

# Kogarah Historical Society Inc

Carss Cottage Museum - Carss Park

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# Newsletter

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*New Life Members, Beverley Earnshaw, Cath Sullivan & Betty Goodger*

## Meetings and Speakers

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

James Dunk, Author/Historian  
*Bedlam at Botany Bay*

**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Jo Harris OAM, Ku-rin-gai HS  
*Wireless comes to Australia*

Our meetings start at 2 pm in the School of Arts, Bowns Road/Queens Avenue, Kogarah, with the speaker. This is followed by afternoon tea and a chance to mingle with other members. A short business meeting follows. Apologies for non-attendance at meetings should go to Gill Whan (0439 667 843). Visitors are always welcome.

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## **Mondays at the Museum is back!**

We regret that we had to cancel our March meeting of Mondays at the Museum due to heavy rain but we hope John MacRitchie will agree to come back and give his presentation on the early days of the St.George Ambulance Service at a later date. Hopefully this popular event will be held again in May. The speaker on May 24, 2021 will be Beverley Earnshaw, Historian/Author whose presentation will be *The Lord Wellington's Women*. Anyone expecting to hear a steamy romp through the grand houses of Britain will be disappointed, as the *Lord Wellington* was one of our early convict transports and its tenacious women were among the founding mothers of our society.

The meeting starts at 10 am at Carss Cottage with morning tea, followed by the speaker. Cost \$5.00. To book ring Adele Ph.9529 6730.

## **Sunday Museum Roster**

**Opening Hours 1 pm – 4 pm (Winter), 1 pm – 5 pm (Summer)**

### **May**

2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Williams & Rob.McGarn  
9<sup>th</sup> Pat Young & Cheryl Bell  
16<sup>th</sup> Gill Whan & Jackie Colonelli  
23<sup>rd</sup> Adele Ryan & Harvey Langford  
30<sup>th</sup> Cath & Leo Sullivan

### **June**

6<sup>th</sup> Wendy Agzarian & Elaine Filewood  
13<sup>th</sup> Adele Ryan & Joe Spinelli  
20<sup>th</sup> Gill Whan & Fiona Johnstone  
27<sup>th</sup> Miryam & Niver Rodriguez

**Problems:** If you need to exchange days on the regular roster, please try to do so among yourselves, otherwise contact Wendy Agzarian (0402 136 147).

Emergency volunteers – Barbara Davids (9389 6742), Heather Campbell (9553 9914) Margaret James (0411 252 887), Cath & Leo Sullivan (9579 6149).

### **Committee 2021 (\*denotes Executive)**

President*	Gill Whan	Ph.0439 667 843
Vice President*	Adele Ryan	Ph.9529 6730
Secretary*	Gill Whan	Ph.0439 667 843
Treasurer*	Anne Williams	Ph.0425 215 58
Public Officer*	Robert McGarn	Ph.0425 706 579

**Committee:** Wendy Agzarian, Barbara Davids, Glynn Pulling, Pat Young, Beverley Earnshaw, Elaine Filewood, Cath Sullivan.

### **Committee Meeting Dates**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) Gill Whan, 11 Dewrang St, Carss Park (0439 667 843)

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) Pat Young, 15 Culver St, Monterey (9593 1898)

## **Welcome New Members**

This month we are happy to welcome seven new members into our Society. They are Ann Lisle, Lyndsay Young, Jackie Colonelli, Kerry & Doug Messenger and Helen & Neil Gould. We wish them a long and happy time with the Kogarah Historical Society.

## President's Report 2020-2021

I suspect that anyone giving an annual report about this time, will say what an 'unusual' year it has been. I certainly did not think that I would spend much of the year cancelling events due to Covid- 19 but that is what happened. 2020 was the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we had planned a special event for November outside Carss Cottage with the Governor of NSW as guest of honour. We waited until September before making the decision to cancel, but in the end the restrictions on numbers and spacing made it too difficult. It was disappointing but fortunately we were still able to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> with the launch of a wonderful book on the *History of the Society*, written by Beverley Earnshaw and launched by our patron, Kevin Greene, Mayor of Georges River Council, at the annual Christmas lunch.

Meetings were suspended from March to September and the Cottage closed for several months. During this time we kept in touch with members through monthly updates, either mailed or emailed and the Committee continued to meet each month through hook ups or Zoom. The newsletter also continued, edited by Beverley Earnshaw, who in this 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of James Cook's arrival at Botany Bay, gave us four articles on aspects of his voyages, the last one taking him home to England.

