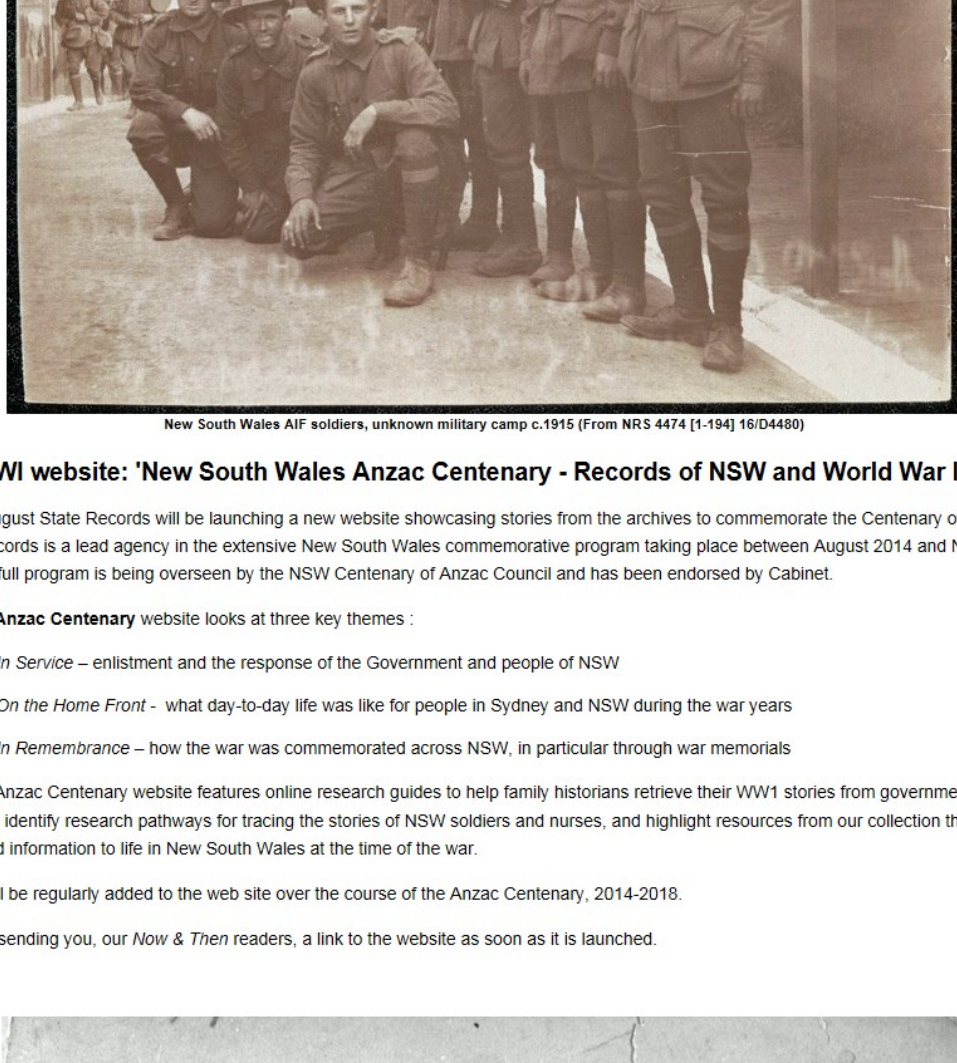


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The latest issue features information on our NSW Anzac Centenary commemorations; Spotlight on Mental Health Records of Ex-Military Personnel; our new customer survey; online news and updates; our Blog and Flickr updates and more!

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NSW Anzac Centenary



New WWI website: 'New South Wales Anzac Centenary - Records of NSW and World War I'

In early August State Records will be launching a new website showcasing stories from the archives to commemorate the Centenary of World War I. State Records is a lead agency in the extensive New South Wales commemorative program taking place between August 2014 and November 2018. The full program is being overseen by the NSW Centenary of Anzac Council and has been endorsed by Cabinet.

