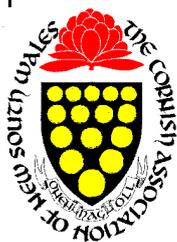


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PROGRAMME 2018

SYDNEY PLANNING

Details in later newsletters

Cornish Pasty Meetup

Wednesday 30 May, 2018

At the *Cousin Jack's Pasty Co.* store in **Bondi Junction Mall** (5/175-181 Oxford St)

11:30am for 12 lunch

(Ring David Evans on 0468 347 316 if lost or running late)

Take Train or Bus to Bondi

Junction station, and walk to the centre of the mall. just come along and share a pasty lunch, coffee and a chat, or perhaps before/after big store shopping make it part of a day out in the City or Bondi Junction .

www.cousinjackspastyco.com



Pasty Day

Hosted by *Betty Bevins* at her home in Warriewood

A Sunday in August

[Date and time to be confirmed]

Always a wonderful day of proper Pasties, great company, chat and warm hospitality.

End of Year Lunch

Circular Quay

21st November, 2018

(Please save the date to your diaries or calenders)

FESTIVALS

26th Australian Celtic Festival

At Glen Innes, NSW – The Year of *Brittany, Galicia & Asturias*

Friday 3 – Sunday 6 May, 2018



Some Cornish will be

there, to support our Breton cousins, Cornish events, and enjoy the Festival!

Cornish involvements:

Friday: Official Opening – Town Hall (Cornish Guardians of the Stones) & Lunch for Guardians; Informal dinner 6pm sharp New Tattersal Hotel.
Saturday: 9am Main Parade – meet in Grey St. near Woolworths; then various activities at the Stones – enquire at Celtic Council tent; Guardians Ceremony
Sunday: 10:50am Cornish ceremony at the Stones (meet at the Cornish Stone for short march)

Contact Joy asap on joy.dunkerley@gmail.com or 0428 617 830 if expecting to be there at all at the weekend!

For more information on full program of events and accommodation, and booking:

<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>
2018 Festival tickets and passes are now open
www.gleninnestourism.com

Note: ALL bookings will be ONLINE only now for the 2018 Festival and no tickets will be posted out – ring the Tourism Centre on (02) 6730 2400 for assistance.

WIDER COMING EVENTS

Southern Sons of Cornwall Inc

For more details contact: *Sonia Reuter*, Events Co-ordinator, and her phone number is 02 4421 8187 Her email address is: oneandall2@bigpond.com

MEMBERSHIP

Fees for 2018/2019 became due after the AGM, ie. from 4th March, 2018. If you are still to pay - a form is enclosed with this newsletter for your use

Committee News:

Bank account at 31/03/18 bal: **\$7,933.69** (Note: Some banking of previously paid memberships and lunch fees were yet to be done at that date).

Your full Committee met on Sunday 4th February. This outgoing Committee dealt with the business of the AGM, the St Pirans lunch and early plans for activities in 2018. It was agreed to pledge an amount to underwrite a possible visit by legendary singer/songwriter Harry Glasson to Australia in 2019. Further discussion on arrangements to divest some books to CAV libraries.

Next Full Committee Meeting - tba

Next Sydney sub-committee meeting – tba

“My thanks to all those members (and their family and friends) who attended the St Piran’s lunch on 4 March. I hear it was a lovely friendly afternoon, and I am sorry that I missed it. Thank you too to those who attended the AGM and for the incoming Committee (and for my re-election). Special thanks to Betty Bevins, who did not stand for Committee. Betty is a stalwart of the Association, having been on Committee (including as President) for most of its life. Special personal thanks for all the best wishes for my health and recovery during 2018.” Joy Dunkerley, President

FROM the Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the twenty who attended this year's AGM (and the 13 apologies). It is one of those necessary events & I see it went off smoothly again.

President's Report (extract)

Thank you for the honour of being President for the past year (my 11th in a row). Our activities were only a few again this year, but those we had seem to have been successful.

As President, being 500km away from Sydney I cannot attend all Sydney based meetings/functions. Thanks to those arranging them. Around the state we had 3 meetings, and 4 functions, plus presence at 3 festivals in the year. I've been able to meet up with members in various locations.

Some personal highlights have been representing the Association at Glen Innes in May at Glen Innes for the Australian Celtic festival, and representing the Cornish as Guardian of the Standing Stones. I was also able to represent our Association in South

Australia, for the Kernewek Lowender festival and meet fellow Bards at our Assembly in May, and at the Bonnie Wingham in June.

