

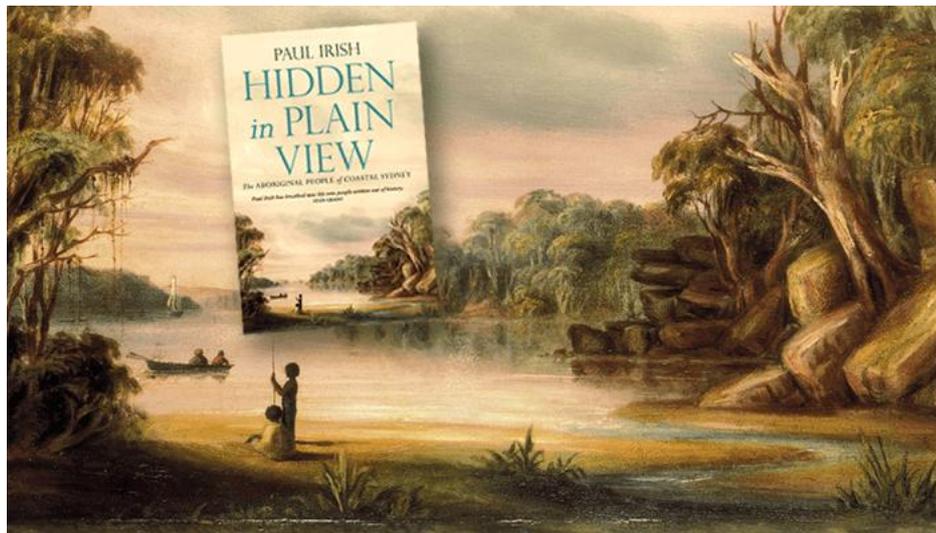
Friends of Kiama Library

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**PAUL IRISH : 'HIDDEN IN PLAIN VIEW' AND
'THIS IS WHERE THEY TRAVELLED' EXHIBITION
SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2.30PM IN THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE**



Paul Irish is a historian and archaeologist who has researched the Aboriginal history of Sydney for more than 10 years and is the author of "Hidden in Plain View : The Aboriginal People of Coastal Sydney". "Hidden in Plain View" tells the powerful story of aboriginal lives in the nineteenth century that was largely ignored in colonial narratives, the book winning the Regional Community History Prize at the 2018 NSW Premier's History Awards. The book shows that Aboriginal people never disappeared from Sydney in the nineteenth century as is often assumed. Instead they lived across colonial Sydney and interacted with its residents and economy, often in unexpected ways. They also travelled to nurture family connections along the coast beyond Sydney, including south to the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Copies of the book will be on sale.

Dr Irish will talk about his book and will also introduce us to the exhibition in the Library "This is Where They Travelled : Historical Aboriginal Lives in Sydney", created with researchers from the La Perouse Aboriginal community, which maps the lives of a number of Aboriginal people with connections to coastal Sydney in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. The exhibition will remain open for the month of February.

As will again be standard for the year, entry will be by donation of \$5 for members/\$8 for guests. After the talk afternoon tea will be provided upstairs in the Library where members and friends will see the new exhibition. We are very happy to be joined by Kiama and District Historical Society (KDHS) for this event, which will be a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

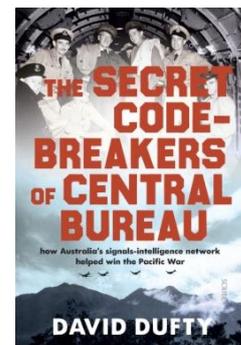


DAVID DUFTY : 'THE SECRET CODE-BREAKERS OF CENTRAL BUREAU' SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2.30PM IN THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE



Again we have a combined meeting with FOKL with Gordon Bell arranging for David Dufty to talk about his recently published book "The Secret Code-Breakers of Central Bureau : how Australia's signals-intelligence network helped win the Pacific War".

"The Secret Code-Breakers" tells the story of Australia's version of Bletchley Park, known to many from the film "The Enigma". Dufty describes how Australia built a sophisticated intelligence network from scratch, and how Australian code-breakers



cracked the codes of the Japanese army and air force, significantly influencing the course of the Pacific war.

David Dufty is a Canberra-based writer and researcher. Following degrees in psychology at Newcastle and Macquarie Universities, he has worked in statistics and social research at the University of Memphis, Newpoll and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. A previous book, "How to Build an Android" describes modern developments in robotics and artificial intelligence!

LYN BEHAN : 'THE MEN AND THE MEDIUM' : SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2.30PM IN THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE



Local FOKL member Lyn Behan will be our guest speaker on Saturday 6 April to talk about her recently published historical romance "The Men and the Medium".

The book, which is based on a true story, follows the life of Lily Bancroft, a spiritualist medium and healer, together with her three husbands, set against the backdrop of two world wars. Copies are available for \$25 each from Gerringong Newsagency, Fern Street Gerringong, and Jennie's Book Nook, Centrepoint Arcade, Kiama, and will also be available for signature and sale at the talk.

FRIENDS NEWS

We are sad to report the death of long-time FOKL member Glenys Dix towards the end of last year. Our thoughts are with her husband Warwick and family.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK ...

As library staff took a well-deserved break between Christmas and New Year we are now refreshed and ready to face a busy 2019 with an exciting program of events for all ages. With our regular school holiday activities including Lego building competitions, Clay Modelling workshop and a Robot Coding program in full swing, we look forward to a visit from the Taronga Zoomobile and holding a pop-up library for families in Gerringong at Old School Park.

And why should the kids have all the fun? Our extra special Seniors Week activity this year will be using the new library robots to create works of art! Join us on Thursday 21 February when you will learn how to drive a robot to make a work of art. No experience necessary, for an action-packed morning of curiosity, creativity and invention. Please contact the library if you would like to know more about this great activity.

Planning is underway for a Readers Festival dinner in May and the commencement of building works for the Gerringong Library and Museum project. 2019 is set to be a very busy and enjoyable year!

See you in the Library!
Michelle