

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
Botany Historical Trust
will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot
on **Monday 5 November 2018 at 6.30 pm**

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, and elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Botany Historical Trust

5/11/2018

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 6 August 2018
Report by	Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	SC17/813

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 6 August 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

President Anne Slattery
Vice President Christopher Hanna
Senior Vice President Alice McCann
Secretary Robert Hanna
Treasurer Richard Smolenski
Committee Member Clarence Jones
Committee Member Jacqueline Milledge
Committee Member Peter Orlovich

Also Present

Meredith Wallace General Manager
Angela Hume Manager Customer Experience
Bruce Cooke Coordinator Governance
Jenny MacRitchie, Community History Librarian

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.45 pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past and present and future leaders, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

2 Apologies

An apology was received from Samantha Sinnayah, Curator.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 7 May 2018

Committee Recommendation

On the motion of Peter Orlovich, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 7 May 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

5 Reports

5.1 Botany Historical Trust Constitution

Committee Recommendation

- 1 That the amendments to the Botany Historical Trust Constitution, as shown in the attached document, are endorsed and put to Council for adoption.
- 2 That, if the Constitution is amended, it is operational for the next Annual General Meeting of the Trust.
- 3 That the transitional arrangements, as outlined in this report, apply until the next Annual General Meeting of the Trust.

Notes:

Mr Cooke provided a summary of the discussions relating to updating the constitution. He confirmed that the new Trustee of the Botany Historical Trust is Bayside Council and that the 'Area' refers to the boundaries of the former City of Botany Bay. The Purposes of the Trust are proposed to be left as is, although there can be further discussion and clarification around the types of records and artefacts to be retained.

Under Section 7, Management by Executive, it is proposed that two Councillors from the wards incorporating the former City of Botany Bay will be eligible for nomination to the Executive. All other Executive positions remain and up to three community representatives or independent experts can be appointed by the General Manager, on the recommendation of the Executive. All of these Executive members have voting rights. Two Council staff members with appropriate responsibilities may also attend Executive meetings but have no voting rights.

Mr Smolenski expressed his concern about Councillors voting on matters related to the Heritage Advisory Sub-Committee. He also expressed a preference for historic artefacts and records to be maintained locally. Mr Cooke noted that for the ongoing safety of Council's records that they should be stored in purpose-built facilities which offer greater protection. He advised that some Council archives will be stored at ZircoDATA and that Council minutes and valuation books etc. will be digitised and sent to NSW State Archives at Kingswood.

Dr Orlovich expressed his strong preference for the Council archives to be kept locally for the use of specialist Council staff such as the Community History Librarians and Curator. In answer to a question, Ms Wallace advised that the State Records Act provides the framework for record preservation and a schedule of disposal but that the actual housing of Council records was a local decision. Mr Cooke suggested that the Trust could, in conjunction with Council, develop a policy that would define which documents should be retained in original condition after digitisation

Mr Cooke retired from the meeting at 7.43 pm.

5.2 Events

Committee Recommendation

That it be noted that the following changes be made to the upcoming events schedule:

- That the park dedication for Hillier Park be postponed until early 2019.
- That the Beersheba talk and plaque unveiling previously proposed for Eastlakes on Saturday 22 September be postponed due to difficulties in confirming arrangements with participants from regional NSW. A smaller ceremony will be organised for Saturday 3 November at 1.00 pm to be followed by the previously planned author talk for *Postings from the Front: The City of Botany Bay and World War I* which will be relocated to the Alf Kay Community Centre at Eastlakes at 2.00 pm.
- That two services will be held at 11.00 am on Sunday 11 November at Mascot and Botany War Memorials to mark the centenary of the Armistice. These will include plaque unveilings. Participants will then join together for refreshments at the Eastlakes Sports Club.
- The BHT AGM and Christmas party will be held on Thursday 29 November at a venue to be confirmed.

5.3 Community History and Museum

Committee Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

6 General Business

6.1 Astrolabe Park

Ms Milledge asked about the proposals for Astrolabe Park in Daceyville, expressing concern about its potential heritage significance.

That Executive members send Ms Slattery their concerns/objections to the proposal to build two sporting ovals in Astrolabe Park before community consultation ends on 10 August 2018.

