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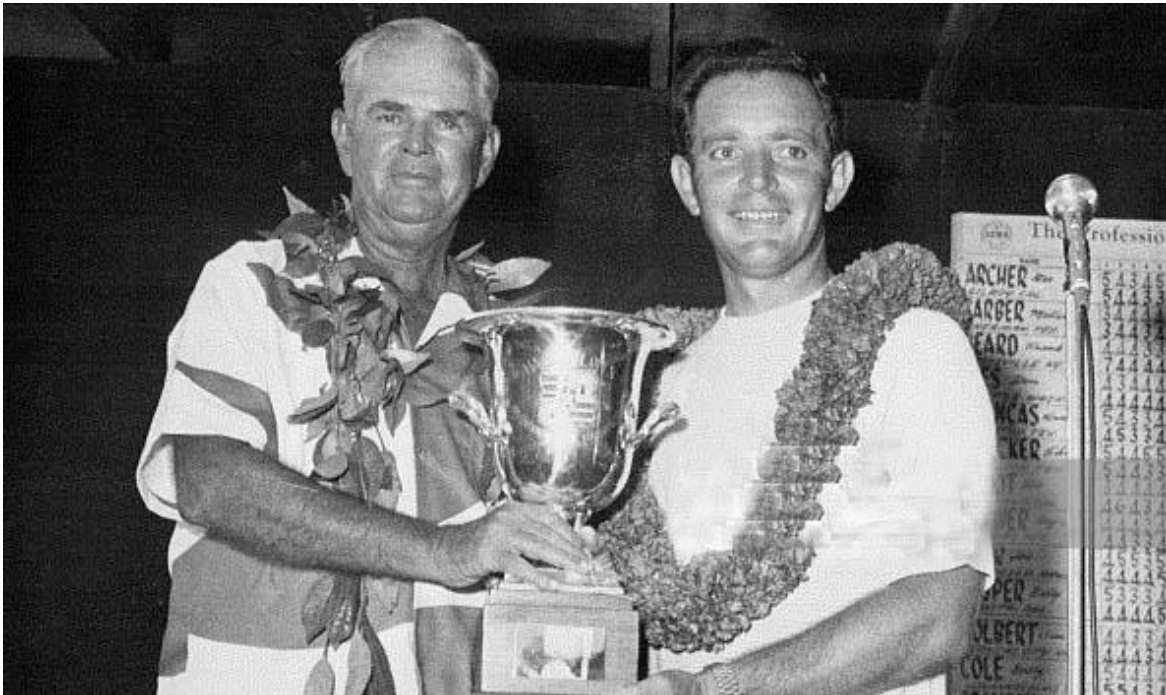
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Bruce Crampton(rt) receiving the trophy after winning the Hawaiian International Open Golf Championships in 1969. His 5 under par finish won him \$25,000. (Story P.3)

Meetings and Speakers

Thursday 14 September 2017

Anne McLeod, Author

Marie Byles, Solicitor, Conservationist

Pacifist, Feminist.

Thursday 12 October 2017

Carolyn Little, Author, Teacher

Ruby Payne-Scott, World's first

Woman Radio astronomer

Meetings start at 2pm in the School of Arts, Bowns Rd/Queens Ave Kogarah. Enjoy the speaker, then chat over afternoon tea. A short business meeting follows. Apologies for non-attendance at meetings should go to the Secretary, Gill Whan (9546 4623). Visitors welcome.

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Mondays at the Museum

25 September 2017

Colin Beacroft, on C. E. W. Bean, historian and journalist

Colin Beacroft is Secretary of Canterbury Historical Society and has made a study of Charles Edwin Bean who is synonymous with the ANZAC legend. We will stay outside for the speaker if weather permits, then as always you can check out the museum. Cost is \$5 which covers morning tea and a chance to win a lucky door prize. **Bookings essential** as space is limited and it helps with catering. To reserve your place please ring Adele Ryan on 9529 6730 or leave a message on her answering machine.

