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The next general meeting of the Granville Historical Society will be held at 2.00 pm on Saturday 25 February 2017 At our Research Centre 62 Railway Parade Granville

**Guest Speaker:  
Ronda Gaffey**

*“The Preoccupations, Follies and Foibles of Colonial Sydney Town”*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Granville Historical Society

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

Happy New Year to all members! This year will be another busy one; there are a couple of things - in the uncertain climate of council mergers, your committee has been working behind the scenes with Viv May, the Cumberland Council Administrator, to achieve a practical outcome for the society. Granville Society members have collected a huge amount of artefacts and resources pertaining to Granville. I have no hesitation in proclaiming that the society holds more history on Granville than any other repository in Sydney. This will stand us in good stead in our negotiations with Council.

You might like this exhibition that is on now. A couple of years back a lady rang and asked what the society knew about the Scott girls, Harriett and Helena, who lived in Good Street, Granville. Their history was amazing. A sample of their work was featured in the Sydney Morning Herald this week and can be found at .....<http://www.smh.com.au/interactive/2017/scott-sisters/>

This is the type of query we get, sometimes as many as five per week. This work goes on and is answered by our team, many of whom work many hours behind the scenes researching, recording their work for the future use of the community.

Congratulations to Colin Humphreys for his work on not only WW1 and his book, but for his index of the titles of more than 200 historical articles published in the Guardian. This includes the many Colin has researched and compiled as well as others contributed by society members over the past 20 years.



Harriett Scott

This week Arthur Naylor, June and I were set the task of supplying the Cumberland Council with resources for a display to suit the 1941-1945 themes they have for “Seniors Week”.

They have a night on at the Granville Town Hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March; I believe the attendance will be by ballot. This will be our third display since October. I believe the Holy Family Church event was a huge success and congratulations to Harry Stephens for that event. He not only mounted the display but wrote the history, of which he has given the society a copy.

We also mounted a display at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Granville Train Disaster, organised by Barry Gobee and the now incorporated Memorial Committee. It was a tremendous success, the effort put into the

organisation of this was tremendous, Congratulations to the committee which now

has applied for Charity status (June and I are on the committee).

Our Guest speaker this month is Ronda Gaffey: her topic is “*The Preoccupations, Follies and Foibles of Colonial Sydney Town*”. Ronda is a fifth generation Sydneysider whose passion for family history has led to many exciting and fascinating discoveries about early Sydney and as a consequence, she has developed a particular interest in the lives of the inhabitants of Old Sydney Town, especially those who lived in the area of "The Rocks".

**Barry Bullivant OAM**  
President.