Thank you to Betty Bevins for inviting us into your home again during the year for pasties and chat. Thanks to Del Clinton for organising the End of Year Lunch, and all the little extras. Thanks also to all those who contributed to our other meetings and various outings during the year. I hope you have enjoyed them. Thanks to office bearers and members of the Committee for their dedication, hard work, support and friendship.

Sadly we lost 2 long term members through death during this past year – we remember: John Symonds of Cronulla, and Peter Trebilco of Waterloo.

I am pleased that we are able to continue to hold our *St Piran's lunch* today and hope you will enjoy it this afternoon – and of course it is our 43rd anniversary celebration! I give thanks to those who started the Association, those who have kept it going, and ask that you all to help give it a future.

Keep on the lookout for new members – personal contact is the best recruiter.

Thank you. **Joy Dunkerley** 03/03/2018

Treasurer's Report

The financial Statement of Accounts has been completed. A copy was circulated with your January / February Newsletter. The Statement consisting of the Income & Expenditure Statement and a partial Balance Sheet was prepared in accordance with the Rules of Association, signed by me as Honorary Treasurer, and adopted by the Committee 10 January 2018.

It is submitted for formal receipt by this AGM meeting. I therefore move receipt, and in so doing make the following report:

The gross operating result was a **surplus for the year of \$558.59***
Income for the year 2017 was **\$2,740.69** and **expenditure \$2,182.10**

In the indicative partial Balance Sheet our current **Assets** increased to **\$8,877.77** while **Liabilities** were **Nil** – current **net worth** therefore was **\$8,877.77** (a rise of 6%, after an 11% rise last year).

*This Assets rise and the operational surplus is largely due to advance buying in 2015 of labels and pre-paid envelopes to beat the Australia Post rise in Jan 2016. Break even or a small surplus is expected in 2018 as these are used up; even when a subsidy for today's lunch is allowed for.

Note: any accounting value of non-current assets (library, sales stock, and misc equipment, etc) is not included.

The **current account** (bank) balance at 31/12/2017 was **\$8,741.37**

For the future: despite our dropping numbers; cost savings (eg. advance buy of envelopes, emailed newsletters), your generous donations (money and in kind), sales, and fund-raising, on top of our long-held reserves, mean we are still in an excellent state financially ie. slight rise in net worth – remember, members input to the Committee on use of their funds is always welcome.

Read only access to our Westpac A/C continues to be very useful, and we are looking into whether setting up a PayID under the new banking NPP system using Osko will give members any benefits.

While keeping an eye on costs & income, the Committee has retained the membership subscription fee at \$15 for at least another year; and this is due from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting. [NB: The \$15.00 fee has been held now for an amazing 19 years - to allow all who wish to be members to do so, and is thus very good value.] **Joy Dunkerley**
Hon. Treasurer 03/03/2018

Secretary's Report (extract)

It was another good year for me as Secretary (it must be my 32nd) and of course as a member.

As well as the AGM, we had 2 full Committee planning meetings, in April 2017 and February 2018. One Sydney sub-committee meeting was held. Members are always welcome to attend any of these.

Despite new members joining, our number has again fallen by a net 5, to only 75 households (or about 110 people). Nearly 40% of those households are from outside of Sydney itself, so we do need to think as a state-wide organisation; though most members functions will still be in the Sydney region.

We obviously need more new members, and active ones, to remain a viable association. We also need to be looking at new ways of operating to ensure we are not like many Cornish Associations around the world that have closed due to lack of office bearers, or are on 'death's door'.

Six (6) newsletters were again issued during the year on a (roughly) bi-monthly basis. Feedback remains positive. Input from members welcome. Our Printing company Mid Coast Printing at Coffs Harbour, are still at a good price and good turn-around time.

Note also that with one Westpac branch in our region, 12km away up in Coffs Harbour, banking your cheques is about once a month.

Thanks to all those who contribute in other ways – keep connected with other members, help at meetings, float ideas, generously donate prizes for raffles or door prizes, send photos, or articles for the newsletter or to keep us informed. Thanks to our Minutes Secretary, Ruth, to Del with the Sales, and again to our Librarians.

I hope my roles of Hon. Secretary (incl membership officer), and of Editor, have been delivered to members satisfaction. Thank you to the Committee, and particularly to Joy, for their support and patience. **Chris Dunkerley** 03/03/2018

Library Report

The Library was only available at the AGM last year and only three items were borrowed and are outstanding.

As previously agreed in 2016 as an ongoing project to reduce the number of items in the Library, further outdated items have been withdrawn. Also, the Cornish Association's of Victoria and Ballarat have offered to take about 100 books. Dell Clinton has offered to take the books to Victoria in the next few weeks.

