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A Note from the President

New Year's Greetings!

I'd like to take a moment to update you on some of our committee's latest priorities and to encourage everyone involved in the diversity of productive KHS research activities.

KHS as a society is thriving and we are very grateful – and in awe – of the behind the scenes work many of you do week by week. A focus this year will be to highlight what we actually do: collectively, in smaller groups and individually.

Welcome to the new newsletter team – in coming months we look forward to volunteer member contributions being demystified and revealed! I am sure we will all benefit from learning more about KHS people and processes, and how to better access the vast amount of fruitful work already produced and currently under way.

Of course Seniors Week in March is rapidly approaching – we have enclosed a separate page for your fridge or a friend or neighbour. Please also check the back page for details of other events, forthcoming meetings and Special Interest Groups – I hope you will consider how you can become involved.

Finally, after extensive planning by the organisers, I am very pleased to announce the 'buzz' about a variety of new KHS outings to places of interest, commencing on Monday 23 March with a bus trip to Joadja Creek, a pocket of national heritage, in the Southern Highlands. Watch for further outings in Diary Dates on the back cover.

Graham Lewis

Saturday 7 February

11 am Family History Meeting: More on BDMs, UK Government Gazettes and Q & A's

**2 pm General Meeting and then:
Great Great Grandfather, Henry Parkes
Speaker: Ian Thom**
great great grandson
and KHS member.

Most people know of Sir Henry Parkes as a bearded older man.

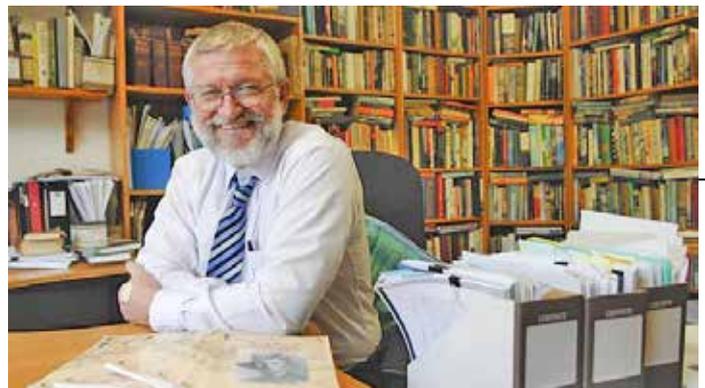
Ian will highlight some of Henry's early life and show some interesting memorabilia. He is in the process of updating the Parkes family tree in time for the bicentenary of Henry's birth in May 1815. Afternoon tea provided
Visitors welcome



Saturday 21 February

**2.00 pm General Meeting and Lecture
The North Shore at War - The Home Front
All welcome, afternoon tea provided**

Local historian and author Tony Cunneen considers the impact of WWI on the people at home, their contribution to the war effort and the war's tragic aftermath.



Family History December Report

Jo Harris opened this '*meeting with a difference*' on 6 Dec 2014. Early photos of members were displayed on tables and members had to match the photos to a member. This almost impossible task saw a few members give up, including this scribe. Two members managed to match six and claimed their prizes. Carolyn Darby chose "Colonial Heritage" and Nola Bramble "Heraldry in Australia".

Many members brought special things for "*Show & Tell*":

Jenny Joyce – her father's 1909 teddy bear which was possibly her paternal grandmother's.

Yvette Reeve – her christening dress made by her mother, later used as a doll's dress.

Jo Harris – a large framed photo of four male Harris generations – husband John holding a framed photo of son Robert, holding a framed photo of grandson Sam, holding a framed photo of great grandsons Rylan and Ethan.

Joan Stebbing – her great grandparents' Wedding Certificate 1797, a currency lad and lass.

Marie Rumsey – a bronze/brass incense burner.

Joy Walker – grandmother Helen Hawkins' glasses case from a chatelaine which was probably clipped to a belt.

Rosemary Watson (a Starkey descendant) – great grandmother's "Starkey" ginger beer bottle.

Margot Wood – a powder puff mirror found amongst her father's possessions.

Elaine Turnidge – a Bilston & Battersea enamel trinket box from a shop in Strand Arcade, Sydney.

Graham Lewis – items that belonged to his great grandfather John Biscaye, including sergeant's stripes. He looked after horses and went to the Boer War 1902.

Eleanor Dawson – a book from her parents' home in which a letter was found from the Dean of Rochester dated August 6th, 1900.