Our competition for Primary Schools on Sailing with Captain Cook was affected by the coronavirus and there were a disappointing number of entries. However, a winner was chosen and a visit made to present prizes and certificates of participation to boys at Scots College Preparatory School.

**Membership** numbers have remained stable but we lost four treasured members this year – Joan Fairhall, Graeme Schroeder and Beryl and Norm Butters. Beryl and Norm were foundation members and it is fitting that Council has renamed the Oatley Seniors Centre after them.

### School of Arts

Face to face meetings at the School of Arts resumed in September, under COVIDsafe conditions and it was pleasing to see the enthusiasm of members to come together – in fact on occasions we reached the maximum allowed in the hall. Our speakers this year were Barbara Appleton, *Tracking Mr Sharpe*; Edith Ziegler on *New Italy in Northern NSW*; Ian Macfarlane on *10 Remarkable Australians* and last month Gillian Lewis on *James Cook's Endeavour and the search for her wreck*. It takes a number of people to make these meetings happen and thanks are due to Neil Gould for technical support, Robert McGarn & Glynn Pulling who help set up, Judy Reynolds who always comes early to help, Elaine Filewood and Pat Young who do the afternoon teas and Miryam and Niver Rodriguez who make people feel so welcome when they come in and generally assist on the day. A special mention should be made of Betty Goodger who never fails to come up with appropriate remarks when invited to give a vote of thanks to the speaker.

### The Museum

The Museum is a major focus of the Society and it was disappointing to have to close for several months. The coronavirus has meant that we have had fewer group tours than usual – five in all and only two Mondays at the Museum. Heritage Stoneworks visited in September and demonstrated their work with sandstone which was most interesting and in November Bob and Laurel Horton from St Peter's Heritage, dressed in colonial dress, gave us *The Social History of Tempe House*. We still open on Sundays from 1pm – 5pm in summer months and 1pm – 4pm in winter. This year we had our Carss Park brochure translated into Mandarin and this has proved to be very useful. The grant we received to assist in publicising the Wedding Dress was used to copy videos and to install mirrors and better

lighting to improve the display of the dress. In all we have had 381 visitors this year, well down on last year. We have missed having a band playing once a month on a Sunday at the Cottage and hope we will be able to organise this to start again. COVID restrictions and the retirement of Ed Starr both contributed.

Despite the closures, we managed to put up a new exhibition in the Cottage on Kogarah's Amazing Achievers and thanks are due to Beverley Earnshaw who did the majority of the preparation for this and also managed to get publicity in the Leader. The Committee has had three working bees at the Cottage, tidying and de-accessioning some items that were more suitable for other organisations or surplus to our requirements. There are many volunteers at the Cottage – in addition to the Committee, Harvey Langford, Joe Spinelli, Heather Campbell and Miryam and Niver Rodriguez are on the regular roster for Sunday afternoons. Niver is a good handyman and Miryam even took home all the lace curtains and washed them this year. Wendy Agzarian has assumed major responsibility for the Museum, booking group tours, improving displays etc and we now have a Collections policy and a new cataloguing system.

### **Georges River Council**

Our lease on the Cottage has expired and we await an invitation to put in an expression of interest to continue running Carss Cottage as a Museum. The Committee is seeking a meeting with Council to clarify several issues relating to our tenancy. Council is aware of the heritage listing of the Cottage and as such maintains the exterior and took immediate action after the Cottage was damaged by vandals. Repairs were made and Council has now installed sensor lights for which we are grateful.

We put in successful nominations for historic plaques, the most notable being for the Edith Blake reserve. Our campaign to call the small green area opposite the private hospital after Edith Blake, a WW1 nurse, was successful and a sign has been erected. When the historic plaque is installed we hope to hold a small ceremony with relatives of Edith.

