Welcome to our December newsletter

It has been another stellar year of producing content for the Dictionary. If you have not had the chance to read our entries on the First Fleet and Aboriginal Heritage, listened to the Liverpool Oral Histories or looked at our latest walking tour on the Dictionary of Sydney app – then do yourselves a favour!

I’m personally very pleased to see our ANZAC project now live: the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour. It is a great snapshot of a group of men who came together for a common purpose, tracing where they came from and capturing something about their diversity.

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NEW to the Dictionary: Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour

Ultimo Presbyterian Church World War I Roll of Honour 2015 Credit: Nicole Cama
http://dictionaryofsydney.org/artefact/ultimo_presbyterian_church_roll_of_honour
Earlier this year the Dictionary of Sydney received funds from the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program to highlight the Ultimo Community Centre World War 1 Honour Roll.

For this project Historian Nicole Cama researched information about 36 World War I soldiers whose names are recorded on the honour roll. Nicole has mapped where these men lived so that with GEO referencing we can visually see where they came from. In addition, she has written three social history essays about the men and honour board. These are now online to read and enjoy, along with a host of new entities relating to this project. We hope you enjoy our Anzac project.

**Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour**

The roll of honour from the former Ultimo Presbyterian Church, now located in the Ultimo Community Centre, lists 36 men associated with the Ultimo community who served in the First Australian Imperial Forces in World War I. The board, instigated in 1916 shortly after the arrival of Reverend John Muir, is part of a tradition in which honour rolls were used to memorialise, mobilise, recruit and mourn.

**Returned Soldiers on the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour**

The Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour lists 36 men who served in World War I. We can only be sure 22 came home but their stories reveal the hardships of war service, larrikin behaviour, heroism and injuries that must have been a terrible burden to returned soldiers.

**The Fallen on the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour**

Of the 36 men listed on the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour, four died as a result of their war service and were lost to their families and friends - people who openly grieved their passing. Their grief is a reminder of the true cost of war, for the fallen and for their family, friends, and community.
NEW to the Dictionary:

Resources for Secondary School Teachers

In 2015, the Dictionary of Sydney received funds from the Sydney Mechanics’ School of Arts to engage a part-time Education Officer, one day per week, for 6 months. The funds allowed us to extend our education materials for schools and to make this content more accessible and to a wider audience.

Developed by Prudence MacLeod, our secondary programs are based on Dictionary of Sydney articles. These programs include a PDF of the program outlining the activity and in some cases, as indicated, resources that have been developed to support the program. Each program outlines the links to both the Australian Curriculum and the current NSW Syllabus and includes key inquiry questions, an estimation of the time required to complete the activities, and appropriate hyperlinks to the Dictionary of Sydney.

The Dictionary of Sydney would like to thank Prudence and the Sydney Mechanic School of Arts for making these resources available.

To view our new education materials, click here.
NEW to the Dictionary:

Oral History search tool

Thanks to Oral History New South Wales and their generous financial support, the oral histories on the Dictionary of Sydney are now much easier to browse and explore.

There is a brand new Oral Histories tab on the Multimedia Browse page, so you can now sort all the audio material and listen to voices from Sydney's past with the click of a mouse. The material from Liverpool City Library which was added to the Dictionary as part of the Georges River Project, as well as items commissioned in the early days of the Dictionary, and from the City of Sydney's Oral History collections are all much more accessible, and we are very grateful for the support of Oral History New South Wales.

http://dictionaryofsydney.org/browse/multimedia#Oral History
BOOK REVIEWS

Carol Baxter, *Black Widow: The True Story of Australia’s First Female Serial Killer*

Review by Dr Catie Gilchrist


Sydney, July 1888. A seemingly distressed Louisa Collins begs a doctor to visit her violently ill husband Michael whom she fears is close to death. The doctor, alarmed at his rapidly deteriorating condition and the ineffectiveness of his prescribed treatment, confides with a colleague and learns that Louisa’s first husband Charles Andrews had died 17 months previously in suspiciously similar circumstances. The subsequent death of Michael from arsenic poisoning then triggered a sensational chain of events which had much deeper social and political ramifications for Sydney and indeed New South Wales and beyond....