The Library now has been reduced by **125** items from **371** leaving **246 items**, which includes **60 Cornish World** magazines.

Although we are still looking to reduce the Library even more, it will still available to members with interesting and helpful books. A revised Library list will be found on the website or by request for a paper copy. **Eddie Lyon, Librarian**

Your Committee for 2018/2019

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kevrenor@ozemail.com.au (Editor, + Celtic Council, membership)

Treasurer - Joy Dunkerley

Other 8 Committee members:

specially appointed from the Committee elected at the AGM to roles to assist the President:

Vice President – Jen Meston of Camden (02 4655 1064)

Vice President – Del Clinton of Camden (Elderslie)/Sussex Inlet - (Ph Camden: 02 4658 1925)

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Others may be co-opted by Committee

Other Ex Officio members:

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You and your ideas are always welcome

Our Lending & Research Library



The full listing of books has been on the CANSW web site for some time, and is still available. Following divestment of quite some material to the CAV and their Ballarat Branch in March a revised list has been published. The direct page link to view is:

http://members.optusnet.com.au/~kevrenor/canswlib5_alpha.xls

This can also be posted to you on request, It has Catalogue Id order & in alphabetical order on the members' web. To borrow books or other items please contact *Eddie and Eileen* on 02 9349 1491
Email: ealyon45@gmail.com

Eddie Lyon, Librarian

Past Events

St Piran Celebration / 43 year Lunch



Again a lovely afternoon, with the food always great, the music wonderful, and the company of so many members, friends and family a delight.

Thanks to Del and Ruth for organising, Dave as MC, and to John, Jaqui and Dave for the music and song. Thanks to Eddie & Eileen for the library. Thanks to Del for the Sales and all the extra items that make it special. Thank you finally to all who came along and made it a success.



Eaglehawk weekend

A number of our members went to Bendigo in Victoria for some Cornish fun in mid March. Lovely to meet up with them, and with many friends from Victoria and some from South Australia, who had come for the Bardic Assembly at Eaglehawk Two NSW Bards helped make up the 18 in the circle – Julie Wheeler and Chris Dunkerley. Books were handed over by Del Clinton from our Library.



MEMBERS MILESTONES VALE

Geoff Ford (4/3/1923 to 19/3/2018)

Our condolences go to Muriel, and to all his loving family. As well as a family man, Geoff was recognized in many fields. A leader, he was an educator, calligrapher, developing NSW writing script, artist, and curious for new things.

A member (incl. A term as President) for most of the life of the Association he made great contributions (the logo at the top of the newsletter and the velum in Byng Chapel were designed and crafted by him). Hosting our first Cornish Days at his Metella Rd School, yarns around the campfire at Byng, encouragement to our members in various ways. In one of those yarns I remember him telling how fortunate he was .. to have progressed from helping with un-

mechanised farm tasks near St Agnes in Cornwall, to a wartime pilot, migrating to Australia, teaching, then involved with the first computers; onto using the internet for so many interests .. quite a journey Geoff.



As that last photo from his funeral service shows, he was a very proud Cornishman. Cornwall should be proud of him.

VALE: Bruce Thomas

Bruce's wife Dawn has rung to let us know that Bruce passed away in March. Bruce was a long term member, coming in through family history but he was also interested in history and language. Dawn recalled that they both enjoyed a wonderful time in Cornwall on a visit. Sad to lose another member.

Best wishes to a number of members who have had reported health problems or medical procedures recently. *Joy Dunkerley* is only part way through chemotherapy after her surgery for breast cancer. Radiotherapy will follow, so that will occupy much on 2018. *Chris Dunkerley* has been in hospital twice recently for pneumonia, blood clots in lungs, and kidney/bladder problems and hopes to be back to better health in 6 weeks or so.

Congratulations to **Betty Bevins** for her 94th birthday on April. **Ruth & Russell Cocks** for their 61st wedding Anniversary on 20 April.

Please let us know of your good news, special events, or of those who are ill.

QUOTE

"The Cornishman excels in handling stone and dealing with water. He understands their nature and how best they may serve his purpose. He has worked with water during centuries of tin-washing, and leads it where it can be of service as a mother takes a child by the hand. He treats stone with the same quiet understanding of its nature." - Bernard Walk, Twenty Years at St. Hilary, 1935

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Newth – From *noweth*, new. Placenames Lesneweth, Trenuth, Davidstow, Trenewth, Lesnewth.

Ninnis – From *an ennyys*, the island. Placenames Innis, Ninnins- in 15 parishes. Found in Far west Cornwall.

Negus – From *know-gos*, nut grove. Name appears as Negatusin 1327 LSR Kenwyn, so possibly from *neghys*, denied.

