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PROGRAM



April '22 - Autumn 'Cakey Tea & Chat'

SYDNEY & REGION EVENTS



46th Annual General Meeting

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde (Rydedale Rd. near railway station)

Beforehand - Informal lunch

Meet in club bistro first - 11.30 for 12 Noon

The menu for you to choose from on the day can be reviewed here:

https://www.releagues.com.au/37

A.G.M Meeting

Start 1.30pm Saturday 5th March

Minutes of 2021 AGM Committee Reports, incl. Financial **Election of Office Bearers Election of Committee**

Please consider standing for Committee - mostly online so you can be anyway in the state, and a chance to put forward new ideas for our members to enjoy!

Gool Peran Lowen



Happy St Piran's Day

Newsletter of the

Cornish Association of New South Wales

followed by

St Piran's Day Get Together 2:15-4pm

Celebrate St Piran's Day, and our 47th year! We hope you can come/stay for some fun and friendship:







Door prize, Talk – 'The Cornish and Mining in NSW' and Quiz, sales table, time for some chat, renewal of memberships etc.



FESTIVALS 2022

29th Australian Celtic Festival

Glen Innes, NSW

The Year of Cornwall, Brittany & Wales



Thursday 28th April – Sunday 1st May, 2022

Yes, the Cornish will be there for our year! Contact Joy if you hope be to be there with us too!.

More details in next newsletter.

The 24th Cornish stone ceremony is on Sunday This is also the 30th year since the inauguration of the Standing Stones in February, 1992

For more information:

http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/

Committee News:

Bank account balance at 30/12/2021: \$6,937.39

The Treasurer's 2021 Statement of Accounts is attached (page 8) and will be put forward for adoption at the AGM.

"I enjoyed the Riverboat Postman cruise (at last) and thanks to those who came, and those who sent apologies. It was a lovely day and I can recommend it. Lovely to speak on the phone or via email to some members over Christmas and the new year. See some of you at the AGM in Sydney on St Piran's Day I hope." Joy Dunkerley, President

Reminder: 17 members are still un-financial. A further reminder will be sent soon.

MEMBERS MILESTONES

Our best wishes to a number of members who have had reported non virus health problems, or have been having ongoing medical procedures. Get well soon to those who have had Covid-19.

Congratulations to all those with birthdays or anniversaries during January and February.

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

PAST CANSW EVENTS

Riverboat Postman

Cruise from Brooklyn on the lower Hawkesbury River, on 14th January. After a few years of having the idea, and then being postponed by Covid-19 lockdowns in September, we at last made it!



We had ten as we had booked, seven members of the CANSW and we were joined by Jill Beard from the CAV (and her sister and friend). The company gave a us a lovely long table to sit at with good views while we feasted on coffee and yummy biscuits and then later a ploughman's style lunch (and some nice cider or wine for some).



The boat heads along 40km of the river, dropping in on communities with no road access. Mail and other small items are exchanged along the way as it stops at a few wharves. A commentary is given along the way.



Dangar Island (above)

Though we did not set foot on it, Dangar Island is one of the stops on the mail run. It has Australian Cornish connections. Henry Carey Dangar bought the 76-acre (30.8-hectare) island for £1 an acre, and shortly afterwards the island became known as Dangar Island. Henry was born at Port Stephens, NSW on 4 Jun 1830 to his father, also Henry Dangar, a surveyor, and a Cornishman born at St. Neot, Cornwall on 8 Nov 1796, and to mother Grace Sibly, who emigrated to NSW.

It is a forested island, 30.8 hectares in area, in the Hawkesbury River east of Brooklyn. It part of Hornsby Shire and as at the 2016 census had a resident population of 303. Called Mullet Island by Captain Arthur Phillip in 1788, because of the large quantity of mullet caught there when he was exploring Broken Bay and the lower Hawkesbury River. The first people to inhabit the island were probably from the Kuring-gai language group. By 1828, there appeared to be only nine people from the group still living on the island.

