

# Lane Cove Historical Society Inc.

# NOTICEBOARD

June 2019

**JOIN US NEXT TUESDAY  
FOR A SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY MOVIE  
The Mighty Sunderland:  
Australia's Flying Boats in War and Peace**

Denis Smith OAM presents a story of the remarkable feats of Australia's flying boats. This documentary looks at the fate and the wartime history of Australia's Sunderland flying boats and his presentation gives us a look at previously unpublished wartime images, plus a short history of the flying boats that flew peacetime civilians to and from Britain and the South Seas.



It was the aircraft that valiantly protected the vital convoys braving the Atlantic and kept open the air route to Europe after the fall of Singapore. The amazing flying boats—the Sunderlands and the Sandringhams—have a rich history in the story of Australian aviation.



This aircraft took many Australians overseas to holiday in the 1930s. A gruelling ten-day trip, hopping from Darwin, Surabaya, Jakarta, Singapore, Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Alexandria, Basra, Marseilles and finally, to Southampton. These

planes ferried thousands over the years to tropical South Sea destinations, Fiji, Noumea and the Cook Islands, as well as Hayman Island, the aircraft that brought many British immigrants to post-war Australia.

Join us **7pm June 25** at the Lane Cove Library for a special **At the Podium** meeting with coffee and chat afterwards. There is free parking under Woolworths after 6pm.

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**Crackers at Carisbrook!**

CHEESE, WINE AND JAZZ  
Sunday 11 August 2-4pm  
Featuring the  
**Delta Jazz Band**

\$30  
inclusive

Carisbrook Historic House 334 Burns Bay Road Lane Cove

Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/511430>  
Enquiries phone 0418 276 365  
[www.carisbrookhouse.com](http://www.carisbrookhouse.com)

We are doing it again on Sunday 11 August! Come and enjoy Carisbrook's courtyard with a cheese board in front of you and a wine in hand while Delta Jazz do their thing and make the day complete.

The time – 2pm to 4pm – is perfect to catch the lovely winter sunshine in August. Bookings are open now at <https://www.trybooking.com/511430>.

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### **MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL VISIT THREE BUSY DAYS IN MAY!**

From Wednesday May 22 until Friday 24th, LCHS volunteers shepherded two hundred and thirty primary school children over Carisbrook. The operation went off like a military manoeuvre.

The ten classes of twenty-two students were split up into manageable groups and were wonderfully receptive, bright-eyed sponges of historical stories and concepts.



Interesting, and perhaps reflecting the child's perspective on our times, their fascination with the artificial fruit and flowers was mystifying to a few of the guides. In our world of 'fake news', are they honing their skills to be on the lookout for what is true and what is not? And, if so, in rooms where so many things were completely foreign to their experience, why did they identify those things as being real but from a different time, but instantly spot the artificial props?

We love them to come on these visits – after all, it's what we're about – but it was with some relief we waved the bus goodbye and sat down to rest aching backs, knees, hoarse throats ... Our volunteers are truly amazing!

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

In case we haven't made mention in our previous Noticeboard in February, welcome to our new members in 2019. We are very appreciative of the volunteer work you have done since you joined:

Jenny Greenwell,  
Samantha Fernandez,  
Margaret Bergomi,  
Lesley Thompson,  
Ruth Rees

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PRESIDENT: Kay Leiper  
TREASURER: Terry Liddicoat

VICE PRESIDENT: Clio Wallace  
VICE PPRESIDENT /SECRETARY: Pat Madson

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**CARISBROOK GARDEN LIGHTING  
WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE**



Carisbrook's exterior lighting is nearing completion, thanks to the support of the NSW State Government's \$30,000 grant and a \$10,000 from the Stronger Communities Grants of the Federal Government, under which terms the LCHS will be committing a further \$10,000. The finishing touches to strip lighting along the verandahs and pergola will be finished by the end of June. The pathways are safe, the terraces well lit and the trees excellently highlighted.

