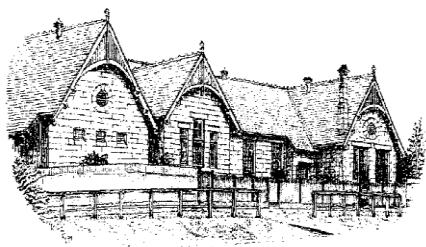


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It's Family History Month!

One of our newer members, Bruce Buchanan, has featured in the August edition of the *Sydney Observer*. The article on page 10, 'Find Your Family', reveals Bruce's fascinating ancestry and gives great publicity to KHS and its day tours, which have become a highly successful and enjoyable feature of the KHS calendar for the year.

Bruce is our regular Day Tours Bus Driver and until his KHS involvement began in 2013, he had been unaware of his illustrious and much celebrated Australian colonial forebears who include George Lavender, James Harris French and Billie Blue!

When KHS President, Graham Lewis, announced the *Sydney Observer* publication of Bruce's family story at the recent AGM, enthusiastic applause was the response, no doubt by many of Bruce's former passengers, now fellow members.

Read more at:

<http://sydneyobserver.com.au>.

History Now and Then

'A people learns its identity, deepens its character and enhances its solidarity through a history. This is true of the great nations of the world - the Americans, the British, the Russians all bring with them a history which continues to shape their present attitudes. The history is not simply a plain record of facts, but an interpreted record related to the ideals and values of the people in question. There could not be a people without a history, for a history confers meaning, identity and dignity. Thus it is never just something from

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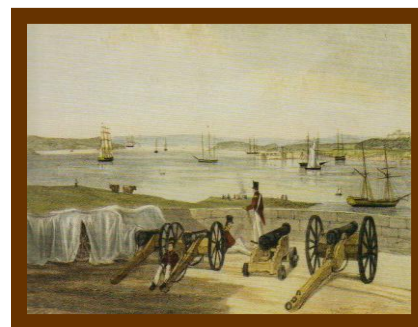
General Meeting

Saturday 19 September 2pm

'THE FRENCH ARE COMING!'

Speaker: Murray Radcliffe

How the late 18th century Napoleonic Wars and French threat shaped the development of the fledgling colony of Sydney Cove.



Dawes Point Battery c. 1840 artist unknown

Visitors Welcome – Afternoon Tea Available

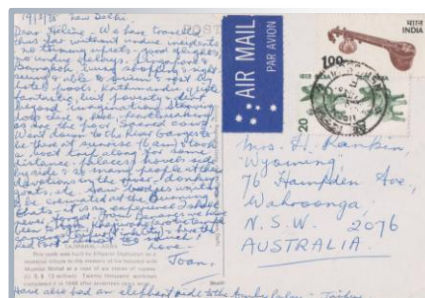
Family History Meeting

Saturday 5 September

11am 'Photographs in Family History'

Workshop (cont'd). Bring a photo to have examined, scanned, and if possible, dated.

2pm General Meeting:



Speaker:
Jean Harmey

'Hidden Personality Traits Revealed'

Graphology is the Art and Science of analysing character from handwriting. Our speaker has analysed people's writing from all walks of life. Please bring a family item for analysis.

Visitors Welcome – Afternoon Tea Available

15 August 2015

Annual General Meeting

KHS Committee Report

It is my pleasure to present to you a report on KHS activities since our last AGM.

It goes without saying that it has been a very busy year, with most of the Committee having had limited involvement with the former Committee. There was accordingly much to learn and much that the new Committee needed to understand and/or review. This was not helped by the elected Treasurer and Secretary resigning their roles in the days following the last AGM, along with the then Editor of the *KHS Newsletter*.

However, we were fortunate that Yvette Reeve volunteered for the Secretarial role and proved very effective in it. Similarly, Neil Falconer took on the Treasurer role, and with the unstinting assistance of member Sue Holmes, mastered the intricacies of the financial and member record-keeping system. We were sorry to coincidentally receive the resignation of Reg Wallin, our Honorary Auditor. However, we quickly found a replacement in member Richard Mossie, whose experience will, I'm sure, prove very useful to us. It is he who has audited the annual financial statements presented and tabled by Neil Falconer.

