



7 March 2018

SOCIETY CALENDAR

March

7	Monthly Meeting Tradies 7:30 Speaker: Clive Baker Military History of the Sutherland Shire
9-12	Congress 2018 Bridging the Past & Future Convention Centre Darling Harbour Research Centre closed 10, 12 March
17	DNA Interest group 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
27	Mind Map for Family History Class \$10 7:00pm—8:00pm Research Centre 6
28	Writers Interest Group 6:30pm – 8:30pm Research Centre
30	Research Centre Closed over Easter
April	
2	Research Centre Closed
3	Reunion for Mac Program Interest Group 10am – 12 Noon Research Centre
4	Monthly Members Meeting Tradies 7:30pm WW1 Stories
7	Scottish Interest Group 2:00pm – 4:00pm Research Centre
10	Using Google Books for Family History Workshop \$10 7:00pm – 8:00pm Research Centre
13	Open Day for Seniors Week Research Centre
25	Research Centre closed Anzac Day
28	BBFHS Heritage Fair Tradies 10:00am- 4:00 pm



CLIVE BAKER:

Military History of the Sutherland Shire

English born, Clive came to Australia at age 10 and is now a resident of Loftus where he and wife, Marion, have lived since 1969.

Clive has a background in the Army Reserve and, as well, has spent many years bushwalking and trekking – until the knees gave out! That background resulted in a big adventure in the mid-1980s when he walked the Kokoda Trail (the first of twelve crossings), beginning a love of Papua New Guinea and trekking. Clive, with a friend, began organised tours to Kokoda and later, to other destinations in Asia. In the 25 years that followed there were treks to many other challenging places.

Exploring battlefields, mixing with villagers, trekking in Asia and writing about them became his way of life. One offshoot from his interest in military history is a co-authored book BATTLE OF MILNE BAY (with Greg Knight of Kareela) and a KOKODA TREK walking guide. From that self-publishing grew a book business which, if not proving to be pot of gold, has placed on the public record, over 200 books on Australians at war. Clive still runs his mail-order War Book Shop.

In recent years Clive spent some time working for the Sutherland Shire Historical Society as Curator of their museum but then formed the SHIRE MILITARY HISTORY CLUB.

In just over 18 months there are about 50 male and female members and the club's monthly talks and monthly Shire history field trips attract a good following. The club welcomes visitors. is not political and has nothing to do with guns. The aim is to reveal the wide on-ground military history of the Shire and the experiences of residents who have served in any capacity. Many of these stories appear in their quarterly magazine, the ACTION REPORT.

MARCH OUTING

Thursday 15 March

National Maritime Museum

Located at the northern end of Darling Harbour the National Maritime Museum is a great indoor / outdoor attraction. The museum hosts six permanent galleries and a frequently changing program of temporary exhibitions as well as a fleet of historic craft at its wharves.



Catch 9.19 train from Sutherland Station to Central – 2nd carriage
Catch light rail (10.09) to Pyrmont Bay station – walk 6 mins
View The Welcome Wall to the Museum.

10.30 morning tea (\$6) followed by free tour of Galleries in museum.

Choice then of touring ships or exhibitions (at an additional cost)

Lunch available at museum or nearby at a place of your own choice.

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Research Centre Resources

Bankstown Family History Society has donated to us a set of Unlock the Past books which can be read in the Research Centre. These books are located in a large white folder in the very back bookcase. They are not available for borrowing.

If you find a book particularly useful a copy can be purchased from our collection of books for sale

FINANCE REPORT

BBFHS books have now been audited for the 2017/18 financial year by our honorary accountant Jeff Prowse who found them to be satisfactory. They will soon be submitted to the Dept. of Fair Trading for approval.

Our financial situation has been boosted by a donation of \$2,186 from Bankstown F.H.S. for which we are very appreciative. We welcome the members from this Society who have elected to join us.