Barney Greatrex – a sketch of himself drawn whilst being hidden by the French Resistance for nine months after being shot down and parachuting into the middle of North Strasbourg in 1944.

Jan Spargo – a photo of maternal grandparents' wedding at Glen Innes and the photographed wedding brooch.

Tony Spargo – a copy of grandfather's Indenture dated Feb 1884 showing his apprenticeship to Herman Schaefer of Schaefer House, Grafton.

Cheryl Kinsey – great great uncle's daughter's Bible acquired via an article in Family Tree Connections.

Morrison Hammond – his father-in-law's two

WWI dog tags of different leathers with the same information. If a soldier was killed, one tag was cut off and sent to Headquarters, the other remained with the body. He served with NZ & Australia in Egypt.

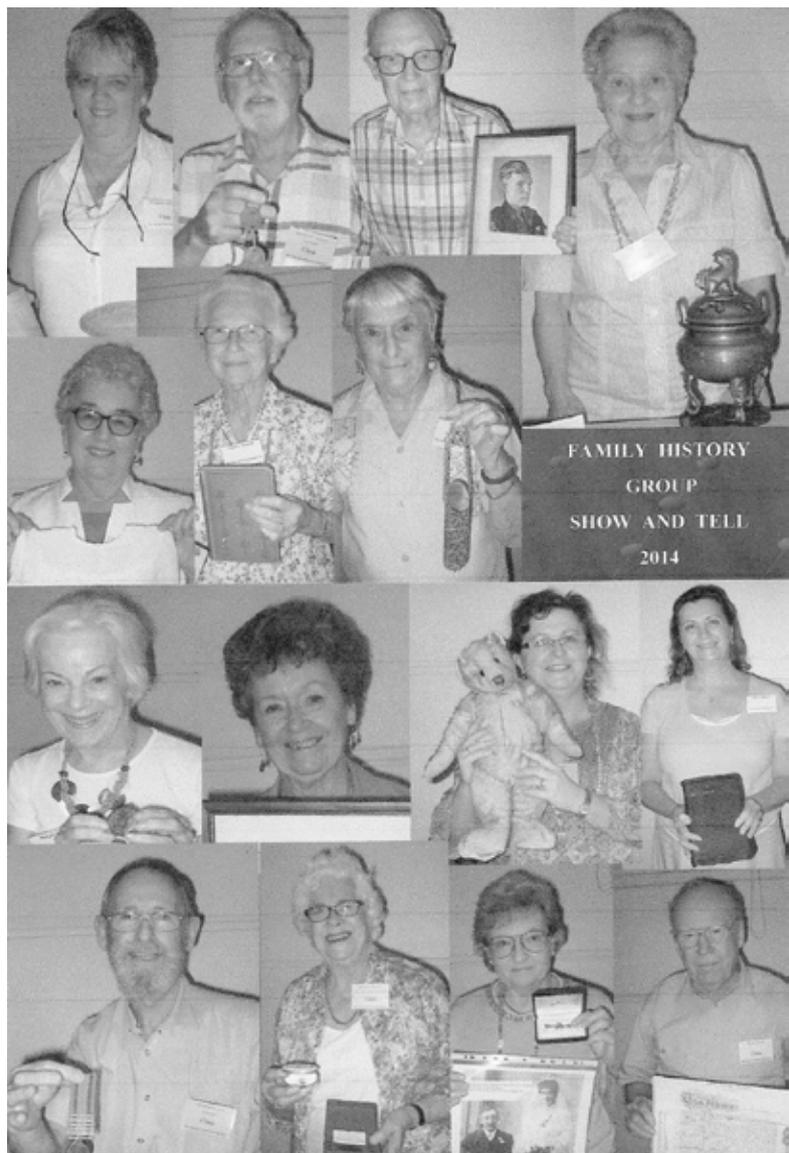
Ken Rowe – photos which included his grandfather serving in WWI.

Jo Harris showed an early KHS teaspoon which bore the drawing by Hazel Perdriau of a yesteryear hut. Jo read us "A Genealogist's Christmas Eve".

The Christmas Hamper Raffle was won by Anne Ronfeldt. Lucky door prizes were won by Ray Holland, Cheryl Kinsey, Andy Joyce, Sandra Simpson, Vicki Williams, Tony Spargo, Gerald Esquilant, Dinah Warner, Morrison Hammond, Barbara Shaw and Jenny Lambertha.

