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Rooms: 799 Pacific Highway Gordon Meetings held in the Gordon Library Meeting Room, 799 Pacific Highway Gordon

Life in Australia during World War I

The subject of April's meeting was very appropriate since it was so close to Anzac Day. The speaker, Craig Wilcox, explained how the mood of Australia changed over the course of the war from one full of patriotism, enthusiasm, desire to participate and support for the mother country, to one of great division, setting Australian against Australian.

Upon the declaration of war, Australia had quickly mobilised. But, initially, it was the militia and the rifle clubs that mobilised, not the AIF, as the militia headed off to protect the coast. There was a real fear of German invasion as a quarter of New Guinea was under German control. Women formed local branches of the Red Cross, expecting battles near Australia and believing that they would be required to nurse wounded soldiers. But Australia took German New Guinea almost without a shot being fired. After the sinking of the Emden there was a sense that we were winning the war but that it was all a long way away, and that the war would remain Europe-centred.

By the start of 1915 things were not good on the home front, especially in the working class suburbs. At that time most of Australia's imports and exports involved Britain, and no trade could take place with Germany anymore — so disruptions in shipping and contraction of markets resulted in prices doubling within a few months. Notwithstanding the huge rush to enlist, there was also a dramatic rise in unemployment: mines were closing; shops shutting; and industry was also badly affected. Farms were left short-handed, which impacted food production. And then the casualty lists started coming in from places like Gallipoli, the scale of which shocked the country.

As a result of this high level of casualties there was an increased need to recruit more soldiers. There was a Coee March through the Ku-ring-gai suburbs, ending at the Warrawee Recreation Grounds. Throughout the country as a whole, 100 000 men enlisted between April and October 1915. By late that year and early 1916, Australia started to divide in opinion. Billy Hughes was fanatical in his support of the war effort and led the campaign to introduce conscription. The argument in favour focused on the need to replace the casualties and support the Mother Country, while the argument against pointed out that conscripts would not necessarily be good or effective soldiers, and also expressed the fear that Japan would attack an undefended Australia. Feelings were strong, and when the referendum took place there was 1 000 000 for and 1 100 000 against conscription. At the end of 1917 Australia had a second referendum about conscription, but the results were the same. Internally we became even more divided, but fortunately by August 1918 the German offensive had collapsed.

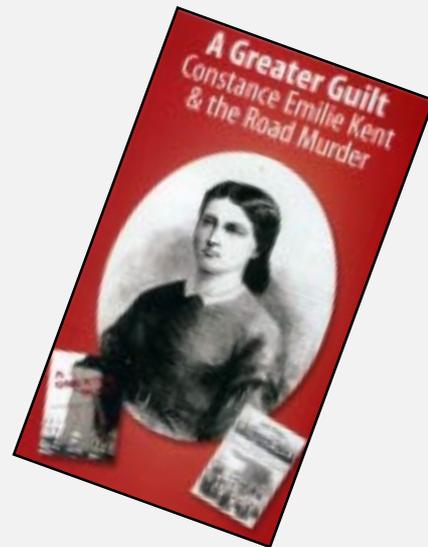
Jenny Joyce

General Meeting

Saturday 16 June 2.00 pm

A greater guilt

Constance Emilie Kent & the Road Murder



Speaker: *Noeline Kyle*

An intriguing story of Australian connections with a notorious crime, centred on the life of a Sydney nurse who died, aged 100, in the 1940s, by well-known academic and author, Dr Noeline Kyle.

Afternoon Tea will be available.

Visitors welcome.

Family History Meeting

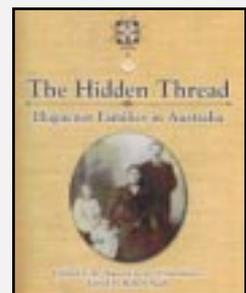
Saturday 2 June

11.00 am "Cemetery Transcripts"

2.00 pm **General Meeting**

"Huguenots" – Speaker Robert Nash

One of the founding members of the Huguenot Society of Australia, Robert has written numerous articles and given many lectures on the Huguenots and descendants in Australia. He also edited the Society's book, *The Hidden Thread: Huguenot Families in Australia*.



