

THE KERNEL

Newsletter of
Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society
July 2007

From The President:

We are very much indebted to Diana and Cyril Brookes for the loan of some beautiful items of furniture which now stand in Glenalvon. All have a local provenance. We are still in need of a desk and chair, side tables, and bedroom furniture.

The energy and enthusiasm of our volunteers seems to grow along with the visible results of their endeavours. The house and garden are in beautiful condition, and a lot of clerical work has been tackled. On open days, volunteers brave the cold, and tour guiding is a popular activity.

Heritage Items:

Campbelltown City Council is preparing a pamphlet on heritage listing of properties - it will detail what is involved, the advantages, and information on how to go about getting a property listed.

The land adjoining Varroville including outbuildings was recently sold. The historic connections of this site to Robert Townson, Charles Sturt, and to Mrs. Macquarie must not be forgotten. Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society supports the protection of the scenic hills. The beautiful rolling green hills should be retained for Campbelltown's future generations.

Macquarie Fields House was sold recently by its owners Scots College. We await with interest information about the purchaser.

Special Events:

Campbelltown City Council celebrated Local Government Week at Ingleburn with festivities in Hallinan Park on 7th July and displays in the old Library building. The old library building is to be replaced by a new complex. The facade of the historic School of Arts will be retained. Campbelltown and Airds display of photographs of historic Ingleburn brought back many memories for residents.

Campbelltown City Council will hold its Garden Competition Awards Presentation in the grounds of Glenalvon on Sunday, October 7th.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society is advertised elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please be there.

Outings:

An outing is being arranged to the city on Thursday, 16th August. Jackie is organising an interesting tour commencing with the Caroline Simpson Library at the Mint, and perhaps taking in the Barracks and the Mitchell Library.

A visit to Glenfield House is also being considered in November. Leave your contact details with Jenny or Jackie if interested. We will also be joining the Family History Group for their outing to the Old Time Music Hall on Saturday, 18th August. Contact Denise Baxter at social@cdfhs-aus.com or phone: 46254946.

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Meeting Dates and Open Days:

NB the Museum is also open regularly on first Tuesday and third Wednesday. Visitors are welcome 11am-1pm Also note the change of Open Days 1st to 2nd Saturdays as from July.

28th July - Saturday -General Meeting - 1.30pm Speaker: Sister Mary of the Good Samaritan Sisters.

Subject: 'Wivenhoe c.1837'. Wivenhoe is one of the more interesting buildings from the Narellan district. Details 4625 1822

11th August , 2007 - Saturday - Open Day - 10am-1pm. 'Our Society'. Hear about the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society by interviews and stories from long-time members.

25th August , 2007- Saturday - 1.30pm Annual General Meeting - Notes and reports on Glenalvon during the meeting Members Tour of Glenalvon - 60th Anniversary Afternoon Tea - Photograph display.

8th September - Saturday - Open Day for History Week - 10am - 1pm 'The Legacy of Photographs' The changing face of Campbelltown illustrated by our photograph collection.

15th September - Annual Ivor G. Thomas Lecture at St. Peter's Church Hall 1.30pm - Subject: 'Dorchester Farm'. Speakers : Harris family members, Alex Goodsell, Marie Holmes. Afternoon Tea. Booklet available \$8 up to and including day of lecture, \$10 + \$2.50 after that. Cost for the afternoon \$7.50.

22nd September, 2007 - General Meeting - 'A Home in Campbelltown - 70 Moore St.' Speaker: Stella Vernon.

13th October, 2007 - Saturday - Museum Open Day 10am - 1pm

27th October, 2007 - General Meeting - Speaker Dr. Peter Bolt. - 'Thomas Moore of the District of Airds'.

3rd November -Fishers Ghost Parade Day -Museum open from 10am - 4pm.

10th November - Saturday - Open Day 10am - 1pm We shall also be holding a Street Stall. Help is needed.