21 Jan. 2018 to 17 Feb. 2018

Total Income	\$3,160.02
Total Expenses	\$2,559.27
Difference (+)	\$600.75

Expenses for Period

Telstra Internet & Phone	96.29
Bank charges	49.05
Research Centre Rent	516.00
Tradies Hire (Meeting).....	165.00
Tradies (Heritage Fair).....	500.00
Guest Speaker.....	50.00
The Genealogist Subscription	446.10
Irish Roots Subscription.....	84.00
F.F.H.S. (UK) Membership.....	91.04
Items for R.C.....	176.44
Life Membership Badges.....	253.00
Bags for posting journal.....	25.00
Books.....	87.35
Stationery & Postage.....	20.00

Total Funds on Hand

Cheque Account	4,710.53
Online Saver	11,134.59
Service & Sacrifice Accounts	264.36
Total	16,109.48



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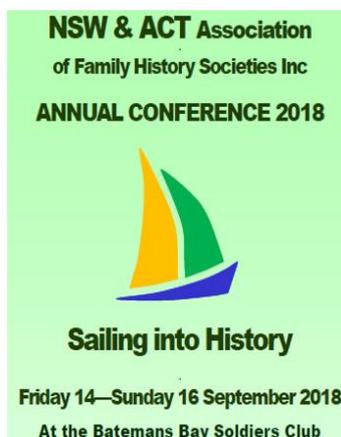
When you go to the Database page make sure to look at the blue tabs on the far right of the page. The drop down lists will take you to much of the information on the site.

You will be able to add members in a family tree individually but if you want to upload a gedcom please contact us first so we can make that possible for you. You can do this either by going to "Contact Us" on site or directly by emailing: bbfhsconnections@gmail.com. Likewise, if you have any information you would like to add to the indexes please let us know. Information can be submitted in the form of a word document so that it can be formatted and added as a web page.

VALE OSCAR LERVE



Foundation member Oscar Lerve passed away on Saturday 10 February at age 92. Oscar and wife Lorna, badge holders 30 and 29, were very active in the early days BBFHS. They produced the first two *Members Interest Directories* and participated in the indexing of Shire rate books. Oscar was the Technical Manager for Kryslar Television Co. so was very computer literate. He was always willing to use his technical skills to assist the Society. At one time the Society had acquired some old ex-government PC's. When a problem occurred Oscar was able to reformat the hard drive. Oscar was also technical advisor to the Sutherland Shire FM Radio station when it first began operating. Our condolences to Lorna and the family.



A MIND MAP FOR FAMILY HISTORY

**Class: \$10 Research Centre
Tuesday 27 March, 7:00pm—8:00pm
Encore by Jean Campbell**

A mind map shows how to link the memories within your brain to a central concept. As you focus on one person at a time details of an ancestor's life become clearer by linking words and mental images within your memories

USING GOOGLE BOOKS TO FIND FAMILY HISTORY INFORMATION

**Workshop \$10, Research Centre
Tuesday 10 April 7pm—8pm
By Barbara Wimble**

Google Books, a service from Google Inc that searches the full text of books and magazines that Google has scanned and converted to text using optical character recognition (OCR) and stored in its digital database.

INTEREST GROUPS

BBFHS interest groups are small gatherings of members who share a common interest & are conducted in an informal casual setting at the Research Centre. If you have not yet participated, think about coming along.

Australian Interest Group



The Australian Interest group began in 2017 and is convened by Patricia Jarvis. It meets four times a year on a Saturday afternoon at the Research Centre. A wide variety of topics have been covered such as convicts, gold mining, immigration and traditional celebrations. Patricia has provided many ideas and useful websites to help research earlier days in our country. Bring along your *brick walls* and a solution to your problem may be found.

Other BBFHS Interest Groups:

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

Interest groups cost only \$5 for members and \$10 for visitors. Meetings are listed in the Bulletin & Enews for some months ahead. Flyers for interest groups are available at the Research Centre.

YAHOO GROUP



This Group is an online discussion forum available only to members. It provides information, and an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about your family history interests. **To join the group**, email doug_parkes@yahoo.com stating *Please join me up to the Yahoo Group*

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