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Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

July 2009

From The President:

It has been an extremely busy time at the Museum over past weeks. A total of nine groups have been through the house during May and June, from the Trefoil Guild, from Baulkham Hills, The Oaks, and other tours referred by Quondong. There have also been many visitors to Open Days, some referred by our outside activities.

Members manned a stall at the Steam Fair at Menangle, where we made good contacts and sales of our publications and items contributed by members were excellent.

Mike Hurcum Council's Heritage garden expert visited the garden at Glenalvon and the Council tree team visited to do some necessary pruning. Ken Green has been working on restoring the garden bed and driveway alongside the old RSL building, and also the old post and rail fence. Bev and Val have also been working hard keeping the grounds and garden looking nice and healthy.

We have been fortunate to sell our last Mrs Maquarie maquette to the University of Western Sydney. Their representative Monica McMahon visited the Museum and photographed the maquette before a final decision was made.

We also had a visit from Laila Ellmoos from the Govt. Architect's Office visited as she is doing research into James and Thomas Meehan. We were able to provide her with extra information.

Some of us attended the Macarthur Sunrise Rotary Club's Pride of Workmanship Award Night at the Civic Centre to support Ken Green's nomination. It was an excellent night.

Thank you to all our volunteers. We could not do without them. Jackie Green, President and Curator.

Speaker Ted Sedgwick on June 27th attracted a huge crowd of visitors and members which tested the capacity of our meeting room. Ted gave an interesting talk about the dairy farms of Campbelltown, stressing the quality of families who worked them and the relationship which extended into the whole community. Ted has promised to come again.

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President's note: I would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard the day Ted Sedgwick came, especially the catering, and set-up teams. I must also apologise to those members who were not able to fit into the Servants' Quarters for the meeting and so missed out on a very interesting presentation. Jackie

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 are welcome at all general meetings.

Saturday, July 25th, 2009. General Meeting 1.30pm followed by speaker Trevor Richardson 'Trains of the Southern Line'

Saturday, August 1st, 2009. Family History Society Event. 20th Anniversary party and AGM (12.30 pm.)

Saturday, August 8th, 2009. Open Morning 10am-1pm Tours of the house and grounds.

Saturday, August 22nd, 2009. Annual General meeting 1.30pm followed by speaker Kathryn Thornton. 'The travels of the Ivy Cottage piano.'

Saturday, August 29th, 2009. Ivor G. Thomas Annual Lecture [see separate note]

Saturday, September 12th, 2009 History Week. Open Morning 10am-1pm 'The Story of Fishers' Ghost'

Saturday, September 26th, 2009 General Meeting 1.30pm followed by Speaker Carol Baxter. 'The True Story of Jane New - A Colonial Scandal'.

Saturday, October 10th, 2009 Open Morning 10am-1pm. Working display by Macarthur Spinners and Weavers.

Saturday, October 24th, 2009 – General Meeting 1.30 pm followed by speaker to be advised.

Saturday, November 7th, 2009 Fishers' Ghost Parade Day. Museum open 10am – 4pm

Saturday, November 14th, 2009 Fishers' Ghost Street Fair. Museum open 10am-1pm

Saturday, November 28th, 2009. General Meeting 1.30pm followed by Members' Show and Tell.

Saturday, December 12th, 2009 Open Morning 10am - 12 noon. 1pm Members social and trivia time.

The Museum will be closed for the rest of December and January. All enquiries ph. 46251822. Activities resume in February 2010.

Saturday, February 13th, 2010. Open morning 10am-1pm. Tours of the house and grounds.

Saturday, February 27th, 2010. General meeting 1.30pm followed by guest speaker Col Menger. 'Campbelltown District Ambulance'.

Museum update

Guardian Funerals Campbelltown Branch (Butler's Funerals) have made a very generous donation to sponsor archival materials to preserve our original photograph collection. The photo shows Mr Paul Mannix from Guardian Funerals presenting the cheque for \$500 to the Museum Curator and President, Jackie Green.



The cataloguing work on the collection is proceeding steadily, and will be boosted by the upcoming data migration of Open Office spreadsheet records of 1200 items catalogued prior to February 2009 to our Collections MOSAiC database. This migration is only possible due to our successful application for a grant from Museums and Galleries NSW.

The social history display in Glenalvon is looking very good, especially with some new donations including men's and ladies' personal accessories, and an HMV radiogram dating back to 1935, and a cane pram.

My thanks to the other curating members, my husband Ken, and Clarice Stretch.

Jackie Green, Curator, Mob 0402 008 970

Condolences.

Historian Liz Vincent is very much missed by the community. Liz was well-known for her column in the Macarthur Chronicle, and ghost tours of Picton.

We extend our condolences to Mallory Salter and her family, on the death of her father.

Research

There are two homes - one from Ingleburn was known as Bertswood and one from Campbelltown known as Elverstock. If anyone can help me there it would be good. I now have information on the two towers on the sides of the freeway just south of Menangle Bridge for anyone interested.

Marie Holmes. marieholmes@iprimus.com.au

From our Bookshelf - Ted Sedgwick gave our publications a wrap-up particularly mentioning Jeff McGill's book on First Citizen, and Marie Holmes book 'Badgally Road, Campbelltown - The Other Side of the Line'. Have a look in the bookshelf next time you are at the Museum.

Volunteers needed. Robin Usher and Grace Dickinson have volunteered recently and June Vercoe has done some typing to assist the Grist Mills editors. June has also started to work on the photo collection. We could do with another research filing clerk as Clarice, Colin, and Anne often have other duties. Give Jackie or Jenny a ring to find the most suitable time to come.

Return Thanks. Stan Wojtynski would like to thank the Society and members for their expressions of sympathy in the death of his wife Ellen recently.

History Column. Marie Holmes has become the new History Columnist for the Chronicle, and her first contributions have been well received.

Saturday, August 29th – 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. Speaker Mrs. Bev Harrison. Theme 'Glimpses of the Gore family in Campbelltown' Cost for the afternoon \$10

September 19th 2009 the Society will be hosting a coach trip to Vaucluse House and Elizabeth Bay House. The fare for this tour will be \$33.00 per person. Entry into each property is not included and will be \$4.00 concession entry \$6.00 for general entry or free for Historic Houses Trust members. This is to be paid by individuals on entry to each property. We will be having a picnic lunch in a nearby park between visits to the properties. This promises to be a great day looking at two fantastic properties book your seat early. Tickets sold on a first come first served basis. For more information contact Lerna on 46266437 or 0458679841.

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. Thank you.