We were also fortunate to recruit Andy Joyce as Webmaster of the KHS website, which is a key resource in extending our reach far beyond Ku-ring-gai. Andy has maintained the site very effectively since the last AGM and also has a wide and useful IT experience. Julia Green took on the demanding task of Newsletter Editor, and the feedback from members indicates that she has succeeded in bringing to the newsletter a welcome new look and feel. The volunteers who contribute material, proofread and assist with its enveloping and mailing are of course an integral and important part of the extended newsletter team.

This year has seen Neil Falconer, Jo Harris, and Yvette Reeve organising a very popular set of monthly day tours by mini-bus. Many of those have been Ku-ring-gai-focussed, visiting places of local historical and heritage interest. With each Ku-ring-gai tour around 100km in length and including lunch, 'word of mouth' recommendations are keeping up demand from both members and non-members. Interestingly, many of the latter include long-term Ku-ring-gai residents seeing places they've never seen or heard of before, even after 80 or 90 years living here! We've gained quite a few new members from such people. Other trips have gone much further afield, including Mt York, Hartley Vale and Joadja. All trips provide great opportunities for members and others to mix and enjoy an interesting day together, and they add a new dimension to KHS activities, with many becoming repeat trippers! Each newsletter highlights all our upcoming trips – please have a good look in the next edition and try them out. Book early – they fill quickly!

Peter Stehn has continued to manage our IT systems, and has also led the valuable work on our KUPEDIA database, and the transcribing of the Old Gordon Public School student rolls.

Ann Barry and the Wednesday Preservation Group have continued their sterling work organising and preserving our growing collections, and making them readily accessible to members and other researchers.

Jennifer Harvey and the Tuesday Built Heritage Group are expert and enthusiastic in researching and describing Ku-ring-gai's built heritage. Their work on our journal *The Historian* is highly regarded for its content and quality and this year's edition will be no exception. Ku-ring-gai Council also relies heavily on the Group's expertise, and on our Immediate Past President, Jennifer Harvey, in particular.

KHS has a close working relationship with Ku-ring-gai Council, with the Mayor our Patron, and the Council our landlord, as well as relying heavily on our local history and built heritage expertise. This year we met informally with the Mayor and a number of Councillors to ensure that they were aware of the wide range of our activities within the community, and to review with them some of our current projects and priorities. This proved useful in introducing KHS to some Councillors, and also brought some temporary relief to our pressing space problems.

The Family History Group continued with its interesting and well-attended monthly meetings. The speakers arranged this year included excellent presenters on a wide range of subjects. Jo Harris and the FHG Sub-Committee deserve all our thanks, as most FHG attenders become KHS members!

Our ageing IT infrastructure has been creaking lately. We have recently replaced the laptop used for driving the projector used in the research rooms, and other replacements will soon be needed. It is timely then, to review our IT strategy, possibly moving to a served network, rather than continue with a range of largely stand-alone PCs. In due course, such changes would mean having to cope with Windows 10, instead of Windows XP or Windows 7, but this is something most of us already face as individual PC users, or as PC users at other organisations we're members of, so, we will move cautiously, and learn from experience before we take the plunge, and help you cope with whatever changes may be necessary.

The undoubted highlight of last year was the launch of the first volume of our 'Centenary of WWI' publishing project, but it continued 'top of mind' with this year's Committee, recording the involvement of Ku-ring-gai people in WWI, whether serving in the armed forces, residing in Ku-ring-gai at enlistment, or after the war, or with other Ku-ring-gai family connections. Volume I brought extra names out of the woodwork and it is now clear that the whole project will take four volumes, not the three we had envisaged.

We were fortunate to receive significant backing from both the Department of Veteran Affairs, and Ku-ring-gai Council. This has allowed your Committee to plan on publishing all four volumes, to the same high standard as the first, without significant financial risk.

We are also receiving enthusiastic support from Dr Brendan Nelson, former Minister of Defence and former MP for the Federal Seat of Bradfield, and now Director of the Australian War Memorial. We look

forward to seeing him again, at the launch of Volume II later this year.

