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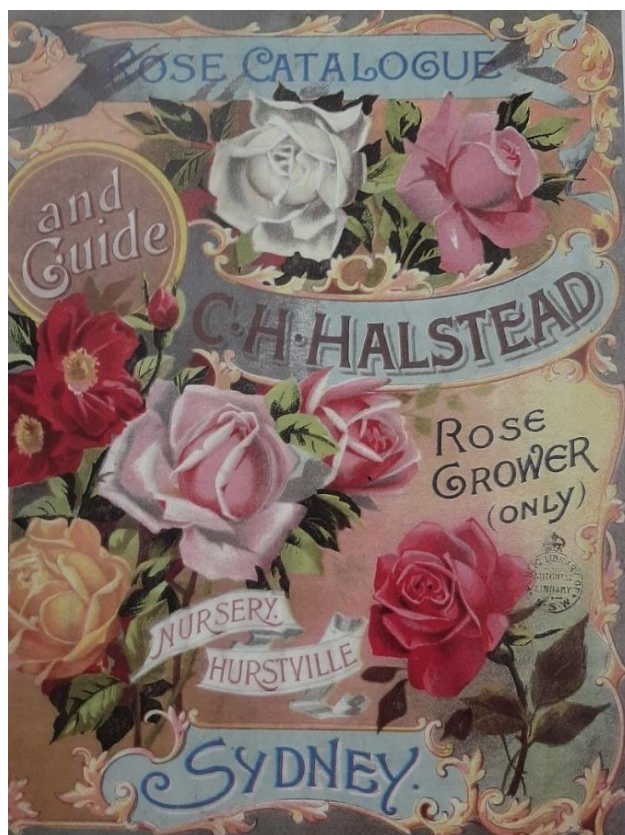
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Rose Catalogue & Guide, C.H.Halstead Nursery, Hurstville

Meetings and Speakers

Thursday, February 13th

Ian Burnet: Author, *Joseph Banks and the Endeavour: An Unauthorized biography*.

Thursday, March 13th

AGM and Election of Officers
followed by 'Show and Tell' &
launch of new Museum website.

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. Visitors are always welcome. Apologies for non-attendance at meetings should go to Adele Ryan (Ph.0444 566 329). If unanswered please leave a message.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers will take place at Kogarah School of Arts on March 13th at 2 pm. Nominations for positions on the Committee must be received prior to the meeting and a nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter.

The AGM will be followed by "Members' Show and Tell", when members are invited to bring along an interesting article --- bric-a-brac, antique, medal, tool, garment, map, trophy, toy or some other interesting object and introduce it to the audience by giving a three minute presentation. We hope there will be many participants. We will also launch the new Museum website developed by Neil Gould.

Museum Roster

January

5th Closed
12th Pat Young & Cheryl Bell
19th Jacki Colonelli & Gill Whan
26th Adele Ryan & Helen Gould

February

2nd Wendy Agzarian & Cheryl Bell
9th Adele Ryan & Anne Williams
16th Gill Whan & Fiona Johnstone
23rd Miryam & Niver Rodriguez

Emergency List: Anne Field, Heather Campbell, Cath & Leo Sullivan, Olga Sedneva (If you need to change your date, please try to do it with another volunteer. Otherwise, contact Wendy Agzarian on 0402 136 407 or Gill Whan on 0439 667 843)

Committee (* Denotes Executive)

President* Gill Whan Ph.0439 667 843
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Secretary* Gill Whan Ph.0439 667 843
Treasurer* Anne Williams Ph.0425 215 589
Public Officer* Robert McGarn Ph.0425 706 579

Committee Members: Wendy Agzarian, Glynn Pulling, Beverley Earnshaw, Pat Young, Elaine Filewood, Helen Gould, Laurel Horton.

Committee Meetings

February 10th (Monday) Pat Young, 25 Culver Street, Monterey (9593 1898)

March 10th (Monday) Helen Gould, 16 Dewrang Street, Carss Park (0417 404 565)

Welcome New Member

This month we would like to welcome Sue Bowden to our Society. We hope you have a long and enjoyable stay with us.

