

Newsletter

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President's message

As we again swing into the cooler months after a lush summer, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and that all is well with you and yours. Much has already happened this year and there is much more to come, as you will see in the following pages.

I note with solemnity the passing of **The Honorable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO**. Like other community and Society members **Ann O'Connell** and the late **Chris Pratten**, I did have the honour of meeting her as Governor. Her warmth for and support for community groups was exceptional. Dame Marie Bashir was such a brilliant, charismatic and dedicated servant of the people.

Thank you to those who made up another full house for the 2026 AGM at the Summer Hill Community Centre and, also, to all our members for your continued support which makes our Society such an integral part of the local community.

At the AGM we again elected a team of wonderful and able Committee Members, whose contribution makes the ADHS so successful. Kerry Barlow's excellent publication on the Federal-Fyle Estate, was launched. The publication contributed to the Inner West Council reversing a proposal to remove a section of houses from this important heritage conservation area. You can read a full report on the AGM overleaf, as well as a report of the walking event Kerry conducted around the HCA.

Sometimes passing time seems like 'déjà vu all over again' (as a former president of a far larger but sometimes less coherent entity once said - and a free left-over Easter egg to those who can name the person and context). But you won't have that déjà vu feeling in regard to our events, talks and walks planned for the coming year, as you will see.

President's message

We are blessed to have such able and knowledgeable people to plan, present and lead our events so ably. I won't spoil your reading to go through each of those events here. Many of our events fill early so check them out on our website and add to your diaries those which interest you.

As you know the Cooks to Cove GreenWay has opened with much success. I'm proud to have been and continue to be a member of a collective which, after two decades and more of advocacy, has seen that vision come to fruition; a vision which includes the layers of history manifest along the corridor. I do note that the first Heritage Week GreenWay walk is fully subscribed, but there are places available for the May walk.

Another good thing to come is a journal focusing on the history of Liverpool Road. With **Ann O'Connell** coordinating, writing and compiling with other contributors and a quality publication. But that is more Ann's story to tell.

Enjoy your reading of another loaded newsletter. Perhaps I've said that before – is that another example of déjà vu all over again (again)?

Alex Lofts

Past events

ADHS Annual General Meeting

Held on 8 February 2026

The 2025 President, **Alex Lofts**, took the chair and welcomed all those present to the Society's 2026 AGM held at the Summer Hill Community Centre.

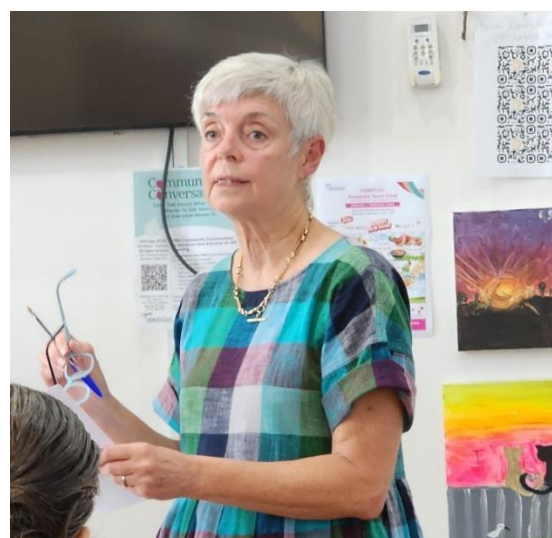
The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting Minutes were accepted as a true record.



Alex Lofts presented his President's report on the activities over the past year. Alex advised that 2025 was once again a successful year. The Society is in a financially sound position.

He acknowledged the hard work of the outgoing Committee and thanked them for their teamwork. He also thanked other members for their support, particularly in fundraising from book stalls at the Flour Mills and Ashfield Public School markets.

Carolyn Carter presented the Treasurer's Report which included acknowledgement of a \$5,000 grant from Inner West Council for the preparation and printing of the history of Liverpool Road, Ashfield, an upcoming Society publication. Another financial highlight was the successful sales of the Society's publications at regular markets.



