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Unknown house.



This house was thought to be in Springdale Road, Killara. It has a six-letter name on the gate.



Caption: 'Xmas party for 3B in 38 or 39 at my home in Turramurra.' Thought to be a Gordon Public School class.

General Meeting

Saturday 17 March 2.00 pm

“Adventures on the New Guinea Goldfields”



An overview of the inter-war history of Australia's involvement in Papua New Guinea, seen through the prism of gold mining on the Wau/Bulolo fields. Speaker: **Michael Waterhouse**, author of *Not a Poor Man's Field*.

Afternoon Tea will be available.
Visitors welcome.

Family History Meeting

Saturday 3 March

11.00 am “Immigration” with Jenny Joyce.

2.00 pm **General Meeting**

“My First Fleet Family”

– Three speakers from the local Arthur Phillip Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters Inc.



Gillian Doyle (William Boggis – ‘Scarborough’)
Sally Kalina (Ellen/Eleanor Fraser – ‘Prince of Wales’)
Graham Sparks (Joseph Wright – ‘Scarborough’)

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Changes to Newsletter

Despite a number of requests, we have been unable to find volunteers to write the speaker notes from our monthly general meetings. For the past couple of years the notes have been written mainly by Committee members, but this has been overloading them.

The Committee decided we should abandon these notes unless we have a number of volunteers to share writing up the notes over the year.

Volunteers Needed

Thursday 22 March 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Each year during Seniors Week, Council runs an information session for Seniors at the St Ives Shopping Centre. KHS is taking a table to show people what services we offer. Could you assist for 2 hours? Email: a.barry@optusnet.com.au or call Ann Barry 9144 6480.

Family History Course

Expressions of interest are being sought for an eight week course to be run on Mondays. If you would like to register please phone Jo Harris 9489 4393.

Our Website

Are you aware that you can use the Search facility on our website to search the whole site? Thanks to Graham Lewis for the hours spent getting this function to work properly. Visit our website regularly and keep up to date with the additions.

Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra

Do you have any memorabilia or memories of the Orchestra? This year is their 40th anniversary, and they are trying to build up their archive. If you are able to assist, please call Jocelyn Brennan-Horley 9498 3163 or email josbh@hotmail.com.

Jennifer Harvey



We mentioned in the last issue of the *Newsletter* that Jennifer Harvey had received the *Ku-ring-gai Heritage Award* on Australia Day. Our photo shows Jennifer with daughter Natalie and husband Graham at the ceremony in the Council Chambers.

Special Interest Groups

Mac Users SIG

The next meeting is on **Monday 19 March at 2.00 pm** in the research rooms. We will discuss how to transfer documents and other items between your Mac devices.

If you have any specific questions, please email them in advance so they can be circulated to the Group for answers (jackievb@optusnet.com.au)

No need to book, just turn up. Bring your laptop or iPad if you like.

Scottish Research SIG

The first meeting will be on **Monday 27 February at 1.30 pm**. Jenny Joyce will give an introductory talk on Scottish research. Please bring your favourite website to share.

No need to book. Enquiries: jackievb@optusnet.com.au

Jackie van Bergen

German Research SIG

At our last meeting many handy hints were aired and noted. Three are of particular note.

1. A seven page handout gave instructions on how to use the Berlin Street directories and index (similar to Sands). The handout was quite old and the website has been completely revised and does not contain any of the information in the handout. However, I was able to locate some of the information on the updated FamilySearch site C see https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Berlin_Evangelical_Parish_Jurisdictions#How_to_use_the_Berlin_Address_Books. If anyone would like a photocopy of the old 2002 paper handout, please contact me.
2. A website for photographs of ships was described. Most of the ships on the site are over 25 years old. The URL of the site is <http://www.photoship.co.uk/> and is well worth a visit. Who knows, you may find a picture of the ship that transported your ancestors to Australia?
3. A translation of a German Marriage Certificate dated 1888. This document was downloaded from an interesting German/English language site <http://german.about.com/>. The translation can be viewed by typing "marriage certificate" in the search box and clicking on the link entitled "German Roots: Documents - Heiratsurkunde - Marriage Certificate" or directly via the following link: http://german.about.com/library/weekly/aa020830_doc2.htm. There are many other translations on the site as well as articles on German grammar and language usage.

