

# THE KERNEL



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

**October 2013**

## **From The President:**

The past few months have been very busy for our Society, with many visitors to Glenalvon, including tour groups from many different areas and also school groups. We are also looking forward to a very busy month in October with almost 100 school students visiting, as well as tour groups, and a "high tea". Glenalvon and the gardens are the perfect place for special occasion photographs.

Our volunteers are working hard updating our photo collection, and we have recently received a donation of dozens of photos of Campbelltown in the 1960's taken by the late Ken Bagley. These are of houses, shops and businesses, many of which have long disappeared. We have received a grant from Campbelltown City Council, some of which has been used to purchase a steel cabinet for the safe and secure storage of our valuable glass slide collection. Other grants we have received this year will go towards the cost of producing and printing our Journal "Grist Mills", and the purchase of audio recording and camera equipment.

At the August Heritage Protection Sub-Committee with Campbelltown City Council, a number of grants were passed for payment. Among them was money to restore the grave of John Warby in St Peter's Cemetery. John Warby was transported as a convict for theft and four years later he married convict Sarah Bentley. When he had served his time he was given a small land grant at Prospect where he worked hard as a wheat farmer. In 1803 he was appointed stockman of the wild cattle grazing in the Cowpastures the site of modern Camden. He formed a lifelong bond with the Tharawal aboriginal people and worked with many of them. John and Sarah had a large family and one of his twin daughters, Jane, married Michael Byrne and Michael was granted land by Governor Macquarie. On this land he eventually built Glenalvon.

Our photographer John White, recently obtained permission to access the bell tower of St. Peter's Anglican Church. He photographed the surrounding area to be able to show the huge changes compared with our early photos. (photo shown 1925 and 2013).

The latest edition of our journal Grist Mills was launched on Saturday 12th October and it incorporates

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a history of Ingleburn Horticultural & Garden Club, who is celebrating 85 years of holding garden shows in Ingleburn.

The last outing was on September to the Southern Highlands. Ken and Jan Reid were our guides for the day and they had a very informative booklet printed for each member of the tour.

Also Leonie Knapman joined us in Mittagong and her knowledge of the area is extensive and made our trip very enjoyable. We visited Lake Alexandra in Mittagong for morning tea, and then to the archaeological dig site in Woolworth's car park. These are of the lower works of the former FitzRoy ironworks. We lunched in Berrima and visited the fascinating Berrima District Museum.

Then on to Hillview, the former summer retreats of the Governors of New South Wales between 1883 and 1948. We enjoyed afternoon tea served in the Governor's dining room. The weather was perfect and those on board felt this was one of the best outings we have had. Sadly it will be the last with Gang Gang Tours as they are selling the business.

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**

**Saturday, October 26th** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker Rod McLean. 'From Scotland to Campbelltown'.

**Saturday, November 23rd.** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speakers: Members Choice: A three to five minute speech on 'A person from Campbelltown's past'.  
Please see below.

**Saturday, December 14th.** Glenalvon open day until 12.20pm then CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TRIVIA.  
Members please bring a plate.

## **2014**

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

**Saturday March 22nd.** Meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: Ron Ringer. 'The story of SMEC- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation' which features member Doug Price.

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

**Saturday May 24th.** Monthly meeting 1.30pm.  
Speaker: to be advised.

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

### **Research**

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

Marie is researching the Mawbey name, Ann and Chambers Emma Mary or Mary Emma, a mother and daughter who apparently lived at Ingleburn and died in 1904 and 1944 respectively. The daughter seems to have lived in Chester Road. They are buried in St Mary the Virgin cemetery, Denham Court. We don't think there are headstones. Does anyone know anything about these..

### **Books in our Library**

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

\* James Meehan, a most excellent surveyor - by Tony Dawson 2004 – Paperback – 148 pages.

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

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## **Curator's Report**

The new display is called "Clothes – What they wore ". It features dresses from the 1880's to miniskirts. There is a selection of hats, some Victorian underwear and an early 1800's style military uniform.

The star of our show is the wedding dress worn by Hazel Rutter for her wedding in 1933 to Eric Routley. With the dress is the bill for it, a wedding photograph and a copy of the marriage certificate. This couple were society member Pam Bonomini's parents. In the Servants' Quarters are three boards with old photographs and some newer ones where you may recognise some members. Photographs showing children and sporting events emphasise how clothes have changed over the years.

This display will continue for a few months.

**November 2013** - speakers please respond asap with your projected subject and also note : The editorial Committee, Stella Vernon and Marie Holmes would like a copy of your presentation, either hard copy, on disc or memory stick.

**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 Sue Kijurina on 0402401494

### **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.

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