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Merry Xmas



Happy New Year

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**Meetings are held 2:00 PM the third Saturday of the month (except January)
In the Meeting Room 1st Floor, Rockdale Town Hall, Princes Highway, Rockdale.
Members, please bring a plate. Visitors are welcome.**

EVENTS AGENDA

Dec 7th Christmas Gathering

2:00PM

This year, we will be having this event at "Sizzlers Restaurant".

1st Floor, 124 Princes Highway, and Corner Princes Highway & Jubilee Avenue Kogarah.

We shall all meet in front of the restaurant at 2pm. Hope to see you all there.

For further enquiries please contact Gloria Henke (02) 9587 – 8307



President's Report

Greetings everyone. Here is my round up for the year 2012-13. As usual it's been a year of positives and negatives, or rather 'challenges', but overall a good year.

As far as activities are concerned the Society participated in a number of events. In April, as in past years, the Society was heavily involved in the Tempe House Open Days. This ran over two days and entailed giving 3 talks per day on the history of the house and the Spark family. Hundreds of visitors came to Tempe House and were entertained by the stories associated with this very historic site. We are indeed fortunate to have in our district a house which dates back to the early days of the colony and has associations with such significant figures as Alexander Brodie Spark and Caroline Chisholm.

In September, the inaugural Collectables Fair was held at Lydham Hall. The grounds were filled with stalls selling old wares, collectable toys, china, bric a brac and many other interesting things from the past. It attracted more visitors to Lydham Hall than we have seen for a long time. 'When is the next Fair' was the oft asked question and after such a successful day it was agreed we should hold another one in 2014.

On the subject of Lydham Hall I must mention the efforts of all members who have assisted by giving their time to both the regular rostered Sundays and the special tours. I make special mention of Gloria and Heinz Henke, Joan and Geoff Rankin, Robert McGarn, Fred and Beverley Scott, Beverley Trott, Laurice Bondfield all others who have assisted here.

From these activities we have gained extra members as well as raising the public profile of our Society.

Another aspect of our Society is that of seeking to protect buildings and places of historical significance. Proposed new state planning laws threatened to undermine decades of work in preserving historic buildings. Our Society joined many others in opposing the radical aspects of these proposed laws. The latest news is that the planning laws have been considerably moderated and this is a great relief to those who value our historic heritage.

Now to the 'challenges': One of the problems our Society has had to contend with is the fact that we have been unable to meet in our usual location in Rockdale Town Hall. This was due to building renovations. We were moved to the council administration building but more recently we have had hold meetings in the Senior Citizens Centre in George St, Rockdale. The facilities there are primitive to say the least. An unfortunate aspect of being moved from our regular venue is that we have been reluctant to have guest speakers at our meetings. Now that Rockdale Town Hall has been reopened we hope to be re-established in 'our home'.

Another challenge is that of our aging membership. Sadly we lost some very much loved long term members. Amongst these was Val Beehag who was our secretary for a great number of years. Val was a wonderful, exceptional woman who gave freely of her time to community organisations and causes. Together with her husband, Noel, they were devoted to charitable work for much of their lives.

Dora Lenane, who performed a number of roles on our Committee passed away in on 7 September. A very active member, she organised many activities and tours for Society members. Dora was a lady of amazing vitality who belied her years. She was 93 years of age at the time of her passing. Both Val and Dora will be sadly missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who continue to support our Society in all its activities. I make special mention of the wonderful work done by our secretary, Laurice Bondfield, who has brought so much energy and commitment to the role. I also thank treasurer and vice president (now president), Wesley Fairhall, bulletin editor, Gloria Henke as well as Joan and Geoff Rankin, Heinz Henke and all others who have assisted us in the running of Lydham Hall.

Wishing all our members a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

By Bernard Sharah

THE GANNONS OF TEMPE PART 2

Michael Gannon: His Family and Their Skeletons

Anne Carolan

The Gannon family understandably hid their convict origins for two generations, so that descendants must 'depend almost entirely on 'government records and printed sources to gather information. However, episodes to give life to the facts do emerge and, in the case of my great, great-grandfather, Michael Gannon, these range from comic to tragic, from religious to criminal. In the Municipality of Marrickville the only reminder that he once lived in Tempe is the home of his son, Fred Gannon in Union Street.