6.2 Arthur Park

That the Community History Librarian prepare a report about the proposed replacement of World War II plaques in Arthur Park, Botany.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.30 pm on Monday, 5 November 2018.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

5/11/2018

Item No	5.1
Subject	Arthur Park War Memorial
Report by	Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	SC17/813

Summary

Members of the Botany Historical Trust have long been concerned about the plaques commemorating World War II servicemen in Arthur Park, Botany. These plaques were unveiled in 1946 when poplar trees were also planted to honour Botany's lost servicemen. Over the years some of the trees have died and the plaques have deteriorated, been defaced or stolen. In 1985 the remaining plaques were installed onto a central sandstone plinth, on which only 7 plaques still remain. Only 10 of the original poplar trees remain. In early 2013 the former City of Botany Bay proposed a new landscape masterplan for Arthur Park. In December 2013, the park was formally listed on the Register of War Memorials in NSW. In 2015 Mr Neil Lee of the Botany RSL Sub-Branch wrote to Council in response to its enquiry regarding the names on the plinth, noting a number of concerns and anomalies in the original names. As part of the grant to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice of World War I, funds were sought to replace the plaques in Arthur Park in a fitting manner. As there were errors made on the original plaques, it will be necessary to accurately replace or correct the names recorded there.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the report be received and noted.
 - 2 That contact be made (if possible) with the families of the World War II soldiers commemorated at Arthur Park with the aim of verifying the details to be replaced and to keep them informed of proposed refurbishment.
 - 3 That contact also be made with the Botany RSL Sub-Branch.
 - 4 That a plaque listing the names of the eligible servicemen be installed and the memorial re-dedicated.
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Background

A search through Council's archives and minutes has attempted to establish the history of the Arthur Park site and the parameters used to select the original names for inclusion as a war memorial.



Arthur Park. October 2018

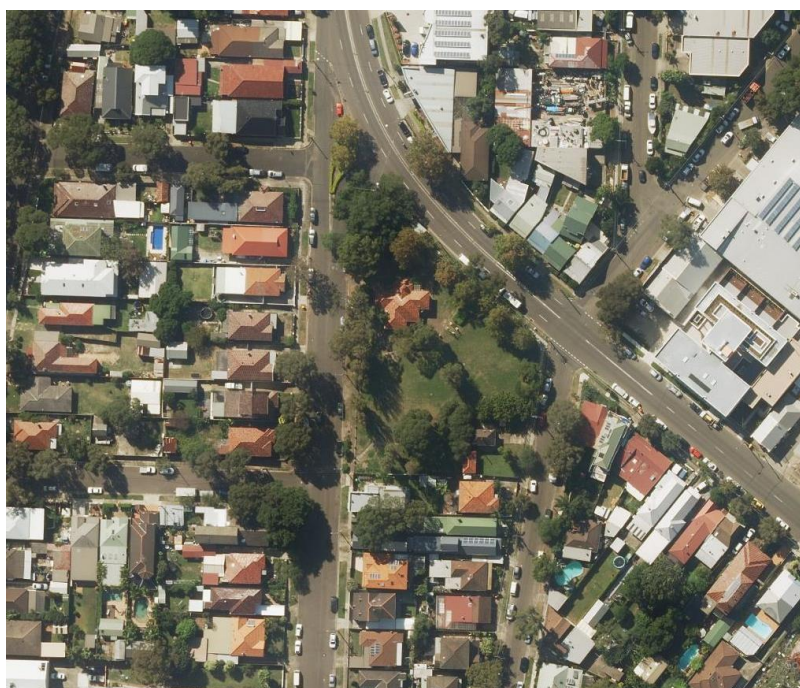


Arthur Park. October 2018

The major part of Arthur Park, fronting Botany Road, was purchased by Botany Municipal Council in two parcels in 1936 and 1937. In 1945 the park was enlarged when land, not required by the then Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board (MWS&DB now Sydney Water) for a sewerage pumping station, was acquired by Council. The name Arthur Park was not yet in use at this time.



From Six Maps, 1943, showing the area of Arthur Park
<https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>



From Six Maps, 2018
<https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>

The Botany Baby Health Centre was built during 1945/46 and officially opened by the Hon. R.J. Heffron, Minister for Education on 11 May 1946. A large number of baby health centres were built at this time with the government contributing 50% of the capital costs. The tender of S. Williamson & Sons of Botany for £2800 was accepted for the construction of the Baby Health Centre. During September 1945, a further quote of £180 was also accepted from the builders for the construction of a brick fence with two solid steel gates. This fence remains today. Money was also allocated by Council for the construction of concrete paving and crossings for prams in Edgehill and Chelmsford Avenues.

