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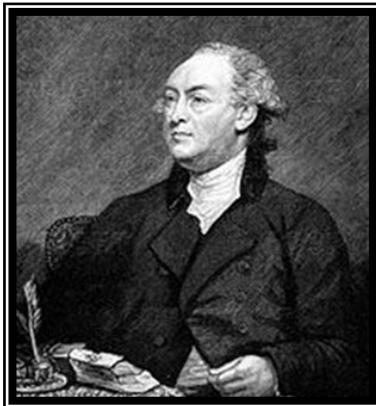
MARRICKVILLE PETERSHAM STANMORE
& PARTS OF CAMPERDOWN & NEWTOWN

OUR NEXT MEETING

Lord Sydney's life & times with Andrew Tink
Saturday 23 February 10.15 for 10.30 am
Herb Greedy Hall 79 Petersham Rd Marrickville

Just who was the man behind the first European settlement of Australia? His name was Tommy Townshend, better known to us as Lord Sydney, who chose Arthur Phillip to be the penal colony's first governor. Phillip's naming of Sydney Cove after his mentor has meant that Sydney is now synonymous with Australia's largest city.

Long regarded by most historians as a mediocrity, Sydney was anything but that. In *Lord Sydney: the life and times of Tommy Townshend*, the first comprehensive biography of Lord Sydney to be published, award-winning author



Andrew Tink reveals a passionate man who believed that he owed a duty of care to the convicts and directed Phillip to treat the Aborigines 'with amity and kindness'. Most importantly, Sydney saw the penal colony as a place of hope and redemption where convicts might build new lives for themselves.

Following the American Revolutionary War, Sydney had ministerial responsibility for the British side of the peace negotiations. To provide a safe haven for loyalists, Sydney insisted that the boundary between Canada and the United States run through the Great Lakes. As a result, Toronto is a Canadian city – not an American one. As a result, Lord Sydney has two cities named after him, the other being in Canada.

Until March 2006, **Andrew Tink** was shadow attorney general and shadow leader of the house in the NSW parliament. Since leaving active politics, he has concentrated on writing and history. His first book, *William Charles Wentworth* (2009) won Andrew 'The Nib' CAL Waverley Award for Literature. His 2011 biography of Lord Sydney is now in its third printing. His third book, currently in preparation, is about a 1940 Canberra air crash which killed three federal cabinet ministers and a general.

Note: Andrew's book available for purchase at talk.

Who was first named 'Australia'? See page 3

Better Planning Network

The Society recently became affiliated with the Better Planning Network (BPN) which is a non-politically aligned network of local communities, organisations and individuals striving to achieve a better planning system for NSW. It formed as a result of community concerns about the proposed planning law changes in the state government's Green Paper. For more information see <betterplanningnetwork.good.do>. See overleaf for Green Paper Feedback Summary.

Nominations for Marrickville Medal open

The Marrickville Medal celebrates conservation works that contribute to the understanding and preservation of Marrickville's rich cultural and architectural heritage. Entry is open to all building works completed in the past three years that can be described as having positive conservation outcomes, including preservation, restoration, reconstruction, adaptation or interpretation. Whether the project be large or small, public or private, judges are looking for thoughtful and innovative outcomes.

Nominations for the Heritage Special Achievement Award are also open for anyone who has made an outstanding contribution towards maintaining, promoting or investigating Marrickville's heritage.

Nomination forms (marrickville.nsw.gov.au) must be submitted by Monday 4 March. Enquiries 9335 2222.

Last drinks at Henson Park Hotel

The sorry saga of the demise of Henson Park Hotel ended with last drinks being served on 11 January when the license was transferred. Such was the regard

for this pub that local politicians at all three levels advocated its retention. Not only had there been a pub on this site since the 1860s, but the hotel had strong links with the



Newtown Jets Rugby League team. It was also one of the last remaining backstreet local pubs. The owners declared the pub was 'unsustainable' – another way of saying the owners did nothing to make it sustainable. The license has been transferred to the imaginatively-named *Marrickville Ritz* at 252 Illawarra Road! Whether any of the fabric of the old pub will survive in the redevelopment remains to be seen. (The 1936 photo is from the Powerhouse Museum collection.)

A new planning system for NSW: Green Paper Feedback Summary

On 14 July 2012 the NSW government released a Green Paper outlining proposed major reforms to the state's planning system. The paper was put out for feedback from stakeholders including government organisations, planning practitioners, advisory bodies, community members and organisations, industry and business. Community and practitioner workshops were held across the state and submissions were received until the end of October 2012. On 21 December the Department of Planning and Infrastructure published the Green Paper Feedback Summary.

