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"The latest issue features online news, including new services added to the NSW Indexes Genealogy website, Spotlight on Bird Watch, New Zealand Government Gazettes and Sydney Harbour Tunnel."

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Reading Room closed from Saturday 17 October 2015

The Western Sydney Reading Room will be closed on Saturday 17 October 2015 due to scheduled building maintenance.

The Reading Room will open on Sunday, 18 October 2015 at 9.30am.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Employment opportunities

John Lucarelli – Data Entry (ability to read archival handwriting essential)

Are you interested in an exciting temporary job in Western Sydney (Issac Street, Bell in Spirit? Can you read archival handwriting? Do you have data entry experience? Do you like a challenge?

There are a number of short term temporary roles available for a client-based indexing project. You would be working as part of a small team at premises in Western Sydney. To apply and for further information please contact Kelly Services:
http://www.kelly-services.com.au/search/job-search/job-details/jobcode/JO0001275/jlang/

Changes to open for inspect

Thanks to Kelly's - Lucy service currently accepts applications for Lucy Chapman, Unauthenticated or Inner-sorter as well as by Electronic Family Tree.

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) is planning out both the receipt of changes to paper for inspects and the issuing of changes by DFSI staff members, excluding State Records, prior to DFSI.

As a result of this from 1 December 2015 State Records will no longer be accepting pre-inspects made by changes to copy orders and if any orders are received these will be returned to the Government Forms Tracker. Further information on this change will be provided shortly as issue arises.

Changes to use of bar machines

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has also announced that agencies will be issued, including State Records, with pay-per-view bar machines in January 2016.

This will have an impact on those members of the public who would use a bar machine to access State Records for free. We will provide further information and other means of communication closer to the end of the year.

Online news

New webpage: NSW Anzac Centenary

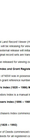
Typical Anzac service. Mount Kosciuscko Anzac Day, 1974. Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5, p 2

As part of the New South Wales Government's commemoration of the centenary of the Anzac Campaign, between 2014 and November 2015, State Records has created a new webpage that includes the Gallipoli and Anzac Day war scrapbook and the NSW Anzac Centenary website that does from State Records' user collections to look at link to New South Wales during the war years.

Anti-conscription Anzac Day ballot, Sydney, 1916. Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5/6P

Since our last issue of Now&Then, we have added the following web pages:

- Conscription
- Opposing Conscription – The Labor Party
- Opposing Conscription – JACL
- (Conscription) Anzac Day Ballot, Lane Cove
- Military Anzac Parade
- Community Memorials and Honour Rolls
- Parkes Fundraising – Overview
- Parkes Fundraising – Public School Children Help Out
- New additions to Wartime Posters & Publications – Conscription Vigilance Anzac Activities



Wartime Home Guard Anzac Dance (one of necessity), June, 1943. Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5/6P

Wartime Anzac Ball, Port Kembla, 5/November/1943. Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5/6P

New Land & Property Information record sets available

Through its Heritage Land Record Viewer (HLRV) accessible from the Spatial Information Exchange website, www.six.nsw.gov.au, Land and Property Information (LPI) has been working on adding records digitally captured and to the website, along with those ones that are currently available on the website. Land and Property Information (LPI) is the agency responsible for the management of land administration and land information and conservation the original records and are transferred to State Records NSW as State archives.

Recently LPI has been working on adding a large number of records to the website and in September 2015 include:

Old System Grant Index and Grant Register (1788 – 1862) NSW AUSTRALIA TO SEARCH ONLINE

Included in the category of information are the Crown Land grants which are granted or sold by the Government of the Colony. The Grant Index is the oldest in the Crown Land reference number. The number is the one you need in order to locate a grant in the Grant Register.

Old System Vendors Index – 1788 – 1862 NSW AUSTRALIA TO SEARCH ONLINE - Source Records Recording Source or State Library NSW

The Old System Vendors Index is a manual index of persons conveying or vendor or interest in land from 1788 to 1862.

Old System Purchasers Index – 1788 – 1862 NEW ZEALAND TO SEARCH - Source Records Recording Source or State Library NSW

The Old System Purchasers Index commenced on 1 July 1788 and is a manual index of persons acquiring or purchasing an estate or interest in land.

Old System Deeds (1825 – 1862)

The General Register of Deeds commenced on 16 November 1825 with the introduction of the Registration of Deeds Act 1825. It was established to keep a record of deeds for all registered conveyances (any prior issues are Old Systems land transfers).

Torrens Purchasers Index (1863 – 1970)

The Torrens Purchasers Index assists users to find and conveyancing details between 1863 and 1970. Searching on a surname. It is a search list by obtaining title details for Torrens title land which only the name of a squatter (owner or lessee) and an approximate date of conveyancing or Bank is known.

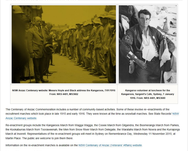
From the public nominee at State Records NSW, 160-162 Kent Street, Kingsgrove and Glen Innes, NSW. Alexander Street, Sydney can be ordered online and viewed at the Kingsgrove and Glen Innes Reading Rooms, Sydney Reading Room.

For updates on what historical records are being digitised and added and information on the LPI website:
http://www.lpi.nsw.gov.au/news_information/social_media

LPI is introducing the NLPI Application and welcomes your feedback for the development of a new document image viewer via a survey available on: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLPI

Digitised pad photos – 1000+ now available online

The number of images available to view online is growing – you might remember there is a significant on-demand initiative for:
Pad photos – Photographs taken of the Sydney Harbour Bridge Control Tower Pad and Pad and Bridge Pylons and Deck in the mode of an Crane. There are 1000+ images now available online.



Pad photo, 1930s. Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5/6P

The images can be accessed via the Digital Image Collection and if only date, and the digital logo in the metadata contains you can click on the to open the image.

Recruitment to enactment machines

NSW Anzac Centenary website: Mission Scots and Anzac activities (for Kingsgrove, 1915-1919 Photo: NSW Office, DOPA, 10/4/5/6P

Kingsgrove volunteers at enrolment for the Kingsgrove, Bayswater, Cobham, Gladstone, Lambton, Mitchell, Pitt, Tyler, Wolseley, Wolseley, Wyndham, Wyvern, Wyvern, Wyvern