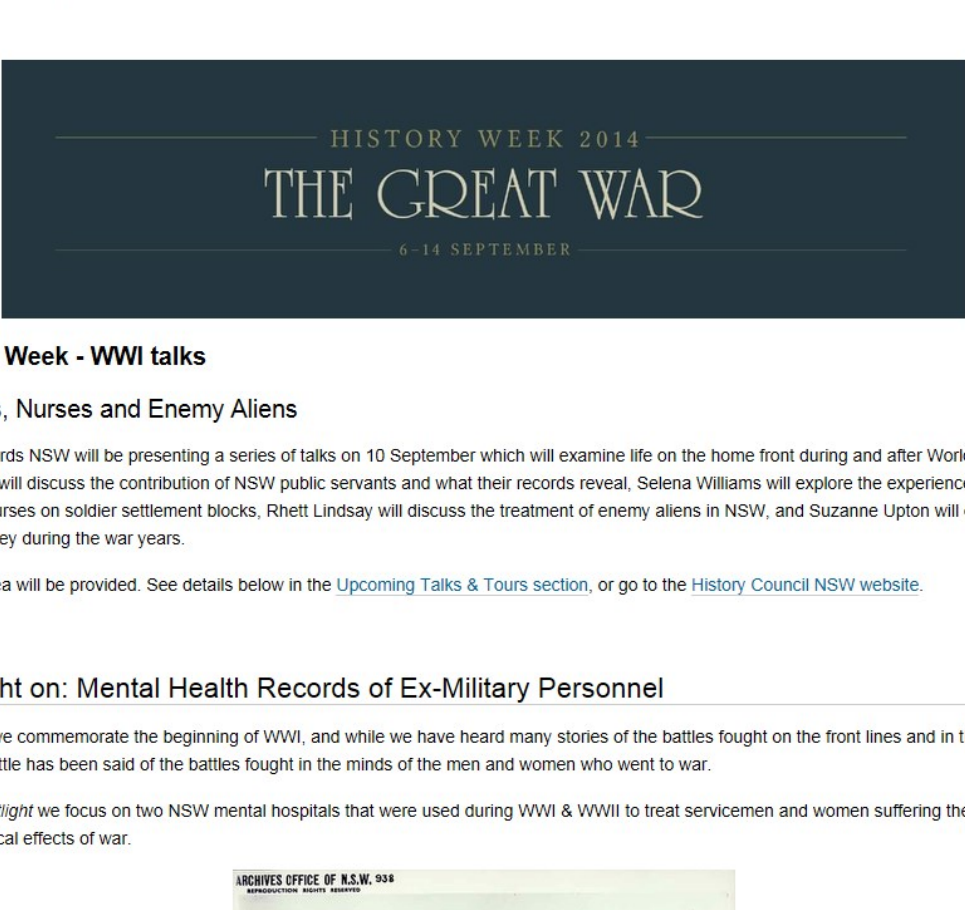
The **NSW Anzac Centenary** website looks at three key themes:

- » [In Service](#) – enlistment and the response of the Government and people of NSW
- » [On the Home Front](#) - what day-to-day life was like for people in Sydney and NSW during the war years
- » [In Remembrance](#) – how the war was commemorated across NSW, in particular through war memorials

The NSW Anzac Centenary website features online research guides to help family historians relieve their WWI stories from government records. The guides identify research pathways for tracing the stories of NSW soldiers and nurses, and highlight resources from our collection that provide background information to life in New South Wales at the time of the war.

Content will be regularly added to the web site over the course of the Anzac Centenary, 2014-2018.

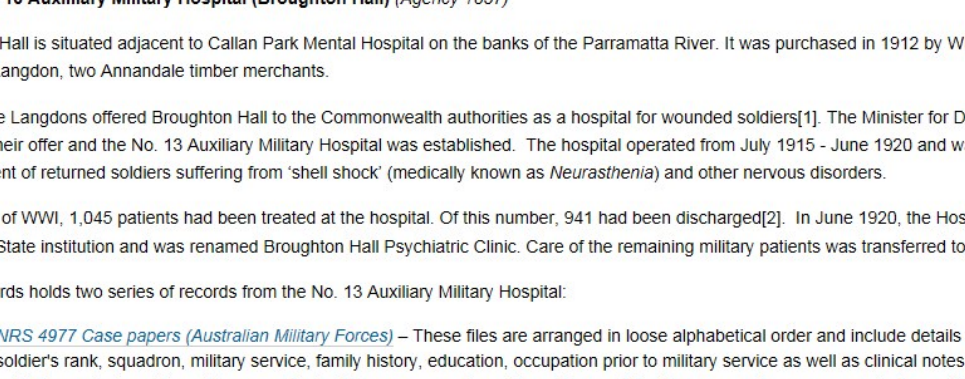
We will be sending you, our *Now & Then* readers, a link to the website as soon as it is launched.



