

# THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds  
Historical Society Inc  
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September 2015

## From The President:

This year's Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture marked 25 years of this event, of which the Society is justly proud, and it proved to be a great success. Over 75 people enjoyed the stories of some of Campbelltown's important citizens. The idea was proposed by the late Stella Vernon and she had taken a great interest in it before her passing. Kathryn Millar wrote the stories of five of these – Fred Sheather, Arch Walker, Percy Marlow, Gordon Fetterplace and Harley Daley with Verlie Fowler kindly writing the story of her mother Kathleen Whitten. To have the members of the families of Arch, Harley and Gordon was a real bonus as we heard many personal stories and anecdotes. The H J Daley Library now has a copy of these stories and will make them available for research.

This photo shows the speakers for the lecture.



As usual August was the month of our Annual General Meeting, and we welcome two new members to the committee – Christine Hayes (no relation) is now Secretary and committee member Kathryn Millar. At this meeting Jennifer Goodfellow was presented with Life Membership to the Society, a very well deserved honour. As Jenny has stepped down from the Secretaries role, the meeting and all members acknowledged her commitment and work. Our thanks also go to Learnna Coupe for many years serving the Society in various roles, including Minute Secretary. Learnna has stepped down from the committee, but will still assist when possible.

The new Conservation Management Plan for Glenalvon has been completed and also the Society has signed the

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new Deed of Licence which give us a further 5 years tenure of Glenalvon.

An Editorial Sub-Committee has been formed to take on the production of Grist Mills. The five members are Julie Crowley, John White, Moira Heydler, Kathryn Millar, and Marie Holmes. Work is progressing well on the edition, due to be published in November.

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 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.

## 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 that members can borrow.

## Curator's Report

The stocktake of the house is finished as is the Servants' Quarters. Sue Kijurina is now working on the Coach house and I help her when we are both at Glenalvon depending on Sue's work commitments. We need to decide what we would like in the Bursill display before we can ask the people at the council depot for advice. We have purchased 4 Remembrance Poppies and the name tags for 4 local servicemen who were killed in action. These will be on display soon.

**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.

**Wanted Gardeners.** We need some additional help in the garden. This is important work in keeping Glenalvon in good shape.

## Research

Does anyone know anything of Albert Lodge. It was at Glenfield between the old railway platform and the river. At one time William Barrett and his family lived there. For any other research questions please contact the Secretary at:  
[secretary@cahs.com.au](mailto:secretary@cahs.com.au)

## 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.

## Raith

On the afternoon of January 15th, 2013, fire swept through the house known as Raith, a disused home, damaging a considerable part of the upper floor. Over the next two years the house was ignored and weather damage added to the destruction.

Raith, bought by the Child Welfare Dept in 1964 and previously a hostel for children aged between 12 and 16, along with its 2.25 hectares of land, was finally sold to a developer at the end of last year. The condition of sale was that the house gets restored to its pre-institution glory. A lucky group of CAHS volunteers were privileged last Friday, to view the results of the restoration. The house is now quite grand, with attention to original detail even going as far as replacement of the pressed metal ceilings in some areas.

Originally built in 1903 by H J Merewether for his new bride, Wilhelmina (Nina) Gore, it is of Indian bungalow style with a dominant roof line and wide verandas.

**Raith** – c. 1910.



**Raith** – 11th September 2015. Thanks to Kevin Rixon.



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