### **The Committee**

The Society is well served by this committee and I would like to thank them all for the efforts they have made over the past year. Particular thanks to Cath Sullivan who is stepping down after 21 years as Treasurer but I am pleased to say has agreed to stay on the Committee. All the Committee volunteer at the Cottage – Glynn Pulling is a wonderful help and seems to be able to turn his hand to anything, Robert McGarn is always available to assist and does the minutes for meetings, Adele Ryan, Vice President, co-ordinates Mondays at the Museum and is at every working bee. I have already mentioned Wendy Agzarian and her role and the many skills of Beverley Earnshaw. Elaine Filewood is always a willing worker, Pat Young rose to the occasion and took over the catering for Mondays at the Museum assisted by Barbara Davids. Anne Williams as the newest member of the committee is now an integral part of it and is taking on a big responsibility in accepting nomination as Treasurer. I must also thank Fred Scott, who is not on the committee but does a sterling job in maintaining our website, an essential for organisations in this day and age.

I hope that 2021-2022 will be a successful year – it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Museum so with as much confidence as one dares to have in these times – expect an event to celebrate. May we all have a happy and healthy year and the Society continue to prosper and grow.

*Gill Whan*

President, March 2021



### **Vale Prince Philip**

On this day, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we received news of an event that will always be recorded in history. It is the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband and consort of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 99.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Queen and her family.

## **Our Earliest War Veterans**

During this very stressful time of COVID restrictions, many things have been done differently. It was good to see Anzac Day commemorated so that the nation could acknowledge those who had served the country in times of war. However, one group of war veterans has been largely overlooked by the wider Australian community, yet they were non-the-less deserving of honour. They were the men who resided in Australia's first War Veterans' Home at Bare Island, La Perouse.

In 1912 the Ladies Auxiliary of the British Empire League brought the plight of aged War Veterans to the attention of the Australian Government. These men were survivors of campaigns Britain had fought in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and many were living in poverty.

Consequently, permissive occupancy of the disused fort on Bare Island was handed over to the Governing Council of the Veterans' Home of NSW and a hostel for old soldiers opened on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1912 with 7 veterans. Some of the early occupants had served in the Crimean War (1854-55), Indian Mutiny (1857-59), Maori Wars (1860-65), Zulu Wars (1879), Egypt (1882-84), Sudan (1885), India (1897-1898) and the Boer War (1899-1902). In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Veterans were admitted from later conflicts.

Like the Chelsea Pensioners of Britain, the Bare Island Veterans were issued with uniforms which included a peaked cap bearing the letters "VH" (Veterans Hostel). They accepted no charity and in 1938 were contributing 7/6 weekly from their pensions to pay for their keep. There was no domestic or outdoor staff, with the veterans themselves maintaining the premises inside and out. They slept in dormitories and ate in a communal dining room which housed the library and piano. In 1939 the Casemate, or principal armoured room in the fort, was converted into a billiard room.

Among the original veterans were 6 from the Maori Wars. Samuel Withers aged 74 and Richard Cowham aged 84, both from the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, had been in the first contingent to sail for New Zealand and served in the whole campaign. Joe Saddler aged 72 was from the 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Henry Elsley aged 84 was from the Sydney Volunteers. Captain Edward Henry Power aged 74 had been Secretary to the Native Commissioner in New Zealand and was present when the truce was signed. Edward Hanley aged 77 had been orderly to General Sir Henry Havelock and survived the siege of Lucknow and H.R. Errington was a survivor of the Abyssinian campaign.

In 1963 the Veterans' Hostel at La Perouse closed down and the remaining residents transferred to more comfortable quarters at Yass and Narrabeen.

## A DROGHER FOR BALD FACE

Bald Face Point is at the end of a finger of land jutting into the Georges River between Kyle Bay and Shipwrights Bay and is part of the suburb of Blakehurst. The land was originally granted to Hughes and Hosking in 1843, but that company went bankrupt in the depression of the 1840s. Some time before 1885 the Government resumed the point as a 'Government Reserve'<sup>1</sup> in order to exploit the deposits of good stone found there.

In the 1870s there was great public agitation for a railway to service the Illawarra where commercial deposits of coal had been discovered. Construction of an Illawarra Railway Line was first suggested by Samuel William Gray, MLA for the Illawarra in 1878, and approved by Parliament on March 23, 1881. This gave rise to heated debate as to the route the line should take, and in particular, where the line should cross the Georges River. There were three possible sites from which the line could cross, Sans Souci, Tom Uglys Point and Bald Face Point. Whilever the direction of the line remained unresolved, speculation in land became rife. Parcels of land were grabbed by speculators, wealthy citizens, politicians and various consortiums. But when the matter was finally resolved by Parliament, these three locations were overlooked in favour of a crossing at Neverfail Bay (Oatley to Como), and most of the speculators lost money<sup>2</sup>.