A letter to Botany Municipal Council on 27 December 1945 from the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund requested permission 'to plant a suitable tree at the Baby Health Centre to commemorate the memory of each member of the Services **registered with the Fund**, who has made the Supreme Sacrifice.' The whole cost was to be met by the Fund and it was estimated that 36 trees would be needed. The Patriotic Fund proposed to invite a representative of each family to plant a tree, and lots would be drawn for each position before planting commenced. Poplar trees were thought to be most suitable. (Precis of Correspondence for Council Meeting of 9th January, 1946)

In January 1946, Council resolved that 'permission be granted, under the supervision of the Engineer, for the planting of Poplar trees (*Populus pyramidalis* and *Cupressus arizonica* planted alternately), at the Baby Health Centre, to commemorate the memory of men from Botany who made the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II.' The Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Fund advised Council that a sum of £108 had been set aside for the memorial trees and that 31 would be planted at the Baby Health Centre and 5 would be planted at the following addresses in Pagewood: 5 White Road, 22 Keysor Road, 8 Wark Avenue, 26 Birdwood Avenue, 7 White Road. These would need to be a different type of tree. 'Plaques bearing each man's name will be placed at each tree...' The committee wished to hold a suitable planting ceremony 'at which representatives of each family concerned will be asked to take part.'

The date of 11 May 1946 was chosen by Council for the official opening of the Baby Health Centre. The task of securing the services of someone to clean the centre was left to the Mayor. Mrs Coates of Hastings Road was interviewed and engaged for cleaning, washing and ironing at a salary of £2 per week. Mrs Jane Amelia (Jean) Coates had been widowed in late 1930 when her husband died after fracturing his spine diving into shallow water in Botany Bay, leaving her with a baby daughter to support. In 1966 the Baby Health Centre was named after her.

In early April 1946 the minutes show that 'Early this year the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund sought Council's permission to plant trees on ground adjacent to the Baby Health Centre, and also in Pagewood. In the latter case it was proposed to plant a tree on the footpath immediately in front of specified homes. At the meeting of Council held on 20 February 1946 it was resolved: 'That the Mayor, Alderman Jackson, Town Clerk and Mr C.C. Sanders, be requested to interview families of deceased members of the services from Pagewood, re proposal to plant memorial trees adjacent to their premises.'



Approximately 10 poplar trees remain in Arthur Park. October 2018

On 16 March 1946, Mayor Greenfield, accompanied by Alderman Jackson, Mr Brothie (Town Clerk) and Mr Sanders visited Pagewood to interview the six families of fallen soldiers regarding the memorial trees. In four cases, the families wished a tree to be planted at the Baby Health Centre, in memory of:

- Sgt. J.A. Lincoln 8 Wark Avenue, Pagewood
- Sgt./Off. M. Larkin 2 Kerr Crescent, Pagewood
- Pte. J.P. Zimmerman 7 White Road, Pagewood
- F/Sgt B.W. Casey 22 Keysor Road, Pagewood

Those to be planted in the street adjacent to homes were in memory of:

- Pte. F.T. Coy 5 White Road, Pagewood
- Sgt/P. F.E. Mathers 26 Birdwood Avenue, Pagewood

On 27 March 1946 the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund wrote to Council asking it to procure 36 trees 'for the proposed Memorial Grove at the Baby Health Centre and to prepare the holes ready for planting of same. All costs to be met by the Fund. Regarding the six trees for Pagewood, requesting that these be planted in White Road section of the Monash Gardens Reserve.' This is now named Glanville Avenue Reserve. The park originally comprised two separate parcels on either side of Monash Gardens. The road was closed and dedicated as public reserve in August 1969.



Glanville Avenue Reserve, Pagewood
From Six Maps, 1943

<https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>



Glanville Avenue Reserve, Pagewood
Six Maps

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Glanville Avenue Reserve, Pagewood. October 2018

The minutes of Council dated 8 April 1946 show that the opening of the Baby Health Centre on 11 May at 3pm was a grand occasion with a marquee erected for 100 people at the back of the building. The guest list included Mr and Mrs Heffron and Members, The Hon. C.A. Kelly and Thomas Sheehan. Doctors Coyne, Rutherford, Jaede and Darragh were invited as were all the local ministers of religion and the Mayor of Mascot. There were also representatives of committees including the Botany Citizens Hospitals & Charities Committee, Botany Citizens A.I.F. Patriotic Fund (and Pagewood branch) and the Botany branches of the Australian Red Cross Society, Australian Labor Party, Australian Communist Party, RSS & A ILA, Ladies Auxiliary etc.

