

Dear Mosman Historical Society member,

Our next speaker meeting was planned for tomorrow but cancelled because of COVID-19. The committee would like to keep in touch with members via email and make a few suggestions to maybe help pass a bit of the time while we sit out social distancing.

This will sound familiar - fake news 1919 style

The Spanish flu spread throughout the world as soldiers returned from World War I. In Australia, it initially moved out from Sydney and Melbourne via the main transport routes and then dispersed to regional areas with the advent of the shearing season.

Anne had a sense of *déjà vu* reading the quote below from an article about the Spanish Influenza Pandemic in the September 2019 issue of *History: Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society*.

Would citizens truly be so desperate as to be influenced by the following example of 'fake news', 1919 style? "A girl who had settled in the US wrote to her parents about a common belief that influenza germs were being put about by Germans [after all it was just after World War I]."

You might like to read the whole article entitled *Effect of the 1918-19 Spanish Influenza Pandemic on Picture Shows and Theatres in New South Wales* by Robert Parkinson.....

<https://www.rahs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/RobertParkinson-Hist141Sept2019.pdf>

Printed back issues of historical journals

Anne has a limited number of the old historical society journals listed below and is happy to drop one in your letterbox if you live in Mosman. She can be contacted at mosmanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

History: Magazine of the Royal Australian Historical Society, December 2017, March, June, September and December 2018, March, June, September and December 2019 and March 2020;

Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society, December 2017, June and December 2018, June and December 2019; and

North Shore Historical Society Inc. Journal, April and October 2018, April and August 2019 and April 2020.

Jigsaw puzzles made from old Mosman postcards

Noela has transformed some old Mosman postcards into jigsaws which can be solved online. They are only 34-36 pieces so not too frustrating and the pieces thankfully come onto the screen upright. There are icons in the bottom left of the screen to allow you to vary this and the leftmost one allows you to view the complete postcard.

Clifton Gardens

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=264e52edadf3>

Moored boats Mosman Bay

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1255c062bf6d>

Spit Junction

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1554597a27da>

Curragheena Point (Musgrave Street)

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=167c590debd0>

Taronga Zoo Gardens

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=20bf35e00067>

History Council of NSW – Google suggestions for online history reading

1. City of Sydney – Archives and History Resources. <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/learn/archives-history>
2. Australian National Maritime Museum – virtual tours through ‘vessels and galleries’. <https://www.sea.museum/>
3. Google ‘Arts and Culture Exhibitions’ for virtual museum tours (view collections from all over the world)
4. TedXSydney – talk by indigenous author and anthropologist Bruce Pascoe ‘A real history of Aboriginal Australians, the first agriculturalists’. <https://tedxsydney.com/talk/a-real-history-of-aboriginal-australians-the-first-agriculturalists-bruce-pascoe/>

Federation of Australian Historical Societies in their latest newsletter even suggest that you might like to contribute to *A Journal of the Plague Year: an Archive of COVID-19*, which is a collaboration between universities worldwide, including the University of Melbourne. <https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/journal-of-the-plague-year>

‘Peninsula Historian’

This excellent news bulletin is issued monthly by the Manly Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society Inc and is available online at www.mwphs.com

Mosman Historical Society online

Keep in mind that our own historical society keeps 10 years of old issues of our newsletter on line so you might like to reread some at our website www.mosmanhistoricalsociety.org.au

Also, our committee members are major researchers and contributors to the **Lost Mosman** site. This is accessible at <https://lostmosman.com> and is full of interesting articles on the demolished homes, buildings and other structures, which were once landmarks for Mosman.

Examples are 'Trafalgar' in Bradley's Head Road, 'Blakesley' – home of the Mustons, The Balmoral Tram, Footbridge at Mosman Bay, 'Bangoola' in Parriwi Road etc.

Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/> (or just google Trove NLA)

Trove is the National Library of Australia's online collection of digitised newspapers, government gazettes, journals, magazines, books, pictures, photos, maps and more. The digitised newspapers are the most popular item and provide an interesting perspective on life in Australia 1800s - 1950s.

Mosman's earliest newspapers, *The Mosman Mail* (September 1898 - December 1906) and the *Mosman, Neutral and Middle Harbour Resident* (30 July 1904 - 28 December 1907, 1 February 1919) are available. These early papers are fascinating. Trove's newspaper collection is also an invaluable resource for family history research. We encourage you to explore this fantastic resource.

Request for feedback about ZOOM

Our July speaker is Noel Phelan, who is booked to talk to us about the Halvorsen story. He has suggested that he could deliver the talk to members via ZOOM to allow questions afterwards. We would really appreciate your feedback as to whether you would like to join in to the meeting using this format. If you could please respond before 25th May, we will be able to judge whether to proceed and let Noel know. Any other comments gratefully received at mosmanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Our best wishes, keep well,

From Committee members of Mosman Historical Society