In anticipation of Bald Face being chosen as the crossing site, Samuel William Gray took up property at Sutherland and Bald Face in addition to what he already owned at Kiama, Wollongong and Woonona. However, when the decision was taken to route the railway elsewhere he quickly disposed of his holding at Bald Face

The land was subdivided and first offered for sale in 1886 but the auction was apparently cancelled and the land re-parcelled for private sale in 1889. The sale did not include 1 acre 1 rood at the south end of Bald Face Point which was retained by the Government as a quarry. It has remained Crown Land. A central access road was put through the centre of the subdivision but it terminated some distance from the quarry. This road later became Stuart Street.

Our valued foundation member, Mrs May Grieve, was born on June 24, 1901 and spent her childhood in the Blakehurst/Tom Ugly's Point area. She vividly remembered –

*"On the way to Blakehurst School each morning we would meet a group of Maltese [men] walking along Stuart Street which was then densely timbered on either side."*

On questioning the local Postmistress about who they were, the children were told that they were stonemasons from Malta – experts in their trade – who had been recruited to work at the Bald Face Quarry<sup>3</sup>. Bald Face Quarry was operated by the Public Works Department. It gained a licence to use explosives in 1914<sup>4</sup>. But despite the usefulness of the stone it yielded, great difficulty was experienced in getting it to where it was needed. The only transport corridor was Georges River.

Many of the coastal districts of New South Wales were experiencing the same problem. Road building had failed to keep up with the spread of settlement. The timber industry in particular needed to move its logs to the coast for shipment and the *Drogher* came into being. A Drogher was a small craft, sometimes called 'a raft ship', invented in the West Indies and used to take sugar, rum &c to waiting merchant ships.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW Govt.Gazette 20 Oct.1885 p.6798-6799.

<sup>2</sup> *The Triumph of the Speculators*: Joan Hatton & Leslie Muir 1984

<sup>3</sup> KHS Newsletter July 1973 p.5.

<sup>4</sup> NSW Govt.Gazette 16 Dec.1914 p.7412

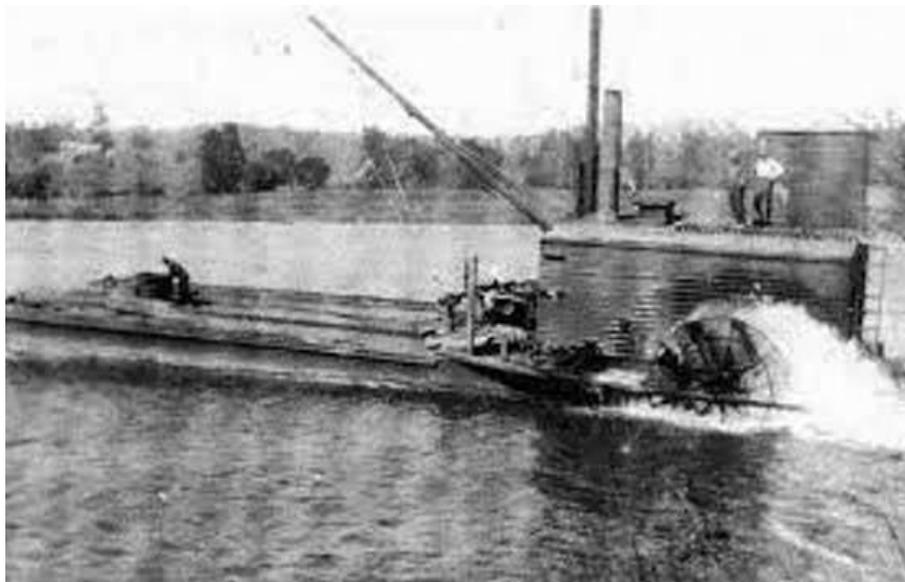
*“The Australian Drogher was a simple steam powered barge with a flat bottom, and large deck area. They were driven by paddle wheels powered by a wood fired steam engine in what could best be described as a shed at the aft end. Some droghers had a wheelhouse and a derrick for handling heavy cargoes. Before the coming of trains and motorized transport they were the workhorses of the northern rivers of NSW moving all manner of cargoes, especially timber from the river’s shallow upper reaches to the timber mills then downstream to waiting oceangoing steamers. They were not things of beauty but strongly built for a hard life<sup>5</sup>.*