ROSES AND REAL ESTATE: THE NURSERIES OF ST. GEORGE

By the mid-19th century, the nursery and seed trade had developed rapidly in Australia. Unlike today, many nurseries in the greater Sydney area, including in the St. George region, grew much of their wholesale and retail stock on site. In the St. George region, from the bayside suburbs of Botany and nearby Rockdale, to Hurstville and Oatley, numerous large and small-scale nurseries were established from the 1850s onwards. Many were run and managed by prominent local citizens who contributed not only to the development of the region through their enterprises but to the beautification of many household gardens and parks.

One of the earliest nurseries in Hurstville was F. Ferguson & Sons, established during the late 1840s as the 'Australian Nursery'. By 1907 Ferguson & Sons had sites in both Hurstville and Camden. The Australian Nursery was still operating during the 1940s, by which time it was considered one of the oldest and largest in the Commonwealth¹. Ferguson's Nursery was located on the northern side of Stoney Creek Road, on the corner with Croydon Road (Kingsgrove Road), known locally as Ferguson's Corner. For many decades the business produced informative, seasonal catalogues of their stock, which included 'forest and ornamental trees, shrubs, fruit trees, bulbs, and herbaceous plants &c'². They distributed stock interstate and overseas and became known for their fruit trees and palms³. In a newspaper article entitled 'A Great Nursery Business', it was noted that 'the needs of fruit growers and horticulturalists are catered for in a special way by Messrs. F. Ferguson and Son, in their nurseries at Hurstville...and elsewhere in New South Wales. Their particular interests lie in the production of first quality citrus and deciduous fruit trees, also the raising of roses, palms, ornamental trees, and shrubs...they cover a wide sphere of activity in the horticultural world, in which they have obtained considerable success'. Similarly, it was noted that 'Ferguson and Son, in their nurseries at Hurstville... there are the general nurseries and the dispatching centre where 40 acres are under cultivation'⁴. By 1940 the principal of the business was Mr (Arthur) Bruce Ferguson, who died in 1949 leaving an estate of £64,000. Today the site of Fergusons' Nursery is occupied by Kingsgrove High School. The stone gates at Kingsgrove High School are from the original Ferguson's Nursery at Camden.

Croydon Road was the site of an additional two large nurseries in Hurstville, established during the 19th century. Edwards' 'Pine Villa' began at the rear of a Convent in 1864⁵. By 1880 Pine Villa Nursery was advertised as being located at 'Gannon's Forest, Cook's River'⁶. Mr Henry James Edwards (1835–1907), nurseryman and florist, supplied ornamental trees, shrubs, and roses along with cut flowers and floral work. It was common practice among nurserymen during the late 19th century to open city shops, while the nurseries themselves were often located further afield. Named after the Pine trees along the boundary of the property, the nursery existed on a five acre allotment until 1939⁷. After the Second World War, the Housing Commission acquired three and a half acres of the property for £850 and built sixteen houses in what is now Docos Crescent, Bexley. The remainder of the property was subsequently subdivided and sold for housing.

Of the nurseries in the south-east of Sydney during the 19th century Rosevale Nursery in Rockdale was one of the most successful. In 1861 the St. George area had a population of 1,619 people, of which only 18 were listed as being in 'trade and commerce'. One of these was John Illife (c. 1840–1910), who established Rosevale Nursery in addition to cultivating a 31-acre (12-ha) plantation nursery on land in nearby Bexley. While Rosevale Nursery was devoted to growing and supplying exotic and ornamental plants to colonies across Australia, visitors also 'flocked to Illife's Nursery to stroll along the stone-edged walls and admire the acres of roses, hydrangeas, camellias and azaleas

¹ 'F. FERGUSON & SON. -- The Leading Nurserymen', *The Propeller* (Hurstville, NSW : 1911 - 1954) Thu 21 Nov 1940, p. 12 [21 Nov 1940 - F. FERGUSON & SON. -- The Leading Nurserymen. - Trove](#) [Accessed 5/12/2024]

² *Fergusons' nursery catalogue*, F. Ferguson & Son [trade catalogue], 1938. Claude Crowe Papers: CCC/N/2:1, Caroline Simpson Library, The Mint

³ MacRitchie, J., 'Fergusons' Nursery', Georges River Council Library Local Studies file, unpublished, n.p.

