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## Research

Volunteers from BBFHS will research family history relevant to the Sutherland Shire for non-members: minimum fee of \$20 (first hour) and \$20 per hour thereafter.

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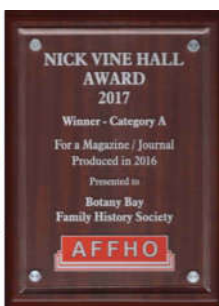
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# CALENDAR



**Members are advised to check latest details on our Events Calendar at [www.botanybayfhs.org.au](http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au) or see your BBFHS eNEWS.**

**2023**

- Sep 5** Legacy Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Sep 6** **Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm Tradies. Gillian Lewis**  
(National Maritime Museum) *Japanese Midget Submarine Attack*
- Sep 8-10** **State Conference at Wyong. See ad. Details to be advised.**
- Sep 20** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Members' DNA stories**
- Sep 23** DNA Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Zoom
- Sep 28** Writers Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Research Centre
- Oct 2** **Labour Day Public Holiday (Centre closed, Monday)**
- Oct 4** **Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Jenny Joyce. Paleography**
- Oct 7** Scottish Interest Group: **No Meeting** but notes issued.
- Oct 18** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.**
- Oct 24** **Education Class. 10.30am-12.30pm. Research Centre.**  
**Jennie Fairs** *Making Better Use of Word for your family Story*  
**Kate Anderson** *New Zealand Family Research*  
**John Levy** *Jewish Family Research*
- Oct 28** Irish Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom & Research Centre
- Nov 1** **Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom. Lilian Magill. Military Websites**
- Nov 7** Legacy Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Nov 11** English Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom
- Nov 15** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.**
- Nov 18** Australian Interest Group: 2-4pm Zoom
- Nov 21** Family Tree Maker Interest Group – 1.30-3.30pm Zoom
- Nov 23** Writers Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Research Centre
- Nov 25** DNA Interest Group: 1.30-3.30pm Zoom
- Dec 2** Scottish Interest Group: 2-4pm Research Centre
- Dec 6** **Christmas Meeting – Venue to be advised.**
- Dec 20** **Members Chat Meeting – 7.30pm Zoom.**

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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The annual NSW/ACT Family History Association State Conference this year is titled **The Running Waters of History** and is being hosted by Wyong Family History Group. The Conference runs over three days – Friday 8 to Sunday 10 September – and Botany Bay FHS has taken a group booking and will once again be watching the Conference virtually at our Research Centre.

It is free to attend the Conference at the Research Centre, but you will need to register with BBFHS in case of technical difficulties and we need to forward the Conference link to individual members. It is also helpful to know how many will be in attendance for setting up the room.

Last year, we only watched the Conference on the Friday and Saturday. This year we are including the Sunday morning as well as there are some excellent speakers on Sunday including our very own Jeff Madsen speaking on Mapping.

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided but you will need to bring your own lunch.

BBFHS recently took up Affiliate Membership with the Society of Australian Genealogists. The following information is provided by SAG:

*We are pleased to announce the start of a six-month trial offering discounted registration to a selection of our events for members of SAG affiliate societies.*

*Discounted registration will be available for the following:*

- all one-to-two-hour webinars
- virtual conferences (held quarterly)
- book club meetings
- selected workshops

*We are also opening up registration to our very popular Let's Talk About sessions for a nominal fee of \$5.00. These sessions are held on the last Monday of each month and have previously only been offered to SAG members.*

*Affiliate society members will need to select the registration type "SAG affiliate society member" and quote a discount code when registering. **The discount code is available in the private members lounge area of our BBFHS website.** We also request that you select which affiliate society you belong to from the drop-down list. If this registration type is not visible for an event, then that event is not included in the trial offer.*

*We ask that you emphasise to your members that the discount code is only to be used by members of a SAG affiliate society and should not be shared with others.*

The benefit to BBFHS is the discount code which can be used by BBFHS members when registering to attend various webinars and events. The price has been set at less than a non-member attendance but more than a SAG member cost.

You will need to click on “Show Details” for each individual event listed in the SAG Events Calendar at <https://sag.org.au/events> to ascertain if Affiliate Membership pricing is available.

