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From The President:

60th Year :2007 marks the 60th year of our Society, a time to reflect on the achievements of members past and present. Our archives and Library hold an important body of information collected over the years. Richmond Villa stands as a reminder of our diligence in protecting our local heritage. The highlight of this year is the museum move into Glenalvon.

Your Committee: It is with great regret that we accepted Verlie Fowler's resignation from the Committee. She will be sorely missed. We thank her for her enormous contribution to the Committee and the Society. Verlie remains a member of the Society and continues to work on a number of projects including documentation of our photographic collection.

Trevor Rhodes has replaced Verlie Fowler as delegate to Council's Heritage Protection sub-committee.

Genny Goodfellow

Heritage:

Ingleburn Library will be replaced with a new complex incorporating the facade and footings of the School of Arts building. The rear section of the School of Arts building will be demolished.

Special Events for March/April

3rd to 18th March 2007: The National Trust Heritage Festival.
"Places in Context: Cultural & Natural Landscapes".

15th March: Heritage Forum. This is always an interesting night for our members. For full details ring 4645 4100

17th March, 2007: Ingleburn Festival - The Society will be participating. Because of illness we are short of helpers. To offer your help ph. 4625 1822 and leave a message.

24th March, 2007: Heritage Week Coach Tour includes visits to St. Helen's Park House and Cransley Cottage. For bookings ring Quondong Information Centre 4645 4921

31st March, 2007. Training session for those interested in helping in Glenalvon House. Come along and learn the history of the house and about our Museum collection. Morning tea provided.

20th to 22nd April 2007:

Campbelltown Show - Menangle Park Paceway. **Please note** that as the Royal has changed their dates, this is the second weekend after Easter. The Society will be participating. Volunteers are needed.

Open now and running until 6th May at Campbelltown Arts Centre: an excellent display depicting Campbelltown's environmental activism - includes bird paintings by Gracjuz Josef Broinowski completed between 1887 and 1991 when he lived at Wedderburn.

Meeting Dates and Open Days:

24th March 2007, Saturday:

General Meeting at 1.30 pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest Speaker Member Val West 'Lachlan Macquarie - Visionary and reformer'. Val West was a teacher at Lithgow St. Primary School for many years and is well-known to our members. Val has researched the life of Lachlan Macquarie for many years.

7th April, 2007 Saturday - Museum CLOSED for Easter.

14th April, 2007, Saturday: Museum open. 9.30-1pm. Youth and recreation. Display of photographs with a theme for Anzac Day.

Note The special showing of school photographs with scanning of new photographs has been transferred to June. See below.

28th April 2007, Saturday - General Meeting at 1.30pm - Theme: Anzac Day. Speaker: Greg Morgan, retired Army Warrant Officer, curator RSL Sub-Branch, director RSL Club Ltd.

5th May, 2007 - Saturday: Museum Open Day

24th May, 2007 - Saturday: General Meeting. Guest Speaker - Member Dr. Denys Cato.- Subject : Disaster Medicine

2nd June, 2007 - Open Day - 9.30am - 1pm.

9th June, 2007 - Special showing of Lithgow St. Primary School photographs - scanning of new photographs. Museum open 10am to 4pm. Ph. 4625 1394 or 4625 1822 for a list of photographs still needed.

23rd June, 2007 - General Meeting - Speaker Tony Dawson Subject James Meehan - A Most Excellent Surveyor. Tony Dawson is secretary of Manly / Historical Society and his book on his chosen subject was well received in 2004.

14th July - Open Day - Museum open 9.30am - 1pm
NOTE Change of Open Days from 1st to 2nd Saturdays.

28th July, 2007 - General Meeting - 1.30pm Speaker Sister Mary - Subject: Wivenhoe c.1837. Details 4625 1822

11th August - Open Day - 9.30am-1pm.

25th August, 2007- Annual General Meeting - Members Tour of Glenalvon - 60th Anniversary Afternoon Tea

8th September, 2007 - Open Day - 9.30am- 1pm

15th September, 2007 - Annual Ivor G. Thomas Lecture at St. Peter's Church Hall - Subject: Dorchester Farm.

22nd September, 2007 - General Meeting - Speaker to be advised.

Condolences to members Anne and Peter Tyas in the loss of Anne mother, **Margot McGrath** towards the end of 2006. Margot and her husband Bert McGrath and family lived in Denham Court for many years. Margot held the position of Division Commissioner of Macarthur Girl Guides in the 1960's and 1970's. And also to Mrs. Daisy Haywood and her family in the death of her husband **Mervyn Haywood** on December 28th. Daisy Asher of Campbelltown and Mervyn Haywood of South Australia met while serving in World War II. They married in 1945 and after discharge settled in Campbelltown.