Afternoon Tea will be available.

Visitors welcome.

Volunteer Luncheon

Saturday 16 June 12.00 noon

All KHS volunteers are invited to a thank-you luncheon to be held on the above date. The Society is extremely grateful for the many hours of work that our volunteers contribute – see our list of volunteer activities on p. 3. It is only through their efforts that we are able to achieve so much.

As we are catering for this event, we need to know the numbers, so please RSVP by **Friday 8 June** by email to khs@khs.org.au, phone 9499 4568, or call into the room and put your name on the list.

What workshops do you want?

The Society has been running workshops on various subjects for the last few years.

We feel you may be a little tired of the topics covered, so we are asking for your input.

Please send an email to khs@khs.org.au or speak to a Committee member, and provide us with the following information.

What topic would you like a workshop on?

What day and time is best for you?

Are you able to help with running a workshop?

Almost like home – living in Bradfield Park

Copies of the book are available from our room and our website www.khs.org.au. Price: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, plus \$9 postage. Call in, or go to our website, complete the form and make a payment by direct credit.

Typist needed

We recently received an amazing collection of items including letters from the 1860s onward. These are handwritten and we need assistance in typing them up. If you could help on a Wednesday or a Thursday, please contact Ann Barry a.barry@optusnet.com.au or 9144 6480.

Do you read other societies' newsletters?

The Society receives many newsletters and journals from other Historical Societies and Family History groups. These are available to all, either on our computers, or in one of our filing cabinets. There are many interesting items on other areas and people. Ask a room volunteer to show you where to find them. You never know what you might find.

Quiz answers (see p. 8 for Questions)

1. (d) 2012
 2. (c) Michael Hogan
 3. (a) Cook's Flat
 4. (a), (b), (c) & (d) — all of the above
 5. (b) A mobile hamburger and coffee stand generally known as 'Ma's Kiosk'
 6. (c) Wagg's Bus Service
- All questions are based on the Society's publication "Almost like home". This book is available in our Research Centre for viewing or purchase.

Special Interest Groups

SIGs don't have to be started by people who know a lot about a subject – sharing experiences is a really good way to learn, as has been shown by the very active and enthusiastic German Group.

We can help you get started and will probably join in. Email jackievb@optusnet.com.au if you are interested.

Mac Users SIG

The last meeting was on Monday 30 April. We were all able to add to our knowledge of Macs by discussing a number of interesting topics.

The next meeting is on **Monday 4 June at 2.00 pm** in the Research Centre.

If you have any specific questions, please email them in advance so they can be circulated to the group for answers (oswatt@bigpond.com).

No need to book, just turn up, experienced or inexperienced are all welcome as we all learn from each other. Bring your laptop or iPad if you like.

Lorna Watt

Scottish Research SIG

The last meeting attracted around 10 people. Unfortunately Jenny was ill at the last minute and was not able to host the topic 'Maps and Gazetteers'. This will now be the topic for our next meeting on **Monday 28 May at 1.30 pm** and we all hope Jenny will be able to be there with us. Instead there was a general discussion. It was also suggested we all bring our Scottish reference books with us to our next meeting.

Bev Jach

German Research SIG

The last meeting of the KHS German SIG was held on Monday 14 May with nine members attending. Two new members were welcomed.

Several potentially useful snippets of information were discussed at the meeting and a number of useful websites mentioned.

Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month. However, the second Monday of June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Therefore the **next meeting will be held at 1.00 pm for a 1.30 pm start on Monday 9 July 2012**. See you then?

Peter Stehn

Irish Research SIG

The first meeting of the Irish Special Interest Group took place on May 11 and about 20 people attended. We discussed various web sites for Irish research. The next meeting will be on **Friday 8 June at 1.30 pm** and anyone is welcome to attend.

If you are interested please contact Jenny Joyce at jenny.joyce@writeme.com.

Newsletter contributions

We welcome any short items and photos that might be of interest to members. Email to the Editor, Bob Barry (bob_barry@optusnet.com.au) or leave at the room.

