

Ryde District Historical Society and Family History Group

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NEWS UPDATE

➤ RDHS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

The 2017 Christmas Party will be held at Willandra on **Saturday 9 December**, starting at 2 pm. All members are invited to attend. Could you bring a small plate of Christmas fare to share with other members please? There will also be a raffle, so please bring along items suitable for the raffle and place in the yellow donation basket at Willandra, prior to the day.

➤ RYDE HISTORY SERIES

One of the most common questions asked at the Society's Granny Smith Festival stall this year, was for **older photographs of local areas and information**. This led us to thinking ... could we, as part of the Ryde History Series, produce booklets on specific suburbs? We could include some of our earlier photographs (around 1900s) together with others that we might have from the 1960s, and more recent photographs. **Suggestions include:** Sub-division maps, business advertisements, and information on the first land grant holders. We now have over 20,000 photographs in the collection sorted into streets that we can use. So, please think about being involved. Talk to others; pick a suburb; come and look at the photos that we have and put something together. There need not be a lot of written content, more like *Pictorial Ryde* on a smaller basis. *If you would like more information about this project please contact rdhs1@bigpond.com.*

➤ STATE LIBRARY NSW AND MITCHELL LIBRARY UPGRADE

Work is underway to realise a master plan which will give readers, researchers, students, and visitors unprecedented public access to the historic Mitchell building and to the extraordinary riches within. This is the State Library's first major building project in the Mitchell in over 50 years, made possible through a strong collaboration between benefactors Michael Crouch AC and John B Fairfax AO, and the NSW Government. [Read more here.](#)

➤ BADGERYS CREEK CEMETERY CLOSED FOR NEW AIRPORT

A new airport, funded by the Federal Government, will finally be built at Badgerys Creek. Homes have been resumed and clearing the area is well underway. This includes the local cemetery where many pioneers of the area are buried. The Federal Infrastructure Department said since March last year it had been trying to contact the known next of kin of every person buried in Badgerys Creek. Some reinterments have already taken

place. The residents of the cemetery needed to be moved as the runway for the new airport would be directly over the old site. [Read more here.](#)

➤ **RDHS POLO SHIRTS AND JACKETS**

If you would like to order a polo shirt (\$30) or jacket (\$55) please contact Sabina via rdhsfhg1@gmail.com for order forms and payment details.



MEETINGS! SAVE THE DATE

Here is a list of guest speakers planned for the Society's meetings at Willandra in the coming month – save the date in your diary so you don't miss out! *Tuesday Meetings start 7 p.m. and Saturday Meetings start 10 a.m.*

Saturday **11 NOVEMBER 2017** 'Australian Immigration – A Postscript'
Guest Speaker: **Janice Eastment**

Tuesday **14 NOVEMBER 2017** 'Members Meeting' – *5 minute talk on any Historical subject*



WHAT'S ON

TALKS, EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

TALK: **MIDWIVES ON THE MID NORTH COAST OF NSW TO 1950**

TIME: **1 NOVEMBER 2017 1 PM – 2 PM**

VENUE: **History House, 133 Macquarie Street Sydney, NSW + [Google Map](#)**

COST: **FREE**

Dr Noeline Kyle will discuss her research into 200 midwives in more than 80 private hospitals on the Mid North Coast of NSW. This research began in 1979 when she was writing a biography of her great grandmother Mary Kirkpatrick and culminated in her latest publication [Midwives on the Mid North Coast of NSW to 1950](#). Noeline will discuss the training, career details, and family life of midwives who worked in country towns and outline the complex and extraordinary lives of these women who were the major health providers of women and babies in country regions of Australia. Dr Noeline Kyle is a professional historian and retired academic and has published women's history, Australian history, biography/memoir and family history.

TALK: **HISTORY OF TULLOCHS, ENGINEERS & MANUFACTURERS**
TIME: **4 NOVEMBER 2017 1.30 PM to 3 PM**
VENUE: **City of Canada Bay Museum, 1 Bent Street Concord [+ Google Map](#)**
COST: **FREE (Donations welcome)**

In 1883 [Robert Tulloch](#) set up business in Pyrmont, where he supplied structural steelwork for many notable Sydney buildings, built railway bridges and entered the rolling stock business. In 1915 the company moved to Rhodes where it diversified into many fields. These included the production of a wide range of garden tools. During World War II their contributions to the war effort included the manufacture of components for the Australian Cruiser tanks and construction of ocean-going lighters for the US and Australian Armies. In the area of rolling stock, the company built railway carriages of many types. They were most noted for the design and construction of the first double-deck carriages for Sydney and the first powered double-deck train in the world.

WEBINAR: **NSW PROBATE RECORDS**
TIME: **7 NOVEMBER 2017 10 AM – 11 AM**
VENUE: **Your Place!**
COST: **FREE**

State Records NSW hosts **free** webinars that focus on the wonderful resources of the State archives collection and how to access them. You can register to attend a webinar and this will generate an email with a link that you click on at the appointed time to join the webinar. You can also visit previous webinars as well. Joining and participating in a live webinar is easy. There are tutorials available if you are not familiar with webinars, including the [QuickStart tutorial](#). If you are having trouble registering for a webinar, please contact us at info@records.nsw.gov.au. [Click this link](#) for the webinar listing and to register.

TALK: **MOVING BEYOND REMEMBRANCE**
TIME: **10 NOVEMBER 2017 12.30 PM – 2 PM**
VENUE: **State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Room, Macquarie Street Sydney**
COST: **FREE [More November Event here](#)**

As we continue to mark centenaries of World War I, this lunchtime talk considers how communities have responded to 100 years of war and efforts towards sustainable peace. Three community publication projects during 2013–2017, including *Peace Works! Moving Beyond 1915 Remembrance*, provide examples of intergenerational responses to World War I commemoration, and different heritages of wartime remembrance and yearning for peace. Displays and contributor readings will feature original handwork, written and visual creative responses. There will also be items from the Library's collection on display.

