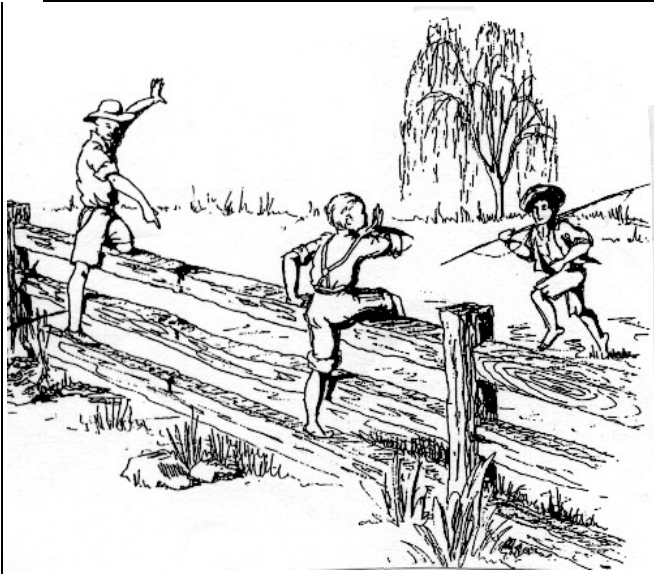


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## ***Editorial***

*Hi to all,*

*Welcome to another edition of the Ghostbuster magazine.*

*New courses are now setup for 2019. Please see below.*

*We are including, in this edition, a number of submissions by members with family stories.*

*Our volunteers are available in the Family History Room, at the Campbelltown Library, Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 12 Noon, except for December and January.*

*Welcome to any new members of the Society. We hope we can assist you in your researches.*

*David Beddie and Ellen Smith*

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### **Courses in 2019**

Our courses in 2019 will be as follows:

- \* Sunday 21st July 2019 – Family Tree Programs.
- \* Sunday 22nd September 2019 – Trove / Newspapers.
- \* Sunday 17th November 2019 – DNA..

Please contact Denise Baxter for bookings and more information on this event. 4625 8612. or [social@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:social@cdfhs.org.au)

Please check our website for a list of any other course that are upcoming in 2019. <https://www.cdfhs.org.au/>

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### **30th Anniversary**

We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary in Saturday 3rd August 2019.

This will be held at Glenalvon, 8 Lithgow St, Campbelltown.

The Annual General Meeting starts at 11.30 am.

The anniversary party starts at 1.30 pm.

## *From the President's Pen. . . .*

Hello Members,

Here we are, June half way through 2019 already. Since my last pen to paper we have had two fantastic and informative presentations at our April, May and June meetings the topics being:



“The Gallipoli Campaign” presented by Lt Col Peter Sweeney RFD.

“Glenalvon” presented by Kay Hayes and Julie Crowley from the Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society.

“Cemeteries in Australia” presented by Lisa Murray.

For our July meeting we will have Diane Blishen presenting “How to Trace Family History”.

Our August meeting is our AGM followed by our “30th Anniversary” celebrations at Glenalvon house.

Our May course, “Beginners”, presented by David Beddie was very informative and very helpful for those who attended.

Our other courses for the rest of the year are;  
Sunday 21st July - “Family Tree Programs”.  
Sunday 22nd Sept - “Trove/Newspapers”.  
Sunday 17th Nov - “DNA”.

At our meetings we have a “Suggestion Box” where you may put your suggestions on how we could improve our Society.

On Thursday the 6th June we have organized a bus trip to Medlow Bath for the Historical Tour of the Hydro Majestic. In my next report I will tell you how it went and if you missed out on this one and are interested in doing this tour we will look at doing it again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society for making Glenalvon house available to us when the library has other arrangements for their meeting room.

If you are interested in joining us or if you think of an outing that is different and would be very interesting to do could you contact Denise by Email on [social@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:social@cdfhs.org.au) or phone on (02) 46258612.

My thank you goes to all the Committee Members for what they do behind the scenes.

Best Regards,  
Robert PALMER  
CDFHS President.

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### **Campbelltown District FHS Inc - Calendar**

Meetings are held a Campbelltown Library, Meeting Room 1, at 1.30 pm, unless otherwise advised.