KHS Volunteers

The committee would like to recognise and thank the many volunteers who have been assisting the Society during the past year as room volunteers and researchers, collecting and preserving records and generally assisting with the many duties required to run a vibrant society. We would also like to thank the many people who have made donations to the Society during the year.

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Jennifer Wallin

Afternoon Tea/Supper

Jill Nicholson

Thanks to the many people who have assisted over the past year.

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Lindfield AU – Lindfield UK

Wednesdays at the Research Centre are busy – members settle into a variety of jobs and work happily, always willing to give advice to one another if needed and enjoy a friendly lunch break.

Over several years now I have enjoyed typing handwritten letters and/or documents that have been sent or donated to the Society. Unfortunately many are unsigned and undated; much of the handwriting is difficult to read with many words illegible.

Recent documents have related to the Village of Lindfield, Sussex, UK. This is an historic village with the High Street being centuries old, but much is less than 100 years old, and many houses are under 50 years old. Mention was made of the book “Lindfield past and present” by Helena Hall (not sure of date printed). I borrowed this book from Gordon Library (although it should be in the KHS collection) and I quote:-

“About 125 years ago a man from Lindfield, a brother of Mr Thomas Wells, went to Australia and settled down at Sydney. His son built a house a few miles out of Sydney and called it “Lindfield” after his uncle’s old home. The name caught on, and a large suburb of Sydney is now called Lindfield. In 1936 the place had grown so much that its church had to be enlarged, and the vicar asked that a stone from our Lindfield should be sent to him. Accordingly the Revd. Sydney Swann looked him out one with angels on it. Empire House, in the Strand, motored down to collect and sent it out (free) by P. and O. to Sydney.”

I visited St Albans, Lindfield 2070, to photograph this stone and found it with another, and additional information, on the wall close to the church entrance. One stone stated *“This Stone a Token of Friendship from All Saints, Lindfield, England is presented to St Albans, Lindfield, Sydney in Feb 1939”*.

Another document mentioned Queen Elizabeth II and the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. This intrigued me as I was at the Arcadia Theatre in Chatswood on 6 February 1952, when it was announced that King George VI had died. I “Googled” Lindfield, UK and sent an email asking what celebrations were planned for this 2012 Diamond Jubilee Year.

I received a reply with an outline of events. On the first weekend in June “Village Day” will be celebrated on Saturday 2 June, with festivities on the “Common” between noon and 5.00 pm. On Sunday 3 June there will be a Full Peal of Bells followed by the church service. The aim is to have many people and village clubs/societies involved.

I was asked what may be happening in our area. I contacted Evelyn Wyatt and was able to advise UK that a Quarter Peal was rung at St Philip’s, Sydney on the Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II’s accession in February and more shall be rung. Evelyn indicated that a Full Peal takes 3 hours, a Quarter Peal ¾ hour.

In Sydney on the Queen’s Birthday weekend in June there is to be the 50th Anniversary of Australian/New Zealand



The stones in St Albans Lindfield Sydney



Association Festival of Bell Ringers – <http://www.anzab.org.au/ANZAB/#program> – times to be finalised; some churches may include St Marys, St Andrews, St Philip’s York Street, St Benedict’s Broadway, St James Queens Square, in the city; St Mark’s Darling Point; St James Turramurra; All Saint’s Parramatta. ENJOY the bells!

Evelyn and Tony Wyatt are Bell Ringers, also Helen Davies – are there others in our KHS? Bells were rung on 21 January 2012 when Evelyn and Tony’s son Andrew married Belinda Docwra at St Phillip’s.

Elaine Turnidge

Recent acquisitions

The following is a selection from last month. These items are kept one month on the fireplace shelf for ease of reference, and are then sorted into the reference library.

