in April 1794.

Mary Kirk married Robert Inch in 1800 although she remained friends with Meredith. Meredith sold Charlotte Field to John Colethead in 1798 for £87, and also sold Charlotte Farm to Thomas Rose. In September 1800, he joined the Loyal Sydney Association, an unpaid armed volunteer body under the command of William Balmain, formed to guard against the possibility of insurrection by seditious Irish convicts.

Sarah Mason had a child named John to convict John Peake in 1798, but by 1800 she was living with Meredith in Sydney. Their first child, Frederick was born in 1801. On 1st Jan-uary 1811 Governor Macquarie formed a regular police force and Frederick was appointed a Constable. He married that year. By 1820 they had moved to Liverpool where he had been appointed a Constable. In 1826 Meredith took possession of a 60 acre grant at Banks Town on the Liverpool Road. He called this farm Gunsborough. There they lived until his wife's death on 30th July 1832. After selling this farm to his son Frederick Junior for £100, he continued to live at the property until his death on 23rd June 1836 and was buried three days later at Liverpool Cemetery beside his first wife Sarah Mason.

In 1823 Ann went to Van Diemen's Land with Sophia, her older sister. Before Christmas in 1828 Ann Meredith, aged 17, married Robert McGuire, aged 28, a widower with three young children. In January 1830 pregnant Ann became a widow. The baby was born four months later and baptised Sarah Macquarie Fisher. Ann became Thomas Fisher's partner in 1832, bore him 11 children and they married on 26th October 1848. Ann Fisher, previously McGuire nee Meredith, ultimately had a very fortunate life – she survived child bearing to become a great grandmother and had the protection of a marriage settlement that provided well for her and all her children and stepchildren; had two loving and caring husbands. She was Nan Bosler's great great grandmother.

Patrick Dodd gave our vote of thanks to Nan and presented her with a KHS bag with a surprise inside.

Notes by Elaine Turnidge.

GENERAL MEETING

August 20

THE VOTE THAT SPLINTERED THE NATION

David Wilson, KHS member and retired army officer with over 40 years service, was remembered for his earlier talk: *Gallipoli Myths*.

At our 2016 AGM, David told of the politically stormy days of 1916 and 1917 when William (Billy) Hughes, first as a Labor Prime Minister and then as a Nationalist Party PM, twice attempted to secure the approval of the nation for a change in the Defence Act of 1903 which would allow conscripted men to serve overseas.

David told of Hughes' overseas trip in mid 1916 - even visiting the Western Front - with a helmet sitting atop his hat, indeed "a goose" as the troops dubbed him. In London his demands, rants and raves led PM Asquith to remark, "Get Lloyd George to tell him to shut-up - in Welsh"!

Hughes returned to Australia in August 1916 promising to raise an additional 50,000 troops through conscription. But his Labor colleagues

did not agree and 23 members of the party split off. So Hughes held a plebiscite on Saturday 28th October 1916, to test the feelings of the people. This was the first Australian national plebiscite, it was for men and women 21 years and over and was not compulsory and, unlike a referendum, not binding on the government.

As expected (but maybe not by Hughes) the nation was polarised in the run-up to the plebiscite. *Extremely* strong views were expressed by both the YES and NO camps at meetings and in leaflets and posters - many of which David displayed. In the first plebiscite the question was put using "weasel words": *"Are you in favour of the Government having, in this grave emergency, the same compulsory powers over citizens in regard to requiring their military service, for the term of this war, outside the Commonwealth, as it now has in regard to military service within the Commonwealth?"* The plebiscite was lost 53.8% to 46.2%. This also included votes by members of the AIF, 55.2% of whom were for the motion, and 44.8% against. So maybe many regulars didn't really want conscripts in their midst. Of the states and territories four were for the motion, three against.

Then a little more than a year later, on Thursday 20th December 1917, the question was put again using far simpler wording: *'Are you in favour of the proposal of the Commonwealth Government for reinforcing the Australian Imperial Force overseas?'* This time the motion was lost by an even larger majority and only three states voted YES. It was clear that the nation did not want conscription. It has been suggested that *Thursday* was chosen to minimise the rural vote.



Whilst the meetings, posters and leaflets played their part, the churches were generally strong in their support for the YES vote as were conservatives, business leaders and rightist women's groups. The pulpits of some churches were bedecked with the Union Jack and there were complaints of recruitment from the pulpit.



Those against were just as vocal, mainly from the ALP and Socialist Party, union, the leftist press and the Industrial Workers of the World (the IWW, the Wobblies) who adopted the war cry *Direct Action* (by which they meant sabotage). Socialist women (e.g. Vida Goldstein, Adela Pankhurst) were strongly against conscription, publishing the confronting *Blood Vote* pamphlet and adopting the US song: *"I didn't raise my son to be a soldier"*, which Hughes unsuccessfully banned.



An interesting, very well researched talk, telling of a turbulent period that we should remember when next we have the opportunity to express our views in a plebiscite.

Doug Milne

ACTIVITIES WITHIN KHS

Members who do not visit the Research Centre may not be aware of some of the functions undertaken by volunteers of the Society. One such group undertakes preservation work of the Society's holdings.