Jennie Fairs





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38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the **NSW & ACT**  
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## **THE RUNNING WATERS OF HISTORY**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



At **Toukley 50 Plus Leisure Centre**, 1 Hargraves Street **TOUKLEY**

Hosted by

**WYONG FAMILY HISTORY GROUP INC.**

Speakers include: **Keynote Speaker David Harris MP**

Jill Ball

Michael Bell

Mark Bundy

Kerry Farmer

Gay Hendrikson

Martyn Killion

Jeff Madsen

Michelle Patient

Geoff Potter

Jason Reeve

Richard Reid

[Transcription trio forum:

Joy Murrin, Marilyn Rowan,

Laurence Turtle]

Botany Bay FHS has booked and paid for a Virtual Group Attendance, which is **FREE** for BBFHS members. Members will be able to attend the Virtual Conference at the Research Centre on each or any of the three days that the Conference runs. The full conference program with speakers and their topics and presentation times is available at <https://unpublishedwater.weebly.com/>

Members will need to register with BBFHS prior to the Conference. See our website and the eNEWS for details.



**100% of ticket sales proceeds remain  
with Botany Bay Family History Society**

## **Great Raffle Prizes**

1st: Overnight stay at QT Newcastle plus a \$400 Dining Voucher.

2nd: \$1,000 IMB Bank Account Credit

3rd: \$500 Lunch Experience for 6 People at a Feros Group Venue

4th: 2 x Nights' accommodation for 2 People at Quest, Cronulla Beach

5th: 10 x Tickets to a St George Illawarra Home Game in 2024



Members! Please take a book of tickets to sell (10 tickets at \$2) to help maintain the high quality of resources, facilities and activities offered by BBFHS in the face of rising costs.

Books of tickets are available from the Research Centre, at the AGM at Tradies (6 September), or ring (or text) Barbara Barnes on 0402 814 838.

Sold books and monies can be returned either to the Research Centre, the Tradies AGM meeting, or contact Barbara Barnes.

We aim to finalise BBFHS activities with the Cook Classic by 30 September.



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# NOT EVERYTHING IS ONLINE – PART 2

by Jennie **Fairs** (President)

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Our CD Collection at the Research Centre is a very underused resource and, while some of the CD indexes can be found online through *Ancestry* and *FindMyPast*, the corresponding CDs that we have hold far more material than that available online.

A table listing our Australian CD collection was given in the June edition of *The Endeavour*. This September edition covers the Overseas CD Collection.

Title	Shelf
<b>BBFHS OVERSEAS CDs</b>	
The British 19th Century Surname Atlas: Display & print maps for any surname or forename	BRIT.GUI.6.1CD
Federation of Family History Societies Current Publications on Microfiche by Member Societies	BRIT.SOU.2.1CD
British Isles Vital Records Index: England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales	BRIT.SOU.4.1CD
National Burial Index for England & Wales	BRIT.SOU.5.1CD
1881 British Census and National Index	BRIT.SOU.6.1CD
The Universal British Directory 1793-1798	BRIT.SOU.15.1CD
<b>England</b>	
Prisoners in Cornwall County Gaol Bodmin Volume I 1831-1836	E.CON.SOU.9.1CD
Bristol Diocese Baptismal Registers Vols 1 to 7 Index & Transcripts	E.GLS.SOU.3.1CD
Hampshire Burial Index 1400-1837: all of Hampshire excluding Isle of	E.HAM.SOU.3.1CD
Hampshire Marriage Index (Excluding the Isle of Wight) 1813-1837	E.HAM.SOU.4.1CD
St Andrews Waterside Mission attached to Holy Trinity Milton next Gravesend Baptisms 1865-1970	E.KEN.SOU.3.1CD
Directory of Irish-born People in Manchester in 1861	E.LAN.SOU.6.1CD
Docklands Ancestors Ltd: Parish Register Transcriptions; Compendium	E.LND.SOU.3.1aCD
Docklands Ancestors Ltd: Parish Register Transcriptions; Compendium	E.LND.SOU.3.1bCD
Docklands Ancestors Ltd: Parish Register	E.LND.SOU.3.1cCD

## Transcriptions; Compendium

Docklands Ancestors Ltd: Parish Register	E.LND.SOU.3.1dCD
Transcriptions; Compendium	
London Marriage Licences 1521-1869	E.LND.SOU.3.2CD
London Church Registers Compendium Set 1 No 1	E.LND.SOU.3.3aCD
London Church Registers Compendium Set 1 No 2	E.LND.SOU.3.3bCD
London Church Registers Compendium Set 2	E.LND.SOU.3.4CD
1891 British Census Index: London, England a,b,c	E.LND.SOU.6.1CD
Middlesex: Phillimore's Parish Registers, Marriages Volumes 1 to 9	E.MDX.SOU.3.1CD
The 1841 Middlesex Street Index	E.MDX.SOU.6.2CD
Return of Owners of Land 1873 All England Set	E.SOU.17.1CD
Wiltshire, Berkshire and Dorset Marriage Licence Bonds	E.WIL.SOU.4.1CD
Register of Electors 1937 Parliamentary Borough of Leeds West	E.YKS.SOU.7.1CD