“Architects from the Public Service List”, being extracts from the Public Service List for selected branches for most years from 1898 to 1920. This also includes public servants engaged in activities associated with architecture. ARC/PUB

“Bibliography of New South Wales local history” (pages 1 to 359) by Christine Eslick, Joy Hughes and R. Ian Jack. This is an annotated bibliography of secondary works published before 1982; and “New South Wales Directories 1828–1950: a bibliography” (pages 365 to 435) by Joy Hughes. Published by New South Wales University Press 1987. If you are having trouble identifying what has been published for a local area check out this publication. HOW/HUG

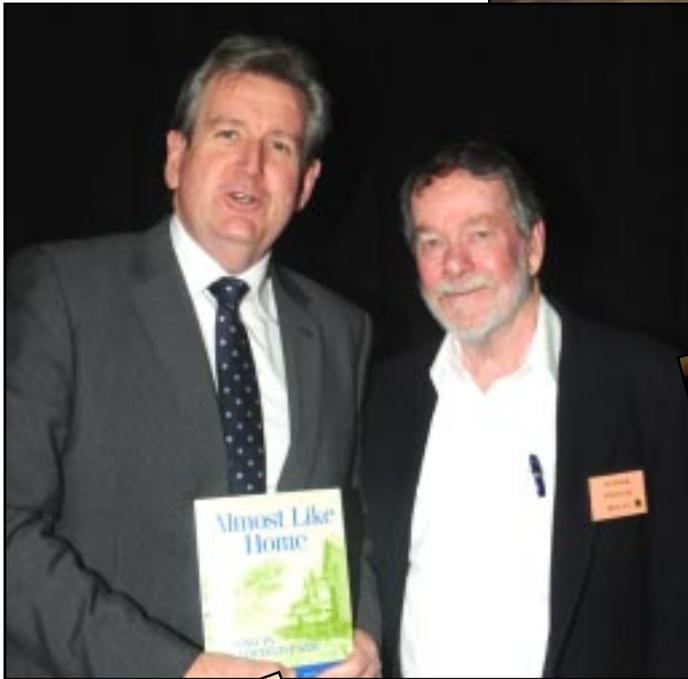
Bruce Robinson

A successful book launch!

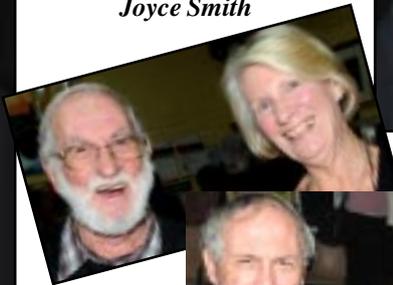
The Society's latest publication, *Almost Like Home – Living in Bradfield Park*, by Michael Hogan, was successfully launched by the Premier, Barry O'Farrell, on 10 May at the Community Centre at West Lindfield.

A large group of members and former residents of Bradfield Park were on hand to enjoy the evening.

Our photos (thanks to Martin Brannan) capture some of the "feel" of the evening.



L: Barry O'Farrell and Michael Hogan; R: Michael with Trisha Hopcroft; Below: Fred Wright and Joyce Smith



L: Lewis Buckingham Jr and Sr; Below: Gwen Barr, Philip Hogan, Leonie Turner (nee Hogan)



L: Terry Flynn; R: Michael with two former residents



Some of the volunteer helpers. L: Vicki Pagett; above: Jenny Joyce; R: Bob Barry, Peter Stehn



FAMILY MATTERS

May Family History Meeting

Jo Harris welcomed the 28 attendees, then handed over to Jenny Joyce for a very comprehensive “Googling” Session.

A small sample follows. Searches are related to what you may wish to find – no need for capitals in the request – but the word “OR” does need capitals! Narrow down your searches. “Advanced Search” can be very helpful with advice and not just for “advanced researchers”. “~” (tilde) means no space, e.g. “Johnson OR Johnston OR Johnstone ~Hythe Carpenter” – or only work within “...”. Australian Cemeteries www.australiancemeteriesindex.com. Wow; so much to find, it is mind boggling!! Thank you Jenny, for the “Getting the most from Google” session.

Jenny advised that Audrey Collins, British National Archivist, will be speaking at Parramatta on Friday 29 June, cost \$50.00 – “Unlock the Past website”.