The next meeting will concentrate on a practical demonstration of **Ancestry Library Edition**, and is planned for **Monday 12 March 2012**, commencing at 1:00 pm sharp as there is a lot of material to cover in the short time available.

Peter Stehn

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.

Government honours heritage heroes



Members Jocelyn Brennan-Horley and Helen Davies were honoured in the 2011 NSW Government *Heritage Volunteer Awards* for their ongoing work with *Friends of Tulkiyan*.

KHS Seniors Week Program 2012

Venue: Gordon Library meeting rooms

Start time: 10.30 am

Cost: Talks are **free**, thanks to a Seniors Week grant from the NSW Government.

Includes: Morning Tea

Bookings are essential: phone 9499 4568 (10.00 am – 2.00 pm), or email khs@khs.org.au

Thursday 15 March 2012

How to Research your Family History

Vice-President of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society and leader of the Family History Group, local identity **Jo Harris** will give a highly entertaining presentation on getting started with researching your family history. This will be followed by a discussion over morning tea, then the opportunity to do some hands-on research in the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Research Rooms with the help of volunteers from the Family History Group.

Monday 19 March 2012

How can I get more out of Google?

These days it seems almost everything is available on the Internet, and *Google* seems to be the key to finding the information. But most people don't know how to really harness the power of *Google*, or the treasures that it can uncover. This talk will teach you how to use *Google* effectively, along with the wealth of tools that *Google* provides.

Tuesday 20 March 2012

How do I find out who's been sleeping in my house?

Jennifer Harvey offers tips to help you uncover the history and mysteries of your Ku-ring-gai house. This will be followed by a discussion over morning tea, then the opportunity to have hands-on experience in the Research Rooms.

New and updated computer resources

- Reports of Ironed Gangs – contains details of Gangs stationed at Woolloomooloo Stockade, Cockatoo Island and Carters Barracks 1840-1848 plus Scone Lockup Book - persons attached to the road party plus Register of Prisoners employed and of Government Stock at the Government Stock Station Mulgoa
- Windsor Gaol Entrance Book 26 Mar 1864 to 1899 and Windsor Gaol Weekly Returns 1831 and 1838
- Goulburn Gaol Entrance Book 1847-1867 – 4350 records
- Darlinghurst Gaol Entrance Books 1850-1854 – 10 711 records
- Berrima Gaol Records – Berrima Gaol Entrance Book 1840-1842 and Berrima Gaol Description Book 1842-1847
- Bathurst Gaol Entrance Book 1831-1835 and Day Book HMG Bathurst 1841-1845
- Children in Homes, Reformatories and Industrial Schools NSW – *The Forgotten*. With records of 7620 children
- Updated Registers of Discharge of Seaman resource, now presented in two files – Volumes 1 and 2 from 1859 to 1878 and Volume 3 from 1878 to 1887
- Eight new NSW Government Gazettes added for the years 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1884 and 1885

Peter Stehn

Recent acquisitions

The following is a selection from acquisitions this month:

'*St Martin's Centenary 1910–2010 Celebrating the Centenary of St Martin's Church Killara*'. This is a display folder with photographs of the church, rectors and parishioners over time, initial entries in the Parish Register and selected memorabilia of significant events in the life of the church. Donated by Janet Denne.

'*Barefoot and Pregnant? Irish Famine Orphans in Australia – Volume 2*' by Trevor McClaughlin with 460 pages and was published in 2002 by The Genealogy Society of Victoria (ISBN: 0 949672 51 3). The book has a register of arrivals by state and ship and a comprehensive index. Donated by Bob Gowing.

'*Land Research: Using the Digital Records of the Land and Property Management Authority*' by Lesley Muir & Carol Liston and made available by Royal Australian Historical Society. This is a copy of the "power point" presentation of our August 2011 meeting speaker. Handy to be able to work through at your own pace.