Sunday Museum Roster

Opening hours 1pm–4pm. (winter hours)

Sept 2017

3rd Carole Tier & Ken Grieve
10th Mavis Ward & Betty Reynolds
17th Betty Goodger & Pat Young
24th Warren & Irene Selmon

October 2017

1st Wendy Agzarian & Elaine Filewood
8th Adele Ryan & Joe Spinelli
15th Betty Goodger & Gill Whan
22nd Warren & Irene Selmon
29th Cath & Leo Sullivan

Problems: If you need to exchange days with someone, please try to do so amongst yourselves, otherwise contact Wendy Agzarian (9774 3667)

Committee 2017 (*denotes Executive)

President:*	Beverley Earnshaw	Ph: 9546 1091
Vice President:*	Pat Young	Ph. 9593 1898
Secretary :*	Gill Whan	Ph: 9546 4623
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Committee Members: Wendy Agzarian, Beryl Butters (Life member), Trudy Johns (Life member), Glynn Pulling, Robert McGarn, Rodger Robertson, Adele Ryan, Mavis Ward.

Committee Meeting Venues:

11 Sept 2 pm Beverley Earnshaw, 15 Hamer St, Kogarah Bay (9546 1091)
9 Oct 2 pm Pat Young, 25 Culver Street, Monterey (9593 1898)
6 Nov 2 pm Gill Whan, 11 Dewrang St, Carss Park (9546 4623)

Welcome to New Members:

**Bryan Bateman, Rosie Gould, Yvonne Hawkins,
Betty Matthews, Terry & Suzanne O'Connor,
Alan Powditch.**

We hope you enjoy your time with the Society

Kogarah's Amazing Achievers

Bruce Crampton – Golfer



He was the son of a policeman, born on September 28, 1935, grew up in No.12 Arthur Street, Kogarah (now Carlton) and attended Kogarah Boys' High School. **Bruce Crampton** was to emerge as one of the world's most outstanding golfers.

Growing up in close proximity to the new Beverley Park Golf Course, which was officially opened in 1941, he played there frequently. As a talented junior he became a protégé of the course's professional, Billy McWilliam, which led him to success in the amateur tournaments of the day. He turned professional in 1953 at the age of 18.

He played in Australia for several years before winning the 1956 Australian Open at the Royal Sydney Golf Club at Rose Bay. By 1957 he was trying his luck in the United States.

He joined the lucrative United States PGA circuit in 1961 and that year won his first US tournament. He had 14 career wins on the

PGA Tour between 1961 and 1975 and although he never won a major title, was a runner up in four major championships, all to Jack Nicklaus.

He was ranked among the top five golfers in the world in both 1972 and 1973 and in 1973 he won \$274,266 in prize money as well as the first of his two Vardon Trophies for low stroke average. He went on to become the first foreigner to win \$1,000,000 in prize money on the US Tour Circuit.

He was a conscientious player who sometimes played every tournament in the year without a break. But his fellow golfers did not always express complimentary opinions of him. He became known for his irritating behaviour towards other players and the fans.

He quit the pro circuit in 1977 but left his options open, realizing that at the age of 42 a comeback would be difficult. He later starred on the Champions Senior Tour, winning 20 tournaments and topping the money list for 1986.

He settled down in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Joanie and two sons, Jay and Roger and was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in 1992.

In 2001 was inducted into the Sports Australia Hall of Fame. He was also honoured at his old school, Kogarah Boys' High, where there were four houses named after sporting champions who passed through the school. They were Crampton (A-E), Chapman (F-K), Rosewell (L-R) and O'Neill (S-Z).

A champion golfer on the world stage, Bruce Crampton was a Kogarah Boy!

Beverley Earnshaw

BEVERLEY PARK GOLF COURSE

By Beverley Earnshaw

In his Mayoral Report of April 15, 1924, Alderman Percy Tanner informed the Council that the marshlands at the head of Kogarah Bay were a danger to public health and unless improved, would never be other than a breeding ground for rats and mosquitoes. Kogarah Bay had silted up to such an extent that it was little more than a foul smelling mud flat at low tide. Mayor Tanner proposed to fill the low lying land north of the causeway by the dredging of Kogarah Bay.

