

# THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc

February 2011

## From The President and Curator:

Welcome to the first Kernel for 2011 – we look forward to another busy year ahead.

Come to Glenalvon and see our 2 new displays – “A New Look at Old Glass”, and “Domesticity – from fly papers to Opium”. The Glass exhibition has just been publicized in the Chronicle.

The members Christmas party was successful – I really enjoyed the trivia quiz. I hope we have a slightly cooler day for 2011’s party.

Glenalvon has already been booked for three Wedding Photo sessions, a Baby Naming and a High Tea, plus a walking tour and a bus group, during 2011.

A new Campbelltown Heritage Study has just been completed, and additional properties have been recommended to be heritage listed – the study is very comprehensive and will be put up on Council’s website once it has been ratified.

Bill Bursill died the week before last, just 1 day before his 96th birthday. The funeral was held at St David’s church on the following Monday at 11 am. with the wake at Glenalvon. As well as Bursill and King family members it was good to see “Old Campbelltown” represented.

One exciting upcoming event for your diaries is for the 18th June, when we are having a presentation by the Cavalcade of History and Fashion called Pioneers and Petticoats. This will be held in the Community Hall in Hyde Parade, Park Central. Pre paid tickets will be \$10 each including Afternoon Tea, and are available now from our office.

There are still a few seats available on the upcoming bus trip to Mt Kembla on 19th March – if you are interested please ring the office urgently.

Opportunities are still available for cutlery sponsors – a card on the dining table will recognize your contribution.

John White, and the web committee have been working hard on revitalizing the Society’s website. June Vercoe, David Beddie and John White have continued working

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on the photo collection, Denise Watson helped with the upcoming Grist Mills mailout and Neville Vercoe helped with filing. The gardens have suffered rather with the hot weather, but are responding well now it is bit cooler and they have been watered regularly. The garden team; - Val, Pam, Kim, Colin and Ken have worked really hard.

Jackie Green

## 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, February 26th** 'Curating our Collection'  
Jackie Green

**Saturday, March 12th**, open morning 10am to 1pm.  
Tours of the house and grounds.

**Saturday, March 26th**, meeting 1.30pm then 'Show Entertainment' Principal speaker :Judith Trimboli.  
Displays of memorabilia.

**Tuesday, 5th April**, Heritage Festival - Amazing Stories - 10am-1pm. Tours of the house and grounds.  
voluntary donation.

**Saturday, 9th April**, Heritage Festival - Amazing Stories - 10am start. \$10 for visitors including talk, tour and morning tea. Booking essential - J. Green 0402 008 970.

**Saturday, April 30th** (note this is 5th Saturday because of Easter) meeting 1.30pm then Ray Slee 'Appin Bi-Centennial Festival'.

**Saturday, May 14th** open morning, 10am - 1pm

**Saturday, May 28th**. meeting 1.30pm then speaker Leonie Knapman "History of Glen Davis in the 1940's".

**Saturday, June 18th**- Cavalcade of Fashion - for more details please refer to President's report.

**Saturday, June 11th** open morning, 10 am-1pm - tours of the house and grounds.

**Saturday, June 25th**, meeting 1.30pm. Speaker Denys Cato 'The history of photography' with a demonstration of one of our historic cameras by John White.

**Saturday, July 9th** open morning. 10am - 1pm - tours of the house and grounds. Launch of Society's Grist Mills "Menangle".

**Saturday, July 23rd**, meeting 1.30 pm - speaker to be advised.

**Saturday, August 13th**, open morning 10am - 1pm tours of the house and grounds.

**Saturday, August 20th** Ivor G. Thomas Lecture.

**Saturday, August 27th** Annual General meeting 1.30 pm then speaker Allen McClelland 'The Care and Culture of Camellias'.

#### **Research**

For research enquiries please contact Marie Holmes. [marieholmes@iprimus.com.au](mailto:marieholmes@iprimus.com.au)

#### **From the Librarian**

Our collection of books which can be borrowed has expanded to over 550 volumes. However, they are seldom borrowed.

If you're interest in 19th century colonial furniture, there are at least five very readable books... if Georgian architecture is 'your' thing, again at least a dozen books, both academic and coffee table-style.

We do have researchers call to use our reference books, but of course these cannot be borrowed. Some are fragile and ideally white gloves might be used.

Aren't books special. I teach Science in a local high school and our 'Generation-Y' kids , i.e. those born since around 1990, frequently do not allow themselves the joy of settling into a good read with that book in your lap. We all know that holding the printed word in your hand is so different from reading a computer monitor.

So please browse over our collection. Maybe following afternoon tea on our next general meeting day. Or on an open day on a mid-week morning.

Wayne Williams

**Volunteers** are still needed. We currently need a research filing clerk to take over the task from Jenny. Give Jackie or Jenny a ring to find the most suitable time to come.

#### **Our next coach trip**

The mid-year bus trip will be to Rockdale on Saturday 16th July. Details will be advised.

#### **Museum**

Clarice and Jackie have continued cataloguing the collection into MOSAiC database. Hilda Davidson's 1920's dress which was donated by the Bursill family, is in the process of being professionally conserved. Some interesting and unusual donations have come in during the last two months, and will be reported on in the future. Ken Green has taken on sponsorship and restoration of the lamp collection. The two beautiful lamps on the dining table are examples of his care. Thanks to all the curating team for their hard work in preserving and cataloguing the collection, and for setting up the new displays.

#### **New Website**

Good progress has been made in updating our web site, the "New look" site will be open for business the last week of February. We will continue to add relevant pages with information we hope will interest you throughout the year.

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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please send your email address to David Beddie at [newsletter@cahs.com.au](mailto:newsletter@cahs.com.au)

Included are several photos from the event in November 2010.

