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Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society
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From The President:

Our major news is that Campbelltown Council has offered the Society a five year lease of Glenalvon. The house will become the major focus of our museum. We will be able to open regularly, and display more of our collection.

At our June meeting, members voted to accept Council's offer in principle, and to establish a Museum Management Committee to manage Glenalvon, and to work with Council to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The committee will comprise the Society's Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and three others. The three others will be elected at our general meeting on 22nd July.

Jenny Goodfellow

Elizabeth Campbell Macquarie Sculpture:

The sculpture by Tom Bass, now standing in Mawson Park, will be officially "unveiled" in a ceremony on **5th August, 10.30am.**

Glenalvon:

A group of students from Eagle Vale High School recently visited the museum.

Meetings:

Saturday afternoon is a popular time for our meetings. In June Milton Wearing took members on a "journey of the history of flight from the Vickers- "Vimy" to the present.

150 Years of Rail:

Exhibition is at Liverpool City Library.
26 August - 30 October, 2006.

The Kia:

The Kia, the third of a group of houses at Blair Athol, is in a state of disrepair, and the owner has applied to Council to demolish the building. Both our Society and Council's Heritage Protection Sub-Committee oppose the demolition of Kia.

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

Diary Dates:

Sat 22 July: Meeting, 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest speaker Mrs Phyl Fox will talk on "With the Padre on Patrol", and will include memories of four years spent in Western Australia with the Australian Inland Mission. Phyl and her husband worked as a team with the AIM in WA from 1947 to 1951.

Sat 5 August: Local Government Week Open Day at Glenalvon - Campbelltown Council will present displays including a jumping castle, face painting and other children's activities. Hear from crew member Trevor Richardson and see footage of the historic voyage of the restored barque the James Craig.

Sat 5 August: 11am - 3pm. Collingwood Open Day. (Access is via Congressional Drive). Join the Friends of the Liverpool Regional Museum and Collingwood for a journey with Captain Eber Bunker, a creator of the Australian Whaling Industry, who settled in Liverpool at Collingwood in 1810. Bookings 98241121 or email to reception@casulapowerhouse.com.

Sat 26 August: Annual General Meeting 1.30pm. Nominations are open for all Committee positions. Nomination forms and renewals for fees now due are included with your copy of Grist Mills.

Sat 2 September: 9.30am - 1pm.
Glenalvon House and Stables Museum open day.

Sat. 3rd September: Bicentenary Heritage Tour including Wivenhoe, Eshcol Park House, Denham Court House and St. Mary's Towers. Tickets obtained from Quondong Visitor Information Centre.

Sun 10 September: Farm Sunday at Belgenny Farm, Camden

Sat 16 September - Sunday 17 September:
Camden Park house open weekend.

Sat 23rd September: 12.30pm for 1pm. The Ivor G. Thomas lecture will be held at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Guest Speakers will include RTO (Bob) Jones, son of Dr. K. O. Jones. The keynote speaker's presentation is entitled 'Dr. Karl Owen Jones - Thirteen years of medical practice and community involvement in Campbelltown, 1931 - 1944.'

Congratulations:

Joy & Phil Parkin celebrated the birth of a daughter, Kimberley, first grandchild for Verlie and Rod Fowler. And members Brenton and Ruth Banfield are rejoicing the birth of a grandson Jules Tobias Banfield born to Trent Banfield and Marie Semin at Guy's St. Thomas Hospital, London.

Campbelltown Theatre Group evening: "The Complete Works of Shakespeare: a Comedy", on Sat 9 Sept - Those interested, family and friends please phone Denise on 4625 4946 by 31st July.

John Marsden (1942 – 2006):

On 18th May 2006 leading Campbelltown figure, John Marsden passed away at the age of 63, after a long fight with cancer.

He was the author of an article on his grandfather, Herb Lack and the Lack family, which he presented at the Ivor G Thomas lecture in 1964.

John supported the Elizabeth Campbell Macquarie sculpture project by Tom Bass, by purchasing a miniature of the sculpture. He also spoke in favour of a museum in Glenalvon.

Kathleen Whitten (1912 – 2006):

We sadly have to report the passing of Kath Whitten, mother of Verlie Fowler, past president of our society. We offer our sincere sympathy to Verlie, her brother Robert and their families.

Kathleen Robinson, was born at Bega, trained as a teacher, and began her career at Wollongong. She married Mervyn Whitten, and in 1947 moved to Leumeah.

In 1955 Kath was the first woman elected to the New South Wales Egg Board.

Kath Whitten was elected to Council in 1959. She served a one year term as the first Lady Mayor of Campbelltown, in 1961, retiring from Council in 1971. In her later years Kath retired to Queensland, where the funeral was held on 5th June.

Les Warby (1918 – 2006):

Les Warby passed away at Kiama on 9th June. Les and his wife, Dorothy and their children Richard, Cherylin and Roy came to Campbelltown in 1952.

For many years Les ran the bakery in Queen Street. Les joined Rotary, serving as President in 1969, and served a term on Campbelltown Council.

Nina Nora Kerr (1924 – 2006):

Ingleburn resident Nina Kerr passed away on 12th June. She was very active in the community and often assisted the CAHS.

Col Clissold

Was born in Campbelltown in 1910 and died in April this year. Col was active in tennis circles in the early days and drove one of the first taxis in Campbelltown after the war. He and his sisters Dulcie Hay and Daphne Rider added considerably to the CAHS photograph collection.

Bill Wilkinson

Also born in Campbelltown in 1821 passed away on 14th April 2006. Bill was active in cricket and tennis circles and worked in the property section of the State Rail Authority. Bill helped the Society by adding to our knowledge of Richmond Villa, owned at one time by his grandfather.

Queen's Birthday Honours:

Congratulations to Peter Hayward of Camden Historical Society on receipt of an OAM.

Inaugural 2006 Macarthur Heritage Lecture Series:

27th July, 7pm – Alan Fairley, noted author and expert on plants of the Sydney area: Rare plants and plant communities of the Macarthur region. Campbelltown Arts Centre.

9th August, 7pm – Dr Robert Close, Associate Professor at the University of Western Sydney: Mammals of the Macarthur Region: What's out there and what can we do about it. Campbelltown Arts Centre.

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