

Lane Cove Historical Society Inc.
NOTICEBOARD

FEB 2018

DELTA JAZZ will be performing again at Carisbrook on 18 March. Bring your family and friends for this enjoyable afternoon, with all the cheese, crackers, wine and jazz that you could wish for. This fund-raising event is an important date in Carisbrook's 2018 calendar and your continued support helps to keep our local unique example of Sydney's middle-class 1880s living for future generations.

wine

jazz!

4.30 - 6.30pm

Sunday 18 March

CARISBROOK

\$25pp

cheese

334 Burns Bay Rd
Lane Cove

Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/352550>
0418 276 365

THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LANE COVE
LANE COVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Delta Jazz - keeping the tradition of Swinging New Orleans Jazz from its origins in New Orleans in the early 1900's through to small group swing of the 1940's with some of Sydney's finest jazz and blues singers.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2018

Again this year we have a good lineup of Guest Speakers for the LCHS and Carisbrook fundraising events.

Below is the first half-year line-up for LCHS Monthly Guest Speakers evenings. Join us for the presentations and some friendly conversation at the suppers afterwards. A gold coin donation would be appreciated on these evenings and parking under Woolworths after 6pm is free.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS 2018

The Lane Cove Historical Society presents

Malcolm Sainty AM

Tuesday 27 February



The what, how & why of the amazing new
Biographical Database Australia
 The jewel in the crown of Australian historical records

7pm at Lane Cove Library

Tue Feb. 27: MALCOLM SAINTY, *Biographical Database Australia*—The *Biographical Database of Australia* is the brainchild of Malcolm Sainty and his colleague, Keith Johnson. Malcolm's presentation to the LCHS will explain the breadth of this extraordinary resource and give us the simple tips on how to make the best use of it.

Website technology has now made it possible to incorporate all of the data on the *Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record* collected in the 1980s and 90s in association with the Society of Australian Genealogists to give a multi-dimensional cross-reference system for professional researchers, genealogists or family history writers.

On the Database every person who has been mentioned in any record is indexed. The source includes data from the NSW Musters from 1800 to 1837 and the 1828 Census along with other records that have and are being added. The first release contains over half a million entries from convict, muster, census, baptism, marriage and burial records for most of the NSW population 1788-1828, for Norfolk Island and Tasmania 1802-1811, and many immigrant and convict records from 1829-1837 along with full text short biographies of 11,000+ residents of most colonies/states published 1881-1907.

This not-for-profit project, in association with the Society of Australia Genealogists, the Mitchell Library, and many dedicated volunteers, is a work in progress. Eventually it will be a regularly updated resource for all Australian States from 1788 until the present.

Tue Mar. 27: ANDREW TINK, *Australia 1901 - 2001: a narrative history*—Andrew has been a featured speaker a few times at our LCHS Meetings over the years and he has never failed to entertain and inform us on some sometimes complex pieces of Australian history.

His presentation this time will relate the interesting circumstances as to how in the first place he came to be commissioned to write his latest "superb" history book *Australia 1901-2001*; how he faced the challenges of historical treatment on a subject so vast; and what remarkable historical surprises he came across. Here is a quote about this work:

"Tink's story is driven by people: prime ministers, soldiers, shopkeepers, singers, footballers and farmers, be they men or women, Australian-born, immigrant or Aboriginal. He brings the decades to life, writing with empathy, humour and insight to create narrative that is as entertaining as it is illuminating."

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ANDREW TINK
—
AUSTRALIA
1901-2001
A narrative history

Special Guest
Speaker

Tuesday 27 March, 7pm Lane Cove Library

JANE EALES

7pm Tuesday 24 April
Lane Cove Library



"a deeply courageous memoir"
The Weekend Australian

*the story of one woman's search for her
mysterious birth mother*

SECRETS, SPIES & SPOTTED DOGS



Tue. April 24: JANE EALES, *Secrets, Spies and Spotted Dogs*— Sydney author, Jane Eales, has a remarkable personal story to tell; a story that turned her into an accomplished history writer, not to mention impressive investigative sleuth.