QUOTE

"We will, moreover, and firmly command that all the tin, as well white as black, wheresoever it shall be found and wrought in the country aforesaid, shall be weighed at Lostwythiel, Bodmynyan, Likeret, Trevern (Truro), or Hellesston, by our weights or this ordered and signed, upon forfeiture of all the tin orsaid .." Edward 1 England, Charter of Liberties to the Tinners of Cornwall, 1305 [Buckley 2001].

SOME CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Wall – From *(g)wal*; wall or rampart. Placename Wall, Gwinear. Found in far west & mid Cornwall.

Wallace / **Wallis** – from Saxon Wealas, meaning starngers – applied to native Britons; or from *a-woles*, below. Found in west Cornwall.

Walsh / Welch / Welsh — From Saxon wealas, strangers, applied to native Britons.

Wearne / **Warne** / **Warn** — From (g)wern, swamp or alders. Placenames Rosewarne, Camborne; (Roswern 1380), Penwarne, Mawnan, Cuby and Mevagissey (Penwern 1327). Found in far west, mid and south east Cornwall.

Warren – As for warne – from *(g)wern*. Found in similar locations.

Warrick – Probably a personal name *Worek*. Placenames Treworrick, St Cleer and St Ewe (Treworek 1339) Rosewarrick, Lanivet (Rosworok 12500. Found in mid and south east Cornwall.

Wherry / Weary / Werry – Possibly from personal name *Gweri*. Placename Trewerry, Newlyn East (Treweri 1201). Found in mid and south east Cornwall.

Weeks / **Week** – From *gwyk*, wood or village. Placename Treweeg, Stithians (Trewyk 1326).

Weihghell – Possibly from *whegoll* (dearest).

Werring / Wearing / Werren – Possibly from personal name *Weryn*. Parish name Werrington. Found in south east Cornwall.

To be continued [A reminder that these names come from 'A handbook of Cornish Surnames', by George Pawley White, 2nd ed. 1981.]

Notable Cornish, people of Cornwall, and of the diaspora

Mary Watson - A sad tale for all

Mary Watson (17 January 1860 – 1881), became an Australian folk heroine, but she was born at Fiddler's Green outside St Newlyn East near Truro, Cornwall, the daughter of Mary Phillips and Thomas Oxnam. She migrated to Queensland with her family in 1877.

Having accepted a position as a governess with an hotelier's family, at eighteen she travelled from Maryborough to the isolated port of Cooktown, where she met and married a bêche de mer fisherman, Captain Robert F. Watson, in May 1880 aged 20.

Robert Watson took her with him to set up a fishing station on Lizard Island, then otherwise uninhabited. In September 1880, he left Watson and their son behind with two Chinese servants known as Ah Sam and Ah Leung, while he and his partner Percy Fuller made an extended fishing trip in their luggers.



A few weeks later a party of mainland Aboriginal Guugu Yimithirr people made one of their habitual seasonal trips by canoe to the island, where Robert Watson had set up his household in a stone structure close to a small creek, the island's only supply of fresh water. Watson had probably also inadvertently trespassed on an indigenous ceremonial ground normally taboo to women and children. The Aboriginal people attacked Ah Sam, who suffered seven spear wounds, and Ah Leung was killed in a vegetable garden he was tending. Watson frightened off the group by firing a shotgun and then, with a small supply of food and water, put to sea in the iron sea cucumber tank, hoping to be picked up by a passing vessel. The party drifted from 2 to 7 October, occasionally landing on reefs and islets. Her final diary entry ended 'No water. Near dead with thirst.'

When passing fishing vessels reported the wreck of Mrs Watson's stone cottage, and fires burning on the island, it was assumed that Watson had been kidnapped or killed. Mounted police and native troopers under Inspector Hervey Fitzgerald from Cooktown shot a number of coastal Cape York people—possibly as many as 150— from three mainland groups in retaliation. None of those shot, it would be claimed afterwards, was directly involved in the events.

She was 21 years old and had been married less than eighteen months when she died of thirst on No. 5 Island in the Howick Group now called Watson's Island north of Cape Flattery in Far North Queensland, Australia, in 1881.

