

# THE KERNEL



Newsletter of  
Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society  
November 2006

## From The President:

We have made some progress with the MoU for Glenalvon, and hope for an early date for signing, and for a 'Grand Opening'. Although our focus recently has been on the Museum, the committee and some willing volunteers continue the work of organising meetings and other events, recording history, and answering research enquiries. Plans for a full programme for 2007 are already under way.

*Jenny Goodfellow*

## Heritage:

**Blair Athol:** Campbelltown City Council has received a development application for use of Blair Athol as a function centre.

**Kia:** Council has refused a development application for demolition of the Kia (the cottage adjacent to Blair Athol, one of the three original buildings)

**The Engadine:** This home on the corner of Lithgow and Broughton Streets is for sale as a potential development site. The Engadine was designed by local architect A. W. Mowle and built circa 1930s.

**Warby's Barn:** Council has given conditional approval for construction of apartments on the site of Campbelltown Colonial Motor Inn, which includes Warby's Barn. The application includes a two-storey block behind Warby's Barn and a six-storey block beside it, on the southern side. The Barn itself will be converted into two apartments as well.

## Memberships:

Welcome to new members: Glenda McKenzie, June Vercoe, Lorna Fietz, Pam Allison, Melanie and Matthew Pryor, Fay Douglas, Judith and David Seeney, Michael Trimboli  
A reminder - now is the time to renew your membership for 2006/07 if you have omitted to do so.

## Obituary - Deborah Seddon

Members of our Society were saddened to hear of the death on September 11th of Life member Deborah Seddon, daughter of our founding president, Dr. Ivor G. Thomas.  
Further details are included on our website. And will appear in a future 'Grist Mills'.

**TV Program:** Two stories in the ABC programme 'The Floating Brothel' a story of the 'Lady Juliana' which is scheduled for showing on 23rd November have a local connection. Mary Wade, transported at the age of ten, became the wife of Jonathon Brooker who was associated with both the Plough Inn and Holly-Lea. Ann Marsh was the great-great grandmother of Judith Williams who currently lives in Bocking Ave, Campbelltown and is proud of the way her ancestor overcame immense difficulties.

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## Meeting Dates and Open Days:

### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2006, Saturday:

Meeting - 1:30pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Members will each be invited to speak for 3 minutes about their first position of paid employment, whether full-time or part-time. Participants are invited to bring any photos they might have pertaining to that job or place of employment.

### 2nd December 2006, Saturday:

9.30 am - 1 pm. Celebrating Foundation Day. (Governor Macquarie proclaimed Campbell Town on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1820). Glenalvon House and Glenalvon Stables Museum Open Day. The story of 'The Making of Elizabeth, a sculpture by Tom Bass' will run on the Imac.

### 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006, Sunday:

From 1:00 pm a Christmas Social for members and their guests at Glenalvon. Please bring a plate.

**3rd February 2007, Saturday:** Museum open 9.30- 1pm  
Theme: Campbelltown children through the years.

**February Outing** - to St. Helen's Park - Date to be confirmed - If interested, please 'phone Jenny on 0417 556 756 by the end of January.

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2007, Saturday:** General Meeting 1.30pm: Guest speaker, member Dana Vale - 'My Favourite European City'.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007, Saturday:

National Trust Heritage Festival. Museum Open Day 9.30 - 1pm. Speaker from National Parks Assn Macarthur Branch on 'Landscape and Environment' at 11am.

### 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Saturday:

General Meeting at 1.30 pm at Glenalvon Stables Museum. Guest Speaker Val West 'Lachlan Macquarie - Visionary and reformer'

**7<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 Saturday** - Museum CLOSED for Easter.

**14<sup>th</sup> April, 2007, Saturday:** Museum open. 9.30-4 pm. Special showing of Lithgow St. School photographs. New photographs brought by visitors can be scanned.

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Saturday** - General Meeting at 1.30pm -  
Theme: Anzac Day

**5<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 - Saturday:** Museum Open Day

**24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 - Saturday:** General Meeting. Guest Speaker Denys Cato - Disaster Medicine

### **Other Events:**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>-December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Tom Bass Retrospective at the Opera House.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> to 18th March 2007:**

The National Trust Heritage Festival. "Places in Context: Cultural & Natural Landscapes".