Carolyn Carter

2026 AGM

The President vacated the Chair and the election of the 2026 Office Bearers and the Committee was held.

Susan Thompson conducted the elections.



Susan Thompson

The new Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2026 are:

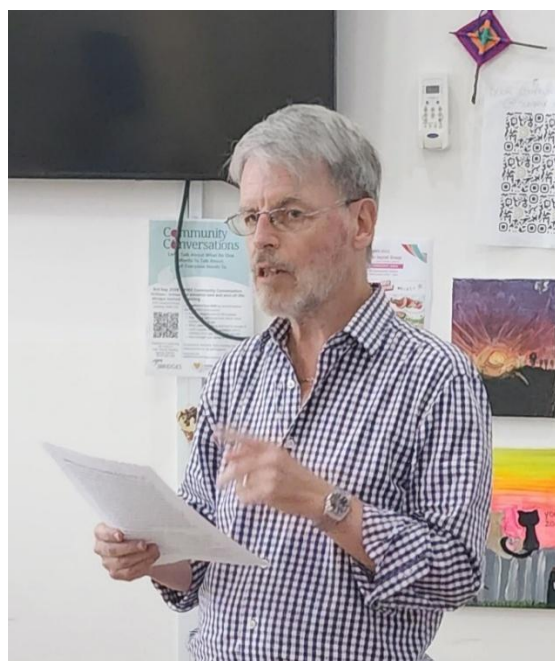
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Peter Schulz	Joy McIntyre
Murray Cleaver	Kerry Barlow

Alex Lofts, re-elected as 2026 President resumed the meeting as chair and welcomed the new Committee.



Alex Lofts

In General Business, **David Rollinson** moved a vote of thanks to 3 Bridges, the operator of the Summer Hill Community Centre (SHCC), the Society's venue for events and Committee Meetings. David also advised that 3 Bridges will be relinquishing the management of SHCC at the end of February.



David Rollinson

David introduced our guest speaker, **Kerry Barlow**, a Committee Member and author of the latest ADHS publication *Early Settlers, Speculators and Houses of the Federal-Fyle Heritage Conservation Area, Ashfield NSW*.

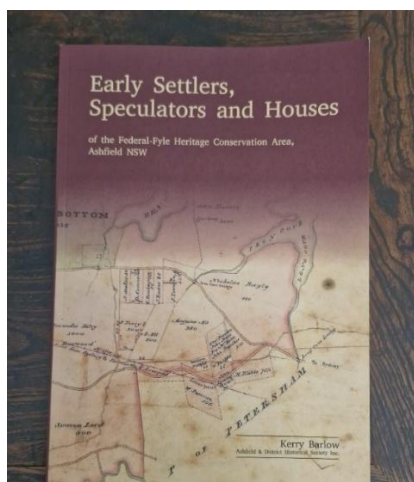
2026 AGM



Kerry Barlow

David noted that Kerry had been very active advocating for heritage in the **Federal-Fyle Heritage Conservation Area** in Ashfield.

David officially launched Kerry's book on behalf of the Society.



Linda De Rosa & Ronda Halcoop,

At the conclusion of the talk, **Brian Gray** presented Kerry with a small token of thanks from the Society for her presentation. Then, as usual, a fabulous afternoon tea was served!



Colin Webb & Clare Herscovitch

2026 AGM

Kerry's book is provided free to financial members of the Society.

Copies are available for \$20.00. Please contact the Society if you have not received your copy, or visit the Research Rooms to collect your copy.



From the AGM Minutes by Murray Cleaver

Photos: Lois Gray & Heather Warton

The Federal Fyle HCA

Mark Sabloch has written about Kerry's talk at the AGM:

Kerry introduced herself as a resident of Wallace Street Ashfield and demonstrated how informed local history can be used to successfully save remaining heritage.

The Federal Fyle Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) was gazetted in 1995 and includes 112 houses of various historical styles and periods. Kerry's research has demonstrated how Bruce Street and Wallace Street, in the heart of this HCA, are some of the earliest streets in Ashfield.

