

# THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc  
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April 2013

## From The President:

Already we are to the end of April, and like the rest of the year, this has been a busy month. We have hosted a school tour group over 80 students, teachers and parents, 53 seniors from Ryde/Eastwood Leagues, as well as busy Open Days and wedding photos. May promises to be as busy particularly towards the end of the month. All who visit Glenalvon are most impressed with the presentation of the house, and also the displays and work put in by our volunteers. Some express genuine surprise that it is all done by volunteers, and again thanks to them.

The highlight of April was the surprise morning tea for Stella Vernon OAM, on 20th. This was held to honour the past and ongoing commitment by Stella to this society. Despite the appalling weather over 80 of Stella's friends and family were in attendance. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard not only to keep the secret but make the morning a great success.

Some committee members have met with a Council representative and the Heritage Architect and Landscape Expert to start preliminary discussions for the new Conservation Management Plan. Inspections of Glenalvon and the gardens, and discussions of what will be included in this plan will be ongoing for some time and I am sure these will raise some challenges. These will be dealt with keeping the best interests of the Society and Glenalvon in mind.

We will be holding another “Cavalcade of Fashion Presentation” on Saturday July 6th at Park Central. I do not know the subject of this year's show, we have requested “The House Party c1910”, but this is not confirmed. As soon as a subject is confirmed tickets will be available.

We are pleased to have a table donated to us by Macarthur Legacy. It is in the dining room and is well worth a visit to see. It was originally in the old Campbelltown Court House, and was donated to Legacy by Mr and Mrs Jerry Clark in 1966. The table and the model of Glenalvon are proving very popular.

Lastly, if any has an email address, and has not let us know, please do so, as a lot of information is now being sent to members electronically. We have a long list of members without email, and will aim to post

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information to them. As we now have the internet in the office, work and enquiries can be dealt with quicker, and this also saves volunteers doing “homework.” If you think we may not have your email address please send it to [president@cahs.com.au](mailto:president@cahs.com.au) or [secretary@cahs.com.au](mailto:secretary@cahs.com.au).

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.

### 2013

**Sunday, May 19th.** Land's talk by Dr Carole Liston. At Campbelltown Library, Meeting room 1. 10.45 am to start at 11am, to 3.30 pm. Cost \$10 ea. Please contact Learna to book. This event is to be held as a joint event with the Family History Society.

**Saturday, May 25th.** Meeting at 1.30 pm. Speaker Ian Willis, 'Townies, ex-urbanites and aesthetics'.

**Saturday, June 22nd.** Meeting 1.30pm. Speakers John White and David Beddie 'Our photograph Collection'.

**Saturday, July 13th.** Open Morning 10 am - 1pm Book-launch Grist Mills 10.45 am.

**Saturday, July 27th.** Meeting 1.30 pm. Speaker Peter Hind. 'Campbelltown Convicts'

**Saturday, August 24th.** Annual General Meeting 1.30pm. Annual reports and elections. Speaker: Jenny Goodfellow.

**Saturday, September 28th.** Meeting 1.30pm. Speaker David Milton. 'Early memories'.

**Saturday, October 12th.** Open Morning at Glenalvon 10 am – 1pm. At Ingleburn 2pm. Book-Launch Grist Mills - 85th Anniversary of the Ingleburn Flower Show.

**Saturday, October 26th** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker Rod McLean. 'Growing up in Campbelltown'.

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speakers: Members Choice: A three to five minute speech on 'A person from Campbelltown's past'.

### **Research**

For research questions please contact Marie Holmes at:  
[mariejholmes@gmail.com](mailto:mariejholmes@gmail.com)

Information on the Denham Court Toll-gate is required and also on the Wynn family who worked at it.

### **Curator's Report**

The current display is Community Milestones which features Local Government, Water Reticulation, the First World War, Second World War and the Boer War.

### **GRIST MILLS**

The next issue of Grist Mills will feature articles on Soldiers Memorial School of Arts, Farewell and Welcome Home Committee - The Una Laird story.

If you have material or ideas you would like considered for a future Grist Mills, please submit them to our editorial team, Stella Vernon and Marie Holmes.

### **Tours**

The next tour is to be held in June and it will be to Parramatta. Judith Dunn will be leading it. She is waiting to hear from a couple of places as to whether or not we can get in. The cost will be about \$50.00.

Due date for payment is 25th May 2013.

Learna

### **Books in our Library**

The following book is available in our library. Members can borrow this. Please ask Jenny or Kay. Please visit our library for other books that may interest you.

\* Discovering Historic Australia - by Douglass Baglin 1974.

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

### **From Stella Vernon**

To all members of the Campbelltown & Airds Historical Society.

I would like to say a big Thank You to all of you for the morning tea and tribute you gave me last Saturday. It was a complete surprise to me and you are all commended for keeping secrets.

I know all of you could not make it - it was after all school holidays and it was a dreadful day weather wise, but the cottage was full and the warmth of the greetings made up for the vagaries of the weather. I am sorry if I did not manage to speak to all who came but it was not possible.

So thank you again for all the kind words, the cake, and the present which Leonie set up for me and I have been watching these past few days. I realise that I have forgotten some of the historical photos we have in our collection!

And anything I do for the Society, I do because I like it, and think people should know as much as they can about the history of the place where they live, and the people who have made it grow.

Thanks again to everyone.

Stella Vernon.

### **Cavalcade of History and Fashion**

Saturday July 6th at Park Central.

Subject to be advised. Tickets will be available when we know the subject.

### **IGT Lecture**

The annual Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture will be held on Saturday 17th August 2013 at St David's Church Hall, Lithgow Street, Campbelltown. Speakers will be Ron Kydd and Peter Bolt. Cost \$10.00 per person, which includes afternoon tea.

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)

### **Photo**



Stella Vernon OAM and Bryan Doyle MP.