Michael Gannon established a respected Cook's River family, educating his children to become solid, sometimes prominent citizens in the local and wider community. He was (though an emancipist and an Irish Catholic) active in conservative politics. He was a man of charity, who donated land for the future building of St Michael's Catholic Church, Hurstville. For this he has been remembered affectionately during its recent centenary celebrations. He was involved in the foundation of Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, Station Street, Tempe.

He shared business interests with his wife's brother-in-law, John Jenkins Peacock, and following his insolvency Michael, too, was declared insolvent in 1846. He was also charged with fraud, trying to keep a 14 acre block of Cook's River land by placing it in the name of his wife's brother, Edward Parsonage ('a poor man with a large family'). He was sentenced to nine months in Sydney Gaol, but research to date has not shown whether he served this sentence.

In 1850 for the sum of £732, he purchased from John Holden and James Holt an immense forest of 1906 acres which had been granted to Captain John Townson of the New South Wales Corps. Previously it had belonged to Simeon Lord who named it Lord's Bush. Stretching between the present suburbs of Hurstville and Bexley, it became Gannon's Forest, and the track through it became Gannon's Forest Road, now Forest Road. Michael watched the trees gradually disappear as the wood was carted back to the city. He made further profit as he had control of the Cook's River Toll Bar. In contrast, he was, with his friend' Walter Bradley, a prime mover in the formation of the original Zoological Gardens in the 1870s.

But Michael Gannon apparently never lived at Gannon's Forest. Forced to leave his splendid home at 45 Argyle Street, Sydney, during the 1840s depression, he chose to move with his wife and nine surviving children to the picturesque settlement at Tempe. He was to live by the river for almost 40 years. He knew 'Tempe House' as Conrad Martens painted it and his family lived by the river far beyond the time Sydney Long painted 'By Tranquil Waters'.

But the peace and tranquillity of the river were frequently disturbed by Innkeeper Michael Gannon and his lively sons. The Inn would have been a noisy meeting place for woodcarters and limeburners. His son, Robert, probably ran his horse buses to and from the door. Police-Reporter Charles Adam Corbyn described a colourful scene of the 1850s: Michael Gannon and his son Will were betting on 'a slogging match, or fite a'tween two coves at the River t'other afternoon . . . It was a case of all joining in. A basket-maker's wife, Mrs Elizabeth Hilton, 'the most dangerous character in the community, and a terror to all the peaceable folks at Cook's River . . . fought with her hands, legs, teeth and with glass bottles, stones, and old boots'. The Gannons received fines totalling £1/10/- . Brushes with law did not deter Michael Gannon as might be guessed from the manner of his arrival in the colony.

THE VOYAGE FROM IRELAND - CONVICT LIFE IN SYDNEY

Michael Gannon and his younger brother James were born respectively c 1798 and c 1803 in the village of Mullingar, County Westmeath, Ireland. They were both skilled

tradesmen, probably working with their father, John Gannon, described as a joiner or master-builder. Their mother was Alicia Gelchin or Kinsela. There were two sisters, Catherine and Eliza, born about the time Michael and James were convicted at the Lent Assizes in Mullingar in 1820. Michael was found guilty of highway robbery and sentenced to transportation for life. James was sentenced to 14 years for possession of forged notes.