New WWI exhibition - 'A Call to Arms'

In September 2014, State Records will open the exhibition **A Call to Arms** at the Western Sydney Records Centre.

Using the themes of service, home front, and remembrance, the exhibition will explore some of our most interesting WWI related State archives from the period August 1914-September 1916.



History Week - WWI talks

Soldiers, Nurses and Enemy Aliens

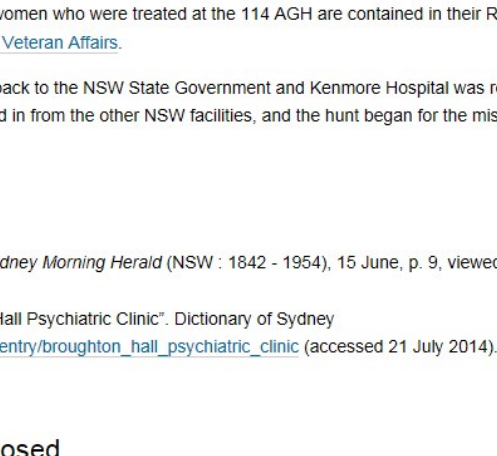
State Records NSW will be presenting a series of talks on 10 September which will examine life on the home front during and after World War I. Gail Davis will discuss the contribution of NSW public servants and what their records reveal. Selena Williams will explore the experiences of returned nurses on soldier settlement blocks, Rhett Lindsay will discuss the treatment of enemy aliens in NSW, and Suzanne Upton will examine life in Sydney during the war years.

Morning Tea will be provided. See details below in the [Upcoming Talks & Tours](#) section, or go to the [History Council NSW](#) website.

Spotlight on: Mental Health Records of Ex-Military Personnel

This year we commemorate the beginning of WWI, and while we have heard many stories of the battles fought on the front lines and in the trenches, little has been said of the battles fought in the minds of the men and women who went to war.

In this Spotlight we focus on two NSW mental hospitals that were used during WWI & WWII to treat servicemen and women suffering the psychological effects of war.



WWI – No. 13 Auxilliary Military Hospital (Broughton Hall) (Agency 1857)

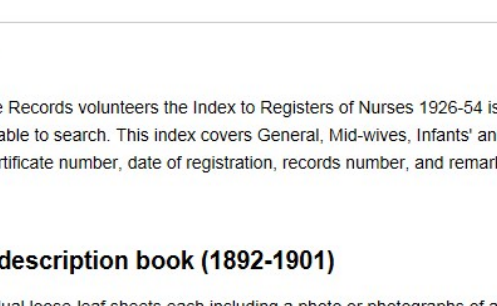
Broughton Hall is situated adjacent to Callian Park Mental Hospital on the banks of the Parramatta River. It was purchased in 1912 by William and Frederick Langdon, two Annandale timber merchants.

In 1915, the Langdons offered Broughton Hall to the Commonwealth authorities as a hospital for wounded soldiers[1]. The Minister for Defence accepted their offer and the No. 13 Auxilliary Military Hospital was established. The hospital operated from July 1915 - June 1920 and was used for the treatment of returned soldiers suffering from 'shell shock' (medically known as *Neurasthenia*) and other nervous disorders.

By the end of WWI, 1,045 patients had been treated at the hospital. Of this number, 941 had been discharged[2]. In June 1920, the Hospital became a State institution and was renamed Broughton Hall Psychiatric Clinic. Care of the remaining military patients was transferred to the State.

State Records holds two series of records from the No. 13 Auxilliary Military Hospital:

- » [NRS 4977 Case papers \(Australian Military Forces\)](#) – These files are arranged in loose alphabetical order and include details of the soldier's rank, squadron, military service, family history, education, occupation prior to military service as well as clinical notes of the patient's mental condition. Files may also include correspondence from wives and family, war pension assessments, Leave Passes, and a Diary of Transference. **These files are closed to public access for 110 years**, however you can apply for individual access to the records. Please see [Archives in Brief 65 - Mental health facilities - Patient records](#) for more information on the records and how to access them.
- » [NRS 4978 Miscellaneous correspondence \(Broughton Hall Psychiatric Clinic \(No. 13 Auxilliary Military Hospital\)\)](#) – The correspondence in this series refers to staffing (including lists of officers & matrons and their pay rates), requisitions and supplies, military orders, defence circulars, donations, financial matters and war pension claims, with some mention of individual soldiers. These files are also closed to public access for 110 years and applications to access them can be made in the same way as above.



