

MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY – FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back - it seems a long time since Mark Dunn's amusing presentation HENRI L'ESTRANGE; THE AUSTRALIAN BLONDIN on 14 November and the fun of MOSMAN HISTORY TRIVIA NIGHT on 21 November.

March speaker meeting

The next meeting will be at 7pm Wednesday 13 March, downstairs at the library. The presentation will be given by Denise Thomas AM called EARLY GIRLS' SCHOOLS ON SYDNEY'S LOWER NORTH SHORE. The subject is the growth of girls' schools in our area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries featuring lots of photographs, many discovered while Denise was researching her book on the history of Wenona. See attached flyer.....

New members

We welcome 3 members to Mosman Historical Society who are new or returning:

Bevan Harris

Tim James

Jo Sargeant

Local Studies at Mosman Library

1. 2014 and the centenary of the start of WWI is getting closer. As part of the Doing Our Bit project, there will be an illustrated talk by Gareth Morgan from the Australian Society of WWI Aero Historians called The Great War in the Air on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm. RSVP 9978 4091 or www.mosman1914-1918.net
2. There will be an exhibition commemorating International Women's Day in the library 4-7 March, then in the foyer of the Council Chambers 10-17 March. It will focus on women in Mosman from Louise Mack, the first female war correspondent and close friend of author Ethel Turner, to present day women.

Historic Houses Trust

1. If you can remember Sydney Stadium, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Johnny O'Keefe etc, you might like to see an exhibition called Wild Ones 1908-1970 at the Museum of Sydney, before it closes on 10 March. It celebrates the now demolished iconic building, fondly known as 'the old tin shed', which closely charted the evolution of entertainment in Sydney.
2. There will be an open day at Throsby Park, Moss Vale on Sunday 3 March 11am-4pm. The day will feature talks by curators, architects and gardeners. This beautiful historic house has been restored and will shortly be put on the market by the HHT. More information on 8239 2211.

3. A series of concerts at Government House will start on 24 February featuring Pacific Opera. Other program highlights will include performances by the Sydney Chamber Choir, Mahler Chamber Orchestra Soloists, Simon Tedeschi, Yvonne Kenny and concert pianist Clemens Leske. For information regarding ticket prices and dates, see the HHT web site or phone 8239 2211

Royal Australian Historical Society

The RAHS is very active in conducting events to which members of the public are welcome. If you are not familiar with the fine old building which serves as their headquarters at 133 Macquarie Street, it is worth a visit.

Help wanted please – does anyone have a photograph?

In response to a request for information from a person in France, our Research Officer is looking for a photo of a house which stood at 4 Mandolong Road, Mosman. The house was named "Chislehurst", built c1905. Around 1929 it became the Cairo Private Hospital, then the Lauriston Private Hospital from c1931 until its sale and demolition in 1969. It was for a short time a residential hotel in the early 1960s. Associated names are Piggott, Mofflin, Matron Pearl Corkhill, Matron Flora May Ewington.

If you can help please email to mosmanhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 39 Mosman 2088.

Friends of Gore Hill Cemetery

You might be interested in joining this group if you have ever enjoyed a peaceful stroll through the old historic cemetery adjacent to RNSH. You might even have an ancestor residing there. The group does magnificent work in defending, conserving and maintaining a wonderful asset to the history of the North Shore. They issue a newsletter about current projects and include great stories of research on residents.

Their address is PO Box 1343 Crows Nest 2065 or email gorehillcem@gmail.com

Bicentennial of the crossing of the Blue Mountains

Celebrations will spread over 3 years, commemorating the crossing by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth in 1813, the construction of a road by William Cox in 1814 and the journey by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1815.

This year, a 21-day authentic re-enactment called Blue Mountains Blue Wave will take place from 11 May to 2 June. On 25 May there will be a flyover of up to 300 different aircraft from helicopters to WWII fighters to modern military jets. In October there is the Festival of Walking.

Much more on the official website

http://www.hyperhub.com.au/forto/Crossings_BiCentenary/index.cfm

MHS is seeking a new Honorary Secretary

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in taking over the role of Honorary Secretary next September. Essential qualifications are a home computer and an interest in history. Phone Noela on 9960 1444