Noall / Nowell / Noel – Name in use in Cornwall for at least 6 centuries. Probably ancestors born at Christmas.

Noon – From *an-un*, the down or unenclosed land.

Noy - From *noy*, nephew, or from personal names Loy or Noah (Noye). Placename Nancenoy, Constantine. Found in Far west Cornwall.

Oates / Oatley – Found in Cornwall up to early 17thc. as Otes or Otey.

Odgers – From the personal name Roger
Old / Olds / Olde / Owles / Ould – From *Als*, high. Possibly from someone living in a high place.

Olver / Olverman / Over - From *Golva*, watch place, lookout. Placenames: Penolva, St. Ives; Penolver, Landewednack; Canolva, Sennen; Penolva, Paul. Found in mid and west Cornwall.

Onion – Personal name, *enyon*

Opie – Oby, diminutive of Osbert. Name originated in Cornwall. Found in mid and west Cornwall.

Paddy – Pet form of Patrick, in use in Cornwall since 1327.

Pascoe – From *Pask*, Easter. Hence Easter born children. Name found in 100+ places.

Pawley / Pawle, Paille – Cornish form of personal name Paul.

NSW Cornish Stories

In Honour of the late John Symonds, we include some extracts from his wonderful work on our web sites *Stories* pages, developed by John as our project officer. Some will know the stories, but many others will not. This one:

Cornish Settlement (Byng)

You are driving along the Mitchell Highway going west from Bathurst to Orange, about 250 km from Sydney, when you see that a place called Byng is about 10 km off to the right. With such a name, you cannot resist the urge to turn right and investigate what this place might be. You travel around a few bends and are confronted with a pretty valley.

Much to your surprise, you come on what appears from the distance to be a little Chapel, with a small cemetery close by. Closer, you realise that this chapel is cared for and so is the cemetery, with its fencing of much more recent origin than the chapel. Down in the valley, there is what seem to be a historic home, maybe more than 100 years old. There are hawthorn hedges around the fields and along the lane running down to the house. Scanning around, you notice there are not the usual varieties of gumtrees (eucalypts) in some areas but cypress and other trees of English origin with some looking like oak and ash as well. There would seem to be a fine story here - and there is.

Historical Background - We must start the story back in Cornwall - of course! The economic conditions in Cornwall in the 1820s produced "Agricultural Distress" as reported in the West Briton of March 1822 (ref 1). 482 signatories to a petition to the High Sheriff of the county of Cornwall from owners and occupiers of land wrote, "We ... , labouring under unexampled distress from the unprecedented low price of all agricultural produce, and oppressed by an excessive weight of taxation, which added to the payment of rent, rates, tithes, and an enormously increased poor-rate, has become intolerable, request you to call a meeting ... to consider the present distress of all classes, and of the agricultural classes in particular, and of the best and speediest means of obtaining relief"

The Tom Family - In these conditions, it is little wonder that William Tom Senior, his wife Ann, daughter Mary (4 years), John (3) and James (2) left Cornwall in 1823 for Sydney Town. They sailed on the *Belinda* but, coming into Tasmania waters, they met a fearful storm near the mouth of the Derwent River. It is said (ref 2) the Captain knew that William Tom was a deeply religious man and told him of the plight of the vessel, drifting with two lifeboats gone, both masts, rudder and the cook's

deckhouse smashed; Tom went below to pray. It is written that the doomed vessel was saved when the wind changed direction soon after and sent it into the mouth of the Derwent. Nothing daunted once safely in port, William and his family moved onto the Jubilee and headed for Sydney Town. During the five day trip, Ann bore another son, William Tom Junior.

Hardy people that they were, they walked across the Blue Mountains to the west, looking for land for which to lodge a Grant application. They chose a site on the southern bank of the Fish River, 680 acres not far south of the half way mark between Lithgow and Bathurst. It was not far from the village of Tarana. William had a hard time for some six years on his low-lying land which was unsuitable for sheep, large numbers of which succumbed to foot-rot.

By 1829, the ban prohibiting settlers selecting land west of the River Macquarie (the Western District) was lifted. Tom and his family were early in taking advantage of the decision. In 1830, they chose 640 acres at the place where Lewis Ponds Creek is joined by Sheep Station Creek; they called their property Springfield. Less than two years later, they had constructed a lath and plaster house with five rooms, built well up a hill overlooking Sheep Station Creek. He very soon had the company of other Cornishmen - George Hawke, John Glasson and his brother and others with recognisable surnames such as Lane, Grenfell, Pearse, Thomas, Oates and Paull. Two in particular will come into our story for the moment, George Hawke and John Glasson - but the others may well receive mention as we dig deeper like true Cornishmen! It is no surprise to find that this area became known as the Cornish Settlement.