WWII – Kenmore Hospital and the 114 AGH (Agency 1915)

Kenmore Estate, Goulburn, was first appointed as a Hospital for the Insane in 1894. In 1942 the NSW State Government offered the facility to the Commonwealth Government for the psychiatric treatment of military personnel.

During March 1942, despite many protests from the local community (including the [wives and families of the staff who were forced to leave the facility](#)), Kenmore was completely evacuated of all of its 1200 patients, medical staff and property. The patients were transferred by bus to the other mental health facilities around NSW, and the staff either moved with them or gave up their jobs. Even the medical skeleton used for training the staff was shipped off to another facility.

The hospital was then taken over by the military and renamed the 114 Australian General Hospital, also known as the 114 AGH Kenmore or 114 AGH Goulburn.

The medical records of servicemen and women who were treated at the 114 AGH are contained in their Repatriation Files. To apply for access to these records, contact the [Department of Veteran Affairs](#).

In January 1946 the facility was handed back to the NSW State Government and Kenmore Hospital was re-established. Postions were advertised for medical staff, patients were transferred in from the other NSW facilities, and the hunt began for the missing medical skeleton - no doubt, hidden in a closet somewhere...

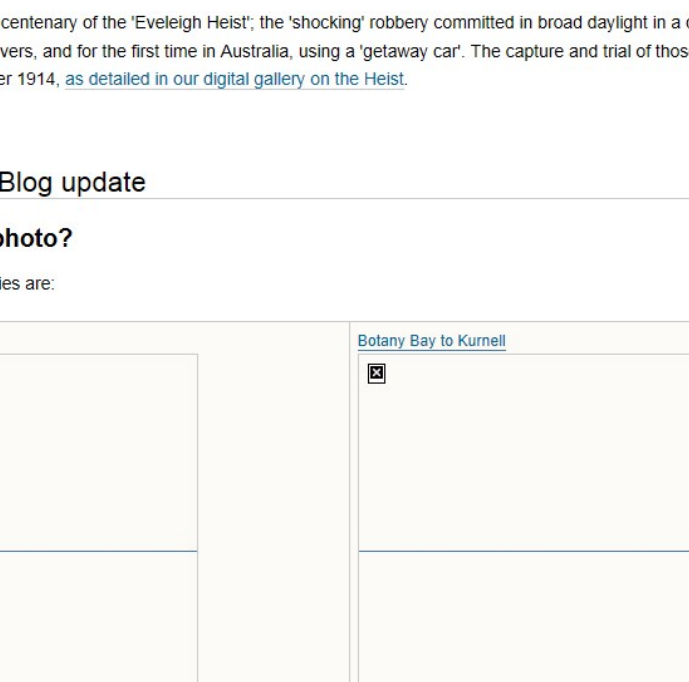
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[1] 1915 FOR THE WOUNDED; *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), 15 June, p. 9, viewed 29 July, 2014, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article15587016>

[2] P. Reynolds & K. Leong, "Broughton Hall Psychiatric Clinic," Dictionary of Sydney online http://www.dictionaryofsydney.org/entry/broughton_hall_psychiatric_clinic (accessed 21 July 2014).

Customer Survey - now closed

State Records has a new type of customer survey we hope you will take and enjoy. It is certainly a lot shorter then our previous surveys!



Online News

Index to Nurses, 1926-1954

Thanks to the wonderful work of the State Records volunteers the Index to Registers of Nurses 1926-54 is now available online. It is an ongoing project with c.5000 entries currently available to search. This index covers General, Mid-wives, Infants' and Psychiatric Nurses from 1926 to 1954 and records name, hospital trained at, certificate number, date of registration, records number, and remarks.