Official records provide a full description of the voyage - the ship sailed from Waterford on 22.8.1820 and took 122 days to reach Port Jackson on 22.12.1820. The 'Almorah' weighed 416 tons (the size of an old Manly ferry), its captain was Thomas Winter and its Surgeon/Superintendent was Samuel Alexander. It carried 160 male convicts (only 1 died on the voyage) and 31 soldiers of the 1st Regiment of Foot. Alexander wrote a lurid account of gastric problems suffered by the prisoner Michael Gannon, aged 23, who spent ten days in the ship's hospital. We are even told the medicines prescribed. Alexander remarked:

"the prisoners were very sickly, dysentery having made its appearance among them. and was entirely confined to them, not a single case having occurred either among the guard or ship's company. Its attacks . . . were confined to the young and plethoric and in my opinion were to be attributed to the following circumstances: The prisoners who came out by the 'Almorah' were embarked on board of two vessels of about 130 tons each at Dublin on 20th July, for conveyance to Cork when this ship waited their arrival, and as the passage from Dublin to Cork is generally made in from 36 to 40 hours, the only fitting that was deemed necessary for their accommodation was levelling the ballast and spreading straw mats on it, which served them as a platform by day and beds by night. After putting to sea the wind became foul and they were obliged to go into Waterford where they remained wind-bound until 12th August when, in consequence of the wind continuing foul, we were ordered round to Waterford and, transhipped them. The straw mats had got damp and rotten in consequence of the unexpected detention, and the state of the people on being transferred to this ship was truly miserable... we experienced very tempestuous weather after putting to sea, and the prison, as well as the upper decks, were almost constantly wet during the first week after sailing."

Ulcers and scurvy were prevalent in Sydney, but the 159 arrived (still in leg irons) in 'a tolerable state of health, without a single case of a man being flogged'.

In 1823 Michael was assigned as a carpenter to Joseph Broadbent and it was here that he met the teenage Mary Parsonage who, with her sister Maria, worked there as household servants.

Michael Gannon and Mary married at the old St Philip's Church on 31.8.1824. With men outnumbering women in the colony at that time, it is interesting that Mary, native-born, chose to marry an assigned servant with a life sentence. Michael was not to obtain his Ticket-of-Leave until 1829, his Conditional Pardon until 1835 and his Absolute Pardon until 27.12.1841. At various times Michael was described as 5' 6 and 1/2" tall, his face pale (ruddy in later years!) and pock-pitted, hair fair/brown/grey, eyes hazel/grey.

In 1826 Mary Gannon petitioned Governor Ralph Darling to have her husband assigned to her, transferring him from Mrs Ann Worrall who gave him a character reference. This virtually allowed him to live as a free man. He prospered at his trade, began buying land and became an auctioneer where his personality and Irish turn of phrase would have been assets. He also became undertaker for Catholic burials.

Settled into his 'gentleman's residence' at 45 Argyle Street (still standing), and also being the licensee of the adjoining New York Hotel, he sent to Ireland for his young sisters Catherine and Eliza and relatives Margaret and her brother Patrick Gannon. No doubt Michael and Mary were at the wharf to welcome the new arrivals as the 'Palestine' came up the harbour on 7.3.1842. The sisters had travelled with Thomas Cunningham and his wife, Judith, who brought with them Francis (4) and Eliza (1). Michael Gannon had an agreement with them that they would work on his 'farm at Cook's River' for one year, Thomas as a farm labourer and Judith was to look after the poultry. For this they would receive £25 and the following weekly rations: 15 lbs flour, 3 lbs sugar, 10 lbs beef, 4 oz tea and 1 fig of tobacco. About this time, the Gannons also moved to Tempe.

GANNON'S INN AND FAMILY PROFILES

Doubt exists concerning the exact location of the Gannon pub(s). Early maps show St Peters Church of England and Gannon's Inn as the only substantial buildings in the area. The c 1842 map places the Inn on the western side of Cook's River Road directly opposite Hart Street and extending the width of 2-3 allotments. The present Gannon Street appears where that Inn stood. The present Tempe Hotel (previously the Pulteney) lies opposite Fanning Street. Its residential sections and the rear of the building show much of its past grandeur.