It is a true story about a post-war adoption in London in 1947 and a forbidden quest, almost fifty years later, to find out the truth of her origins. Her dogged refusal to give up led her to startling discoveries about her mother and the part she played in WWII. An adventure into history that is both mysterious and poignant. Don't miss Jane's compelling presentation.



Dr James Flexner
 ARCHAEOLOGY SPECIAL
At home and down the pub
WORKING CLASS
ARCHAEOLOGY IN TASMANIA



Tue May 22: DR. JAMES FLEXNER, *At home and down the pub: Working class archaeology in Tasmania*

James Flexner is a lecturer in historical archaeology and heritage at the University of Sydney. Although from Virginia, he is now a Lane Cove local and the LCHS has a special interest in him because he supervises the current archaeological research being done at Carisbrook Historic House by students of the Uni Syd. (More reports on that later in the year.)

This archaeological special will focus on rural Tasmania with James and one of his Masters students addressing and comparing recent findings on Maria Island.

Named after Van Dieman's wife, Maria Island is located on the east coast of Tasmania. Convicts laboured there from 1825 until 1851, with industry and farming by migrant families beginning in the 1880s. By the early twentieth century, the flourishing centre had hundreds of residents and a number of hotels. Now it is a National Park with some very interesting archaeology.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please check to see if you have renewed your \$30 annual subscription

2018 will be an eventful year for the LCHS and the Friends of Carisbrook. We need your financial support as well as your enthusiasm. The annual fee is used to pay admin. insurance; printing costs for the *LCHS Journal* publications; venue hire at the LC Library for our Monthly Guest Speaker meetings and catering subsidies for Carisbrook events. It is \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a family. Please renew—we need you.



Champagne High Tea at Carisbrook

334 Burns Bay Rd Lane Cove

Live music

from Jim Middleton/Bob Bellini Duo

Delicious!

\$ 25

Sunday 29 April

Bookings essential:

0418 276 365 or

carisbrookhouse@hotmail.com

1pm - 4pm

This year's champagne high tea at Carisbrook Historic House offers the traditional, delectable 'British Empire' afternoon tea treats that have been enjoyed by generations ever since Queen Victoria forgot about her waistline.

There is a complimentary glass of champagne and live music too from the Jim Middleton/Bob Bellini Duo.

Enjoy a wander down to the bay through the lovely gardens and take yourself back to the 1880s in the wonderful period rooms of the house itself. \$25 per person all-inclusive and, all in all, a delightful afternoon.

Web site: www.carisbrookhouse.com

VALE

Margaret Melrose Haynes

On November 19 last, long-time member of the LCHS and a Friend of Carisbrook, Margaret Melrose Haynes died as the result of a fall. Margaret was ninety-three years old, and up until her fall, was actively participating in family and community life.

Margaret was born in Sydney on March 1, 1924 to Minnie (nee Fyall) and James Birk. The Birk family had German heritage and the Fyalls were Scottish.

Margaret was schooled at the Presbyterian Ladies College, Croydon, from 1930 to 1941. There in Kindergarten, she met five best friends who remained close until the end. Margaret's sport was tennis, and she played for most of her life until not long ago. She was an avid theatregoer.

During WWII, she was a volunteer in the Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) as she was too young to join the Women's Army Corps.

After the war, Margaret spent about five years in Britain and Europe, and in later years travelled to Thailand, Egypt Lebanon and Jordan, renewing her passport at eighty-six. Her wish was to donate her travel diaries to the State Library of NSW.

After Europe, Margaret worked at Prudential Insurance and only resigned when she got married, as was the custom at the time. She married Jack (John Arthur) Haynes on August 5, 1960, and the couple bought a house in Hallam Avenue Lane Cove where they lived happily together until Jack died after a long illness in 2004. Margaret stayed on in the house and only moved to a townhouse nearer to the Lane Cove Plaza in recent years.