2.00 pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting, welcomed the 33 members, friends, visitors, and Guest Speaker Tom Richmond.

Jo advised that the 8 week Family History Course is underway with the participants settling in, having just met the “Flowerdew” family!! Jo was pleased to see 11 KHS members at the previous Huguenots’ meeting when Robert spoke about the life of Mrs Fulloon, the first Matron of the Female Factory at Parramatta.

See the latest issue of “Family Tree Connections”, Mother’s Day Issue includes photographs of mothers, some waiting to be claimed – also a lovely story about adoption and other family stories.

This month’s Internet news seems to be sponsored by companies who require you to subscribe or purchase credits – these include [Deceased on Line](#); [Scotland’s People](#); [Find My Past](#) – this is good for Chester UK.

Acquisitions for the Society include books on the Brooklyn area, some by Tom Richmond; “Brooklyn Underground” on cemeteries.

Interesting places: Elaine Turnidge and Yvette Reeve passed the “Explorers’ Tree” at Katoomba and found it wrapped in black plastic.

Annual State Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. is to be held at Gympie in September, hosted by the Botany Bay Family History Group – check the internet for bookings. Jenny advised that there will be a Family Genealogy Cruise in March 2013.

Reminder that State Records is closing Globe Street – if visiting plead “ignorance” and ask for help, which is willingly given.

Jo introduced and welcomed Tom Richmond, Local Historian, and his talk “Federation and the local Hawkesbury link”. Tom, a retired high school principal (Ku-ring-gai High) and a well known local historian lives at Brooklyn, where his great-grandfather was a pioneer settler. He traces his ancestry back to the First Fleet, and has spent much of his retirement researching the history of Hornsby Shire – with special emphasis on the Lower Hawkesbury. He is the author of five books on local history and writes a column for the *Hornsby Advocate*. He has spoken to numerous clubs and organisations from the Harbour to the Central Coast, on

subjects relating to history and education. Tom’s other passion is cricket, and he has just completed his fiftieth year as a cricket coach. Tom’s awards include the OAM for services to youth, the Australian Sports Medal for services to cricket, the Centenary Medal for services to local history, and the NSW Premier’s Award for Community Service.

Tom commenced with a verse of poetry and we all joined in with the next verse of Dorothea Mackellar’s poem “My Country” – followed by some True/False Q&As. Tom spoke about Henry Parkes, a most political animal: his whistle stop tour at Tenterfield; “Australian” not NSW or other colonies; communication (1850s the overland telegraph system; 1878 undersea cables to England); “Australian” cricket teams; railways (so quick compared with horse and carriage – a train trip Hornsby to Milsons Point takes “one” minute less now than steam trains in 1893!) 1880s Sydney–Parramatta and later to Albury; different gauges between “colonies” (Victoria up to Wodonga). Hume and Hovell were at Albury, to Wallangarra on the Queensland border; travel Port Augusta SA to Charleville Queensland – the longest continuous railway in the world, built in 30 years (gold rush money); the Woy Woy tunnel opened the missing link “Sydney–Newcastle” (ferry crossings on Broken Bay could be “bracing”) [pontoons carried sections of bridge, low tide lowered sections, and a pontoon later became the “Banquet Hall” for 700, May Day 1889, when Henry Parkes opened the “Brooklyn Bridge”, the 4th longest in the world]. That meeting and speeches were reported only in the Newcastle paper, not the SMH – Lord Carrington calling for Federation. Samuel Griffith, ‘Architect of the Constitution’ travelled on the “Lucinda” to see the new bridge.

John Fogarty ably thanked Tom for a most interesting talk and presented him with a book. John also won the raffle and chose “A lady in a thousand”, Eliza Davies, born 1821, a Biography by Barbara Ward.

Based on notes by Elaine Turnidge

An unusual request solved



In April the Society received a request, with images, asking if we would be able to find the origin and history of sandstone blocks stored on the grounds of 77 Telegraph Road, Pymble.

This enquiry was referred to the Research Team and also Tuesday’s Built Heritage group.

