

Our ninth annual seminar at St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre in Galong is on again this March. Having celebrated our Golden Jubilee in 2011, the society looks forward to its next half century. The presentations are diverse and will focus on history and sources for local and family historians and we have been fortunate to have, yet again, assembled a great line up of speakers who have much to offer - their collective expertise is awesome!

This year's program features indigenous culture, authors, legends, interpretation of local and national histories, education, long lost images, objects, and investigating family trees through the use of DNA. All will be served up with the odd verse or two!

It's not all talk either - country hospitality, pre-dinner drinks at sunset, dinner in an historic house and an erudite after dinner speaker tempered with good company and a sense of fun at one of Australia's iconic historic sites.

Previous seminars have proved popular with both country and city dwellers, so book early for a hassle-free weekend with the opportunity to relax, walk, explore the surroundings and historic cemetery, and enjoy the company of people with like interests in one of Southern New South Wales' most historic locations. Galong is situated about forty minutes drive north of Yass, just off the Binalong-Harden Road.

To avoid disappointment please act promptly to reserve your place at this special event ...

Please complete the enclosed form and return it with a deposit of \$100.00 per person or payment in full - \$390.00 per person (\$370.00 for YDHS Inc members) for rooms with shared facilities. A surcharge of \$40.00 per person is applicable for shared ensuite rooms.

Balances are due by 17 March 2012. Cancellations after that date will attract a fee of \$100.00. All payments to -

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for detailed information on the event, program, venue, accommodation, directions etc

Pre-seminar information will be forwarded to all participants upon receipt of full payment.

**Special day rate!
Saturday 31 March**

**Presentations from 9.00am to 4.00pm
plus lunch, morning and afternoon teas.**

\$70 per person

**Pre-dinner drinks, three course dinner,
refreshments & entertainment in Galong
House**

\$60 per person

Non-members add \$5.00 per person



What you can expect ...

A unique setting - Our weekend at St Clement's will give you the opportunity to experience history in a unique setting. Galong was settled in the late 1820s as the home of transported Irish convict Edward 'Ned' Ryan. For many years Ned's holdings were 'beyond the limits of location'. As his extensive pastoral holdings grew through determination and hard work so did his prosperity and generosity to his family, friends, neighbours and the church. Upon the death of the last remaining family member, Anastasia Barry Ryan in 1914, Galong passed into the care of the Redemptorist order who built a seminary and school around 'Galong House', the original Ryan homestead. The monastery is now a popular retreat centre and offers a range of accommodation. Places are limited so early bookings are essential.

Our speakers- Our program features speakers from diverse backgrounds who will give presentations especially of interest to local and family historians. This year's keynote address by Dr Bill Gammage will speak about his revolutionary perspective on the land management techniques of Aborigines. Other presentations will feature aspects of local history and their sources, indigenous culture, education, lost images, authors, biographies and investigating family trees through the use of DNA tempered with verse and music. Participants are encouraged to bring 'an object of their affection' to share with others by way of a 3 minute talk – a great way to break the ice and meet people.

Dinner in Galong House - On Saturday night we will enjoy pre-dinner drinks on the verandah overlooking the garden before an evening in historic 'Galong House' where we will recall the hospitality of the Ryan family with good food, good wine and good company and reflect on the days when Galong was well 'beyond the limits of location'. We will observe Earth Hour with dinner by candlelight, music and guest speaker Dr Michael McKernan

Your accommodation - St Clement's has versatile conference, dining and accommodation facilities as well as extensive outdoor areas to accommodate large groups. Single rooms in the newly refurbished Retreat House are air conditioned and newly furnished, have improved shared bathroom facilities and a comfortable common room with television and tea making facilities. The twin occupancy ensuite rooms in the main monastery building are more spacious, have air conditioning and telephones. Twin rooms with shared bathroom facilities are located on the top floor of the Gartlan Wing of the monastery. A small lounge area, with tea making facilities is centrally located to all twin rooms. A lift operates in the monastery building. Vegetarian, diabetic and gluten-free diets catered for if advised on the booking form.

What does the registration fee include? - The all inclusive price of **\$390.00** per person (or **\$370.00** for YDHS Inc members) includes –

- Two night's accommodation in a single or twin room with shared bathroom facilities*
- All meals including a three course dinner in 'Galong House'
- Presentations
- Entertainment
- Dinner wines and pre-dinner drinks
- Conference pack
- Commission free opportunity to market your own or your organisation's publications.

*Shared ensuite rooms attract a surcharge of \$40.00 per person.

Places are limited – please book early to avoid disappointment. See reverse for details

Proposed Program

Friday 30 March

- 12.00pm Registration
2.00pm Welcome
2.15pm **Small school teaching at The Mullion, out from Yass, 1960-1961**
Dr Keith Amos
3.15pm Afternoon Tea
3.45pm **Objects of our affections** - various seminar participants.
4.30pm Free time
6.30pm Dinner
7.30pm **The French Village at Hunter's Hill**
Linda Emery, Berrima & District Historical Society.
8.15pm **Grand Depot of the South**
Cheryl Mongan, Yass & District Historical Society
8.45pm Supper

Saturday 31 March

- 9.00am **Wellington's Men in Australia**
Dr Christine Wright
9.45am **The AIF and Wagga, returned soldiers in a New South Wales Town**
Ian Hodges, Department of Veterans' Affairs
10.30am Morning tea
11.00am **Bond of Sacrifice**
Courtney Page-Allen, Department of Veterans' Affairs
11.45am **Writing a life of 'Mr Eternity': Arthur Stace**
Anne-Marie Conde, National Museum of Australia
1.00pm Lunch
2.00pm **Keynote speaker The Biggest Estate in the World**
Dr Bill Gammage, Australia National University
3.00pm **Time in the Colony: Clocks and culture**
Dr Jeff Brownrigg, University of Canberra
3.45pm Afternoon tea and free time
6.45pm Pre-dinner drinks
7.45pm Dinner in Galong House with guest speaker **Dr Michael McKernan**

Sunday 1 April

- 9.00am **Elyne Mitchell: mountain author**
Matthew Higgins, Canberra
9.45am **Testing DNA: Uprooting your family Tree**
Michael Anderson, Dubbo
10.30am Morning tea
11.00am **Ned Ryan's Spectacle Case.**
Dr Richard Reid, Department of Veterans' Affairs
11.45am **Drysdale's war-time Albury**
Dr Bruce Pennay OAM
12.45pm **Wrapping it Up** – **Richard Reid & Cheryl Mongan**
1.00pm Lunch

Due to unforeseen circumstances speakers and titles may change.

Comprehensive information is available on our website www.yasshistory.org.au and follow the Beyond page link

