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Cornish Association
of New South Wales

PROGRAMME 2015

STATEWIDE

Saturday 7 MARCH, 2015

Annual General Meeting 11am
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde



Followed by ..

Cornish Association of NSW
(previously Sydney)
40th Anniversary Lunch
[Also celebrating St Piran]

Saturday 7 March, 2015
12.30pm to 3:30pm

At RYDE EASTWOOD
LEAGUES CLUB
Ryedale Road, West Ryde

Members \$40
Non-members \$45
Under 12 \$25
Under 3 - Free

Plenty of parking under the club, off Wattle Street, and 100m from West Ryde Station (between Hornsby & Strathfield). Lift from car park levels. Lift to rooms once in the club.

All members (and their guests), past members, Cornish visitors, and Celtic Council friends, are very welcome!

This year is a special one – 40 years ago, on 16 April 1975 the Cornish Association of Sydney was started at a meeting at the Old Toongabbie Methodist Schoolroom. Some of those pioneers are with us today. We also celebrate our special saint – Piran.

You'll love this gathering and time of good and plentiful food, and enjoyable friendship! Come with your stories to share, of the best times, and the funniest times!

Some soft / fruit drinks will be on your table and available service for any other drinks is available at your own cost from the bar outside the room.

Entertainment by the wonderful Celtic musicians:
The Raggeder Band



Note: If you are attending the lunch please **RSVP:**

By 9pm Monday 23rd February
Ring Ruth on 02 9639 5365

Or ring Joy on 0428 617 830
or email ruthnrussell@bigpond.com or
joy.dunkerley@gmail.com

You must RSVP - The full amount/s may then be paid by cheque to 'Cornish Association of NSW' - sent to 34 Circular Avenue, Sawtell NSW 2452 OR ... over

OR Direct deposit to: CANSW via Westpac bank
BSB 032287 A/C 143 725 (give your name in ref)
OR only if necessary, pay on the day.
Overseas guests? – payment arrangements are being investigated – please contact us.

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Your RSVP is a firm commitment to pay

The Menu? Yum!

Hot Entrees – eg. Chicken with honey & soy, Beef Stroganoff, Seafood Vol au Vents, Sweet & Sour Pork, with Fried Rice / Noodles, etc.
Carvery – Roast Pork, Roast Beef, Roast Lamb, with baked potato and baked pumpkin.
Cold Cuts – Ham, Turkey, Corned Beef, salami.
Salads – Caesar, Potato, Coleslaw, Garden Fresh, plus Fresh Fruit.
Desserts – An array of Tortes, and other sweets etc.
Plus of course Tea / Coffee, and mints

Special food? Special diet needs? Contact us when you RSVP!

The Afternoon?

Befitting that we are celebrating St Piran please feel free to come in Cornish colours – Black & White, Black & Gold, Black & White, or Tartan, or Celtic dress. Bring memories, photos, etc., from the 40 years of the Association to share!
Afterwards – time to talk, great music, & your contribution.

We hope to see you there!



WIDER COMING EVENTS

Southern Sons of Cornwall Inc

For more details contact: *Sonia Reuter*, Events Co-ordinator, and her phone number is **02 4421 8187** Her email address is: oneandall2@bigpond.com

FESTIVALS

23rd Australian Celtic Festival

Glen Innes, NSW



30th April to 3rd May, 2015

The Year of Wales

Details:

www.australiancelticfestival.com

Accommodation:

www.gleninnestourism.com

Details of program and ticketing for 2015 will be available from the web site soon. Please keep checking. PS. We've ordered better weather.

Kernewek Lowender

South Australia 18-24 May, 2015

www.kernewek.org

Ph: 08 8821 4500 /
08 8821 2333

The world's largest Cornish Festival



Draft Programs are available from the web site
Bookings from 1 February

Saturday 23 May, 2015

Berry Celtic Festival

Berry, Shoalhaven NSW

<http://www.berryrotary.org.au/#!celtic-festival/c1syc>

Committee News:

NOTICE OF AGM – Members should again note that our AGM will be held on Saturday 7 March, 2015 at 11am. - Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, West Ryde. All members urged to attend if possible.

Agenda:

- Minutes of 2014 AGM, and matters arising
- Reports from Officers/Committee, including Annual Accounts for receipt and adoption (see this newsletter).

