

MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY - APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

May speaker meeting

The next speaker meeting will be at 7pm Wednesday 11th May, downstairs at the library. Popular long time Beauty Point resident, Marlene Reid, will be talking about the history of The Spit area. See *attached flyer*.

New members

We welcome two new members of Mosman Historical Society:

Carol Nelson

Richard H J Thompson

Local Studies at Mosman Library

A unique exhibition of bookends from various private collections has been assembled by the local studies librarians in a delightful Edwardian setting at the library and will be open until 15th May. The exhibition is called '**Bookends; another chapter**' and is certain to stimulate, amuse and interest. See *attached flyer*.

A talk on writing family histories given by Noeline Kyle is being planned for 25th May.

David on Norfolk Island

Our President, David Carment, recently went to Norfolk Island with a group from the Royal Australian Historical Society. Mosman has a special bond with Norfolk Island because it was there that the valiant little *HMS Sirius*, flagship of the first fleet, was wrecked in March 1790. The ship had suffered during its voyage to the Cape of Good Hope for desperately needed supplies for the new colony, and was careened for repairs at Mosman Bay (known then as Careening Cove, later Great Sirius Cove) from June to November 1789.

David has written a comprehensive report of his trip, which you might like to read – see *attached report*.

Historic plaques embedded in Military Road footpath

Mr Viv May has advised us that Mosman Council would like to establish metal display plaques in the footpath of the shopping village area of Military Road, identifying locations of historical significance. This is a wonderful idea which has been used in other towns to enrich the knowledge of both locals and tourists.

The council would like the selection of locations to come from the Mosman community, not council employees. This is a great opportunity for our members to have a say. If you would like to become involved in this process, please contact David Carment who is coordinating our response at mosmanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Hospital display at Georges Heights

A small room in the old Headquarters Training Command area has been allocated for a WWI hospital display. If you have any relevant items which you could contribute, such as old surgical instruments, an old wheelchair etc, Kate Eccles from the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust would love to hear from you. Her email address is

kseccles@ozemail.com.au

Quiz question

Mosman Council's municipal seal is a shield adopted in 1952 upon which are a spouting whale, two cannons and an heraldic ship representing HMS Sirius. Below is the motto 'TUTIS IN UNDIS'. What does this latin motto translate to?

Answer given in the next newsletter.