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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc
"Love & Cherish the City in which you live"

March 2015

From The President:

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015. After a short break over the holiday season, the Society is back in full swing and looking forward to a busy year. Already we have had tour groups and wedding photos, and we are receiving many enquiries for tours. Glenalvon is always a popular place to visit and our guests love our morning teas!

Invited guests, Society members, and members of the public will be at Glenalvon on Saturday 14th March 2015 for the start of Seniors Week and importantly the launch of our first Grist Mills for 2015. This edition is written by Tom Reeve, who grew up at "Gowrie Farm" and is titled "Kenny Hill and the Whalan Family." Kenny Hill is a prominent landmark located near the junction of Narellan Road and the Hume Motorway. The Whalan family ran a dairy farm at Kenny Hill until 1965. The mail out of the journal will be very soon, so look out for this most interesting book.

Following a visit to Glenalvon by Hon Troy Grant MP (now Deputy Premier) and Bryan Doyle MP, we made application to the Ministers Officer for a grant to assist with the storage of our documents. Our request was passed to the Department of Visual Arts, and we have received Discretionary Funding of \$4000.00 (\$4,400 with GST) This is to be used for a compactus to go into the stables, which cost a little short of \$5,000, and we are funding the difference. We are grateful to Bryan Doyle and the Deputy Premier and his department for their interest and support of the work of our Society.

Over the past few weeks a group making a DVD called "Celebrate Campbelltown" has been filming at Glenalvon, with some of us and many others in costume. The group concerned received a grant from the "Champions of the West" a concept run by Channel 7 and NewsLocal. The aim of the DVD is to show both the heritage and cultural diversity of the region. They have filmed at many other locations in Campbelltown and the Macarthur area.

The building next door is almost completed and the Department of Family and Community services opened their offices two weeks ago. At this stage we are not sure who the other tenants will be. We are so pleased to

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see our next door neighbour rebuilt from its neglected state.

The Society is receiving requests for information of service men who served in the Great War, including two soldiers remembered at the Congregational Cemetery and some who recruited through the Kangaroo March which ended in Campbelltown after walking from Cootamundra. This event will re-enacted at the end of this year.

We have also been active in helping to highlight the sad state of the Fisher's Ghost Restaurant (formerly Kendall's Millhouse and Milby Private Hospital), as well as the appeals to restore Campbellfield at Minto and save St. James Church in Minto.

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.

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Saturday March 28th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Sue Davis.

Topic: A presentation from the Wollondilly Heritage Centre.

Saturday April 25th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Andrew Allen.

Topic: 'Bulla' Vardy, World War 1.

Saturday May 23rd. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Ron Ringer.

Topic: "The brick makers".

Saturday June 27th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Peter Sweeney.

Topic: "The battlefields of Gallipoli".

Saturday July 25th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: To be advised.

Topic: To be advised.

Condolence

We wish to give condolences to the family of Lily Hepher who passed away recently.

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.

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

Books in our Library

The following books are available in our library. Members can borrow these. Please visit our library for other books that may interest you.

* A Portrait of His Actions - Thomas Moore of Liverpool (1762-1840) - by Peter G. Bolt - 2010 - Softback - 479 pages.

* City Of C'Town State Emergency Service - 50 Years - 1956 to 2006 - Campbelltown City Council - 2006 - Booklet - 34 pages.

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/>

Webshop

Please visit our webshop at the following site:

<http://www.cahs.com.au/store/>

We have 12 IGT publications, 30 Grist Mills and 20 General titles. The prices are reasonable.

Website

Our latest news page includes a photo of our lady volunteers in costume.

<http://www.cahs.com.au/latest-news.html>

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



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