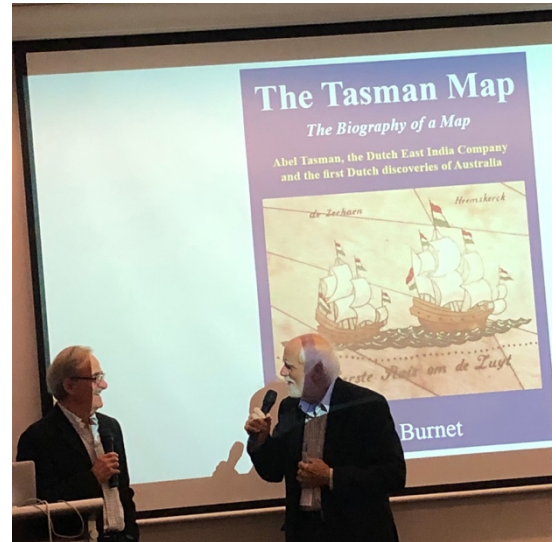
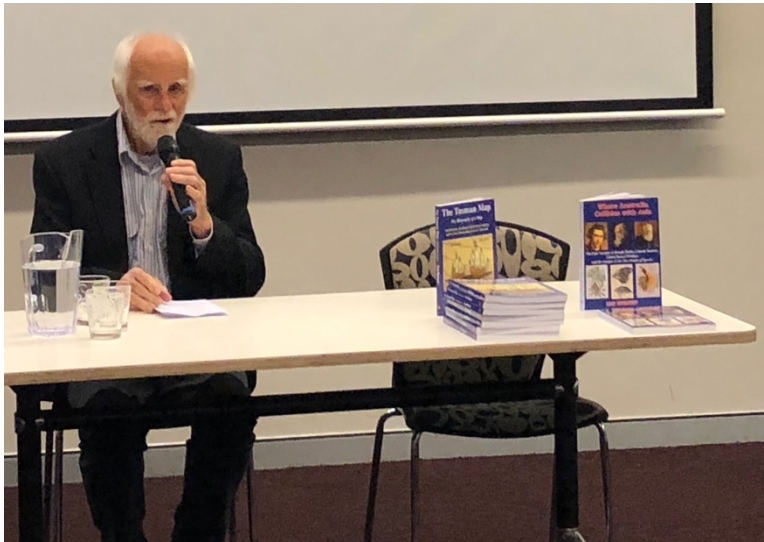


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Bill McLaughlin addressing the meeting and introducing Ian Burnet the guest speaker

At our last **General Meeting on Tuesday 25th May**, in the Lane Cove library, the President Bill McLaughlin, commenced proceedings by noting, with his congratulations, that two members had received Citizenship Awards from the Lane Cove Council on Wednesday 19 May 2021. One was Karen Aubrey who received the *Music, Art & Culture Award* for her constant support for the Lane Cove Historical Society, both in maintaining the LCHS & Carisbrook websites, social media, publicity, event organization and in the preparation of newsletters such as this one. The other member was Margaret Miller who received the *Community Service Award*, for her service to Lane Cove Bushcare at the Moore Street site, in Lane Cove.

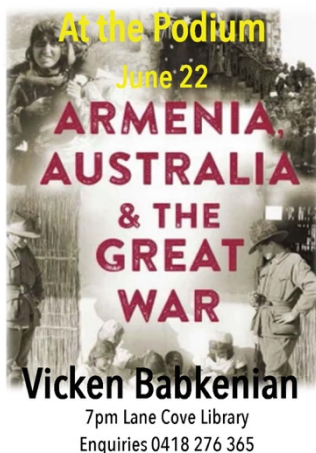


2020 Lane Cove Citizenship Award recipients

Among other matters, Bill McLaughlin also noted that work proceeds on the care and maintenance of Carisbrook, including plans to replace its roof and to accommodate a sulky in the grounds of the house.

Bill introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Ian Burnet, who spoke about the *Tasman map* in the foyer of the Mitchell library on Macquarie Street Sydney. Behind that map lies a remarkable history of discovery, which Ian outlined. The Dutch East India Company was founded in 1594 and in the succeeding two centuries many Dutch explorers travelled to the area of modern Indonesia, parts of New Guinea and Australia, all part of the quest to find sources of spices to take back to Europe. Across the years of their many expeditions, the Dutch navigators, including Abel Tasman, helped to map the coast of Australia, at least with respect to the west, the north and the south. The map they created remained unchanged for over 100 years, until Cook sailed up the east coast of Australia. By a curious step in history, a copy of the Dutch map came into the hands of Prince Roland Bonaparte, who decided he wanted to give the map to Australia. Amazingly, long after his death, the map indeed came to Sydney and it was used to create the beautiful marble floor that lies in the foyer of the Mitchell Library.

