

THE KERNEL

Newsletter of
Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society
April 2006

From The President:

Modern technology is proving useful. The website allows us to publicise our information and to make links with other societies. Computerised slideshows present photographic displays in a popular, easy to view format.

Glenalvon Stables Museum, at 12 Lithgow Street, Campbelltown, is a wonderful setting for meetings. Speakers this year will present a range of topics, of interest to everyone.

Museum Open Days attract good numbers, and guided tours of Glenalvon House give a glimpse of colonial life in Campbelltown. The house remains empty while we await Council's decision as to what it will one day contain.

Jenny Goodfellow

Heritage Festival:

The 2006 National Trust Heritage Festival theme is Industrial Heritage – Our Working Lives.

On 1st April at our museum guest speaker Ian Welsh told of writing his book on Burrator Valley and the coal industry, and we featured a slideshow on 19th Century Flour Mills.

The Heritage Forum and Heritage Coach tour are among activities organised by Council.

Seniors' Week:

We presented a selection of slideshows on the iMac for Seniors' Week at Campbelltown Visitor Information Centre, Quondong, on Sunday 2nd April.

Arrange a visit to Glenalvon Stables Museum, in Lithgow Street, Campbelltown, for a family reunion or for your organisations.

Meetings:

Local poet Trevar Langlands' poetry reading thoroughly entertained at our March meeting. Some members also read special pieces, including Marie Holmes with her own composition. Afternoon tea in the grounds, and time for a chat, rounded off the afternoon.

Elizabeth Campbell Macquarie Sculpture:

Five years after Tom Bass presented his vision to our society, the project is nearing completion. The sculpture of Mrs Macquarie now stands in Mawson Park, and the iris garden is taking shape.

The installation coincides with Mawson Park upgrade.

Workshop/Seminar:

Georgina Keep, Campbelltown Local Studies Librarian, and Colleen Parker and Dianne Pattinson presented information on aspects of how to publish a book. Aspects covered included copyright and privacy, how to get an ISBN, layout, book sizes and inserting photographs. All emphasised the need to speak to a printer before starting a project. Our thanks to Campbelltown RSL Club for sponsoring this event.

Ingleburn Alive Festival:

Our photographic display at Ingleburn Alive Festival on 18th March centred on the Macarthur Bicentenary and the Cowpastures Tribe.

Diary Dates:

Thu 6 April: Heritage Forum, Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Sat 8 April: Heritage Festival Coach Tour. Bookings, phone (02) 4645 4921

Sun 16 April: Appin Massacre Memorial Ceremony, Cataract Dam.

Fri-Sun 21-23 April: Photographic Display, Campbelltown Show, Menangle Park.

Sat 29 April : Meeting. 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest speaker Chris Betteridge on “The Landscape Detective: Uncovering the secrets of historic gardens, parks and cemeteries.”

The April meeting is one not to be missed by all gardeners.

Sat 6 May: Museum Open Day, 9.30-1pm
iMac display “Remembering Leumeah House”

Sun 7 May:

Open Day at Glenlee House and Olive Grove.
10am-3pm. Cost \$10.00. Proceeds to Cancer Council.

Sat 27 May: Meeting, 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest speaker Stella Vernon on early history of Leumeah, Leumeah Progress Assn and Helen Stewardson Hall.

Fri 2 June: Historical Records workshop at Narellan Library.

Sat 3 June: Museum Open Day 9.30-1pm.
“Looking for Fisher’s Ghost” with Kathy Cavaliere.

Sat 24 June: Meeting, 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest Speaker Milton Wearing, a retired aeronautical engineer, on “The Journey: The flight of the Vimy (1919) to the present day.”

Visitors are welcome to meetings and open days.
(Speakers subject to change without notice)

How to contact the Society:

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Campbelltown Show:

If you have a couple of hours to spare on 21, 22 or 23 April (the week after Easter) to help man our

stall, please contact Jenny on 4625 1822 or email to president@cahs.com.au

The Show connects us with Campbelltown’s agricultural history, and is well worth a visit.

Glenlee:

The Open Day on 7th May will provide a rare opportunity to look inside one of Campbelltown’s prestigious heritage buildings.

Family History Cook Book:

Margaret Bryant is compiling a cookbook for Campbelltown District Family History Society. Perhaps you have a recipe for rabbit stew, cottage pie, chokoes, or Christmas chook with all the trimmings.

If you would like to share an old family recipe, and an anecdote or snippet from the past, please contact Margaret on m_bryant@iprimus.com.au or leave a message on 4625 1822 and we will pass it on.

Forging Links:

Our Society is affiliated with The Royal Australian Historical Society and with Museums Australia. Delegates from the committee attend meetings of the Southern Highlands and Illawarra Chapter of Museums Australia.

We exchange journals with a number of other local historical societies, and these are available for members to borrow.

We place links to other societies on the website.

Campbelltown District Family History Society has many activities that coincide with ours, and we are forging greater links with them.

From the Committee:

Committee members undertake many behind the scenes activities including research, curating exhibitions, maintaining the library, website, editorial and clerical work, and gardening. If you would like to become involved, and can spare a few hours a month, please speak to a committee member.