However, the Council was short of funds and it was not until the sale of the Carss Bush Park Estate that money became available to proceed with the land fill. It was estimated that the reclamation would provide 400 home building blocks with a further area set aside for recreational and sporting purposes.

In April 1928 Dr J.Stanley Binns led a deputation of residents interested in the establishment of a Municipal Golf Links on the land at the head of Kogarah Bay. At that time local golfing enthusiasts were playing at the St.George Golf Club which was at North Brighton on a spit of land beside Cooks River and close to Mascot. This 18 hole golf course covered nearly 100 acres. It had a modern clubhouse and its attractive landscaping and river setting made it one of the most popular public golf courses in Sydney. It was part of a vast recreational complex also embracing the Kyeemagh Polo Ground, the NSW Gun Club Range and the Cricket Association's land but it was in danger of being taken for expansion of Mascot Aerodrome and the diversion of Cooks River. (This did not take place until after World War II when the land was compulsorily acquired by the Government.)

In March 1937 the St.George Golf Club wrote to the Council seeking assurance that a golf course would be included in the Kogarah Bay reclamation scheme. The following November the Mayor announced that dredging for reclamation was proceeding apace. As well as a modern subdivision of 400 building blocks, approximately 65 acres of parkland had been set aside for an 18 hole golf course.

In July 1939 professional landscapers, Messrs L.Kelly & W.Corry were engaged for 30 guineas to prepare the layout of the course. It was estimated that construction of the links would cost £5500. Provision was also made for a clubhouse costing £3000. Plans were drawn up but construction of the club house had to be deferred due to wartime building restrictions.

In February 1940 the position of greenkeeper was advertised at a wage of £5-10-0 per week. Green trees and shrubs were planted and the first nine holes were ready for play. But problems were encountered with the water supply. The year 1940 was a year of drought and water restrictions. Underground water was available but preliminary drilling proved it too saline for irrigation purposes. It became necessary to sink a deep well, costed at £70 and call tenders for a pump and motor.

The first nine holes were officially opened on June 14, 1941 by the member for Kogarah, William Currey. At that time the only facility on site was a weatherboard shed which had been in use during the works. The Mayor applied for a loan of £1500 and sought permission from the Federal Treasurer to build a club house but in 1941 wartime restrictions had been imposed on all building. The National Security Building Control Regulator granted permission for £250 only to be spent on construction, but expenditure exceeded the permit and after three months of negotiation permission was granted to spend £450. In August 1941 a temporary club house was erected using second hand bricks currently stored in the Council Depot. Tenders for the planting and maintenance of 700 trees in groups on the fairways and

greens were called. On December 13, 1941 the clubhouse was officially opened with all fees collected that day going to the Kogarah Welfare & Comforts Fund. The second nine holes were opened on October 14, 1942.

The course layout was 5,593 metres, the par for men being 70 and for ladies 73. On February 3, 1947 the appointment of Mr W. McWilliam (fondly called Billy) was endorsed as the Club's Professional. With this appointment patronage of the course increased, averaging approximately 1000 players per month. Congestion necessitated booking of play times and the installation of a public address system. Billy McWilliam was a master coach and teacher. Protégés he trained at Beverley Park included Bruce Develin and Bruce Crampton

The Beverley Park Golf Course became widely known and admired. On January 24, 1952 the NSW Schoolboys' Golf Championships were held there and to celebrate Coronation Day, June 2, 1954, the club staged all day mixed golf matches. The total number of rounds played on the course in 1953 was 71,856.

In February 1954 Billy McWilliam applied to establish a night driving range. This was erected on the Burgess Street perimeter and drew complaints from residents – noise, parking, glaring lights, blocking of driveways and 'obscene acts by golfers'. (The latter acts were not elaborated on).

In 1975 at the age of 20, Greg Norman came from Queensland to serve as assistant professional under Billy McWilliam OAM. Greg became Australia's greatest ever golfer and went on to win 85 international tournaments.



After the war the club's administration progressed to a more convenient building until the existing club house was opened in August 1963. The building has undergone several enhancements until now the course boasts a spacious modern club house with bar and catering facilities. It is a popular venue for

Corporate Golf Days and the club building is now able to offer facilities for all types of functions.