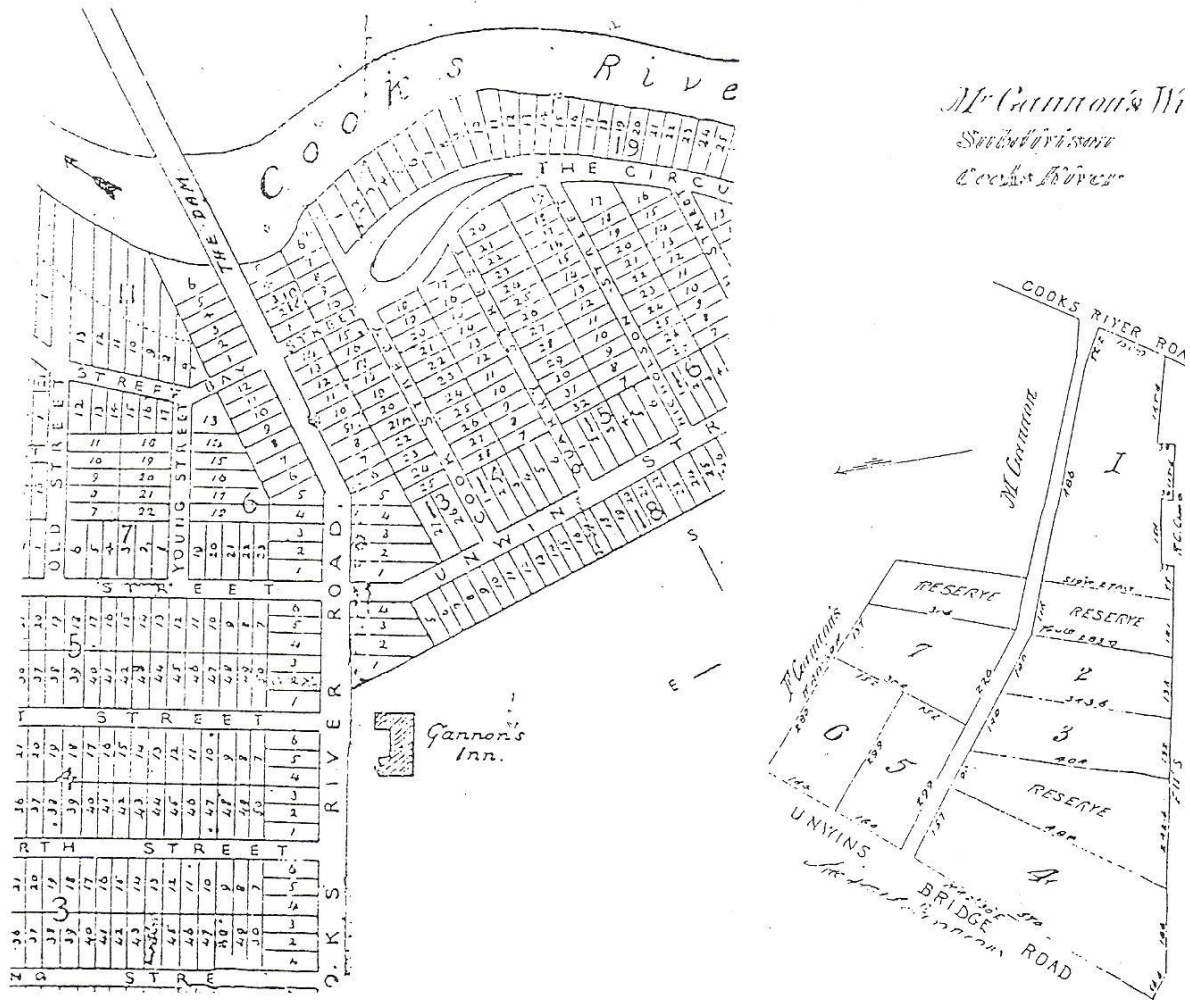
Sand's Directories in the 1870s help us to picture this section of Cook's River Road (now Prince's Highway). Fred Gannon (later to live at 'Hurlingham') was four doors south of the Pulteney with his father Michael living next door to him. The tram depot was built on this site in 1913. The saddlery business of James Gannon (the son) appears further south at the approximate location of Gannon's Inn. He had a license for the Union in 1860. Alfred Gannon's butcher shop was on the eastern side near Albert Street, Thomas Chalder was at 'Heathcote' near Ricketty Lane, now Canal Road, and Michas daughter Maria and her husband Christopher Lenehan were at 'Emerald Villa' next door to Dr G.A. Tucker and Bayview House.

