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Newsletter of
Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society
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From The President:

Modern technology is proving useful. The website allows us to publicise our information and to make links with other societies. Computerised slideshows present photographic displays in a popular, easy to view format.

Glenalvon Stables Museum, at 8 Lithgow Street, Campbelltown, is a wonderful setting for meetings. Speakers this year will present a range of topics, of interest to everyone, and Glenalvon House is open on Market Days (see diary dates).

Council is expected to make a decision very soon on the future of Glenalvon House.

Jenny Goodfellow

Heritage Festival:

The 2006 National Trust Heritage Festival theme was "Industrial Heritage – Our Working Lives".

On 1st April at our museum guest speaker Ian Welsh told of writing his book on Burratorang Valley and the coal industry, and we featured a slideshow on 19th Century Flour Mills.

Congratulations to Campbelltown East Public School Soldier Settlement Museum, and Verlie Fowler, joint winners of Campbelltown City Council Heritage Medallion for 2006.

Seniors' Week:

We presented a selection of slideshows on the iMac for Seniors' Week at Campbelltown Visitor Information Centre, Quondong, on Sunday 2nd April.

Arrange a visit to Glenalvon Stables Museum, in Lithgow Street, Campbelltown, for a family reunion or for your organisations.

Ingleburn Alive Festival:

Our photographic display at Ingleburn Alive Festival on 18th March centred on the Macarthur Bicentenary and the Cowpastures Tribe.

Elizabeth Campbell Macquarie Sculpture:

Five years after Tom Bass presented his vision to our society, the sculpture of Mrs Macquarie now stands in Mawson Park.

An official date for the unveiling has yet to be made. Please watch our website for further details.

Workshop/Seminar:

Georgina Keep, Campbelltown Local Studies Librarian, and Colleen Parker and Dianne Pattinson presented information on aspects of how to publish a book. These included copyright and privacy, how to get an ISBN, layout, book sizes and inserting photographs. All emphasised the need to speak to a printer before starting a project. Our thanks to Campbelltown RSL Club for sponsoring this event.

Diary Dates:

Sat 27 May: Meeting, 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest speaker Stella Vernon speaking on "Early history of Leumeah - Campbelltown's First Suburb, Leumeah Progress Association and Helen Stewardson Hall".

Fri 2 June: Historical Records workshop at Narellan Library.

Sat 3 June: Museum Open Day 9.30-1pm. "Looking for Fisher's Ghost" with Kathy Cavaliere.

Sat 24 June: Meeting, 1.30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest Speaker Milton Wearing, a retired aeronautical engineer, on "The Journey: The flight of the Vimy (1919) to the present day."

Sat 1 July: 9.30 am - 1 pm Glenalvon House and Glenalvon Stables Museum open day including launch of journal and slideshow re Sports of Yesteryear.

Sat 22 July: Meeting - 1:30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Phyl Fox will be speaking about "The Australian Inland Mission".

Sat August 5: 10.30 am. Hear from crew member Trevor Richardson and see footage of the historic return visit to Tasmania by the restored barque the James Craig.

Sat. Aug 12: “Writing for Historians” workshop at Wivenhoe.

Sat. Aug 26: 1.30 pm. Annual General Meeting.

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

Campbelltown Show:

Photographic Competition winner (CAHS prize) Marie Holmes, second Brian Holmes.
CAHS Photographic display featured early water schemes, State Nursery and farming.

April Meeting:

Chris Betteridge, Heritage Gardener, presented a slide show on “Heritage Landscapes”, which encompassed industrial, buildings, and garden scenes.

Forging Links:

Our Society is affiliated with The Royal Australian Historical Society and with Museums Australia. Delegates from the committee attend meetings of the Southern Highlands and Illawarra Chapter of Museums Australia.

We exchange journals with a number of other local historical societies, and these are available for members to borrow.

We place links to other societies on the website. Campbelltown District Family History Society has many activities that coincide with ours, and we are forging greater links with them.

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.

Joy Fullager

Congratulations to Joy Fullager who has accepted a promotion as principal of Gerringong Public School. We have appreciated Joy's co-operation when principal of Campbelltown Primary School.

From the Committee:

Committee members undertake many behind the scenes activities including research, curating exhibitions, maintaining the library, website, editorial and clerical work, and gardening. If you would like to become involved, and can spare a few hours a month, please speak to a committee member.

Committee Positions we would like to fill at the forthcoming AGM include:

Assistant Secretary	Membership Officer
Publicity Officer	Education Officer
Excursions Organiser	Librarian
Curator	

Heritage Tour Guides: If you are interested in becoming a heritage tour guide, please contact David at Quondong on 4625 4921, remembering that Campbelltown Council requires guides to have their own Public Risk Insurance. Alternatively, society members willing to donate all guide fees to Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society, please contact Verlie Fowler on 4625 1822 for more details.”

Vale:

Vida Muir – Sadly, we have to report the passing of Society Member, Vida Muir. Vida will be sorely missed. (Our condolences to those close to her).

Alan Lowe - Members will be saddened to learn of the death of Richard Allan Lowe (known to all as Allan) on 2 May 2006.

Iris Stewardson: - Sister-in-law of Stella Vernon.

Campbelltown has also recently lost four well-known local residents –

Bill Wilkinson	Col Clissold
Arthur Foster.	John Marsden AM

Obituaries will be included in our next Grist Mills.

John Warby's Stables, an important heritage site, also known as The Barn Restaurant, is for sale.

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