

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

September 2012

From The President:

At the Annual General Meeting on 25th August, a new committee was elected, and I introduce myself as your new President. My name is Kay Hayes and I have lived in Campbelltown for most of my life, but as a comparatively new member of the Society, I have a lot to learn, and will be relying on many people for their knowledge and expertise.

Your new committee members are

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| President | Kay Hayes |
| Vice President/ | |
| Minute Secretary | Learna Coupe |
| Secretary | Jenny Goodfellow |
| Treasurer | David Beddie |
| Committee | Clarice Stretch |
| | Stella Vernon |
| | John White |
| | Sue Kijurina |
| | Marie Holmes |

As many of you will be aware the Deed of Licence with Campbelltown City Council was signed on 4th September 2012. We were not expecting this to be so soon, but it will now enable the Glenalvon Sub-Committee to proceed with negotiations on the use of Glenalvon.

Now we are assured of the use of the office, we would like to make some alterations to the desks to make the small narrow space more efficient. If anyone knows of a cabinet maker/carpenter/handyman who would be interested in helping with this project please contact me at president@cahs.com.au.

September has been a busy month for tour groups, including 75 students from St Peters Anglican School and a group from Kuring-gai Council's seniors group.

Alex Goodsell has stepped down from the committee, but will remain on the Museum Sub-Committee. On behalf of the members and the committee we pass on our thanks to Alex for many years of service to the Society, as President and as a committee member. We will have an appreciation morning tea on Saturday 17th November, starting 10.30 am. All members and friends of Alex are welcome to the morning tea. This will be

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publicised to enable as many members and others to attend.

History Week was celebrated this month and the Society provided many items from our clothing collection to Campbelltown Library. Hilda Davidson's dress and one of the Fitzpatrick curtains are currently on display at Glenalvon. These displays will be changed to avoid over exposure and other items displayed. If you haven't seen these special items please come to an Open Day!

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.

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Saturday, October 27th. Meeting 1.30pm.

Speaker – Wayne Williams. Topic: 'Una Laird and the Wartime Welcome Home Committee'.

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.

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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'.

Research

For research questions please contact Marie Holmes at: mariejholmes@gmail.com

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 16th March 2013. Details will be made available closer to that date.

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.

* Historic Churches of New South Wales by Alan Charles Nichols.

* Pioneering Days St. Gregory's Campbelltown 1923-1951 by Valens Boyle.

Secretary's Report to Annual General Meeting, 25th August 2012

The secretary's duties have included handling correspondence and mailouts, event bookings, memberships, meeting documents and filing. Kay Hayes has taken minutes and assisted very capably with general secretarial duties, as have Jackie Green, Clarice Stretch, and Lerna Coupe. Many hands make light work, particularly for mailouts.

On a more general note, in the absence of a President's report, thanks are due to the loyal volunteers who have undertaken the many and varied activities that keep the society running.

These activities include general administration, organisation of Cavalcade and the Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture, curating exhibitions and overseeing the Society's museum collection, editing and publication of Grist Mills and The Kernel, gardening, organisation of guest speakers, media liaison, collecting oral histories, organisation of outings, maintenance of

the photographic collection, research and maintaining the research resources, supervision at special events held at Glenalvon, tour guiding and hosting school groups. Last but by no means least, is general maintenance and cleaning, and ensuring that Glenalvon is looked after by members, visitors and Council.

Alex Goodsell is stepping down from the committee.

Visitor numbers at Glenalvon continue to be high. Meetings have been well attended, and the Society continues to attract new members.

This year has been stressful due to the negotiations with Campbelltown City Council regarding the new Deed of Title for Glenalvon. We have finally come to an agreement that allows the Society to continue with general activities at Glenalvon. Exhibitions in the House will change when the new Council Glenalvon Sub Committee is established.

This has caused the Society to lose President Jackie Green, and Ken Green, two invaluable workers, who have left a great void.

It is encouraging that, in response to this, all other committee members have stepped up and undertaken an extra share of the responsibilities to ensure the ongoing smooth running of the Society.

Jenny Goodfellow
Secretary

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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