Jo gave details of future events, wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year and we enjoyed a delicious Christmas afternoon tea thanks to our special caterers and all contributors. With a very, very black sky I hope all arrived home safely with cars only having a good wash without any hail damage.

Elaine Turnidge



Speakers' Reports



A Tale of Two Cars – A Talk by John Cann

At the society's Christmas General Meeting, state records archivist, John Cann entertained us with tales of early motoring, ferreted from state records. The presentation was supported by a slide show of early 20th century Sydney, overlaid with the documents John had unearthed. Two most intriguing stories concerned the decision to purchase a car for the premier, and the first use of a getaway car in Australia.

In 1914 NSW Labor Premier William Holman said he would like a car for official use. Negotiations were soon underway with six cars selected for further examination. Various criteria were established, one was that the car should be suitable for use in Willcania - big wheels, high ground clearance. The six cars short listed were: A T-Ford, cost £200, a Buick £365, an Overland (Australian made) £315, a Talbot £550, a Clement -Fayard £425 and a Fiat £550. John Cann then set us a puzzle; which car did the premier select? The popular vote was for the Ford but the question was still open.

Unfortunately the purchase records no longer exist and the only evidence that the premier got his car were from a 1917 newspaper article saying that Premier Holman addressed a gathering in Gundagai standing in his car. John showed photographs of this event and introduced a new puzzle to identify the car - John thought it was a Talbot- which may have been right since the Talbot was the car with prestige and it was, after all, British! The audience were then left to identify the car from the photographs.

The second tale concerned a 1914 payroll heist in Redfern. Two minor criminals "Shiner" Ryan and Samuel Freeman obtained a car from an acquaintance, Arthur-Tatham, who then reported his car stolen. The car was a very expensive Moline Knight which, amongst its attributes, boasted a powerful, yet quite, motor and a self starter (in the days of crank handles!) On 10 June 1914 Ryan and Freeman simply drove up to the car delivering the payroll for the Everleigh railway workshop, took the cash bag from Arthur Twiss, who was suspected of being the inside man in the heist, threw it into the back seat of the Moline and took off. The

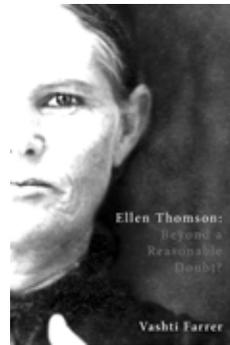
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car together with the empty cash bag and a gun loaded with fake bullets was abandoned in a Surrey Hills lane. Ryan and Freeman had escaped with £3,300; a lot of money then.

Ryan sent most of the money to a friend in Melbourne, Sam Faulkner - Ryan's girl friend, Ettie Kelly, taking it on the train. However Sam absconded with the loot to Tasmania and wasn't seen again. Ryan and Freeman were each convicted and sentenced to 10 years in Parramatta goal, Twiss and Tatham who were also arrested were acquitted. Only £600, which Ryan had kept, was ever recovered. And the car? It was impounded by the police and no further records of it exist.

Doug Miln

Ellen Thomson Beyond a Reasonable Doubt?



We welcomed the new year at our 17 January General Meeting with the story of a woman hanged in Queensland in 1887, after a trial that today would be considered a miscarriage of justice.

Ellen Thomson was a widow who arrived from Ireland and worked as a laundress in Cooktown, far north Queensland. Trying to make ends meet and raise her four children, in what was then only a mining camp with few women, was without any doubt difficult. So she was probably only seeking financial security when she married William Thomson, a farmer from nearby Port Douglas. Thomson was a drunkard, who by all accounts was violent towards his wife. He was also 24 years older than Ellen who at the time of his death was 42 but certainly looked much older. She had a further three children by Thomson.

Then in 1886 Thomson employed Jack Harrison, a 27 year old deserter from the Royal Navy. And one day, when Ellen was away from the farm, Thomson died of a bullet to the head, which Harrison at first maintained was suicide. Although Harrison apparently did flirt with Ellen, there was no evidence they were in an adulterous relationship. However Ellen was made out to be a lustful, scarlet woman and was arrested and charged with conspiring with Harrison to murder her husband in order to take over the farm.

