



**3 April 2019**

**APRIL SPEAKER**

**Dr Paul Irish -- "Hidden in Plain View, The Aboriginal People of Coastal Sydney"**



Paul Irish is a Sydneysider who works as an historian and archaeologist with Coast History and Heritage. For over ten years he has been piecing together the Aboriginal history of coastal Sydney with researchers from La Perouse Aboriginal community.

In his talk Paul will explore the unexpected and rich history of the continuing Aboriginal use of coastal Sydney throughout the nineteenth century. Contrary to what you may think, local Aboriginal people did not lose their culture and die out within decades of Governor Phillip's 1788 arrival in Sydney. Based on his recent book *Hidden In Plain View: the Aboriginal people of Coastal Sydney*, Paul will discuss what happened to Sydney's Aboriginal people, the devastating impact of the first white settlement and also the increased government intervention a century later. His book was the winner of the NSW Community & Regional History Prize 2018.

**APRIL OUTING**

**Thursday 11 April**

**Roughley House at Dural**

Free morning tea and tour  
8:28 Train Sutherland - 2<sup>nd</sup> carriage  
Bus from QVB to Castle Hill  
Local bus to Dural.

There is a café next door (more expensive than usual) or take your own lunch to have at nearby lookout.



The Pines And Roughley House.  
Image courtesy of E. MacDonald

Roughley House was built by James Roughley in mid 1850's. He and his father Joseph had been arrested for theft in England and transported as convicts to New South Wales. They settled in the Hills District.

We can also visit the tiny historic St Jude's Church of England (opposite) and the local second hand shop nearby.

**HERITAGE FAIR RAFFLE**

BBFHS Member Phil Peters passed away recently. Phil's family presented to us a beautiful leather *Compendium for Family History* which he wanted us to have. The Committee feels this is really special, so decided to make it one of the major prizes for the Heritage Raffle. It is on display at this meeting for you to see.

As usual all the exhibitors at the Fair will be giving a donation towards the raffle, which we will combine to make the prizes more substantial and also to cut down the time it takes for the draw. There will be many good prizes and no doubt Ancestry will provide something special as well.

Tickets are on sale at the Research Centre, at our April meeting and at the Heritage Fair. **Tickets 3 for \$5**

<b>SOCIETY CALENDAR</b>	
<b>April</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Monthly Members' Meeting Tradies 7:30</b> Speaker: Paul Irish <i>Hidden in Plain View</i> <i>The Aboriginal People of Coastal Sydney</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>Scottish Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
<b>13</b>	<b>Woronora Memorial Park Open Day</b> 10am – 3pm
<b>19-22</b>	<b>Easter</b> Research Centre Closed
<b>27</b>	<b>Irish Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
<b>May</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Monthly Members' Meeting Tradies 7:30</b> Speaker: Mary Small <i>Sydney Centennial Celebrations 1888</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>English Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
<b>7</b>	<b>Legacy Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
<b>11</b>	<b>BBFHS Heritage Fair Tradies</b> 10:00am – 4pm <b>Research Centre Closed</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Australian Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
<b>21</b>	<b>Family Tree Maker Interest Group</b> <b>1:30pm Research Centre</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Writers Interest Group</b> 6:30pm – 8:30pm Research centre
<b>25</b>	<b>DNA Interest Group</b> 2:00pm – 4:00pm Main Hall at Centre
<b>28</b>	<b>Class: My Family History \$10</b> Jean Campbell 10:30am – 12 Noon

Botany Bay Family History Society  
"Connecting People, Places and the Past"  
**FREE Heritage Fair**  
11th May 10am-4pm  
GYMEA TRADIES  
More information: BBFHS Research Centre  
Phone: 9523 8948  
www.bbfhs.org.au or Facebook page  
DISCOVER.....  
- Where to begin your research  
- How to get help with your research  
- What BBFHS has to offer you  
- More about our interest groups  
- How to save, store, display your research  
- Free informative talks  
- Transcription agencies  
- Arts and Crafts

## FINANCE REPORT

This report covers the period for the month of February 2019

At the March Members' Meeting a suggestion was made by some of our members that single membership fees could be raised by \$5 a year and then Interest Groups could be made available free of charge. About half the members at the meeting were in agreement with the proposal. This was discussed later, at length, at the BBFHS March Committee meeting and a unanimous decision was finally reached that the current situation be maintained for the following reasons:

