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The next general meeting of  
the Granville Historical  
Society will be held at 2.00  
pm on Saturday  
26 August 2017

At our Research Centre  
1A Enid Avenue Granville

Guest Speaker :-  
Ronda Gaffey

*“Fresh-faced, Feisty &  
Female”*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Granville Historical Society

*“A Place where heritage & culture are valued & celebrated.”*

Dear members,

I would like to express our sincere sympathy to GHS member Vince Hanley and his family after the death of his wife Karen. During the move to our new Centre and for our members' afternoon, Karen catered for us. Karen and Vince ran the Pioneer Hall in Granville and were instrumental in putting that association back on a legal footing when the president passed and the administration lost the Trustees. Since that time Vince and Karen have run the monthly bus outing for their members, and catered for morning teas and lunches.

Our thoughts are with Vince and his family. I hope when August is finished that will be the end of the funerals - 7 in the past two months.

Since our move the society has had a number of health casualties. Some members have had trips to hospital, others have been affected by the flu and gastro. Only one of the team missed out, Barry Benson. I would like to take this time to thank Daphne Wiles, Frances Bluhdorn, Vince Hanley, Arthur Naylor, Dennis Lovely and Barry Benson for the efforts expended on our behalf.

A decision of our members in 2016 which led to our Parramatta Heritage Project in support of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends Group, has been a success. The society decision to have June Bullivant nominate for president in June 2016 resulted in her taking office for twelve months. Although June nominated for 2017-2018 year, she withdrew her nomination before the AGM, due to ill health and the

fact enthusiasm to run the organisation resulted in two nominations for all offices. Having studied the field of nominations June felt comfortable about withdrawing because the result would leave a very good committee. The Friends Group members elected President Gay Hendriksen, Vice President Judith Dunn, Secretary Kerry Martin, and Treasurer Kerima-Gae Topp. Ronda Gaffey, Beth Matthews and Anne Mathews were elected committee members.

During the term of the committee for 2016-2017, the group was able to make enough money to invest a sizable amount of capital, purchase some necessary equipment, acquire necessary business procedure templates, and forward plan for the Bicentenary and Riot Day. Thank you to Granville members for their foresight and investment in this very important group of dedicated people who are striving to protect the only intact convict-built female factory in Australia. Our role will not be administrative this year but monitoring, as in the past, together with the printing of a book based on the stories of the women (for which a grant was received) and assistance with the Bicentenary.

June Bullivant applied for a grant from the Cumberland Council grants program in the Community Capacity Grant category. This CCG allow will the Society to increase the base of its skills and services. All our Granville research into families, companies and general should reflect our past and honour the work the Granville pioneering families have left as our legacy. A name for the grant occurred when our incoming Vice President Harry Stephens, mentioned the Scottish names of streets and buildings in his area.

The name of the grant is “The Celts of Cumberland” – from Scotland with love. Although our past researchers including myself always knew that the area was settled by Scottish immigrants, Scotland is not a topic in our database. So this grant will actually allow us to record and promote our Scottish heritage and give it the respect it deserves. We will also run a couple of genealogy days during the year and work to identify the Scottish family names of the area. Scottish House, a cultural group practising their culture and continuing their history, recently closed and sadly this is now lost to Cumberland.

I would also take this opportunity to thank Cumberland Council Administrator Viv May and his administration team for recognising that our society was an important part of Cumberland by obtaining a home for our archives, moving us and settling us into our new venue. The Society would like to thank Maxine Kenyon, Bob Poulter and the team of tradesmen who have worked moving street signs, moving our archives and making sure that the entire venue was ready for the Cumberland Community to enjoy.

Our Venue 1A Enid Avenue, Granville - the western end of the Granville Swimming Pool Complex.