#### **Sat 6th July 2019**

Member's Meeting.  
Speaker: Diane Blishen.  
Topic: How to trace family history.

#### **Sat 3rd August 2019**

Annual General Meeting and 30th Anniversary  
at Glenalvon, 8 Lithgow Street, Campbelltown.

#### **Sat 7th September 2019**

Member's Meeting.  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised.

#### **Sat 5th October 2019**

Member's Meeting.  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised..

#### **Sat 2nd November 2019**

Member's Meeting.  
At Glenalvon, 8 Lithgow Street, Campbelltown.  
Speaker: To be advised.  
Topic: To be advised.

Any questions on these should be directed to Denise Baxter  
social@cdfhs.org.au

## **Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society Inc**

### **Program of Events**

Meetings are held on 4th Saturday of each month, except for December and January, starting at 1.30 p.m.

The Museum is open to visitors on 1st Monday, 2nd Saturday, 4th Saturday of each month, February to Mid December, 10.00 am -1.00 pm; other times by appointment.



For bookings and further information please contact CAHS on 02-46251822 or email to: [secretary@cahs.com.au](mailto:secretary@cahs.com.au)  
You can also visit the CAHS website at: [www.cahs.com.au](http://www.cahs.com.au)

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### **New Books in Campbelltown Library**

- \* The disinherited : a story of love, family and betrayal / by Robert Sackville-West. [Book]. In Campbelltown Library. For loan.
- \* The family history web directory : the genealogical websites you can't do without / by Jonathan Scott. [Book]. Family History. Not for Loan.
- \* Holy Family Parish : 50 years : 1968-2018 : Ingleburn Minto / [by Wal Glynn ; foreword by Peter Caruana]. [Book]. Local Studies. Not for Loan.
- \* Milk and the Macarthurs : the dairy history of Camden Park / by Brian Walsh. [Book]. Local Studies. Not for Loan.

If anyone wants to see a list of new books in the library, that have been recorded in past Ghostbuster Magazines, please contact David Beddie by email at: [maged@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:maged@cdfhs.org.au)

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### **Member's Interests**

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/index.php/other-content/members-interests?start=0>

## **Gin's Leap Boggabri NSW**

This striking rock face, towering over the Kamilaroi Highway outside Boggabri, has been known by many names over the years. Local Aboriginals knew it as 'Coo-loobindi', whilst it was known as 'Bullaballakit' in the era when Sir Thomas Mitchell was exploring the Namoi Valley. In Cobb and Co coach days, it was known as 'The Rock' and now it goes by 'Gin's Leap'. And you thought Prince had identity issues!

The widely accepted origins of the current name follow the tragic death of a pair of ill-fated young Aboriginal lovers, a modern day Romeo and Juliet. The young girl, promised to an elder of her tribe, the Kamilaroi, ran away with a young aboriginal man from another tribe. Hotly pursued by Kamilaroi tribesmen, the lovers jumped to their deaths from somewhere along the top of this rock.

A Mr 'Baldy' Adams obtained a grant of land in the vicinity of Gin's Leap to build a hospital but changed his plans and opened The Rock Inn in 1854. The hotel was a vital stopover point and renowned landmark for 20 years. It closed around 1875, after new hotels were built in Boggabri, but parts of an old outdoor lamp from the inn remain on display at the Boggabri Historical Museum.

Mr David Grover, his wife Maria (nee King) and family operated The Rock Inn for many years. Maria and her sisters Charlotte and Elizabeth arrived in Australia on board convict ship 'Fanny' in 1832. Mr and Mrs Grover are buried in a vault below Gin's Leap, along with their daughter Mrs Russell and her two-year-old son John James.

Mrs Russell was 21 when she and her son suffered fatal burns during a fiery accident involving bulk spirit handling at a Mungindi Inn. The Grover family received word of the tragedy by a man on horseback. A horse team set out to meet the coach carrying the bodies back home to Boggabri.

Mrs Grover was buried next to her daughter and grandson 25 years later in November 1891, and Mr Grover was laid to rest beside them in October 1892.