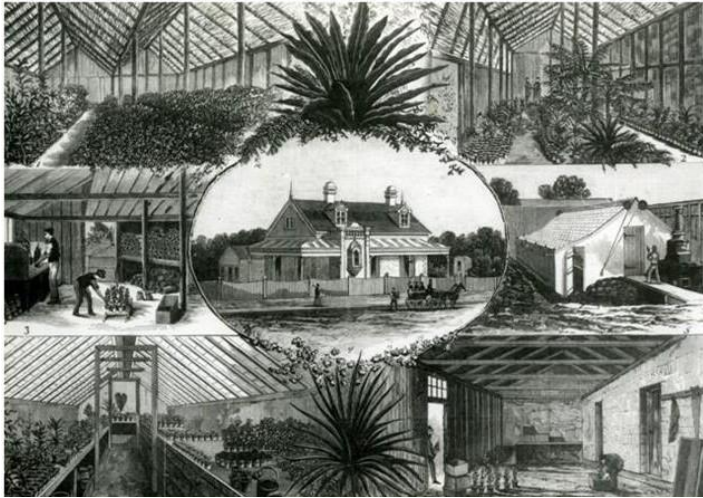
⁴ 'A great Nursery business', *The Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate* (NSW : 1906 - 1954), Fri 21 May 1915, p. 5 [21 May 1915 - A Great Nursery Business. - Trove \(nla.gov.au\)](#) [Accessed 31/8/24]

advertisement', *St George Call*, 28 April 1906, p. 12

⁶ 'Advertising', *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Mon 16 Aug 1880, p. 1 [16 Aug 1880 - Advertising - Trove](#) [Accessed 11/12/2024]

⁷ 'Hurstville Nurseries - Edwards Nursery', unpublished MS., Georges River Council Libraries Local Studies collection -

and other species not native to Australia'⁸. In 1884 the *Illustrated Sydney News* declared Rosevale 'the most extensive nursery and plant establishment in the colony', as it grew over 500 varieties of roses, 30,000 fruit trees, and thousands of camellia specimens at this time, in addition to having on site dozens of plant houses with sides of bamboo wickerwork, a hot house for tropical plants, and many large trees (Fig. 1). The nursery cultivated camellias, guavas, pittosporums, hibiscus, veronicas, tuberous-rooted begonias, coleus, hydrangeas, magnolias, daphne and climbing and trailing plants. This reveals much about the Victorian fashion of exotic plants at the time as well as the range of flowering plants that thrived in Sydney' temperate climate.



John Illiffe's Rosevale Nursery

way for a service station.

Many of the nurseries in the St. George region during the 19th century operated on a large scale and were importers of exotic specimens from overseas. This was evident with Messrs. Maude and Co., nurserymen, and florists, who during the 1890s managed a conservatory at their city premises at 141 King Street, Sydney as well as 17 acres at Peakhurst where it was noted that they had been 'working hard for some months...altogether they are importing all the latest novelties in roses from England and Europe every year [and] ...Mr. Maude is making a specialty of ferns. He bought 3000 tree ferns back with him from New Zealand...[he] shipped over four tons of the glorious tree fern to the Hurstville Nursery...the whole 17 acres are now irrigated in a very scientific manner...any lady or gentleman wishing to visit the nursery will be waited upon with a buggy at the Hurstville station ...'⁹. The Victorian enthusiasm for flowers, plants and gardens was widespread by the late 19th century and appealed across all levels of society, whether through



Flower Show at Kogarah School of Arts, Bown's Road & Queens Avenue Intersection, Kogarah

home gardens, flowers shows or exhibitions. The first recorded flower shows appeared in England during the 1830s. In Australia during the 19th century, flower shows were often held in Spring and Autumn, at the end of the growing season. In the St George region, the first flower shows were held to raise fund for the building of the Kogarah School of Arts in 1885 (Fig 2). These shows featured wildflowers, cut flowers, vegetables, and fruit. The period from the 1920s to 1950s saw the peak of Flowers shows in the region, driven by the St. George Horticultural Society which was established in 1893.