Of course, a four-volume project would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of the project's research, editing and writing team, led by Kathie Rieth and David Wilkins. The writers include a number of local college students, encouraged by their college history teachers. Your committee is confident that the project is in good hands and will continue to do our society proud!

One of the other matters that took much time in the last year was a major overhaul of our governing document, to bring it into line with the current version of the Act with which societies like ours must comply. We asked committee member Morrison Hammond and our long-term Public Officer, Helen Davies, to take on this task, and then reviewed their suggestions in detail over several meetings, comparing word by word with the Rules presently applying, and satisfying ourselves that all changes would improve the governance and/or the administration of KHS and were the best we could agree on.

At the meeting held to consider adopting the changes it quickly became clear that, despite our diligence, some members were unhappy with some changes proposed, and the new Constitution was not accepted. An outcome is that today's elections are proceeding under the old Rules, with less time for you to consider the candidates, and without the mini-biographies that had been proposed. As a result, the committee we elect today will need to revisit this matter and try to do better. If you have particular issues that you'd like handled differently in a new Constitution, then we suggest that you put your concerns or proposals in writing and address them to the new Committee.

I have mentioned above the members of the WWI research, editing and writing group, but there are many more members who play an important part in making KHS the vibrant organisation it is – Beverley Dunstan, who finds the speakers for our General Meetings; Jo Harris, whose outreach activities every year introduce KHS to hundreds of prospective members and researchers; Heather Davidson & Geoff Little, who together ensure that our volunteer rosters are complete and effective; our Room Volunteers who assist us in our research and help us find our way around the KHS collections; those who index and organise additions to our collections; those who keep us up to date with new sources for research; the experts who research the queries that arrive almost daily by email, snail mail, phone or personal visit; those who facilitate our Special Interest Groups; those who provide food and beverages after our various general meetings, and those who manage our audio visual equipment and cope with its foibles; and so on – thank you all!

All volunteers were invited to a 'Thank You Lunch' earlier this year, with some also receiving 'lucky door prizes' to mark the occasion. Special thanks go to Les Jeckeln and Gordon Joseph, whose generosity made the door prizes possible.

During the year we bade farewell to Life Member Hazel Perdriau, and elected John Brown as a new Life Member.

Hazel's family marked her death with an award in her name. Elaine Turnidge, our Welfare Officer, became the inaugural award-winner, as the 'Hazel Perdriau Volunteer of the Year, 2015'.

We now have 654 members, having lost 44 over the year due to death or resignation, and we gained 45 new members. Taken together with the healthy financial statements before you today, your Committee feels there can be no doubt that we are in good shape for the years ahead.

Graham P Lewis
President of the KHS Committee

Returning Officer's Report

KU-RING-GAI HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 AUGUST 2015

Annual election of office-bearers and committee members:

Nominations and Results

Assurance was received from each nominee that, if elected, he or she would take up the position.

PRESIDENT

Bob Barry	26 votes	
Graham Philip Lewis	48	ELECTED

2 VICE-PRESIDENTS

Ann Barry	23 votes	
Jo Harris	54	ELECTED
Jennifer Joyce	48	ELECTED
Lorna Watt	22	
INFORMAL	1	

TREASURER

Annet Latham		ELECTED
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SECRETARY

(No nominations having been received beforehand, the meeting agreed by approximately 73 show-of-hands, with 3 against, to fill the position at this AGM.)

There was one nomination:

Elizabeth Dokulil		ELECTED
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COMMITTEE

The Immediate Past President becomes a member of the Committee. (Rule 1)

Jennifer Harvey		EX-OFFICIO
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5 COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEMBERS

Ann Barry	26 votes	
Bob Barry	19	
Beth Facer	20	
Morrison Hammond	48	ELECTED
Lorraine Henshaw	43	ELECTED
Margaret Holland	45	ELECTED
Les Jeckeln	9	
Peter Stehn	35	
Trish Thompson	4	
Jennifer Thredgold	42	ELECTED
Kate Tytherleigh	3	
Lorna Watt	19	
John Wilson	39	ELECTED
INFORMAL	2	

John Richardson (signed), Returning Officer

15 August 2015

Where did Francis Barrallier really go?

