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NEWSLETTER

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From the President's Desk

Well, it is nearly the end of the year with Christmas just round the corner. It's all the planning going on for our Christmas Lunch that is getting me into a spin.

What really has me spinning in a web of confusion is John Schweers telling me about the chocolate wheel the ambulance service has donated to our museum. A chocolate wheel on an ambulance? You will have to see page 2 for his explanation as I am still not convinced.

So pleased we are still in November as I have two special highlights to share with you. The other Thursday our museum played host to nearly one hundred members of the National Trust who had booked in for morning tea as part of their day exploring the architectural delights of Berrima.

Buns, fancy cakes, slices of exotic looking homemade creations all designed to lift the spirits and encourage speaking whilst one's mouth is full. So many people relaxing with confectionaries and cups of tea on chairs in the museum garden soaking up the morning sun. Oh, Monet where were you to record the scene?

Major thanks from us all to our hard-working volunteers Bud, Connie, Donna, Lyn, Maria F, Maria T, Margaret, Ros and Sylvia for making the event a great

start to our visitors' day. You went way beyond the call of duty. Thank you.

From the tranquillity of Berrima to the intensity of the city. The Royal Australian Historical Society's annual conference in Campbelltown was the attraction with its second day impatiently awaited.

That morning session saw three of our own being presented with RAHS certificates in recognition of their contributions to the custodianship of our Society. Congratulations Denyse Barker, Patricia Doris and Ian Mackey and thank you for still coming into the office and keeping up the good work. Turn to page 3 for a summary of what each of our impressive trio has been doing for us during their decades of commitment.

Looking for a bargain book for reading in the shade of the verandah, an umbrella or the spreading branches of a friendly gum tree? Page 7 may have just the companion for you.

As the year has flown by, its good this newsletter includes annual reviews in case you blinked and missed some of the action.

For 'breaking news' as they say on the tellie, the revealing story of King Charles and the Hillview Estate in Sutton Forest on pages 6 and 7 should set your pulse racing.

Stuart Handley

GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS and EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2024 Thursday 28 November at 2:00pm

AGM plus a showing of selected films from our archives

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2025 No Meeting

MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD DOWNSTAIRS IN ARCHIVES ROOM

AFTERNOON TEA is served following the speaker

The **Family History Interest Group** meets at the Mittagong Archives on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm.



Moore Memorable Musings

MOORE FAMILY CLICHÉS



Wow, what a blast from the past! Years ago, we stuck our necks out by having the family Christmas dinner.

Remember those days?

Along comes Auntie Lena, who can talk underwater with a mouthful of marbles, followed by her scrawny son Cecil, looking like a yard of pump-water and the wreck of the Hesperus rolled into one. A miserable coot who had a face suitable for radio, only sees the dark side of life. My mother reckoned he was a sandwich short of a picnic.

However, it was Uncle Fred who was the life of the party, possibly because he was always three sheets to the wind, had a favourite saying, 'well the sun's over the yardarm.' We all knew he drank like a fish.

It was blowing a gale outside when Aunt Deidre, who always had a bee in her bonnet, complained that her hair looked like a birch-broom in a fit. It was she who once adamantly told us, 'I will never darken your doorstep again!' We've all been secretly hoping that she would keep her word.

Vince fronts up saying, 'boy it's chockers in here. You can't swing a cat!' 'Come in and chew the fat, old son,' says Fred. 'Here, splice the mainbrace with me,' handing him a glass of wine. 'Good as gold,' replied Vince, 'here's wind up yer kilt!'

Next to arrive was Fred's boy Denis, a chip off the old block but a bit of a loose cannon and really hard to fathom. 'Yuk, what's this stuff?' Says Denis who was getting a bit hot under the collar. 'It's called wine, dopey,' retorts Cecil. 'Chateau Cardboard 2023 if you really wanna know.'

And so we introduce those family members who could always get their knickers in a knot alongside the peacemakers, gently calming the waters.

There's a Japanese saying that it is easier to rule a kingdom than to run a family.

We also note that some guests bring you happiness. Some by coming and some by going.

Bruce Moore

NOTICE

2024 Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the BDH&FHS will be held on Thursday 28 November with a monthly meeting from 2pm, in the Mittagong Archives.

The Archives' Seasonal Break

Our Research Centre/Archives will not be open from close of business on Tuesday 17 December 2024 until 10:00am on Monday 13 January '25.