As soon as spring arrives, we will have some evening celebrations, including one Lane Cove Festival event which will be an indigenous concert put on by the LCC featuring Walangari.

## **CARISBROOK HISTORIC HOUSE BIG CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS**

Carisbrook will change its opening hours beginning with the weekend 21/22 September. In a twelve month trial, the third weekend each month will be an 'Open Weekend' offering a relaxing, heritage escape from the modern weekend-rush. Along with a tour of the house, visitors can relax in the garden and indulge in a Devonshire tea, or have coffee and a range of Victorian-style cakes in our sunny courtyard. Each month we also hope to focus on a different aspect of the 19th century.

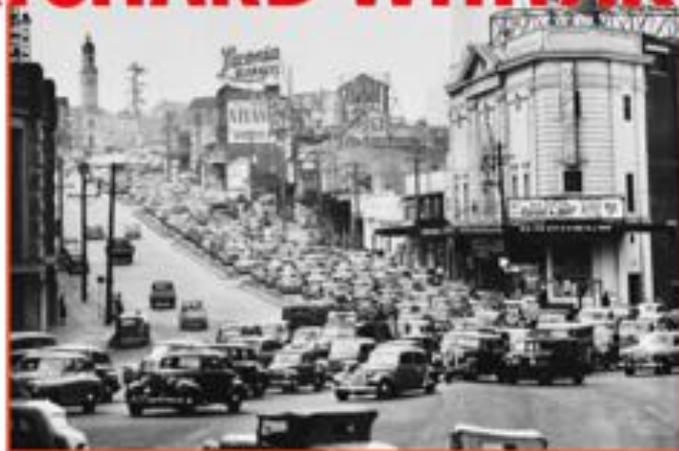
This means that Carisbrook is available for small gatherings and group tours on the other weekends of the month. Members are welcome to hold fundraising private parties for the LCHS.

Opening hours are also extended with our weekday group tours which are increasing, with morning and afternoon teas as well as lunches on offer. The house is fully accessible as are the facilities, and because of this, the excursion can be particularly beneficial for seniors with dementia as the house interiors sometimes provide significant memory triggers. Other community groups and clubs can enjoy a walk around the gardens down to the Bay after the house tour and lunch.

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## **At the Podium**

# **RICHARD WHITAKER**



**Cruising About Town: The History of the Motor Car in Sydney**  
**7pm July 23 Lane Cove Library**

**THE GREAT LANE COVE PHOTO-SCAN  
LANE COVE FESTIVAL EVENT  
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 10am - 4pm**

This Festival, the Lane Cove Historical Society wants to scan your old photos. Look into those old family photo albums and take grandma's kin for an outing to Carisbrook Historic House for "The Great Lane Cove Photo-Scan".



We will scan for free, while-you-wait, any ten of your family photographs to a USB stick provided by you.\* The scans will be in high res JPG format and scanned individually in a flat-bed scan to ensure safe handling. We will not be using a scanner feeder.

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\* You can purchase a USB stick at Australia Post, most supermarkets, Officeworks, newsagents, etc.

The photographs must be over twenty-five years old, because the aim is to increase our local community's history whilst making digital copies for you. After copying to your USB stick, we will also record the details of your photograph and incorporate it into the LCHS digital photo archive, which is part of the Carisbrook Collection. This archive is available to any academic historical researcher and to local historians.

With photograph albums prior to 1920, we would love you to allow us to thumb through it and copy any extra photographs (above the arbitrary ten limit) we might think historically relevant. Any photograph prior to 1900 is important in itself and we would urge you to allow us to archive these in our LCHS Collection. Likewise any WWI photographs. Of course, you get digital copies of all the photographs we might scan.

Guidelines and further info will soon be published on:  
[www.carisbrookhouse.com/events](http://www.carisbrookhouse.com/events).

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**MAYBE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE A STORY WORTHY OF WRITING UP?**

**Be a winner!**

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**\$2000 LCHS HISTORY PRIZE**

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