Giving one of KHS' Honorary Life Members, Dr Doug Milne, wider circulation on the subject matter of his June 2014 General Meeting talk, the Royal Australian Historical Society has published his work in the September 2015 edition of *History* Magazine.

This is extensively referenced, meticulous mapping and original research, refuting earlier historical claims concerning the convict led exploratory routes of Barrallier south of the Nepean River.

'In a country like this, a work of this nature may be relied on for a series of years before the error is detected.' Caley 1803

Other writers, including the first after Caley, Robert Cambage (1910), dismissed Barrallier's November 1802 journey from the crossing of the Nepean.

In the *History* article, Doug explains that the very rough country traversed on foot may have been a significant factor in Barrallier calculating distance inaccurately, as recorded in his journal, and supports propositions with his own carefully drawn maps superimposed with Google Earth images of the area. Discussion follows on the location of Barrallier's Natai depot at Joadja Creek.

An engineer and astrophysicist, Dr Doug Milne DSc, retired as a CSIRO senior principal research scientist and then continued as an honorary research fellow for a further 10 years. He has had a long-time interest in history and is a regular *KHS Newsletter* contributor.

His other activity is with the University of the Third Age (U3A) where he talks mainly on science subjects and is also an Honorary U3A Life Member.

Congratulations are due to Doug from all members!

September 2015

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the past, but is a present possession and a hope for the future. History does for a people what memory does for an individual. Without memory, no one could have an identity, no one (could) have the dignity of being a person or have hope for the future.'

John Macquarrie (sic)
Lady Margaret Professor Divinity
University of Oxford
(reproduced from an early KHS *Historian*)

First Direct Wireless Message from the United Kingdom to Australia

Wales to Wahrenonga

22 September 1918

This achievement marked the culmination of a long period of research and the foundation of all long distance wireless telegraph, telephone and broadcasting services still linking Australia so efficiently with the rest of the world.

The monument outside 'Lucania', corner of Stuart and Cleveland Streets, Wahrenonga, the home of Ernest Fisk (later Sir) commemorates the historic first message sent under the direction of Guglielmo Marconi from his transmitting station at Waunfawr near Carnarvon, Wales, by the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C. K.C., Prime Minister of Australia (1915-1923) in morse code and received by E. T. Fisk Esquire F. Inst AMIE (Aust) at the experimental wireless station at Wahrenonga, New South Wales.

The message read, 'I have just returned from a visit to the battlefields where the glorious valour and dash of the Australian troops saved Amiens and forced back the legions of the enemy. Filled with greater admiration than ever for these glorious men, and more convinced that it is the duty of their fellow citizens to keep these magnificent battalions up to full strength.'

On 22 September 2015 KHS members will be at the monument commemorating 97 years since the message was received. The sculpture of Mercury will return briefly again for this annual event attracting visitors and the full story will be told in a street display.

If you would like to volunteer for the fun this year, please contact Jo Harris 9489-4393.



KHS members at the Monument, 22 September 2014

Family History Group

1 August Meeting Report

11 am Session

25 members attended the morning session which was entitled '**Photographs in Family History**'. Jo Harris spoke about the books in our library about photography in Australia, which give details of how it developed and of individual photographic studios. Another useful book is about dating photos that have no information about time, place or people on them. She then demonstrated the **FlipPal** which the society owns that will copy photos and improve them, and is available in the rooms for all members to use. She also showed how to copy photos from books such as '**Who's Who in Australia**', two editions of which the society has. Copies of the photos in the Society's vast collection can also be bought or put on a CD.

2 pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting by welcoming everyone especially Wendy Bull, Guest Speaker for the afternoon. She then read out what was happening on 1 August, 1788: 'The temperature was 13.333 Celsius; Sergeant Clayfield accused Elizabeth Mason of the theft of a shirt which she said she had bought for three pints of rum from Elizabeth Clark. However she later offered to return the shirt with another one if her accuser would say nothing of the matter. There was also the report of drunk and disorderly behaviour in the women's camp.'

Book Reports

'**Family Tree Connections**' and many other publications the Society subscribes to are available in the rooms.