Our Christmas Luncheon

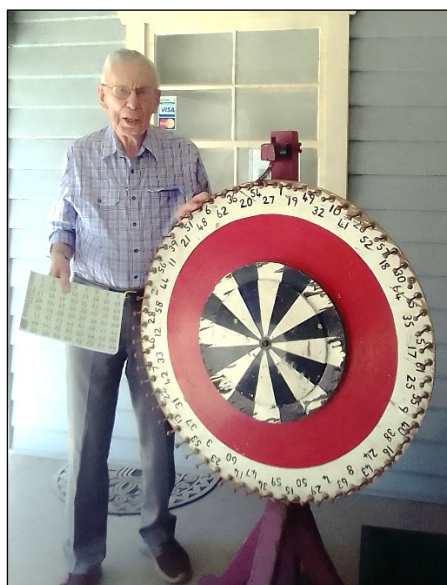
Thursday 12 December 2024
at 12:00 for 12:30pm

EXETER VILLAGE HALL

The Luncheon will be a cold buffet of ham,

chicken and salads, followed by lovely desserts, tea and coffee. Feel free to BYO alcohol. Cost is \$35 per person.

There will be lucky door prizes and a trivia quiz. The old Berrima District Ambulance "Chocolate Wheel" (see below) will be making a comeback, with lots of prizes, so please bring a handful of gold coins to join the fun.



For those wishing to attend, please let us know at the archives so we can add the names to our list, and then make payment in person, by eftpos or by funds transfer to our account BSB 633 000 Acct No 200107100 Bendigo Bank (surname as ref). Booking/payment by 3 December.

Clarification re Ryerson Index

In the President's Column on page 1 of our October issue, Stuart Handley referred to the Ryerson Index as being "a free index of death notices appearing in Australian newspapers from 1998 through to last week. It was originally created by the Sydney Dead Persons Society . . ."

The Editor of this newsletter would like to clarify that the copy submitted by Stuart actually had the year **1803** rather than **1998** and that this was changed due to a misunderstanding in the editing process. Our sincere apologies are extended to Stuart.

He had correctly taken his wording from the Ryerson Index website, which states that: "The Ryerson Index is a free index to death notices appearing in Australian newspapers. The date range covered extends from the *Sydney Gazette* of 1803 up to newspapers published within the last week or so".

The misunderstanding arose from the fact that the Ryerson Index first came into existence on 10 October 1998, the Sydney Dead Persons Society (DPS) deciding to create an on-going index of death notices, obituary notices and genealogical queries published in the two Sydney daily newspapers, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph*.

The Index's parameters were set widely enough to allow for the inclusion of other newspapers, and to expand backwards from the original starting point.

Due to the remarkable foresight of Joyce Ryerson, the project was given an almost-complete collection of death notices from the *Sydney Morning Herald* for the years 1986-1998. Once the indexing of these notices was complete, they continued the *SMH* backwards, with the result that in 2015, after 17 years of work, they completed the indexing of every surviving death notice from the *SMH* since it commenced publication in 1831. This information is taken from:

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/index>

Our Society has been a contributor to the Ryerson Index for many years, with archives volunteers uploading all death and obituary notices published in local newspapers. It was one of the many tasks of the late Peg Harvey.

Significant Contributions Awarded

Nominations for a Certificate of Achievement Award for three of our Society's members were approved by the BDHS Management Committee and submitted to the Royal Australian Historical Society, with hearty recommendation by our President Stuart Handley and Vice President Linda Emery. The awards were presented at the RAHS 2024 Annual Conference in Campbelltown on 27 October. Each submission included a description of service which follow here.

Denyse Barker

Denyse joined the Society in 2007. Since becoming a member, she has been a regular volunteer in the archives, assisting researchers with enquiries and undertaking various projects. Denyse has taken a particular interest in scanning and cataloguing the Society's large photographic collection and has been instrumental in making the collection available in our online image library. Denyse has served on the Management Committee of the Society since 2010 and is currently Minutes Secretary for the committee. Denyse has made a significant contribution to our Society over the last 17 years.



Patricia Doris

Patricia joined the Society in 2011 and the Management Committee in 2013.

Patricia has used her skills as an administrator in the role of treasurer for ten years, a position in which she excelled. As well as the day-to-day affairs of the archives and our museum, she administered several large grants for building and development projects awarded to the Society. In 2023, she became Secretary of the Society, a position she currently holds. Patricia has made a significant contribution to our Society over the past 13 years.



Ian Mackey

Ian joined the Society in 2006. Since becoming a member, Ian has been a regular volunteer in the archives. He joined the Management Committee in 2016 and in 2017 became President of the Society, a position he held until 2023.