## **GENERAL - Overseas**

### **Atlas**

Parish Locator Program	G.ATL.BRIT.1.1CD
Samuel Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England 1859	G.ATL.E.1.1CD
Oliver & Boyd's New Edinburgh Almanac for 1847	G.ATL.S.4.1CD

### **Shipping**

Crew Lists & Agreements For the years 1863 to 1913 [UK]	G.IMM-SHP. BRIT.SOU.2.1CD
Wuerttemberg Emigration Index Vols 1-7 [Germany]	G.IMM-SHP.GER.HIS.1.1CD

### **Military**

Genealogical Research into the British Army	G.MIL.BRIT. GUI.1CD
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### **Research Directories**

Cornwall Family History Society: Directory of Members' Interests 2006	G.RD.E.CON.1CD
Cornwall Family History Society Members' Directory 2008	G.RD.E.CON.2CD
Devon FHS Members' Interests 2003	G.RD.E.DEV.1CD
Wiltshire Family History Society Members Interests 2005	G.RD.E.WIL.1CD
Genealogical Research Directory 2003 National and	G.RD.GRD.1CD

## International

### Ireland

1901 Census of County Clare Ireland	I.CLA.SOU.6.1CD
Burial Records - County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland	I.FER.SOU.1.1CD
Topographical Dictionary of Ireland [1st edition, 1837, 3 Vols.]	I.HIS.1.8CD
Counties in Time - Documents and Commentaries from the National	I.SOU.2.1CD
Index to the Irish Marriages 1771-1812	I.SOU.4.1CD
Index of Wills & Marriage Licences for Dublin Diocese up to 1800	I.SOU.8.1CD
The 1831 Tithe Defaulters: Irish Records Index Vol. 4	I.SOU.11.1CD
Ireland Townlands 1901	I.SOU.17.1CD

### New Zealand

New Zealand Marriages 1836-1956	NZ.SOU.4.1CD
New Zealand Burial Locator	NZ.SOU.5.1CD
New Zealand Electoral Roll 1881	NZ.SOU.7.1CD
New Zealand Electoral Roll 1893	NZ.SOU.7.2CD
Stevens & Bartholomew's New Zealand Directory 1866-67	NZ.SOU.15.1CD

### Scotland

Inventory of Scottish Graveyards	S.SOU.5.1CD
Combined Pigot's Directory of Scotland 1825/6 - Compendium of	S.SOU.15.1CD



## RESEARCH CENTRE OPENING TIMES

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 10 am to 2 pm**

**First and third Saturdays – 10 am to 2 pm**

**Closed Public Holidays**

**Please phone 9523 8948 if you plan to go in after midday.**

When researching, please ask for help if you need it – it is why the Centre assistants are there and they like to help.

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# YOUR JOURNAL NEEDS YOU!

by John Levy (Editor)

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*The Endeavour* journal gives us all an opportunity to share our family history stories, help others with genealogical queries, to learn from others, and to help the Society to keep members informed about what is happening within the Society and the wider field of family history.

For this to happen requires your contributions and I am always happy when they arrive in the editor's inbox. However, action on the contributions front has been quiet of late, so perhaps you can help.

You may like to consider one of the following suggestions for a future article:

- ★ an article to go with a family or historical photograph,
- ★ an interesting research problem you have solved,
- ★ a review of a book or website you have found useful,
- ★ your favourite ancestor,
- ★ a dramatic or historical incident your ancestor was involved in,
- ★ unusual entries you've found in the course of your research.

If you have an idea but are not too sure where to start why not get in touch and I will try to help.

I welcome your articles, either typed (formatting unnecessary) or handwritten. Photographs or images to go alongside an article add interest and colour to our pages, too. Please email your contribution as an attachment to [bbfhs\\_edu@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bbfhs_edu@yahoo.com.au), leave it in the Editor's Folder at the Research Centre or post to PO Box 1006 Sutherland NSW 1499 (on paper or USB, with your name and contact details, indicating if you want any materials returned).



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# GABRIELLE CAREY, 1959-2023, AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR, JOURNALIST AND LECTURER

by Colleen **Passfield** (Member)

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The recent sudden death of Gabrielle **Carey** brings to mind how the publication of *Puberty Blues* in 1979 created such a storm, particularly in the Sutherland Shire, and brought instant fame to co-authors Gabrielle Carey and Kathy **Lette**. Written when they were teenagers, the largely autobiographical novel shocked many with its frank depictions of teenage behaviour and sexism in surfie and youth culture in 1970s Cronulla. It was critically acclaimed and is now regarded as a classic of teenage fiction. Germaine **Greer** called it a ‘profoundly moral story’. In 1981, a film version of the novel was released, directed by Bruce **Beresford**, and a TV series was made in 2012. Once the book was published, Carey and Lette went separate ways with both achieving success.