A letter dated 7 May 1946 was received by Council from the Hon. Secretary of the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund inviting aldermen to the planting ceremony at the Baby Health Centre on 25 May and in Pagewood on 1 June. These minutes also note 'That the plan of the Engineer for planting **thirty one** poplar trees at the Baby Health Centre on 25/5/46 be received and adopted.' [Note that these 31 trees would NOT have included trees for George Arthur or Joseph Gage]. Unfortunately there is no report either in Council minutes or the newspapers reporting on the actual tree plantings and plaque unveilings, so there are still discrepancies remaining regarding the number of trees planted at the Baby Health Centre. In May 1947 Botany Council resolved to name the park 'Arthur Park' after Alderman and former Mayor, George Valentine Arthur, who also served in the Navy during World War I.

In identifying the appropriate names for inclusion on a new plaque, the following concerns should be noted:

- At Arthur Park, only Botany members of the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund were to be represented.
- Although four of the Pagewood names were initially to be included at Arthur Park, it appears that all six trees were ultimately planted in the park now known as Glanville

Avenue Reserve. If there were ever plaques there, they are sadly long gone, although the trees remain.

- There were a number of inaccuracies in the original Arthur Park plaques.
- 10 poplar trees remain in Arthur Park.
- In Booralee Park, there are 24 World War II names included on the Botany War Memorial. There are mistakes in nine of these names. All but one of these names (A. Thomson) were also recorded at Arthur Park, although it should be noted that William James Polley should not be on either memorial as he returned from the war, dying in 1978. Adam Thomson may have originally been remembered at Arthur Park but there is no evidence of his plaque.



World War II names, Botany War Memorial, Booralee Park. October 2018

- There are a number of other Botany casualties who were not included on either the memorial in Booralee Park or Arthur Park.
- In Arthur Park, there were 2 plaques unveiled in later years, with trees planted at the same time. One of these was for Alderman G.V. Arthur after whom the park was named. He served in the Navy during World War I. He died in January 1952 and it seems likely that the tree was planted in his honour soon after that.
- Another plaque (and tree) were added on 6 June 1968. These were in memory of Joseph Gage, who served during World War I with the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders before migrating to Australia after the war. It is thought that family members requested a tree and plaque for Joseph Gage. Strictly speaking, neither of these men qualify for

inclusion on a war memorial as they each returned home from war, although it would certainly be appropriate to mark the war and public service of George Valentine Arthur after whom the park is named.

- As Botany and Mascot were still separate councils at the end of the war, Mascot's casualties were not remembered at Arthur Park. There was also a Mascot Citizens' A.I.F. Patriotic Fund but no World War II names are recorded on the Mascot War Memorial.

Research has indicated that the 23 correct names for inclusion on a new memorial in Arthur Park would be:

Name	Service No.	Rank	Date of Death	Place
Blackwood , James	S4829	Stoker	20 November 1941	HMAS Sydney. Commemorated at Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK
Bow , Leonard Ernest	NX51360	Private	9 February 1942	Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore
Brown , Norman David	422940	Flying Officer	5 April 1944	Oxford (Botley) Cemetery, UK
Campbell , George Alfred	NX44600	Lance Corporal	7 July 1945	Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia
Daunt , Arthur Robert	S4721	Stoker	20 November 1941	HMAS Sydney. Commemorated Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK
Daunt , Terence	S4322	Able Seaman	12 February 1944	SS <i>Khedive Ismail</i> . Commemorated at Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK
Duxbury , Albert George	400343	Sergeant	24 January 1942	Commemorated at Singapore Memorial
Fennell , Arthur James	64932	Aircraftman 1 st Class	3 July 1943	Wagga Wagga General Cemetery
Glasson , Richard Cecil	NX53322	Private	1 July 1942	Commemorated at Rabaul Memorial, Papua New Guinea
Hatfield , James Lawler	NX72359	Private	26 November 1942	Bomana War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea
Hood , Harold Frederick	NX89497	Private	21 July 1944	Sydney War Cemetery
Leith , James William Frederick	NX172359	Trooper	30 June 1945	Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea
Loveridge , Charles	N229670	Sapper	10 October 1945	Toowoomba Cemetery, QLD
Mason , George Robert	NX16457	Private	3 May 1941	Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya
Murray , Richard	NX33361	Private	20 May 1945	Labuan War Cemetery, Malaysia
O'Connor , Richard	NX54065	Corporal	14 May 1943	Commemorated at Sydney Memorial. Drowned on HS <i>Centaur</i>
Parker , Eric Norman	N106044	Lance Corporal	3 October 1943	Townsville War Cemetery, QLD

