

MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY – JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER

Recently.....

On 8th May, John Hiscox, father-in-law of Allan Border, presented WRITING THE MOSMAN CRICKET CLUB'S HISTORY about his experiences writing the recently published history of the club after its centenary in 2008.

Member Philippa Peterson located a superb photograph dating from 1920s of all the members of the Mosman cricket team, which included her father Frank Tindale. In locating this, she also found a group photograph of the Northern Suburbs Rugby Union Team Dinner 1923 and one of the NSW Swimming Associations' National Dinner of 1921, in which Frank Tindale appeared. Maybe other members have a connection?

On 25th April, David Carment placed a wreath at the dawn ANZAC service on behalf of Mosman Historical Society.

July speaker meeting

The next meeting will be at 7pm Wednesday 10th July, downstairs at the library. Bob McKillop will explain how the bubonic plague of 1900 and Walter Burley Griffin have played a part in our waste disposal. He is the curator of the Willoughby Museum and author of the 2012 book *Managing our Waste: An environmental history of Flat Rock Creek and the Willoughby Incinerator 1900-2011*. See attached flyer.....

New members

We welcome 6 new or returning members to Mosman Historical Society:-

Yvonne Ashfield
Guy and Jeanette Cooper
Steve and Jenny James
Angela Luessi
Ian Neill

RAHS

1. *Irish Famine Orphans*, a talk about the mass immigration to Australia of destitute Irish women in 1830s and 40s, will be delivered by Dr Perry McIntyre, Chair of the Great Irish Famine Commemorative Committee and committee member of MHS. It will take place at History House, 133 Macquarie Street on 17th July. Refreshments served at 5.30pm before the talk at 6pm to 7pm, admission free.

2. *The Paragon Café in Katoomba: its Social, Aesthetic and Industrial Heritage* is the title of a talk to be given by Dr Ian Jack. The Paragon is the apotheosis of the Greek café, still flourishing after 90 years and occupying a distinctive heritage niche, still renowned for its chocolates and ambience. Date is 25th July at 5.30pm, admission \$12 for non-members.

For both talks, contact RAHS on 9247 8001 or history@rahs.org.au

30 year anniversary of community radio

In May 1983 a new community radio station was born – Radio 2NSB FB. As reported in the Mosman Daily of 26th May 1983, the highlights of its first day of broadcast included an interview with John Howard, the deputy leader of the Liberal Party. You can tune in to the Northside Broadcasting Co-op Ltd at FM99.3.

70 year anniversary of Mosman Home Gardeners' Society

To celebrate, a Floral Festival will be held in the Mosman Art Gallery Grand Hall on Saturday 21st September. There will be visits by horticultural luminaries such as Brendan Maor (from *Lifestyle*) and Mark Paul, fine art, Devonshire teas etc. There will also be a cocktail event on 21st September with Mosman's mayor as a guest and Ray Martin as host.

They are seeking photographs or information about Frank Douglas who was the head nurseryman for the Mosman Council in 1943. If he had not started his garden field days to help the war effort, the Mosman Home Gardeners' Society might not have started. *Contact Jacquie Tuck on 9904 4959 or jacquietuck@gmail.com*

Paul Ashton Delprat talks about *A History off Australian Painting*

Members who enjoyed the entertaining and colorful presentation given to us recently by Paul Delprat, might be interested in this free presentation on 18th June at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street. *Phone 9262 7300 or marketing@smsa.org.au or see <http://smsa.org.au/events/event/paul-ashton-delprat-a-history-of-australian-painting/>*

Can you assist? - the showboat in Mosman Bay

No one knows more about Sydney Harbour ferries than Bill Allen who gave us a very popular talk recently. There are missing links in his bid to create a living history of Sydney's earliest form of public transport and he would be very appreciative of a photograph of the showboat as it used to appear in Mosman Bay. He would also like a colour photograph of the *Lady Edeline* to assist his research about its colour change. He only wishes permission to produce a copy of these and will return the original. *Phone Bill on 9868 1906 or 0410 681 906.*

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