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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds  
Historical Society Inc

**November 2012**

## **From The President:**

As many of you will know. Glenalvon is a very special place, described by many of our visitors as an “oasis” or “haven” from the bustle of Queen Street. If you have not visited Glenalvon please do so and enjoy this for yourselves.

As the advertisement said “it won’t happen overnight” and the splendor of Glenalvon certainly didn’t. Years of hard work by past committees and volunteers of Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society are recognized and respected by those of us charged with looking after it now.

As always thanks go to the current committee who are a constant support and to all other volunteers, who come along and “just get on with it”.

At the time of writing we have only had 1 of our 2 special open days for Fisher’s Ghost Festival, and over 100 people visited on that day, including a wedding party for photographs. Very special thanks go to Campbelltown Theatre Group for the loan of costumes. We received very positive comments and the ladies who dressed up enjoyed the experience.

On Saturday November 10, at 2.30pm at Glenalvon some volunteers will present a Tableau on Fred Fisher. This will be narrated by Wayne Williams.

On Saturday November 17th at 10.30am we have a morning tea to honor Alex Goodsell, who after many years of dedication to the Society has taken a step back. Alex and others like him laid the foundation for a very successful Historical Society. All who know Alex are welcome. Please RSVP by 14th November for catering purposes to [president@cahs.com.au](mailto:president@cahs.com.au).

We have recently welcomed a tour from the Friends of Old Government House and Experiment Farm.

The Society and in particular the volunteer gardeners would like to extend thanks to Campbelltown City Council for their ongoing assistance in keeping the garden beautiful.

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New members are always welcome to the Society, and the next general meeting is on 24th November at 1.30pm at Glenalvon.

Kay Hayes  
President

## **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.

## **2012**

**Saturday, November 24th.** Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – Members Choice – Theme: Each member should give a three minute talk on their choice of 'A Person of History' - Local Identity preferred, but not essential. Also our next Grist Mills will be launched. It will feature an article on Holly-Lea at the Northern end of Campbelltown..

**Saturday, December 8th.** Open morning 10am - 12.30pm followed by members break-up social and trivia day.

## **2013**

**Saturday, February 23rd.** Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – Marie Holmes 'Snapshots of History'.

**Saturday, March 23rd.** Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – John Campbell 'Military Camps in the Holdsworthy Area'.

**Saturday, April 27th.** Meeting at 1.30 pm.

Speaker Ken Reid. Theme: 'The life and works of John Horbury Hunt, in particular his work at Kirkham/Camelot'.

**Saturday, May 25th.** Meeting at 1.30 pm.

Speaker Ian Willis, 'Townies, ex-urbanites and aesthetics'.

## Research

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

We are asking for information on 20 Warby Street. The house has the name Roma on the front. Also does anyone know where in Sturt Street, James Waterworth's house Bonnie View was located.

Grist Mills will be launched at our General Meeting on 25 November.

Marie

## 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.

## GRIST MILLS

The next issue of Grist Mills will feature an article on Holly-Lea at the Northern end of Campbelltown.

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 likely to be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013. We are going to Goulburn. We will be visiting Riversdale, a heritage home with a large collection of colonial furniture. We will also be visiting the Goulburn Cathedral. The cost will be \$50.00pp. please bring your lunch.

Learna

## Books in our Library

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

\* Converting the Wilderness: The Art of Gardening in Australia by Howard Tanner 1979.

\* Early Colonial Houses of New South Wales by Rachel Roxburgh 1974.

\* Why Campbelltown? A Social history of Campbelltown by Richard Lawrance 1985.

## Website

The website continues to receive over 200 visitors a month. We are slowly expanding the information offered about our history in Campbelltown. Shortly we will have pages describing the numerous historic houses and properties around our district. Other pages are planned giving the stories of people who built our town into a city.

John White

## Webshop

Please visit our webshop at the following site:

<http://www.cahs.com.au/store/>

We have IGT Publications (13), Grist Mills (25) and Other titles (20).

## Situation Vacant

**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 Kay or Jenny on 02 46251822

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