



# Bully Tin

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

No.189

## 2018 AGM REPORTS

### President's Report

It has been a busy year for the Society and it continues to go from strength to strength. The committee has met regularly to ensure the Society keeps abreast of the way people research their family history such as the internet and resources that are relevant to our members and that the Society runs smoothly.

Our Society is represented at fairs and gatherings across the State by Lorraine Stacker and Judy McLeod. This helps promote our Society as well as being a significant source of income from the sale of our publications, other publications and second hand books.

These fairs allow the ladies to review other resources out in the family history community to increase our library research material for the benefit of our members. The income generated from the fairs also allowed us to maintain membership fees at the current level.

If you have an interest in a particular area speak to them and they can see what is available out there. If you are interested there is bound to be others in the Society who will also have an interest in that area. I know for a fact that Judy likes to haunt other stalls at these fairs looking for new material.

The library team have been busy this year with the ongoing review of the library resources by culling superseded material and reclassifying the library to make research easier. It is a big task that will take some time to complete.

Speakers during the year were generally well received and their range of subjects has been varied and broad. This year we did something different and held a monthly meeting at Combewood House in Coreen Ave, Penrith. After the meeting there was a tour of the house and afternoon tea in the grounds. It proved very popular and further off site meetings are being considered. Our April 2018 meeting is to be held at the Australian Arms Hotel in Emu Plains as guests of the Nepean History Society.

**President:** Stephen McKenzie  
0422 911 651

**Secretary:** Janet Brown

**Treasurer:** Judith McLeod  
(02) 4733 1631

**Library  
Co-ordinator:** Judith McLeod  
(02) 4733 1631

### LIBRARY HOURS

**Tuesday** 10am - 2pm -

**Wednesday** 10am - 2pm -

**Thursday** 10am - 2pm 7 - 9pm  
Thursday evenings closed during winter

**Saturday** 2 - 5pm -

Closed Mondays, Fridays, Sundays and Public Holidays

**Address:**  
Old School Residence  
Great Western Highway, off Lawson Street  
Emu Plains NSW 2750

**Postal Address:**  
P.O. Box 81  
Emu Plains NSW 2750

**Telephone:**  
(02) 4735 3798

**Meetings:**  
First Saturday of each month (except January)  
1.30p.m. at the Library

**Internet Address:**  
[www.nepeanfhs.org.au](http://www.nepeanfhs.org.au)

**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/nepeanfhs>

If you have a suggestion for a future speaker please approach a committee member with your suggestion as we are always looking for new speakers or topics.

Thanks also to the team who produce Bully Tin and Timespan as well as members who made contributions sharing their family history or experiences. These thanks are extended to the manager of the Facebook Page. These publications keep our members entertained with the stories as well as keeping you informed of the goings on in the Society and the new material available.

Some 20 years ago the Society produced a facsimile of the book "Reminiscences of Australia" by Toby Ryan, an early pioneer of Penrith. To celebrate Toby's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in January 2018 a digitised version of the book was produced in conjunction with Penrith Library.

It was launched at our February 2018 meeting by the Mayor, Councillor John Thain. It was a successful function attended by one of our Patrons, Emma Husar MP and some of Toby's descendants.

My thanks and congratulations go to all involved in the production of the book and the function to launch it.

Our premises here at the Old School House are owned by Penrith City Council and in the last few months the Committee has been in discussion with the Council for some much needed repairs and maintenance. The Council has agreed to some maintenance but to date no firm plans have been provided but access for the disabled has been given priority. The more optimistic on the committee are pushing for air conditioning.

A small group of people carry out a great deal of work for the Society, however, like many organisations a shortage of volunteers is a real problem. Please consider giving even a few hours a week in 2018.

I would like to thank our outgoing 2017 Committee and Executive for a job well done and to everyone for their continued support. It is a job I could not have done without their support.

**Stephen McKenzie**

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Again over the last 12 months our membership has remained stable.

In 2017 the Society had a total number of memberships of 160 giving us 197 members.