From the 1840s Gannon's Inn came some of the area's first tradesmen, shopkeepers, professional men and sporting characters. And the extended family living in and visiting the Tempe area during Michael's life included the names Parsonage, Peacock, Lenehan, Murray, Smidmore and Mitchell. It will be possible to add further to the picture of the Tempe area, its homes and its buildings when the records of St Peters Municipality, presently held by the Marrickville Municipal Council, are made available to the public.

The following are brief notes on Michael's children:

John Thomas (1825-56) m. Eliza Laurence 'an old servant' of Alexander Brodie Spark. His diary describes the wedding party departing in a coach and four. John was a freeholder. No issue.

Mary (1827-28) Robert (1829-66) m. Agnes Conley of Newtown. Coach and omnibus proprietor. Died of cancer of the throat, leaving children aged 1 to 12 years. The eldest, Robert William, drowned in Wolli Creek the next year. An inquest at Michael Gannon's home describes his struggles in the water with his two playmates. Another son, James (Jim) Conley Gannon, was a barrister and K.C. He was M.L.C. and N.S.W. Attorney-General in the brief Wardell Ministry in 1904.



Tempe c 1842 showing Gannon's Inn

Michael Gannon land 1881 showing R.C. Church in Station Street and Vault Reserve behind

William (1831-94) m. (1) Rosa Edwards or Edmunds in New Zealand in 1868. He was probably with his aunt, Maria (Parsonage) and her husband John Jenkins Peacock who had shipping interest there. His son, John Thomas Peacock, was a Member of the Legislative Council for Canterbury. William's business ventures failed and his sporting ventures also foundered when a horse he was shipping from Newcastle was lost overboard. Returning to Sydney, Rosa died in 1869 aged 23. He married (2) Helena Parry in 1883. They were colleagues in the running of big city hotels, the Oxford, the Exchange and the prestigious Petty's on Church Hill. William was a starter at Randwick Racecourse and owned 'Arsenal' when it won the 1886 Melbourne Cup at 20/1. He was a starter at the grand opening of the re-vamped Canterbury Racecourse in 1884. James (1833-80) m. Jane Chadburn. He worked as a saddler in Tempe and had the license for the Union Inn in 1860. Alexander Brodie Spark mentions needing his services. Descendants are living in Ewart Street, Marrickville.

Frederick (1836-1923) m. Clarissa Murray. A solicitor. (See Heritage 1984).

Joseph Napoleon (1838-1908) m. Susannah Andrews. He had a business in Tempe before moving his family to Cabarita Road, Mortlake.

Alfred Edward (1840-1908) m. Elizabeth Hunt. He had shops in Tempe and Hurstville (Gannon's Forest). In the 1880s built his home 'Gannon Grove' in Croydon Road which was demolished in the 1930s. He was an Alderman on the first Hurstville Council, 1887.

Alicia Teresa (1842-1904) m. W.H. Douglas Mitchell, a city chemist, who was an Alderman on the Glebe Council, 1909.

Maria Louise (1845-1932) m. Christopher H. Lenehan. Lived Tempe, where he was a tea merchant. Later ran the Sanitorium Hotel at Brooklyn which was on the first Australian 5 Pound note. Later settled in Silver and George streets Marrickville (the house 'with the lions'). A son, Robert William, was schooled at Riverview College and was 'Breaker' Morant's Commanding Officer in the Boer War.

In tracing the Gannon family history it is easy to confuse the descendants of the two brothers. Michael Gannon's brother James married Mary Phelps. Two of their sons appear in printed sources: John Thomas Gannon was a solicitor and Mayor of Goulburn. Michael Brennan Gannon was a land speculator and became a Member of the Legislative Assembly in Queensland.