'**Children of the Anzacs**' written by a First Fleet descendant;

'**Forgotten Australians**' about the many different nationalities that came to Australia;

'**The Wild Girl**' set in the Napoleonic Wars era; and

'**Concord Royal Kin**' by Patricia Sheehan about Edith Walker.

Exhibitions

Mitchell Library Lectures; and the War Memorial Museum in Canberra.

Cemetery Visits

Shrapnel Gully, Gallipoli; and the Poppy Display at Penrith.

Volunteers

More volunteers are still needed to staff the rooms and to help in the many tasks such an active Society as KHS generates.

Speaker

Jo introduced the speaker, Wendy Bull, who had been a Marriage Celebrant for 20 years and whose talk was entitled '**Weddings – Wicked, Wonderful and Wild**'.

Having decided to become a Marriage Celebrant and living in Balmain at the time, she visited Dawn Fraser who gave her all the forms to fill in. She sent them to the Attorney General and waited - for two years! She then rang the Attorney General's Office and learnt that there was only one celebrant appointed for each Post Code and she would have to wait for someone to die before she could be appointed in Balmain.

Three years later... a large parcel arrived on her doorstep containing the Civil Marriage Act, 1967, which she was required to read before she could conduct her first wedding.

This wedding was in the 1980's and it was a second marriage for both people. The families of both of them were not happy ('as who would inherit when one of them died?') and after the ceremony, with everyone under the influence of alcohol, there was a huge 'Barney' on the front lawn to sort it out. (You will have to read her book to find how the problem was solved.)

In 1980s when Lionel Murphy was Attorney General, couples were allowed to choose where they would be married, (previously only churches or the Registry Office were legal) and this opened a Pandora's Box. Not only was there a choice of location but also a choice of the wording which also led to much dissension.

Wendy has conducted weddings in planes, on yachts, islands, beaches, headlands, all of which had limited parking, attracted interested (inappropriately dressed) bystanders and suffered from inclement weather such as strong winds and rain.

One bride fell backwards into the water and had to be rescued by the groom before the ceremony could commence with both of them dripping wet; one bride altered the wording of the vows which the groom refused to say so the wedding was called off; several brides breast-fed their babies during the ceremony; one wedding was held at midnight with the only light to read the order of service being from matches struck by the celebrant's husband.

Weddings were often themed, such as 'Celtic', 'Medieval', 'Halloween' and 'Harry Potter', which necessitated the celebrant 'dressing up' (Wendy brought with her a bag full of items she had been required to wear). She emphasised that 80% of the weddings were lovely and went without a hitch, but the other 20% provided her with enough stories to write her book called 'The Big Day'.



Wendy Bull in 'the Harry Potter hat', photo Laurel Cameron

After an hilarious afternoon, a vote of thanks was moved by Lorraine Henshaw and enthusiastically seconded by everyone present...

Lucky Door Prizes

'**A Dictionary of Australian Colloquialisms**' by G A Wilkes was chosen by Vicki Williams; '**Isle of the Dead – Port Arthur**' by Richard Lord was chosen by Cecilia Inglis; and '**Dictionary of 20th Century Art**' by Ian Chivers was chosen by Carolyn Darby.

Report by Jean Smith

Special Interest Groups

German Group

On Monday 10 August, eighteen members and two visitors attended presentations by Tony Karrasch on **'Social Pressures in 19th Century Prussia'** and Frank Olivier on **'How to Organise Information to write a Family History Story'**, both extremely interesting informative and inspirational, thank you, Tony and Frank!

Tony showed how to integrate the bones of family history research within the broader context of the historical framework, to be continued next meeting.

Frank illustrated his trials, tribulations and experiences writing a family history story and outlined the disciplines, costs and how to avoid pitfalls.

Peter Stehn

Irish Group

On Friday 14 August seven members viewed a video by **PRONI** (Public Records Office Northern Ireland) on **'Getting Started'** with Names and Townland or Parish Addresses, Recording Information, Names and Spelling Variations, Goal Setting and more!

The PRONI website provides talks and lectures, guides to church records etc. Civil Registration commenced 1864 (Roman Catholic) and 1845 (Protestant). On line are: Births over 100 years ago, Marriages over 75 years ago and Deaths over 50 years ago and Church Records prior to Civil Registrations for Baptisms and Marriages and Census Records, Street Directories, Valuation Records.

