

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc
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July 2015

From The President:

Thanks to two articles in the Saturday Daily Telegraph's Best Weekend magazine, our tour guides welcomed 47 visitors to Glenalvon on our June open Saturday. Some had come from as far away as Hornsby. These Open Days not only showcase Glenalvon but inform our visitors about our Society.

In our collection we have a dark blue boy's suit dated 1904 which belonged to Keith Miller. Because of its unique important curator Clarice Stretch decided to register it with the "Australian Dress Register" at the Power House Museum. They collect photos of garments of significance pre 1975. Clarice prepared the suit and John White photographed it. After sending the details to ADR we received a letter complimenting Clarice on the presentation and John on the photos, and say it will be a valuable addition to their dress register. We also supplied a family portrait with Keith wearing the suit. We will let members know when this is on the website for ADR.

At the last meeting of the Heritage Protection Sub-Committee at Council only one application was received for funding and this came from St David's Church to assist with replacing the roof. Council staff showed us the style of signage they intend to put in Hurley Park with information on the cattle tank area. Also a letter was tabled that advised that the DA for Campbellfield/Redfern's Cottage has not been approved. Fisher's Ghost Restaurant concerns have not been resolved, with the owner not complying with Councils requests to restore the building and grounds. Campbelltown Council has requested the State Government to include the property on the State Heritage Register, and this is being formally considered. Council Officers and the committee paid tribute to Stella Vernon.

At the last meeting with Michael D'Agostino our liaison contact with Campbelltown Council, the new Deed of Licence was discussed and both the Society and Council are happy with its content. There are no major changes to the document, and the Society will have our tenancy extended to 5 years when the licence is signed in August/September this year. Jasmine Kean, Council's new Collections Officer also came and

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is working with Clarice towards a Bursill exhibition in the upstairs sitting room.

The latest edition of Grist Mills was launched on Saturday 11th July and we were pleased to welcome Associate Professor Carol Liston, the author of the story of William Bradbury. Also Andrew Allen, Local Information Services Librarian, who launched the journal.

Kay Hayes, President

Open Days and Meeting Programme:

The Museum is open to visitors on 1st Monday, 2nd Saturday, 3rd Monday of each month, February to Mid December, 10.00am-1.00pm; other times by appointment.

Visitors welcome at all general meetings, held on 4th Saturday of each month commencing at 1.30pm.

2015

Saturday July 25th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Ron Ringer.

Topic: The Brick Makers.

Saturday August 22nd. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Annual General Meeting.

Speaker: John White.

Topic: Norm Gamble.

Saturday September 26th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: James Gardner.

Topic: Stonemasonry restoration and conservation.

Saturday October 24th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Angharad Rixon.

Topic: In search of the Batavia lace.

Saturday November 28th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Members.

Topic: Bring items of interest.

Saturday, December 12th. Glenalvon open day until 12.20 pm then CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TRIVIA. Members please bring a plate.

We wish to give a thanks and acknowledgement to the office of Laurie Ferguson MP for assistance with printing of the IGT invitations.

Curator's Report

Our new display features items from the Society's collection. In the Display room there are some photographs and objects relating to the Great War, a showcase devoted to Dr. Ivor G. Thomas, the illuminated address given to Dr. William Mawson and some early medical equipment. In the Servants' Quarters we have showcases with a selection of cameras, the dinner set which was sent from England in the 1890's as a wedding present, a case showing communication devices and a showcase with interesting objects from our collection. These include a Jew's harp, a lovely Mother of Pearl cardcase with mourning cards inside, a memorial card which would have been sent to friends and acquaintances on the death of a loved one, some convict leg irons and a conductor's baton with silver mounts. In the children's bedroom we have a beautiful silk patchwork quilt which is over 100 years old. Unfortunately it is in very poor condition but we believe it is better to display this on the bed than leave it to rot in a drawer.

Sue and the team are still working on the stocktake. The house is almost finished, just the library to do.

The Powerhouse Museum is delighted with the information and photos of Keith Miller's suit. We, the Society, not the museum, will keep the suit. It is only featured on the Powerhouse Dress register for people to get the information from there.

Please visit Glenalvon on one of our Open Days to support the volunteers who work so hard to keep Glenalvon open.

Wanted Assistants to the Curator. This is varied and interesting work. It involves documenting and storing exhibits, changing exhibitions, working with photographs and the MOSAiC database.

Research

For any other research questions please contact the Secretary at:
secretary@cahs.com.au

Ivor G Thomas Lecture

The IGT lecture will be held on Saturday 15th August 2015, at 1.30pm at St David's Church Hall.
Cost \$10 each.
Speakers will talk about:
Fred Sheather, Harley Daley, Percy Marlow, Arch Walker, Gordon Fetterplace, Kath Whitten.

Kangaroo March

For those who are interested in the re-enactment of the 1915 Kangaroo March, please see the following website:
<http://kangaroomarch.org.au/>

We are in need of a librarian. If anyone has an interest in helping us in this area, please contact Kay.

Books in our Library

We have a lot of books in our library. Members can borrow these. Please visit our library for books that may interest you.

Book Advertisement

Campbelltown District Family History Society and Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society are looking to jointly publish 2 books, during the next few years.

1. Campbelltown residents serving in Militia / Military units between 1788 - July 1914. To be published during 2016. This book will basically be a coverage of Colonial times and early Federation.
2. Campbelltown residents serving in / supporting military units during WWI. To be published 11th November 2018.

During 2015 we will conduct research on these 2 books and we will invite anyone who has relevant information to provide that.

Please contact either:

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Volunteers are still needed.

If you would like to learn more about how the Society works, please join us at Glenalvon on one of our usual Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday administration mornings. Contact the Society on 02 46251822.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please send your email address to David Beddie at newsletter@cahs.com.au



This photo is of Kath Whitten (nee Robinson) taken in her youth, late 1920s. Kath Whitten is one of the people to be spoken about at the IGT Lecture.