As President, Ian guided our organisation through negotiations with the local council to gain secure tenancy to our archives in Mittagong. He took an active role in all facets of the operation of the Society, both in the archives and our museum, and in promoting the activities of our organisation.



Ian has made a significant contribution to our Society over the past 18 years.

The Royal Australian Historical Society states on its website that Affiliated Societies (our Society is one) are crucial in promoting local and community history throughout NSW. The Certificates of Achievement recognise members of societies whose contribution is significant and noteworthy, and typically recognise contributions in publications; research; organising events; managing archival and museum collections; managing finances; coordinating online initiatives.

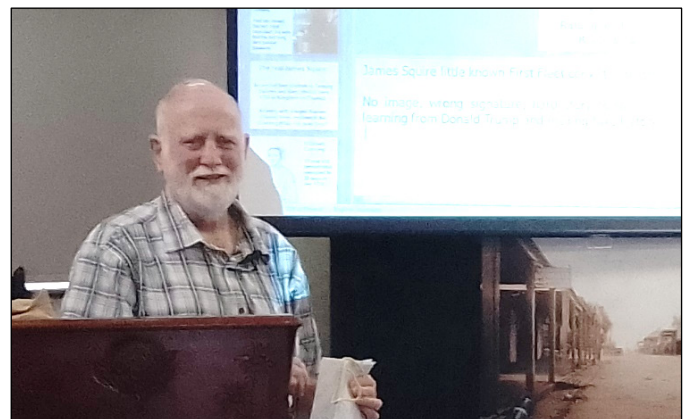
Christmas Sale of Surplus Books !!!

A list of books for sale is provided on Page 7 – please peruse and contact us without delay to purchase any.

Our AGM and November Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the BDH&FHS will be held at 2pm on Thursday 23 November along with the General Meeting downstairs at the Archives/ Research Centre in Mittagong.

Following the AGM Linda Emery will host a showing of some archival film footage on the big screen and popcorn and choc tops will be freely distributed to suit the occasion, as well as the usual afternoon tea, so don't miss out!



Dr Peter Mitchell, the speaker at our October meeting, in front of the big screen on which will be shown some historic film footage at the November General Meeting.

BDHS President Annual Report

Stuart Handley

As the sun sets on a very enjoyable year for me in the 'hot seat', I have the pleasure of sharing some of the highlights of my debut season with you. My stumbling through those early General and Management Committee meetings must have caused more than a few of you to wonder if I would stay the course. Well, the enthusiasm of our volunteers is inspiring and guaranteed to encourage the best from everyone who has the privilege to spend time with them.

It looks as though we are going to enjoy the familiarity of our Mittagong home for a while yet with Council's grant application to renovate the old building being rejected by powers from far away. For every door that is slammed in our faces another swings open. No lift? No worries. We will hold our monthly General Meetings downstairs where it is cosier and offers a convenient tearoom too.

Sociable and informative. Every month an opportunity to make new friends and be entertainingly informed by a range of speakers and their varied topics. From the masons of Kangaroo Island to female convicts. The nostalgia of the radio serial Blue Hills, work of Benevolent Asylums and mysterious duo James Squire and Bennelong visited us while stories of Charlotte Atkinson, Italian prisoners of war and rogues and vagabonds were much closer to home.

Some societies are history focused, others family history while there is a few who have built a museum around a collection. Our volunteer Society offers, operates and financially supports all those three elements while remaining true to its local heritage.

Against the challenges of a much publicised 'cost of living crisis' our museum continues to attract visitors with our volunteers going the extra mile to host groups of varying sizes.

Our representation at various community events have been marketing opportunities for us. Lots of networking with other societies at the Illawarra Family History Fair while it was fellow locals and regular visitors we spent our time with at the Zen Oasis Spring Festival.

We participated in the Moss Vale Court House celebration, with Linda Emery's presentation well received by the assembled flock of legal eagles.

The Australia Day parade and the RAHS conference were opportunities for allowing us to promote our society and connect with others. At the conference Linda caused a stir with descriptions of our books, 'Street Names of Mittagong' and 'Street Names of Moss Vale'. It was the detail of content, quality of the product at such a bargain price that stunned all who

heard. Of all the books we have sold via our website, museum, archives and on bookstalls, nearly all of them have been written by members of our Society. Each publication taking years of research, accessing photos, writing, editing and publishing. So much creativity and modesty in our group. Breathtaking.