Other useful websites: the **'Ask About Ireland'**, providing Census Substitutes, Coroner's Records, Wills (1858-1965), School Records, some Workhouse records and **'Irish Origins'**.

See also the **'Irish Ancestors'** website for Landed Estates, Leases, Tennant Lists, Maps, Burial Records and Gravestone and **'Rootsweb'** for Emigration Records 1833-1839 or look at Ports of Arrival.

The **National Library of Ireland** has all the Catholic Registers: **Registers.nli.ie** although names and boundaries may vary!

Try **John Gresham's book 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'** in the KHS bookcases for maps and more!

Mac Group

On Monday 3 August we looked at:

Gadgets: an external cd/dvd reader/writer (Samsung) about half the price of an Apple unit and a multi card/usb hub (Dolphin) that provides usb ports and sd/mmc, ms/ms pro, ms-duo, micro sd/TF, ms/m2 cards, a little larger than a matchbox!

Apps

Two scanning apps for iPad and iPhone:

Scanbot www.scanbot.io

Scanner Pro: www.go.macworld.com/scannerpro

To keep control of memory use have a look at another app, **'Memory Clean'**:

<http://www.macupdate.com/app/mac/47921/memory-clean>

There was a question about **templates for budgets**.

The following may assist:

<https://templates.office.com/en-gb/Budgets>

<https://support.office.com/en-ca/article/Create-and-use-your-own-template-a1b72758-61a0-4215-80eb-165c6c4bed04>

We also looked at accessibility within **system preferences** to control font size and cursor size.

It may be some months before I see you again, Good Mac-ing!

Morrison Hammond

Book Accessions

A Mini Dictionary A-Z – A Succinct Guide to Colonial Anecdotes, Incidents and Interesting Information

by Barbara Daniels-Pressick and Carol and Ron Bergen, 2013, published by Convict Connections, An Interest Group of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.; 114 pages. ISBN 978-1-86430-105-2. This is an update of *The Transports Are Here, Convicts and the Colony A-Z*, released in 1996. The terminology in the revised edition is intended to provide enlightenment about the life and times of our convict and free settler forebears in Australia. The text is mainly an alphabetical listing of varied terms and their meaning, which have application to those interested in history in Australia. For example, a 'lag' is 'a derogatory epithet applied to a convict whose wealth or aristocratic ties gained him preferential treatment' and 'larrikin' is a term for 'young vagabonds in Australia... reportedly first used in a Melbourne police court by an Irish police officer ...(for youths)... 'larrikin' meaning larking (around)' (p 48). There is a useful bibliography of primary and secondary sources. By coincidence, on the shelf near the *Mini Dictionary* was an issue *Inside History* for Mar-Apr 2015. On pp 54-57 Kirsty Gray listed 10 words or phrases useful for explaining antiquated or old terms.

A Plan of Management for South Turramurra Bushland

by South Turramurra Environment Protection (Robin Buchanan, Ecological Consultant) 1980; 53 pages. This summary describes bushland on the eastern side of the Upper Lane Cove River (near South Turramurra and Fox Valley). Topics discussed include a general description of the area (such as its size and shape, history, geology, fauna and flora, developments, etc.); and management of the area. There are references and suggested reading, and Appendixes on plants, birds and reptiles; and maps and tables.

Gordon Greenwood – The Early Years 1913-1931

This is an autobiography edited and annotated by Helen Derrick (nee Greenwood), 2013; ca 195 pages. This volume deals with early years at Hornsby, Chatswood and Turramurra, and at Knox. There is a bibliography and extensive photographs. There are also four Appendixes dealing with real estate and society in Sydney; shopping; Catholics in Sydney; and Turramurra College curriculum notes.

Notes by Richard Facer

Diary Dates

Meetings Held in the Research Centre:

Mac-Users Special Interest Group

7 September Monday at 2 pm

Technology Special Interest Group

10 September Thursday at 1.30 pm

Irish Special Interest Group

11 September Friday 1.30pm-3pm

Susan Gillespie will present on her **Irish Suffolk Ancestors** who came to Australia as early regimental members.