The two sandstone blocks, carved in relief, were stored on site side by side with the left block showing ‘1863 (or 8)

PHAEEL' and the right block 'JGRA'. By changing this order we were able to determine the wording '1863 (or 8) JG RAPHAEL'.

We believe this inscription refers to Joseph George Raphael (1818–1879) who owned many buildings in Sydney. He was the proprietor of the Sydney & Melbourne Hotel, a substantial stone building on the corner of Kent and Margaret Streets, and two other hotels at 185 Kent Street and 73–77 George Street. Joseph Raphael also owned two warehouses, 268 George Street and 'off 3 Mill Lane', and many houses.

Our conclusion was that these blocks originated from one of his buildings built in the 1860s. But how did these sandstone blocks end up at 77 Telegraph Road, Pymble?

Further research revealed that John Peter Melocco of Melocco Bros Pty Ltd was the owner of 77 Telegraph Road, Pymble between 1953 and 1957, and it is most probable the blocks came from a site where the Meloccos were working.

A team effort, and solved in less than an hour!

Trish Thomson and Lorna Watt

Important document find

KHS is the very fortunate recipient of what can only be described as a treasure trove of information on Squire John Brown, the distribution of his estate, and in particular the lives of his daughter Sophia (Flo) and her husband JG Laing, who lived in *Lang Syne*, 663 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

The papers, photographs and maps were found by Warren Millist in a trunk stored under a house in The Glade, Wahroonga. We believe they were put there by the first owner, Norman Laing, a son of Flo and JG Laing.

Mr Millist's donation was the direct result of the recent open day held by the National Trust of three houses in Fox Valley Road. Information in the booklet supplied to visitors was provided by Jennifer Harvey and myself, and included reference to the role of Squire Brown in the early development of the area. A colleague of Mr Millist was one of those visitors and passed the booklet on, prompting him to contact KHS and 'the rest is history'.

For me this is a very timely gift as the 2012 issue of *The Historian* focuses on the grant in Gordon acquired by Squire Brown. After his death the area was subdivided and individual lots passed into the hands of his eleven children. One of the houses I'm researching for *The Historian* is *Lang Syne*, now known as *Fane Edge*. Another is *Lenaker*, 49 Weronia Avenue, and there are at least three in Cecil Street all owned at one time by Browns.

We are very, very grateful for Mr Millist's thoughtful and extraordinarily generous donation.

Kathie Rieth

Our Research Team

The research team beavers away in the background, with most people being unaware of their activity. While many of the enquiries are mundane, some are very rewarding, such as the following.

A woman who lives in England was looking for her half-brother. On checking available records it was found he had died in 2008. Never one to give up, Jo found a son living on the South Coast, and from there was able to find the half-brother's wife living in St Ives.

The end result was a Mother's Day family reunion, including a visiting nephew from England.

BUILT HERITAGE

The Kafka House

11 Eton Road, Lindfield

The fate of the Kafka House will have been decided by the time this newsletter is printed; an application has been lodged to



demolish it and build a boarding house. We do need a wider range of accommodation in Ku-ring-gai, but should it be at the expense of a significant example of the work of a modernist European émigré architect, Hugo Stossel, built in 1948 for another émigré, furniture designer Paul Kafka? Both men – as did the Buhrichs, Oser and Fombertaux, Epstein and Seidler – made significant contributions to the development of modernism in Australia.

Stossel, born in Hungary in 1905, studied in Rome and Vienna. His projects in Europe were featured in architectural magazines there and in the USA. He migrated to Australia in 1938 and was employed by the Department of Works & Housing. He became an Australian citizen in 1944 and in 1947 set up his own practice: projects included apartments in the eastern suburbs; factories; schemes for the Opera House; and the redevelopment of the Rocks. Projects in Ku-ring-gai included the Eisner house, Warrawee (demolished), 97 Lucinda Avenue, Wahroonga (family home of Sir Gustav Nossal) and his own home at 72 Woodlands Road, East Lindfield.

