

# THE KERNEL



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

**February 2014**

## From The President:

Welcome everyone to our first edition of The Kernel for 2014. May I wish you a belated Happy New Year and already this year looks to be a busy and exciting one for the Society.

The committee and our volunteers had a nice break, following our last function, which was the Christmas Luncheon. This was well attended and a great chance to catch with members and friends, and to have some fun with trivia.

Already we have had 2 wedding photo sessions, and two 40 plus coach tours from Hopkinson's Coaches. Also a visit from Fairfield CWA for a tour and morning tea. Our visitors are always most impressed with Glenalvon and also with the work of the Society and the volunteers.

The next edition of Grist Mills will be launched at the February General Meeting, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all those involved, especially Tom Reeve and Stella Vernon who have invested a incredible amount of time and work in producing this most interesting journal.

Our long awaited outing to Appin will be on Saturday March 15th, and I am sorry if you have missed out as the bus is full, and we have a waiting list. Many people are interested in seeing the things "on our doorstep", as we tend to drive through Appin on our way elsewhere. We are also planning a trip to Old Government House to see the "Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition."

There will be more than 30 outfits worn by Phryne and her team from the very popular ABC series on display. We hope to combine this with a tour of Old Government House. Dates and costs to be advised. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are fortunate to have been given a large collection of items, gathered over many years by the late Jim Munro. Jim who had a long association with our Society, hand wrote many documents on various subjects, including Campbelltown and its history. He also had many interests including bush rangers, wars of the 20th century, original names of towns, rivers, creeks and roads. Once this collection has been sorted, it will be available for our research.

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.

### 2014

**Saturday, February 22nd.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm  
Speaker: Tom Reeve. Topic: 'The Bishop's Farm, Campbelltown'.

**Saturday March 22nd.** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Ron Ringer. Topic: 'The story of SMEC' - Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation. Our member Doug Price, who now lives at Armidale is known as the father of SMEC.

**Saturday April 26th.** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Gerri Nicholas Topic: 'One Boys War'. Gerri's story tells of Gordon Scurrah in the First World War and afterwards.

**Saturday May 24th.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.  
Speakers: Stella Vernon and John White. Topic: Ron Moore and the Campbelltown Historical Society.

**Saturday June 28th.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Stephen Szabo. "Heraldry in Australia, with special reference to Campbelltown and surrounding areas".

**Saturday July 26th.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Chris Bettridge. Topic: Glenalvon Gardens.

**Saturday August 23rd.** Annual General Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Kay Hayes. Topic: The Oar Factory and Fire Service - stories about the Gonsalves and Favelle families.

## Research

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

Marie is currently researching "Stella", the lady with no arms who fostered the children of Angus Hund about 1937. She is trying to find her surname and anything about where she lived and the fostering of the children.

## Condolences

We wish to give condolences to the family of Neville Vercoe who passed away recently.

## Curator's Report

The next display will be called "Journeys through time".

## 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.

\* Beyond The Borders - An anecdotal history of the Hume and related Pioneering - by Stuart Hamilton  
Hume 1991 – Softback.

\* Discovering Historic Australia – by Douglass Baglin  
1974 – 144 pages.

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

## Webshop

Please visit our webshop at the following site:  
<http://www.cahs.com.au/store/>

We have 12 IGT publications, 24 Grist Mills and 21 General titles. The prices are reasonable.

If you have read any of these titles, and would like to put in a review, please contact John White at:  
[webmanager@cahs.com.au](mailto:webmanager@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 2014 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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## Ivor G Thomas Lecture

The annual Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture will be held on Saturday 16th August 2014 at St David's Church Hall, Lithgow Street, Campbelltown.

It will be called:

'Between the Wars'  
Buildings and People of Campbelltown  
in the Twenties and Thirties.

It will be loosely based on a list supplied by Norm Campbell of buildings in the main Street of Campbelltown and nearby areas in those times. Norm Campbell grew up in one of the 'Queen St' houses.

Cost \$10.00 per person, which includes afternoon tea.

## Strategic Plan

Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society has approved its' new Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2016. You can view this on our website, request a copy by email or ask for a hard copy at Glenalvon.

**Volunteers** are still needed.

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

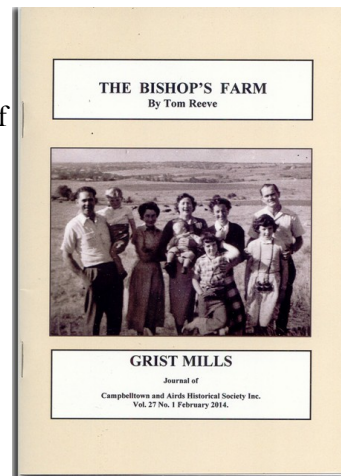
Contact the Society on 02 46251822.

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

## The Bishop's Farm – Grist Mills

Located south of Campbelltown near Appin Road and on Fitzgibbon Lane, Bishops Farm, and the surrounding farms are now part of the suburbs of Rosemeadow, Glen Alpine and Ambarvale. Land once owned by Bishop W G Broughton, Bishop's Farm has been worked by many well known local families.

Price for this book is  
**\$7.00** plus postage.



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