Ian Burnet's book *The Tasman Map*, is available from the author; www.ianburnetbooks.com



Next month's meeting on June 22nd 2021, will host a visit from **Vicken Babkenian**, who will take about "*Armenia, Australia and the Great War*". This is the title of a book that Vicken wrote with Professor Peter Stanley, and it details the history of Armenians and their arrival in Australia. "*Armenia, Australia and the Great War*" was shortlisted for 2 major Australian literary awards. His talk will draw on that book. Many people of Armenian descent live in the lower North Shore. **Vicken Babkenian** is an independent researcher for the Australian Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.



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An interesting old homestead

One of our members, **Frances Christie**, recently visited the heritage-listed house, *Dundullimal*, outside Dubbo. Readers interested in old Australian homes will find this a most interesting reminder of life among the wealthier pastoralists who settled in NSW in the 19th century. The homestead stands 7 kilometres outside Dubbo. The property was taken up as a “run” in the 1840s, which later became a lease, and in time the squatters could buy their land. The homestead was built in about 1840 and it served a 6,500-hectare squatting run. The homestead is believed to be the oldest surviving slab hut house in Australia. Its interior is relatively sophisticated for its type, with an imposing sitting room and is noted for its tent-shaped plaster ceiling, and wallpaper reproduced from an 1850 pattern. The house is furnished with original period furniture. The working areas include sandstone stables, the black smith’s forge, a coach room and a sunken cool room and stores. The property is administered by the National Trust and it is well worth a visit. You can consult the Trust website for times the house is open for inspection.



The old homestead: the old kitchen on the side was lost in a flood



The old stables

Perhaps any readers of this newsletter can advise us of other historic houses especially outside Sydney that we might all like to visit. We would welcome contributions. Email them to carisbrookhouse@hotmail.com and add *Attention Noticeboard* in the subject line.



Devonshire Tea Weekends are taking off at Carisbrook. Have you dropped by yet? Don't forget if you are a member you can take the new audio tour for free and reacquaint yourself with Carisbrook Historic House. All the scones and cakes are home made, and we have an amazing barista ready to make you a latte, flat white, long black, cappuccino etc. Drop by for a spot of tea or coffee in June.

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The following article is in the May 2021 edition of The Village Observer (TVO).

Researching History in Lane Cove by Frances Christie

Henry Ford famously declared, “History is more or less bunk”. (Interview in 1916, cited by Hirst 2019). History was “tradition. We don't want tradition.” However, Ford preserved the records of his own career as an industrialist and later created his own museum, which would “give people a true picture of the development of the country”.

Ironically Ford revealed a considerable interest in preserving history, though he was selective about what he documented, dismissing what he imagined was irrelevant. He thought he was directing his own generation into new historical directions. But like any historian, Ford was selective. All historians are selective, because they choose their area of interest and interpret the information they gather. Ford focused on the industrial might of America, with reference to the car industry.

One of the pleasures of researching history is the freedom the historian enjoys in selecting a subject and creating some interpretation of it. The pleasure for the reader lies in learning how historians interpret the subjects they select.

The Lane Cove History Prize

The Lane Cove History Prize offers scope to historians to document many aspects of the history of Lane Cove.

For example, in 2020, Susan Ingham explored the history of women’s sailing in Lane Cove, showing women have excelled at the sport. By contrast, in 2018, Penny Ransby Smith’s essay focused on local children. Inspired by the diversity of children in two local schools, Penny discussed the variety of people now living in Lane Cove, as represented by the children dressed for their Harmony Day celebrations.

A different theme was offered by Simon Cole in 2017, with an oral history about Les Heap. Born before the Second World War, Les worked at Cockatoo Island, building ships for the Royal Australian Navy. He settled in Lane Cove and received the Lane Cove Council Citizenship Award in 2011.

In 2016 Margaret Clark told the story of a returned soldier from the First World War, Arthur King, who brought his French wife to settle in Lane Cove. She was home sick for a time, but she came to terms with it, and they raised a family, enjoying a good life in Lane Cove.

In 2019, there were two winners. Jill Curtin told the story of Charles Henry Rosman, ferry master, who worked on ferries on Sydney harbour. He was involved in a serious harbour accident in 1938, though later absolved of criminal neglect. Susan Ingham documented the case of a talented if eccentric architect. The house he built in Mary Street Lane Cove was highly regarded, though the house, like its architect, proved to be difficult.

What do they all have in common?

A World War I digger and his French wife; a group of intrepid women who mastered sailing; a bunch of primary aged children from a variety of ethnic and cultural and backgrounds; a ferry man; an eccentric architect and the house he built; and a skilled tradesman who worked on Cockatoo Island. They had two things in common. Firstly, they had contributed to the life of Lane Cove, and in some cases they still do so. And secondly, they were chosen from the range of potential subjects to bring to our attention, and worthy of recognition.

It’s time for this year’s historians to commence work on researching their entries to the Lane Cove History Prize for 2021. Details will be found on the Lane Cove Historical Society website at

<https://www.lanecovehistoricalsociety.com.au/lane-cove-history-prize>

Hirst, K.K. (2019) ‘A Note on Henry Ford’ in *Thought Co.* <https://www.thoughtco.com/henry-ford-why-history-is-bunk-172412> (accessed 20/03.2021)

It's not too late to think about the History Prize 2021 with a prize of \$1000 to entice you!



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