

# NEWSLETTER

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## June Birthdays:

Ernie Campbell (3rd)  
 Stephen Hackett (5th)  
 Violet Mulcahy (13th)  
 Helen Skepper (14th)  
 Margaret Favretti (15th)  
 Clarence Go (21st) \*  
 Kaila Kailasapathy (22nd)  
 Barbara Davis (23rd)  
 Judy Davis (24)  
 Roger Simpson (29th)  
 Janice Hennell (30th)

## Editor's comment:

*"A smart person knows what to say.*

*A wise person knows whether to say it or not" Anon.*

Definitely some light at the end of the tunnel now. We even managed to hold a Committee Meeting on Friday 5th. June, thanks to The Henry Sports Club, seven of us even stayed on for lunch! I have contacted Penrith RSL to ask them what kind of schedule they might have for when we could hold our Club meetings again, but other than replying that they would be in touch when they had more information from Clubs NSW, they have not kept us very well informed, a bit disappointing. Three subjects to emerge from our Committee meeting have prompted me to return the 'Expression of Interest' section. We have a new section starting with this issue called 'Interesting Ancestors', this was suggested by Robert Hillsmith, who was the first to contribute. Barbara Davis will be editing this section. Karen Figg continues to critique the entertainment section, and please keep your contributions coming for inclusion in The Newsletter. To repeat myself, the Newsletter can only be as good as you make it, and as long as it's not libelous or salacious, I will, eventually, use it!

**Glen Davis (Editor)**

Only 3 members, to date, have chosen not to rejoin, we have a further 3 who have not contacted us. At the end of the month their membership will have lapsed and they will be removed from our mailing lists.

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**Barbara Davis (Membership Officer)**



TV Series – Operation Buffalo  
 ABC – Sundays at 8:30pm  
 6 parts – Sunday was 3 part

Over seven years, starting in the 1950's, Britain conducted nuclear tests at Maralinga, SA, with the full cooperation of the Australian Government. Some of the sites are still poisonous today. In hindsight it has become apparent that the test and the way they were executed was madness. The existence of Aborigines in the desert was ignored and denied. 150,000 people, directly and indirectly, lost their lives. I can only assume that the depiction of the people in this series were meant to portray sarcasm. Even though this series is billed as historical fiction, the facts remain for everyone to draw their own conclusion. Having read Judy Nunn's book 'Maralinga', I am disappointed at how little is shown of the actual effects the tests have had on the landscape, the Aborigines, the people stationed at Maralinga and as far away as Adelaide. Still, we are only half-way through the series.

TV Series – Back Roads with Heather Hewitt  
 Nullarbor Pt 2

Unfortunately, I was never a 'Grey Nomad' but with Heather's series 1, I became an armchair traveler. I loved all the little towns with quaint names and the locals we met via this program. Now Heather is back and she is travelling across the Nullarbor. Never thought that it would be as interesting, it always seemed a way to get from Adelaide to Perth by car. I have learned a lot about rural Australia and the people who live in the small towns. Love this program!

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### GARDENING CORNER



Evelyn Martin: Autumn bloom. Agave in bloom after more than 10 years.



Below: Pat King, Snow Peas, Rhubarb, Tomatoes & Parsley.



3 photos from Shantha's garden

### GARDENING CORNER FROM THE UK



Left: Surfinas Right: Toms & Spuds. From Cousin Jean's garden in Kent.



My Uncle George's Garden in Cambridgeshire: Left, Petunia's, right, Daisies.



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TV Series – Australia’s Ocean Odyssey  
ABC – Tuesdays at 8:30pm

This is a fascinating documentary which travels from the Great Barrier Reef down the Australian currents down to Antarctica, outlining how it creates and sustains life not only under the sea but also on our planet. Absolutely mind-boggling and amazing!

TV Show – Have you been paying Attention?

Ch 10 – Monday’s 8:40pm

This is an Australian game show of long standing and tests 5 comedians (not always the same ones) on whether they have been paying attention to the news during the last week. The answers are not always what you would expect and I have had a good laugh many a times. Light entertainment if you feel a little down!

**Karen Figg**

Our Member, Jill Middleton is a volunteer at The Pantry and she thought this might be of some interest to our Membership.




**Details**

**Where**  
 Emu Plains Anglican Church  
 26 Short Street  
 Emu Plains 2750  
 (Enter via Mundy Street)

**Time**  
 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**When**  
 Every second Tuesday

**Dates for 2020**

Feb	04, 18	Aug	04, 18
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**SITUATION VACANT.** The Club needs a new Treasurer. Due to personal reasons, Pamela Davids is no longer our Treasurer or a member of Probus. Rosina Ward continues as acting Treasurer, but when the restrictions are lifted, she is off to pastures anew (Cairns). So, have we a member that will step up please?