The present vault was built in 1895 by a tradesman of Danish ancestry, Mr Christy Hansen, some 200 metres west of the original grave site. A small headstone to the left of the vault belongs to Mrs Grover's niece MaryAnn Meins, who was the daughter of Charlotte and Edward Meins. MaryAnn died on



January 17, 1858, aged 19 years and was buried close to the old Rock Inn. Her headstone was moved due to road reconstruction some years ago, and was damaged during the process.

Gin's Leap stands as a silent sentinel over the grave sites. It also has a picnic area and interpretive sign.

Location Information: Gin's Leap is located 50km south east of Narrabri on the Kamilaroi Highway towards Boggabri.



**Gin's Leap**

From member: Carole Cockshott.

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### **Research with Timelines.**

When doing family history research I have found the use of 'timelines' to be an invaluable resource. They can be simple or complex. However the use of them will and can assist you, to see and review the information you have collected. Also giving you the ability to see what information is missing.

Many 'family stories' passed-down through the generations can provide valuable information however the use of a timeline can assist to sort out some of

the facts from fiction.

I use a simple 'Table' found via the 'Insert tab' on a Word document. Three columns, with as many rows as you like will suffice. It is simple to add a row or two whenever and wherever you have discovered more information however keep the information in chronicle order ... also it's just as simple to delete a row you may no longer require.

Name of your research person		
Date	Event/Details	Comment

It would be worthwhile revisiting your certificates and previous research. Start a 'timeline' and enter all your information a-fresh, often you will find a piece of information or two that you may have overlooked! Names of 'witnesses' listed on certificates can be very interesting and will often show a family connection and or fellow traveller to the Australian colonies.

Fellow researcher and CDFHS member (also our webmaster) Dennis Allsopp, drew my attention to a timeline he uses and is free to download ... draw.io (just Google draw.io - o not zero). The timeline Dennis had was a very fancy timeline, with a variety of shapes recording all his information. Great for the visual presentation of his facts and very attractive to display, at an easy glance the key facts – this would be useful in a published book or booklet.

Sharon Greene / CDFHS member

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### **Updated NSW BDM Website**

Please note the changes to the NSW BDM Website as at 1st October 2018.  
<https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/Pages/family-history-research/family-history-research-nsw.aspx>

## 'Family Crests' and 'Coat of Arms'

Recently at the Royal Easter Show held at Homebush in April 2019, I saw a very busy stand selling Family Crests and Coat of Arms. Many people were leafing through the numerous booklets looking for **their** family name and keen to purchase a beautiful and colourful glossy scroll of their family name.

Sadly, this is very much a rort, a total rip-off. Many family historians (and members of the general public) are keen to find a connection of their family surname. However the right to display or claim a Family Crest or Coat of Arms are limited to only a few.



A **Coat of Arms** belongs to, and is unique to, an individual at any one time. For a person to have the right to a **coat of Arms** they must either have it granted to them or be descended in a legitimate line of descent from a person to whom Arms were granted or confirmed in the past.

What is the difference between a Coat of Arms and a Family Crest: The terms "**coat of arms**" and "**crest**" are often used interchangeably, but there are **differences between** the two. ... A **crest** refers to what is displayed on top of the helmet. A **coat of arms** refers to the shield, but might also refer to the surcoat worn over the armour of a knight; literally a **coat of arms**.

My parents proudly have on display two family crests for their surnames: Francis and Strachan, on their lounge room wall. I have tried many times to explain they really are not entitled to claim them as their right. However they assure me the salesman said because they were their surnames that they were entitled to them. I have pointed out the obvious ... 'salesman' ... that it is all about money. I would not use these crests in any family history publication because I know we are not entitled to them.

This article is just an awareness ... please don't get caught up in the hype of something you are not entitled to.

A great website to check out the history, facts and the rights to have a Coat of

Arms is: <https://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/resources/faqs>.

Family Crests can still be and are granted, provided a criteria is followed and details can be found at: <https://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/services/granting-arms>

Sharon Greene / CDFHS member

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### **My Elusive Thomas Williams by Esma Hannah**

My great grandfather, Thomas Williams, appeared from nowhere. He met and courted my great grandmother, Maria, while she was still married to Charles Isaac. Charles and Maria had 4 children. Maria bore Thomas 2 children, the first, Sarah Olive being born 2 months after Charles Isaac died, and William born in 1852. Both these children died just a day apart, 2 months before Thomas and Maria legally married 19 June 1854.

