

**Hunter Living Histories Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 1:00pm – 3:00pm**  
**Room x602, New Space Building, Newcastle City Campus**

**Minutes**

**Start: 1:00**

- 1. Acknowledgement to Country** by Gionni di Gravio
  
- 2. Present:** Gionni di Gravio, (Chair), Ann Hardy (Minute taker), Jessica Waugh, Sarah Jansen, John Witte, Suzanne Martin, Louise Gale, Maree Shilling, Ken Shilling, Judy Lindsey, Ross Edmonds, Brian Roach, Ron Barber, Lesley Gent, Peter Sherlock, Hugh Watt, Emeritus Professor John Fryer, Doug Lithgow, Paul Kiem, Tim Adams, Mark Rigby, Denis Thurlow, Bob James, Don Seton Wilkinson, Charles Martin, Suzanne Martin, Keith Parsons, Tom Smith, Ken Thornton, Maria Pavela, Mark Metrikas, Julie-anne Tilse, Ian Eckford.
  
- 3. Apologies:** David Dial, Peter Leven, Kerrie Brauer, Marilla North, Prof. Maree Gleeson, Bronwyn Law, Howard Dick, Alex Mills, Sonya Hornery, Sarah Johnson, Robert Watson.
  
- 4. Visitors:**
  
- 5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes 14 October 2019:** Ron Barber. Seconded John Witte.
  
- 6. Business arising from previous minutes:** - Gionni read out the following from Carolyn Rigby.

“Carolyn, Andrew and Ian would like to thank the members, or rather friends, within the HLH group who have shared our farewells to Russell over the past 5 weeks. The messages, cards, calls and condolences have provided reassurance and comfort. Gionni's words at the funeral were wonderful, and informative (now I know what happens on Mondays before Russell secluded himself in the Study). Russell will be greatly missed for his knowledge and

willingness to guide and delve deeper to find the definitive answer - never "near enough was good enough" for Russell where research was involved."

## 7. Presentations

- Emeritus Professor John Fryer gave an interesting presentation on "Grace in Newcastle" refers to Dr. W. G. Grace, the 'best ever' English cricketer, and his short but controversial time here in Newcastle. The story is written up in his new book about Dr Grace b.1848 (who was equivalent to Don Bradman) became a 'gentlemen' and played first class cricketer for England, was also a Poor Law doctor. On 3 February 1892 Grace Captained the English team and played in Newcastle, at a field in Corlette Street, Cooks Hill. 3000 spectators in attendance and there was an ugly scene when coal miners rioted when it started to rain and game was called off. Grace was a national hero, in total 54,000 runs.

## 8. Reports and Updates

- **Gianni di Gravio** – Gianni spoke about footage from the NBN Television archive that has vision on The Kinks when they were in Newcastle, in 1965 performing at the Century Theatre, Broadmeadow. Other bands at the gig included the Honeycombs, Tony Sheveton, Manfred Mann. Gianni read out Ray Davies' account of his time in Newcastle, unfortunately it was not too flattering. The video was edited and post curated by Camille Elettra Brogi (WIL Communications student). Footage was digitised by Phillip Lloyd in the GLAMx Film Digitisation lab. To view the Video see the following link <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/17/the-kinks-in-newcastle/>
- Gianni mentioned that on 21 October 2019 we were contacted by Anna Howard, Great Grand Daughter of William Arthur Squire, who kindly supplied us with an image of him. We thank the family for the permission to post the photograph. We look forward to the forthcoming addition of further material from Family's Archives to supplement this work of William Squire (1867-1908). The original post was earlier this year this further information is greatly appreciated. The post can be viewed here "The Life, Work and Tragic End of William Arthur Squire", see <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2018/06/22/william-arthur-squire/>
- Gianni also gave a brief overview of the recent Aust. Society of Archivist International Conference, the themes of the papers and discussions were very diverse, and one recurring theme was 'oppression' that seemed to be effecting many internationally. Many

of the papers had a GLAM theme, and 'GLAM' was coined in Adelaide in 2003 and today has expanded across the world.

- **Ann Hardy - GLAMx Lab update:** Ann gave a brief update of the WIL communication students in the Lab. Kieran Sturt (WIL student) continues as a volunteer to maintain the HLH Instagram account, he has identified some very interesting posts. Instagram has been active since July 1st (126 days). Obtained 362 followers from 0, average of 2.89 or 3 new followers gained per day. 2,277 total likes across 65 posts, averaging 35 likes per post. The 'most seen' post is a biography about the life of Burigon, leader of the Awabakal people circa 1820. Full post is available here <https://www.instagram.com/p/B15CqJFAGCi/?igshid=txrp4ug0d2im>
- Ann has also migrated the following posts from the Newcastle Government Domain Wordpress site to the HLH site, these posts mainly relate to Mental Health history and Newcastle Industrial Girls School and can be easily located on the site by selecting the category 'Mental Health History'.

Videocast – Constructing a Culture of Government Care in Australia 1801–2012

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/videocast-jfh/>

Story of an Angel

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/story-angel/>

The Newcastle Industrial Girls' School

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/the-nis/>

"Islands of the Insane" – our records, perceptions and the lost voices from the 'asylum'

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/islands-insane/>

". . . here is an Asylum open . . ." Constructing a Culture of Government Care in Australia 1801 – 2014 now online

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/here-is-an-asylum-online/>

Newcastle Military Barracks

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/newcastle-barracks/>

Newcastle 'Girls' – Chaos and Mayhem in the City

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/nis/>

'Empower a Women -Empower a Nation' International Women's Day – 2017

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/16/iwd-2017/>

Local Treasures – Newcastle's King Edward Park

<https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2019/10/15/local-treasures-kep/>

- **Tom Smith- Newcastle Council update:** Tom advised that council's Heritage Working Party had meet and were working on the heritage draft strategy that needs updating.
- **Tim Adams** – Umwelt – no update.

#### **9. Historical Groups & Museums updates –**

- **Mark Metrikas (National Trust)** – Mark gave brief updates on current heritage issues, these include Segenhoe Apartments in Newcastle (State Heritage Register nomination), Rose Cottage (State Heritage Register Listing), Fort Wallace (State Heritage Register nomination). HRCNT meets monthly in Cooks Hill.

#### **10. Public Advocacy – N/A**

#### **11. General Business –**

#### **12. Close: 3.00 PM**

Date of next meeting will be Monday, 2nd December 2019 at IDC Building, Callaghan Campus  
1-3pm.