Bruce Robinson

Joseph Fowles' Sydney

I really enjoyed this recent talk. I don't remember the speaker or anyone saying it, but Joseph Fowles' *Sydney 1848* book is freely available on the web.

It was put there by *Project Gutenberg Australia*, complete with all the pictures. Wonderful people bless 'em. I found it when I was hoping to buy a copy somewhere.

Evelyn Wyatt

Welfare Officer

If you know of a member who is unwell, or has died, please let Elaine Turnidge know as soon as possible at khs@khs.org.au or phone our rooms 9499 4568.

FAMILY MATTERS

February Family History Meeting

11.00 am Session

22 members attended the morning session where Jo Harris introduced 'New Resources on Our Intranet'. Attendees were given a handout listing

- several new Government Gazettes;
- AGCI 4;
- 'The Forgotten' - children in homes, reformatories and industrial schools in NSW;
- Reports on Ironed Gangs at Woolloomooloo, Cockatoo Island and Carters Barracks 1840 – 1848, and Scone Lockup Book;
- Windsor Gaol Records, Bathurst Gaol Records, Darlinghurst Gaol Records, and Goulburn and Berrima Gaol Entrance Books.
- BDMs for NSW, TAS, WA and QLD were then explored in response to members' questions.

2.00 pm Session

Jo Harris opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

On this day 4 February 1788 there was 'clear weather, with light north-easterly winds, the temperature was 84 °F (28.9 °C) and the barometer read 29.95 in.

John Easty, a marine on the 'Scarborough', recorded: "At night, very heavy tempest with thunder and lightning. At half past eight a flash of lightning struck a tree so as to split it down the middle. No other damage."

Lieutenant Bradley concluded his survey. He went into the SW branch, found it terminated in snug coves, surrounded with mangroves, rather shoal water. Returned to the ship.

Book Reports, Visits and Seminars

Immigration article in *Family Tree Magazine* – Jenny Joyce.

Outback Spirit (biographies) – Angela Lind.

Heritage Highway Trip (Tasmania) – Jackie van Bergen.

In Tasmania – Jackie van Bergen.

Flinders in Australia by Jacqueline Dwyer – Jo Harris.

Lord Sydney (the life and times of Tommy Townshend) – Jo Harris

Irish Focus Day at SAG – Jean Smith

Future Dates

Annual NSW & ACT State Conference will be held in September at Gympie.

Speaker

Jo introduced the guest speaker, Richard William Magoffin, known as 'Bill', a Turrumurra resident, whose knowledge of the *Legend of Waltzing Matilda* was only outweighed by his father, Richard David Magoffin, who died in 2006 and was Australia's foremost authority on the song. Bill called his talk '*The Fair Dinkum Story*' and began by playing a recording of the original version of Waltzing Matilda, not the same as the one usually sung. In a well-organised Powerpoint presentation, Bill put forward his arguments beginning with the statement that his great-great-grandfather was a friend of Bob MacPherson, the squatter in the song and brother of Christina MacPherson who arranged the music. The words were written by 'The Banjo', pen name of Andrew Barton Paterson, and was an allegory of the

unrest and rise of unionism among the shearers in the 1890s. It was first performed at Dagworth Station in the Kynuna District of outback Queensland. After his entertaining and informative talk Bill answered questions and then sold copies of his father's and his own books on Waltzing Matilda.

A vote of thanks was moved by Jocelyn Brennan-Horley on behalf of the enthusiastic listeners.

Raffle: The raffle was won by Shirley Morley, who chose "*The Convict Ships 1787–1868*" by Charles Bateson.

Based on notes by Jean Smith

Lindfield Laundry

There was a piece in the January/February *Newsletter* requesting information on Lindfield Laundry. I have very scant information which may or may not be useful.

Its full name was "Lindfield Laundry and Dry Cleaners" – I grew up with that name over twenty plus years and remember it vividly. Everyone knew it as "Lindfield Laundry". In the 1950s and 1960s it was owned by a family named Scarlett. Perhaps they have some descendants still in the area. Maybe they always owned it!