Name	Service No.	Rank	Date of Death	Place
Robinson , Alexander Joseph	NX43916	Private	28 October 1943	Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Thailand
Smith , Percival Sydney Aubrey William	NX11939	Private	19 April 1941	Phaeron War Cemetery, Greece
Steward , Charles	NX53731	Private	9 November 1942	El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt
Stonham , William Laudford	NX126221	Private	12 January 1943	Bomana War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea
Thomson , Adam	69119	Sergeant	20 July 1944	Ambon War Cemetery, Indonesia
Tregoning , Thomas	NX29941	Private	22 January 1942	Commemorated at Singapore Memorial

The 6 names that would have been commemorated at **Pagewood** are:

Name	Service No.	Rank	Date of death	Place
Casey , Barry William	420638	Flight Sergeant (pilot)	19 April 1944	Poix-de-Picardie Churchyard, Somme, France
Coy , Frank Townsend	NX72666	Lance Corporal	20 June 1945	Labuan Memorial, Malaysia
Larkin , Michael	412977	Flying Officer	13 January 1945	Bath (Haycombe Cemetery) UK
Lincoln , John Albert	NX85450	Lance Sergeant	29 April 1944	Alice Springs Cemetery, NT
Mathers , Francis Edwin	413221	Pilot Officer	6 September 1943	Durnbach War Cemetery, Germany
Zimmerman , John Patrick	NX52592	Private	8 February 1942	Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore

It may be appropriate to include these names at Arthur Park.

Research has also identified the following **Botany** names that may have been excluded from Arthur Park initially because they were not members of the Botany Citizens' A.I.F. Fund although, interestingly, they are not recorded on the Botany War Memorial either.

Name	Service No.	Rank	Date of Death	Place
Hansen , Jack	NX27031	Corporal	22 September 1943	Lae War Cemetery, Papua New Guinea
Heaton , Edmund	23546	Electrical Artificer 4 th Class	20 November 1941	HMAS Sydney. Commemorated at Plymouth Naval Memorial, UK
Madden , Joseph Edward	NX9710	Private	21 August 1941	Perth War Cemetery, WA
McCarthy , Edward	NX34465	Private	22 January 1942	Commemorated at Singapore Memorial
McFadden , Oscar Patrick	424303	Flight Sergeant	28 May 1944	Commemorated at Runnymede Memorial, UK
Silk , Lloyd Maurice	NX54150	Private	1 July 1941	Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya
Steel , Joseph Anthony	69119	Private	25 June 1945	Commemorated at Labuan Memorial, Malaysia

One additional Pagewood name has also been identified:

Name	Service No.	Rank	Date of Death	Place
Scott , Alexander Cruikshank	QX17733	Corporal	19 June 1941	Damascus British War Cemetery, Syria

Conclusion

It may be considered appropriate to replace the individual plaques at Arthur Park with a larger plaque on the top of the plinth listing the names of the World War II servicemen. A decision will need to be made as to whether the additional names should also be included. On 6 March 2013 the former City of Botany Bay Council considered a report on a landscape design proposal to rejuvenate Arthur Park. This included the relocation of the plinth to a small area to be enclosed by plantings of ornamental cherry trees as a tranquil spot for reflection. An avenue of memorial trees was also proposed to replace the existing poplar trees. This is beyond the scope of the grant but Bayside Council may wish to reconsider this plan.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

5/11/2018

Item No	5.2
Subject	Community History and Museum
Report by	Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	SC17/813

Summary

This report is provided to inform members of the current, ongoing and proposed work by the Community History Librarians and the Curator.

Officer Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Background

The Community History Team aims to increase awareness within Bayside by responding to enquiries, producing exhibitions and digital content and delivering a variety of community programs.