It can be said that the 19th and early 20th centuries were the period in which roses gained immense popularity

⁸ Earnshaw, B., *The Land between two Rivers: the St. George District in Federation times*, Kogarah Historical Society Inc, Kogarah, 2001, p.22

⁹ 'Floral Decoration', *The Australian Star* (Sydney, NSW : 1887 - 1909) Thu 10 Apr 1890, p. 2 [10 Apr 1890 - FLORAL DECORATION. - Trove \(nla.gov.au\)](https://trove.nla.gov.au) [Accessed 31/8/2024]

in Australia. The Greenbank Nursery, which was begun by William Minnette, during the 1870s, was known for its roses. Minnette's son, Dan Minnette (1865-1921) also had flower stalls in the old Paddy's and Belmore Markets. Many of Sydney's leading flower and palm lovers were regular customers of the Greenbank Nursery, which was on Woniora Road. In 1924 the business advertised that it had been established for fifty years and was still in existence in 1930 when it was noted that for the Arbor Day in Cronulla Greenbank Nursery in Hurstville 'kindly presented rose bushes and trees'. Upon Dan Minnette's death the business was transferred to his stepson, Mr. F.H. Minnette¹⁰, who managed it until 1934.

Large shrub roses and tea roses 'took over as the supreme beauty of the front garden' in Australia well into the 1940s¹¹. With careers in both architecture and rose growing, Charles Herbert Halstead (1865—1941) established a specialist nursery in Hurstville during the 1880s (Fig. 3). Halstead was an English-born and trained architect who designed numerous buildings throughout the St George region in the early 20th century. His works include the St George's Anglican Church, Hurstville (1889), 'West Maling', King Georges Road, Penshurst (1889), Kogarah Cottage Hospital (1897), the Old Science Building, Sydney Grammar School, Darlinghurst (1899), a weatherboard school church in Oatley (1911), the first Municipal Chambers at Kogarah (1912), the third Municipal Chambers at Hurstville (1913), and the *Propeller* newspaper offices in Forest Road (1913) as well as buildings and houses in regional New South Wales. In 1891 Halstead was elected an Alderman of Kogarah Council and was Mayor of Kogarah between 1893-1894 and again from 1908 to 1911.



Charles Halstead

The *Evening News* reported in May 1899 that Halstead was 'the well-known rose grower, of Hurstville[who] has now about six acres of land under cultivation for roses alone'¹². His roses were advertised in high quality illustrated catalogues, which included traditional roses and new varieties (Fig. 4). Halstead introduced the pink hybrid tea rose 'Madame Abel Chatenay' into Australia in 1899. He subsequently imported the white 'Marie Pavié' and yellow 'Friedrich Harms' ('Franz Deegan') roses in 1904, and registered the new variety 'Vanity', which he bred in 1911. In 1900 he moved a portion of his of land under cultivation for roses alone'¹³. In 1900 he moved a portion of his architecture business to Bowral and wrote articles for several years on rose growing for the *Bowral Free Press* newspaper. He recommenced practice in Hurstville in 1912 and continued to manage his rose nursery there.

During and after the First World War several successful wholesale and retail nurseries continued to operate in the St. George region. The Rutherglen Nursery in Oatley opened in 1918. The nursery, in Blanche Street, Oatley was run by Albert E Offord (1884-1950) who had formerly served as a Corporal with the 17th Battalion AIF. While invalided in England, he had had the opportunity to visit many English nurseries. Three months after his return to Australia he opened his nursery at Blanche Street, Oatley. A feature of the nursery was the bush-house, in which he grew ferns and palms for sale. He specialized in roses, fruit trees and rockery plants, but also sold flower and vegetable seeds. Offord's career as a nurseryman was presented as a post-war success when the *Propellor* declared; 'It is gratifying to notice that many local soldiers returning from the war quickly discard khaki and commence business on their own account...already many have established good businesses and are now making a decent living. One of the venturesome is Mr. A. E. Offord, late of the 17h Battalion, who has turned a barren waste

¹⁰ 'Death of Mr. Dan Minnette', *The Propeller* (Hurstville, NSW : 1911 - 1954), Fri 2 Dec 1921, p. 4 [02 Dec 1921 - DEATH OF MR. DAN. MINNETTE - Trove](#) [Accessed 11/12/2024]