It was a pleasure to present Marie Chalker with a Life Membership of our Society. This honour is rarely bestowed and is a tribute to Marie's cheerful approach as much as her commitment to our Society. Jill Lees fifty years a member. That is gold standard loyalty. Thank you, Jill and remember there is always a welcome in our archives.

However, we also experienced the loss of some beloved members of our community, including legends like Harlan Hall, Gloria and Bob Williams, and Peg Harvey. Their contributions and memories will always be cherished. Thank you.

On a lighter note, our Family History Group continues to flourish, now complemented by a monthly DNA group that has sparked much interest. In our archives volunteers are busy sorting, scanning and uploading onto the internet from filing cabinets of data and images one page at a time. Such patience, while alongside them researchers seek new challenges.

While this year enters its final chapters, its eyes up to projects yet to launch. We will be involved in Seniors Week 2025, our website is due for an overhaul and maybe we will have podcasting to entertain you.

Archives Annual Report

Linda Emery

As usual, it has been another busy year in the archives, with some interesting accessions and some excellent work on a variety of projects.

Shylie Brown has been working on scanning and cataloguing a streetscapes project undertaken by the Society in the 1980s which she completed a few weeks ago. Members photographed houses and businesses in the main towns and villages, and it is remarkable to see how much has changed in that time. Congratulations Shylie for your commitment to this worthwhile project.

The awesome digitising team of Diane McAllery and Denice Welch have completed all the biography files – around 4,000 of them. It was a monumental task but they are now held as PDF files on remote storage, so in the event of a disaster, all that research material is safely stored. They are now digitising our building files which contain so much information on houses and properties in the Southern Highlands.

One of the areas of research that is growing is the interest owners are showing in the history of their houses and this year we have done quite a few

research reports on houses and properties in the highlands. It is a source of income for the Society and also a chance for us to increase the information we hold in our building files.

The decision to have our monthly general meetings in the archives so that members did not have to negotiate the stairs has proved to be a great move in more ways than one. It necessitated us rearranging a few things in the room, which has been a positive step, giving us more space for researchers to work. Ian Mackey planned it all to perfection.

Among the accessions this year, we received two lovely portraits of Martha and David Harrison, very early settlers in Bowral who established their store in 1863 on the corner of Bong Bong and Wingecarribee Streets. We have also received quite a number of photographs, many of which we have not seen before so we continue to add interesting images to our online image library.

A major project has just been completed – the digitisation of the only full set of SPC/Blue Circle newsletters known to exist. Ian Mackey made them available and was successful in obtaining a grant of \$5,000 from BDCU Bendigo Bank. The Society contributed the balance of \$3,800. They will be word searchable files which will soon be added to our website. They are a fantastic source of information. The company was the largest single employer in the Southern Highlands so this project will be of great interest to anyone who ever worked at the cement works or had a relative who worked there.

Our willing team of archives volunteers work hard on cataloguing, indexing, research, filing and cleaning. The morning coffee “meeting” on Mondays continues to provide an opportunity to discuss any issues in the archives, but just as importantly a chance to share the friendship and camaraderie we enjoy. A recent visitor not only complimented us on how well organised and impressive our archive was – in his words, the best historical society he had visited – but also noted the positive atmosphere in the room. Members are always welcome to drop in to have a look around, use the library or just have a chat.

Lastly, the most important part of my report is to thank all the volunteers who come in on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays. We have a regular team of more than 20 members who all do valuable work to keep the Society running smoothly.

Museum Annual Report

John Schweers

I am pleased to report that the museum has been both financially and culturally successful in the 2023/2024 year. The financial results may be viewed in the Treasurer’s Financial Statement.

The museum hosted 1,754 adults who visited from all parts of Australia and the world. This number is 206 more than the last year. My observation is that visitor numbers to Berrima have not returned to the level of visits that was normal before the Covid period.

The Cars & Coffee event on the last Sunday of the month continues to be a big occasion each month for Berrima and the museum. I thank all our volunteers for the welcome that they provide to all.

There has been a big effort by Lyn Hall and her team who continue to update the accessioning of the museum’s collection. Vanessa Dalglish has once again diligently maintained the volunteers’ monthly roster, a huge effort that enables the museum to run smoothly. Brian and Sylvia Carless continue to keep the gardens and lawns in showcase condition.

Group visits continue to contribute to our financial success. Attendance figure for locals is still low and once again I encourage members to put the museum and Berrima on their must-visit list for their guests.

The displays in the Williams Gallery are continuing to be updated, an example being the Charlotte Atkinson display, and further changes will be seen in 2025.