24th November - Saturday - 1.30pm General Meeting - Show and Tell You may choose your own interesting object to talk about, or one that interests you from the Society's collection

1st December, 2007 - Saturday - Foundation Day. Assemble near Mrs. Macquarie's statue in Mawson Park at 10am then morning tea at Glenalvon at 11am. (This is also the date of the Family History Society's Annual Christmas Barbecue)

8th December, 2007 Saturday Open morning 10am - 1pm. Annual Christmas Barbecue starts 12.30pm

February 23rd, 2008-General Meeting. 'Macquarie's Kingdom'
Speaker: Almis Simans.

NOTE: March 22nd is Easter Saturday. Meeting date to be decided.

CONDOLENCES/OBITUARIES

Jim Medway - Family and friends are mourning the death of Jim Medway on June 26th and whose funeral was held on July 2nd. Jim had a long association with Rugby League, and with the firm of Snap Printing. It is in the capacity of proprietor of the franchise of the Campbelltown branch of Snap Printing, that Society members will remember the courtesy and expertise of Jim and his wife Janette in dealing with our printing and photographic needs.

Dorothy McLaughlin. Dorothy passed away peacefully on 28th June at her home in Tyler St. Campbelltown, where she had lived since moving there with her British Army husband and family of three in 1958. Dorothy made life-long friends with all she came in contact, and her funeral on Wednesday, 4th July was well attended by her friends from many walks of life.

GUEST SPEAKERS. -

For the May meeting, member Denys Cato held everyone enthralled. Denys is national Coordinator of Major Incident Medical Management and his talk included the response to events such as Bali, bush fires and tsunamis.

In June author Tony Dawson gave us a new insight into the life and work of James Meehan, a most excellent surveyor.

On 14th July the latest issue of *Grist Mills* was launched by Alicia Bowie. Alicia's article, 'On the City's Doorstep' which forms the basis of *Grist Mills* was presented at the Campbelltown Heritage Forum in April 2007. Until recently senior reporter at the Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser, Alicia has just been appointed deputy editor of the Camden Advertiser.

NEW BOOKS

At our June Meeting, John Wrigley introduced his new book on the history of Camden. Entitled 'The Best of Back Then' it is published by the Camden Historical Society and available from them. Phone number for the Camden Historical Society is 02 46553400.

The Society still has copies of Narellan's Hidden Treasures, written by Pam Browne and illustrated by artist Marion Starr. \$28 from the Society or posted plus \$3.50 p&h.



Committee. Jackie Green has been doing an excellent job as acting secretary. If you are considering standing for a position on the committee, you may like to attend the August committee meeting or perhaps talk to a current committee member.

Volunteers. A recent storm demolished the rose arch. Ken Green and Joyce Baker cleared away the ivy. Ken Green takes on many jobs, including fixing the steel shelving, making modifications to our filing cabinets, and just recently acting as butler at one of our Open Mornings.

Volunteer Positions vacant: Willing hands to work on the storage of collections. Hours 9.30am to lunchtime, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays.

Members news: We congratulate Alex Goodsell who appeared as one of the Faces of Macarthur published in the Macarthur Advertiser recently. Wayne Williams, his wife Dianne and daughter Megan have been holidaying in Toowoomba for a Williams family reunion. Dana Vale and John Bunyan are both holidaying overseas. Four members, Jenny Goodfellow, Jackie and Ken Green, and Stella Vernon travelled to NSW Embroiderers Guild headquarters at Concord recently to look at their storage units. Jackie Green took comprehensive notes and photographs for future implementation.

Donations and Sponsorships:

Website: Ezimetal, Leumeah. Phones: Patrick Briscoe of Doro

Grist Mills: Campbelltown Catholic Club

Glenalvon Museum: Some donations from members and friends have been received.

Memberships: Annual Fees were due on 1st July, 2007 for the financial year 2007/2008. A slight increase has been made. Family membership will be \$24.00 and single membership \$18.50. A membership form will be sent with notice of AGM.

This is your Newsletter. If you have an item or anecdote you wish to contribute to this Newsletter or if there is a Historical item you would like us to explore for *Grist Mills*, or a comment to make please advise the President or Secretary.

Email Newsletters: Future issues of 'The Kernel' when a 'Grist Mills' is not included can be sent electronically to anyone who has given an email address. If you are happy to receive your Newsletter in this format, please advise David Beddie on newsletter@cahs.com.au. News items can be sent in the same way.

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