¹¹ Victor Crittenden, *The Front Garden: The Story of the Cottage Garden in Australia*, Canberra, 1979, p. 36

¹² A successful Rose Grower', *Evening News* (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Wed 3 May 1899, p. 4

¹³ A successful Rose Grower', *Evening News* (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Wed 3 May 1899, p. 4


at Blanche Street, Oatley, into a veritable garden paradise, styled Rutherglen Nursery...Mr. Offord selects plants best suited to the districts...another fine idea of Mr. Offord's is Friday and Saturday deliveries...the amount of work accomplished by Mr. Offord since his return from the war is remarkable ...our gallant soldiers do not want charity – only a chance to earn their livelihood , and at the same time to make good citizens'.

Although he was competing with several established nurseries in the area, Offord's expertise ensured him a supply of regular customers. He advertised his services which included garden design and layout, and sold roses, shrubs, and fruit trees. 'Artistic wreaths' could also be arranged at a moment's notice. From 1922, the Hurstville *Propeller* newspaper published a weekly column entitled 'Gardening Notes' by a local nurseryman, who went under the pseudonym 'Acacia'. The column was written by Offord whose Rutherglen Nursery always advertised next to the advice column. His column ran for a quarter of a century and ran to thousands of weekly articles until 1944.

By the mid-20th century many of the large scale nurseries in the St. George area were facing increased competition from other businesses and for housing for the land they occupied in expanding suburbs. Pressures for suburban land grew and trends in garden design and plants changed. Despite this, several smaller retail nurseries sprang up in region, offering an increased number of services to their customers. Mr. F. Buckley, in addition to selling fruit trees, roses and ornamental plants, provided free delivery in the St. George district and 'pruning done' from his Peakhurst nursery during the 1920s. The Mia Mia Nursery, in Bonds Road, Peakhurst, which had been in existence since 1902 and was described as 'one of the best-ordered in the district', promoted thousands of seedlings and 'all goods are delivered free of cost to the purchaser'. The 'Will-Grow' Nursery in Stanley Street, Peakhurst, managed by Mr. A. Gore, had a 'fine collection of native trees' for sale, which was unusual at the time, but reflected the growing interest in Australian plants for suburban gardens. Smith's Kyle Bay Nurseries operated in South Hurstville during the 1930s and 40s and sold popular garden flowers at the time including pansies, violas, snapdragons, verbena, Iceland poppies and wallflowers.

The establishment and operation of nurseries in the St. George region provides insights into early businesses in the district as well as changing trends in gardens and plants from the mid-19th century onwards. Today much of the land on which rose nurseries and plant farms grew has been absorbed into the real estate of the suburbs. Despite this, there is much of the horticultural and social history of the area that can still be found.

Claire Baddeley 12/12/2024

	<p style="text-align: center;">Calling all Volunteers</p> <p>Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet? If not, there is lots of room for you in our Volunteers Group. Helpers are needed to run our activities – the Sunday Museum Opening, Mondays at the Museum, the Thursday General Meeting. Our treasurer still needs an assistant.</p> <p>We have room for researchers and writers, and for people who are willing to step in when someone is away or sick.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you are willing to help, please tell Gill, or one of the Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy New Year</p>
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Laszlo Biro and his world famous invention



I wonder how many great books have been written with a biro? This simple device, found in millions of homes around the world was the work of Laszlo Biro, who was born to a Hungarian Jewish Family in Budapest on September 29, 1899.

In his work as an editor, he grew frustrated at wasting time filling up fountain pens and cleaning smudged pages. His brother, Gyorgy, a dentist with a helpful knowledge of chemistry, helped him develop a formula for a more viscous ink. His idea for a ball-and-socket mechanism that controlled the flow of ink came from watching a game of marbles that some children were playing. Biro filed for a British patent for his invention in 1938.

In 1941 the two Jewish brothers fled from Germany and went to Argentina. There they filed a new patent in 1943 and formed a company to sell their pens. The new design was licensed by a British engineer and manufactured by Miles Aircraft to be used by the RAF, as biros were less likely to leak on flights than were fountain pens.