Bruce Street appears on early maps of the locality, dating from c 1814-1820, whilst Wallace Street dates to 1840 when **Robert Campbell** sold portions of his huge Canterbury Estate to form the early village of Ashfield. The purchasers of these early lots included a range of ex-convicts, including **John Ireland**, proprietor of the *Plough Inn*, who had been transported in 1823 for stealing a pocketbook.

Kerry's presentation integrated the current physical landscape, by showcasing the current visible series of houses present in this conservation area, with a deep understanding of the land use changes over time. Local history is the art of gathering information from the past and representing that information to tell a story. To describe this process in a more formal form:

Local history takes in a broad range of historical inquiry that can cut across other disciplines and sources including oral traditions, social and cultural practices, ephemera, objects, sites and more.

Local history is a powerful tool that contributes to place making and the construction of identity.

These histories relate stories of community rituals, traditions and celebrations that are embedded in interpersonal and familial networks. These stories create a dense landscape of meanings that are layered and nuanced

From Ian Willis – University of Wollongong – blog *Local History: A view from the bottom.*

Kerry's authorship, and ADHS latest publication, is a thoughtful display of local history in action.

One of Kerry's aims was to have the history of the Federal-Fyle Heritage Conservation Area in the hands of the Inner West local councillors in time for their meeting on 30 September 2025 for the Council vote on the controversial "Our Fairer Future Plan". Kerry's plan was successful. Which I feel explains the value of local history perfectly.

By Mark Sabolch

Past events

A walk through the Federal-Fyle Conservation Area

Walk I held on 22 March 2026

An inquisitive group of walkers gathered at the Bruce Street Reserve in March to join **Kerry Barlow** on a walk through her neighbourhood, Bruce, Wallace and Oak Streets and Federal Avenue, Ashfield. This comprises the **Federal-Fyle Heritage Conservation Area** (FFHCA).

The walk was a follow up to Kerry's talk at the Society's AGM and the launch of her book, *Early Settlers, Speculators and Houses of the Federal- Fyle Heritage conservation Area, Ashfield NSW*.

Attendees were issued with a map showing the route and highlights. We set off north, along Bruce Street.



The first stop was outside no. 5, *Eureka*, later known as *Katandra*, built in 1878, but with the façade altered in the 1980s. This is the house that piqued Kerry's deeper research on the FFHCA, which has been of heritage interest to her since 1995.

In 2019 it was the subject of a development application for demolition and replacement with a four storey residential flat building.

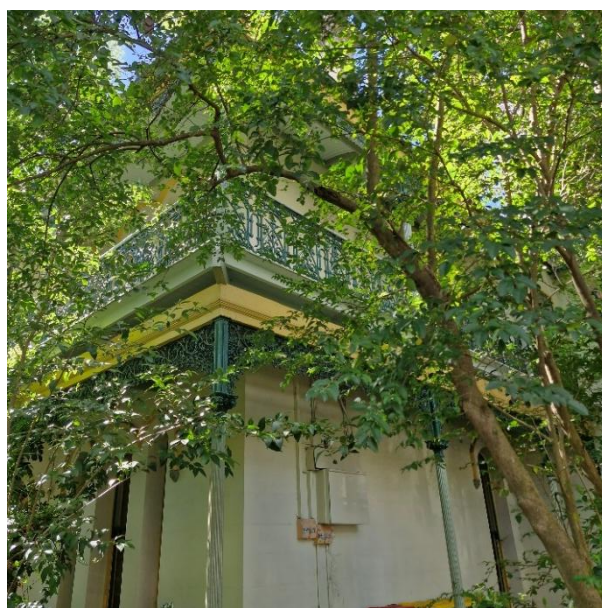
Several court cases later, in June 2024 the Land and Environment Court rejected the proposal. Kerry advocated for retention of the house, based on research into its historical significance and contribution to the FFHCA.



