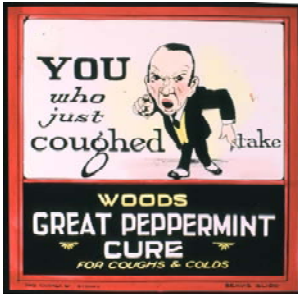




A new way to write family history?



Building on a major archival project for the Woods family, of Woods Great Peppermint Cure fame, completed by HAAH in 2002, Sue and Rosemary are about to assist Alan Woods, who has been undertaking further research into his family's history - back to the Plantagenets and more, to develop a database to present the family history in a multimedia format that can be added to and utilised by family members. Linked to maps and regional information it will be part travel guide, part family and genealogy with pictures, and maps; and a much more flexible and achievable outcome than the static format of a book, a dynamic structure which will hopefully develop a life of its own.

Seeking funding for "Our Place... Stories of Redfern - Waterloo"

HAAH is seeking development funding for six biographies of place,

for:

- Redfern-Waterloo;
- Erskineville-Alexandria;
- Newtown-Darlington;
- Darlinghurst-Surry Hills;
- Kings Cross-Potts Point;
- Woolloomooloo.



The biographies will be developed from interviews of local residents undertaken for the South Sydney Oral History Program in the early 1990s. Because current re-development plans loom over Redfern-Waterloo, we feel that this biography should be developed and published first, as soon as possible.

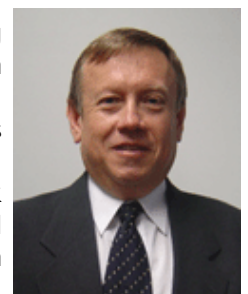
At the Margaret Barry Memorial Lecture, given by Sue last month, community members talked of a need for a more human focus by the likes of the Redfern-Waterloo Authority, and expressed support for the further development of the South Sydney Oral History Project material, as it provides valuable insights into the strengths of the area and the nature of the community, both historically and in a contemporary sense, a vital element of the redevelopment process.

A mock-up of *Our Place... Stories of Erskineville-Alexandria* is available on request.

New Liaisons

September sees the launch of an exciting alliance with Betty Ockerlander, of **Better Homes Realty**, Epping. Betty will direct her clients to HAAH for heritage advice, to help take the mystery out of buying and selling heritage homes and properties within Conservation Areas. This alliance stands to deliver positive heritage outcomes. Often, heritage advice is not sought until a property has been purchased and designs for its renovation or extension have been prepared. Time, money and heritage values can be saved with good advice early on.

Sue met **Michael du Plessis, business advisor to HAAH**, through the Epping Chamber of Commerce in June, and for over the past few months he has been helping to enlighten HAAH on important management and business issues. Immersed in research and writing, its easy to think of the business side of things as just too hard. Michael has helped us to pinpoint the most important issues for HAAH, and set us on track to work our sustainable solutions to management which will work through the feasts and famines of the consultants' lot. Michael is happy to come and have a chat about the issues and challenges facing your business. This consultation is free. Please contact Michael on 0402 310 306 or email michael@greenice.com.au.



Rosier future for research at State Records

Sue Rosen and Rosemary Kerr attended the launch of Dr Peter Tyler's latest book, *Humble and Obedient Servants, The Administration of NSW Volume 2, 1901 - 1960* on 8 August. This work continues the history of government administration in NSW, begun by Hilary Golder's, first volume, *Politics, Patronage and Public Works*, covering the period 1842 to 1900. The history is a must for those involved in serious archival research as an understanding of departmental responsibilities and politics is a powerful resource when tracking elusive files at State Records. When files are not where you expect them to be, often the answer lies in a change of administrative responsibilities and a move of records to another departmental series. Knowing who is talking to who is also another important means of accessing records through the 'back door' when the principal files cannot be found. So thanks to Peter and State Records for this wonderful new resource and for a very lively launch and an opportunity to catch up with colleagues. It's a great addition to the newly revised Guide to convict records that has enhanced access to 19th century documents - research has never looked so good.

HAAH's other hats for 2006/7

Rosemary was re-elected to the position of Treasurer for the Professional Historians Association (PHA) NSW, and looks forward to her second term.

Inspired by the Oral History Conference 'Dancing with Memory' Held at the University of Technology, Sydney in August, **Sue** has decided to get her hands dirty on the Oral Historians Association committee.



Emma is acting convener of the Working Party for the review of the PHA's Register of Historic Places and Objects, appointed by the PHA after a report she presented at the AGM in August.

Green Ban Sites Bus Tour

Its 35 years since the first world's Green Ban saw an alliance of Hunter's Hill women and the BLF, led by Jack Munday, save Kelly's Bush from luxury housing development. Retired members of the CFMEU, the AMWU and MUA recently revisited Green Ban sites around the city. Sue was lucky enough to be invited along. There were wonderful stories of encounters with scabs and developers and community activists. What would Sydney be like with highrise development obliterating the Rocks, Millers Point and Woolloomooloo and Centennial Park obliterated by a massive sports arena? The most recent successes have included Green Ban Park at Erskineville, marked for housing development and the old Water Police Site at Pyrmont. It was a great outing - Thanks for the legacy.

Missed Sue's Marg Barry Lecture?

-or like to read her Thesis: *'That Den of Infamy', the No.2 Stockade, Cox's River?*

Visit the HAAH 'download site' at www.haah.com.au username: haahftp, password: access



From left: Sue delivering Marg Barry lecture; the audience; Sue and Jack Munday (who introduced Sue's talk) Photographs courtesy Jack Carnegie.