David Chappelow was a local shipbuilder whose yard was on Shea’s Creek (now the Alexandria Canal). As well as boat building he was involved in water transport carrying lime, timber and quarried stone on the Georges River, Botany Bay and Cooks River<sup>6</sup>. On March 20, 1883 Chappelow launched from his yard a drogher called the *My Idea*. It was a paddle wheel steamer of 50.05 tons, cutter rigged, with one deck, one mast, square stern and billet head, dimensions 60.6 ft x 16.3 ft x 2.0<sup>7</sup>. The steam engine on the *My Idea* also powered a circular saw to cut wood<sup>8</sup>. The vessel was sold to the NSW Government on June 3, 1891.

Around Bald Face the bush was dense and as the only road terminated some distance from the quarry it was inaccessible to vehicular traffic. Therefore the stone was transported by barge (drogher) to its destination. From Bald Face it passed Tom Ugly’s Point and Sans Souci, then into Botany Bay to Shea’s Creek where it was unloaded. Some of the stone was used for the construction of a breakwater in Botany Bay but it was chiefly used in road making<sup>9</sup>.

Bald Face quarry was a small site and it may have been exhausted by 1930, but the site has been preserved as a Government Reserve.

Beverley Earnshaw



<sup>5</sup> Greg Jackson: *The Drogher My Idea*, in Sutherland Shire Historical Society Bulletin No .217 Nov.2020

<sup>6</sup> Ian Annabel: *100 Years of Family History*. *SSHS Bulletin* No.217 Nov.2020

<sup>7</sup> Port Number 1885 009 in *Register of British Ships*: Vaughan Evans Library, Maritime Heritage Centre, Pyrmont

<sup>8</sup> Jackson Op.Cit.

<sup>9</sup> KHS Newsletter Op.Cit.

## What's On

- May 13 James Dunk, Historian/Author, *Bedlam at Botany Bay*  
May 24 Mondays at the Museum, Beverley Earnshaw OAM, Historian/Author, *The Lord Wellington's Women*.  
June 10 Jo Harris OAM, Kuringai Historical Society, *Wireless Comes to Australia*.  
Until July 11 At Hurstville Museum & Gallery, *In Sickness and in Health*,  
Historic images of St. George Hospital from its beginning in 1894 as a small cottage hospital to a world class teaching hospital.

### Australian Heritage Festival with the National Trust:

- May 27. National Trust Cockatoo Island tour. Cost \$64. To book call 0439 321 164  
June 3. National Trust presents a tour of *Nutcote*, harbourside residence of children's author, May Gibbs, at Neutral Bay. Cost \$55 includes morning tea. To book call 0439 321 164.

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## Trivia Quiz

### Australian Towns

- (1) What town was the first established west of the Blue Mountains?
- (2) What town hosts the annual "Elvis Festival"?
- (3) In what town was Qantas founded on November 16, 1920?
- (4) What town is built near the old Ben Boyd Whaling Station?
- (5) In what town was Don Bradman born?
- (6) In what town did Sir Henry Parkes give his first speech promoting Australian Federation?
- (7) What town is named after the first white woman who lived there?
- (8) What town is "The Opal Capital of the World"?
- (9) What town hosts the dog on the tuckerbox?
- (10) What town was represented by Edward Dickens, son of Charles Dickens, in the NSW Legislative Assembly?
- (11) Which is the most southern township in Australia?
- (12) Which town is close to where the *Endeavour* was wrecked in 1770?



Left: The grave of Edward Dickens in Moree Cemetery.

The inscription reads:

*"Here lies the resting place of him  
whose life's light can never dim.  
Quaint glimpses through an English  
mist of his father's creations –  
Oliver Twist, Mr McCawber,  
Barnaby Rudge  
and others of the famous list."*

### Quiz Answers:

- (1) Bathurst (2) Parkes (3) Winton Q'ld (4) Eden  
(5) Cootamundra (6) Tenterfield (7) Alice Springs  
(8) Coober Pedy (9) Gundagai (10) Wilcannia  
(11) Southport Tas (12) Cooktown

## A Treasure from the Museum

By Wendy Agzarian, Curator



In Carss Cottage whilst clearing out some hidden boxes in the roof area, I came across a box that shouldn't have been there. We store in the roof mostly non-perishable items like tools and old bottles. This box had an old boot on top so it was probably thought the items underneath were in the same category. But instead there were some women's shoes, clothing, a handbag and jewellery that must have been up there since the 1970s. Items dated back from the 1960s to the 1800s. An old feather boa had disintegrated into everything underneath so quite a lot of time was spent cleaning up all the items -- but it was a lovely find.