Gabrielle Carey (photo: <https://writingnsw.org.au>)

Gabrielle Carey was born in Sydney on 10 January 1959 and, until her late teens, lived in the Sutherland Shire. She was the middle child of Alex Carey, a writer, and his wife Joan, nee **Ferguson** both from Western Australia. Both parents were politically active and regarded as liberal, radical and humanist.

Carey attended Sutherland North and Sylvania Primary Schools before moving on to GyMEA High School where she met and became best friends with Kathy Lette. Against the wishes of their parents, they left school at 15 and 16 and moved into a flat in Glebe together. Under the name of *The Salami Sisters*, they wrote an amusing weekly column for the *Sun Herald* which attracted the attention of Spike **Milligan**. Once *Puberty Blues* was published and upset the deeply conservative Sutherland Shire, Carey and Lette moved on in different directions.

Carey moved into professional writing. As a journalist, she went to Parramatta Gaol which led to the autobiographical book *Just Us*, an account of her



relationship with a prisoner, Terry **Haley**. A telefilm version of the book was made in 1986 directed by Gordon **Glenn** from a screenplay by Ted **Roberts**.

In the mid-1980s, wanting to escape her fame, Carey went to Ireland where, with a deep love of ritual and tradition and a sense of spiritual quest, she felt at home. She became a Catholic and would often return to Ireland. After a year she left Ireland and went to Mexico where she lived for several years. She returned to Australia in the early 1990s to a life in academia and writing.

Carey completed a master's degree in English at the Australian Catholic University when she was 40 and a doctorate of creative arts at Western Sydney University in 2006. Until 2020, she taught creative writing at the University of Technology Sydney.

Carey became a committee member of the Australian Society of Authors in the 1990s and had a long association with the annual Bloomsday events in Sydney. In Ireland she had become intensely interested in the works of James **Joyce** and for 17 years was a member of *Finnegans Wake* reading groups in Sydney and in Canberra.

Gabrielle Carey wrote nine other books after *Puberty Blues* and her 2020 book, *Only Happiness Here*, a memoir of Elizabeth **von Arnim**, was shortlisted for the 2021 Nib Literary Award. This was her last published work. Her final book *James Joyce: A Life*, completed before her death, will be published in August this year.

Gabrielle Carey died on 2 May 2023 and is survived by her daughter, Bridgette, her son Jimmy and her grandson Axel.

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Nick Bond, <https://tinyurl.com/4p3fpsfx>

ABC Australian Story: *The Big Chill: Kathy Lette and Gabrielle Carey*

The Salami Sisters



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# BBFHS EDUCATION PROGRAM

by Carol **Cronan** and Lilian **Magill** (Educators)

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There has not been a lot of activity for BBFHS Education classes in recent months. The class in June on New Zealand and Jewish records had to be postponed to the afternoon of 24 October. This will follow the class on Making Better Use of Word for Telling Your Family Story at 10.30am-12.30pm.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been conducting a series of workshops for the U3A and some new BBFHS members. These workshops have been very well received and have prompted some lively discussion. All participants have been very enthusiastic about the journey of discovery that lies ahead although a little wary of the hours that disappear as one becomes more immersed in the quest!



Participants in the U3A/BBFHS members' workshops (photo: Carol Cronan)

We have begun some tentative planning for 2024 classes and whilst we have some ideas we would very much like to hear your thoughts. It is not just suggested areas or topics that we are seeking but ideas about the timing and structure of the classes themselves. Should you like to make some suggestions please email them to anyone on the committee or [botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au) and they will pass them on to us for consideration.

**Remember, please register and pay for classes by 5pm on the Friday prior to the class at <https://www.botanybayfhs.org.au/payments.html>**

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# WORONORA CEMETERY RAILWAY LINE

by John Levy (Member)

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Before motor transport became widespread, mortuary trains were used to transport mourners and coffins. The Regent Street mortuary station near Sydney Central was a starting point for funeral trains to Rookwood and Woronora cemeteries. On the Illawarra railway line, coffins were left on trestles along the line, picked up and transported to Woronora cemetery. Typically, the mortuary train ran once a day, every day of the week.

A 770 m branch line which linked the Illawarra train line south of Sutherland Station to the cemetery began operation on 30 June 1900. It crossed East Parade near its junction with Linden Street then circled to the North West until it reached the station, which consisted of a 134 m platform with a wooden shelter.

The line was never electrified, and rail motors were used in its final years of service. The last train ran on 20 Aug 1944 and the line closed in 1947. The platform and the railway tracks were removed. The current administration office was built where the platform was located and the tracks replaced by a road.



