

# THE KERNEL



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

May 2015

## From The President:

As reported in the last issue we were preparing for the launch of Grist Mills – Kenny Hill and the Whalan Family by Tom Reeve. Close to 50 members and guests were in attendance for a very successful morning, enjoying Tom's talk on his research and other interesting stories. All members will have received their copy and more are available from the office.

Jenny Goodfellow and I have met with Michael D'Agostino from Campbelltown City Council. The main topic of which was the Deed of Licence which is due to be signed in August. This Deed is to confirm the Society's ongoing "residence" at Glenalvon. It is not expected that there will be any significant changes to the current Deed. Also we are meeting with Council regarding the Conservation Management Plan for Glenalvon.

Following the installation of the new compactus in the Stables, which will give secure storage, Kevin Rixon is installing the shelving that was moved to the Rural Exhibition Centre into a display cabinet. This will be used to show some of the smaller items. Some of these are in need of some restoration – i.e. painting and if anyone is interested in helping with this project please contact the office.

This year's Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture will be on Saturday 15th August at St. David's Church Hall, at 1.30pm. The subject this year is a group of citizens who were on Council and also made significant contributions to the area.

This week David Beddie and I were fortunate in being able to view the Honour Boards of the Boer War, The Great War and World War 11. These have been stored be at Council's Minto Depot and well looked after, and we thank Council for this opportunity. They are an important part of the town's history and it is hoped that they will be on display soon. Also there was Angela Williamson from the Kangaroo March Re-enactment Committee, who is researching names of Campbelltown Servicemen to see if any joined the march. The march will culminate in Campbelltown in October this year, and we all feel it is imperative that these boards be on show at that time.

Kay Hayes, President

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## 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 May 23rd.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Keith Bylund.

Topic: Morse Code Communications and into a New Era.

**Saturday June 27th.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker: Peter Sweeney.

Topic: "The battlefields of Gallipoli".

**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: Various.

Topic: John Fenwick's memories of Campbelltown.

**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.

## Condolences

We wish to give condolences to the families of Faye Doherty and Hugh Bairnsfather 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.

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

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

Current research is about: "Patching" - Campbelltown. For any other research questions please contact the Secretary at: [secretary@cahs.com.au](mailto: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. 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/>

## 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.

**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](mailto:newsletter@cahs.com.au)



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