



**7 June 2017**

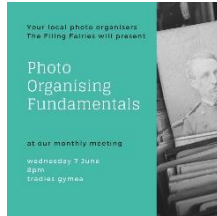
## SOCIETY CALENDAR

### June

<b>7</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting Tradies</b> Speaker: Mara Morrison from "Filing Fairies" Photo Organising Fundamentals
<b>10</b>	<b>DNA Interest Group</b> Research Centre – Hall 2pm – 4pm
<b>12</b>	<b>Research Centre</b> <b>Closed Public Holiday</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Class: First Arrivals</b> <b>Jean Campbell &amp; Barbara Wimble</b> Convicts, Early Settlers, Shipping & Immigration 7pm – 8:30 Research Centre \$10
<b>20</b>	<b>DARLINGHURST GAOL VISIT</b> <b>See details</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Orientation 10am – 2pm</b> All members welcome Research Centre PLEASE BOOK (Free)
<b>24</b>	<b>Irish Interest Group</b> 2pm – 4pm Research Centre
<b>27</b>	<b>Class: Names &amp; Free internet Sites</b> <b>Jean Campbell &amp; Barbara Wimble</b> 7pm – 8:30pm Research Centre \$10
<b>28</b>	<b>Writers Interest Group</b> 6:30pm -- 8:30pm Research Centre
<b>July</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Legacy Interest Group</b> 2pm – 4pm Research Centre
<b>5</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting Tradies</b> Speaker: Ron Ray from Maritime Museum Bass & Flinders
<b>8</b>	<b>English Interest Group</b> 2pm – 4pm Research Centre
<b>18</b>	<b>Class: Overseas Research</b> <b>Jean Campbell &amp; Barbara Wimble</b> 7pm – 8:30 Research Centre
<b>26</b>	<b>Writers Interest Group</b> 6:30pm – 8:30pm Research Centre
<b>29</b>	<b>Volunteers Information Day &amp; Lunch</b> <b>10am -2pm</b> <b>Research Centre</b> <b>Closed</b>

## JUNE SPEAKER:

**Mara Morrison from  
"The Filing Fairies"**



**Photo Organising Fundamentals:**

- The benefits of being organised
- The importance of protecting precious memories
- Dealing with seemingly overwhelming task
- Learning best practices for Photo Organising
- Discovering tools used by Professional Photo Organisers

The Filing Fairies is a partnership between friends Mara Morrison and Jo Myers, who met working for an event management company. It was there that they discovered their shared passion for order, lists and getting things done.

In 2008 as part of a 150th Anniversary Tour for NAB Mara and Jo organised close to two hundred events over an eight month period. It was during that time they recognised their excellence as a team. Now as The Filing Fairies they hope to give you peace of mind by helping you to organise your photo collection so that you can utilise and enjoy it. Mara & Jo are Australia's first certified Professional Photo Organisers registered with the Association of Personal Photo Organizers (APPO are 600+ members strong).  
Mara Morrison Ph. 0419 447 262



**On Saturday 29 July**, a Centre Volunteers' Information Day will be held at the Research Centre and adjoining hall, commencing at 10am. All BBFHS volunteers are invited to the following thank you lunch in the hall at 1pm, whether you are a Research Centre volunteer, or assist the Society in any other capacity. Centre closed to researchers on this day.

## JULY SPEAKER:



**Ron Ray  
"Bass and Flinders"**

Ron has been a volunteer guide and member of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) since retiring six years ago from a corporate career in human resources and training. This included a number of years working as a part time teacher in TAFE. Ron also spent ten years in the Army working in signals and artillery. His other volunteer activities include visitor services with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust in the Visitors Centre on Cockatoo Island. Ron conducts tours of the North Fort tunnels and gun emplacements at North Head, also the tunnels and fortifications at Georges Heights. His particular interests are in 18<sup>th</sup> century military and naval history, HMB Endeavour, the ANMM fleet of vessels and the collections contained in the museum galleries.

Ron will talk to us about the backgrounds of the two famous maritime explorers, Bass and Flinders – their voyages of exploration around the coasts of NSW, Tasmania and Terra Australis in small boats and their fates.<sup>4</sup>

## 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE TRIP

**Darlinghurst Gaol Encore -- \$12**

Our April visit and tour of Darlinghurst Gaol was extremely interesting and informative. However due to restricted numbers many members missed out. Another tour, planned for 20<sup>th</sup> June, will be led by Margaret Heaton. Meet on 10:34 train at Sutherland, 2<sup>nd</sup> carriage. Time for a cup of coffee before our 12 O'clock tour. Lunch at café on site if desired. Bookings essential to confirm tour numbers & in case of changed details.