Woronora Cemetery branch line, 1943. The cemetery platform is at the top left, while the junction with the Illawarra line can be seen at the bottom right  
(photo: [https://nswtrains.fandom.com/wiki/Woronora\\_Cemetery\\_Line](https://nswtrains.fandom.com/wiki/Woronora_Cemetery_Line))



**The Museums of History NSW** combines collections from the NSW State Archives, Museums and the Caroline Simpson Library. They have an informative 28 minute webinar on YouTube: *Discovering the State Archives Collection*, at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZXguGgI8ZQ>. They write: 'In this recorded webinar we explore the State Archives Collection on the MHNSW website. We show you how to find our online indexes, research guides and catalogue and how to get the best out of our new website.'

**Convict Register of Northern Tablelands.** Armidale Family History Group is collecting information on convicts in the Northern Tablelands and New England area; to establish a database of all convicts who either served part of their sentence in the district or lived in the area after they were freed. You can contribute on the form available at <https://www.armidalefamilyhistorygroup.com/news-events>.



**The Armidale Cemetery Register** is now available from the Armidale Family History Group. The register contains over 15,000 names, with information sourced from headstones, the Armidale Regional Council records (1900 to 1990s), Piddington's Funeral Directors (1903 to 1956), *Trove*, BDM indexes and family historians.

This is not an exhaustive list of everyone buried in the cemetery as the council burial records are incomplete. Depending on the religion the council records start somewhere between 1900 and 1915. We have looked elsewhere to source information about earlier burials. The register is available in two formats, a book (\$70) or a digital version (\$60 – USB stick). Postage is currently \$15 for a book and \$5 for a USB stick. Anyone

who purchases a cemetery register is welcome to contact AFHG to receive up to 10 free images of their ancestor's headstones or of the Piddington's register entries. For information contact: [afhgarm@gmail.com](mailto:afhgarm@gmail.com)

**Have you used the Biographical Database of Australia (BDA) yet?** The BBFHS Research Centre and Library has a paid subscription



**Biographical**  
Database of Australia (BDA)

to the Biographical Database of Australia, which comprises transcripts & indexes of original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived, or were born in, Australia. BDA links records of life events to create a Biographical Report. From one report, subscribers can hyperlink to another biography, to spouses, parents, children, witnesses, employers, employees and so on, through the entire database. You can search the indexes for free from home at <https://www.bda-online.org.au/>, **then come to the Centre** to obtain the full Biographical Report. New information is being added to the site continually. Recent new additions range from:

- biographical profiles of the first convicts sent to Queensland, a major NSW transcription project adding the full text of ticket of leave, certificate of freedom and pardon documents from the years 1810-1833
- full text of records of immigrants arriving in NSW in 1842
- Records of absconding NSW convicts up to 1841 from newspaper notices which include descriptions, residence and employer.
- Full transcript of 5,723 records from the Randwick NSW Asylum for Destitute Children 1852-1915.
- Profiles of 1,149 soldiers of the 50th Regiment stationed in NSW 1833-1841: Sydney, Georges River, Longbottom, Parramatta, Windsor, Liverpool, Bong Bong, Berrima, Wingello, Illawarra
- + TAS: Ross, Flinders Island, Westbury, Avoca, Perth, George Town.
- Bathurst & Central West NSW Catholic baptisms & burials 1839-1844
- St Lawrence Sydney C of E baptisms 1838-1856
- Biographies of 205 prominent 19th century members of the Free Presbyterian Church of Australia.
- Catholic baptism entries for 1839-1840 and burials 1839-1844 from priests based in Bathurst who travelled across vast distances in NSW, ranging from Kings Plains (Carcoar-Blayney area), the Lachlan River, Cangaroooby (aka Kangaroooby near Gooloogong and Cowra), Tubbo (Dubbo), Vale of Clwydd (Hartley), Mudgee, Wattle Flat, Summer Hill (Orange), Cullin Roy (Cassilis), Breeza, Namoi River and Peel River.





**The Australian Journal of Biography and History** has published a special issue on the theme of 'Convict Lives', with research articles by leading academics and early career researchers. The journal is open-access (free) and can be viewed at <http://doi.org/10.22459/AJBH.07.2023>. The Journal is published by ANU Press, within the Australian National University. They write: 'ANU Press is the first and largest open-access university press in the world. Our authors publish peer-reviewed research on a broad range of topics including Asia and Pacific studies,

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**The National Archives of Australia** has announced that over one million Second World War service records have now been digitised as part of a large-scale digitisation effort. These records are now progressively being made available online, free of charge. Records digitised include all of Royal Australian Navy series 6769 and A6770, Army series B883 and B884, and Royal Australia Air Force series A9300. A significant portion of Royal Australian Air Force series A9301 has also been completed. More information about the World War II Digitisation Project is at <https://tinyurl.com/5caarx73>. First World War service records were digitised previously. For more information on war records in the national archival collection, see <https://tinyurl.com/u7wjv98t>.