Beverley Park Golf Course is now recognized countrywide and internationally.



The History of Moorefield Racecourse

Members will recall enjoying Anne Field's story of the History of Moorefield Racecourse. Her book has now been entered in the catalogue of The Cox Library in England. This is apparently a private collection that takes up three floors in London and is the largest library of racing books in the world. Congratulations Anne.



A Kimberley Odyssey

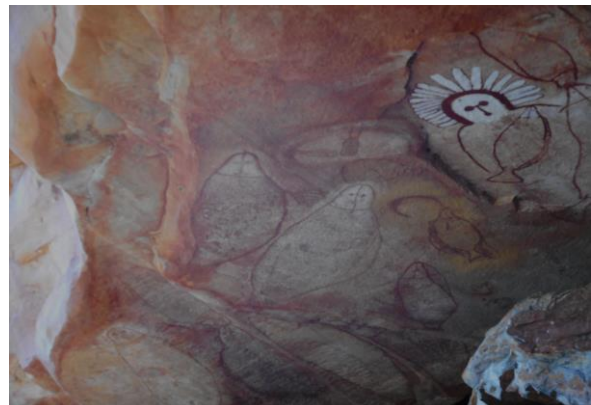
By Adele Ryan

Think of blue skies, turquoise water, white sands and red rocks, crimson sunsets and sunrises and you think of the remote Kimberley coast in Western Australia.

I was fortunate to witness nature at its grandest in July this year. A 'small boat' cruise (of only 22 passengers and 6 crew) which commenced its journey southward from Naturaliste Island and ended 2 weeks later in Derby. My first experience in a small boat, small plane and helicopter! To reach Naturaliste Island we were flown from Broome to Mitchell Plateau, then helicopter to Naturaliste Island beach, where we jumped on tenders to reach our 'mother boat'. While not at ease in small planes (eight passengers plus pilot) and helicopters (4 passengers plus pilot), I had a marvellous view of the landscape below including flying over the Mitchell Falls.

The next 13 nights on board offered a varied itinerary from meandering slowly through bays, rivers and islands of the Kimberley coastline, to scenic tender (power boat which holds 10 passengers and two crew) rides through mangrove creeks, spotting crocodiles at very close quarters, endless birds and marine life. Ancient and amazing rock formations around every corner – with hues of red, grey and sometimes white stone. We delighted at the sight of cathedral like gorges down the Hunter and Prince Regent Rivers just to name a few. And when the heat was so intense, we cooled off in rock pools, or a beach. Our skipper was clever enough to get us so close underneath the King Cascades, that we all received a refreshing 'dunking'.

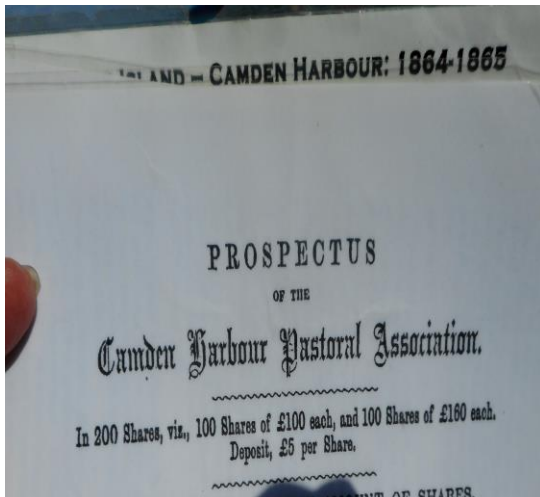
I was very keen to discover the rock art I had heard so much about and was not disappointed! The traditional art in the Kimberley sits in one of the world's richest rock art regions and is a prominent cultural and social icon in Australia. Indigenous Australians are the traditional owners, makers and custodians of the rock art. These paintings and drawings known as Bradshaw paintings or Wandjina rock art: beautiful and mysterious paintings found in places such as Raft Point in Doubtful Bay. To view this art we made the steep climb past lime coloured kapok bushes and the flowering Kimberley rose trees to a compelling site. We were surrounded by paintings of reptiles, hands and fish, and the Wandjina. They are all lovingly maintained by the Worrora people and to this day Aboriginal people continue to identify with the Wandjina, a continuous tradition dating to the last 4000 years. Aboriginal mythology suggests that Wandjina figures represent the spirits of the sky and the sea.



