

Tomaree Family History Group Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2011



From the Secretary

After eight weeks away I have come home to so much sadness.

It was a tremendous shock to read in Langkawi, Malaysia of the passing of Phyllis Hocking, Marie's mum. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Marie and her family. Then the news of the sudden death of Ken Bambridge on Monday 5th.

Many of you would have seen Ken and his mum Betty at the Father's Day Breakfast only two days before. Ken suffered from epilepsy. Ken was a very shy man, who had been a member of TFHG for about 8 years. He was always a willing helper in setting up the room for meetings and other functions and was responsible for bringing in and putting away our boxes for morning tea. Ken's funeral on Monday 12th at the Uniting Church was well attended by the Executive, members and their partners. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Betty, Ken's brother Michael and his family.

Our sympathy has also been extended to Anna Cordwell whose son, Tibor was killed in a crop dusting plane crash in Queensland recently.

I am sure you will keep all these families in your prayers.

Thanks:

I would like to thank Ann Watson who has filled in for me during my absence.

Father's Day Breakfast:

The Father's Day Breakfast and AGM were a success with the guest speaker I had arranged from Macquarie Park being the

best guest speaker we have ever had. I am sorry I missed Tom.

Birthdays:

SEPTEMBER:

Elaine Monro 8th,
Vince Hughes 13th,

OCTOBER:

Lyndall Pettigrew 10th, Lloyd Goodwin 25th,
Happy birthday to you all.

If I miss a birthday I apologise but some people do not complete all the information on the membership form. My laptop has died so birthdays mentioned in this newsletter are from the membership forms I have.

Congratulations to Vince Hughes who turned 80 recently. Now he will be able to put OBE after his name.

Christmas Raffle:

A basket will be left in the Resource Room for your donations. Andrea will distribute tickets at the November workshop and the raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Function. Please give generously.

Don't forget morning tea on Saturday, donations always welcome.
Hope to see you on Saturday.

*Best Wishes to all
Marilynne Sharp
Secretary*

Dates for your Diary:

October 1 Workshop:
Guest speaker John Clarke aka "Stinker".

October 2 Bus trip to Rookwood

October 9 Maitland History Fair

November 5 Workshop:
Guest speaker Terry St George - Sandgate Cemetery

November 29 Executive meeting

December 3 Christmas Function : Fort Scratchley

February 2012

First workshop for 2012

If there is anyone who would like to go on any of these outings and has not yet paid please contact one of the Executive.

ROOKWOOD CEMETERY TRIP :

Please be at the Library carpark at 8.45am. The bus will leave at 9am on the dot. We will leave Rookwood at 3.30pm. Sausage sizzle \$5. Drinks available.

STATE ARCHIVES TRIP:

Please be at the Library carpart at 6.45am. The bus will leave at 7am.

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News



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HELP NEEDED:

Is there someone willing to take over Ken's job of bringing our morning tea boxes from the Resource Room to the kitchen and return them?

Qualifications: a bit of muscle and a good memory.

MAITLAND FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 9TH NOVEMBER

9AM - 4PM MAITLAND CITY BOWLING CLUB, RUTHERFORD

10AM : Elizabeth Bolton - Lacemakers Plights and Migration

11am: Gillian Kelly - Lace Museum Calais

1pm : Gail Davis - Researching in NSW State Archives

Displays by: Maitland, Aus Museum of Clothing & Textiles, Turtle Consolidated, Taree FHG, Convict Connections, Singleton FHG, Easytree FH Software, and FHGs from Nepean, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Central Coast, Manning Valley, Cessnock & Wyong.

Member Services

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

- Books and magazines can be borrowed from the Resource Room [not cds], please see the duty person.
- Photocopying/printing in the Resource Room must be paid for. [money to duty person]
- Stuck for a gift for a special occasion? Enquire about our Family Tree Certificates
- Tomaree Family History Group's first book "The Lives and Crimes of the Convicts who arrived in Sydney in 1791 on the Salamander" is available for \$25.
- Donations of food for morning tea are always welcome.
- The Secretary writes the monthly newsletter and the Tomaree Tattler. It is then sent to Michelle for distribution. Any correspondence should be sent directly to Marilynne not Michelle.
- Transcription order forms are available in the Resource Room.
- Please give the names you are researching to Michelle who will put them on our website. Fill out the details on the My Research Interests Form at the end of this newsletter. If you are unsure of what is held at the repositories have a look at their website or the Archives folder in the Resource Room.



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Committee 2011-12

Congratulations to the new Committee for 2011 -2012



President:	Gordon Thwaite	49843638
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Minute secretary &

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Bus organiser: Terry Fitzsimmons 49844239

Grahame Chapman 49847092

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Resource Room

Grahame Chapman has offered to "Clean up" our computers each month. Thanks Grahame.

Port Stephens Family History Group has offered us some of the magazines and newsletters they are throwing out. Elaine, Marilynne and Andrea went down on Saturday and collected 3 boxes of things. There will be lots of freebies in the next coming months at our workshops.

A volume of our History of Australia collection will be dedicated to our deceased members.

We have started a Memorium Book in our library. Andrea is collecting funeral service sheets/booklets of people who have lived in the Bay area. If you have attended a funeral in the area and would like to keep that person's memory alive please give the sheets/booklets to Andrea.

Just a reminder to members that the Resource Room at the Library is open on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays of the month. It is manned by Marg O'Leary who is very good with brickwalls and Irish and Scottish records.

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