- Elections – President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other members of Committee.
- Open forum discussion following

alphabetical order on the members' web site:

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/kevrenor/merlib5.htm>

or short link <http://tinyurl.com/46c9cl>

Eddie Lyon, Librarian

CANSW bank a/c bal at 22/1/2015 \$7,740.18

President's report: "Please ensure the future of the Association by coming to the AGM, when our new Committee will be formed. I also hope you will be at our 40th anniversary lunch and St Piran celebrations. It is always a lovely meal, and great to talk to so many members and guests. This year we have the Raggeder Band again providing entertainment – thanks." *Joy*

Next Full Committee Meeting

Full new Committee – Sunday 12 April – 11:30am, at Ruth & Russell Cocks home, 5/76 Jenner St Baulkham Hills

Any Association member is also welcome.

Contact Ruth on 02 9639 5365

Agenda will include planning for the events for 2015

Your ideas and offers are always welcome

Remember - Maxine Gray volunteered to be our contact for **Family History enquiries** – 14 Janice Crescent, Moss Vale, 2577 (02 4869 4958) maxrose@exemail.com.au
Maxine would love to help with enquiries.

Our Lending & Research Library



The CANSW library is one of only two large Cornish libraries in Australia (along with Cornish Assoc Vic) – please make use of it for borrowing or research!

As we have 543 items (6+ boxes) we can only bring 2-3 boxes to any Association members meetings in Sydney, and some other main events (check with the librarian). A particular book / cd-dvd-video or box category can be taken to an Association but contact our librarians by the week prior. Borrowing should be to the next function or outing - up to 3 months; and you must contact the Librarian immediately if return is a problem. A book/DVD can be posted out to far-flung or invalid members and then posted back in once read. Again, please also remember to return your books asap

Contact *Eddie and Eileen* on **02 9349 1491**

Email: ealyon45@gmail.com

A fairly full listing can be posted to you on request, and is also available to view and /or download in both Catalogue Id &

MEMBERS MILESTONES

Best wishes to a number of members who have had a run of health problems recently, including Russell Cocks.

Some members have moved home recently. We hope you settle in well and enjoy your new locations.

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

QUOTE

“O would there were the sea from Rame to Marsland,

*And the Tamar were as wide as wide could be,
And that Cornwall were some island in the ocean,*

*A refuge from this ever changing scene,
If I only had the strength to lead an army,
Or the wit to argue well and win the day,
I would cast a silver net about my country,
And let her children take their own again*

*O would you see the future of our country,
As plainly as the glass reveals it me,
Or would you see the Crowdy Crawn lay empty,
Well might you weep for things that used to be,
For the voices by the harbour of an evening,
And the cry that calls the cattle from the hill,
They seem to have an unfamiliar ringing,
That strikes into my heart an icy chill*

*These lanes our feet have cut across the ages,
These quilted fields we've stitched since came the farm,
These houses and these harbours and these churches,
These stones on stones the country's face that charm,
No longer are there Cornish feet to tread them,
Nor Cornish hands to tend, or turn and glean*

*They've sold the Motherland that bore and bred them,
And wandered far away from Cornwall's*

green”.

Words to a song, and tune, Silver Net, written by Richard Gendall, and sung also by Brenda Wootton.

Celtic Studies Foundation –

Lunchtime lectures

Free - all welcome – **Sydney University** Celtic Studies Foundation. At the Woolley Building (near to Parra. Rd footbridge) Mostly last Friday of the month. 1pm - Contact Suzanne Jamieson on s.jamieson@econ.usyd.edu.au

Usually at a room in the Woolley Building S325, University of Sydney

CORNISH SURNAMES – a series

Ahearn – From Hearn, plural of Horn: Iron. Probably Irish in origin. Name now found mostly from the Padstow-Bodmin area.

Andrewartha – From Cornish *an dre wartha: The Upper Homestead. Place name Trewartha. Concentrated in south west Cornwall.*

Angove – From Cornish *An Gov, The Smith.* Concentrated from the 14th century in the parishes of St Breward and Newquay. [See also Michael An Gof, the smith from St Keeverne, who was a leader of the 1497 Cornish uprising. Wine company in SA]

Blamey – Probably from the Cornish form of Bellamy, or fair friend (from the French *Bel Ami*) See Australian Field Marshal Sir Thomas Albert Blamey, GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, ED was an Australian general of the First and Second World Wars, and the only Australian ever to attain the rank of field marshal]

Bligh – From *Blyth* (Cornish for Wolf) [Yes once wolves roamed Cornwall. See also Vice Admiral William Bligh, better known as Captain Bligh of Mutiny on the Bounty Fame in the South Pacific. Fifteen years after the Bounty mutiny, he was appointed Governor of New South Wales in Australia, with orders to clean up the corrupt rum trade of the New South Wales Corps, resulting in the so-called Rum Rebellion].