Contact me on 0412 629 945

Glen Davis (Club President)

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

TBA Picnic at the Tench Reserve

TBA Nepean Belle

Tuesday Club Xmas Party at Winbourne  
 8th. Dec. Function Centre Mulgoa

Picnic at The Tench Reserve: Bring your own chair & food or Fish 'n Chips from the cafe.  
Nepean Belle: Lunch cruise, seating up to 50.  
Xmas Party: Same venue as last year. 8th. Dec.  
 Please let us know if you are interested in any of these events by phone or email. Glen Davis for Xmas Party, Chris Brenton & Barbara Davis for Picnic & Nepean Belle.

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

**This is Timeless....**

And people stayed at home  
 And read books  
 And listened  
 And they rested  
 And did exercises  
 And made art and played  
 And learned new ways of being  
 And stopped and listened  
 More deeply  
 Someone meditated, someone prayed  
 Someone met their shadow  
 And people began to think differently  
 And people healed.  
 And in the absence of people who  
 Lived in ignorant ways  
 Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
 The earth also began to heal  
 And when the danger ended and  
 People found themselves  
 They grieved for the dead  
 And made new choices  
 And dreamed of new visions  
 And created new ways of living  
 And completely healed the earth  
 Just as they were healed.





Evelyn Martin's adopted cat, it only comes for breakfast, must be male!



Jon & Jan Hennell: "Don't do it Josh" (grandson) After two hours watching from our patio a phone call to his friend with 4wd retrieved him from our boggy dam.



Rosina's doggie treats, apparently!! middle: Lemonade & Date Scones Bottom: Pork Fillet w/ Stir fry veg.



Pat King's Zucchini Slice



Irene Grundig's latest project.



Barbara Davis' latest painting. Right: Home made Olive Bread & Crumpets



**ONLY ROOM FOR A FEW FUNNIES THIS ISSUE. BUT DON'T FORGET TO KEEP ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS COMING, PHOTOS, JOKES ETC.**



1. Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
3. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
4. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
5. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."
6. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
7. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't see any.
8. I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.
9. Two Inuit sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
10. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did. 😊

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## INTERESTING ANCESTORS

ROBERT HILLSMITH [whose idea this page was ]

I find genealogy interesting, as it is part of our history. May I start with my mother's maiden name, CLIFT, the spelling of which has changed at least five times since the 1200s, and being of Dutch origin. The early CLIFTS arrived in England to drain the fens in Yorkshire in the early 1600s, and throughout the following centuries, were yeoman farmers in Hampshire.

My grandfather was born at 12, *Rillington Place*, Notting Hill, London in 1885. No 10 *Rillington Place* was to become famous in the 1940s as the home to serial killer, John Christie. In the early 1900s my grandfather left the UK for Australia as a cabin boy on the first SS ORSOVA, of which there were three. Settling in Blacktown, his sister-in-law ran the Post Office where all telephone calls were directed through one operator.

My mother, Joyce attended Blacktown Public School in the early 1930s. A teacher from her first class, Miss Dobson, kept in contact with her for over 65 years. As there was no Public High School in Blacktown, she went on to attend Penrith High School.

Moving on, I attended Sefton High School. The Principal had taught my father, and the Vice Principal had taught my mother, obviously earlier in their careers, and at other schools..... What are the chances !!

MARY ANN ATKINSON/GOULDING/HUBBARD  
1769- 1820

[Chris Brenton's 3 x Great Grandmother]

In January 1787, a young Mary Goulding, also known as Atkinson, was sentenced to death at London's *Old Bailey* Court. She had been indicted for feloniously stealing 4 yards of printed calico, value 12 shillings, from a shop. In May of that year she received His Majesty's Pardon and was sentenced to be transported to the Eastern Coast of New South Wales, for seven years. Mary languished in Newgate Prison, London, until March 1789 when she was transferred to the convict transport ship *Lady Juliana*. The now twenty year old left Plymouth, Devon on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1789 and arrived at Port Jackson on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1790, which was seventeen days ahead of the *Ships of the Second Fleet*. The eleven month journey was on what would be described as 'nothing more than a floating brothel', there being mainly prostitutes on board. Once she arrived, Mary used the name Goulding. She married William Hubbard at Rose Hill in December 1790 and the couple settled on their grant at *The Ponds* [near modern-day Ryde]. They had five children and Mary appears to have lived a further unblemished life. Mary died in 1820, aged about 51 years.