THE VAULT AT TEMPE

Michael Gannon died, aged about 81, on 9.8.1881. Mary died on 25.3.1878 and both were buried in the family's private vault. Under the terms of Michael's Will one of the children was responsible for the land known as Vault Reserve. But the Evening News of 16 September 1904 reported a request for a forced sale of the land because of unpaid rates! The land was sold and the remains of two people were re-interred in Graves 289-92, Church of England, Section 1, Woronora on 20.7.1905. It is unmarked - an ignominious finale to the life of Michael Gannon.

Strangely, the stone from the vault, discarded for about 70 years, was offered to me for placement. It has been given a simple inscription and now stands in the Pioneer Park at Botany Cemetery. We will never know what words were cut into the stone for Michael and Mary and the children who died before them. They are worn away with time.

This Could Only Happen In England

Ban the Pud

Strange to think that when you eat your Christmas pudding and mince pies you're breaking the law.

After King Charles I was beheaded in 1649, Cromwell and the Puritans ran the country. They weren't a bundle of laughs and Parliament banned the celebration of saints' days and Christmas, specifically outlawing mince pies, plum puddings and decorations of holly and ivy. It was hard to enforce, though. During the late 1640s, attempts to force shops to stay open and stop people enjoying Christmas led to violent clashes in London, Norwich, Bury St Edmunds and Canterbury.

At the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, all legislation enacted during the Protectorate was declared null and void and Christmas could openly be celebrated again. However, we checked with the Law Society, who told us that these laws have never officially been repealed and thus technically remain on the statute book. It makes Christmas pud taste even better, knowing that simply eating it is illegal. There are plenty of eyebrow-raising laws still in force in Britain, such as the Town Police Clauses Act of 1847. You can still be punished with a £1,000 fine for setting a firework alight, singing a profane or obscene song or ballad or for using any profane or obscene language. Also, bizarrely, it is forbidden to "use any slide upon ice or snow". So sledging is out, too.

Source: Page 45 of Stuff the Turkey by Steve Caplan & Simon Rose

Val Beehag was born on the March 14th 1924. Her biological mother, Nellie Christine Collins, gave birth to Val when she was only 16 years old. She put Val up for adoption, and she was adopted by Amy and Francis Barnes, however Francis died 4 years later. At that stage they were living in Bankstown, and Amy had one of the biggest and best Fruit and vegetable gardens there, so food was no problem.

Val attended Bankstown Girls School until they made a move to Bexley in the mid 1930's. Val's biological mother kept in touch, visiting them fairly regularly and Val thought of her as some distant Aunt.

Val didn't like school and left to go to work when she was 14 years old.

Val met Noel Beehag on Rockdale Station, going into the city where they both worked, and they started going out together. They finally became engaged.

Noel eventually was called up for the army and was posted to Darwin. They decided to marry, and did so on Noel's final leave on February 28th 1944.

When the War was finished, they both returned to their previous jobs and lived with Amy in Bexley. Amy was now 81 years old and in fairly good health. Noel and Val continued in their jobs until the time came when they decided to go into the Floristry business. They signed up at the East Sydney Technical College where they both graduated.

Originally they ran their business from home at Bexley, until they moved to Bankstown and opened a shop called "A-C-E Floral Service". It was now 1955 and Amy had reached the age of 90.

Val was never blessed with children, having lost 3 babies at around the 6 month mark. Both Noel and Val developed a great love of animals, especially dogs and cats. They spent a great deal of time and money looking after sick and injured animals.

Noel and Val were both members of "The Bankstown Rotary Club" and both were recipients of the "Paul Harris Fellow Award for Outstanding Work".

It is now February 19th 1961, and Val's mother, Amy Elizabeth Barnes, has passed away at the ripe old age of 96.

Noel and Val were both members of "The St. George Historical Society" with Noel spending many years in the position of President, and Val in the position of Secretary. They both spent a lot of time assisting in the running of "Lydham Hall". Sadly, Noel fell victim to cancer of the pancreas and passed away November 14th 1995.