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 September Monday at 1.30 pm

'A Timeline of 19th Century Germany', continued
Speaker: Tony Karrasch, followed by discussion and
Afternoon Tea: Circulate, Chat & Share!

WWI Researchers and Writers Group

26 September Saturday 2-4 pm

New Members

Welcome to our newest members – we hope you will make yourselves known at meetings and participate, learn and enjoy the activities of interest to you.

Marilyn Holt South Turrumurra

Ann McDonald Gordon

For Volunteers

A '**Volunteers' Mini Guide**' has been produced and is on the central table in the Research Centre.

The mini guide is mainly intended for the newer volunteers and has been adapted from the existing **Volunteers' Guide**. For a fuller explanation of most of the Research Centre duties, volunteers should consult the *Volunteers' Guide*, also located in the box on the central table.

The '**Volunteers' Mini Guide**' explains essential information for volunteers, such as opening and closing the rooms, how to receive money, publications available, booking tours and photocopying and printing.

The 'Money Handling' and 'Petty Cash' instructions have been updated and I suggest everyone has a quick look at these notes.

Geoff Little, Volunteer Coordinator

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KHS Tours

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



16 September Wednesday

Macquarie Lighthouse Minibus Tour \$25, lunch at own expense. Meet at Bannockburn Oval early for 8.30am departure. Fully booked.

24 September Thursday

'The Two Church Crypts', St James' and St Mary's
Please bring a gold coin for entry at each venue.
Transport by train: be early for the 9.34am from Turrumurra, meet in the fourth carriage. Lunch at own expense, a table has been reserved. Fully booked.

28 September Monday

'Exploring Ku-ring-gai' (98 km trip) Minibus Tour
Cost \$35 includes 'Mystery Lunch'.
Meet at Bert Oldfield Oval Killara early for 8.30am departure. Fully booked.

12 October Monday

'Exploring Ku-ring-gai' (98 km trip) Minibus Tour
Cost \$35 includes 'Mystery Lunch'.
Meet at Bert Oldfield Oval Killara early for 8.30am departure. Bookings open Monday 21 September.

15 October Thursday

Cockatoo Island Escorted Tour, train and ferry.
Tour and ferry \$25. Lunch at own expense at onsite café. Bookings open Monday 21 September.

17 November Tuesday

Belgenny Farm and Camden Park House
Two Tours, travel by coach, morning tea and lunch \$90. Please note the Expressions of Interest List was an indication for numbers only. Bookings open Monday 21 September to secure your place.

Attention: 'Photographers'

Did you attend the St John's Anglican Church Gordon '2014 Church Fete' and happen to take a photo of the Mayor in robes?

Sue Dunston would be thrilled to hear from you and is offering to reimburse the cost of a copy of your photo, with acknowledgment. Please phone 9498 8720.

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Material should be in electronic form if possible, with as little formatting as possible, e.g. no bullets, indenting or styles.

General Meeting Dates

5 September Saturday

Family History

11am 'Photographs in Family History' Workshop (continued).

2pm General Meeting followed by: 'Hidden Personality Traits Revealed' Bring along an ancestor's postcard or letter.

Speaker: Jean Harmey, Graphologist
Afternoon Tea Visitors Welcome

19 September Saturday

2pm General Meeting followed by: 'The French are Coming!' How the late 18th century Napoleonic Wars and French threat shaped the development of the fledgling colony of Sydney Cove.

Speaker: Murray Radcliffe, Historian
Afternoon Tea Visitors Welcome

3 October Saturday

Family History

11am 'TBA – Members' Help Session'

2pm General Meeting followed by: 'Macarthur – Visionary or Villain' Speaker: Patrick Dodd, Historian. Patrick will document Macarthur's life as a lead-up to the Society's visit in November to Belgenny Farm and Camden Park House.

Afternoon Tea Visitors Welcome

17 October Saturday

2pm General Meeting followed by: 'The U.S. Alliance in the 1970s' Assoc. Professor James Curran on volatile relations in the Whitlam and Nixon years.

Afternoon Tea Visitors Welcome

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.

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