If you have any interesting family history stories, skeletons, mysteries, amazing people. Please let Glen or Barbara know if you wish to share it.

OBADIAH IKIN (1761-1812)

[4 x Great Grandfather of Joan Cotterill]

**Obadiah Ikin** was born in Somerset, England in 1761. In 1786, aged 25 years, after being discharged from 11th Light Dragoon Guards, stationed in Nottingham, he enlisted in the New South Wales Corps and embarked from Portsmouth on *The Surprize* transport ship, as part of the 2nd Fleet, along with his wife, Sarah and five children, arriving in Sydney on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1790. By December 1791 he had been promoted to Sergeant and his 9 year old son, also Obidiah, was enlisted as a drummer boy. In 1793 he was transferred to *Norfolk Island*, returning to Sydney in 1794 to give evidence at a trial. In 1795, the family, now with another two children returned to Sydney and Ikin received several land grants, which he sold or leased soon after. Some of the grants included 55 acres of West Cockle Bay, which included Darling Harbour. This was later sold to John MacArthur, entrepreneur, pioneer and pastoralist, for the sum of £10.

In 1800 Ikin was demoted to the rank of private, whilst stationed at Parramatta, and in 1803, when the Corps was reduced he was discharged and received a half acre grant at Parramatta. In 1804 he received a grant of 160 acres on the *Nepean River*, which he sold in 1806 to Murty Kearns.

Whilst living in a solitary farmhouse on the mountain side of the Nepean River he experienced problems with the local aborigines, resulting in one aboriginal, Charlie, being shot dead by the armed men assigned to protect the farm. During this time Ikin's wife operated a bakery at The Rocks, Sydney, while he was based at Parramatta. He owned several houses in Sydney, and in 1809 was granted 60 acres south of Penrith, which he named *Derrintend*. He was further granted 160 acres at the junction of the Nepean and Grosse Rivers, from Governor King.

Two streets are named after Obadiah Ikin: *Obadiah Place* in South Penrith, and *Ikin Street* in Jamisontown.

GALLIPOLI

In Memory of Private Preston Black

At the age of 19 Preston's unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion A.I.F. embarked from Sydney on board HMAT ship Suffolk, on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 1914. Preston's 2nd Batt landed at Anzac Cove on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915. He was wounded in action (shot & gassed) at the Dardanelles May 1915 and returned to Australia in July, placed on a War Pension and discharged. He was to marry Joan's Aunt Cora, and go on to have a happy life together with their six sons.

World War II

Five of their sons went to war. Harry joined the Air Force, Eric, Richard & Raymond the Army, and son Don was still at school. With great luck they all came home safe and sound.

Memories of a lovely family.  
Joan Cotterill

**Wendy Johnston: Here is my story: Apollo 11 Moon landing and my Dad's involvement**

In 1967 my Dad was employed as Deputy Station Director of Tidbinbilla Tracking Station. He was given the job to set up the Apollo Manned Space flight wing of Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station.

In 1969 he was Station Director of Tidbinbilla when the Apollo 11 Spaceflight first landed humans on the moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed while Michael Collins the 3rd astronaut remained in the command module in lunar orbit. The 85 ft antenna (dish) at Tidbinbilla was able to relay pictures of the moon to Honeysuckle creek while tracking the command module. Honeysuckle Creek was tracking the Lunar module and between them they were able to relay images to Houston.

We witnessed history in the making, and I am proud to say my Dad was very much involved. \* There is a Building in Canberra 'The Don Gray Building' named after him.



Don Gray  
Honeysuckle Creek Station Director 1970-78.



**GUESS WHO?**

**Did you guess right? Of course, it's our lovely Karin Figg and hubby David.**

**I think you will struggle with this lady, she is very young in this photo taken with her uncle.**



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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Many Members have been bringing it to my attention that they don't know who some of the other Members are. I hope this will be of help to get to know who is who. Let's continue with Members who have joined in the past few years.



Nola Costa



Lorraine Phillips



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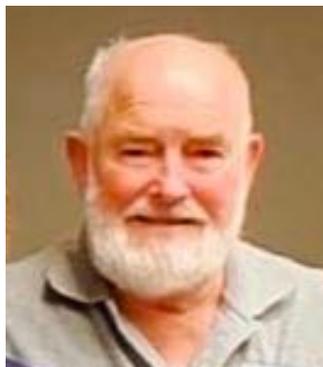
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Pam Blain



Betty Whybrow



Margaret Faveretti

That's almost everyone. I hope I have all your names correct. I can remember most of you now! If your photo hasn't appeared here, it's because I don't have one of you. I need to take one. *Barbara*