From *A Handbook of Cornish Surnames*, by George Pawley White. A few names (of Celtic origin unless noted) explained; plus [sidenotes] by your Editor.

What would the year be for our newsletter without a Cornish Pasty article? In fact, not just one - we have two!

Pasty Smuggler

This is a strange story from today, a grandmother in the UK used pasties to hide heroin in to smuggle it around Europe; crikey!

The fugitive leader of a drug smuggling gang, whose members included a Cornish grandmother who used pasties to hide heroin, has been arrested in Tenerife, Canary Islands. Stephen Blundell, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin, but fled to Spain before he could be sentenced.

Among his associates was the grandmother who hid £50,000 of heroin in pasties in her shopping bag. Now that’s an expensive Pasty!



Cornish Pasty 'threatened by EU-US trade deal'

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5 Jan 2015; source:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/11326494/Cornish-pasty-threatened-by-EU-US-trade-deal.html>

The Cornish pasty potentially could be threatened by a flood of American imitations under the proposed free trade deal between the European Union and the United States, it was claimed, by Christian Schmidt, the German agriculture minister.

She warned that the EU would not be able to uphold laws protecting 'regional foods' under such a transatlantic trade agreement. Regional specialties, ranging from Cornwall's famous meat pasty to Germany's Black Forest Ham, might have to be dropped as the price for such a deal.

NEWS

Under EU law, protected regional specialties, such as the Cornish pasty, can only be sold under their traditional names if they were actually made in the region. The legal protections are enforced in Europe but not outside, eg. America where immigrants, such as Cornish copper miners or Bavarian farmers, have taken European food traditions like the Cornish pasty or Black Forest Ham and made them their own. Under a planned Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), a proposed free trade agreement with the US.

If, in the so far secret, negotiations the EU food protection rules continue to apply, under the Trade deal then the use of the term "Cornish pasty" could perhaps be outlawed in the USA; an idea that is running into stiff opposition. In Mohawk, a tiny village nearly 600 miles northwest of Detroit in northern Michigan, a state, their "Cornish pasties" are part of a way of life for generations.

[Note: The EU PGI status does NOT apply in Australia, nor would that particular trade deal].

PLAS AN TAVES – Boos or Food

Pasti - Pasty

Bara - Bread

Pysk hag asklos - Fish and chips

Selsik - Sausage

Keus - Cheese

Kresigow - Crisps

Tesen - Cake

Tesen gales - Biscuit

Choklet - Chocolate

Dehen rew - Ice cream

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: <http://www.magakernow.org.uk/>



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 Dr John Symonds. Tell your friends! Suggested updates or new content are welcome.

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

INTRODUCING CORNISH WEB SITES

A series looking at some interesting web sites that are available on Cornish related pages:

St Piran's Oratory

James Gossip works for Cornwall Council as an archaeologist and director of the Uncovering St Piran's Oratory Project. "The project is the re-excavation of the early medieval Christian chapel associated with St Piran near Perranporth, and believed by many to be the site first established by him on his arrival in Cornwall. Our facebook group name is: Uncovering St Piran's Oratory

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/658887744134690>

'Silly' sayings

"A closed mouth gathers no foot."

Dates coming up ... Nickanan Night Mon 16 Feb, Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) Tues 17 Feb, Perrantide week, leading to St Pirans Day 5 March, Trevithick Day - Camborne 26 April, St Enoder feast 27 April



Editorial note: The content of this newsletter does not necessarily reflect official views of the CANSW, but rather of the various contributors and sources! If someone is sick then please let me know for a get-well message, or any other news please!

The next Newsletter is April-May, 2015. Deadline is Monday 13 April, 2015. Items are held for future use but more (electronic - emailed, or on CD preferred) are welcome!

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THE CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF NSW – 40 YEARS OLD

“As a result of press and television coverage given to the efforts of Mr Bert Cowls, conversations between Mr Cowls and Mr E M Keast led to a follow up of contacts made and a meeting was arranged in the Old Toongabbie Methodist Schoolroom on the 16th April 1975 with a view to forming an Association of Cornish folk in Sydney...”
Source: 1st Minute Book.