Preservation Report

During the past year the Preservation Group has achieved a great deal.

Contents in the Archive bays of the Compactus (1-6) have been sorted and listed in the Compactus Location Document, which is filed under "Archives" on the G drive (a component of the Society's computer system.). Most of the boxes have been accessioned and added to the updated KHS Catalogue which has been extended from 67 pages in January 2016 to 191 pages in June 2016, resulting from error correction, missing accession numbers and dates, formatting errors.

Kate Tytherleigh has created detailed Monographs for 57 archive boxes, and has now finished Monographs for 13 of the 16 Bradfield folders. She is now continuing the long and tedious job of removing staples from the letters in the remaining 3 folders in preparation for Monographs. The goal is to ensure that all Archive Boxes have Monographs prepared and be made available in a binder located in the general research area.

Les Jeckeln has continued with the preliminary accession work on the St Ives Progress Association Collection. He has now completed 10 boxes, creating order out of chaos in this large collection.

Jill Armstrong has made good progress entering The Historians into KUPEDIA – now up to 2007.

Apart from Data Integrity Analysis of the KHS Catalogue and extensive analysis of the contents of the Archives, Daryl Rickards has completed data entry from St Johns Microfilms: Baptisms – 2307, Marriages – 445, Burials – 1436 entries. Hyperlinks are now being created for these

records, showing the original hand-written records. It is hoped to eventually add links to photos of graves.

Carolyn Darby has been keeping up with filing of the Biographical, Vertical Ku-ring-gai files and Built Heritage folders. She also followed up most of the photograph enquiries, together with a number of other jobs that are dropped on her.

Jennifer Thredgold continues to work on the Laing Collection, often distracted with the Library shelf organisation and her mail entry duty. The group has also assisted with the Library shelf work.

Other work done includes scanning and entry of photographs into Perfect Pictures, accessioning the numerous items in our collection, and (more recently) adding all the Maps in the Hall cupboard to the Catalogue.

The indispensable Peter Stehn is always there and ready to assist with anything.

Ann Barry

AS IT WAS

LANE COVE - a small township in the police district of Sydney, electorate of St. Leonards, county of Cumberland, is nine miles north-west, from Sydney.

Route :By river steamers, every two hours from wharf near, Erskine-street, Sydney ; or by road *via* St. Leonards. *Office*; Post only. *Mails* close at G.P.O on Mondays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., and arrive at post town same days at 7.30 p.m ; leave for Sydney on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 p.m. and arrive same day at 5.30 p.m. The district is an agricultural one, the soil being rich, and adapted for the growth of fruit, vegetables, &c., which industries form the principal pursuits of the residents.

The surrounding country is mountainous and well timbered. The waters of the bay in this cove are navigable for small steamers for about 12 miles; the scenery is very romantic. The geological formation is chiefly ferruginous sandstone.

(Followed by a list of one hundred and three residents, some of whom lived in the Rosedale

Estate or on Lane Cove Road. R.Pymble being the only one living at Merryvale.)

Source:

“GREVILLE’S OFFICIAL POST OFFICE DIRECTORY AND GAZETTEER OF NEW SOUTH WALES”. 1875-77.

PRICE - - ONE GUINEA

(All spelling and punctuation as appeared in 1875)

HELP NEEDED

The Society is negotiating its lease with Council and is looking for a Society member with the appropriate legal experience to assist us with the lease.

If you are such a person, and would like to help us, please contact Jenny Joyce, the Society's President on 9440 2131.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to the Society the following new members:

Mitch Bland, Wahroonga.

Sharon Colwell, Wahroonga.

Rhonda and Arthur Denham, Dural.

Jeanette Moller, Hornsby Heights.

Anna Ross, Jolimont, WA.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Apple Macintosh SIG

The September meeting learnt about the use of *Parallels* to operate Windows under OSX.

Attention was paid to the use of Grab (in Utilities) to extract a section of an image - text or photo - and adjust the result in Preview.

There will not be an October meeting because of the Public Holiday

German Special Interest Group

Monday 10 October 1.30pm

Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea on completion.

Irish Special Interest Group

Friday 14 October 1.30pm

We will discuss ways to present findings about your family - you ever finish your research.

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

TOUR DESK

Important – Our tours are becoming more popular and it is important to make your booking as early as possible. In cases where the tour rapidly fills, and the venue has a limit (Garden Island for instance) please complete the Expression of Interest form in the tour folder, and if there are sufficient numbers we can organise another visit. For those venues that do not have a limit we can attempt to organise a larger vehicle. In both cases we rely on the expression of interest form.

The Booking process includes a Tour Description sheet for each tour that outlines timing, any special requirements and pick up site.

Tour bookings can only be made by visiting the Research Centre rooms and by completing a booking and indemnity forms. This includes an opportunity to identify dietary requirements.

There are now two separate **GREEN BOOKING FOLDERS**: one for Exploring Ku-ring-gai Tours, and one for General Tours. The Booking system is the same for each type of Tour.

When making your tour bookings, please bring the correct amount or a cheque to cover the planned cost. Change is not always available.