**Botany Bay FHS Open Day** was held very successfully in the hall at the Research Centre on Wednesday 9 August, with over 50 people attending. Thanks to the very interesting and thought-provoking speakers. They were: Michelle **Patient** (The Facts, Fun and Fiction of Family History), Danielle **Lautrec** (Using Excel in Family History), Jason **Reeve** (Ancestry), Lilian **Magill** (Copyright and Using TROVE), Jennie **Fairs** (Getting the Most out of Your Research).

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# ARTHUR MAILEY, ‘THE MAN WHO PERFECTED THE ART OF LEG SPIN.’

by Colleen Passfield (Member)

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**A**lfred Arthur **Mailey**, cricketer, cartoonist and journalist, always known as ‘Arthur’, was born on 3 January, 1886, at Zetland, South Sydney, the son of John Hamilton Mailey and his wife, Jane Charlotte, nee **White**. John and Jane married in Sydney in 1875 and had eight children – William John (1876-1960), Alice J M (1878-1954), Annabella Mary (1880-1880), Walter Hugh (1881-1939), Alma A (1883-), Alfred Arthur (1886-1967), Henry C (1888-1916), Stephen B (1890-1892).

At 13, Arthur left Waterloo Public School and, at first, worked selling newspapers and as a trouser presser. At 16, he became a glassblower which helped to strengthen his lungs and fingers. This would later help him as a cricketer when he didn’t know what it was to have tired or sore fingers. He later worked for the Metropolitan Water & Sewerage Works as a repairman. On 5 May, 1913, at St.Philip’s, Church Hill, Sydney, Arthur Mailey married Maude Gladys **Hinchcliffe**, the daughter of Edward Hinchcliffe and his wife, Harriett nee **Duke**.



Arthur Mailey  
(photo: NSW State Library)

As a boy, Mailey practised and mastered the trick of bowling the ‘wrong un’ and, after a few seasons in lower grades, made his first-class debut with Redfern in 1912 and later joined the Balmain club where he became the first-grade captain. When war broke out, he tried to enlist in the army like his brother Henry but was rejected. Henry was killed in Belgium in 1916. Concentrating on his cricket, in the 1915-16 season Mailey took 102 wickets in 13 matches leading Balmain to win their first premiership. He later played for Waverley, Manly and Middle Harbour Clubs. He played for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield competition between 1912 and 1930.

Mailey, a right-arm batsman, is regarded as one of the greatest right-arm, leg-spin bowlers. He made his Test debut playing against England on 17-22

December 1920 at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) and his last Test on 14 August 1926 also against England, at The Oval in London. Between 1920 and 1926, he played 21 Tests for Australia, taking 99 wickets at an average of 33.9 runs. In the 1920-21 Ashes series, in the second innings of the fourth Test in Melbourne, he took 9 wickets for 121 runs in 47 overs, which is still a record for an Australian bowler. He took 10 wickets in 2 Tests and 16 times in first-class matches. He also holds the record for the most expensive bowling analysis in first-class cricket. In the 1926-27 season playing against New South Wales, Victoria scored a record first-class total of 1107 runs. Mailey bowled 64 eight-ball overs, no maidens and took 4 for 362. In later years, Don **Bradman** recalled ‘Someone dubbed him the man who bowled like a millionaire.....Arthur’s objective was to take wickets and the spending of runs in the process bothered him little’.

This short YouTube clip shows some highlights of Arthur’s bowling:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75RVLERXvnA>.



Australian Cricket Team, 1920. Arthur Mailey seated left in middle row.  
 (photo: NSW State Library)

A gifted artist, Mailey attended J S **Watkin**’s art classes in Sydney. He became a professional cartoonist and worked as a journalist and cricket reporter for newspapers like the *Sydney Sun*, *Daily Telegraph* and the *London Bystander*. Between 1920 and 1953, he published a number of booklets of anecdotes and cartoons of cricketers of his time. He covered the ‘bodyline’ tour in 1932-33 and

wrote *And then came Larwood* published in London in 1933. His 1958 autobiography was titled *10 for 66 and All That* being a reference to the humorous book of English history *1066 and All That*. It also referred to a first-class game against the Gloucestershire County side during the 1921 tour. In that game, Mailey took all 10 wickets for 66 runs in the second innings. In later years, Mailey frequently visited England, South Africa and New Zealand with Australian teams and organized touring teams in Australia and a successful official Australian tour of North America in 1932.

