

MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY – AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

September speaker meeting

The next meeting will be at 7pm Wednesday 12th September, downstairs at the library. The presentation is called *THE HISTORY OF SYDNEY FERRIES* and will be given by the authority on the subject, Bill Allen. Bill is inviting members to bring along any old photographs they might have and would like to have identified or discussed. *See attached poster...*

Membership fees

This time of year has come around again already. Membership is from 1st July to 30th June and your membership expired on 30th June 2012. It is still \$15 for one year and \$40 for 3 years. I am attaching a membership renewal form which can be posted or brought in to the next speaker meeting. As in previous years, if we do not hear from you, your name will stay on the membership list until 1st January 2013 so you will continue to receive the newsletters until then.

New members

We welcome 8 members to Mosman Historical Society who are new or returning:

Anne and Gordon Connon	Kate Eccles
Gail Fitzhardinge	Brett Forest
Ruth McGeechan	Janelle Patchett
Brian Woolley	

Vale

Bill Macmillan 13th March 2012

Donation

Thanks to the anonymous donor who generously contributed \$100 towards our costs.

Local Studies at Mosman Library

1. The centenary of WWI is looming. There were 1,500 men and women from Mosman who enlisted. An online resource is being created at the library to collect and display information about them and their experiences. Several workshops are planned regarding this work:-

Build-a-thon: Saturday 11th August 10am-4pm. Dr Tim Sherratt, digital historian and web developer.

Researching WWI Soldiers and Nurses. Tuesday 18th September, 7pm. Kerry Farmer, genealogist and author.

More than Bombs and Bandages. Wednesday 19th September, 7pm. Dr Kirsty Harris, author and historian.

Open Day and Scan-a-thon Saturday 10th November, 10am-4pm.

You can collect a flyer from the library or find information on www.mosman1914-1918.net

2. An interactive online facility has been created by Bernard de Broglio at the library called *Mapping Jack Carroll's 'Streets of Mosman'* where you can click onto a street on a map of Mosman to bring down information on its name derivation. It can be found on the *mosmanmemories* site.

3. *Flying the Southern Cross* is the title of a book about the extraordinary journey of Charles Ulm and Charles Kingsford Smith, written by Michael Molkenntin, award-winning historian, teacher and battlefield guide. He will talk about his book on Monday 3rd September at 7pm, admission \$10. Bookings can be made at the library (or online) or at *Pages and Pages* bookstore.

4. During History Week, 8-11 September 2012, there will be an exhibition of textiles and historic photographs depicting changes in dress, selected from the library's photographic archives.

Mosman Home Gardeners Club

The club will turn 70 in 2013 and is probably the oldest garden club in Australia. A history was compiled in 1980 and is now being updated for launching at the Flower Show in October 2013. Sandy Hudspith, the club's president, invites any of our members who would be interested in taking part in this project to attend the next committee meeting to take place on 22nd August at 6pm in the Senior Citizens room at the Town Hall. Meetings are held there every second Tuesday. *Further information from Sally on 9949 7718*

Blue Mountains

Anne Dooley has alerted us to the fact that the 200-year anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth will take place in May 2013. This was a very important event in the history of Sydney and vital at the time for feeding the growing population. Historical societies in the Blue Mountains are very active and will be celebrating the event in great style. She will keep us informed.

History Week 8-16 September 2012

The topic for this year's history week is THREADS (ie. fabrics and fashion) and many exhibitions and events are being planned. A taste of what is to come is *Threads: Memory and material culture of the family in colonial Australia*, a free 'small bar talk' given by historian Tanya Evans. It will take place during Mercedes Benz Fashion Festival on Wednesday 23rd August from 6.30pm to 7pm at 'Since I Left You', 338 Kent Street.

Trivia Night

By popular request, a trivia night full of Mosman history trivia questions, prizes, food and fun is being planned to take place on 21st November. It will be held at the bowling club in Bradleys Head Road, the same venue which proved so popular for our first trivia night several years ago. More information in the October newsletter.

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