Exploring Ku-ring-gai Tour

Monday 7 November, 8.30am.

This the last tour for 2016.

Bookings are now open.

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

Cost: \$40.

Forthcoming Tours

The Tour Planning Group have confirmed arrangements for great outings in the next two months. Save the dates !

Garden Island, Thursday 20 October

Bookings open. (limited numbers.)



This visit will include a guided tour to the Navy Workshops on Garden Island. Security checks will be needed. It will be followed by lunch in the Garden Island Museum and a tour of the Museum. Great harbour views assured. (Have you ever looked through a periscope at traffic on Sydney Harbour?)

Cost: \$45 plus lunch at own cost.

Rouse Hill Historic House and the Hawkesbury Regional Museum at Windsor, Thursday 24 November.

Bookings open 17 October.

Rouse Hill is noteworthy in Australian history as the site of the main battle during the Irish rebellion known as the Second Battle of Vinegar Hill on 4 March 1804. The exact site of the battle is uncertain.



Rouse Hill House was built from 1813-18 with service wings and an arcaded courtyard added in 1863. The simple geometric layout of the garden is probably the oldest surviving in Australia. Tour members will have morning tea and a very interesting guided tour before going to the Regional Museum at Windsor.

Cost: \$40, plus lunch at own cost.

Ships, Clocks & Stars

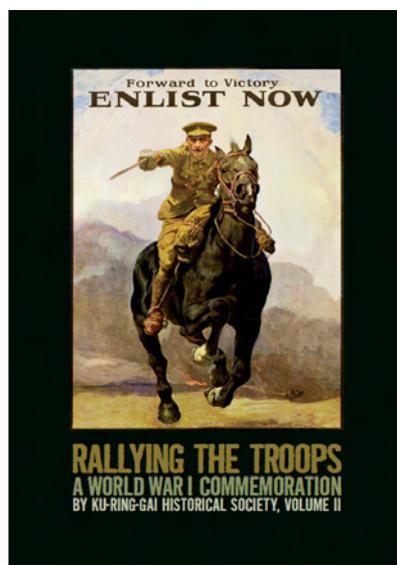
This exhibition from the National Maritime Museum, London, is on at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour until 30 October. Some items have Australian links.

The tour is full, but worth a visit on your own.

PUBLICATION AWARD

Rowena Loo, the Secretary of the Mander Jones Award Committee, Australian Society of Archivists, has emailed to say ...

"Your publication *Rallying the Troops: A World War I Commemoration Vol II* was nominated for the Australian Society of Archivists Mander Jones Awards.



I'm pleased to let you know that it was judged the winner of category 2A: Best publication that uses features or interprets Australian archives, written by or on behalf of a corporate body."

Society congratulation to the WWI writers team on this outcome.

WHERE IS IT?

September Answer:

Arthur Phillip plinth outside the Pymble Soldiers' Memorial Park on Mona Vale Road, Pymble.

WHERE WAS IT and WHO IS IT?



This bridge was replaced many years ago. Can you guess where it was?

Can anyone recognise the gentleman on his way to work?



Original St Ives Post Office, 8 Rosedale Road



St Ives Post Office 1958

Newsletter Deadline

Please send email copy for publication to editor@khs.org.au as early as possible, but no later than 15th of each month.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOMETHING NEW?

Are you skilled in, or want to learn about indexing and transcribing?

We need volunteers to undertake these very important aspects of the Research Centre's activities. If your answer is "yes", make contact with our Volunteers Coordinator Geoff Little on 9449 3131.

DIARY DATES

October

Saturday 1, 11.00am **Family History**

Workshop: *How did you find your convict Ancestor?*

Saturday 1, 2.00pm **Family History**

Meeting, followed by *New Family History Resources for NSW Land Research*, Speaker: Carol Liston

Monday 3, Public Holiday

Monday 10, Tour: Exploring Ku-ring-gai

Monday 10, 1.30pm German SIG

Thursday 13, 2.15pm Management Committee Meeting.

Friday 14 1.30pm Irish SIG

Saturday 15, 2.00pm **General Meeting**, followed by *The Price of a Wife*, Speaker Anne Cunningham.

Thursday 20, Tour: Garden Island.

November

Thursday 3, 2.15pm Management Committee Meeting.

Saturday 5, 11.00am **Family History**

Workshop: *Sources for Early Occupations.*

Saturday 5, 2.00pm **Family History**

Meeting, followed by: *The "Library of Australian History" and the "Biographicval Database of Australia."* Speakers: Keith Johnson and Malcolm Sainty.

Monday 7, Tour: Exploring Ku-ring-gai.

Monday 7, 2.00pm Apple Macintosh SIG.

Thursday 17, Tour: Rouse Hill and the Hawkesbury Regional Museum, Windsor.

Saturday 19, 2.00pm **General Meeting**, followed by *A Carefree War*, Speaker: Ann Howard

December

Saturday 3, **Family History Workshop: No workshop**

Saturday 3, **Family History Christmas Meeting**, details TBA

Thursday 8, 2.15pm Management Committee Meeting.

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