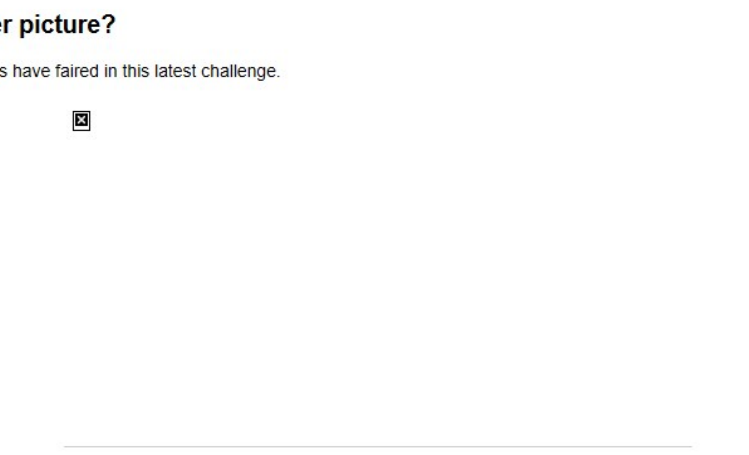
[Search the index >](#)

Trial Bay Gaol Photograph description book (1892-1901)

The series (NRS 2549) consists of individual loose-leaf sheets each including a photo or photographs of a prisoner, accompanied by the following details: name, aliases, date when portrait was taken, native place, year of birth, arrived in colony - ship and year, trade or occupation, religion, degree of education, height, weight (on committal, on discharge), colour of hair, colour of eyes, marks or special features, where and when tried, offence, sentence, remarks, previous convictions - where and when, offence, sentence.

A 'Description Book' was required to be created and maintained by the Gaoler of each prison. Photographing prisoners for inclusion in the Description Books commenced late in the nineteenth century.

[Browse the photos >](#)

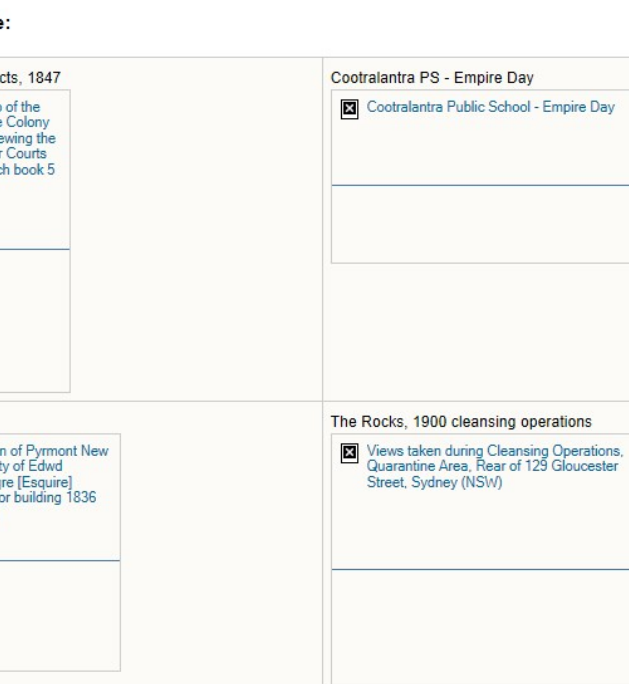


You can also search these prisoners' names in the [Index to Gaol Photographs](#).

Sydney panoramic views, c.1915

The latest series added to Photo Investigator is a small pamphlet of Sydney. The booklet shows a collection of prints of panoramic photographs of Sydney's buildings, parks, harbour, zoo and streets. Photographed and printed by H. Phillip, Katoomba NSW c.1915.

[View the photos >](#)



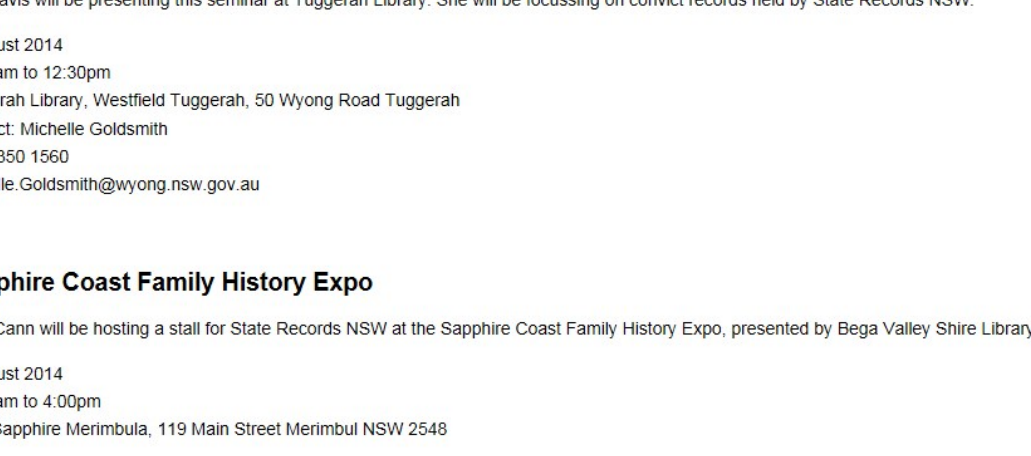
Centenary: The Eveleigh Heist, 1914

On 17 June 2014, it was the centenary of the 'Eveleigh Heist'; the 'shocking' robbery committed in broad daylight in a densely populated part of the city by men armed with revolvers, and for the first time in Australia, using a 'getaway car'. The capture and trial of those involved took place between June and September 1914, [as detailed in our digital gallery on the Heist](#).

