

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc
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September 2014

From The President:

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter and welcome to Spring!

Our visitor numbers have been down during the cooler months, although we recently welcomed a large group from Campbelltown City Baptist Church Friendship Club. It was nice to have a local group visit Glenalvon and hear about the work of the Society.

On Tuesday 2nd September we were pleased to welcome a visit to Glenalvon by The Hon. Troy Grant, Minister for Hospitality, Gaming and Racing and Minister for the Arts. Minister Grant is the National Party member for Dubbo in the Legislative Assembly. Our patron and local MP, Bryan Doyle accompanied Troy and also Josh from Bryan's office and Rachael Hayes – Media Advisor to the Minister.

Troy has a fond regard for Georgian architecture having lived in a Georgian House, and also has a keen interest in history and genealogy. He was very impressed with Glenalvon, and most interested in the James Ruse headstone. He showed great interest in the work of our Society. Troy recently approved our application for a grant to publish the Grist Mills for the next year, and has encouraged us to apply for further assistance.

The Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture held on Saturday 16th August was a resounding success, with those present enjoying the stories and photographs of Queen Street and what was Sydney Road in the 1920's and 30's. Thanks to Stella Vernon for organising all the presenters, who brought the memories alive with their knowledge and research. Thanks also to Julie Crowley who spent many hours perfecting the power point presentations and a slide show.

As you may have seen in this week's edition of the Macarthur Advertiser Etchell's Cottage is due for demolition. We have been given permission to go to Etchell's cottage in Minto before this happens, and the owner has agreed for us to have a look at various artefacts that may fit in with our exhibition.

We have recently purchased two items for the office. An Epson colour printer was bought with funds from a grant from "Very Small Equipment Grant." This is funded by the Department of Families, Housing,

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Community Services & Indigenous Affairs. This printer enables us to print more documents such as this newsletter at the office instead of at home. The scanner was purchased through general funds and produces higher resolution photographs which will enhance our collection.

Another successful event was the Trivia Night held at Campbelltown Library on Wednesday September 10th. The Society was represented on 2 tables by 12 members and were called the "Liquorice Allsorts" and the "Historians" (no names, no revenge) but the Allsorts won the evening with the Historians a close second – only 3 points behind. It was a fun evening and thanks to Andrew Allen and the team at the library for their organisation. Well done to all CAHS'ers!

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.

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Saturday September 27th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.
Speaker: Norm White. Topic: Going to War.

Saturday October 25th. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.
Speaker: To be advised. Topic: To be advised.

Saturday November 22nd. Monthly meeting 1.30pm.
Speakers: Member's Choice Topic: "My Favourite Australian Book".

Saturday December 13th. Glenalvon open day until 12.20pm then CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND TRIVIA.
Members please bring a plate.

November 2014 - 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.

Curator's Report

Our upcoming display is '**The Great War**' which will be launched in conjunction with History Week, on September 13th. Help us celebrate by coming to the opening on 13th September at 10.45am. This will be included in our regular Open Day when the House, grounds and other buildings at Glenalvon will be open. We are also celebrating this event at our meeting on 27th September when Norm White will be our guest speaker. His talk will be entitled 'Going to War'.

Wanted Assistants to the Curator. This is varied and interesting work. It involves documenting and storing exhibits, changing exhibitions, working with photographs and the MOSAiC database.

Research

We are mentioning the house called Tara. It is the one on the corner of Condamine and George Streets that used to be the Land of Oz childcare centre. We would like to find proof of where Tara was. It was the home of Charles Hannaford and family between about 1914 and 1922 when he moved into Mirrimichi next to the Court House.

Also we would appreciate any information on Charles Hannaford and family.

For any other research questions please contact Marie Holmes at:

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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.

* The Hume Australia's First Highway of History - by Brian Carroll - 1983 – Softback – 174 pages.

* Campbelltown Convicts - by Peter J. Hinds - 2012.

Books for Sale:

* A Scrapbook of History \$15.00

A collection of interesting and entertaining historical facts and stories, expanded from those published in the Campbelltown Chronicle by Marie Holmes.

* Campbelltown and the Boer War 1899-1902 \$5.00

MUNRO, JIM & MCGILL, JEFF; Notes on Campbelltown men who served in the Boer War including Captain Richard Charles Holman, Robert Bolger, Joseph and William Newman, Joseph Frances Vardy, William Wallace and James Fraser McEwen, who enlisted with the NSW Army Medical Corps.

Webshop

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

We have 12 IGT publications, 30 Grist Mills and 20 General titles. The prices are reasonable.

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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Volunteers are still needed.

If you would like to learn more about how the Society works, please join us at Glenalvon on one of our usual Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday administration mornings. Contact the Society on 02 46251822.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please send your email address to David Beddie at newsletter@cahs.com.au

Visit to Glenalvon

The Hon. Troy Grant, Jenny Goodfellow, Kay Hayes and local MP, Bryan Doyle.