After the death of his wife Maude, in 1938, Arthur Mailey moved to Woollooware Road, Burraner Bay in the Sutherland Shire where he lived with his sons, Norman and Walter. His brother, William, lived nearby and for many years the Mailey family ran a mixed business in Woollooware Road. He enjoyed writing, sketching, painting in oils and water colours, fishing and golf.

Quiet and unassuming, Mailey was one of cricket's most lovable characters always encouraging the young and hopeful to 'have a go', have fun and not take themselves or statistics too seriously. His kindness and humility endeared him to many and, on his death, many heartfelt tributes were recorded by those fortunate to have known him. As a young man, he once took the wicket of his hero, the legendary batsman Victor **Trumper**. Rather than celebrating it as a triumph, he said 'As I watched the receding figure, I felt like a boy who had killed a dove'.

Arthur Mailey died at Kirrawee on 31 December, 1967, three days before his 82nd birthday. He was cremated at Woronora Cemetery with Anglican rites.

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## FUN FACT – BUT TRUE

by Janet **Kendrigan** (Member)

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**I** was born in 1947 and my daughter was born in 1974 and in the year 2021 when I turned 74 my daughter turned 47.

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# BBFHS RESEARCH CENTRE AND LIBRARY

by Jean **Campbell** (Research Centre Coordinator)

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There have been issues with the doors to the Research Centre building. If the main outer door to the building is shut, it automatically locks, even if there are people in the building. If this happens to you, on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between 10am and 2pm, try the verandah door to our room, as there will be Volunteers on duty to open up. We try to keep the main building door open but if the Hall is being used by others, they sometimes shut the outer door (especially in bad weather) not knowing it will then lock.

Council designated the doors to our verandah as Fire Doors, which should open automatically when the special internal unit is pushed down. That doesn't quite work, so at present there is a slide bolt to keep them closed and our contents safe.

The subscription site, *FindMyPast*, which has the 1921 England and Wales Census, is only installed on computer 7. If you close the screen, rather than log out, it takes a few minutes for the site to time out and reset.

We are currently re-assessing Saturday opening of the Centre. Very few members are using it on that day.

We are still open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Members are going in to research on those days, and the Volunteers are pleased to help. Once again, please ring the Centre (9523 8948) if you are thinking of going in after midday. The Volunteers may decide to leave early and we don't want to disappoint members who want to research. Even if there are no members researching, Volunteers may stay after 2 pm too; it's their choice!

I'm again asking our members if anyone would like to be a Research Centre Volunteer. We really need a few more, as sometimes there are only two people on duty on the roster. Do not feel daunted, as there is always an experienced Volunteer to help out. Being a Volunteer really helps you to develop your own family history research skills and knowledge – **you get so much more out than you put in!** Just one day a month for a couple of hours would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to discuss this with me, please contact me at [botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:botanybayfhs@yahoo.com.au) and leave your phone number.

Many thanks go to the Volunteers who do an extra duty and the fifth Monday, Wednesday or Friday each month.



This article lists the new Library accessions. We remind members that there is a wealth of family history information accumulated over some 39 years in our Library. **Not everything is online!** Check out our library catalogue at <http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au/library--research-centre.html>. You may be very surprised at what you find! **Come to the Research Centre and have a look.** Thank you for the donations from those members who are ‘downsizing’.

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Compiled by Janette Daly (Librarian)





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# RACHEL WATKINS, *NEPTUNE*, 1790

by Margaret **Moore** (Member)

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**R**ach(a)el **Watkins** was born c.1759 at Hereford, Herefordshire, England. At age 26, in August 1784, Rachel was arrested for theft of goods stolen in two burglaries at Wormbridge and Allensmore.

She was charged originally on four counts: Stealing 1 pair stays, 1 linen gown, 1 silk and cotton handkerchief at the home of Humphrey **Rogers** at Allensmore; 1 stuffed gown and 1 linen handkerchief from Mary **Phillips**; 1 silk shirt and 1 jacket from Charles **Austin** of Bridstow; and 10 linen caps, 4 linen shifts, 3 linen aprons, 1 woollen cloak, 1 pair cotton gloves, 3 linen handkerchiefs, 1 silk handkerchief and 1 woollen apron.



At her trial on 17 March 1785 at Hereford Assizes, she was sentenced to seven years transportation. She was gaoled for four years before being transported to Sydney, with the 'Second Fleet'.