**17<sup>th</sup> March, 2007:** Ingleburn Festival - The Society will be participating.

### **20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **School Gathering 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2006**

Over 83 people signed the attendance lists for the gathering of ex-students at the Public School Lithgow St., Campbelltown on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Many Society members were present.

The gathering was preceded by an Infants Assembly under cover outside, the teacher in charge being Miss Jacqueline Catford. As well as items by the children, Daisy Haywood, who had attended the school in the 1920's told those present some of the changes which had taken place. Stella Vernon brought thanks from the Society for the facilities provided.

After repairing to the Library where a sumptuous morning-tea had been prepared by the P & C, members were able to inspect the photograph albums prepared by the late Garnet Dredge, Doug Dredge and Stella Vernon, and also those which had been collected for the Library in 1976.

Medal for the person coming the furthest we think went to Jim Ponsonby from Perth although Bob Jones from Malanda in Queensland, was a close second. The oldest person present was Daisy Haywood, closely followed by Bill Bursill, Lil Hephher, Jack Hephher and Edna Willis.

Our thanks are due to Trevor Rhodes, who scanned all the available information and photographs on to his computer, and which he was happy to show to those interested on the day. At some times he had quite a queue of folk waiting for their 'year' to show up.

Some of those present passed around memorabilia they had brought. and some items of memorabilia were donated to the Society on the day. The Society has decided to have a special day at the Museum, on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 when folk can bring extra photographs to be scanned and class names can be checked again.

**Wind and Fire** In his talk on Saturday 28th October, Lindsay Reynolds expanded on his theme of 'Wind and Fire - the effect of Wind and Slope on Bushfires. He explained to his audience how the weather (the temperature) and humidity (the moisture content) and finally the wind velocity as well as the slope of the terrain affected the outcome of a fire. His talk was illustrated by many charts and drawings which he explained in detail.

Preceding his talk, Lindsay explained the way Campbelltown had expanded since he had arrived to live here. He concluded with descriptions of some of the fires which had caused devastation in the local area in recent times.

**Museums Chapter Meeting:** The Southern Highlands and Illawarra Chapter meeting on October 22nd was hosted by Berrima Museum. Speakers were Carol Liston from the Royal Australian Historical Society, and Bill Storer from the Museums Association. Trevor Rhodes, Greg Simoni and Jenny Goodfellow gleaned a lot of information and ideas from representatives of other museums in our region, and thoroughly enjoyed the museum tour, the highlight of the meeting.

**Ivor G Thomas Memorial Lecture:** Over 150 people some from as far afield as North Queensland and Western Australia, attended this lecture on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Bob Jones spoke at length on his father Dr Karl Owen Jones and his thirteen years in Campbelltown, his work at Milby Hospital and the establishment of the Baby Health Centre. Bob recorded the story of Dr Jones in a book, published by the Society, and copies are available for \$9.90 at Glenalvon Stables Museum or by post for \$12.

**The Museum and grounds** of Glenalvon were used by the Stewardson family for a happy family reunion on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**Members News.** Two of our globe-trotting members had returned to us by the October meeting. Bev. Harrison in a walk across England from West to East visited the lakes, the dales and the moors. In other words Wordsworth, Herriott and Heartbeat country. Joan Ponsonby accompanied her daughter Anne to England where they were based in London. They visited Frank Lappin an old Campbelltown identity and then had trips through Devon and Cornwall

Joan missed her son Jim and wife Colleen, who were visiting the Eastern States having won the Western Australian section of the Telecom Small Business Awards.

**Barbecue lunch:** Members of Campbelltown District Family History Society braved the unseasonal cold on 21st October for a barbecue lunch at Glenalvon. Good food and good company made the day enjoyable.

**Fishers Ghost Festival.** Our latest Grist Mills 'Federation and Beyond: The Marlow Collection' was launched by Mayor Aaron Rule at the Museum at the Servants' Quarters behind Glenalvon on our Open Day on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Guests included Councillor Rudi Kolkman and former Mayor Greg Percival with his wife Diana. There were many visitors throughout the day, who appreciated photographs of past festivals and the Marlow collection depicting old Campbelltown which were shown on the Imac.

**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.

**Email Newsletters:** Future issues of 'The Kernel' can be sent electronically to anyone who has given an email address. If you are happy to receive your Newsletter in this format, please advise David Beddie on newsletter@cahs.com.au. News items can be sent in the same way.

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