According to the Summary, 1220 submissions were received – 61% from the community, 11% from community organisations and 9% from local government. The remainder came from private sector businesses, advisory bodies, state and federal government and others. As to support or opposition for the proposed reforms, the report indicates 6% supported the reforms, 28% supported with qualifications, 19% did not support the reforms and 47% of submissions indicated neither.

The Feedback Summary will assist with development of 'A New Planning System for NSW – White Paper' including draft legislation and details of how the new planning system might be implemented. The report identifies the following 'key feedback themes' as being consistently mentioned across the range of stakeholders:

Community engagement and participation – a need to provide adequate resourcing and new methodologies for community engagement at the strategic level.

Strategic focus – the shift towards focusing on strategic planning requires appropriate resourcing and a legible policy and legislation framework.

Streamlined approvals – streamlined decision-making needs to occur at the development assessment level. By planning strategically upfront, with community input, development assessment can be smarter and more timely adopting a risk-based approach.

Provision of infrastructure – integration of land use with infrastructure is imperative and the funding for infrastructure provision and delivery needs to be addressed.

Delivery focus – the department needs to take a leadership role to empower planners to have a 'can do' attitude to execute decisions, and encourage collaboration between all stakeholders.

In October 2012 the government indicated that the White Paper would be released for public review by the end of 2012, and expected to have the new legislation in place by early 2013. At present there has been no announcement as to when the government intends to release the White Paper. The Feedback Summary, along with all the Green Paper submissions and extensive other material on this subject is available for downloading and reading at the department's website <www.planning.nsw.gov.au>.

Lorraine Beach

Celebration of Newtown Sesquicentenary & Proclamation Day: 12 December 2012

I attended Newtown Library on 12 December 2012 for the City of Sydney's celebration of Newtown's Proclamation in 1862. The day began with a presentation, 'Newtown Archives Workshop' by Archives and Library staff (**Naomi Crago**, **Natasha Neal** and **Jeff Cruz**) who gave a comprehensive overview of the databases and tools available from the library, illustrated by locating specific properties or people. The tools include Archives Investigator, ArchivePix, Historical Atlas, *Sands Directory*, *The Sydney Morning Herald* and rate assessment records and books. The 'Newtown Project' is specific to the Newtown area, and contains a component called 'Oral Histories'. 'Ancestry.com' is available in a library version and, of course, 'Trove'. They also covered social media aspects and gave out a list of computer courses conducted by the City of Sydney Library.

After a lunchtime concert by the Salvation Army Band (in homage to the SA presence in that building for decades), City Historian, **Lisa Murray** introduced historian **Laila Ellmoos** who launched the new self-guided historical walking tour, *Gritty Newtown*. Free copies of the tour, other walking tours and various course leaflets are available at Newtown Library.

Heritage consultant (and MHS member) **Bruce Lay** then conducted a Wilson Street walk, pointing out a Mirvac development (reduced from eight storeys to, fortunately, three), some bakeries, the Oddfellows Hall, Hollis Park and *Willow Lodge* (c. 1870s) built for newspaper owner Samuel Bennett; and finally, Bruce's residence, a restored 1896 bakery and shop, incorporating the verandah over the footway.

A number of historical photographs were on display. The celebrations will continue throughout 2013.

Mary Oakenfull

50 years since last Morse message in Australia

From **Marea Donnelly's** article in *Daily Telegraph* (12/12/12):

'Fifty years ago on 13 December 1962 telegraph supervisor Harry Winchester tapped out a 54-word message from the chief telegraph office on the fourth floor of Martin Place post office. His message, "This telegram from Sydney to Bombala is the last message which will be sent by Morse in NSW", went to the postmaster at Bombala in southern NSW. More than 400 operators gathered to witness the transmission.

'At 11 am on 13 December 2012 the event will be re-enacted with a Morse message transmitted from Sydney Telstra Museum at Bankstown by former operator Les Edwards to his colleague Phil McGrath in Bombala. One of Australia's few surviving Morse Code operators, Edwards witnessed the final transmission.

'Morse Code became Australia's first electronic communications lifeline in 1854 . . . [having been] invented by American Samuel Morse and launched on 24 May 1844.'

Note: Martin Place post office better known as the GPO. MHS visited Sydney Telstra Museum on 8 May 2010. Thanks to **Diane McCarthy** for this contribution.