I think it started in Provincial Road in the 1930s. My guess is that it closed between about 1970 and 1973 as by that time I was taking my suits and things down there on Saturday mornings and Mum or Dad picked them up during the week. Dad, being in the clothing trade, said they were by far the best dry cleaners in the area. He used to outline why, but I am unable to remember the reason: it was something to do with the process. I recall being most upset when they closed as I felt I was obtaining second class dry cleaning after that.

My recollections are that they had very few pick-up points other than at Provincial Road. Possibly only one at Lindfield station on the Pacific Highway side near the traffic lights. It must have been next to George Ball the Ford dealer who was on the corner. That must have been a good site, as their main and much larger competitor, Mark Mayne, took over that site when they closed.

I was young but I am sure the mainstay of the business relied on their fleet of vans picking up and dropping off dry cleaning to homes and businesses. That was fine when there was someone at home all day (Mum or a home help) and I suspect when people were not at home all day the business dwindled. The reason I delivered my own dry cleaning as soon as I had a licence was because we could no longer guarantee that someone would be at home to pick up and drop off the dry cleaning and laundry.

Mark Mayne had also relied on a large fleet of vans but as time went on they presumably found it difficult to operate. They seemed to overcome this by opening branches in many of the surrounding suburbs and eventually did not have a central laundry but did it all at the drop-off point where many of them do it today.

It was fascinating to go down to the works in Provincial Road and see how the laundry was washed and dried in massive machines at the front and side of the premises. It was so hot that the huge doors were always open. I do not ever remember seeing the dry cleaning process, which must have been out the back.

Bob Gowing

March 2012

New from findmypast.co.uk

The **1881 Scottish census** and **1891 Scottish census** are now available on findmypast.co.uk

This will be a **real bonus** for anyone tracing their Scottish ancestors.

If you haven't been able to find your ancestors in the previous censuses, it's well worth searching these to see if they make an appearance. The high quality of the *findmypast.co.uk* transcriptions makes it easy to discover the crucial details about your ancestors' lives. It is not possible to view the original census images on *findmypast.co.uk*, due to the licensing regulations of the General Register Office for Scotland.

- Search 38 269 new **Lincolnshire Parish marriage records** for 76 538 people on *findmypast.co.uk*. The records span the period 1699-1838 and will provide fresh information for those on the hunt for Lincolnshire ancestors.
- Search 99 140 new occupational records of **Thames watermen and lightermen** on *findmypast.co.uk*. This is a hugely useful collection of occupational records, which covers the period 1688-2010.
- Search 16 696 new **London Docklands baptism records** – excellent news for all with Docklands ancestors. This brings the total amount of London docklands baptisms on *findmypast.co.uk* to 535 210. They are working on this ongoing project in association with Docklands Ancestors and will be publishing further updates in the coming months.

Jackie van Bergen

KHS Classifieds

Positions Vacant (unpaid) Goods for sale (free)

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|-----------------|---|
| • Book Covering | • Filing Cabinet 5 drawer |
| • Data Entry | • Surplus books (box next to Old School Bell) |

Quiz answers (see p. 6 for Questions)

All women named in this quiz are included in the Society's publication *Women of Ku-ring-gai* published in 1999, with page references noted in the answers below.

1. (d) Freda MacDonnell Stamer, an author who published three excellent and perceptive historical studies, married Lance Stamer, a teacher from Barker College, Hornsby 1951-1956. See p. 136.

2. (b) Matilda Bartho Fish lived at Lane Cove (now Powell Street, Killara). Her house was robbed in August 1821 and February 1822 by the Geary Gang. See p. 76.

3. (a) Valerie Taylor, a marine explorer, conservationist and underwater photographer. See p. 196.

4. (b) Nancy Bird Walton, licensed in 1933. See p. 207; AND (d) Millicent Maude Bryant, Australia's first licensed aviatrix in 1927. See p. 36.

5. (d) Carrie Horden, wife of Alfred Horden the younger of the "Horden Brothers", who lived at *The Highlands*, designed for them by John Horbury Hunt in Highlands Avenue, Wahroonga. See p. 97.

6. (c) Faith Bandler, social justice activist. See p. 26.