Wandjinas at Raft Point

The ancient inhabitants believed that the Wandjina (the creator spirit) created all the animals, plants as well as the people, he also created the wind and the rain. Wandjina figures are typically human like, solid in appearance, with large expressive eyes and pale skin and a halo-like headdresses, mouthless faces and large round eyes. The Wandjina is not painted with a mouth as it is said if he opened his mouth, the rains would come forever and the land would be flooded. No mouth also signifies that it does not pass judgement. The figures are always painted with other plant or animal life, because, according to the Aboriginal law: “we were never alone, there is always presence with us”.

In this beautiful and remote region, it was hard to imagine any non-indigenous person being able to survive the harshness of the land. We visited Camden Harbour south of Augustus Island. This is where the first white settlement was attempted in the Kimberley in the mid to late 1860's following Lt George Grey's expedition who 'glowingly' reported the area being “lush and fertile”.



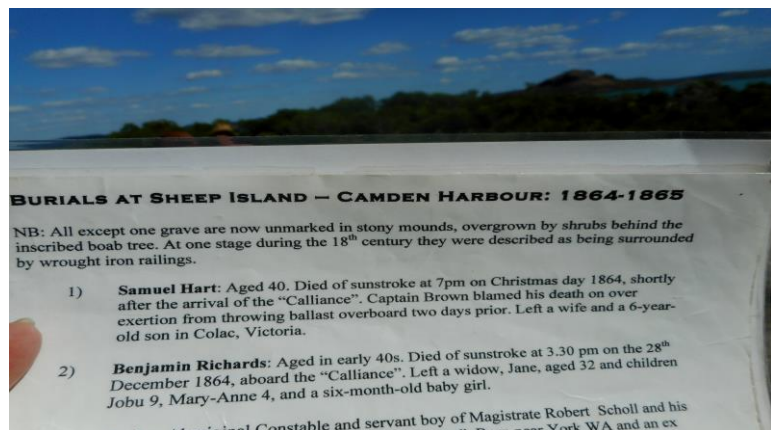
Documents found in the sealed capsule by the boab tree on Sheep Island

About 70 potential settlers principally from the mining and pastoral areas around Ballarat and Bendigo bought shares in the Camden Harbour Association. The settlers sailed to Western Australia in 3 ships: the “Stag”, the “Helvetia” and the “Calliance”. After sailing for 3 weeks, the “Calliance” struck a reef near Adele

Island. It drifted and finally came to anchor in Camden Harbour in 1864. The expedition was a total disaster from the start. One settler died of sunstroke and was buried on Sheep Island. The other ships arrived later with some of the settlers already having doubts about the viability of this venture. The ruins of the settlement, which only lasted 9 months, can still be seen.

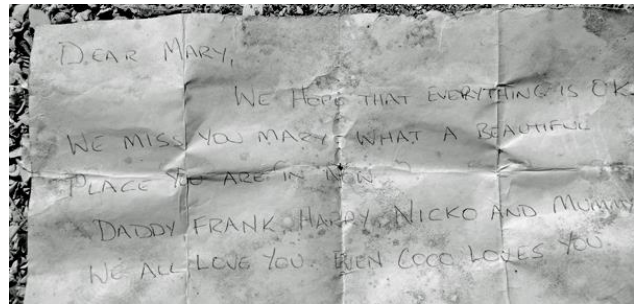
As we walked along Sheep Island, one lonely grave, encircled by stones and protected from the weather behind a large boab tree struck a chord with us. We learned the story of Mary Jane Pascoe, one brave lady who elected to remain with the hardy settlers, she was pregnant at the time. By now many settlers abandoned the venture of setting up a pastoral industry (due to the harsh climate, soil and the wet season) and went eastward inland to the Pilbara region.

Mary Jane became a victim of the harsh outback when she died on 4th June 1865 giving birth to her child. I paused at the grave, the inscription almost worn away with time, reflecting, while trying to imagine what Mary Jane and the settlers had to endure! Others were buried under mounds of rock and thick vegetation not far from Mary Jane's grave.