Kafka, 'one of the most significant furniture makers to have worked in Sydney in the immediate post-war period' was born in Vienna in 1907, worked for his father, and then studied at the Academy of Arts in Vienna. In 1939 he, his wife Ilse and mother Olga migrated to Australia. He worked at Ralph Symonds Ltd for a time, then set up his own factory in Elizabeth Street. Post-war he moved to Waterloo, where he employed up to 30 tradesmen producing 'stylish, well-made furniture for a discerning clientele composed mostly of European immigrants living in the eastern suburbs'.

The Kafka Archive, Our Latest Acquisition by Megan Martin in the Winter 2012 edition of *Insites*, magazine of the Historic Houses Trust, has more on his career (noting his designs for the built-in and freestanding furniture for Rose Seidler House) and includes an elevation of Stossel's first design for the Kafka House (markedly different from what was built). The Trust has a 'significant archive of design drawings, sketches and photographs' of Kafka's work that 'has the potential to substantially enrich our understanding of the European influence on the development of Australian domestic interiors in the early postwar period'. The archive also includes 'papers relating to Kafka's own house in Eton Road, Lindfield, designed by Hugo Stossel in 1948'.

Now, it seems, Ku-ring-gai may lose this house, significant not only because of the individual contribution of architect and client to the modernist movement in Australia but also for their collaboration in producing such an elegant example of their craft.

Kathie Rieth

Copy for Newsletter

General copy for publication should be lodged with the Editor, Bob Barry (bob_barry@optusnet.com.au), as **early as possible** but no later than the 15th of the month (except November and December), unless otherwise arranged. Copy lodged before that date **will receive preference**, all things being equal. Copy is to be submitted on the understanding that the **Society has editing rights and that readers can reproduce it in whole or part with acknowledgement**. Material should preferably be in electronic form.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to members who have recently joined the Society.

Jo Barbour	Pymble
Mark & Sandra Brooks	Pymble
Jennifer Hammond	Killara
Rosalind Moutray	Killara
Margaret Persson	Pymble
Roman & Trish Tarnawsky	Turrumurra
Pam & Don Taylor	Wahroonga

We hope you find your membership rewarding, and look forward to your participation in our activities.

'Almost like home' Quiz (answers p.2)

1. "Almost like home – living in Bradfield Park" was published in?
a) 1982 b) 1992 c) 2002 d) 2012
2. The author was?
a) Martin Hogan b) Martin Hoban c) Michael Hogan d) Martin Hogan
3. From 1811 to about 1819 the area was used for tethering cattle used by the convict camp there. At the time it was known as?
a) Cook's Flat b) Phillip's Flat c) Hunter's Flat d) King's Flat
4. At various times Bradfield Park housed?
(a) Scouts b) The National Measurement Laboratory c) RAAF d) Migrants
5. On the western side of Bradfield Road opposite the main gate in mid-1951 a local pioneer installed?
a) A mobile bicycle repair shop b) A mobile hamburger and coffee stand c) A mobile plant nursery d) A mobile knife sharpening service
6. The local bus service was run by?
a) Pioneer b) Shorelink c) Wagg's d) McDonald's

All questions are based on the Society's publication "Almost like home etc.". This book is available in our Research Centre for viewing or purchase.

Jo Harris

Research Centre Hours

The Society's Research Centre is at 799 Pacific Highway, Gordon, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai Library.

The Centre is open to the public from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except the 1st Saturday of each month when members have a meeting). It is closed over the Christmas period and on public holidays.

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Diary Dates

- Sat 2 Jun Family History Meeting**
11.00 am Cemetery Transcripts.
2.00 pm **General Meeting**
"Huguenots". Speaker: Robert Nash
- Sat 16 Jun 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**
"A greater guilt: Constance Emily Kent and the Road Murder".
Speaker: Noeline Kylie
- Sat 7 Jul Family History Meeting**
11.00 am "My latest discoveries: Q&A"
2.00 pm **General Meeting**
"Ku-ring-gai Theatre Guild" with former members of the Guild.
- Sat 21 Jul 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**
Researcher and author Tony Griffiths has a fascinating tale to tell of Bren guns and paint brushes in wartime Lithgow. Come along to hear more....
Speaker: Tony Griffiths

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