Outside the Historical Society's Research Centre there are currently displays based on these women – please take the time to view these displays.

BUILT HERITAGE

81 Shirley Road, Roseville

There are some interesting houses in Shirley and Abingdon Roads, many in the latter built between the wars or soon after WWII. No. 81 sits at their intersection, a very distinctive house in a prominent position, its rough-rendered white-painted walls on sturdy sandstone foundations, with



barley twist columns, Spanish style roof-tiles and black-painted wrought iron details over the windows and front door.

Although not listed, it came to my notice when compiling information on its architect, Lindfield resident George N. Kenworthy. During the 1920s he worked in the office of Henry Eli White (architect for numerous theatres including the very famous State Theatre in Market Street) for whom he supervised the construction of the Newcastle Town Hall and Civic Centre. By 1930 Kenworthy had opened his own office. As well as residential and commercial jobs, projects included new theatres in Cremorne, Camden, Hurstville, Belmont, Port Macquarie and Walcha, and alterations and additions to theatres in North Sydney, Manly, Auburn, Crows Nest, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock and Bankstown.

No. 81 was built in the 1930s for Thomas Arthur Strong, a garage proprietor of Manly, who had purchased the land from William Joselin in February 1930. In September 1934 Kenworthy applied to Ku-ring-gai Council on Strong's behalf for permission to build a brick dwelling and garage and in October awarded the contract to Manly builder T.G. Hastings. The house is a modest version of the two designed by Kenworthy for Reg Angus at 1161 and 1163 Pacific Highway, Turrumurra (see *The Historian* 2010).

Strong and his wife Amy (nee Rutherford) were born in England and married in August 1897 at Christ Church, Haringey. At the time of the 1901 census they were living in Lambeth, Thomas a builder and employer. Their three children – Alfred (1900), Elsie (1901) and Reginald (1908) – were also born in England.

Although Strong owned the Shirley Road property until mid-1937 he and his wife Amy may not have lived in the house. From 1930 to 1933 electoral rolls give their address as Manly and from 1936 to 1949 as Balgowlah. Nor does it seem that either son lived in the house. During the 1930s Alfred (an ironmonger) and Reginald (a mechanic) lived in Balgowlah and Seaforth, respectively. So perhaps the Roseville house was an investment property, perhaps a secondary residence, perhaps not completed until shortly before May 1937 when Strong sold to Doris and Sydney Moss, for whom he was mortgagee.

Kathie Rieth

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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.

Louise Ganz	Roseville
Julia Green	Turrumurra
Barbara Jones	Mt Kuring-gai
Christine Kelley	Artarmon
Diane Ritchie	Gordon
Catherine Tanaka	Artarmon

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

Quiz (answers p. 5)

- Which of these women was NOT a teacher ?
a) Sarah Gunn. b) Kathleen Crago. c) Dorothy Knox. d) Freda MacDonnell Stamper.
- Which of these women's homes was robbed twice by bushrangers ?
a) Ellen Pymble. b) Matilda Bartho Fish. c) Ruby Pauline Bromley. d) Ellen McMahan.
- Which of these women was NOT a sportswoman ?
a) Valerie Taylor. b) Dame Joan Sutherland. c) Joan Hartigan. d) Betty Archdale.
- Which of these women was an aviatrix ?
a) Ann Frenkel. b) Nancy Bird Walton. c) Beth Windeyer. d) Millicent Maude Bryant.
- Which of these women was NOT involved with art or craft ?
a) Margaret Tuckson. b) Grace Cossington-Smith. c) Janet Mansfield. d) Carrie Hordern.
- Which of these women was NOT a Medical Doctor?
a) Harriett Biffin. b) Susie O'Reilly. c) Faith Bandler. d) Eva Shipton.

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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Speaker: Michael Waterhouse
- Sat 7 Apr Family History Meeting**
11.00 am "Trove" Solutions Q & A Session
2.00 pm **General Meeting**
"Easter Hat Parade" and "Family Easter traditions: Members' Recollections"
- Sat 21 Apr 2.00 pm Society General Meeting**
"Life in Australia during the First World War." Speaker: Craig Wilcox

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