Trees obscure a good view today of no. 5 Bruce Street, this photo is from realestate.com, from 2019

We then headed east towards Ashfield Park down Ormond Street, stopping at no. 6, an 1880s cottage and heard tales of previous musical artist owners.

Then to the grand two storey house next door at no.4, largely obscured by trees, *Tangley* also known as *Romsey*.



No. 4 Bruce Street, Ashfield

Federal-Fyle Walk

Then we headed down Bruce Street to Wallace Street, stopping at the corner of what is now a town house development, but once the site of the Corinthian Bowling Club and the mid-Victorian *Florence Villa*.

Along Wallace Street are various Californian Bungalows and Federation era houses.



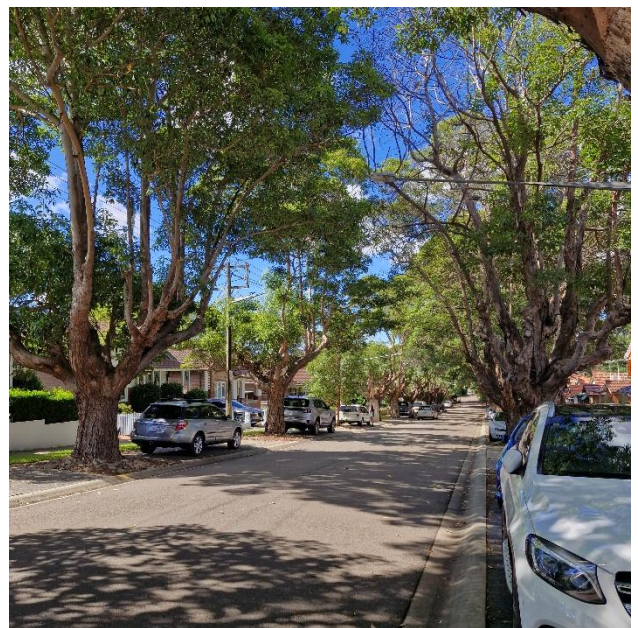
27 Wallace Street, Ashfield

Then we headed down a laneway, to the lovely treelined Oak Street.



26 Wallace Street, Ashfield

Kerry explained the pattern of the subdivisions and some notable past owners of the land and houses along the way.



View east along Oak Street, Ashfield

Past the western end of Oak Street on Elizabeth Street is *Wyandra*.

Federal-Fyle Walk



Wyandra, 12 Elizabeth Street, Ashfield

We continued the walk back down Wallace Street, viewing mid 1910s and 1920s cottages and three unusual timber cottages.

Kerry provided a detailed history of the HCA and interesting anecdotes from her many years living in the area. This part of Ashfield was unknown to me and to others on the walk, so it was refreshing to have a close up look at some of the houses and the range of architectural styles exhibited.

Thanks to Kerry and her research efforts. I urge you to read more about the FFHCA in her book.

By Heather Warton

Kerry repeated her walk of the Federal Fyle Conservation Area on 12 April 2026. The event was fully booked out.

Future events

The Greenway & Long Cove Creek Walk

~~Walk I: 19 April 2026~~

SOLD OUT

Walk II: 17 May 2026

Meet at 1pm

Location: The rocket at the Eastern end of Johnson Park, Dulwich Hill (beside Arlington Light Rail stop on the L1 line).

Tour end: Just north of Parramatta Road (near Taverners Hill Light Rail stop).

Duration: Approximately 2 hours (with option to extend for those who wish to continue to Iron Cove).

Register:

<https://ashfieldhistory.org.au/event/the-greenway-and-long-cove-creek-a-guided-walk-uncovering-layers-of-change-2/>

Cost: \$5.00 per person (cash on the day)

Bring / Wear a water bottle and sun protection - hat, sunglasses & sunscreen

The newly connected GreenWay passes through an extraordinary urban landscape with dense local history. It is an ecological corridor as well as an active transport route and outdoor classroom.

Join us on this tour exploring the history and relationships along this biodiversity corridor, the often hidden Long Cove Creek, and the surrounding built environment.

