Welcome to our April newsletter

Welcome to the Dictionary of Sydney’s first newsletter for 2016. It is another bumper issue with lots of news, new content to share and book reviews to get you in the mood for reading.

It's been a mixed start to the year with several untimely farewells to members of the extended Dictionary community and partings and arrivals closer to home.
On the subject of change, we are pleased to announce that we have a new partnership with the State Library of NSW. This heralds a new era for the Dictionary and we are grateful to our long-standing supporter, the City of Sydney, for helping to secure this partnership.

We will be embarking shortly on a fund-raising campaign to ensure that the Dictionary can continue to prosper and to improve its content and functionality. We hope our many supporters will be able to help with this.

In the meantime, enjoy the newsletter and don't forget to tell your friends about the Dictionary. You can 'like' and share our posts on Facebook and join in a conversations with us on Twitter.

If you are a teacher or have a school-aged children or know someone with school-aged children, we also have a suite a curriculum resources teachers can download for free so please help us spread the word.

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New home for the Dictionary

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NEW SOUTH WALES

From June 2016, the Dictionary of Sydney will enter into a new partnership with the State Library of New South Wales. With assistance from our long-time supporter, the City of Sydney, the Dictionary
will move its main website to a new platform at the Library. The Library will preserve and maintain the Dictionary of Sydney website, allowing the association to focus on fundraising and content development.

The transition to the State Library will begin in July and is expected to take six months. The Dictionary website will remain accessible but no new content will be added while this change goes ahead.

The Dictionary's URL will stay the same: www.dictionaryofsydney.org.

With the website safely housed at the State Library, the City of Sydney will no longer fund the Dictionary on an annual basis. The Dictionary of Sydney Inc will remain an independent organisation and will fund a part-time position based at the State Library of New South Wales.

There is a lot of detail to work through and we will keep you up-to-date with our progress. The Dictionary of Sydney is a wonderful resource and our partnership with the State Library will ensure that we can all enjoy it for many more years to come.

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**Varuna and the Sydney Writers Festival**

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We recently partnered with Varuna, The Writers House through a Blue Mountains City of the Arts Trust cultural grant to commission five new entries on Blue Mountains icons:

- **Darwin's Walk, Wentworth Falls** - John Low
As part of this collaboration, four of the writers - Delia Falconer, Julian Leatherdale, Naomi Parry and John Low - will talk with Dictionary board member and City of Sydney Historian Dr Lisa Murray at a special Sydney Writers Festival event.

Date: 16 May
Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm
Place: The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

**Single Session Tickets** $15 (only available at the door on the day, subject to availability).

View the Sydney Writers' Festival Blue Mountains program [here](#).

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**NEW to the Dictionary:**

Second Fleet

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Justinian and Surprise standing into Sydney Bay 23 August 1790 by William Bradley, Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW (a3461023 / Safe 1/14) [http://dictionaryofsydney.org/image/137378](http://dictionaryofsydney.org/image/137378)

We are very happy to be able to launch a series of new entries on the Second Fleet to join last year's
series on the First Fleet. Both series have been achieved with financial support from the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme.

The entries by Michael Flynn and Penny Edwell, with entity and illustration work by Nicole Cama, connect Sydney’s convict history with the history of maritime navigation, trade, industry and the growth and expansion of settlement throughout Greater Sydney.

- **HMS Guardian**
- **Justinian**
- **Lady Juliana**
- **Neptune**
- **Scarborough: Second Fleet**
- **Surprise**
- **Second Fleet**

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**NEW to the Dictionary:**
Glebe pubs and landmarks

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Anybody who missed out on our great talk on Glebe's pubs by Max Solling last year will be pleased to know that the essay is now online!

Max's informative and entertaining entry looks at Glebe's changing pub culture since the mid 19th century, and how Sydney's demographic and social changes were reflected in the hotel trade.

- **Glebe Pubs**

We also have two new entries on other Glebe landmarks, the courthouse and the jubilee fountain, by the Dictionary's former Executive Officer, Kim Hanna.

- **Glebe Courthouse**
- **Glebe Jubilee Fountain**
New to the Dictionary of Sydney's free mobile app is a delightful self-guided walking tour of Sydney's oldest municipality. Produced with the support of Randwick City Council, the tour is based on the council's 1988 heritage plaques program and contains information on many of the historical buildings and sites along the main streets of Randwick.

Each stop of the Randwick Heritage tour offers insightful commentary by Dr Catie Gilchrist about the people and places of Randwick and a blend of historical images and gorgeous contemporary photography by Marilia Oliva as well as the GPS guided maps that are a feature of all the available tours (including Old Irish Sydney, Convict Parramatta and Sydney's Harbour Islands).