- When SSC introduced the Utilities Surcharge, they advised that this was based on the hours of operation of the Centre. Our rent also would be calculated on this basis. To enable Interest Groups the Centre is in operation, Tuesdays, Thursdays and an extra two hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- It was also felt that this extra \$5 would not be fair to the hundreds of our members who never participate in Interest Groups to be subsidising those who do not.
- When figures were calculated it also meant a loss of hundreds of dollars a year in revenue.

### Income/expenditure for the period:

Income.....	\$ 765.70
Expenditure.....	\$ 2,105.62
Difference.....	-- \$ 1,339.92

### Income

Raffle.....	\$ 295.00
New memberships.....	\$ 250.00
Interest Groups.....	\$ 175.00
Book Sales .....	\$ 25.00
Photocopying.....	\$ 20.70

### Expenditure

Research Centre rent....	\$ 506.75
Utilities Surcharge SSC. \$	244.00
Telstra .....	\$ 98.23
Bank Merchant Fee.....	\$ 49.00
Post Office Box Rental ..	\$ 195.00
Refreshment Supplies....	\$ 22.50
Office Supplies.....	\$ 49.75
Raffle Prizes.....	\$ 108.00
Guest Speaker.....	\$ 50.00
The Genealogist.....	\$ 442.66
RAHS.....	\$ 249.00
Fed. Family History Soc...\$	90.73

### Total Funds on Hand

Business Cheque A/c..	\$ 3,565.88
Online Saver A/c.....	\$ 17,191.27
Service & Sacrifice .....	\$ 264.36
Total .....	\$ 21,021.51

## MAY SPEAKER

Mary Small: Sydney Centennial Celebrations 1888



Mary Small was born and educated in England. She studied in London to be a Speech Therapist, then later, in 1962, immigrated to Australia by ship. She is the published author of many books for children and also a BBFHS member. Mary has been a long time member of U3A (University of the Third Age), and has a particular interest in Australian history.

### Class: My Family History

By Jean Campbell \$10

Tuesday 28 May 10:30am-12 Noon

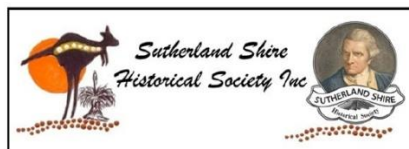
This is an ideal class for members starting their family history research or for those needing a "refresher."

#### First Records:

1. Collecting Information
2. Sources of information
3. Keeping Records
4. Written Record Collection
5. Genealogical Charts

#### Records in Sydney – Overview

1. BBFHS R.C. Resources
2. Local Library
3. State Library
4. Mitchell Library



### Saturday 27 April

As part of Heritage Week **Bruce Watt** will be launching his new publication: **Dharawal, the First Contact People**

At:

Sutherland Memorial School of Arts,  
23 East Parade Sutherland

**Starting:** 3pm in the auditorium

Everyone is welcome to this event

## INTEREST GROUPS

\$5 For Members



### ENGLISH RESEARCH GROUP

meets on the second Saturday every second month 2pm - 4pm.

### IRISH RESEARCH GROUP

meets on the fourth Saturday every second month 2pm—4pm.



### SCOTTISH RESEARCH GROUP

meets on the first Saturday every second month 2pm - 4pm.



### WRITERS GROUP

meets on the fourth Wednesday of every second month from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.



### AUSTRALIAN INTEREST GROUP

meets on the third Saturday every third month from 2pm to 4pm.

### LEGACY COMPUTER PROGRAM GROUP

meets on the first Tuesday every second month from 2pm to 4pm.



**FAMILY TREE MAKER INTEREST GROUP** meets tri-monthly on selected Tuesday afternoons.



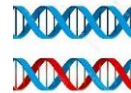
### REUNION FOR MAC:

meets on the first Tuesday of every second month from 10am to 12noon.



### DNA

meetings are held partly in the main hall at the Community Centre with dates depending on when the facility is available. Keep an eye on eNews and Bulletins for these meetings.



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