Thomas and Maria went on to have 4 more children, 2 females and 2 males. The next female in line was another Sarah Olive, then Fanny Maria, my grandmother, followed by William Henry and Frederick Anthony. I must state here that there is a gap of 97 years between the birth of my grandmother, Fanny Maria and myself.

Another researcher, Bob, had it that Thomas Williams was a convict. I asked Bob where he got that information and he said that it was the only Thomas Williams that fitted the time frame. It didn't take much to disprove this as this particular Thomas Williams married another ex convict in the Catholic Church at Parramatta.

There was also a Thomas Williams who came on the same ship as Charles and Maria Isaac. Could he be the one I was after. This Thomas came from Bishopstone, Wiltshire, the same town as Charles and Maria. I checked this family out thoroughly, and although I didn't discount it, I was uncertain still at the fact that Normanton, Nottingham was on the birth certificate of son, Frederick Anthony.

All avenues to find Thomas Williams failed. Then came Trove, and I would spend hours copying every article I could find with the name Thomas Williams.

There were so many and how do I know which, if any could be mine. One night I searched "Maria Isaac" and up came a few articles of Maria who had been bashed by a drunken Thomas Williams. This was what I needed.

*ASSAULT.—Thomas Williams, a railway labourer, was charged with violently assaulting one Maria Isaacs, with whom he cohabited. The prosecutrix deposed that, on the 12th instant, the defendant, who was much addicted to drinking, beat her in the most barbarous manner without the slightest provocation; and the marks which her head and face still bore, corroborated her testimony. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of £5, or in default to be imprisoned for two months. [Illustrated Sydney News 18-3-1854 page 2]*

After seeing this and the other reports, I knew, being the drunkard he was, he would not have been able to pay the fine. I then went in search of gaol records. I discovered through the gaol records that Thomas Williams arrived in 1845 on the ship "Elizabeth". Going through the records, there was no Thomas Williams from Nottingham. I went through again and found a "Thomas Walster" who came from Nottingham, a town called Sutton-on-Trent. Now this town was not far from Normanton that had been listed on the birth certificate of Frederick Anthony Williams.

Thomas Walster was a bounty immigrant, assigned to work at Tocal Homestead at Paterson, NSW as a ploughman and labourer for a period of 12 months, under the employ of Charles Reynolds. On their records he was recorded as Thomas Walstor. Interesting fact was Fred Ward aka Thunderbolt and his two brothers were also at Tocal in later years.

Further checking of Thomas Walster, showed his parents as Thomas Walster and Mary Starr. Thomas and Mary had married 23 December 1819 at Sutton-on-Trent. Thomas, was baptized 14 May 1820 as was his twin brother, William. Other children born to Thomas and Mary were twins, Ann and Olive, then Rebecca, Mary and John. Now there's that name Olive.

Going back a generation, Thomas Senior's parents were Thomas Walster and Olive Dawson. Now the name holds some significance, but I still had cousins doubting what I found. I then decided it was time to do a DNA test and see what comes up. Well, I got two matches to Mary Starr. I contacted both people and they were descended from Olive Walster, my Thomas' sister. They hadn't been able to find out what happened to Thomas. I was told by these relatives

that Thomas, and his brother were raised by their grandmother, Olive.

If it wasn't for that article in Trove and the addition of DNA I would be none the wiser about Thomas Williams/Walster.

It seems history was to repeat itself, with Maria dying in 1871, and not knowing what happened to Thomas, the two younger children were raised by the publican of Ireland's Hotel at Enfield. It was said Thomas left the family home prior to the last child being born in 1860, to search for gold. I debate this has he was a drunkard. Maria was shown as a widow on her death certificate. Perhaps Thomas changed his name again and moved on. I know he is not buried with Maria at St Thomas Enfield.

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### **New and Updated Family Search Databases**

Following is a list of databases included or updated onto FamilySearch.org over the last month, available online.