Archives Outside Blog update

Can you date this photo?

The latest in this popular series are:



School Gardens in our photo collection

» A recurrent theme in the [Schools Photographic collection, NRS 15051](#), are photos of school gardens. Students are depicted tilling in the soil or standing proudly next to a garden in full bloom...A bit of digging on Trove reveals the school garden scheme was not only a popular pastime that was part of the learning experience, it was also a highly competitive pursuit with school garden competitions going on throughout the state!

[Read more >](#)



Beecroft Public School, 1923. Digital ID: 15051_a047_000025

What's the bigger picture?

See how our blog readers have fared in this latest challenge.



Do you know what's the bigger picture?

Flickr update

The latest additions include:



If you don't have a [Flickr account](#) you can still browse these photos on Flickr and most are also available on [Photo Investigator](#).

Upcoming Talks and Tours

See more upcoming events on our [State Records Events](#) page.

Convicts in your tree: using State Records to build a story about your convict

Gail Davis will be presenting this seminar at Tuggerah Library. She will be focussing on convict records held by State Records NSW.

6 August 2014
10:30am to 12:30pm
Tuggerah Library, Westfield Tuggerah, 50 Wyong Road Tuggerah
Contact: Michelle Goldsmith
(02) 4350 1560
Michelle.Goldsmith@wyong.nsw.gov.au

Sapphire Coast Family History Expo

John Cann will be hosting a stall for State Records NSW at the Sapphire Coast Family History Expo, presented by Bega Valley Shire Library.

9 August 2014
10:00am to 4:00pm
Club Sapphire Merimbula, 119 Main Street Merimbula NSW 2548

Elusive ancestors: breaking down those brick walls using State Records

Janette Pelosi will discuss sources for when you come to a dead end with your family history research.

14 August 2014
7:30pm to 9:30pm
Trades*, 57 Manchester Road Gymea
Contact: John Healy
(02) 9523 8948
botanypayrns@yahoo.com.au

History Week Event - World War 1 as documented in the NSW State archives

We will be hosting a number of talks relating to World War 1 as documented in the NSW State archives.

10 September 2014
9:30a. to 12:00pm
Western Sydney Records Centre, 143 O'Connell Street Kingswood 2777
Bookings are essential through info@records.nsw.gov.au. No fee involved.

Schedule:

9.30 – 9.50
NSW Public Servants in WWI
Gail Davis will look at the registrations made by NSW Public Servants who went to war; those who didn't return, and those who survived the war.

10.00-10.20
Nurses on Soldier Settlement blocks after WWI
Selena Williams will explore the experiences of a sample of returned nurses who took up land as soldier settlers in NSW after World War One.

11.11.20
Enemy Aliens in NSW
Rhett Lindsay examines the treatment of enemy aliens in NSW.

11.30-12.00
Life in Sydney during the war
Using records in our collection Suzanne Upton will look at what life was like for people in Sydney and New South Wales during the war years.

Tours:
There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the Western Sydney Records Centre at the end of the presentations. Please indicate on your booking email if you would also like to join the tour.

NSW&ACT Association of Family History Societies

State Records will host a stall and present a talk at the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Expo & Conference. Hosted by Illawarra Family History Group.

10:30 to 13 September - 4:00pm 14 September 2014
Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow
Contact: Judy Bull
jabbull@optusnet.com.au

Discover Wyong using State Records

John Cann is presenting this seminar on local history records at Tuggerah Library. The talk will focus on NSW State archives relating to the Wyong area.

1 October 2014
10:30am-12:30pm
Tuggerah Library, Westfield Tuggerah, 50 Wyong Road, Tuggerah
Contact: Michelle Goldsmith
(02) 4350 1567
Michelle.Goldsmith@wyong.nsw.gov.au

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