Mary Jane's grave:

"In loving memory of Mary Jane Pascoe who died June 4th 1865. Aged 30 years



A note found in the sealed capsule by the boab tree:

*Dear Mary, we hope that everything is ok.
We miss you Mary. What a beautiful place you
are in now Daddy, Frank, Harry, Nicko and Mummy.
Love you, even Coco loves you*



Trivia Quiz

From Rodger Robertson

The Solar System:

1. The size order of planets is ?
2. How many moons has Jupiter got?
3. What is the name of Jupiter's frozen Moon?
4. The atmosphere of Mercury is mainly what?
5. The liquid that makes Neptune look blue is what?
6. The solar system is around (i) 13 billions years old (ii) 3.4 billion (iii) 4.6 billion years old.
7. What element is the Sun mainly made of?
8. How far is the Sun from Earth and how long does light take to travel this distance?
9. Pluto is no longer a planet. What is it now called and what is its nearest significant neighbour?
10. Is the Moon getting nearer to the Earth, the same distance or going away from the Earth?
11. What was the name of the comet that crashed in Jupiter in 1994?

1. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury in size but Neptune and Uranus swap in terms of mass. Note that in terms of diameter a couple of moons are bigger than Mercury.
2. 69 but this is growing as new ones are discovered including 2 in 2017. So if I had asked in 2016 it would have been 67.
3. Europa
4. No real atmosphere but there is some Hydrogen Helium and Oxygen in very thin quantities.
5. Methane absorbs red light so the planet looks blue.
6. (iii) Note the Universe is 13 billion years old but our solar system was formed late than that.
7. Hydrogen 91% and Helium 9% and a little bit of a lot of other elements
8. 149.6 million Km and 8.3 minutes
9. Pluto is dwarf planet and its nearest object of size is its moon Charon
10. Going away
11. Shoemaker-Levy9

THE SAINTS IN KOGARAH

Part X

ST JOSEPH



St Joseph was the foster father of Jesus, and so is the patron saint for families. As he was a carpenter, he is the patron saint of manual workers as well.

His feast day is celebrated on 19 March and on the 1st May as St Joseph the Worker.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Frederick St., Oatley

The foundation stone for St Joseph's Church in Oatley was laid on 8 October 1950 and on 1 February 1953, St Joseph's received its own priest, Father Basil Jansen and became a parish.

The boundaries were "the creek at the north west arm of Oatley, and the side of the creek to Renown Park, Park Street, Railway Street to the subway at Mortdale Station, the railway to Boundary Road, Boundary Road to the creek opposite Universal Street, the creek to Limekiln Bay, the shores of the Georges River to the creek on the north west arm of Oatley Bay."

Oatley had been in the care of St Michael's, Hurstville, until St Declan's had been established at Penshurst, in 1916 when Oatley and Mortdale fell within St Declan's Parish.

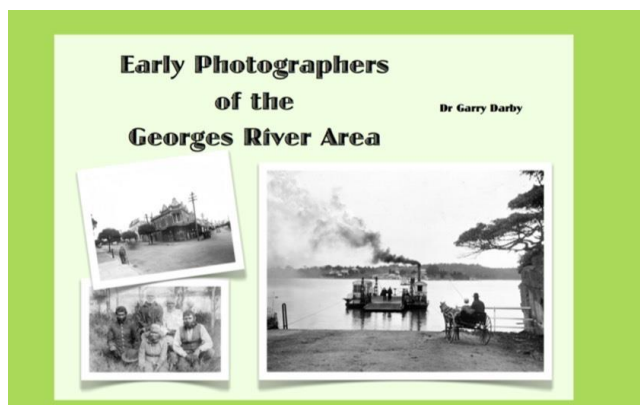
Masses were held in the School of Arts from 1935 until the parishioners built a Hall on the present site and began to work towards building a church.

After their success, a school was established by the Sisters of St Joseph in February 1955.

A history of the church was written by Norm Windred in 2009. It is well illustrated and much interesting detail is given of the building itself and the stained glass windows and the people, clergy, parishioners and school children who are part of its history.