The app, and the tours, are free and available on both Google Play and the Mac App Store. If you've already downloaded it, you will be able to access the new tour immediately!

Head to the Dictionary to find out more: Randwick Heritage

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Vale, farewell, welcome, get better & thank you!

Vale Robyn Kemmis 1943-2016

Like many we were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Councillor Robyn Kemmis in December 2015. Robyn was a strong supporter of the Dictionary, attending many of our launches...
and offering her characteristic attention and intelligence to issues facing the organisation. Robyn’s memorial at Sydney Town Hall paid great tribute to her as a groundbreaking feminist and community leader. She is missed by all of us in Glebe and many others with whom she shared her warmth, humour and passion for social justice. Our sincere condolences to Robyn's partner Lynne, her family, friends, and colleagues.

Vale Ailsa McPherson 1936-2016

For a second time this year we were struck with deep sadness when we heard of the death of Ailsa McPherson on March 7. Ailsa died unexpectedly after a short illness. She had contributed many entries to the Dictionary, the most recent being her work on the Q Theatre. We will miss her expertise on Sydney's theatrical history as well as her ongoing support, her intelligence and vivacious charm. Our sincere condolences to all of her family, friends and colleagues.

Trudy Holdsworth & Kim Hanna on the Benledi balcony in February.

Farewell to Kim

In January we bid a fond farewell to our former Executive Officer, Kim Hanna, who has moved on to a new role at the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons. Kim has played a pivotal role in getting the Dictionary into the strong position it is in today. While we are sad to see Kim go, we wish him the best for his future endeavours and know that he will remain a good friend of the Dictionary. Kim has left quite a legacy at the Dictionary including some quirky entries, a love of chocolate and all things Sydney.

Farewell to Trudy

We also recently farewelled our long-standing volunteer, Trudy Holdsworth. Trudy has volunteered for the Dictionary from its earliest days and we were sad to have to say goodbye. Lately Trudy had been compiling detailed information about the ships, crew, soldiers, convicts and cargo of the First and Second fleets. Like Kim, we know that Trudy will remain close to the Dictionary family and we wish her all the best with her future volunteering activities.
Welcome Suzanne

We are pleased to welcome Dr Suzanne Rickard to the board of the Dictionary of Sydney. Suzanne is an historian, writer and independent director. Until March 2013, she was State Director of CEDA's NSW and ACT operations and has extensive experience in public policy research and management. The author of several books, her most recent work is the National Library of Australia's publication *Sailing with Cook: Inside the Private Journal of James Burney RN*. Suzanne is a great asset to our Board and we appreciate the time and attention she has already given the Dictionary since joining in January.

Get better soon Linda

Our indomitable pictures person, Multimedia Editor Linda Brainwood, is busy knitting bones after breaking her leg on her way to work. We have been very concerned for our colleague and friend and are pleased to report she is doing well, hobbling on crutches and gradually gaining some movement. Get better soon Linda - we miss your wit, insight and homemade treats (in that order of course) in the office.

Thank you Nicole

A very big thank you to Nicole Cama, Executive Officer of the History Council of NSW and consultant historian for the Dictionary of Sydney. In the absence of some key team members at the Dictionary since February, Nicole has effortlessly stepped into the breach, putting her initiative, skills and expertise to work. Thank you so much Nicole - we are extremely lucky to have you!

Speaking of the History Council of NSW, they have a [new website](#). Check it out!

And don't forget [History Week](#) from 3-11 September 2016. This year’s theme is [neighbours](#) which includes stories of individuals, families and communities living near one another and links between adjoining suburbs, regions and countries.

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**Book reviews**
Garry Wotherspoon, *Gay Sydney: a history*

Review by Dr Neil Radford


Garry Wotherspoon's excellent new history of Sydney's gay life is very much more than a mere updating of his ground-breaking 1991 history *City of the Plain*. Much of *City* remains, but things have moved a long way since 1991 and *Gay Sydney* reflects this. The original material has been re-written and recast, incorporating more recently published research, and made less 'academic', thus making it more accessible to those who will most want to read it ....
Jeannine Baker, *Australian Women War Reporters; Boer War to Vietnam*

Review by Dr Catie Gilchrist


In *Australian Women War Reporters Boer War to Vietnam*, historian Jeannine Baker uncovers the remarkable and largely untold story of Australian and New Zealand women war reporters. It opens a fascinating window into an unknown part of our war-time history. Indeed, as the book’s media release pertinently asks, ‘Why do Australians know the names of Charles Bean, Alan Moorehead and Chester Wilmot, but not Agnes Macready, Anne Matheson and Lorraine Stumm?’ ...

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