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ST GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2023



WELCOME

The big news this month is that we have finally reached an agreement with Bayside Council with regards to Lydham Hall. We are currently awaiting a copy of the Agreement to be finalised by Council lawyers. We had hoped for early access to Lydham Hall but this does not appear to be forthcoming, but official access will be from 01 July 2023. Given this outcome, we will need a team of volunteers to help at Lydham Hall once we have access. We are so grateful that we have had many offers from members already but we will need more. Please consider helping out even if it is only for an hour here & there - it all helps! Contact Tina on the link below to express interest.

The Editorial Team.

WHAT'S ON

"Pioneering Flights over Botany Bay 1910 - 11"

17 June 2023 | 2pm to 4pm | Rockdale Library, Level 3.

Our guest speaker this month is Hugh Tranter, who revisits the exciting stories of Percival and Herbert Woodward, and Joseph Joel Hammond - the 'magnificent men in their flying machines'. Hugh won an Encouragement Award in the 2022 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition.

The talk will be followed by a meeting of the St George Historical Society. Open to all members and the general public. Free. Gold coin donation welcome.

[VOLUNTEER AT LYDHAM HALL](#)

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Thank you for being a part of the St George Historical Society and we hope you've enjoyed being a member.

Being a Society member is the best way support us to:

Lobby for historic preservation of local area

Maintain our collection at Lydham Hall

Undertake research for members

Help the community with local history questions

Publish histories of the St. George area

Host talks and walks for members and locals

Facilitate society meetings and gatherings

Support our volunteers

RENEWAL FOR 2023-2024

Your SGHS membership is expiring soon, but we hope you'll join us again next year as we have exciting plans that we hope you'll be a part of.

To continue supporting us, please renew your membership today.

\$15 for singles or **\$20** for households.

Deposit your membership to the SGHS bank account. Include your name in the payment description:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Account name: St George Historical Society Inc.

BSB: 062 119

Account No: 0090 3599

Or you can pay our Treasurer in person by coming along to our next meeting.

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS

Interested in learning more about your family history but not sure where to start? Or perhaps you've started on your family tree, but run into a roadblock?

Trove is a rich source to help you on your genealogy journey. After the Australian Government committed to fund Australia's most significant cultural and historical resource, it is an ideal time to explore its content.

The collections – sourced from Trove Partners all around the country – include digitised newspapers, photographs, letters and diaries that contain a wealth of knowledge about Australia's past. Local editions, including local publication, [The St George Call](#).

Starting your family history research can be daunting. There's a lot of information out there, and it's hard to know where to start. Armed with a few key tips and tricks, you'll be on your way to becoming a family history expert in no time. Read the guide at [Trove](#).

VALE BEVERLEY SCOTT

The St George Historical Society was extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Beverley Scott last month, aged 89.

Beverley was well known in the St George community, & in particular, in the Bexley community. She established Scott's Pharmacy on Forest Road in 1953 & retired from her pharmacy in 2010s. Instrumental in the development of Bexley through her activities with the Bexley Chamber of Commerce, she was Vice President from 1976 until 1986, & President until 2006. Bev was a Life Member of the P&C Association of NSW after her years of service & was a founding member of St George Athletics Club. She was the first woman granted their Merit Award.

Both Beverley & her husband Fred have been active members and volunteers with the Society and, until relatively recently, she was a welcome regular at Society meetings.

The Society executive and members would like to offer our condolences to her husband Fred and her large family which includes 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many.



CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

Once we have access to Lydham Hall again in July, we will be needing volunteers to help with an array of tasks needing to be done before the house re-opens to the public later in the year.

Whether you are interested in local history, historic houses or are just interested in enjoying a social afternoon, everyone is welcome. You can choose to come every week, every month or every once in every while, it all helps!

We aim to make volunteering at Lydham Hall as enjoyable as possible with snacks provided and unlimited coffee and tea.

To register your interest in helping out, please send Tina Workman an email at stgeorgehistorical@gmail.com

ARCHIVE OF ARTICLES

Each week, we delve into our archives to post to our website. Click on the links below or read them all on the website [blog](#).



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