

## MOSMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – April 2014

### UPCOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014, at Mosman Library, starting at 7 pm.

**Speaker is Susan Steggall** on “*Joan Kerr: Speaking her mind on Architectural History*”.

Dr Steggall is an award-winning writer and art historian. The late Joan Kerr was also a lower north shore resident, editor of groundbreaking dictionaries of Australian artists and an architectural historian with strong views on heritage restoration.

See attached flyer for further information.

July meeting: Jody Rose on “Mosman Musical Society”

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOSMAN LIBRARY

Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 10 am – 12 noon: ***Writing Travel Stories*** – Turn your holiday into a story suitable for magazines and travel websites. Presented by Geoff Bartlett. Free, but bookings essential on 9978 4101

Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 – 8.30 pm: ***The Ottoman Army 1908 – 1918: a tumultuous decade of reform***. Presented by David Wilson. Free, but bookings essential on 9978 4091

Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> April – Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May, 9 am – 5 pm: ***Rambles along Raglan: Hunters Bay to Curraghbeena Point*** – an exhibition about Raglan Street, one of Mosman’s longest and oldest roads. Free

For more information and online bookings, visit the Mosman Events website at <http://events.mosman.nsw.gov.au/events>

### OTHERS

#### **Blue Mountains Historical Society**

Ross Ingram of the above society advises that their library, archive and research centre is open to anyone on Tuesdays from 10.00 – 2.00 pm and Fridays from 10.00 – 12 noon. So if you have Blue Mountains roots, or are just interested, you are invited to visit them at 99 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls. Their museum in the adjoining historic cottage Tarella has occasional open days for which the entry charge is \$12.50 and includes morning or afternoon tea.

Phone 02 4757 3482 for more information.

**MOSMAN PAST: THE MORE THINGS CHANGE.....**

**“A Sign of the Times” 13/6/1903** (*Supplement to unknown publication*)

“There are no less than twelve House and Estate Agents in Mosman – surely a record! – and every one of them is kept busily employed by the demand for and sale of land property and houses. Some of the agents possess fine buggies, carriages or traps, with splendid horses, and they may be seen driving buyers out to view land and other property every day, and this has been going on for a long time now. Surely a splendid sign that the Mosman growth is not an artificial, but a permanent and ever increasing one. Buy land here then, and watch it grow in value daily right under your very eyes! Land buyers are perfectly safe in the hands of the principal local estate agents. These gentlemen are highly respected: they have a reputation to maintain, and they invariably refuse to place on their books land or houses for which the seller demands an unfair or extortionate price.”

*And with testimonials like these, also from c1903, how could you possibly resist.....*

“An apostrophe!

Mosman – Mosman! Thou art indeed a pearl – a jewel of priceless worth. When nature formed thee she left nothing undone necessary to secure thy perfection and to make thee beautiful. We think of thee, and then picture Heaven – and there can't be much difference. Both are created by the same Divine hand, and both for man.”

**and.....**

“Just a note to you –

Live in Mosman and you will have health, pleasure, and perfect happiness – or there is something radically wrong with you.”

*All of the above are clippings from a scrapbook in the Mosman Library Local Studies Collection.*

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