

# THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airs  
Historical Society Inc

November 2008

## From The President:

As your new President, this is my first report for the Kernel.

Our volunteers have worked very hard to achieve a great deal, and the Society profile in the community has been raised by their efforts.

Research and administration has been a major part of the Committee's work and we have been successful in securing two Grants – one from RAHS towards publication of Grist Mills next year, and the other from Museums and Galleries NSW for a regional collection cataloguing computer course using Collections MOSAiC Plus.

The gardens are magnificent thanks to the efforts of the garden team – and have been enjoyed by all our visitors. The roses in particular have responded to regular and loving attention. It will be interesting to watch the effect that summer has on the plants.

We have been involved in many successful activities lately, especially during October and November. A record number of visitors have enjoyed guided tours of Glenalvon, and several groups have been on our newly introduced Queen Street walking tour. A varied and interesting program of speakers has been arranged by Stella Vernon, and enjoyed by members and visitors.

Please look out in the Kernel for the exciting program we have planned for you during 2009 – especially three bus tours.

My best wishes for a safe, refreshing and happy Christmas and New Year for yourselves and your families.

I look forward to meeting everyone again at the launch of the Hubert Peter Lazzarini exhibition on Saturday, 14th February, 2009 at 10.30 am.

Jackie Green

The booklet "The Story of St. Helens Park Campbelltown" is now available at a cost of \$10 plus \$2.50 postage.

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## Meeting Dates and Open Days:

The Museum is open regularly on 1st Tuesday, 2nd Saturday, 3rd Wednesday of every month except December and January, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Visitors are welcome.

**Saturday, December 13th, 2008** 10am-12.30pm. Last open morning for the year. 11am - Launch of Grist Mills and Launch of St. Helen's Park book. Members shared lunch, trivia and social time to follow.

The Museum is closed for the rest of December and January. If you have any queries, or some free time to help out, we will be working some days, so please phone 0402 008 970 and we can tell you which are the working bee days.

**February 14th, 2009.** Open morning. 10am – 1pm. Launch of J.P. Lazzarini collection at 10.30 am.

**Saturday, February 28th, 2009.** General Meeting 1.30pm followed by guest speaker. 'The Melville Story' by David Beddie.

**Saturday, March 14th, 2009.** Open Morning 10am – 1pm. Tours of the house and garden. Lazzarini display continues.

**Saturday, March 28th, 2009.** General Meeting 1.30pm. guest speaker to follow. Jeff McGill, Editor Macarthur Advertiser.

**Saturday, April 18th, 2009.** (Note change of date because of Easter Saturday on April 11th. ) Open Morning. Heritage Festival. 'Our Place in Space'. Displays and talks on Astronomy from our local Astronomy Club.

**Saturday, April 25th, 2009.** Anzac Day. General Meeting. 1.30pm. Speaker to be advised.

**Saturday, May 9th, 2009** Open Morning 10am – 1pm. Tours of the house and grounds. Displays to focus on the appointment in England of Lieutenant General Lachlan Macquarie as Governor of New South Wales. AT 11 am Dana Vale will give a short talk on Macquarie's Memorials in Scotland.

**Saturday, May 28th, 2009.** General Meeting 1.30pm. Guest speaker to be advised. Displays for today and open mornings for the next month will feature the Fitzpatrick curtains.

**Saturday, June 13th, 2009.** Open morning 10am-1pm. Working display by Embroiderers Guild. Fitzpatrick curtains also on display.

**Saturday, June 27th, 2009.** General Meeting 1.30pm. Guest speaker Ted Sedgwick. 'The Dairy Farms of Campbelltown.

### **Condolences.**

Family and friends are mourning the death of Mildred Schaefer in November. A graveside service was held in St. Peter's Cemetery on Wednesday, 26th November. Mildred had been in Carrington Hospital for twelve months, but in the past has been generous to the Society, passing on to us many mementos of the Warby and Wallace families.

**Campbelltown Show - Change of Date – and reduced time-frame.**

Now it will be from 3pm Friday April 3rd and all day Saturday April 4th. The Society will be holding a stall for selling books and promoting their activities. Intending exhibitors in any section of the Show watch the newspapers for entering and picking up times.

### **Heritage Week**

National Trust Heritage Festival dates are 4-19 April 2009. The theme is 'Our Place in Space'. The date of Council's Heritage Forum in this week is yet to be advised.

**Saturday May 2nd** – John Bunyan will be holding a service to celebrate 200 years from the appointment in England of Lieutenant-General Lachlan Macquarie as Governor of NSW. More details later.

### **Outings for 2009**

Our first outing for 2009 is on March 21st. We will be going to Meroogal, an historic house in Nowra. We will stop at Berry for lunch. You have a choice of exploring historic Berry or visiting a chocolate factory (own expense). The fare for the coach for this trip is \$37.00 (min 15), the more people who book the cheaper it becomes. There is a maximum of 22 so be early. A "paid for" seat is a confirmed seat. Entry into the house is separate and to be paid by you on arrival. (\$4.00 for seniors \$8.00 for others, free for HHT members). Money is to be paid by Feb 28th.

Contact Learna Coupe on: 02 46266437 or 0458679841

**Computer help.** Is there a MacIntosh expert out there? We have an IMac which gets little use and for which we need some advice. If you can help please ring 0402008970.



The photograph above is from our Lithgow St. school photograph Project. The collection still has gaps but is as complete as we can make it. Those interested in individual class copies up to 1957 should write to the Society requesting details of prices and conditions.

### **An anniversary for Stan and Margaret Reeve.**

'Over 100 family members and friends gathered at Gowrie Farm on Saturday 6th December to celebrate 60 years of its occupation as a working dairy farm by Stan and Margaret Reeve. Hank Reeve acted as MC, Rob gave a short history of the Farm, Sam brought memories of growing up on the farm, Tom read Psalm 91, as well as collaborating with Rob on an amazing photo display, and Lucy conducted a family choir in the singing of the Gowrie hymn, written by Stan. A sumptuous afternoon tea was enjoyed in a huge marquee, and there was an ice-cream, milk-shake and coffee kiosk for enjoyment. There were hay-rides, boating and the Gowrie balloon for the young at heart and plenty of nostalgic conversation for those whose memories were long.

A more complete article will be included in a later 'Grist Mills'

**Research.** Reginald Cornwell - Can anyone give any information on Reginald Cornwell - He established a Sports Club at Minto but it's now defunct. His daughter in England would like to contact anyone who knew him. Reginald died about 1963. He had lived at 71 Kent Street Minto. Anyone who can give any information contact Marie Holmes on phone: (02) 46 252876. or marieholmes@iprimus.com.au

**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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