In 1945 Marcel Bich bought the patent from Biro and sold the pens through his company, Bic. Bic has sold more than 100 billion ball point pens worldwide. There had been an American inventor who had come up with a similar concept about 50 years before Biro had his brainwave, but he failed to make a commercial success of it and the idea died away.

The biro pen was such a success that today the word ‘biro’ is a generic term for any ballpoint pen. Argentina’s “Inventors’ Day” is celebrated on Biro’s birthday and Google has commemorated him with a Google Doodle. The pens have even been used in space. Low cost, portable and available everywhere, biros have truly proved to be a great invention.

(This article comes from ‘Notes from a Book Addict’, a free monthly newsletter written by literary lecturer and tour leader, Susannah Fullerton OAM, FRSN.

To sign up for her newsletter visit <https://susannahfullerton.com.au> .)

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LOCAL HISTORY PRIZE – PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The Society’s Local History Prize for 2025/2026 will be launched later on this year. This initiative was introduced to harvest memories and gather information on the history of Kogarah, and now the Georges River Area. Its focus is on events or personalities, knowledge of which would probably be lost if such things are allowed to pass out of living memory.

The event is open to all – members, non-members, those residing outside of Kogarah. Many people have a story they could tell but are too shy to do so. If they are not confident of their writing skills, we have people who are only too happy to help them. If they hesitate because they feel their story would not win, that should not be a problem. Only one entry wins and everyone else is a non-winner. And what if a submission is “terribly awful”? The information it contains might form a valuable contribution to the history of the Area.

Now is the time to think about what you will write when the event is announced. Now is the time to start searching through family papers. Now is the time to talk to friends and neighbours whom you know have an interesting background. Now is the time to write to or talk to your old Auntie about the past.

If you would like help in writing your entry, or if you wonder if your topic is appropriate, please do not hesitate to contact the editor (Beverley Earnshaw) or a committee member. We welcome all entries.

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A Mansion Lost In Time

Paronella Park is somewhat of a folly, but one we are blessed to have. It is sited in a rainforest in the hinterland behind Innisfail, far north Queensland. Construction commenced in the late 1920's early 1930's and continued over many years. Alas it is now in disrepair, but at the same time, it has become a godsend.

Paronella was the dream of a Spanish immigrant, José Paronella, who arrived in Sydney in 1913. Not long after, he moved north and purchased land on which he established a cane farm. He bought and sold properties a number of times, eventually amassing a small fortune. He had left his fiancé in Spain and when finally returning for her, found she was already married with two children. He then proposed to her younger sister, invited her back to Australia and later married her.

On the land, he set about building his dream, working hard constructing what he called his 'castle'. This could only happen in between the growing and harvesting of the cane on his land. Bit by bit, he struggled, first building a grand staircase, a tower, then adding a ballroom, paths, picnic areas and tennis courts. A natural waterfall was on the site and the highway was nearby at that time. Using those two opportunities, he was able to open his 'castle' to visitors and charge a fee. He also organized dances and functions in his 'grand ballroom'. All was well and his incomes enabled him to further develop the property and grounds.

The 2nd World War brought many soldiers to the area who were keen to visit and swim in the river hole below the waterfall, assuring continued income. Alas, nature took its toll with major damage caused by flood in 1946. (Later cyclones, particularly 1986 then 2006 and 2009 also caused significant disruption.) José was diagnosed with stomach cancer and passed away in 1948, aged 61 years. His children continued to run the property until it became necessary to sell in 1977. A fire destroyed much of the building in 1979. It passed through several owners, who allowed the natural rain forest to retake the old castle. In 1993, the property was purchased by the Evans family, who retain ownership today. They were enchanted by the ruins. They came to know José's remaining relatives and with their help rediscovered some of the lost history, lost tracks and lost buildings on the site.

Today the 'castle' is a popular tourist attraction. The current owners are keen to continue José's dream, keeping in mind the ecological and environmental treasures of the site. It is a wonderful example of what many people called a folly back when José first made known his plans. However that folly came to a successful fruition, only later to fall to nature's turmoil, before rising again in a new and enchanting form. It is a magical place and that is what I think makes it appeal to young and old alike. If you are in the Innisfail/Cairns region, I recommend you visit this charming place.

Thanks to the guides and staff of Paronella Park, Mena Creek, Queensland.