Enquiries

Recent community history enquiries have included:

- MP Frederick Page after whom Pagewood was named.
 - The history of Elizabeth Avenue, Mascot.
 - The longest serving mayor of the City of Botany Bay and the former Botany and Mascot Municipal Councils.
 - Indigenous history of Botany Bay.
 - The zoning and subdivision of Eastlakes.
 - Pagewood Film Studios.
 - Beckenham Memorial Uniting Church, Mascot.
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Exhibitions

- **What's Your Story?**

This exhibition opened on Saturday 8 September to celebrate History Week. It aims to merge the present and the past by photographing residents of Bayside holding a personal photograph or object connected to the Bayside LGA. Participants have also been interviewed about their chosen item.

- **History of Sydney Airport**

The Community History team is examining ways to celebrate and promote the centenary of Sydney Airport in 2019/2020, focusing on the airport's relationship with and impact on the local community. The Curator has arranged a bookmark for wide distribution to promote the 'Mascot 100' theme.

Public Programs

- **Family History Workshop**

To celebrate National Family History Month, a workshop was held on Friday 17 August at Rockdale Library. Participants were introduced to Ancestry.com and given advice on tracing their family trees.

- **Death in the Air and Life on the Ground at Mascot Aerodrome**

To celebrate this year's History Week theme of 'Life and Death,' a public talk was held at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum on Saturday 8 September. Dr Peter Hobbins spoke about some of the terrifying accidents and near misses that occurred at the airport over a number of years. The afternoon was a great success with about 80 people in attendance.

- **St George Historical Society**

The Community History Librarian spoke to the St George Historical Society on Saturday 20 October. Her talk was titled *Up! Down! Flying Around!* and featured snippets of interest from the early years of Mascot Aerodrome. About 40 people were in attendance. The Community History Librarian has received an invitation to present the same talk to Rockdale Rotary Club in February 2019.

- **Ron Rathbone Local History Prize**

The Ron Rathbone Award ceremony was held at Rockdale Library on Saturday 15 September. Dr Orlovich and Ms Slattery joined Ms Broderick (Community History Librarian) to judge the entries. Leonie Bell was successful in winning the \$5000 award for 1st prize with her entry titled *Botany Wool*. Two Highly Commended awards were presented to Dr Garry Darby, for his entry titled *Mick Moylan's Pub*, and to Sheila Ngoc Pham for her entry *Wolli Creek: A Community Under Construction*. A Junior prize was awarded to Houada Hamadi (high school) for her entry titled *2018: 100th Anniversary of the Great war, the community of Bayside and World War 1*. The primary school category was won by Natasha Small with her entry titled *Clifford (Ned) Small (1895-1916)*. Further details and links to the entries can be found at: <https://www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/area/libraries/historical-resources>

- **Nancy Hillier Memorial Lecture**

The Community History Librarian joined members of the BHT at the Nancy Hillier Memorial Lecture at Parliament House on Tuesday 23 October. About 50 people were in attendance to hear from two speakers. Tim Clifford presented his documentary titled *Equilibrium* on urban development in the Botany Bay region. Gem Romuld, Australian Director for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons spoke about ICAN's work on a global treaty to ban nuclear weapons, for which it received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.

- **Roland Perry Author Talk**

Historian Roland Perry gave a special author talk at the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum on Thursday evening, 25 October. Approximately 40 people enjoyed Professor Perry's incredibly knowledgeable talk about Sir John Monash, Harry Chauvel and Stan Savige and their roles during World War I and beyond. Many members of the audience had travelled some distance to attend and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

- ***Postings from the Front: the City of Botany Bay and World War I***

On 3 November 2018, a plaque unveiling will be held at the Light Horse Memorial, Eastlakes, to commemorate 100 years since the Battle of Beersheba. The plaque will be unveiled at 1.00 pm followed by refreshments at the Alf Kay Community Centre. At 2.00 pm, Ms Slattery, Ms MacRitchie and Ms Grunseit will talk about their book *Postings from the Front: the City of Botany Bay and World War I* to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War.

- **Armistice Day**

Plaques to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War will be unveiled on Sunday 11 November at 11.00 am at both the Botany and Mascot war memorials. Refreshments will then be held at the Eastlakes Sports Club.

Social Media Promotion

Recent blog posts have included:

- Promotion of the *What's Your Story?* Exhibition.
- Ron Rathbone Local History Prize.
- Tempe House.

Attachments

Nil