The trial that followed could best be described as prejudice on the part of the judge (Pope Alexander Cooper), police collusion with the witnesses, a pompous arrogant crown prosecutor, a small-town defence lawyer completely out of his depth and Ellen, illiterate, barely able to understand the flowery language of the judge. Whether Ellen conspired with

Harrison was not explored. Apparently she was absent when Thomson was killed, and she protested her innocence to the end, whilst Harrison confessed in jail, claiming it was self defence. But both Ellen and Harrison were found guilty and hanged separately at Brisbane's Boggo Road Jail - Ellen the only woman to be executed in Queensland.

The speaker, Vashti Farrer, is well known as the author of over sixty adult short stories and twenty-six children's books. Much of her writing has an historical background. She has won five awards including the *New England Thunderbolt Award for Crime Writing* in 2013 for an article based on her book *Ellen Thomson - Beyond a Reasonable Doubt?* (Halstead Press 2014) on which the present talk was also based.

Vashti became interested in Ellen Thomson whilst holidaying in Port Douglas in 1997. She thought at first that she would write an historical novel based on Ellen's trial, but after years of time-consuming, frustrating, difficult research she decided to write the book as an historical account. Vashti is a gifted writer and an entertaining speaker - may we look forward to further historical books and presentations from her.

Doug Milne

Ku-ring-gai Heroes of World War I

HORSEY, George Harcom MSM

Gordon Railway Station Roll of Honour

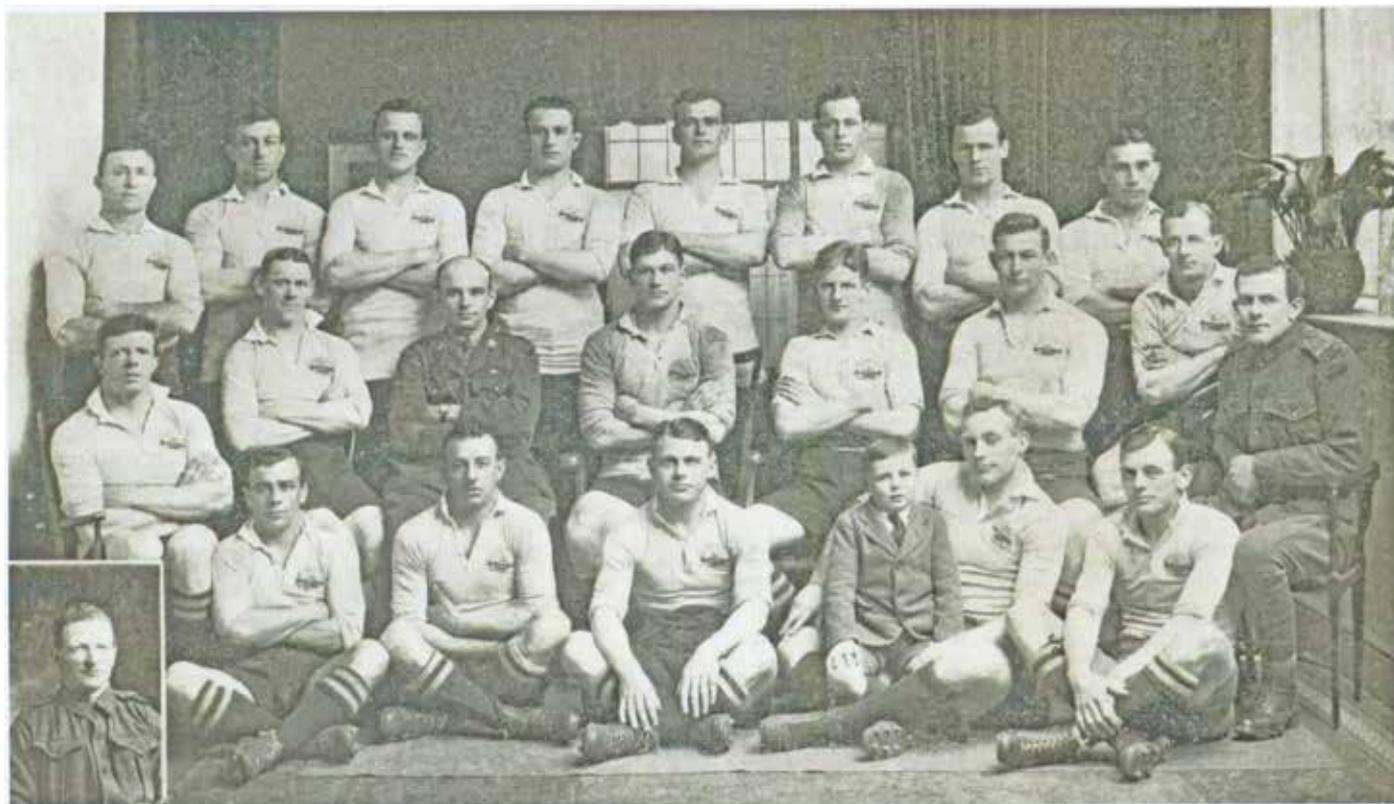
When George Horsey enlisted on 8 September 1915 he had already served 12 months as a Gun-