Phill Scott

Further information:

<https://www.paronellapark.com.au>

The Spanish Dreamer: a biography of José Paronella Dena Leighton, January 1997

ISBN 9780646484945

Interactive app available via Play Store



Paronella, lost in the Rain Forest



Paronella rescued



Paronella Waterfall

What's On

March 20th Thursday. Our **First Society Trip** in 2025 will be to ANSTO at Lucas Heights. We will leave Carss Park by bus at 9.30 am. Cost \$35 for tour and bus. Lunch will be at own expense at ANSTO. Identity check is required (Drivers Licence, Photo ID or Passport). Please contact Helen for details Ph.0417 404 565.

March 13th **Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers**, followed by Members' 'Show & Tell'. Also at the AGM will be the launch of the **SOCIETY'S NEW WEBSITE** by its creator, Neil Gould.

March 23rd **Open Day at Carss Cottage to mark Senior's Week**

Trips arranged by St George Community Transport:

January 14th Tuesday. North Head Drive and Australia's Memorial Walk.

Also Thursday January 23rd. Bus \$15, free event

January 15th Wednesday. Royal Randwick Race Day. Bus \$15.

January 24th Friday. Rocks Drive and National Trust E.H.Ervin Gallery:
Peter Goodwin: Space, Light & Time. Bus \$15 + \$12 admission.

January 29th Tuesday: Windsor Drive and Hawkesbury Regional Museum.
Bus \$25 + \$10 event cost.

January 31st Friday: Port Kembla Steelworks & Working Ports Tour. Bus \$25
+ \$30 event cost to be prepaid.

To book a tour please ring 9585-3000. St George Community Transport is now encouraging patrons to book their tours on line. The booking form will be found on Buses@stgct.org.au.

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Subscriptions now Due

Just a quick reminder that subscriptions for Membership of the Society in 2025, are now due. Renewal forms will be sent out with this newsletter.

Cost is \$20 per adult and \$30 per couple. Those wishing to receive the newsletter by post are asked to add \$5 to cover postage. Fees can be paid directly into the Society's Bank Account, BSB 062 253 A/c 900831. Thank you.

Did you know?

- *Establishment of Kempsey National School in 1848 by the Board of National Education is considered Australia's birthplace of public education.*
- *There were 37 public schools by 1851 with about 2,300 students.*
- *Today the NSW Dept of Education is responsible for one of the largest education systems in the world, with approximately 800,000 students in around 95,000 classrooms across about 2,200 schools.*

Trivia Quiz by Laurel

Australian Antarctic Base which opened in 1954.

Underground town in South Australia

Summer Bay is the fictional setting for which TV Series?

The most easterly point on the Australian mainland

River which flows under the Princes and Spencer Street bridges

Australian capital city formerly called Palmerston

Location of Australia's only nuclear power station

In which town is the 'Big Banana'?

A beach whose name is Aboriginal for 'the sound of breaking waves.'

Answers: A. Mawson Base U. Coober Pedy: S. Home and Away: I. Cape Byron: R. Yarra
A. Darwin: L. Lucas Heights: I. Coffs Harbour: A. Bondi

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It happened on New Years Day

- 1810: Lachlan Macquarie was sworn in as Governor of New South Wales.
- 1850: NSW began producing the first adhesive postage stamps valued at one penny, two penny and three penny.
- 1856: The name *Tasmania*, honouring Abel Tasman, was adopted to replace *Van Diemens Land*.
- 1901: The Commonwealth of Australia came into being.
- 1902: The first Commonwealth Meteorologist was appointed.
- 1917: Daylight Saving was first introduced. It did not succeed but was re- introduced on January 1, 1942.
- 1930: Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, founders of Australian National Airlines, began services between Sydney and Brisbane.
- 1965: The Seekers' Record, *I'll never find another You*, became the first Australian single to sell a million copies.
- 1975: The University of Wollongong was established.
- 1977: Queensland became the first state to abolish death duties.

The Society's 2024 Christmas Party
And a good time was had by All.



Wendy & Adele call out the lucky prize numbers



Cath Sullivan selects an item from the prize table



Hard at work answering the quiz questions



And these are the answers



A word from our Patron, Kathryn Landsberry

