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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

April 2010

From The President:

The 8 Elizabeth Macquarie Iris have been planted and are flourishing, and the 2 Governor Macquarie roses are currently being cared for by Val West until the official planting day. The gardens are looking good and the garden team members have been working hard. The roses have been particularly nice.

20th March was busy with the successful Canterbury Bus trip, and our shared stall with the Family History Society at Ingleburn Alive.

Our volunteers have been very busy during Seniors Week – 40 people from Miranda U3A did a walking tour of Queen St plus tours of Glenalvon on Monday and our Seniors Week Open Day on Tuesday was also well patronized with about 35 people coming. We also ran a Seniors Week walking tour of Queen St with Morning Tea and tours of Glenalvon. The volunteers all worked very well, so thank you to all concerned. Other tour groups coming soon include a group from Campbelltown TAFE on Friday 7th May.

National Trust Heritage Festival starts on 9th April with Open Days on 10th and 21st, and Arthur Jones talk “Lachlan Macquarie and William Redfern – the best of friends” at our next members meeting on 24th April

As you would have seen in the local newspapers the fight to prevent a truck stop in the Scenic Hills at Varroville continues. A Scenic Hills Association is being set up and letters to Peter Garrett requesting action to stop the truck stop on heritage grounds have also been requested by the Association.

You would also have seen that the proposed land sale of most of Hurlstone Agricultural High School's land has been scrapped, however, it is noticeable that no mention of Heritage Listing the buildings and/or site has been made.

Don't forget the lecture on Elizabeth Macquarie at Campbelltown City Library on 14th April – bookings through Council are essential, and the Heritage Forum will be held at the Arts Centre on Thursday 15th April.

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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, April 10th, 2010 Museum open 10am – 1pm
Show memorabilia continues.

Saturday April 24th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Arthur Jones 'William Redfern and Lachlan Macquarie-the best of friends'.

Saturday, May 8th, 2010 Museum open 10am- 1pm

Saturday May 22nd, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Laila Ellmoos – ‘ Building Civic Pride - The Macquarie Era’

Saturday, June 12th, 2010 Museum open 10am- 1pm

Saturday June 26th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Craig Turner 'From Botany Wool to the Beijing Experience'

Saturday, July 10th, 2010 Museum open 10am- 1pm

Saturday July 24th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Dr. Peter Bolt ' Lachlan Macquarie and Thomas Moore of Liverpool'

Saturday August 14th, 2010 Museum open 10am – 1pm. Q & A - All you want to know about Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie. Panel led by Val West and Jackie Green.

Saturday August 28th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Val West ' Lachlan Macquarie - Visionary and Reformer' Annual General Meeting.

Saturday September 11th, 2010 Museum open 10am – 1pm. Campbelltown Craft Society - Displays and demonstrations.

Saturday September 25th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Trevor Richardson 'Macquarie's postmaster - Isaac Nicholls'.

Saturday October 23rd, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then To be confirmed.

Saturday November 27th, 2010 Meeting 1.30pm then Members choice ' Governor Macquarie and the settlers of Airds and Appin'.

Museum Update

Clarice and I have continued working on entering items from the collection into MOSAiC. Ken Green has worked hard on preserving more of our collection of tools. My brother, Brian Willott has done a great deal of work in researching and writing up items from both the Museum and Bev Harrison's collections. Wayne has been continuing work on cataloguing the library books. Chris Beddie, Denise Watson, Alyssa Burton and June and Neville Vercoe have been working on the photo collection. Thank you all for your hard work.

As this year celebrates 200 years since Lachlan Macquarie became Governor of NSW a special display, "Lachlan Macquarie – 200 years of Influence" – has been set up by myself and Clarice in the Hall, Display room and Servants Quarters. Please make sure you visit this display as it focuses on Macquarie's impact on our area and his interaction with the local land grantees.

Jenny, Clarice and I went to Mt Kembla for training in managing archives. June and Neville Vercoe went to the workshop on managing photos and other Audiovisual materials. Clarice and I will go to the last workshop about textiles and other objects on 17th April. Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Museum won a grant to pay for Kim Eberhard, an archivist, to provide this training which comes at no cost to participating Museums – so we are very grateful.

The March members meeting with the theme "Show memories" was very successful. So please visit the Show display in the Library, Drawing and Dining Rooms in the house and in the display cabinet near the back door of the Servants Quarters before it closes on April 10th after the Open Day. Items dating from 1898 from a number of people's collections are on show so I hope you enjoy them.

Collection work continues and new volunteers are always welcome.

Jackie Green

Condolences

Our thoughts are with the family of Peter Thompson. Obituaries are included in Grist Mills for Tom Bass, Bev Harrison, and Merv Rixon.

Other old residents who passed away recently, are Daisy Haywood, Jean Cameron, Heather Brookfield, Allan Coffin, Marie Taber and Edna Willis. These people were well-known in Campbelltown and all of over fifty years residency.

Research

For research enquiries please contact Marie Holmes.
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Research through St. Peter's Church has included: Correspondence from the parish of Milton, asking for details of Revd. Hunter who came to Campbelltown from Milton in 1911.

Correspondence from Richard Jehan formerly of Minto for information on his parents and grandparents graves.

From the Librarian -

In our library at Glenalvon we have 1 1/2 shelves of biographies. In this year of Macquarie 2010 there are several on the life of prominent figures in the colony. A very readable book is on the life of Macquarie himself in which it details his journeys down through this region. It is very apparent that he and his wife Elizabeth had a real fondness for it.

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.

History Column. Marie Holmes stories in the History Page at the Chronicle continue to draw attention.

Jeff McGill's feature on 130th anniversary of the Macarthur Advertiser created a lot of interest, and his history page is a continuing feature of that paper.

Advance notice - Saturday, October 16th, 2010 – Annual Ivor G. Thomas Lecture in St. Peter's Church Hall. 1pm for 1.30pm commencing time. The lecture will be followed by afternoon tea and fellowship. Theme 'The Dairy Farms of Campbelltown' Speaker Ted Sedgwick. Cost for the afternoon \$10

Our next coach trip

The next coach trip will be to Parramatta on 17th July 2010. We are leaving Campbelltown at 8.30am from Richmond Villa going to Parramatta for a tour of the city then lunch at Bella Vista with an included tour.

Costs are not available yet.

For more information contact Learnna on 46266437 or 0458679841.

The last coach trip was of Canterbury and Fairfield Museum on 20th March. The bus was full and everyone had an enjoyable day.

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.

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