Guest Speaker at the August meeting will be Ronda Gaffey. Her topic “*Fresh faced, Feisty and Female!*” - *Who were the women convicts? What do we know about them and their lives “beyond the seas”? What is their enduring legacy?*

Barry G Bullivant OAM

### CHARLES NELSON PARTISS

**Charles Partiss was the only surviving son of Edward Elliott Partiss and Jane Apps, formerly from Richmond NSW. He was born in 1869, and in 1897 at Richmond married Isabella Gertrude Sprowles.**

**Edward and Jane came to Australia on the *Tippoo Saib*, which docked in Sydney on July 29 1850. They listed their places of birth as being Faversham, Kent, for Edward, and Marden, Kent, for Jane. They had been married in February 1849 at Godmersham, Kent, C. of E. Church, and it has been ascertained that they had lost a newborn son prior to their leaving the United Kingdom. Perhaps this is why they decided to come to Australia – a new start in a new country! Their Australian family consisted of nine children in all, of which seven survived early childhood, all born in the Richmond area. Charles Nelson was the only surviving son.**

Edmond was originally a coachman on the Richmond/Blacktown run, and eventually, after some time, left with his family to settle firstly in Windsor, then Glebe, where he became a Produce Merchant, and eventually arrived in Granville, prior to 1880. He in fact signed "The Naming of Granville" document in 1880, indicating he was a resident of Granville. He was also a member of the School of Arts.

He started up his business as a dray proprietor in Railway Parade, next-door to 'Miss Partiss' Refreshment Rooms, which was run by his daughter Emily and wife Jane. This was situated down towards Rowell's timber merchant, near Carlton Street. Edward passed away February 4 1904 at Granville, and two years later his daughter, Emily, at the age of 52 years, married Thomas George Smith, a carrier, at Camperdown, and moved to live in Burwood, taking her mother with her. Jane Partiss (nee Apps) eventually died September 1, 1915, at Annandale.

Getting back to Charles and Isabella – Their only child, Doris Isabella, was born on March 11, 1899, at Granville. Unfortunately Isabella did not survive and passed away soon after, to be followed by the baby a week later. Charles at this time had been an employee of the Postal Department for 13 years, and some time after the death of his father transferred to Burwood, where he rented a house with his sister, Clara Louise. He died on December 21, 1936, at Burwood, never having remarried, and so the Partiss line ceased to exist.

Clara Louise Partiss remained unmarried, and died on April 28, 1946, listing her residency as 14 Prince Street Granville. Upon her death she bequeathed moneys to her nephews and nieces, one of whom was my own [Lorraine Crocker's] grandfather, Frederick Nelson Handley, of Carrington Street, Parramatta. Others mentioned by name were:

Claude William Baker, and Margaret Baker (his mother), son and wife of William John Baker, of 78 Grimwood Street, Granville.

Francis Joseph Herrick, of 3 Woodville Road, Guildford;

Linda Perry, of 14 Ness Avenue, Dulwich Hill, wife of Thomas E. Perry, and daughter of William Setton Stone and Julia Partiss;

Nelson Green, of Lithgow, son of Joseph Green and Eliza Ann Partiss;

Doris Harris of 16 Prince Street, Granville, daughter of William John Baker and Margaret Partiss.

The Partiss family have a Family Plot in the Church of England Section at Rookwood Cemetery, where family members have been placed.

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**Commemorate the lives of the Parramatta Female Factory Women  
on the day the women broke out 190 years ago!**

**RIOT DAY AT THE FACTORY!**

**WHEN: Friday 27th October 2017  
10 am – 3pm**

**WHERE: Cumberland Hospital,  
Fleet Street, North Parramatta  
Street parking only - free shuttle bus Parramatta station to  
Parramatta Leagues Club bus stop – walk up to Fennel St and left down  
to Fleet St – enter 2nd gate on the left**

**ENTRY : GOLD COIN - TOUR BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL\***

**EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**REGISTRATION – 10am**

**MORNING TOURS\*: 10:30am**

**EXHIBITIONS: 10am - 3pm**

**Herstory: Another Chapter Unfolds - display**

**Site Archaeology (Casey & Lowe) - display**

**LUNCH: 1pm - 2pm Bring a picnic**

**AFTERNOON TOURS\*: 1:30pm**

**Tea/coffee available**

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