In the year following her husband's death, Margaret tragically lost her only daughter, Diana, to illness. With great strength of character, Margaret grieved privately over the loss of her family, but continued to be connected to her community. In her stoic way, she continued to accept life as it is and to lead

it to the full. Margaret had always thought of Diana's husband, Mark Thompson, more of a son than a son-in-law. When Mark remarried, Margaret welcomed Nicola as part of the family, enjoying the role of other grandmother to Mark's stepchild, Ryan.

Margaret had always been active in community volunteering. She was a member of Gladesville RSL since 1969 and an active member of the committee. She belonged to Probus, Legacy and Riding for the Disabled. She was also an active member of the PLC Old Girls Union and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Later she volunteered in the Mothers' Union at St Andrews Anglican Church in Lane Cove.

To us in the LCHS, she was an enduring figure. A founding member of the Lane Cove Historical Society since 1962—before Carisbrook was purchased for the curatorship of the Society in 1969—she received a Citizen's Award in recognition. She was always there at fundraising events, guiding visitors through Carisbrook, helping with the catering and serving of multitudes cups of coffee and tea.

Margaret was Assistant Secretary from 1983 to 2000 and, as a diligent member of the Care and Presentation Group, was a devoted guardian of Carisbrook and its collection of furniture and antiques. She gained her knowledge on the proper treatment of antiques and Victorian-era artefacts from training programmes held by curatorial bodies such as Museums and Galleries of NSW. She was forthright with her opinions and her memory was iron clad. She was a valuable member of the Acquisitions Committee, with a working knowledge of all the fabric types and embroidery fashions of the twentieth century. When it came to volunteering at Carisbrook, she was generous with her time *and* her goods—we have a considerable amount of Haynes and Birk memorabilia in the Carisbrook Collection.

We will all miss you, Margaret.

VALE Victor Dibben

LCHS member, Victor Dibben, passed away last month on January 5. For those who attend our Guest Speaker evenings each month at the Lane Cove Library, you will remember Victor as our Vice President Clio's lovely partner. For quite a few years Victor held an active interest in the LCHS and Carisbrook. He died just short of his 103rd birthday. Very happily for all those who knew him, he enjoyed life and lived it to the last.

Victor was born in North Sydney on Tuesday 16 February 1915. The early part of his life was spent in the Eastern Suburbs where he attended the Bondi Superior Public School. He then lived at Como on the Woronora River. There he spent his youth 'mucking about' with boats. It was the beginning of his lifelong passion for the water and sailing.

He studied Mechanical Engineering at Sydney Technical College and later worked at Cockatoo Dockyard. Victor always said that was the best training he could ever have had because it introduced him to immense heavy machinery.

In 1940, he was sent to Melbourne to learn about the engineering and manufacture of aircraft. When he completed the course, he was sent to the Aircraft Corporation at Bankstown which turned out hundreds of aircraft during

WWII. At twenty-five, Victor was responsible for three hundred workmen making flying machines. (To reinforce his authority, I am told, he grew a moustache!)

At war's end he went to work at a local company that made the Mowbray Electric Washing Machine. Then he joined HP Gregory in general engineering, working at their Melbourne Division as General Manager Victoria. Returning to Sydney after six years, he acted as Marketing Manager for the company which involved much overseas travel.

In 1954, Victor married Beryl, a widow with two children—John and Judith. As a stepfather, he was loved and Victor adored the grandchildren.

Victor enjoyed friends, entertaining, laughter and his charm at the dinner table never faded. He spent a decade in the company of his partner, Clio Wallace.

His passion was sailing. As Commodore of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, he was so popular in that position he was elected to the office twice—the only individual to do so other than the club's original Commodore, Captain Amora.

CARISBROOK GUIDES DRIVE

Carisbrook needs more guides. It is an enjoyable hobby and we would be very happy to welcome any members. The training is not arduous and the Sunday roster only calls on each guide a few times each year. If you do have time available during the week, we also need guides for our occasional group tours midweek.

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