Vale Pam Burden

MHS member **Pam Burden**, of Drummoyne, died on 9 January 2013. In his eulogy, Pam's nephew, Warren Morley said:

'Pam was dux at Abbotsford Primary aged eleven and attended Fort Street Girls High. She worked with T&G Insurance Co for most of her working life becoming administration manager. In retirement, 'Pam became a "volunteer extraordinaire" working for 28 years as a volunteer guide with several cultural institutions including Hyde Park Barracks, Sydney Heritage Fleet, the National Maritime Museum, The Mint, and the Powerhouse; she also was a Friend of the State Library of NSW and a Friend of Taronga Zoo.'

Pam had been a MHS member since 2002. She attended MHS outings and some may recall her February 2008 Show & Tell presentation of memorabilia from an ocean voyage she took at the age of three with her family on board the RMS *Ceramic* in 1926 (see Scott MacArthur's photo). She did the occasional write-up for the newsletter, and often sent me newspaper cuttings which were invariably of interest. A range of other cultural, social and peripatetic interests ensured Pam led a full life. Our condolences to Pam's family.



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The Society notes the death of former MHS member **John Mackinolty**, late of Leichhardt, and formerly of John Street Petersham, who died on 5 December 2012 aged 86. John and his late wife, Judy, were founding members of the Society, and Judy was the Society's first treasurer (1984-85). John's obituary in *Timelines* (SMH 27/12/12) described John as a 'lawyer, unionist and civil libertarian' and noted his commonsense approach to practical problems while Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Sydney in the 1980s.

Richard Blair

Australia Day at History House

On Australia Day I attended two of the several ten-minute talks at the RAHS as I knew both speakers, whom I'd met on the RAHS trip to Norfolk Island in 2011. I particularly enjoyed **Dr David Carment's** talk on the crossing of the Blue Mountains which is celebrating its bicentenary this year. Of particular interest was his focus on the family of William Evans, who was involved in the building of the road across the mountains. I also heard **Dr Ian Jack's** fascinating history of Balmoral Beach. I ran into several other MHS members on the day.

Outside History House in Macquarie Street I passed the numerous vintage cars on display. After a sandwich in the Botanic Gardens, I walked down to the harbour which was filled with flag-decorated craft. Then to the movies to see Jacki Weaver in her thoroughly deserved AACTA Award performance in *Silver Linings Playbook*. All in all I felt very glad to be an Australian on this, our special day.

Ros Torrent

Summer Trivia Answer

The question posed in the December 2012 newsletter was: 'When and in relation to whom was the first recorded use of *Australia* as a given name?'

To give the question its full context, the following appeared in the *Journal of the Society of Australian Genealogists, Descent*, September 1987, p. 132:

Who was First Named Australia?

Mr Rian Willmot of Belrose in Sydney writes:

Many people have been patriotically named *Australia*. While researching my family's history I came across one such example. John Glade, from whom I am descended, arrived as a convict on the *Atlantic* in 1791. He is remembered today as the man after whom Gladesville was named. His daughter Elizabeth gave birth to a daughter in 1817. She named the baby, who was illegitimate, *Australia*.

I am wondering if any readers of *Descent* know of any person before 1817 being named *Australia*.

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I recently spoke with **Rian Willmot** who advised that *Descent* made no further reference to the matter, and no further information had been forthcoming about an earlier recording of a person named *Australia*.

Elizabeth was born in 1797 to John and Sarah Glade. In 1819 she married Joseph Gordon Willmot, and they had three children (Harriet, James and Elizabeth). She died in 1824. Joseph later married Elizabeth Sansom. Joseph died in 1831. Part of his 1831 will reads:

'As to all the residue and remainder of my personal estate and effects of what nature or kind . . . I give and bequeath the same to my said three children, Harriet Jane Willmot, Elizabeth Willmot and James Morley Willmot and also to Australia Glade, daughter of my first wife to be equally divided between and amongst them share and share alike.'

It is likely **Australia Glade** was then raised by her grandparents. In the 1828 Census Australia Glade's first name was recorded as Imogen but her age was given as eleven years. The name Imogen does not appear again. In the *Sydney Gazette* (25/11/1834) Australia Glade is cited in a land transaction in the parish of St Andrews in the city of Sydney. This is the last known specific reference to Australia Glade.

The Sydney Morning Herald (27 July 1861) reports a Miss Glade selling land: '10 Acres of Land at Gladesville, near the river, and extending back to the main road leading from the Ferry to Kissing Point, with a frontage to that road . . . formerly the residence of the late Mr. Glade, and now better known as "Gladesville".'