Congratulations to Stella Vernon who celebrated her 80th birthday in February.

Items of interest:

Grist Mills: This mailout will include members copies of the latest edition of Grist Mills. Extra copies are now available at Glenalvon at a cost of \$4.40

Entitled '**The Romance of Glen Lorne**' this Journal gives a history of the now demolished house by Verlie Fowler and includes an account by Eileen Thomson of her childhood memories of Glen Lorne. The Journal was launched on 3rd March by past President Alex Goodsell who said 'The physical Glen Lorne is no more. However, the Society has a wonderful historical coverage:
a) measured drawings of the building thanks to Ton Stootman
b) an architectural model thanks to Allan Chessell and now
c) a social history thanks to Eileen Thomson.'

We are grateful that Daphne Kingston, who donated a series of paintings of Glen Lorne, has provided our Society with an excellent photographic record of the property.

In addition to launching Grist Mills the Society celebrated the **National Trust Heritage Festival** with a talk by **Pat Durman** of the National Parks Association Macarthur on the 'Upper Reaches of the Georges River.' We are fortunate to have this wonderful natural heritage in our area as well as a diligent branch of the National Parks Association.

Jackie Green added to the interest of the day by providing a working exhibition of tating in one of the rooms in Glenalvon. Jackie was suitably dressed in 1890's style. We hope to make similar exhibitions a regular feature of Open Days.

Our previous Grist Mills 'Federation and Beyond: The Marlow Collection' by Verlie Fowler is selling well. It includes many photographs taken by Percy Marlow of Campbelltown buildings and scenes in the 1900's and early 20th century.

The book by Bob Jones, 'Dr Karl Owen Jones and his thirteen years in Campbelltown' published by the Society, is also selling well and copies are available for \$9.90 at Glenalvon Museum or by post for \$12. As well as Dr. Jones' life story the book details his work at Milby Hospital and the establishment of the Baby Health Centre.

'My Favourite European City - Krakow' At our last meeting on 24th February member Dana Vale gave an interesting talk on this fascinating city in Poland. She took us briefly through the history of Poland, the effect of World War II and the 'Holocaust' and the Russian occupation. She spent time on the many beautiful buildings and architecture of the city, illustrating her talk by passing around many photographs.

Donations. Thanks to Patrick Briscoe of Doro for donations of telephones for use in the Museum. We now have an intercom system as well as an answering machine. Mr. David Pietruska and Mr. Dwayne Kolinac of Domayne have donated a fan which makes the Servants Quarters much more comfortable. We also thank EZI Metal, Leumeah for sponsorship of our Website.

Memberships:

Welcome to new members: Jason Wagg, Bob Kijurina, Jackie and Ken Green.

A reminder - now is the time to renew your membership for 2006/07 if you have omitted to do so.

For members: Committee and volunteer work is vital to the smooth running of our organisation. All input is very much appreciated, but "voluntary" says what it means. If you are happy to attend meetings, and enjoy afternoon tea and fellowship, but have no time for an extra commitment, this also strengthens our society. If distance prevents your close participation, we appreciate your membership.

There are **two positions** to be filled on the Committee. If you are interested or would like more information on what is entailed, please phone one of the numbers above.

Glenalvon Gardens The gardens at Glenalvon are green and flourishing after the recent rain. Council undertakes the mowing and heavy maintenance under the direction of appropriately named Council officer Rick Weeding. 'Ag pipe' watering aids around a number of trees and shrubs most badly stressed by the drought have been installed.

Judith Seeney has spent many hours pruning and nurturing many of the plants, in consultation with Mike Hurcum and other Council Officers. Val West has 'adopted' the roses, Trevor and Anne Rhodes the cycad and Illawarra flame tree and Marie Holmes the cemetery rose. Joyce Baker has transplanted lamb's ears and tidied and watered gardens.

Volunteers - for details of this pleasant and relaxing way to become involved with the museum ring our office on 4625 1822 and leave your details. Alternately, you may prefer to 'adopt' a plant and simply give it some water (and perhaps a little care) when attending meetings or open days

Museum volunteers are needed for other tasks. Even one Saturday morning or week-day during the year would help to spread the load. We particularly need someone to keep our '**newsclipping**' file up to date. Perhaps this is something that interests you.

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.

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