ner with the Australian Garrison Artillery. He had turned 23 in April, was unmarried and worked as a clerk, and was living with his eldest sister, Mrs Sarah Gertrude Robinson, of Koorni, Richmond Park, Gordon. Their mother had died in 1898 and their father, a cab proprietor, had died in 1906. Accordingly Sarah was nominated by George as his next of kin.

On enlistment George Horsey was allotted to the 14th Battery, 5th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB). 7391 Gunner Horsey embarked at Sydney on HMAT *Persic* on 18 November 1915 disembarking at Suez on 21 December. From there, in March 1916, he proceeded to Marseilles to join the British Expeditionary Force.

On 11 October 1916 Horsey was promoted, in the field, to Bombardier. At the time the 5th FAB was in the vicinity of Ypres. His promotion was probably due to action on the previous day when enemy trench mortars were successfully engaged by the 14th Battery, with two silenced.

Horsey was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 11 September 1917 when his unit was in Dickebusch. Three weeks later, on 2 October 1917 he was shot in the left arm, sustaining severe wounds, and evacuated to England for treatment, thus missing the Battle of Broodseinde. He did not rejoin his unit in France until March 1918.



The Australian Imperial Force First XV Rugby Union Team, 1919. (Private Collection)

In late 1918, Horsey was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period of the advance from ROISEL to ST SOUPLLET, 17 September to 20 October 1918. This NCO was in charge of the ammunition supply. Most of the carting had to be done by night owing to the close proximity of the Battery to the front line, great difficulty being experienced in finding the position owing to the daily moves forward. Throughout the whole operation this NCO showed great initiative and resourcefulness in getting through the many barrages that were encountered and his sterling example and tactfulness set to the men under his command resulted in only 8 casualties to animals during the whole period.

The 5th FAB Unit Diary for 27 and 28 September 1918 describes preparation for an attack and provides more details of the circumstances faced by those supplying ammunition:

The principal difficulty was the carrying of ammunition, for the whole area north of and including Hargicourt was subjected to continuous and intense fire by the enemy's guns. 500 rounds per 18-pounder and 450 per 4.5 [inch] how[itzer] had to be lodged at the Battery positions prior to the attack ... It is difficult to speak of the work of the Drivers without appearing to be lavishing fulsome praise – which would be hateful to them – but something must be said. Most of them are old war-worn tired men. As in their many past sturdy achievements so on this occasion these men unflinchingly and unhesitatingly faced the shell torn roads and fire harassed areas through which their job lay – making trip after trip with a joke every ready and smile on their faces to make their work appear light or cheer a new hand, with perhaps a growl now and again – but these stout hearted men managed somehow to make even their growling humorous and cheerful and it never appears out of place or discouraging; and at midnight on 28th the facts that the guns were ready and the ammunition supply complete for the attack are sufficient to those of us who know their work to place the Battery Drivers high in the ranks of the great gallant heroes who do the unchronicled work of preparation and supply in this war.

After the Armistice, Horsey stayed in France until 2 March 1919 when he returned to London. By this time he had been promoted to Sergeant.

His service record for the next few months is not

entirely clear but indicates that between March and May he was with the Sports Department. Newspaper reports beginning in early April confirm that he had been selected to represent the AIF in its Rugby Team.

Sporting activities (also educational) had been organised by the Army authorities from soon after the end of the war; these were seen as a means of keeping the men active while awaiting transport home. A Sports Control Board was formed in January 1919; formalised matches took place in rugby, Aussie Rules, soccer, cross-country running, boxing, rowing and rifle shooting – amongst others. A rugby team was selected for a match against the French army team in Paris. Horsey and James Hamilton Bosward (also a Gunner with 14th Battery, 5th FAB), both former members of the Wentworth Club, Sydney, were the 2nd Division Artillery nominations.