George Hawke - Here we have a very determined man indeed. In his own words in a letter at age 70 years to a nephew back in Cornwall, he wrote in amongst the many pages of the story of his life, I never succeeded in any important undertaking in my first attempt, so that if I had never made a second assay, I should never have succeeded in anything of importance. This letter is reproduced in full in a Yvonne McBurney's little book, *The Road to Byng* (ref 3). George Hawke was born in St Eval Parish on 2 October 1802 at his father's farm

Bedruthan. After a period as a wool stapler with his brother, supported by funds from his father, they had losses in the economic recession which caused them to close the business.

George decided to emigrate to Australia and his brother returned to farming in Cornwall. A passage was procured on a ship due to leave Plymouth early in 1828. His first set of disappointments and losses resulted from a gale which forced the ship ashore off its Plymouth anchorage, breaking its back. The passengers' luggage was already on board and recovering it from the ship's agent required some determination and argument. He eventually left Plymouth behind on 16 June 1828 and arrived in Sydney on 15 November 1828 after a long and tedious passage in a ship which was too small for the number of passengers it carried.

Before leaving Cornwall, George had become acquainted with William Tom's friends in Blisland. He had letters of introduction to both Mr Tom and his brother-in-law William Lane from these Blisland friends. It is not possible to go into all the difficulties which George experienced after arriving in Sydney. Suffice to tell that he a job as an agricultural and stock superintendent at the Cowpastures (now Camden) property of Rev. Thomas Hassell. Eventually this task led him to another Hassell property called Lanbedar at O'Connell Plains about 12 miles east of Bathurst where sheep were kept. George was not there long before Hassell appointed an Overseer. When he left, George's journey took him to the residence of William Tom where he slept a night and then went to stay with William Lane who lived nearby. After some discussion, it was agreed that George would be a domestic teacher to the two families and he held this position for a year, at which time William Tom received his additional grant of land about 50 miles from William Lane's residence. George entered into a two-year agreement to teach the Tom children only.

George Hawke's Pendarves - After something more than a year, George bought his farm Pendarves from John Glasson though he found the teaching and the farm work were too much for him and he had to give up the teaching post. He had found a friend in John Glasson and, both being single, he went to live with him at Bookannon. Their cattle ran together and they carried on dairying together to make butter and cheese for sale. George grew some wheat

for sale on his own farm. It was about this time that he thought he had the prospect of supporting a wife and cast his mind back to his cousin Jane, the daughter of his Uncle Robert Hawke. Although Robert Hawke was arranging to emigrate to Australia, his son became ill and died; then he died soon after leaving two sisters without family. George was unaware of this turn of events for some time but went into action when the news did reach him. John Glasson advised him to go to Cornwall after writing to her of his intentions. She agreed, though within an imposed limit of two years.

With the usual Hawke propensity for difficult situations, the ship went first to New Zealand but it sustained considerable damage while there went on the rocks. It took five months to find another passage from New Zealand to England. During the trip across the southern Indian Ocean at 53 degrees south latitude, a violent gale and heavy seas hit them and it was feared that the ship would not survive. In a very battered condition they finally struggled into Plymouth on 8 October 1834, eleven months after his first ship had foundered in New Zealand. *For more stories, please go to our web site:*

<http://www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw/Towns%20A-C/CANSWWelcome.html>

Silly Sayings - Church notices

“Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get”.



CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

Please have a look through all the pages on our web site; especially the NSW ‘Sites’ pages developed by our own Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

www.celticcouncil.org.au/cornish/nsw.htm

INTRODUCING CORNISH WEB SITES

A series looking at some interesting web sites that are available on Cornish related pages. A reminder that you can learn about the Bards of the Cornish Gorsedh, and our presence in Australia, from:

Cornish Gorsedh - Bards in Australia

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~kevrenor/gorseth.html>

Dates coming up ...

1 May – May Day and Padstow ‘Obby Oss and Hal an Tow; 8th May – Helston Furry.

Cornwall in snow during recent east from the east’ storm:



St Michael's Mount



Kynance Cove

Editorial note: The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather contributors and sources! If someone is sick let me know (get-well message), or other news please!

The next Newsletter no. 374 is for May / June 2018

Copy Deadline is 7 May, 2018

Contributions may be held for future use but more (electronic – emailed preferred) are welcome!

APOLOGY

Sorry for the lateness of the Newsletter – too much ill health in my household rather delayed things unexpectedly. Also that those via post will be even later!

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