- \* Australia, South Australia, School Admission Registers, 1873-1985. [1,717 records].
- \* Australia, South Australia, Will and Probate Records. [3,229 records].
- \* Canadian Headstones. [1,882,916 records].
- \* Canada, Nova Scotia, Records of Aliens pre-examined at Halifax, 1923-1933. [16,175 records].
- \* Scotland Census, 1901. [4,437,987 records].
- \* United States Confederate Officers Card Index, 1861-1865. [104,563 records].
- \* United States, Obituaries, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1899-2012. [374,380 records].
- \* New York State Census, 1905. [30,556 records].

## **Resources in the Family History Room**

### **Family Books - Written on Specific Families**

- \* Ancestor treasure hunt : the Edward Wills family and descendants in Australia 1797-1976 / by R.V. Pockley. [Book] 1976.
- \* Colonial connections : the descendants of Alice Nicholson and Ann Gibbons / by M.D. Cram. [Book]. 2002.
- \* Defend the fold : Cartwright family history : Richard Cornelius Cartwright, Thomas Cartwright, John Cartwright and their descendants / researched and compiled by Edward W. Northwood. [Book]. 1984.
- \* Descendants of James and Mary Melville : 1838-2008 / by their descendants. [Book]. 2008.
- \* Finetta : a family saga 1791-1987 with historical background : John Lee and Alice Nicholson and some of their many descendants in Australia. [Book]. 1987.
- \* Introducing the Wade family of Gulgong : a record of the life and times of Thomas Wade and Elizabeth Carter Wade and their descendants who settled around the Tallawang and Gulgong district of New South Wales in the nineteenth century / [ by Ross R. K. Wade ] : contributions by Bernadette Hurley ... [et al.]. [Book]. 2011.
- \* Mobbs' muster : the descendants of William and Ann Mobbs / by Beryl Mobbs Lewis and Alan C. Lemon. [Book]. 1988.
- \* A register of the descendants of the First Fleet living in the Sutherland Shire 1988 / compiled by Mrs Valerie Humphreys ... [et al.]. [Book]. 1988.
- \* To live on in the hearts and minds of descendants is to never die / by Peter R Stewart. [Book]. 2012.
- \* The mix which made three Australian families : the stories of the Whelans, Spithills and Drings to the 1920s and the American Spithills to the 1990s / by Bernarr P. Sloan. [Book]. 1997.
- \* Defend the fold : Cartwright family history : Richard Cornelius Cartwright,

Thomas Cartwright, John Cartwright and their descendants / researched and compiled by Edward W. Northwood. [Book]. 1984.

\* A family history : recollections and reflections : a series of books about the Sloans and the Sharps, the Drings and the Whelans / by B.P. (Bunny) Sloan. [Book]. 1990.

\* From a little acorn : a history and genealogy of the Davis family of Gounyan / by Beryl May Pittman. [Book]. 1989.

\* From Newport to New South Wales : a Brookes family history / by Marie Holmes. [Book]. 2011.

\* The gardener's gamble : a social history of Australia through the Dawson Family / by Helen Laidlaw. [Book]. 2010.

\* The Geisel family : an account of the "Melrose" Geisels, their history and their memories / [by Marion Mackenzie]. [Book]. 1978.

\* History of Edward Tickner & Sarah Towner of East Guldeford, Sussex and Camden, NSW : other families mentioned include Dowle, Haisell, Rideout, Hill & Larkin / compiled by Max Laidley. [Book]. 1994.

\* A history of the Hanson family from Westmorland / by Leon Warren. [Book]. 1994.

\* Mary : a Cullen family history / written and compiled by Ronald E. Henderson. [Book]. 1997.

\* Mon droit : a history of Edward Webster and his family / by G.J. Webster. [Book]. 1989.

\* Nash : First Fleeters & founding families ; a three-generational biographical history / by Carol J. Baxter. [Book]. 2004.

\* A Taber history in Australia / compiled and written by A. Neil Forbes-Taber. [Book]. 1984.

\* To Australia on the Melpomene : a diary of Charles Westmoreland and Westmoreland family history / edited by Marie Holmes. [Book]. 1997.



\* Transportation and chains : a family history of the Beauchamp Vane forefathers / written and compiled by Carl Beauchamp. [Book]. 1986.

\* The Underwoods : lock, stock and barrel / by Liz Parkinson. [Book]. 1989.

\* Wool before the wind : a history of the Ronald family and the Australian Mercantile, Land and Finance Company / by Heather B. Ronald. [Book]. 1987.