TALK: **WHAT SYDNEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN...**
TIME: **11 NOVEMBER 2017 2 PM – 3 PM**
VENUE: **Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street Sydney**
COST: **\$3 Members \$6 Visitors No bookings required**

There were many dreams in early colonial Sydney for a world standard city and many ambitious plans were made by the Governors and architects of the time, only to be dashed by interference from the old Country and the representatives who arrived out here. **Ken**

Hall will tell you all about the buildings, roads and other structures that might have been.
Presented by the [City of Sydney Historical Society](#)

EXHIBITION: [OUR CITY: 175 YEARS IN 175 OBJECTS](#)

TIME: 27 OCTOBER – 12 NOVEMBER 2017 Open daily to the public, 11am to 4pm

VENUE: Lower Town Hall of Sydney Town Hall

COST: FREE

The *Council of the City of Sydney* was established in 1842. This major exhibition presents the civic and social histories, events, people and places of the inner city from 1842 to 2017. It demonstrates the impact of Council as the administrator of the city over 175 years. Showcasing the visionary leadership and major achievements in the growth of Sydney as a global city, the exhibition also presents the shaping of, and support for, the community. Four major themes – Governing, Building, Working and Inspiring – are explored through 175 objects, photographs, documents and supporting material. **The exhibition is curated by the City Curator, City Archivist and City Historian.**

RDHS MAIL BOX

PRINT JOURNALS*

Newsletter from the Family History Society of **Singleton** Inc., “*The Patrick Plains Gazette*”, Aug, 2017.

HAGSOC., “*The Ancestral Searcher*”, September, 2017.

Armidale Family History Group, “*Dust of Ages*”, October, 2017.

Journal of the Society of **Australian Genealogists**, “*Descent*”, September, 2017.

Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Inc., “*The Cedar Log*”, September, 2017.

Botany Bay Family History Society Inc., “*The Endeavour*”, September, 2017.

The Genealogical Society of **Victoria** Inc., “*Ancestor*”, September, 2017.

Family Tree, UK, November, 2017.

Goulburn and District Historical Society and Family History Society, “*The Argyle Bulletin*” Aug, 2017.

Liverpool Genealogy Society Inc., “*Links & Chains*”, October, 2017.

**Print journals can be accessed at the Research Centre at ‘Willandra’ at monthly meetings or Friday mornings*

e-JOURNALS^

Archival Access, Victoria, No, 82.

Hawkesbury Family History Group, “*The Hawkesbury Crier*”, September, 2017.

Dubbo Family History Newsletter, July/August and September/October, 2017.

FAHS e-Bulletin No. 168 is available online.

^Email RDHS at rdhs1@bigpond.com for digital journals/newsletters to be sent to members

TREASURE TROVE – NEWLY DIGITISED

‘**TROVE**’ is a wonderful resource for a range of Australian newspaper and publications – there is so much of interest for both researchers and family historians. You can explore a wealth of newly digitised journals and newspapers.

[The Australian Woman’s Mirror](#), a weekly women's magazine published by **The Bulletin** in Sydney from 1924 to 1961, is now available in Trove, its pages taking the reader on a fascinating trip down memory lane. True to its intent, it covers an 'astonishingly large and attractive' field of topics to interest all Australian women, as set out in the very first issue.

Check out the latest edition of National Library's digital magazine *Unbound* that highlights 20th Century Australian female writers.

BITS AND PIECES

- ❖ If you have ancestors who lived in South Australia, make sure you take a look at the [State Library of South Australia's collection of Post Office directories and almanacs](#). The directories are searchable online for the period 1864-1899 and are a great resource for family historians. Often they are the only way to track individuals and families, simply because electoral rolls are incomplete and the 1841 South Australian census is the only one which has preserved names. The Library has also compiled some helpful tips and tricks to using the directories.
- ❖ *Are you researching ancestors who 'did Porridge'?* The **State Records of New South Wales** have compiled all of the sources and techniques needed to trace your **gaolbird** ancestor in NSW. Watch their [handy webinar](#) to learn how to find and interpret entrance books, description books, photograph description sheets, discharge books and more great records from their extensive collections.
- ❖ The **General Register Office UK** is running a **pilot project** offering PDF copies of registrations for ***Births (1937-1916) and Deaths (1937-1957)***. Not only are copies being offered at the reduced rate of **£6 each** instead of the usual £9.25p, but the turnaround time to your email address can be as little as 4 days! If you just need a scan of the details of a birth/death in those time periods, then you can make a real saving. Use **Free BMD** to locate reference details. The **pilot** runs from **12 October for a minimum of three months**. You will need to register (free) and set up a password to use this site.



HOT WEBSITES

Try these Web sites to further your research!

<http://movingimage.nls.uk/search>

National Library of Scotland Film Archive (Moving Image) search by year and title

<http://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/ww2/homefront/index.php>

Stories from the Home Front – Britain in WW2

<http://irishgraveyards.ie/>

Search and locate Irish graves

<https://www.bl.uk/subjects/maps>

British Library collection of maps, plans and views -

<http://www.archhistory.co.uk/>

Chronicling British Army Children history-schooling, healthcare, accommodation, grave listing

<http://www.staffsnameindexes.org.uk/>

Staffordshire name indexes for apprenticeships, workhouses, quarter Sessions, goal, military etc.

<http://www.mitchelllibrary.org/virtualmitchell/>

Image library of Glasgow- people, buildings and streets

<http://www.castlegarden.org/>

American immigration database covering the period 1820-1892 in New York State