Horsey missed the final selection of the 20 chosen to go to Paris but later played in the forwards in matches throughout Britain. The Inter-Service and Dominion Forces Rugby Competition began in England on 1 March 1919. The AIF Team of about 50 players was based in London, provided with full board and transport. The team won seven of their 11 matches. It was the only team to defeat New Zealand, the eventual winners of the Inter-Services Competition for the King's Cup.

The AIF Team returned to Sydney on the *Orontes* on 1 July 1919 to an official welcome by Sir George Fuller, M.L.A. and future NSW Premier, at the Hotel Australia. Their first match in Australia, four days later, was against NSW which the AIF Team won 42-14. Following this, matches were played at the University of Sydney, in Armidale, Brisbane and Inverell. The team won every game: 28-18, 35-11, 38-7, 30-3, 20-13, 52-6. Their final match was played in Sydney on 2 August 1919 against Australia, winning 22-6. After this, the team was disbanded.

Horsey returned to live at his sister's home in Gordon. In 1923 he married Agnes Irene Little. Between 1930 and the late 1940s they lived in Lane Cove, moving to Eastwood in the 1950s. By 1941 George was Assistant Staff Manager of the Department of Road Transport & Tramways. When he was appointed Staff Manager in 1946 it was reported 'He served in the First World War and was a member of the First AIF Rugby Football Team.' In 1953 he was awarded a Coronation

Medal, instituted by the Queen in honour of her Coronation.

George Harcom Horsey 'of Eastwood' died on 27 August 1966, survived by his wife Agnes, sons Clifford and Eric, sisters Nell and Olivia, and brother Sam. Clifford served in World War II in the RAN Reserve.

Kathy Rieth

Erratum

In the December Newsletter Coastal History notes, paragraph 4 made mention of whaling activities which are apparently unsubstantiated. The first sentence should read:

In the 1840s settlements were established on the South Coast at Shoalhaven Heads and Twofold Bay where Alexander Berry and Ben Boyd had large pastoral grants.

Vale

The society has been informed of the recent death of former society and committee member Pru Docker. We would like to express our condolences to her family.

Special Interest Groups

Mac Users

The next meeting will be held at **2pm on Monday 2 February 2015** in the Research Centre. As usual we'll kick off the year with an iPad / iPhone day. Did you get an iPad for Christmas and need some help? Do you have an iPad and want to get more out of it? This year if we get enough people we'll split into two 'streams': one for beginners and one a little more advanced.

Technology No February meeting scheduled

German Research

The 8 Dec 2014 meeting was very well attended with 20 members and one visitor present. Dr Kathrine Reynolds gave an extremely lively and informative talk on reasons behind German migrations of the 19th century. The conclusions from her research were not only the expected motivations of conflict, persecution or poverty, but also a 'migration personality'. Many of our ancestors were merely looking for adventure or something different! Several members suggested we examine other themes and activities to pursue and other guest presentations.

The meeting concluded with a very enjoyable afternoon tea. Kathrine kindly donated three publications which will be available at the next meeting for members to peruse. Please see March Newsletter for details.

The next meeting is planned for
Monday 9th February 2015 at 1:30 pm.

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Irish Research

Nine people attended the Irish Group on 12 Dec and warmly welcomed new member, Nola Bramble. Various resources were suggested to trace Nola's Irish great grandmother who emigrated to America before coming to Sydney, went to the Sofala goldfields, and returned to The Rocks before 'disappearing' in the 1860's.

Rod Gillespie

The next meeting will be on
Friday 13 February 2015 at 1.30 pm

WWI Writers and Researchers

Due to the Australia Day long weekend, the next meeting will be at **2pm on Saturday 31 January** in the Research Centre. We'll have a look at some ways of searching British war records. The February meeting will be at 2pm on Saturday 28 February. We are trying to organise a guest speaker for this from the State Archives.

Newly Acquired or Updated Resources

Recent Changes and Additions to our Intranet:
Index to *the Historian Journals*: Updated to include the 2013 edition (Volume 42 No.1)

Canterbury's Boys: Added names and stories of over 1,900 men and women associated with the Canterbury District of Sydney who enlisted in World War 1

1600-1700 Emigrants who went to America: Added 1600-1700

Topographical Dictionary of Wales 1833: Added

1838 and 1839 NSW Court Records: Added Index to Supreme Court Criminal Jurisdiction Information

Australian Cemeteries Index: Added link to the BDMs page as it contains a link to a NSW BDM search facility that works properly

Kupedia

Ku-ring-gai Historical Encyclopaedia is a collection of cross-referenced articles on people, places, events, facts and figures relevant to the history of the Ku-ring-gai municipality. It is a web-based application accessed through our intranet.