I thank the Society’s Management Committee, the Museum Sub-Committee and all our volunteers for their involvement and contribution for the year. The successful operation of our award-winning museum is dependent upon all our efforts.

Conservation Officer’s Annual Report

Denise Mackey

It has been another productive and rewarding year for the Conservation team with a constant flow of interesting and sometimes challenging requests relating to items in our collection.

World War I photos from the former meeting room are being cleaned, repaired and reframed. It was the acquisition of the large, framed photograph and the Distinguished Conduct Medal belonging to local lad, Richard Pitts which gave impetus to planning a display of all our Great War treasures. This is a project for 2025.

Rolled maps, many with varying degrees of damage, have been flattened and repaired with some encased in protective Mylar sleeves. These preserved items are ready to be accessed and used by researchers.

The downstairs back storeroom was rationalised, cleaned and reorganised with the principal aim of creating more space for our ever-increasing library. Some furniture was repaired and relocated upstairs to be used as storage facilities. Research for “What’s in a Name” book for Bowral streets, an enormous undertaking, has been ongoing throughout the year.

Interspersed with specific tasks were the regular jobs of cleaning, repair, framing, packaging, labelling and storage of photos, documents, books and artwork.

Newspapers unavailable on Trove and Ratebooks constituted the main requests by researchers visiting the Conservation rooms. Caring for our treasures, contributing to preserving our history and learning new skills have been enriching and fulfilling experiences. My gratitude is extended to the volunteers who have generously given assistance during the year with special thanks to Sharon Lamont for her continued enthusiasm and contributions.

Family History Group Annual Report

Denise Mackey

During the year a self-help group of enthusiastic family historians numbering between 16 and 24 gathered at the Archives at 1 pm on the first Wednesday of each month for an engaging Family History Group meeting. The interesting variety of agenda included presentations by guest speakers and group discussions along specific themes. Lively dialogue and exchange of ideas always followed. Some of the agenda items included a comprehensive tour of the Archives, Emigration in the Nineteen Century, Emigration stories, Irish Family History, Researching Convict Women, What Got You Started Researching your Family History, a visit to the State Archives, Kingswood and numerous opportunities for individual and group research. A Family History Group library located within the Society's library has been established.

The group (and the Society) was represented at the Illawarra Family History & Heritage Fair on Saturday 17 August in Wollongong. The Fair organised by the Illawarra Family History Group was an opportunity for self-promotion of the Society and for networking to establish contacts and potential guest speakers.

A sincere thank you to all our presenters for their thought provoking talks, careful preparations and sharing expertise and knowledge.

Any member of the Society is welcome to join the informal self-help Family History Group. The first meeting for 2025 is Wednesday 5 February.

Librarian's Annual Report

Carolyn Dougherty

Earlier this year we were fortunate to be contacted by a generous lady who offered to show us her library with a view to our selecting any books of interest to take for our library. Denise Mackie, Linda Emery and I spent hours trawling through her bookshelves and selecting items of appropriate

interest to be included in our collection. These acquisitions have added greatly to the breadth of our collection and we thank her for her generosity.

A 'New Books in Library' listing is to be provided in our December newsletter. As it will include the recent acquisitions it will be more lengthy than usual.

Publication Officer's Annual Report

Jenny Frost

We continue to sell our large, quality range of publications relating to the history of the Southern Highlands with over 80 titles across many subjects relevant to our history. I am pleased to report that book sales continue to contribute to the financial income and objectives of our Society. Our sales this year generated revenue totalling \$6,982, a welcome profit of \$3,896. Our primary sales outlets are the Museum, our Archives, and our website. In addition, Destination Southern Highlands at Mittagong and the Berrima Courthouse provide the Society with additional sales outlets for our publications, and we are appreciative of their support.

Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteer members, we have also been able to participate in several local community events by running a book stall promoting not only the sale of books but the Society in general. Australia Day and the recent Zen Oasis festival in September generated significant book sales for us. I would like to thank all those dedicated members who participated and 'manned' the book stalls on these occasions.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Rhonda Brown

I am pleased to present the Society's Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 September 2024. The Financial Statement will be available at the AGM. The Society has had a good year with income well exceeding expenditure. Our main income sources are membership fees, Museum entry fees, research fees, and sale of books and photographs.