**Read more**

Hilary Bell & Matthew Martin, *The Marvellous Funambulist of Middle Harbour and Other Sydney Firsts*

Review by Dr Catie Gilchrist


This is a beautifully crafted and rather entertaining history of unexpected ‘firsts’ that have happened in Sydney. From the first use of ether by a dental surgeon, to Quong Tart’s first tea rooms, the book explores a number of people, places and events that have shaped our city today....

**Read more**
Jacqui Newling, *Eat Your History: Stories and Recipes from Australian Kitchen*  

Review by Jenny McInerney

Jacqui Newling, *Eat Your History: Stories and Recipes from Australian Kitchen*  

As curator and resident gastronomer at the Museum of Sydney, Jacqui Newling gives us a unique perspective on culinary history of Australia. Weaving together the available produce of the day and stories from the simplest or best equipped kitchens, Newling gives us a rich understanding of the ingenuity and skills of the women whose recipes are available here to try...
Tony Allan, *Typewriter: The History, the Machines, the Writers*

Review by Neil Radford


More than 50 people are credited with inventing the typewriter, going back to the 17th century. The industrial revolution created mountains of paper needing armies of clerks to write and copy legal and financial documents. Inventors competed to devise a cheaper and faster way. Allan takes us through the different solutions which culminated in the first truly modern typewriter, the Underwood 5 of 1901. This sold in millions and Underwood became the world’s leading typewriter manufacturer....

Jillian Brown, *The University of Sydney: Postcards 1899–1955 and Photographs*

Review by Neil Radford


A hundred years or so ago the impressive gothic revival buildings of the University of Sydney were a popular tourist attraction, particularly those surrounding the Quadrangle – the magnificent Great Hall, the Clock Tower, the Nicholson Museum and the new Fisher Library. Postcards, a cheap and easy way of communicating and sharing experiences, were produced in their millions in many countries, and cards with views of the university were popular purchases for those living in or visiting Sydney...
In October we launched our new homepage http://home.dictionaryofsouthern.org. From this page you can go browse the Dictionary by subject, multimedia, entities or entries or jump straight in with a search. Improved navigation means you can easily find out how to participate in, and support, the Dictionary, as well as easily subscribing to our weekly blog posts and eNewsletter.

Scrolling down, you can catch up on our latest blog posts and read about current projects and new walking tours. Also featured is a feed from our Facebook page and link to podcasts from our weekly 2SER segment.

A big thank you to Michelle Cotteril for designing and implementing the new site.
A big **thank you** to presenter Mitch Byatt and the team at 2SER and our guest historians Dr Lisa Murray and Nicole Cama for a lively, entertaining and informative year of podcasts about Sydney's history courtesy of the Dictionary.

We love our weekly segments and we know you do too - we get more visits to the Dictionary following these segments than any other day of the week. It's great to be able to present our content in a different format to new audiences and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the new year.

Some of our most popular segments in 2015 were:

- Tourist Sydney
- Centennial Park
- Drag and cross dressing in Sydney
- First Fleet histories
- Writing in Sydney
- NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Sydney’s governesses
- Long Bay prison
- Randwick Racecourse
- A Walk Through Convict Parramatta
- Bodgies and African American Influences in Sydney

Our last segment for the year is Wed 23 December. Tune in to 107.3 at 8:15am. You can catch up on our blog [here](#) and podcasts of our past segments [here](#)
THANK YOU!

And last but by no means least, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Dictionary this year - we couldn't do any of this without you. Thanks especially to our authors and volunteers for your energy, enthusiasm and expertise and to all our partners and supporters. See you all for another great year in 2016.
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Mrs Onslow and her pet cockatoo, Camden Park, April 1906  Credit: Album 37: Photographs of the Allen family, 7 April 1906 - 12 November 1906, Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW (a3276008 / PX* D 579, 4, 1705) http://dictionaryofsydney.org/image/72140

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