In December 1789, the *Neptune* sailed from Portsmouth and arrived in Sydney on 28 June 1790. Unlike the First Fleet, which was government sponsored, the 'Second Fleet', run by private enterprise and known as the Death Fleet, was notorious for the shocking conditions imposed on the prisoners. It had the highest death rate in the history of transportation, and the *Neptune* was the very worst. The ship left with 424 male and 78 female convicts. During the voyage a staggering 149 died through savage brutality and only 286 males and 67 females disembarked at Sydney Cove. Of those, 269 were so sick they had to be carried ashore – ‘more horrid spectacles than had ever been witnessed in this country.’

In August 1790, two months after her arrival on the *Neptune*, Rachel Watkins was amongst 35 male and 150 female convicts, sent on to Norfolk Island on the ship *Surprise*. She was one of only four Second Fleet female convicts allowed a grant of land on the island, at Charlotte Field (Queenborough) – ‘By 1 July 1791 Watkins had cleared 47 rods of her land’.

In about 1792 Rachel Watkins and James **Williams**, a First Fleeter, who had arrived in Botany Bay on the ship *Sirius*, started a common law marriage on Norfolk Island. James was a Marine Private, 23rd Portsmouth Company / NSW Corps 102nd Regiment of Foot, born c.1760 in Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales.

At some time, Rachel and James moved to Sydney and in 1797 they were

living in Sydney with their two daughters at 28 Cumberland Street, (Church Row) The Rocks.

On the 1806 New South Wales Muster, Rachel Watkins of the *Neptune*, is listed as 'Free by Servitude' and the concubine of James Williams, Soldier. The household consisted of 1 male and 3 females.

On 16 March 1820, James Williams, aged 60, died on guard duty at South Head Sydney.

Two years after her husband's death, Rachel sailed to Port Macquarie in 1822, to live with her daughter Sarah **Partridge**. However, in 1828, Rachael now age 69, returned to Sydney, to live with her daughter Susannah (Susan) **Baxter** at Botany and working for Simeon Lord.

On 10 February, 1840 Rachel died at Botany, New South Wales, aged c.80.

The children of Rachel Watkins and James Williams were:

- Susannah (Susan) Watkins/Williams was born on 1 May 1792 on Norfolk Island. Susannah first married John Baxter in 1813 and later married Jonathan **Asquith** in 1839. She died at Botany on 29 October 1842.
- Anne Watkins/Williams was born on 17 June 1794 on Norfolk Island. She married Thomas **Howard** on 5 October 1811 and died at Seven Hills on 14 November 1855.
- Sarah Williams was born in Sydney in 1798. She married Stephen Partridge and died at Port Macquarie on 29 April 1831
- Michael Williams was born in Sydney in 1802 and died in Wollongong on 17 December 1858. He was unmarried.

**Editor's Note:** Author Margaret **Moore** is a descendant of Ann Watkins/Williams

***Roses from the Heart:** a collection of bonnets made by BBFHS members in memory of the female convicts, including their ancestors, transported to Australia, and their unsung contribution to our nation..*



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# BBFHS INTEREST GROUPS

by Barbara **Barnes** (Interest Groups Coordinator)

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Interest groups are led by co-ordinators who have a strong interest in the subject but are not necessarily 'an expert'. They lead the groups whose members share their knowledge to help each other. The group members get to know one another and this social interaction is often a wonderful by-product of their involvement.

Sessions are conducted at the Research Centre or by Zoom. In the coming year, some co-ordinators are experimenting with hybrid sessions – we'll see how that goes. Session dates are organised months in advance. Members are advised to check the latest details on our Events Calendar at [www.botanybayfhs.org.au](http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au) or see your BBFHS eNEWS. You can book and pay the \$5 fee to attend an interest group meeting on the BBFHS website at <http://www.botanybayfhs.org.au/payments.html>, preferably 24 hours prior to the meeting.



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Once again we reach out to all members, especially new and distance members, who are not already participating in an Interest Group, to join one or more of the Groups offered. You'll be welcome.

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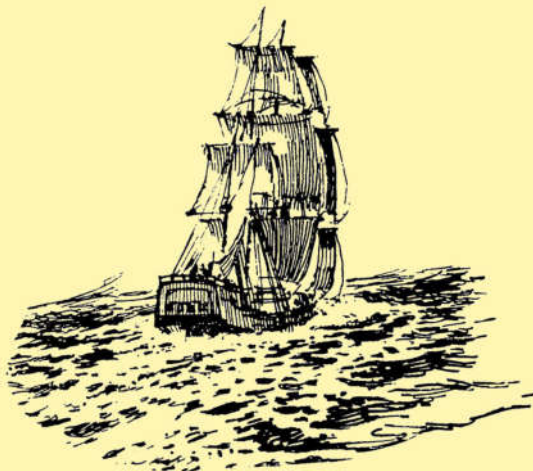
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