The Greenway & Long Cove Creek Walk

The tour leaders will be:

- **Alex Lofts** – former Ashfield Councillor and Chair of the GreenWay Community Forum
- **Mark Sabolch** – author of *Hawthorne Canal, The History of Long Cove Creek* and member of first IWEg bushcare group
- **Mark Matheson** – read all the records of the former Petersham Municipal Council and produced the booklet *Victorian Villas* which won the National Trust Heritage Award of that year
- **Susan Thompson** – Professor of Planning at UNSW; Educator using the GreenWay as an outdoor classroom.

Copies of the book *Hawthorne Canal, The History of Long Cove Creek* and *Victorian Villas* will be available to purchase.

Talk: The mysterious world of land surveying

28 June 2026

Meet at 2pm

Venue: Summer Hill Community Centre

Cost: \$5.00 Member / \$10.00 non-Member

Register:

<https://ashfieldhistory.org.au/event/the-mysterious-world-of-land-surveying-the-meaning-of-the-survey-marks-presented-by-heritage-land-surveyor-kevin-song/>

The meaning of the survey marks

Heritage Land Surveyor **Kevin Song** will let us into the mysterious world of Land Surveying, explaining the meaning of the survey marks we see in odd places, and describing the arcane process of land identification.

Heritage Report

Council intends to proceed with 'Our Fairer Future – Part 2' which will focus on areas of the LGA where housing/flooding/infrastructure studies were not completed previously. It is likely that draft zoning maps and supporting documents will be exhibited in 6-8 weeks.

As the State Government has recently gazetted Burwood Council's plans for North Croydon, Council will now revisit our part of Croydon and the draft plan will include some rezonings. No rezonings will occur in Haberfield and aside from an area in Prospect Road near Carlton Crescent, Summer Hill will not be affected it seems.

The lull in new DAs continues, even in Haberfield (aside from new houses on the subdivided ex-Army land off Hawthorne Parade), and what is submitted remains alterations and additions to existing houses.

The owner of the existing factory site at **55-67 Smith Street Summer Hill** has lodged a modification request to increase his Court-approved bedsit/studio DA from 93 to 105 rooms – there are local objections and Council's architectural design advisory panel has concerns.

An objection has been lodged with Council concerning the proposed demolition of a significant part of the rear of **1 Victoria Square Ashfield** as part of a recent DA for a rear two storey addition to that dwelling.

David Rollinson

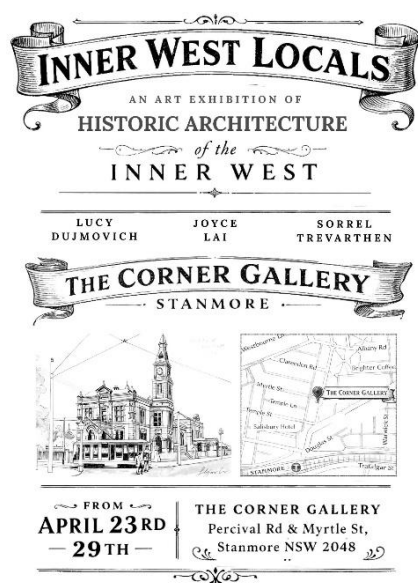
Inner West Art Exhibition

An art exhibition of the historical buildings of the Inner West

Sorrel Trevarthen of **Picket Fence Illustrations** has been busy immersing herself in local history and visited our rooms at *Thirning Villa* in August 2025. She was researching the history of the old Baby Health Centre building which is now the Outfield Café in Yeo Park Ashfield. Sorrel and other local artists have grouped their works together for the Inner West Art Exhibition.

Since visiting our Rooms she created an illustration of *Thirning Villa* and generously wishes to present it to our Society at a special morning tea for our members and friends, which will also enable visitors to enjoy the exhibition.

Please come along to see the local art works and enjoy the morning tea at 11am on Tuesday 28 April 2026, at The Corner Gallery, corner Percival Road & Myrtle Street Stanmore.