Thus on the 16th April 1975 the Cornish Association of Sydney was born, formed by vote of the 24 attendees (+15 apologies).

It had been formed due to the enterprise of the late Mr Bert Cowls, a visiting Cornish Bard from Helston who had gone on the Mike Walsh Show on television, and had an article in the Daily Telegraph (24/3/75) and had asked Cornish people to contact him. It was titled “Are you a Tre, Pol, or Pen? Bert Hunts the Folk From Cornwall”.

It was formed mostly by Cornish born immigrants who were keen to get together. It was formed, as now, by the willingness of individuals to take on formal roles.

Present members who were in attendance 25 years ago are; Mr Ted Stark, Mr Russell Cocks, Capt & Mrs Vincent, Jennifer Meston, Malcolm & Rose Williscroft. The first President was Russell Cocks (our current President), Secretary Ernie Keast, Treasurer Maurie Tralling, and Chairman Bob Durrant. A whirl of action followed with socials and Committee meetings coming thick and fast. Mr & Mrs Cowls were farewelled back to Cornwall.

It is now known that this Association is probably the second in NSW with a Devon & Cornwall Association existing at least as long ago as early last century and possibly up until after WW11. The Cornish Association of SA formed in 1890 survives to this day and the year before, 1974, the Cornish Association of WA was formed.

Some significant events and facts for the Association:

- We participated in the 1975 and 1976 Parramatta Foundation Day Parades with floats, winning the ‘ethnic’ section in 1976.



- A set of rules on the London Cornish Association was adopted in 1975.
- First family membership fee set at \$8, later reduced to \$3, then \$6, \$10, \$12, and since before 2000 has been \$15.
- Membership in 1976 was 75, dropped to 56, then rose in the mid 80s to over 200, and climbed to 320 (including branches). Approx 50 members were Cornish born in 1976. Membership is now 86 households.
- Mr Raymond Hawke of Orange (father of Will) contacted the Association in 1975 regarding Byng Church. That link has remained to this day. Many working parties, camping weekends, and the successful joint bid for Bicentennial funding for refurbishment, have been a concrete manifestation of the Associations commitment to the Cornish heritage of NSW (and a great deal of fun).



- A party of members travelled to the 1977 Kernewek Lowender led by Ted Stark. This and the contact with the CA of SA has been also a very lasting one, with every KL since attended by at least 1 member of the Association. Newsletters were exchanged as they are today with all Australian associations.

THE CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF NSW – 40 YEARS OLD

- The Association has always been visible, with St Piran flags being made in 1975 for those first street parades, to the wearing firstly of T-Shirts with the Cornish 'bezant' emblem, then 'sloppy joes', and since the early 1980's Cornish National Tartan, plus spoons, badges, and mugs. We have Polo Shirts, and have had tartan scarves and ties available.
- Christmas 1979 saw the first of maybe 33 Christmas parties at (Tom &) Betty Bevins Warriewood home.
- Always willing to be seen as 'ethnic' the Association was a founding member in 1982 of the Celtic Council of Australia (in NSW) to which we are still affiliated, and our Roger Thomas was a Convenor.
- Participation for some years in the Sydney Carnivale ethnic community festival in the Domain, Sydney.
- In 1985 a brief meeting group of the Cornwall Family History Society was formed; and many joined the Association founding a strong Family History strand and lifting flagging numbers for a decade or two.
- 1982 saw the first 'Cornish Day' at Metella Road Public School where Principal Geoff Ford presided over talks, music, and pasty and cream tea. Held every year until 2000, and a few times since, this event gave a strong cultural and academic side to our activities.
- Carrl Myriad brought music to us (along with our own short lived choir) and to others.
- We were successful through Roger Thomas's endeavours to sponsor a grant from the Heritage Council, which stabilised the Cadia 'White' Enginehouse. It stands proud for today and tomorrow.
- We've had 23 years involvement with the Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes, marching, displays, and a special commemorative ceremony since 1997.
- In 1988 we became formally, what we already were in fact – the CANSW.
- Festivals have been supported, from Carnivale to the KL, Cornish Festivals in Castlemaine, Bendigo, Ballarat, and Celtic Festivals in Glen Innes since 1992, and North Sydney since 1994.
- The wonderful 21st anniversary of restoration, Concert at Byng Church in October 2009.



- Trips have been popular, since the 1977 Hill End one, Byng of course, Helen Boulden's big Orange Weekend in 1987, the Broken Hill Trip in 1999, and Adelong in 2003.