The remains of Watson and her baby were found some months later among the mangroves on No. 5 Howick Island, still in the iron tank, but now covered with fresh rainwater from a recent tropical downpour. Ah Sam had died on the beach nearby. A concealed spring existed on the islet, but they had not found it. When the bodies were returned to Cooktown, a procession of 650 escorted them to their burial

at Two Mile Cemetery (now Cooktown Cemetery), on the road to the Palmer River goldfields.

She, with her four-month-old baby, Ferrier, and their wounded Chinese workman, Ah Sam, had drifted for eight days and some forty miles in a cut-down ship's water tank, used for boiling sea slugs. Her diary describing their last days was found with their remains in 1882, and Watson became an emblem of pioneer heroism for many Queenslanders.

A tragedy her Mary, her baby, and her companions, and their grieving families - but also one of a number of unjustified massacres of indigenous people in far north Queensland in this turbulent colonial period.



With the Association entering our **50**th **year** on the 17 April 2024 we will be starting to work on recording our history. As part of this, original and long time members may be sent a questionnaire in the future. Input from others will also be sought.

New Book: Plen an Gwari: The Playing Places of Cornwall (2nd Edition)

£20.00 https://goldentree.org.uk/product/plen-an-gwari-the-playing-places-of-cornwall/

A beautiful illustrated book written by Will the undiscovered Coleman, opening up treasures of medieval Cornish theatre culture. "Devils and Devices to delight as well the Eye as the Ear". A throng of people thousands strong, surrounded by magnificent pavilions, performers in splendid costumes, massed chorus and musicians, animals, guns and fireworks; the theatre culture of medieval Cornwall would have delivered an epic, immersive experience.

The Cornish National Music Archive https://cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk/

is a hugely successful initiative which contains a vast amount of information, photos and recordings about Cornish related music. One of its latest projects is an in-depth look at that cherished piece of Cornish culture, the Cornish Tea Treat. Amongst its pages is music by the Rescorla Tea Treat Band and four traditional pieces which have been arranged for brass band and are here played by the St Austell Town Band:

https://cornishnationalmusicarchive.co.uk/content/cornish-tea-treats-introduction/

Cornish Story

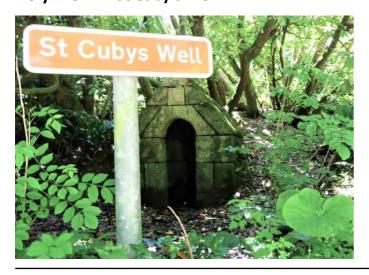
http://cornishstory.com/

This is an initiative created with the vision to promote a greater knowledge of Cornwall and the Cornish Diaspora overseas. Unique, exclusive stories and films are combined with articles relating to all aspects of Cornish culture in the past and present. There is a vast array of articles here plus the stories of hundreds of Cornish Methodist chapels in Mapping Methodism.

Both these above organisations have considerable linkage with other Cornish organisations including the Gorsedh and the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies. We would be delighted if your members would find time to wander around their contents. Oll an Gwella, Tony Mansell



Holy Well - St Cuby's Well



In Tregony, there is a holy well dedicated to St Cuby. St Cuby was born in Callington, Cornwall in 480AD. According to some sources, he was the son of St Selevan, an ancient duke of Cornwall, who, in turn, was the son of King Geraint, who was the son of King Erbin, who was the son of King Contantine. His mother, Gwen, was the sister of Non, the mother of St. David. When his father died, Cuby declined his succession to the dukedom and became a Christian monk. He began his mission in Gaul, where he travelled with ten disciples, spreading the gospel and founding churches. When he returned to Cornwall, the first church he founded was at Tregony, where he lived in a cell next to a well. From Cornwall he journeyed to Ireland and Wales, finally settling on Anglesey, where he was made a Bishop. He died in 554AD. Along with the acknowledged holy well, there seems to have been another one in Tregony, also dedicated to St Cuby. Despite there being no visual evidence of any actual structure there, there is a spring at the site. There is a third well down on The Moor, in Tregony. It is not designated as a Holy well, but it is lovely, nonetheless!