Lost & Found

If you attended our AGM and Book Launch in February, you may have found that you left your black umbrella behind. It is a good quality umbrella (has a printed motif on the canopy) that you will regret losing.

Please email admin@ashfieldhistory.com.au to claim it.

Federation gardens

Lois Gray attended a talk hosted by the Haberfield Association on 16 March 2026:

I recently attended an interesting talk on Federation Gardens organised by the **Haberfield Association** at the Haberfield Library. The talk attracted a lot of attendees, including quite a few ADHS members.

The speaker was **Stuart Read**, a recent Chair of the **Australian Garden History Society** and currently its Sydney Branch Chair. Stuart holds a Bachelor of Horticulture and Post Grad Diploma in Landscape Architecture and has written numerous papers about plants and gardens.

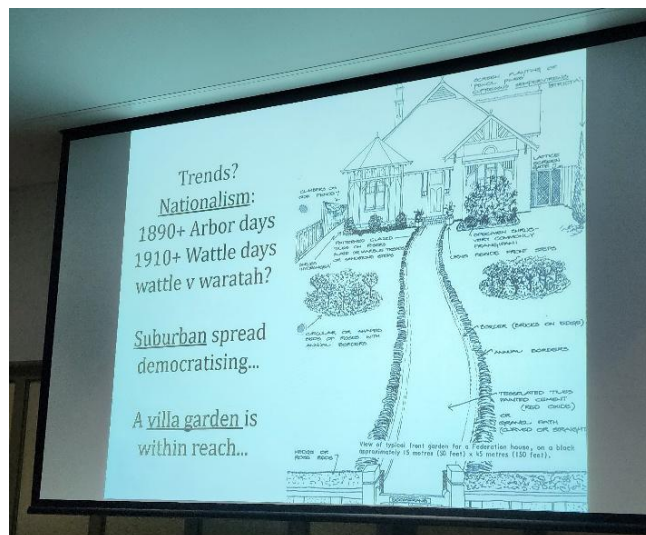


Stuart Read; Source: LinkedIn

The talk focused on what was happening in the Federation era and how events, designers, writers and their interests shaped the form of gardens. This includes the Nationalism movement from 1890 and events such as Arbour Day and Wattle Day.

It generated an era of aspiration where a villa with a garden was presented as being within easy reach. The quarter acre block provided self-sufficiency with a garden (including vegetables), space to play and clean air to breathe. People were looking to move out to the suburbs to achieve this.

The garden suburbs of Haberfield, Appian Way Burwood and Daceyville developed in response to these influences. Councils too were undertaking street tree planting and creating public parks and ceremonial places where people could stroll for pleasure.



Stuart showed the stylised representation of the Federation house and garden that is often used. It depicts gardens along the wavy path from the gate to the front door; circular beds on either side of the path and beds along the front façade.

Garden plants were a mixture of natives and exotics and were also a result of these influences particularly what was seen in public parks and exhibitions. Palms (Royal Botanic Garden, Centennial Park); Norfolk Island Pines, figs, box trees (Prince Alfred Park) wattles, red flowering and lemon scented gums all featured. Popular exotics were sweet peas, bouvardias, chrysanthemums, dahlias carnations and roses.

Lawns were cultivated as the home owner's pride and joy and bush houses and ferneries were popular.

Federation gardens

Italianate influences were also seen in gardens in the form of terraces, stairs, statues, grottos and shady walks.

For those wanting further information, Stuart cited and displayed a number of references. He also recommended heritage studies and Gardening Australia garden guides and illustrations. Some key references include:

- H.A James 1892 – Handbook of Australian Horticulture
- The Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens – Gardens of History and Imagination
- Hugh Fraser 1986 – The Federation House Australia's Own Style
- Australian Garden History Society 2001- Planting the Nation
- Robert Freestone 1987 - The Great Social Lever of Reform: The Garden Suburbs 1900-1930
- Heritage Council of NSW 1981 -Conservation of Federation Houses
- Ian Evans 1988 -The Federation House A Restoration Guide (Chapter on Gardens)

Many people sought time to discuss matters in more detail with Stuart over a lovely supper.