- We have always had scope for Branches. In 1987 we formed a Branch in the ACT – it was the CA of ACT for many years but folded! In 1994 we formed a Branch in QLD – it is now the successful CAQ! In 1998 Julie Wheeler in the Shoalhaven formed a branch that also separated, and operates as the Southern Sons of Cornwall.
- Those who have volunteered for office bearers and Committee, have served faithfully (some founders are still working)
- Over the past 15 years, as we have shrunk in numbers, we have moved into meeting at homes and in licensed club at Burwood & West Ryde. Pasty days, talks and video, many outings of a shorter nature.

What awaits the Association after 2015? That is where you come in!

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2014

CORNISH ASSOCIATION OF NSW

Income & Expenditure Statement for 2014 - as at 31/12/2014

Comparisons ->						
INCOME	\$	2014	2013	Change %	2012	Notes
Membership Subscriptions		1130.00	1050.00	8%	1285.00	For 2015 or in advance later years
Fund Raising / Functions						
Fund raising		71.00	123.00	-42%	75.00	Other than donations eg. Raffles
Functions		2025.00	2035.00	0%	2092.00	Functions, meetings, events
Major functions		0.00	0.00		0.00	eg. in past CHW 1994, 96, 98; 25YD '00
Total		2096.00	2158.00	-3%	2167.00	
Sales		148.80	215.00	-31%	55.00	
Donations		122.00	227.00	-46%	134.00	Monetary only - not 'in kind'
Projects / Other						
Operating		27.36	25.71	6%	24.96	eg. bank Interest
Project/s		0.00	0.00		0.00	Special projects: eg Byng Church Trust
Total		27.36	25.71	6%	24.96	
Total		3524.16	3675.71	-4%	3665.96	

Comparisons ->						
EXPENDITURE	\$	2014	2013	Change %	2012	Notes
Newsletter		529.49	621.25	-15%	1087.50	Newsletter printing / postage
Functions / Fund Raising						
Fund Raising		0.00	0.00		0.00	Prizes etc.
Functions		2253.25	2361.89	-5%	2023.20	Gross costs gen (includes RELC dep)
Major events eg. CH'		0.00	0.00		0.00	
Total		2253.25	2361.89	-5%	2023.20	
Sales		0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	100.00	Actual cost of sales items obtained
Operating & Projects						
Misc Operating		153.30	205.10	-25%	270.45	Incl White Pages, web site etc.
Affiliations		100.00	-25.00	-500%	30.00	Celtic Council Reps (Chqs unrepresented)
Materials & Equip		70.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	49.00	Details available
Project		0.00	0.00		0.00	Special projects: Byng Church Trust
Total		323.30	180.10	80%	349.45	
Charges / Taxes		0.00	0.00		0.00	Bank / Govt charges etc.
Total		3106.04	3163.24	-2%	3560.15	(See unrepresented chqs and kitty recoup)

OPERATING RESULT ON YEAR - Surplus	418.12	512.47	-18%	105.81	Please note Assets & Liabilities below!
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Partial Balance Sheet * - Statement as at 31/12/14

ASSETS	2014	2013	Change %	2012	Notes
Balance at bank 31/12/14	7811.07	7392.95	6%	6880.48	As per Westpac Bank Statement
Secretary's Kitty - at 31/12/14	-104.00	-129.59		0.00	Advance - still in hand/or (owing)
Cash/chqs at hand as at 31/12/14	0.00	0.00		0.00	Various cheques & cash 'in hand' not banked
Current assets - debtors etc.	200.00	200.00		0.00	Debtor - Deposit held RELC for SP Lunch '15
Total	7907.07	7463.36	6%	6880.48	

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LIABILITIES	2014	2013	Change %	2012	Notes
Unpresented cheques	0.00	226.95	0%	0.00	
Misc liabilities - to be paid	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00	Money we owe (other than kitty)
Total	0.00	226.95		0.00	

FINANCIAL POSITION ('net worth')	7907.07	7236.41	9%	6880.48	On a partial accrual basis only *
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* excludes value of Library, Sales, Equip

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This is the official Statement of Accounts of the CANSW for year ending 31/12/2014 in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

J.P.Dunkerley
(Received and adopted by the Committee on 11/01/2015)
For report, receipt and discussion at the AGM 7/3/2015

Honorary Treasurer, CANSW

11/01/2015

