

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

July 2010

From The President:

Here we are in the second half of 2010 already – “time flies when you are having fun!”

Since the last Kernel was written we have had a number of tour groups through Glenalvon – including 100 small children from Campbelltown North Public School, teenagers from Beverley Park Special School, an Adult Education class from Campbelltown TAFE, Architectural Design students from Wollongong TAFE and 40 people at the wake for Keith Bursill. Our wonderful tour and catering volunteers made sure that all visitors had the best possible experience of lovely, historic Glenalvon.

July is busy for tour groups too with bookings from 2 small groups from a Wollongong retirement village, and a Probus tour of 40 people. Incoming tour groups give us the opportunity to not only showcase Glenalvon, but also to introduce visitors to the heritage of the Greater Campbelltown area as many also want a guided bus or walking tour.

Other activities for July include the official planting of the Governor Macquarie roses, the launch of the Georges River Grist Mills, our bus trip to Parramatta, our members meeting, plus all the usual Open Days, as well as gardening, and running the office. Thank you everyone who donates their time and effort to supporting and promoting the Society.

The gardeners have been preparing the ground ready for the new roses and we now have a small herb garden underway near the Servants Quarters. The strange plastic things buried in the ground around the buildings are termite traps.

John White, a new member, has worked hard to produce a set of illustrated room notes for Glenalvon, which are a great new asset for visitors.

We have commenced the necessary process to apply for a 10 year extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding for Glenalvon which expires in April 2011.

The Annual General Meeting on 28th August is fast approaching and nominations for Committee positions are now open. Please consider nominating yourself or

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someone else – Committee meetings are held in the evening of the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Jackie Green

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 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 Margaret Young 'A Macquarie Church. St. Peter's Campbelltown'.

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

Saturday, December 11th 2010 '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 26th 2011 'Curating our Collection' Jackie Green

Saturday, March 26th, 2011 'Show Memories - Entertainment' Judith Trimboli

Saturday, April 23rd 2011 is Easter Saturday, so our meeting day is changed to

Saturday, April 30th 2011 - theme and speaker to be advised.

Museum Update

Work on cataloguing the photo and object collections continues slowly and steadily – new team members are always welcome, and training is provided.

The Society has won a Grant from the Campbelltown City Council to purchase some easels so we can display framed pictures from our collection in the house. We have also won a small Bursary from Museums and Galleries NSW which will assist greatly towards the costs of my attendance at the Working Spaces 4 Conference at Galong, near Yass, in October. Skills I learn at the conference will be passed on to Museum volunteers. We were not successful in our Grant application for archival supplies to preserve and conserve our collection of glass slides and negatives so any donations towards the \$2500 required would be much appreciated, and would be assessable by the Tax Office as Deductible Gifts.

Jackie Green

Condolences

Our thoughts are with the family of Keith Bursill who passed away in June.

Research

For research enquiries please contact Marie Holmes.
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MEMBERS NEWS

Congratulations to members Doug and Eileen Price who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on 10th July in Armidale. Doug Price grew up in Cransley in Waminda Avenue, Campbelltown, and his bride, Eileen Boardman at Blair Athol. In the wedding party were local identities Anne Macqueen and Tony Payten, and Bruce Pratt and Doug's sister, Rosemary. Doug had studied engineering after demobilisation from the Air Force after World War 2, and his career took him to the Snowy Mountains, where he eventually became General Manager of that project. The couple retired to Armidale to be with their family, and have been long-time members of the Society.

From the Librarian -

In our Library is a very attractive book, Tyson's Outback, by June Young. June is a descendant of Australia's first millionaire, and her book relates his story in an interesting way. It is interspersed with June's

own paintings in many different mediums, of Tyson properties, homesteads and locations, which considerably increase one's enjoyment of the book. 2009 was 190th anniversary of James Tyson's birth at Wilton and this is a good time to learn about an interesting man.

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.

Saturday, October 16th, 2010 – Annual Ivor G. Thomas Lecture in St. Peter's Church Hall. 1pm to 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

Next Coach trip will be to the Penrith Valley - visiting the Arms of Australia Inn Museum and an educational Honey venue, sightseeing bus tour of the area including Mamre House, Bennet Wagon, Bishop Broughton Church etc. 18 September, 2010. Ticket price \$35.00 per person

Exhibition

The State Library of NSW are holding an exhibition on "The Governor: Lachlan Macquarie 1810 to 1821 celebrates the 200th anniversary of Lachlan Macquarie's governorship".

On display are Macquarie's personal letters, journals, maps and paintings, as well as objects such as the intriguing Macquarie Collector's Chest, that tell the story of his contribution to colonial Australia.

Please check out the following website for details:
<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/exhibitions/2010/governor/index.html>

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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