Story & photos by Lois Gray

Museums of History:

A new data base has been released by the MoH:

The Registers of Assignments and Other Legal Instruments from 1794 to 1824,

Known colloquially as the 'Old Register', were inscribed on the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Register in 2009. Representing some of the earliest colonial records in NSW, the Old Register is a nine-volume series of registers dating from 1802 to 1824 (backdated to 1794) that record private legal transactions and dealings between individuals and businesses. They deal with a wide range of matters, including land transactions, marriages and separations, convict-master relationships, deeds, and sealing and shipping agreements.

These records offer fascinating insights into early colonial times, providing information about the details of social relationships as well as the demographics and values of the colony. This index was compiled by Lois Sabine, Indexer, and is published in collaboration with the Office of the Registrar General.

Search the index by name, subject or place on the MoH website:

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NSW State Library:

The NSW State Library is celebrating its 200th Anniversary with a number of events that will be of interest to Members:

We're marking the State Library's 200th Anniversary with a dynamic year-long program of exhibitions, talks, installations and performances. Join us as we reflect on the surprising and transformative moments that have shaped this extraordinary institution. Libraries have never been more vital. Be part of your Library's evolving story.

See the Library's website:

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/whats-on>

Vale

The Honorable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO

ADHS Member Jenny
Broomhead writes:

While Clare and I were working on the Society's collection in February, I recalled that a former Governor had visited and had launched one of the Society's publications.

The visitor was Professor the Hon. Dame Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales from March 2001 to 2008 who died on 20 January 2025. The occasion of her visit was the launch of the Society's journal *Ashfield at Federation 2001* at the Victoria Street Fire Station (opened in 1901) on 18 October 2001. The launch provided an opportunity to meet the Governor in an informal way, and share her respect for community history and her personal charm and warmth (see ADHS Newsletter: series 3, no. 2). The Society's mages database includes a photo of the Governor with Ann O'Connell and Chris Pratten (no. 11285).

By Jennifer Broomhead



Source: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases/vale-professor-honourable-dame-marie-bashir-ad-cvo>

From the Ministerial Statement 20 January 2026

Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO served as Governor of New South Wales from 1 March 2001 to 1 October 2014 and was the first woman to be appointed to the role.

Born in Narrandera in the Riverina district of New South Wales, and educated at the Narrandera Public School and Sydney Girls High School, Marie Bashir completed a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Sydney in 1956.

Professor Bashir taught at the Universities of Sydney and NSW, increasingly working with children's services, psychiatry and mental health services, and Indigenous health programs.

At the time of her appointment as Governor of New South Wales, she was Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Sydney; Area Director of Mental Health Services Central Sydney; and Senior Consultant to the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern and to the Aboriginal Medical Service, Kempsey.

She was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1988 for her services to child and adolescent health, and was invested by Her Majesty, the Queen, with the insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) in 2006.

In June 2014, Professor Bashir was named as a Dame of the Order of Australia for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to the administration, public life, and people of New South Wales, to medicine, particularly as an advocate for improved mental health outcomes for the young, marginalised and disadvantaged, to international relations, through the promotion of collaborative health programs, and as a leader in tertiary education.

WEA Sydney will hold the annual Dame Marie Bashir Lecture on Thursday 28 May 2026 at 7pm. Natasha De Silva, human rights and gender equality expert will speak on *Human Rights Under Pressure: Work, Community and Why These Matter More*. See:

<https://www.weasydney.com.au/course/MBM26>

Ann and William Banks

Finding portraits of the early wealthy landowners of the local area is not uncommon as in general they were sufficiently affluent to afford photography or worked in a prominent professional role which gained the attention in the press. It is rare that photographs survive of ordinary folk from early Ashfield, and so it is satisfying that some find their way into our Society's collections.