The breakdown of the memberships is as follows: 123 single memberships, 37 joint memberships

Of the members - 183 were from renewals and we welcomed 14 new members to the Society. A great number of our members still receive their Bully Tin by email.

Our memberships, bookstalls, fundraising and donations, including a large collection from Alice Jensen, have allowed the Society to continue to grow our records.

As many of you know we now have a viewer printer.

Access to various online sites like Ancestry & Find My Past are proving to be very popular.

I would like to thank Judy & Lorraine who continually take our bookstall to many events promoting our Society.

I would also like to thank the Committee and members for their assistance and support to our Society during the past 12 months.

**Janet Brown**

### **Trade Tables & Publications Report**

Throughout 2017 Judy McLeod and I attended, on behalf of the Society, a number of family history and historical fairs and open days. Our trade tables have not only promoted the activities of our Society and gained new members, they have also generated a good income from the sales of our publications, secondhand books and other publications. Members, Sharon Philpott and Vicki Wilson have also helped on our tables. We especially thank our members who have donated books for our secondhand stall.

Our current publications are now moving to a digital format which has generated some good sales.

Publications currently underway are:

- Emu Plains cemetery Volume 2
- A cookbook

Events attended in 2017 were:

- Australia Day – income \$40.00
- St Bartholomew's – income \$322.50
- Botany Bay Family History Fair – income \$235.80
- Nepean HS William Cox Day at Emu Plains – income \$376.80
- State Records open day – income \$367.00
- State conference at Orange – income \$665.60

Total income from these events was \$2007.70

**Lorraine Stacker**



## ***Society News***

### **2018 COMMITTEE**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 the following members were elected to serve on the committee for the coming year.

#### Executive Officers

Stephen McKenzie	President
Joy Harper	Vice-President
Janet Brown	Secretary
Judith McLeod	Treasurer

#### Committee

Kathy Constantine	Sally Easterbrook
Fran Fifield	Brenda Murphy
Jan Phillips	Lorraine Stacker
Malcolm Towle	

There remained one vacancy which has since been filled by Stephen Ford.

### **TIMESPAN**

It's not too late to send in a story for the June edition of Timespan. The theme is 'Houses' you may consider writing a story about any house or houses you would like, be it your own family home, or a previous home of yours or your ancestors. Or tell us about how you traced a house or land belonging to your family. We encourage beginner writers to start writing their family story. Remember: there's not much point in doing all your research if you don't share your findings somehow. Timespan is the perfect vehicle for sharing!

Please send your stories to:

**Timespan Editor**  
PO Box 81 Emu Plains 2750  
[publications@nepeanfhs.org.au](mailto:publications@nepeanfhs.org.au)

### **RECIPE BOOK**

We are working on producing a recipe book, thank you to those who have already contributed. It is not too late to send in your favourite recipe. You may like to include a photo. Send your recipes to:

**Publications**  
PO Box 81 Emu Plains 2750  
[publications@nepeanfhs.org.au](mailto:publications@nepeanfhs.org.au)

### **THURSDAY EVENING CLOSING**

The committee has decided to close the library on Thursday evenings during the winter months of June, July and August.

The library will re-open in September when the weather warms up.

### **NEW IN THE LIBRARY**

- **St John's Church of England Camden Parish Register**  
Digital Images and Indexes
- **St Thomas Anglican Church Enfield Columbarium Walls 1915 – 2017**
- **Rookwood Columbarium Walls and Gardens**  
Vol 3 1950 – 2016

All of the above are installed on Computer No 4 in the Microform Room.