STOP PRESS: great news re *Hillview*

At a special reception in Sydney during his recent royal tour, King Charles unveiled plans for The King's Foundation Australia, an Australian version of his King's Foundation charity. The new charity's first project will be as custodian of the *Hillview* Estate in Sutton Forest, working to restore the historic property and surrounding land. The former summer residence of the governor of NSW will serve as the permanent base of The King's Foundation Australia

and be developed as a “landmark cultural hub”, the charity is quoted as saying in a report provided on the website of the UK’s *Independent* newspaper.

The report continues that inspiration has been taken from the regeneration of *Dumfries House* – an 18th century mansion in Ayrshire, Scotland, which now acts as The King’s Foundation’s headquarters after it was saved for the nation in 2007 by a consortium led by Charles as the then Prince of Wales. The original foundation was set up to train the next generation of skilled craftspeople in heritage techniques, including in building, carpentry, fashion and textiles. Practical education and training programmes in traditional and heritage craft will also be developed at *Hillview*.

Hillview came on to the market – with a long-term government leasehold – for the first time in 24 years in December 2023, with a guide price of \$7.5 million according to the *Australian Financial Review*. The charity has signed a long-term lease and the property remains in the ownership of the NSW government.

The 1870s-built residence at Old Illawarra Highway, Sutton Forest, was previously known as *Prospect*. It is “the most exclusive” highland estate and was a vice-regal summer retreat for 16 consecutive NSW governors between 1882 and 1957, offering them “a place to escape the Sydney summer”, the *AFR* said.

The NSW Heritage Register listed the house – which had 38 habitable rooms including 27 bedrooms – and its 60-hectare estate as of “exceptional significance to the people of NSW as the former country home of the governors of NSW” for 75 years. The government sold it in 1958 to eccentric builder and developer Edwin Klein, who re-landscaped the gardens but left the main house mostly untouched, living in a cottage alongside. He later gifted his beloved *Hillview* back to the government on condition of enduring tenancy.

In the early 1960s Klein became an active member of our Society and joined the Museum Sub-Committee when it formed in January 1968. Historic items were stored at *Hillview* when the museum was temporarily without premises in 1970 and, to raise money for the museum, Klein held garden open days at *Hillview*. The museum’s Klein Room is named in his memory.



Edwin Klein in his later years at Hillview; he died in 1990
compiled by Philip Morton

Christmas Sale of Surplus Books

Please contact us without delay if you want to buy any of the books listed below. If you live locally, you may collect/pay for your selections during opening hours at the archives. Alternatively, ph 4872 2169 or email the Society at bdhsarchives@gmail.com and we will advise cost of postage and payment methods.

A History of Fitzgerald’s Valley Wimbledon by Geoff Smith. Published 1996 (Rev. ed.) Excellent condition. **\$10.**

A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland by Brian Mitchell published 1986. Excellent condition. **\$10.**

About Face: a photographic celebration of people living in the Southern Highlands. Published 2011. Very good condition. First ed. No. 211 of 1000 copies. Signed by author. **\$10.**

Antarctic Memoirs by John Bunt published 2006. As new condition. **\$5.**

Beautiful Bowral: A Pictorial Celebration by Leah Day & Ken Gilroy. Published 1997. One copy as new, **\$10**, other cover slightly damaged **\$7.**

Finding Families: The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists. Published by the National Archives, 1998. **\$10.**

Frensham: An Historical Perspective by Susan E. Emilsen. Published 1988. As new. **\$30.**

Images of Bundanoon: revisited. Published 2014. Sticky tape inside back and front covers otherwise good condition. **\$5.**

Irish Records: Sources for Family & Local History by James G. Ryan. Published 1988. Very good condition. **\$10.**

Mittagong’s Picturesque History by Leah Day & Tim McCartney. Published 1996. As new condition. **\$20.**

Southern Highlands Discovery: The Southern Highlands New South Wales Australia. A Tim Mooney publication, 1991. Excellent condition. **\$10.**

The Great Shame: A story of the Irish in the old world and the new by Thomas Keneally. As new condition but with a stamp of the previous owner’s name on first page. Published 1998. **\$7.**

Celebrating 100 Years: Bowral Bowling Club 1914 – 2014. Excellent condition but with previous owner’s name and brief message on first page. Published 2014. **\$10.**

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Library collection contains reference books, journals and a general collection.

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AT PRESENT, OPEN: 10.00am to 3.00pm, Fridays to Sundays.
This includes during school and public holiday periods.

MEMBERSHIP: Any person wanting to join the Society may do so at any stage during the year by completing a form and paying the appropriate fee. Joining Fee \$10.00 – Single \$25.00 – Family \$35.00.

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