This was quite likely Australia, though may have been another descendant of John Glade. There seems to be no *Sands Directory* listing for Australia Glade or information about a marriage or her death. Sarah Glade died in 1834; John Glade died in 1848 and is buried in St Anne's Church Cemetery, Ryde.

Rian's forebear Joseph Willmot owned the Talbot Inn which was near the corner of George and Wilmot [*sic*] Streets (Wilmot Street still runs from opposite the George Street cinema complex through to Pitt Street).

Richard Blair

Calendar of MHS Events

Saturday 23 February

Andrew Tink: Lord Sydney's life & times

Details on front page

Saturday 23 March

Rookwood Cemetery tour & Chullora Wetlands revisited

Saturday 27 April

Snapshots from the Marrickville History Collection with Clinton Johnston

Tuesday 26 February 6.30-7.30 pm

Newtown Library, Brown Street Newtown

Robert Parkinson talks on *history of Marrickville and Newtown picture shows*

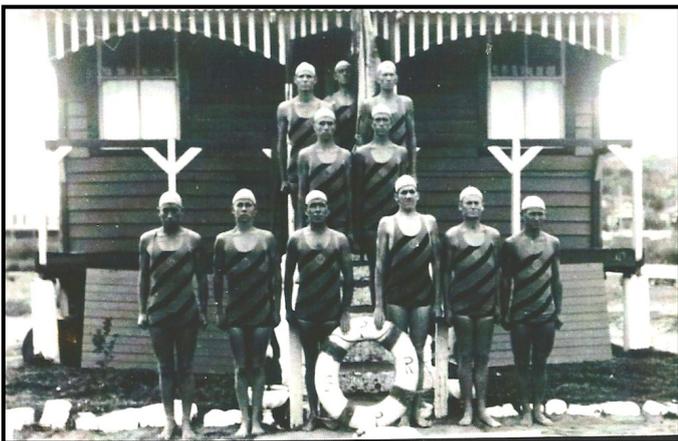
Steel Park Non-Swimming Carnival

Sunday 24 February 11 am till 12 noon

This non-swimming carnival on the banks of Cooks River at Steel Park is part of an ongoing campaign by the **Cooks River Valley Association** to realise its goal of eventually being able to swim in a healthy river. Participants are encouraged to go down to the river in swim gear with beach towels, picnic provisions etc to highlight the desire to swim in the river and the inability to realise this aspiration. All welcome.

The event will also feature the launch of a postcard prepared by CRVA water quality coordinator, **Gayle Adams**. Gayle will launch the postcard campaign and recall some of the stories and memories of people swimming, rafting and prawning in the river. Enquiries to <info@crva.org.au> or ring 0414 910 816.

Steel Park River Patrol outside clubhouse, Cooks River 1932



WEA Centenary 1913-2013

Open Day: Saturday 16 March 10 am to 3.30 pm
72 Bathurst Street Sydney

The Society congratulates WEA which is celebrating 100 years of providing quality adult education. This free event showcases the courses which have shaped WEA.

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NSW Govt Heritage Volunteer Awards 2012



Bob & Laurel Horton and Andrew Bruce (all from St Peters Cooks River History Group) receive their award from The Hon. Robyn Parker MP Minister for Heritage

The eleventh annual NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards were presented at a ceremony on 11 December 2012. The awards recognise community-based volunteers and heritage organisations in conserving NSW heritage.

St Peters Cooks River History Group was among the 25 individuals and groups honoured. The preamble:

'The St Peters Cooks River History Group is a committed group of volunteers who have spent many years recording, preserving and promoting the local history of St Peters, Sydenham and Tempe. The group have been actively researching and expanding the collection of photos, documents, maps and newspaper articles. Through their museum, guided walks, site visits and open days, the group enthusiastically explore their local history with the wider community.'

Other award winners included the **Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society**, represented by **Bruce Welch**, also a long term MHS member.

The Society congratulates MHS member **Deborah Beck** who received a NSW Premier's History Award in the category, 'NSW Community and Regional History' on 1 December 2012 for her book *Set in Stone: the Cell Block Theatre* (2011).

Inspired by the Society's recent visit to the Egyptian Room, Deborah is researching sculptor, **Rayner Hoff**. Deborah would like to hear from anyone with links to Hoff: phone (02) 9339 8674 or email <crokebeck@ozemail.com.au>.

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- sculpt & make pieces by hand
- glaze and decorate
- paint or draw in different mediums

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Individual tuition also available



Jean Hartman has a Masters of Fine Arts for COFA, NSW Uni & BA in Ceramics from the National Art School.

Jean's garden studio is close to public transport & the post café

For bookings, phone Jean on 9558-8681