B. Goodger



New Book by Dr Garry Darby

Garry's latest book "Early Photographers of the Georges River Area" will be launched on Tuesday 19 September at 3pm in the Hurstville Museum and Art Gallery, 14 McMahon Street, Hurstville.

Afternoon tea will be served.

The book which has been funded by Georges River Council through a cultural grant, features 150 classic photographs of the region and a full biography of each photographer. Copies available at the launch, cost \$25.

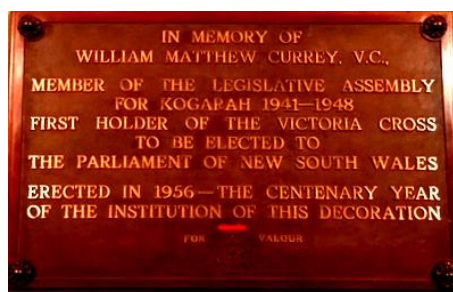
Enquiries to Garry Darby Ph: 9583 9916. All welcome. No need to book.

William Currey VC

Readers may notice that in the article on Beverley Park Golf Course, William Currey, Member for Kogarah, officially opened the first nine holes. We were also reminded of William Currey when Chris Minns MP, the current Member for Kogarah was launching our Local History Awards. He referred to the importance of preserving our history and told how his attention had been drawn to the parlous state of a plaque in Parliament House Sydney commemorating William Currey VC. Chris had arranged for it to be restored to its pristine condition.



It is worth remembering as we commemorate WW1, the way in which William earned his Victoria Cross for bravery. He was serving as a Pte in the 53rd Battalion, A.I.F. On the morning of 1st September 1918 during the battle of Mont Saint-Quentin, the Battalion began taking heavy casualties early in the day. Currey's company in particular suffered from a 77 mm field-gun firing at very close range. Currey rushed forward under machine-gun fire, killed the whole crew and captured the weapon. When in mid-afternoon the battalion encountered intense fire from a strong point, he worked round the flank of the position and opened fire with a Lewis-gun before rushing the post, inflicting many casualties and dispersing the survivors. His courageous action enabled the battalion attack to proceed. At 3 a.m. next morning he volunteered to warn a company which had become isolated to withdraw: moving out into no man's land he stood up and called out to the company, the sound of his voice attracting a torrent of enemy fire. After three attempts, during which his respirator was struck and he was gassed, he finally contacted the exposed company which then safely retired. A brave man indeed and we should remember.



Despite his gas wound, Currey saw out the war with the 53rd Battalion, arriving back in Australia in March 1919. After working for NSW Railways for some years he stood for the Australian Labor Party for Kogarah and won a seat in the Legislative Assembly, thereby becoming the first V.C. winner to enter the New South Wales parliament. He was twice re-elected—in

1944 and 1947—and made the interests of ex-servicemen his particular concern. He served as the Member for Kogarah from 1941 until his death in 1948.

G Whan

Ref: Australian Dictionary of Biography

President's Activities

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| 14 th August | Sutherland Legacy, topic " <i>The Fanny Letters</i> " |
| 23 rd August | Penshurst RSL War Widows Club, topic " <i>The Fanny Letters</i> " |
| 24 th August | Attended Launch and official naming of Community Hub |
| 28 th August | Port Hacking Probus, topic " <i>Celebrating Success</i> " |
| 30 th August | Attended presentation of grants to digitise KHS photographic collection |
| 13 th Sept | Hurstville City Probus, topic " <i>Whatever Happened to the First Fleet?</i> " |
| 28 th Sept | Brighton Probus, topic " <i>Whatever Happened to the First Fleet?</i> " |

Beverley Earnshaw is of course our hard working President. She would welcome helpers to accompany her to speaking engagements to assist with book sales. Please ring Beverley if you would like to help. Ph: 9546 1091

“Taken in the 1950s, this interesting photo has been given to the Society by Mrs Gloria Phillips of Penshurst. It was taken from the top floor of the nurses’ quarters at St. George Hospital and shows St. Patricks Church with its hollow bell tower, the tennis courts which were attached to the nurses’ home, Moorefield



Racecourse and Botany Bay in the background. The old tennis court site is now

occupied by St. George Private Hospital. Shadows indicate the photo was taken about midday and interestingly, there are only two vehicles on Princes Highway.”



