

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds
Historical Society Inc

March 2008

From The President:

I am inspired by the enthusiasm of our hard working committee and volunteers. Meetings, publications, research, stalls at Ingleburn Alive Festival and Campbelltown Show, Fishers Ghost Festival, the Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture, museum exhibitions, open days and tour group visits, a seeming endless list, all involve many hours of toil, much of it behind the scenes.

Look in this newsletter for details of the bus tour on 31st May. It is our first outing for some time, and should prove to be of great interest.

Glenalvon Museum:

A busy start to 2008 has brought a large number of visitors to Glenalvon. Our visiting exhibition, "Glimpses of the Gore family of Campbelltown", will close on 25th March. The nursery exhibition, to be opened on 12th April, during the National Trust Heritage Festival, is our first upstairs. With the recent major acquisition of an art deco wardrobe and dressing table, we are preparing a 1930s style main bedroom.

A small but extremely dedicated group is working on the collection, improving storage and updating records. Jackie Green has been nominated as honorary curator.

Greg Percival launched "Old Ingleburn", our latest issue of Grist Mills, at a morning tea on 8th March.

Glenalvon garden is flourishing, the fig tree has borne fruit, and roses are in bloom. Bev Harrison and Val West have toiled in pouring rain and hot sun to keep everything beautiful. The garden is now home to a piece of railway track from 1891, thanks to RailCorp and Campbelltown Council.

We have also been given several books, jug and basin, a milliner's measure, pewter mug, and items from Jim Munro's collection.

Last but by no means least, we have been offered an important collection of documents that belonged to Hubert Peter Lazzarini, Member for Werriwa from 1919-31 and 1934-52. In those days, the seat of Werriwa extended far south of Campbelltown.

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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 2007.

Saturday April 26th 1.30pm – General Meeting
Glenalvon servants' quarters. Video presentation of Loveday internment camps.

Saturday, May 24th 1.30pm - General Meeting
Glenalvon servants' quarters. Speaker Ian Willis from Camden Historical Society.

Saturday, June 28th 1.30pm - General Meeting
Glenalvon servants' quarters. Speaker Craig Turner 'From the Cowpastures to Campbelltown'

Saturday, July 26th 1.30pm - General Meeting
Glenalvon servants' quarters. Speaker Jill Brigden. 'Commissioner Bigge - Macquarie's Nemesis'.

Saturday, August 23rd 1.30pm - Annual General Meeting
Glenalvon servants' quarters.

Saturday, September 27th 1.30pm - General Meeting
Glenalvon Servants quarters. 'Discovering Queen Street'. Slide presentation for History Week. Jenny Goodfellow and Trevor Rhodes

Saturday, October 25th 1.30pm - General meeting
Glenalvon Servants quarters. Heritage speaker from Campbelltown City Council.

Saturday, November 22nd 1.30pm - General Meeting
Glenalvon Servants Quarters. Members 'Show and Tell'

Saturday mornings Glenalvon open 10am to 1pm on 2nd Saturday of the month.

April 12th - Opening of the Nursery Room in Glenalvon. Display of children's toys and clothing.

Other Saturday morning activities to be advised.

Extra Dates which are of interest to us.
Campbelltown City Show - April 4th, 5th, 6th.

An invitation to a Book launching - April 19th - St. Peter's Anglican Church, Cordeaux St., Campbelltown. 1.30pm for 2pm start 'A History of St. Peter's Church Building - Part 1 - From Georgian to Gothic' Researched and written by Stella Vernon. Key-note speaker Assoc. Professor Carol Liston.

31st May, 2008. Bus trip to Rouse Hill House for a guided tour and Morning Tea, followed by visits to Castle Hill Heritage Park (site of former Government Farm and lunatic asylum), and the Castle Hill Historical Society Museum. Cost per person \$30.00 for bus, plus entry fee to Rouse Hill House \$8.00 adult, \$4.00 concession and free to Historic Houses Trust members. Morning tea will be provided but PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. Meet outside Richmond Villa at 8.45 am for the bus. Please invite anyone you know who would enjoy this trip, as the minimum number required to run this trip is 15. Tickets must be paid for in advance. Bookings and payments to Jackie Green, Secretary on 0402 008 970, or 9605 8695, or post to CAHS, PO box 257, CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560

August 30th - 1.30pm Ivor G. Thomas Lecture at St. Peter's Church Hall

November 1st - Festival Parade. November 8th Festival Street Fair. Glenalvon will be open on both these days. Help wanted for this.

Heritage Items:

The owners of Blair Athol have applied to Campbelltown Council to develop Blair Athol as a preschool, with a new building beside the house.

DGR Status.

We have received Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the tax department. This will enable donors, to the Museum, to obtain a tax deduction for their donations. Donations must be \$2.00 or more, and a DGR receipt must be given to the donor.

If you have any questions, please discuss with David Beddie. treasurer@cahs.com.au

Family History Society Seminar

The Family History Society will be holding a seminar on Saturday 17th May 2008. For additional information, please go to the website at <http://www.cdfhs-aus.com/>

CONDOLENCES/OBITUARIES

Our condolences to the family of Ron Moore, who passed away recently. Ron was a Life Member and benefactor of our Society, and a great philanthropist.

Our condolences to the family of Cyril Brooks who passed away in December. An obituary is included in the current Grist Mills.

Meeting – Saturday 26th April 2008

A special meeting will be held on this date, just prior to the main meeting. The purpose is to approve a small change to the Constitution.

We need to have the constitution state that upon dissolution of the Society, any remaining DGR funds, not spent, are to be passed only to another DGR fund.

Mother's Day Raffle: Tickets are now on sale for our Mother's Day raffle. There will be three prizes, total value over \$100. They are available in books of 10, or can be purchased at the museum and at our meetings in March and April, and at Campbelltown Show. If you have suitable items to donate for raffle prizes, these would be much appreciated, and can be left at Glenalvon.

Outings:

Campbelltown Theatre Group - The next production will be "The Day They Kidnapped the Pope", on Saturday 17th May, at 8 pm at a cost of @16.50 pp. Contact: Denise Baxter social@cdfhs-aus.com

Research Queries

We have had the following research questions.

Creigan (and variants)

Inman, George

Hill, Joseph Arthur of Hessenford on Pembroke Road Meehan, Owen - born about 1854.

If anyone has any information on any of these, please contact Marie Holmes at marieholmes@iprimus.com.au or posted to 121 St Johns Road, Bradbury NSW 2560

Glenalvon Gardens: Recent light rain is keeping plants at their best. Our rose enthusiasts ensure that the roses are always at their best. Some watering will be necessary during the hot January weather, again presenting an opportunity for volunteers to lend a hand.

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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