

MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY - FEBRUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

First speaker meeting for 2011

Come on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm downstairs in the Library - renew acquaintances or bring a friend, be stimulated by our speaker and finish the evening with tea or coffee.

Professor Robert Ouvrier will be talking about the colourful life of Captain Joseph Moore who was granted 40 acres of land at Sirius Cove in 1835.

See more details in the attached flyer.

Curlew Camp walk

Don't forget the walk and talk at Little Sirius Cove starting 5.30pm on Wednesday 2nd March. We are hoping for a balmy evening so that we can picnic afterwards. See details in the attached flyer.

Our own website

Check out our newly established website. It is a work in progress and feedback would be appreciated.

The address is www.mosmanhistoricalsociety.org.au/

Local Studies at Mosman Library

Several interesting functions are being organised for the next few months by the Local Studies department at Mosman Library:

On 15th March there is a genealogy workshop with Heather Garnsey on shipping records.

On 2-17th April, 'Amazing Stories' will be held as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival.

An unusual exhibition of old bookends will be on display from 11th April to 15th May.

Donna Braye at the library can tell you more.

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

The renovation of two historic 1951 naval cottages is completed and they are now available for **holiday lettings** for visiting families. They have 3 bedrooms, are set in parkland, close to transport and all the cafes of Balmoral and Clifton Gardens. Phone 8898 9774

Also at Georges Heights the Trust offers **kids' birthday parties** for groups of 12-20 children of ages 6-10. The children are given maps, compass and headlamps for clues to locate hidden tunnels and have an exciting time exploring at only \$15 per child. Phone 8969 2199

Sydney Vintage Tram Festival

On 26-27th February, O Class tram 805 will be on display for the first time in 50 years. Other beautiful restored trams, also the unique prison tram can be seen at the Sydney Tramway Museum located at Old Prince's Highway and Pitt Street, Loftus. Vintage cars and fire engines will be on display for the festival. Admission of \$15 (concession \$10) includes unlimited tram rides and antique bus rides.

More info on www.sydneytramwaymuseum.com.au/festival

Royal Australian Historical Society

Several talks being held in Feb-April, may be of interest, such as Oil Shale and the Age of Kerosene, Henry Lawson: Man and Myth, Lacemaking in Australia. and Drawing Sydney's Streetscape 1848 (about Joseph Fowles, the author of a book on Sydney in 1848).

Details about these and many other functions can be found at www.rahs.org.au/news-and-events/program-of-activities