Val was also a member of the "Bankstown Inner Wheel" (Womens Section of Rotary) where she served up until she could no longer do so due to a debilitating illness. She held the positions of President, Past President, Secretary and Past Secretary, Inter-service and Correspondent. The ladies of Inner Wheel still miss her jovial and comical personality.

Val was presented with the title of "Woman of Achievement 1999" by "The Zonta Club of Western Sydney". "Zonta International" has grown into a world-wide service organization of executives in business and professions, working together to advance the Status of Women. There are more than 1200 clubs in 65 countries, all over the world.

Val became a member of "The Kogarah Rotary Club" where she remained until the time of her death on July 12th 2013.

Written by Mr. Bob Beehag (nephew)

~ VALE ~ Dora Victoria Lenane April 7th 1919 – September 7th 2013

Our Mum, Dora Victoria Lenane, was born in June on 7th April 1919, making her 94 years young. Dora's many friends knew her by name, but her very large family always knew her simply as Mum or Nana.

Neither name reflects the amazing energy and joy of life that Mum brought to all around her. I can't tell you the number of people who would always ask what she was taking! I can tell you today that her simple secret was, she loved life, and she loved people. In fact Mum was selfless. It was never about her, and only ever about whom she was with at the time — family, friends, members of the bowls club, the historical society, and the local gym, to mention a few.

Mum grew up in the St George area in a blended family of 10 children. She was particularly close to her brothers Basil, Clem, and Allan. Her own mother was the centre of her world and they were more than mother & daughter, they were great friends. Our grandmother Ann was the glue that bound her family together, and as time has passed, that is how our Mum has become to her extended family. She did a great job in this role and we have all benefited from the love & support she has always given us.

Mum left school early and went to work at Clooney's clothing factory as a seamstress. She met her lifelong friends, Jean Conden, and Jean Healey about that time. They both became our Aunty Jean's, for the rest of their lives.

Mum was also a scout mistress when her younger brothers were in the cubs & scouts. In the war years she was in the VAD helping the nurses. Unlike the girls of her time, Mum learned to drive and was still doing so until last year. Mum loved driving! She always made regular trips to and from Drummoyne, Rockdale, Turramurra, Turrella, & Castle Hill to visit us all.

Mum met and married our father Vince, a young man from Goulburn, who had been in the army during the war. They shared a great love of ball-room dancing. Sadly Vince passed away when Patricia was only 11 months old. Mum was left to raise two children in difficult times. She gained strength & support from many different avenues - in particular from her brothers. They were great role models and helped enormously with house repairs, painting, or car repairs. Our Uncle Allan spent a huge amount of time with us all.

He visited several times a week, particularly on a Saturday at lunch time, to make sure we were up to date with world championship wrestling, and taught us all the moves too. He also took us all away on camping trips, and has been at every significant event in our lives.

Mum went back to work when Patricia was 3 years old, first in clothing manufacturing, and later as an office Manager at Green Cabs. She stayed in this position for many years, and the directors & staff treated her like family. I think they admired this woman who was raising two children by herself, and driving from Annandale to Rushcutters Bay every day. When we were older and not in need of babysitting, Mum even decided to drive cabs on the weekend when the company were short staffed. She even worked at our shop, helping out for many years.

Mum took herself off to night school to learn woodwork, in order to be able to do more repair work around the house. It was nothing to come home from the beach, to find her on the roof of the house at Annandale, doing a bit of patchwork to the iron roof! You might also find all the furniture re-arranged whilst you were out, without anyone helping her.

Mum was a member of the Leichardt Bowling Club and was playing (although not frequently) until the end of last year. She also joined the historical society at Rockdale, and was an active member until recently.

Mum joined Five Dock Leisure Centre a couple of years ago, as part of a government initiative "living longer —livings stronger", and was featured in the local paper as the cover girl - for this endeavor.

Her very proud achievement was being a volunteer at the Sydney Olympics, where she had the role of driving dignitaries around to different venues — she was 81 years old at that time!!

