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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc

May 2011

From The President and Curator:

The last few months have been exceedingly busy, and June looks to be the same. Our wonderful volunteers man stalls to raise money, prepare food for Open Days, meetings and inwards tour groups and of course present Glenalvon, its collections and gardens to the best advantage. The roses are just coming into bloom again!

We have had three good stalls this month to raise necessary funds to keep the Museum and the Society going, including leaflet printing and other ongoing costs. So thank you to all who came to help out, - boy, wasn't it cold at 7.30 am at Menangle Steam Fair!!! Lovely weather at Appin though.

At Appin200 there was a great deal of interest in our books, especially those about Appin – about \$160 in book sales at the special “Show prices”. A set even is on its way to Appin in Scotland for their Historical Society, courtesy of Mairi Lester who was an official guest at the celebrations.

Beulah, the Hume property on the Appin Road, has been purchased by the Endangered Houses Fund of the Historical Houses Trust, and tours were run as part of the Appin200 festival. This was very successful for the Appin Historical Society and some of our members joined tours. Pam Bonomini took her camera with her and she is giving us a set of her photos for our collection. John White, the Society photographer photographed the inside of the buildings. Future tours will be available through the Appin H. S. and we will keep you advised of dates etc. It is a long walk over some rough ground so a reasonable level of fitness is required. There are no facilities for parking or comfort.

We have a group from Mt Druitt visiting Glenalvon and Campbelltown for guided tours on Sunday, and another 40 people on a Glenalvon tour the following Sunday. We are keeping out of mischief and raising money at the same time.

As our Cavalcade presentation Pioneers and Petticoats, Fashion from 1840 to 1940, is only 3 weeks away on 18th June, there are only a few tickets left so if you want to come along you must purchase your ticket now.

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Our Annual Dr Ivor G Thomas Memorial lecture on 20th August is in the planning stages – the theme this year will be the turning on of electricity in Campbelltown in 1924 and the Nepean River County Council.

Work on our various collections is progressing slowly – I wonder why we have not had a lot of time to concentrate on it lately? There is a new photo display in the Servants Quarters “Entertaining Campbelltown”. This is to be part of a display of collection items which will be mounted as and when we have the opportunity.

Once again, thank you all for your support throughout the year and for your donations. It is nearly AGM time, so please think about nominating for the Committee as we have several vacancies.

Jackie Green. President & Curator

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

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

Saturday, June 18th- Cavalcade of Fashion.

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 Park". Principal article written by Tom Reeve.

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. Theme: Electricity in Campbelltown. Title and speakers to be finalised.

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

Saturday, September 24th, meeting 1.30 pm - speaker Judy Pack from Liverpool Historical Society.

Cavalcade of Fashion.

"Pioneers & Petticoats" presentation, Cavalcade of History and Fashion. Saturday 18th June. Cost is \$10 each. Please contact Jackie Green for more details.

Condolences

It is with deep regret we advise the passing of Greg Percival OBE. He was a patron and dear friend of The Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society.

Members are sad to hear of the passing of Joy Moore. Joy's late husband, Ron Moore was a Life Member of the Society, and he and Joy were significant benefactors of the Society.

We are also sad to record the passing of Joyce Lowe. Joyce and Allan Lowe were good friends of the Society. Allan wrote the book on the Bowling Club, and their son, Revd Des Lowe wrote the booklet and was guest speaker at the Ivor G. Thomas lecture on the history of the Dredge family. The family have also been generous with their donations of memorabilia.

Research

For research enquiries please contact Marie Holmes. marieholmes@iprimus.com.au

From the Librarian

There are currently 633 titles in the CAHS library. If you are interested in any of these please arrange a time to browse.

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 next bus trip will be to Carrs Park / St George area, Saturday 15th October, 2011. Cost will be \$40 each. Please contact Jackie Green or Learna Coupe for more details.

New Website

The CAHS web site now includes a page on the Glenalvon Heritage Gardens. In time we will expand this offering to include more photos, and plant species identification with common names for those interested in horticulture. Can you help with the names information?

John White

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



Kathryn Thornton, President Jackie Green and visitor from Sawtell, Miles Roser at the launch of our last Grist Mills in February. Kathryn was the author of the main article - 'A people, a place and a piano' and Miles parents and family were involved with the piano before it eventually came into Kathryn's possession and feature in the article.

The Grist Mills is still available from the Society at a cost of \$7. Our next Grist Mills, which will feature an article on Menangle Park, written by Tom Reeve, is due to be launched in July