I recognised this old boot (above) as the partner of one that was on display downstairs in one of the cabinets – so now it has joined its counterpart. Some of the jewellery has also been put on display.

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## 2021 Local History Prize

Once again Kogarah Historical Society is sponsoring the *2021 Local History Award*. Entrants are invited to submit an original, unpublished essay which relates to any aspect of Kogarah or the wider Georges River Council Area. Subjects may cover Kogarah, buildings, personalities, sportspersons, families or events.

The award is open to members and non-members of the Kogarah Historical Society and residents living both inside and outside the Kogarah Area. There is no age limit.

A first prize of \$1000 and second prize of \$500 will be presented.

The competition will be officially launched at our June meeting when competition rules and closing date will be announced.

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## Visitors to the Museum



Our much loved Cocky Bennett had two special visitors recently. Carol and Robert Pugh came with the Helensburg Probus to hear a talk and look round the Museum. To our surprise, Robert told us that his mother was the person who donated Cocky Bennett to the Museum.



## President's Page



What a pleasure it was to present three members with Life Memberships at the March Annual General Meeting. You can find details in this newsletter.

I hope members and visitors to the April meeting enjoyed Garry Darby's presentation on Monet's Garden. Garry is such a skilled presenter, the sight of the River Seine suddenly blue and 'snaking' across the screen to indicate where Monet lived, was a delight.

This coming month we look forward to hearing Dr James Dunk, on his book *Bedlam at Botany Bay*. James is a Sydney historian and writer. He is a research fellow at the University of Sydney and affiliated with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Newcastle. We first invited him in 2020 and then had to cancel (COVID). Since then he has won the Premier's Prize for his book and he will bring some along for sale.

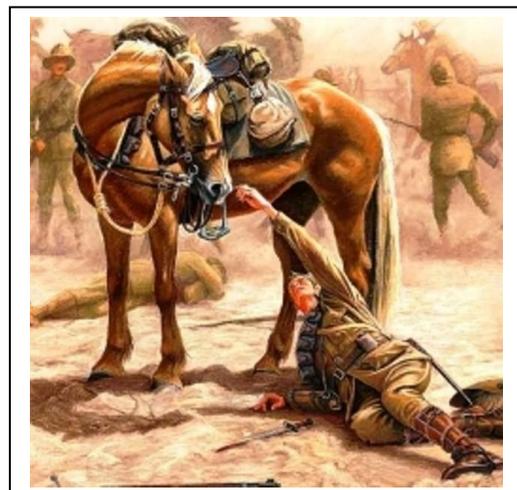
On the back of your newsletter this month you will find a list of the Committee and other volunteers and what tasks they have undertaken to do, together with their contact details which I hope will be useful. You will notice that in addition to taking on the Treasurer's role Anne Williams is organizing our trips/tours in 2021. The first one was on 15 April and there will be a report in the next issue. It came about as the result of an invitation from the Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society (through Barbara Appleton, a speaker in late 2020) to visit their area, which is around Wisemans Ferry.

The Wisemans Ferry area is where at least two of the Australian Heritage Festival events will take place. The Festival runs from 18 April to 19 May and the theme is *Our Heritage for the Future*. You can check it out through the website or through National Trust. I like the sound of Ebenezer Church Heritage Day on 15 May. It is the oldest church in Australia, established in 1809 and there will be a talk and tours and a Devonshire tea. Bookings are through 0438 777 215. Cost \$20 (runs from 10 am – 2pm)

**Anzac Day** – 25 April fell this year on a Sunday but there was no public holiday for NSW on the Monday. I noticed with pleasure that the Gallipoli Art Prize this year was won by artist Geoff Harvey for his painting *Forgotten Heroes* depicting the Waler Horses, noted for their endurance. Of 120,000 Walers who were sent overseas to allied armies in Africa, Europe, India and Palestine, only one returned. This was apparently due to costs and Australia's quarantine laws. Some were culled, others sold— many soldiers took it into their own hands to shoot their own horse rather than see it sold and mistreated. A sad end to a noble breed.