SOME CORNISH NAMES - FOR CORNISH GIRLS

	Alis	Cornish form of 'Alice' or ' Alis' (B)
	Annik	Cornish form of 'Annie' or ' Annig' (B)
	Beryan	Saint & placename
	Blejan	Flower or bloom
	Caja	Daisy
	Chesten	Christine (esp. pre 18th C.)
	Crewenna	Saint of Crowan (female)
	Demelza	Place name in St. Wenn
	Ebrel	April
Mowesi	Elowen	Elm
(GIRLS)	Eseld	She of Eseld & Tristan legend
	Eva	Eve
	Hedra	October
	Jenifer	Cornish spelling of local name
	Jenna	Jane
	Kensa	First
	Keren	Rowan tree
	Kerensa	Love (now popular)
	Kerra	Dearer
	Kew	Saint

Alis Cornish form of 'Alice' or ' Alis' (B) **Annik** Cornish form of 'Annie' or ' Annig' (B) Saint & placename Beryan Flower or bloom Blejan Daisy Caia Chesten Christine (esp. pre 18th C.) Saint of Crowan (female) Crewenna Place name in St. Wenn Demelza Ebrel April Elowen Mowesi Elm Eseld She of Eseld & Tristan legend (GIRLS) Eva Eve Hedra October Cornish spelling of local name Jenifer Jenna Jane Kensa First Keren Rowan tree Kerensa Love (now popular) Dearer Kerra Saint Kew

Next month - Boys

Around the Associations

In future editions we will be looking at what is happening in Cornish Associations around the world.

One of the active Associations over the past two years of Covid disruption has been the **Toronto Cornish Association** in Canada.

Their St Piran's flag raising ceremony on the roof of the town hall in 2020 got good publicity, but members were unable to gather for that last year - but the flag did go up. They have moved online with many meetings via Zoom and joined by speakers and participants from Cornwall, Australia and many other places! The TCAs March newsletter compares 2021's celebration to that of a 'normal' year:

"Remember last year on the 5th of March? We flew Cornwall's flag at Toronto City Hall, barely missed the first serious Covid-19 sprinkling, downed pints and oggies at the Duke of Corn wall, sang Trelawny, the adopted anthem of the Duchy of Cornwall and cheered for St Piran. Then, many of us went home to stay. 2021, March the 5th was different. We all joined St

Piran's week celebrations on Zoom, saw each other on the little square islands on our screens and struggled to escape from mute. But, we were still at home! However, the flag of Cornwall did go up at City Hall in Toronto, Canada thanks to President Marion's reminder to the city staff who did a proper job. Gool Peran lowen!"

They held a sing-along on zoom and this was posted on their Facebook page at 9 pm (Cornish time) to coincide with the Trelawny Shout in Cornwall. Members who joined in for the singing were encouraged to dress in your finest St Pi ran's outfit and with a Betty Stoggs or pasty in hand! At their next zoom meeting a slide show on St Piran and images of how the members celebrated this saint's day with deco rated houses, Cornish tartan clothing, flying flags and Sleeman's beer...

"Finally, an opportunity to get out, to meet others in person and to wear your best clothes to an in-person gathering for lunch at the Duke of Cornwall Pub, 400 University Ave, Toronto on the 4th December 2021 for a Christmas Party." In the mode they have been operating well, a zoom connection at 1:30 pm enabled those at home to join in the Christmas Programme. [Thanks to London Cornish & TCA for this] Check TCA out on: www.torontocornishassociation.org https://www.facebook.com/TorontoCornishAssociation

OUR CORNISH PLACES

Berrymans Store, Maldon Victoria



PLAS AN TAVES

This is Plas an Tavas = Language Place - Introducing you to some daily Kernewek, the ancient Celtic language of Cornwall today, to practice.

Pronunciation? Cornish is mainly phonetic!

More: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/the-cornish-language/cornish-language/

In this issue you will learn about:



Silly Sayings - Unintended Church notices

"The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church."

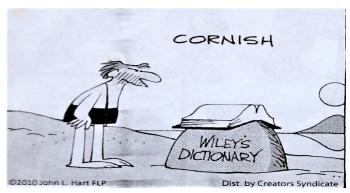
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CANSW Public & Members Web Pages:

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

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

Dates coming up ... Feast day of St Euny on 1st February. Don't forget Perrantide leading up to St Piran's day 5th March. 1st February is also the 30th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Australian Standing Stones. 24th March is the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Celtic Council of Australia.





