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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

May 2012

From The President and Curator:

Ken and I are having what we feel is a well-earned two week break in Tumut – fishing and walking and generally recharging the batteries after a rather hectic start to the year. We will be back on 8th June, hopefully ready to take up the reins again, albeit briefly as the elections will be only three months away.

We have had quite good visitor numbers for the weekday Open Days during the month which has been encouraging. The Frank Ward special event on 12th May was very well attended by over 30 of his friends, associates and family/ We had at least a dozen Museum visitors as well, and the Macarthur Advertiser covered the event and included a photo of Frank with Betty Munro next to the Kangaroo Football photo display. During the morning Allison and Michael Morris researched the Hayes family and the Cordial Factory. The afternoon was interesting too, with Brian Willott conducting a wedding followed by photos at Glenalvon - \$100 raised for our funds.

Several weeks ago was the Menangle Steam Fair – a dusty and smokey but fun event. There is a breakdown of the takings included with the Treasurer's report.

On behalf of the Society I presented a submission to Council on the Plan of Management for the Community land zoning of the Glenalvon site. Several copies of our submission and the Plan of Management are available for your reference.

The money for the bus trip to Lane Cove and Hunters Hill on 16th June is now due – so please see David to pay – tickets are \$45 each. Cavalcade tickets are also available for sale today.

Jackie Green. President & Curator

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Open Days and Meeting Programme:

The Museum is open to visitors on 1st Tuesday, 2nd Saturday, 3rd Wednesday 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.

Saturday, June 23rd Meeting 1.30 pm -

Speaker - Andrew Allen – Local Studies Resources at Campbelltown Library.

Saturday, July 14th. Open Morning 10 am – 12.30 pm.
Launch of Grist Mills 'Fireworks in Campbelltown' at 10.45am

Saturday, July 28th - Meeting 1.30 pm -

Speaker Campbelltown Architect Ron Kydd - 'Restoration of Quondong'.

Saturday, August 25th - Annual General Meeting

1.30pm - Speakers - Kevin Rixon 'Machine Breakers' of the 1830's and his ancestors involvement.

Saturday, September 22nd. Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker, Vicki Andrews 'Collingwood at Liverpool'.

Saturday, October 27th. Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – to be advised.

Saturday, November 24th. Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – Members Choice – to be advised.

Research

The following are research items have been worked on recently

Photographs from Central School

Macquarie Cinema

Alpha House

Fire Brigade

William Blythe Caldwell (mayor of Campbelltown in 1880's)

William Augustine Newman (Boer War)

Extra News Item.

Do you have a family member who is sight impaired? Would you like some of our Grist Mills prepared as 'Talking Books'. A friend Mr. Ted Baker, who is expert in this work has offered to do this for us. Please let us know if you are interested in the current Grist Mills, or some of our older volumes. There will be a small cost to cover discs and postage if needed.

Cavalcade of History and Fashion

A new Cavalcade is coming to Campbelltown

"Between the Wars" – fashion 1918-1939

An exciting presentation by The Cavalcade of History and Fashion, brought to you by Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society.

Saturday, 7th July, 2012 - 1.30 pm for 2.00 pm start.

At the Community Hall, 1 Hyde Parade, Park Central, (next to the private hospital).

Tickets must be booked and paid for in advance - only \$10.00 each including Afternoon Tea – available from CAHS at Glenalvon: phone 46 25 1822 or Jackie Green



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GRIST MILLS

The last issue of Grist Mills was 'The History of Leumeah Estate' by Stella Vernon. It told the story of the Estate, from its beginnings as Warby's homestead and outbuildings to the development which became known as Campbelltown Estate, Leumeah. We hope all members received their copy.

The issue to be launched on July 14th is entitled 'Fireworks in Campbelltown'. It contains several articles by folk who worked at Vulcan Fireworks, and tells its story from its first days in Macquarie Ave. to its move to Menangle Park, and subsequent ownership by the Foti family. It contains a story by Jackie Green of her father's time as production manager at Vulcan Fireworks Factory and one by John Leary about Fireworks at Campbelltown Show and at Fishers' Ghost Festival. We know you will enjoy these memories.

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.

IGT Lecture

Saturday 18th August. 1.00 pm. At St David's Church Hall, Lithgow St Campbelltown

Guest Speakers: on Heritage in Campbelltown

Robyn Conroy - Heritage Consultant - 'A Plan for Campbelltown'

Dr Carol Liston – Professor of History – 'William Bradbury'.

Cost \$10.00 per person, includes afternoon tea.

Bookings essential.

Tour

The next tour on 16th June has been arranged for Carrisbrook house which is in Lane Cove and a tour of Vienna Cottage which is in Hunters Hill. We will also have a tour of the Hunters Hill area. Price is \$45.

Situation Vacant

Volunteers are still needed.

Would you like to become more involved with the work of the society? If so, we would like to hear from you.

Everyone who works for the society does so on a voluntary basis, with some giving just an hour or two each month, while others devote much of their free time to the running of the society.

We currently need some additional Glenalvon tour guides. Give Jackie or Jenny (0417 556 756) a ring to find the most suitable time to come. Tour guides are given plenty of training, and do not have to take up the duty alone until they feel ready.

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 Jackie on Mob 0402 008 970

or Jenny on 0417 556 756.

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We've Got it Covered.

You may find errors in this publication. This is in line with our policy of trying to please everyone – especially those who love to find a mistake.

Quote

"You know that you are addicted to genealogy when you get locked in a library overnight and never even notice". Author unknown.