What's on!

Hurstville Museum and Gallery: 6 September 11 am – 12md *Looking after your family keepsakes*, caring for and storing objects to preserve them. Free but bookings essential. Ph: 93306444 or museumgallery@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au

Hurstville Museum and Gallery: 26 August – 13 December. Pop! Exhibition of historical photographs from the Georges River Council Local Studies Collection. Special opening on 27 August at 2.30 pm, viewing and afternoon tea. Free.

Kogarah Library: 6 September, 7 pm - 8pm. Author Talk. *David Hill “The Fair and the Foul”*. David Hill is a bestselling author, former Managing Director of the ABC and former Chairman of Soccer Australia. This is his latest book. Free but bookings needed. Online through Eventbrite or Ph: 93309527.

Hurstville Library: 7 September, 7 pm – 8pm. Author talk. *Dr Vasudha Chandra “Prescription for Mr Dickens”*. What ailed Charles Dickens and what treatments were used in his time. Free but bookings essential. Ph: 93306111.

Royal Australian Historical Society: 16 Sept, 9 am-4.15pm. *Excursion to Camden Park House*. Camden Park, built by John Verge, is only open one weekend per year. A few places left but be quick. Cost \$25. Bookings: Ph: 9247 8001 or on line.

Hurstville Museum and Gallery: 19 September 3 pm. Launch of Garry Darby's book on Early Photographers of the Georges River Area. Details p.9.

Historic Houses Association: *Newtown Historic Walk*, 1 Oct 10 am – 12.30 pm. Led by Beatrice Scheepers. (A previous walk had a waiting list, this additional one will be run if enough people book) Meeting place given when booking. Cost \$35 members, \$45 non members. Bookings: Ph: 9252 5554 or online info@hha.net.au

Kogarah Community Services: Program for August – December 2017 available. Regular activities and special events. For information and bookings Ph: 9587 6622 or email info@kogarahcommunity.org.au. All events take place at The Hub, 49 English Street, Kogarah.

Kogarah Community Services

The Hub at 49 English Street, Kogarah is the home to Kogarah Community Services and on Thursday 24 August, the three main rooms where activities are held were officially named at a short ceremony attended by a range of people from politicians to boys from James Cook school. KCS started life in 1975 as Kogarah Community Aid and Information located in Railway Parade. They hope the Hub will now be their permanent home.

The first room, a small meeting room, was named for Max Turner the first President, a Kogarah business man, the second, the largest room will be called the Daria room for Daria Moorgas a long term volunteer for KCS who developed the social activities program for seniors. The third room is the Yvonne room for Yvonne Drury the first Manager of KCS (then called Centre Director). Yvonne sadly passed away in 1995, just short of the organisation's 20th birthday celebrations whilst still employed in her Director role. A plaque was unveiled in each room. We wish Kogarah Community Services continuing success with their large range of activities and are pleased we were invited to be at their special day.



Gill Whan, Beverley Earnshaw and Cathy Nisbet



Heritage loses out again

These two historic semi-detached Victorian Italianate Cottages at 4-6 Palmerston Street are almost certain to be demolished under plans for development of the area.

NSW State Heritage listing describes them in detail and notes 'their significance for the

unusual architectural design representing improvements in planning as settlement spread to outer suburbs with advent of railway and representing aspirations and way of life of people in the latter part of the 19th century'. The two cottages were among the first houses built on the street and were first listed in the Sands directory in 1887. Coach trimmer W.H. Williams and his wife owned number four between 1887-1933 while William Haines owned number six between 1888-1920. Thank you to Garry Darby who has photographed the area for posterity and to Anne Field who has kept us informed about developments.

Kogarah Historical Society has been awarded a community grant of \$5000 by Georges River Council to digitise our photographic collection. Garry Darby, who prepared our application, will be directing the project and the process will allow the collection to be 'harvested' by Trove thus making them freely available to people for research and interest.