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Campbelltown District Family History Society has a Facebook page.

We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/cdfhs>

Facebook Macarthur Pioneers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1535651113364637/>

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## **Our Website**

<https://www.cdfhs.org.au/>

Please see our website, which came on-line in late February 2017, and has been updated from August 2017, by our webmaster: Dennis Allsopp.

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## **Contact Details**

Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

If you have changed your address, phone or email address please advise us at:

[maged@cdfhs.org.au](mailto:maged@cdfhs.org.au)

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## **Website Shop - CAHS**

Please visit the updated Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society website shop.

<http://www.cahs.com.au/the-society-shop.html>

They include 75 titles, including Grist Mills, IGT Publications and General books.

## Social Secretary's Report

We have had a good start to this year, we have already had our first course: BEGINNERS, which was very good. On Sunday 21st July, we will be having our second course: FAMILY TREE Programs. I think this one will be very popular. Please book early.

On Thursday 6th June we had a Bus Trip to the Hydro Majestic in the Blue Mountains for a guided tour through the place. Our guide was very informative, the rooms are all very beautiful. The weather was lovely so we headed to Blackheath for lunch in a charming old Pub and there was a Huge Antique Shop next door so of course we went and checked it out. A real lovely day and a THANK YOU to our President Robert Palmer for his driving of the bus .

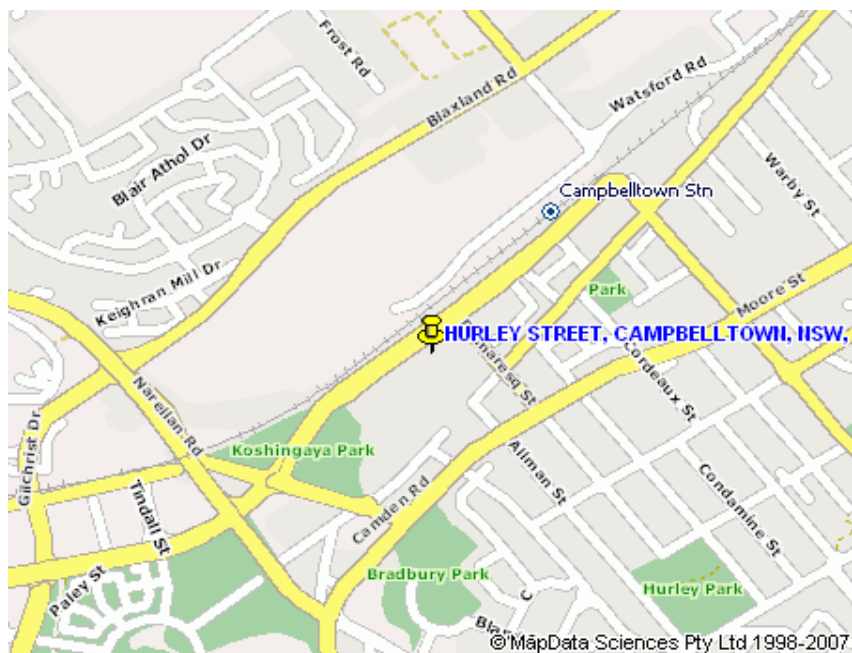
On Saturday 3rd August we will be having our AGM meeting followed by our 30th Anniversary at Glenalvon House. This will be a catered affair so come and join in for a lovely afternoon.

A bus trip is planned for State Records this year date TBA.

*Denise Baxter*  
*Social Secretary*  
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## **The Following Items Are For Sale From Campbelltown District Family History Society**

* Campbelltown Pioneer Register 1800-1900 CD 2nd edition	\$30
* Campbelltown Federation Register	\$15 (special)
* Campbelltown Cemetery Pictorial CD – only special request	\$10
* To purchase Pioneer Register plus Cemetery Pictorial together costs	\$40.
* Triple CD - Pioneer, Federation & Cemetery Registers [1 CD]	\$105.00
* Ghost Busters (Our Journal, Free To Members) Non Members	\$2.00
* Ingleburn Soldiers Memorial Park.	\$15.00 + \$6.95 p&h
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* 7 Generation Chart	\$4.50
* 9 Generation Chart	\$4.00

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