A major update to Kupedia occurred over the Christmas break with 58 new articles added mainly from 'Historian' articles originally published 1999-2002. There are currently 387 articles on Kupedia. Most are from early editions of the Historian originally published June 1972-March 2002 – nearly 30 years of effort.

Peter Stehn

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Findmypast

The society is no longer subscribing to the Findmypast database as this is available for access in Gordon Library.

New Day Trips Program

For some years, KHS has organised interesting bus trips, and more recently small group visits for students from the family history courses.

On Monday 23 March the first of a series of new tours will begin, varying in type by coach, minibus and train.

We are excited to offer 45 coach places to **Joadja Creek Ghost Town Heritage Tour**, which includes morning tea, lunch and a guided tour.

Cost \$75. Cash/Cheque to secure a place. Booking forms at KHS rooms, Sat 21 Feb - Sat 14 Mar only.

Jo Harris' very popular '**Exploring Ku-ring-gai Tours**' - **198 km around Ku-ring-gai** will also be scheduled periodically.

Watch for further details in the newsletter.

Help Wanted

Morning Tea Helpers required for all Seniors Week special events (not SIG meetings)

Please contact Margaret Holland 9488 5452

Engineer Officers Training School 1916 to 1918

One chapter in Volume 2 of *Rallying the Troops* will contain an article on the Engineer Officers Training School which was located at Roseville between 1916 to 1918. KHS has some material about the school, including a program of its December 1917 Open Day, and some photographs, but more information about the school and its staff would be very helpful, such as photographs of students at the school and its location, or letters from students describing their experiences there. I know of almost 200 students, some from Ku-ring-gai, but it's almost certain there were more. So if you have a great uncle or a grandfather who was an engineer and who served during the war, it's possible they attended the school - and I'd love to hear from you. Please contact Chris cedy@bigpond.net.au

Publicity Volunteer Needed

We are looking for someone to take on the role of advertising and publicity for the current and upcoming editions of *Rallying the Troops*. Contact Kathie Rieth frithie@netdata.com.au

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Diary Dates

Saturday 7 February

- 11 am **Family History Meeting**
BDMs, UK Government Gazettes, Q & A's
- 2 pm **General Meeting** followed by:
Great-Great-Grandfather, Henry Parkes
Speaker: Ian Thom
Great-Great-Grandson, KHS member
Afternoon tea provided. Visitors welcome

Saturday 21 February

- 2 pm **The North Shore at War: The Home Front**
Speaker: Tony Cunneen
- 9.45-4.30 **Capturing Memories –**
Oral History in the Digital Age
A joint event of the RAHS & Oral History
NSW at **History House**
Contact the RAHS office at admin@rahs.org.au.

Saturday 7 March

- 11 am To be confirmed
- 2 pm General Meeting followed by:
An Ulsterman in Oz -
The Mid-Sixties and 50 Years Later
Speaker: Bob Paisley

Saturday 21 March

- 2.00 pm **Unpicking the Myths of Gallipoli**
Speaker: Military historian, David Wilson

Monday 23 March

- 8.30 – 5.00 **Coach Trip to Joadja Creek**

26-30 March

14th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry

Not to be missed! Top Australian and international speakers, wide ranging topics for new or experienced researchers. More information: congress2015.org.au

11-13 September

Family History Conference: Port Macquarie

Contact NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc.

Email: conference.pmdfhs@gmail.com

Website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nswpmdfhs

Jennifer Mullin (Conference Convener)

Pymble Public School Reunion

Fiona McLennan was a student at Pymble Public School during the 1960s and with others is organising a major reunion in Sept 2015 for ex-staff and students from the 50s /60s eras. If you have any information and/or pictures of the school and its surrounds which could be put into a commemorative booklet, please contact Fiona at fjmcl@outlook.com.



Pymble Public School: We are hoping to find more ex-students and staff who were at Sydney's Pymble Public School during the 1950s and 1960s. We are organising a visit to the school and a reunion dinner in September 2015. Join our Facebook Group "Pymble Public School 1950s/1960s" or contact pymbleps50s60s@outlook.com.

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