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 396 for the months of March & April 2021 has a copy deadline - by 25 March. Contributions may be held for future use but more (electronic – emailed preferred) are welcome!

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2021

CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF NSW

Income & Expenditure Statement for 2021 - as at 31/12/2021

		This Year	Comparisons →			
INCOME	\$	2021	2020	Change %	2019	Notes
	Membership Subscriptions	\$690.00	\$240.00	188%	\$915.00	2020 – moratorium. 2021 excl in advance 2020
	Fund Raising / Functions					
	Fund raising	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$101.50	Other than donations eg. Raffles, sale pasties
	Functions	\$0.00	\$0.00			Functions, meetings, events
	Major functions	\$0.00	\$0.00			eg. in past CHW 1994, 96, 98; 25YD '00
	Total	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,201.50	
	Sales	\$155.00	\$112.00	38%	\$178.35	
	Donations	\$245.00	\$35.00	600%	\$193.00	Monetary donations only - not 'in kind'/services
	Projects / Other					
	Operating	\$0.00	\$6.53	-100%	\$8.25	eg. bank Interest
	Project/s	\$0.00	\$0.00			Special projects: eg Drought, Qld Stones, Byng Church
	Total	\$0.00	\$6.53	-100%	\$8.25	
Total		\$1,090.00	\$393.53	177%	2,496.10	2020 – Moratorium on subs, and Covid closedown

EXPEND	ITURE	2021	2020	Change %	2019.00	
	Newsletter	\$961.03	\$881.10	9%	\$204.60	Newsletter print/postage (incl. Env Advance purchases)
	Functions / Fund Raising					
	Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Prizes etc.
	Functions	\$0.00	\$4.30	-100%	\$1,621.00	Gross costs gen (includes RELC dep)
	Major events eg. C	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Total	\$0.00	\$4.30	-100%	\$1,621.00	
	Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$30.00	Actual cost of sales items obtained
	Operating & Projects					
	Misc Operating	\$311.65	\$314.35	-1%	\$240.00	Incl AGM Room hire, t&c, Non newsletter postage, printing, web site etc.
	Affiliations	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%		Celtic Council Reps
	Materials & Equip	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	Project	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,200.00	Projects: eg Byng Chapel, Qld Stones; Drought Appeal
	Total	\$311.65	\$314.35	-1%	\$1,480.00	
	Charges / Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Bank / Govt charges etc.
Total		\$1,272.68	\$1,199.75	6%	3,335.60	

OPERATING RESULT ON YEAR (- Loss)	-\$182.68	-\$806.22	-77%	-\$839.50	Please note Assets & Liabilities below!
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Partial Balance Sheet * - Statement as at 31/12/21

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ASSETS	2021	2020	Change %	2019	
Balance at bank 31/12/21	6,937.39	7,120.07	-2.6%	7,926.29	As per Westpac Bank Statement
Secretary's Kitty - at 31/12/21	0.00	-78.08		-54.85	No advance – in debit – recoup of costs owing to Sec
Cash/chqs at hand as at 31/12/2	0.00	0.00		0.00	Various cheques & cash 'in hand' not banked
Current assets - debtors etc.	0.00	0.00		0.00	Debtor - Deposit held by RELC for SP Lunch '19
Total	6,937.39	7,041.99	-1%	7,871.44	

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LIABILITIES	2021	2020	Change %	2019	
Unpresented cheques	0.00	0.00	0%	40.00	
Misc liabilities - to be paid	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	Money we owe (other than kitty)
Total	0.00	0.00		40.00	
FINANCIAL POSITION ('net worth')	\$6,937.39	\$7,041.99	-1%	\$7,831.44	On a partial accrual basis only *

 $\ensuremath{^*}$ excludes value of Library, Sales, Equip

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This is the official Statement of Accounts of the CANSW for year ending 31/12/2021 in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

J.P.Dunkerley Honorary Treasurer, CANSW

(Received and reviewed by the Committee as at 28/1/2022)

For report, receipt and discussion at the AGM 5/3/2022

Joy Dunkaley