# RESEARCH CENTRE RESOURCES

## Map Collection

Many gems lay hidden away in the map cabinet at the Research Centre. If your ancestors were early arrivals in NSW there is sure to be something of interest to you here. There is a collection of maps from the earliest days of the colony, with individual blocks shown recording the owners' names. Just a few of these maps include: *Early Sydney 1803-1810*; *Landholders of Sydney 1792-1892*; *Macquarie's Sydney 1810-1823*; *The First Land Grants*. This cabinet also contains Parish Maps of Sutherland, St George and Holsworthy as well as a few maps from England, Scotland and Ireland. There are also pictures of historical interest. These maps and pictures hang in the cabinet from a series of metal rods which makes it possible to remove them for ease of viewing.

There are also two A3 sized folders of maps prepared and donated by Jeff Madsen. One folder contains NSW Historical Parish and County Maps along with detailed instructions to enable you to view these maps online at home. A second folder contains maps of the historical counties of England, Scotland, Wales & Ireland as well as maps of the border changes of European countries 1815 to 1920.

### FINANCE REPORT

#### April 2017 – 11 May 2017

Total Income	\$972.45
Total Expenses	\$2,184.27
Difference	\$1,211.82

#### Expenses for Period

Telstra Internet & Phone	\$93.45
Bank charges	\$59.55
Tradies Hire	\$165.00
May Speaker	\$100.00
Find My Past Subscription	\$1,403.50
Books	\$114.58
Stationery / Postage	\$112.35
Research Centre Supplies	\$26.84
Vacuum Cleaner for R.C.	\$79.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.00

NB. Research Centre Rent is not included in this period

#### BBFHS Funds held 10 March 2017

Cheque Account	\$,3153.84
Online Saver	\$4,097.27
Service & Sacrifice Accounts	\$264.36
Total Funds on Hand	\$7,515.47

## REMEMBERING THE FOUNDERS

**Merle Kavanagh**  
**Member Number 9**  
**Minute Secretary**



When Merle became the first minute secretary of BBFHS she was a very enthusiastic and versatile member, being able to tackle a number of jobs at the one time. She had already served as a Girl Guide leader and at that time was a District Guide Leader.

In 1988 Merle organised a ten week series of family history activities which included a visit to the State and Mitchell Libraries. Three years later at the Christmas party, with daughter Jillian, she produced a comedy sketch on family history terms, one in 'posh' terms and the other in funny slang.

Merle was a prolific writer of history books and articles. She won the Fred Midgley Memorial Essay Competition with "Hotel, Hospital and Home" about the old Yowie Bay Hotel in 1991 and the following year won another essay competition on early Shire Girl Guiding, "On the Girl Guide trail". In 2004 a larger book was produced - "Echoes from the Bay, the Yowie Bay Story," where Merle had lived with her family." She also compiled "Legion Of Lees" with Lyndal Holland, both sharing that same surname on their line. She produced the entertaining series "Spotlight on the speaker" from December 1993 for about 6 years.

Merle, whose maiden surname was Beecroft, was delighted to find that Beecroft Peninsula in Jervis Bay was named for one of her ancestors.

Due to other commitments in 1992 Merle resigned from her position in BBFHS. However she still found time for writing about her family, also a funny A B C on Family history using acronyms, which appeared in the journal. e.g. A.O. can be Archives Office AND also Adults only, which

could open up a can of worms. She represented the Society with Val and Jack Ryder in March 1975 at the opening of the new SSC Library. Qualifications: Associate Diploma in Local and Applied History at University of New England; Diploma in Family Historical Studies, Society of Australian Genealogists. Tribute by daughter Jillian

## JUNE CLASSES

**There's more to family history than Ancestry. Come along to these classes (\$10 each) at the Research Centre by Jean Campbell & Barbara Wimble. Learn about other resources and how to enhance your research skills.**

### **FIRST ARRIVALS**

**Tuesday 13 June 7:00 – 8:30pm**

### **CONVICTS AND EARLY SETTLERS SHIPPING & IMMIGRATION**

### **NAMES & FREE INTERNET SITES**

**Tuesday 27 June 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**NAMES:** Common Surname Origins; First Names; Variants & Nicknames;  
**AUSTRALIA:** Australian BDM Indexes  
Ryerson Index

**FAMILY SEARCH:** Searching Records;  
Genealogies; Catalogue; Family  
Search Wiki

## INTEREST GROUPS

- English Research
- Irish Research
- Scottish Research
- Writers' Group
- Australian Interest
- Legacy Computer Program
- Family Tree Maker Program
- Reunion for Mac Program
- Social Media
- DNA

Interest groups are small gatherings of members who have a common interest & are conducted in an informal, casual setting at the Research Centre. They cost only \$5 for members and \$10 for visitors. Meetings are listed in the Bulletin & eNews for some months ahead.