Mum had a continued association with the 2nd - 3rd Field Regiment that our Dad served in. She went to great lengths to keep the Anzac Day March tradition alive. When very few members of the Regiment remained, Mum started enlisting her grandchildren, and then marching with them, so the Regiment would still be acknowledged.

Mum is best known to her friends as the chief organizer of "theatre parties". She loved bringing people from her different groups together, at least twice a year, to watch the latest musicals to hit Sydney Ticketek will miss the 40 people she would book for.

One of the things Mum would like this day to be, is a celebration of a life well lived. She was a party person who loved getting together with her family, listening to music, and dancing, and we feel sure that she is now dancing with our Dad in Heaven. Rest in Peace Mum — we will love you forever.

Written by F and B Lenane

~ VALE ~ Sylvia Daphne Bennett

Sadly Sylvia passed away on September 23rd 2013. She was a member of "St. George Historical Society" but because of her address at Niagara Park, she was unable to attend our meetings at Rockdale and "Lydham Hall", but looked forward to receiving our Journals.

Arriving from England in 1950, aged 16, she became a loyal friend to people whom she met from that time. An avid reader and profuse letter writer, she kept close contact with her 5 children and grandchildren by this method and by welcome visits.

Known to fellow travelers as "The Lady in the Hat", her large straw hats protected her red hair and English complexion from our Australian sun.

She will be extremely missed by all who loved her and those, lucky enough to have enjoyed her friendship.

Written and Supplied by Mrs. J. Fairhall

~ VALE ~ Ian Bruce Bondfield April 22nd 1951 – June 26th 2013

Our deepest sympathy goes to our Secretary Laurice Bondfield at the sudden death of her brother Ian.

ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2013

Cash Book balance as at 30 th June, 2012	\$584.18 Cr
ADD Cash Receipts Chq A/c 01/07/12 - 30/06/13	\$10,412.36
	<u>\$10,996.54</u>
LESS Cash Withdrawals 01/07/12 - 30/06/13	\$1,061.15
<u>CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 2013</u>	<u>\$9,935.39 Cr</u>

CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION TO BANK STATEMENT AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2013

Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 th June, 2013	\$10,026.27 Cr
ADD Outstanding Deposits	\$NIL
LESS Unpresented cheque 000264 (G. Henke) Written Back	\$39.88
Unpresented cheque 000275 (Dept. of Fair Trading)	<u>\$51.00</u>
Written Back	
<u>CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT 30th JUNE, 2013</u>	<u>\$9,935.39 Cr</u>

TERM DEPOSIT COMMONWEALTH BANK

Principal redeemed at maturity on 05/02/2013 at 2.70% interest		\$9,224.89
Interest on maturity 05/02/2013	\$188.34	
<u>Less</u> Withholding tax	<u>(\$87.00)</u>	
	\$101.34	<u>\$101.34</u>
		\$9,326.23

NB: Withholding tax to be refunded by A.T.O.

ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 2013

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Cash at Bank 30/06/2012	\$584.18	Bulk Postage	\$66.50
Membership Subscriptions	\$435.00	R.A.H.S. Subscription	\$108.00
Donations General	\$10.00	R.A.H.S Insurance	\$552.20
Sale of Books Lydham Hall	\$193.50	Bexley Street Stall (table hire)	\$12.50
Christmas Gifts paid by L.H.	(\$33.27)	Refund of deposit banked in error	\$26.00
Tours/Walks/Open Days	\$480.00	Stationery	\$46.95
Bank Interest	\$0.90	Office of Fair Trading	\$51.00
Term Deposit Maturity	\$9,224.89	Tempe House Tour Expenses	\$198.00
Term Deposit Interest	\$188.34	Balance in Bank 30/06/2013	\$9,935.39
Less Withholding Tax	(\$87.00)	TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	\$10,996.54
TOTAL INCOME:	\$10,996.54		

I have examined the books presented by Mr. Wesley Fairhall (Honorary Treasurer) and am satisfied the figures present a true and accurate account of the financial affairs of the St. George Historical Society Inc. as at 30th June, 2013.

J. RANKIN
AUDITOR