Here we show images of a husband and wife who lived in Robert Street Ashfield from at least as early as 1871, (and probably as far back as 1853) until their deaths: he in 1895 and she in 1907.



Ann Banks



William Banks

William and Ann Banks and six of their children left their home in Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire, England, and boarded the David McIver, arriving in Australia in 1853. On that ship William Banks was one of a large number of 'railway labourers' onboard and it was reported that 'the male immigrants are nearly all labourers for the Sydney Railway who have for some time been expected'. It was noted on the voyage passenger list that William could neither read nor write.

It is not known where the Banks family lived in those early years after they arrived in the Colony, but a mention of Banks in August 1871 was connected to the formation of Ashfield Municipality when the plan of the boundaries of the electoral wards was being announced.

Ann and William Banks

Part of the South Ward boundary was described thus:

...on the west by the Ashfield Road northerly by about 8 chains to entrance-gate of the property of the late Mr Jeffrey; thence by south side of paddock occupied by William Banks, running westerly to the eastern boundary of Lords 800 acres adjusted by Mr Larenard Surveyor Knapp...

William Banks was among 201 persons on the petition to the Governor to have Ashfield incorporated, where he was listed as a 'householder' (rather than a freeholder or leaseholder) indicating that he did not own the property, and he signed the petition with a 'x'. Indeed, in the earliest of Ashfield Council's Rate Books in 1872, Banks was shown to occupy land with a 'slab hut with a bark roof' which he leased from **Joseph Freshwater** on **Arthur Jeffrey's** Estate.

Later rate books reveal this to be on the south side of Robert Street, between Ashfield Road (Holden Street) and Queen Street. In 1880, the house was described as wood with shingle roof but still valued at a very low figure.

Like the Banks family, the Freshwater Family had migrated from Cambridgeshire, England in 1853 and Joseph's son William also worked on the construction of the Sydney to Parramatta railway. After Ashfield Council was incorporated, he took on many roadmaking contracts for the Council in the local area. On 24 May 1876, William and Ann's youngest daughter Ruth married **William Freshwater Jnr**, the eldest son of William Freshwater.

Arthur Jeffreys had married **Robert Campbell's** daughter Sarah, and the couple had inherited a large tract of Campbell's land at Ashfield after his death, where the Freshwater and Banks families lived.

Arthur was deeply involved in the development of the railway and attended the first meeting of the Australian Southern and Western Railway Company, which was later the Sydney Railway Company, in 1848.

He was a major shareholder and said to be one of the founders of the Sydney railway system. In his capacity, he may have been involved in the organisation of the railway workers' (including Banks and Freshwater) immigration from England in 1853 to take up the building of the Sydney to Parramatta railway. Such were the web of connections in early Sydney that bound a working man such as William Banks, an enterprising William Freshwater and the wealthy landowner Arthur Jeffreys.

Arthur and Sarah Jeffreys were deeply involved in *St Paul's Church of England* in Canterbury and Arthur was appointed one of the inaugural wardens of the church. It is perhaps not surprising that William and Ann Banks were also members of the church and chose its cemetery as their resting place.



It is reassuring that even a poor, uneducated man of the past can leave a legacy, and details of their lives can be traced.

By Ann O'Connell
Images from Maxine Hill

Research Rooms

The Society's Research Rooms at *Thirning Villa*, in Pratten Park, Arthur Street Ashfield are open to visitors for research.

The Rooms are open on the second and last Saturday of each month from 10am until 3pm

Please note the new opening times.

Membership matters

- \$40 for standard household membership - no postage
- \$30 concessional membership (DVA, Centrelink, fulltime student) - no postage
- \$50 for standard household membership - with postage
- \$40 Concessional membership (DVA, Centrelink, fulltime student) - with postage.

Household membership entitles all members of your household to participate in Society events as members. We try to hand deliver to local members, but this is not always possible. As you would be well aware, \$10 for the postage of newsletters and journals is a bargain!

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Heather Warton, editor
12 April 2026



The Green Way

Source: <https://sydneyoutdoors.com/the-greenway-inner-west/>