*Gill Whan*

**Taffy** was a war horse from the Australian Light Horse Brigade. These horses were called 'Walers' because they were said to come from New South Wales, and a Waler and its rider were considered a working team. **Taffy** and his rider, Corporal Austin Edwards, served during World War I. During the battle of Romani Corporal Edwards was wounded. **Taffy** stood by him, still under fire, until Corporal Edwards had recovered sufficiently to remount, proving the training and love shared between rider and mount.



## Our new Life Members

At the March Annual General Meeting of the Society, the Committee recommended three new Life Members. The proposal was received with acclamation by the members present. The three honoured were:

### **Beverley Earnshaw OAM**



Beverley Earnshaw joined the Society in 1978. Her background in historical research and extensive knowledge of local history were immediately appreciated as was her ability as a writer. She has made an amazing contribution over her membership of 42 years. She became Vice President in 2003 and President in 2005, a position she held for 12 years.

The Society has benefited enormously from her skill in writing. Six books on aspects of local history have been authored by Beverley, who does the work on a voluntary basis; plus a set of six children's books all based on true stories and recently the History of the Society to commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

### **Betty Goodger**



Betty Goodger has been a member of the Society for 29 years and joined, bringing with her a wealth of experience as a librarian who had worked in the Mitchell library and with skills in indexing, research, cataloguing and as a speaker.

She has been an active member, serving on the Committee for many years, volunteering monthly on the Museum roster, answering research queries and organising the library at Carss Cottage. She indexed every newsletter from 1970 onwards and this can now be accessed on-line, she has also documented all our historical papers in a comprehensive system.

Her reputation as a speaker and knowledge of all things historic is well known and to hear her talk is to be both informed and entertained.

### **Cath Sullivan**



Cath Sullivan joined the Society in the 70s, and from the late 80s held positions as Research Convenor, then Social Secretary and in 2001 was elected assistant Treasurer. During that year she was asked to take over as Treasurer and held that position until 2021.

It is a position that has required attention to detail and a large number of duties dealing with membership, income, expenditure, banking and investing the Society's capital. She has prepared monthly reports for 21 years and annual statements for the auditor.

In addition to volunteering for 15 years at St George Community Transport she and husband Leo have been regular volunteers at Carss Cottage Museum and always involved in activities and outings. They were both featured in Kogarah Council's booklet on Volunteer Heroes.

## Who does what in your Society. Committee and Volunteers 2021

(\*denotes Executive)

Name & Position	Responsibilities	Contact details
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Adele Ryan * <b>Vice President Publicity Officer</b>	Membership matters – payments etc. Organises and chairs MAM. Publicity to Leader, Council etc. Museum roster	9529 6730, 0444 566 329 <a href="mailto:adele.robert.ryan@gmail.com">adele.robert.ryan@gmail.com</a> 5 Endeavour St, Sans Souci 2219
Anne Williams * <b>Treasurer Social Secretary</b>	Payments in/out. Treasurer's reports. Organises trips. Museum roster	0425 215 589 <a href="mailto:annepw2207@hotmail.com">annepw2207@hotmail.com</a> The Jameson, 2.09, 524/538 Rocky Point Rd., Sans Souci 2219
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Wendy Agzarian <b>Committee Museum custodian</b>	Displays/catalogue/collection policy. Takes bookings for group tours. Museum tours and roster	0402 136 147 <a href="mailto:wagzarian@yahoo.com">wagzarian@yahoo.com</a> 8/52 Menai Rd., Bangor 2234
Barbara Davids <b>Committee</b>	Helps at MAM. Museum tours.	9389 6742 or 0407 497 423 <a href="mailto:bdavids@hotmail.com">bdavids@hotmail.com</a> 129 Ruthven St., Bondi Junction 2022
Beverley Earnshaw <b>Committee Life Member</b>	Writes for and edits bi-monthly newsletter. Coordinator publications. Research, Museum tours	9546 1091 <a href="mailto:earnshawb@bigpond.com">earnshawb@bigpond.com</a> 15 Hamer St., Kogarah Bay 2217
Elaine Filewood <b>Committee</b>	A/teas at gen mtg. Organises lucky door prizes. Museum tours and roster	9580 5584 <a href="mailto:elainefilewood@gmail.com">elainefilewood@gmail.com</a> PO Box 141, Peakhurst 2210
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