### **JOURNAL GLEANINGS**

#### **Australian Journals**

**Heraldry & Genealogy Soc. of Canberra**  
Vol 41 No 1 Mar 2018

- Slab Hut to Colonial Homestead
- Gatenby Robert Bolton, Yorkshire to Broken Hill
- Using Heritage Building Assessments in Family History Research
- Wrestling With German records
- Coronation Day June 1953

**Genealogical Society Northern Territory**  
Vol 37 No 1 Mar 2018

- Brothers in Arms [Battle of Polygon Wood]
- Darwin Blitz 19th February 1942  
Recollections by Lt Cdr T F Roberts

#### **Richmond Tweed FHS**

Issue 135 March 2018

- Royal Nurse, Mary Ann Orchard
- 150<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Thomas Hill – Isabella Quinn & Edward Ryan – Rose Quinn

#### **Overseas Journals**

##### **New Zealand Society of Genealogists**

Vol 49 No 370 April 2018

- The Wrong Side of the Blanket
- Class A, B, & C Midwives
- All was not as it seemed
- Death in Childbirth

##### **Cleveland FHS (S. Durham & N. Yorks.)**

Vol 13 No. 10 April

- Genealogical Corner – The 1939 Register
- Know Your Parish – Barnard Castle
- Born, Married, Died Elsewhere

##### **Shropshire Family History Society**

Vol 39 No1 Mar 2018

- Forty years of the Martin family in Shrewsbury
- The Cunningham family of the Grove

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### Hertfordshire Family History Society

No 144 Mar 2018

- My Ancestor Migrated into Hertfordshire: The Clarke Family History
- My Ancestor Migrated into Hertfordshire in 1901 [Needham Family]
- The Keighley Connection [Ingle and Morgan Family]

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### Glamorgan Family History Society

No129 March 2018

- The Old Poor Law in Wales
- Tales From Bridgend Workhouse
- Old St Marys Church – Whitchurch

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### NSW LAND REGISTRY

The following is a list of changes that have occurred at NSW Land Registry:

- Some of the online search terminals have been relocated from Basement 1 to the ground floor (south wing). The information on these search terminals is the same that can be viewed on HLRV and the NSW LRS Online portal.
- The copy service facilities have been relocated from Basement 1 to the ground floor (south wing).
- NSW LRS staff who provided guidance on searching land records have also been relocated from basement 1 to the ground floor (south wing).
- Access to Basement 1 is closed to the general public. Access can be obtained to Basement 1 in cases where there is a need to use the remaining old records held on site. This will be on a case by case basis and will require a staff member of the NSW LRS accompanying the person while in the Basement 1 area.

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### WEBINARS

NSW State Archives & Records 2018 Webinar Program

- **Asylum Records in NSW** – Thursday June 14 10am-11am
- **NSW Professions and Occupations** – Tuesday August 14 10am-11am
- **Colonial Secretary's Correspondence** – Thursday October 18 10am-11am
- **Sources for Marriages in NSW** – Wednesday December 5 10am-11am

Live webinars are free and bookings can be made on their website.

Previous webinars are available to view online in their webinar library and include the following:

- NSW Probate Records
- Tracing NSW Gaolbirds

- Bankruptcy and Insolvency Records in NSW
- Divorce Records in NSW

[www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars)

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### NSW & ACT 2018 CONFERENCE

NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc. 2018 Annual Conference:

**Sailing into History** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Bateman's Bay Soldiers Club, Bateman's Bay  
Further details:

<http://sailingintohistory.org.au/>

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Now available for sale at NFHS Library

8GB USB Flash Drive - **\$10**



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### WATKIN TENCH LUNCHEON

Nepean District Historical Society will be holding its annual Watkin Tench Lunch on Saturday 16 June 2018 at 12 noon at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, Emu Plains. Guest speaker Carol Liston Cost \$35.00 per person. RSVP by June 9 2018.

For further information or to book:

**02 4735 4394 0407 247 806**

[info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au](mailto:info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au)

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### HISTORICAL FESTIVAL AND OPEN DAY

The Nepean District Historical Society will be holding its Annual Historical Festival and Open Day at the Arms of Australia Inn Museum on Sunday July 15 2018 at Emu Plains, NSW from 9am to 3pm. Admission is free.

Nepean Family History Society will be there with our bookstall

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### COMING EVENTS

**Saturday June 2** – General Meeting – Speaker: Rosemary Roberts – Rope Pulley Family, Some Interesting Stories

**Saturday July 7** – General Meeting – Speaker: Stephen Ford – Researching NSW Land Records Online

**August Family History Month**

**Saturday August 4** – General Meeting – Speaker: TBA