



"History is more or less bunk".
HENRY FORD, Chicago Tribune, 1916

"Bunk"

Diary Dates 2014

Museum Open
10am to noon
Monday to Friday

Meetings At Museum
22 Alexandra Street
Hunters Hill

Thursday 23 October
10am for 10:30

General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Ian Palmer
Fellowship of First Fleeters
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Come in and see our
Exhibition in association
with the
History Council of NSW

HUNTERS HILL AND THE GREAT WAR

See how the people of
Hunters Hill rose to the
challenge of recruitment,
supported the troops,
and how the newspapers
reported the war at home
and abroad

New exhibition shows what we did in The Great War

The Hunters Hill Historical Society, in association with the History Council of NSW, has chosen *Hunters Hill And The Great War* as its second major exhibition for 2014. Being one of Australia's oldest suburbs, Hunters Hill was in a position to play a prominent part in raising troops and organising financial support. All material for the exhibition comes from the Society's archives or was loaned by local people. The exhibition was curated by Eunice Farram.

Shortly after the start of the war, a Patriotic Fund was opened in Sydney to raise money for the comfort of troops. The Hunters Hill War Fund Committee was formed at a public meeting, with some 50 people joining, led by the Mayor and aldermen. Various functions were held to raise funds. The exhibition includes programs for a Grand Patriotic Carnival, held at the Avenue Picnic Grounds on 31 October 1914, as well as Grand Patriotic Concerts at the Hunters Hill Town Hall on 6 October 1914 and 14 April 1915. These functions were held under the direction of Henry E. Budden, an architect, who was the Australian War Chest Commissioner. Sweet peas were grown on the nature strip in

Passy Avenue for sale to raise money. A total of £19,000 was raised, making Hunters Hill the first of all municipalities in fund raising per head of population.

Early in the war, the Hunters Hill Rifle Club was formed to teach men drill and the use of arms. When the need for recruits became more urgent, a recruiting committee was formed, but it was found there were few fit and free men who had not already enlisted. Hunters Hill had a total of 402 men enlisting, or 1 in 6 of all males, based on the 1911 census, compared to 1 in 8 for Australia overall. A feature of recruitment was the *Hunters Hill Hun Hunting Hundred*. This group was formed in July 1918, and was largely comprised of married men with families who had decided to join up despite family responsibilities. The organisers were W.R. Goulding, C.E. Holgate, and W.C. Howard. As men returned, a club was formed and club rooms built on land donated by Dr Robinson. Money for the building was raised by the War Fund Committee, with assistance from Mr Windeyer. This club later became Hunters Hill RSL.

The exhibition contains photographs, documents and decorations of Hunters Hill people who served in the war effort at home and overseas. There are also newspapers of the time, including details of the Armistice, the Conscription Referendum of 1916 and general war news, as well as life on the home front and honour rolls of those who served.

The exhibition will remain in place until February 2015.

Chris Schofield was elected President of Hunters Hill Historical Society at the August AGM. Chris has lived in Hunters Hill for just on 30 years, and was a local Councillor. He is a volunteer at 2RPH, Radio For The Print Handicapped, and is the archivist at All Saints' Hunters Hill.



THE FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

Ian Palmer, President of the *Fellowship of First Fleeters* will be the guest speaker on Thursday 23 October. Ian's ancestor, John Palmer, was the purser on the *Sirius*, the flagship of the First Fleet. First Fleeters is a family history organisation whose members must be able to trace their ancestry back to the First Fleet

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President of Hunters Hill RSL opens WWI exhibition



Ian Grant, President of Hunters Hill RSL was guest speaker at the opening of the *Hunters Hill And The Great War* Exhibition on Thursday 11 September. Left: Ian Grant with Society President Chris Schofield. Below: Betty Prott and Enid Watts were given a special showing. See *Great Response To WWI Appeal* below.



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PAST PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY RECEIVES COMMUNITY AWARD

Ian Adair, past President of Hunters Hill Historical Society, received an award at the North Sydney Community Awards at North Sydney Leagues Club on Friday 15 August. The award was for services to the Society.

The picture below shows Ian receiving his award from Melissa Doyle and the Hon. Joe Hockey, Federal Member for North Sydney.



Historical Society member **Peter Kelly** has arranged for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to donate copies of two new books on Cockatoo Island by John Jeremy, who was the CEO of the dockyard from 1981 to its closure in 1991. Peter and our Treasurer **Graham Percival** are guides on the Island.

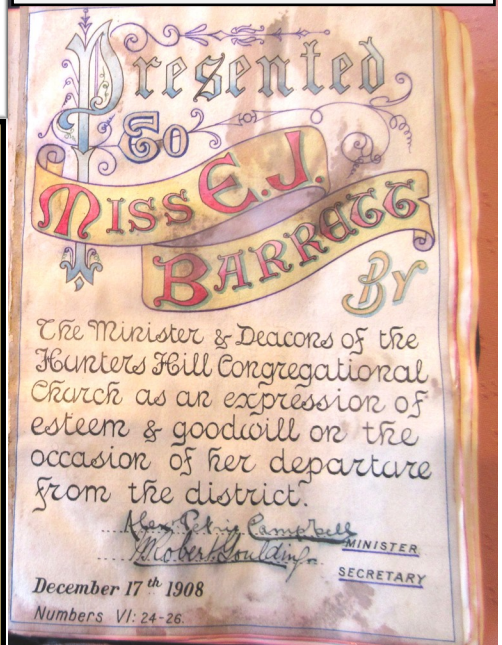
NEW PLAQUES COMPLETED

In 2011, to mark the sesquicentenary of Hunters Hill Municipality, Hunters Hill Historical Society, in association with Hunters Hill Council, commissioned a project to have 40 bronze footpath plaques installed outside buildings of historical importance in the Municipality, sponsored by the Armati family. Further funding has since been received from the Mostyn Family Foundation, and 30 additional plaques are being installed. Our thanks go to Ros Maguire and Felicity Gabbrielli for their painstaking research.

GREAT RESPONSE TO WWI APPEAL

We have had an excellent response to our appeal for pictures and memorabilia from residents of Hunters Hill for our new exhibition, **HUNTERS HILL AND THE GREAT WAR**.

People have brought in many items of interest. Betty Prott has loaned us regimental badges collected by Tom Cuneo Jr while on war service. Enid Watts has loaned medals, including the Military Medal won by Lt Horace Howard of the 4th Australian Pioneer Battalion. SEE PICTURES BELOW



It's a small world! This Bible and a Congregational hymnal were found by Mr Stewart Swadling of Hunters Hill when he stopped at an antique shop while driving through Dunedoo. They were presented to Miss E.J. Barrett when she left Hunters Hill in 1908.

