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From The President:

Welcome to new committee member Norm White. Learna Coupe has volunteered to sit in on the committee to 'learn the ropes'.

This has been a busy period, made successful by cooperation and teamwork of committee members and volunteers.

Our 60th Anniversary has occasioned good media publicity.

YOUR COMMITTEE:

President: Jenny Goodfellow
Vice President: Trevor Rhodes
Secretary: Jackie Green
Treasurer: David Beddie
Minutes Secretary: Wayne Williams
Committee: Beryl Godley
Alex Goodsell
Marie Holmes
Stella Vernon
Norm White
Welfare Officer: Dana Vale

MUSEUM NEWS:

Saturday Open Days attract good visitor numbers, Tuesday and Wednesday Open Days are still slow. Volunteers thoroughly enjoyed the recent visit by Dural Historical Society. Students from Eagle Vale High School walked through St Peter's Churchyard before visiting Glenalvon.

Following the welcome spring rain, the gardens are looking beautiful. The roses have been pruned, and gardens weeded and tidied. Our thanks to members who have donated camellias. Campbelltown City Council will present their Garden Competition Awards in Glenalvon Gardens on 7th October.

A variety of birds, including rosellas, have been feeding in the grounds.

HERITAGE ITEMS:

Varroville and The Scenic Hills: A large parcel of land adjacent to the heritage property 'Varroville' was recently sold to a developer, who also has an option on the Scenic Hills Riding Ranch. The developer has presented a 'concept plan' for a 'business park' to Campbelltown City Council, and will in due course put in a full Development Application (D/A). Our Society has written to Council expressing our concerns.

Glenalvon: The owner of the old RSL site in Lithgow Street has lodged a new Development Application for building of six-storeys plus plant. Our Society has lodged a formal objection to this development on the grounds of adverse effects on Glenalvon.

Quondong: Campbelltown City Council Visitor Information Centre recently celebrated its tenth anniversary at Quondong.

Grants: We received a Volunteer Small Equipment Grant from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. This will enable us to buy a digital camera, video camera, overhead projector and an urn.

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.

22nd September, 2007 - General Meeting - 'A Home in Campbelltown - 70 Moore St.' Speaker: Stella Vernon. The talk will feature memories and stories of the three Vernon sisters who lived in the house in the 1930's - Lavinia who taught music, Constance who taught elocution and Ivy who practised good housekeeping and was a friend to all. Enquiries to 4625 1822 or 4625 3028.

(October 7th - Garden Comp Awards at Glenalvon)

13th October, 2007 - Saturday - Museum Open Day 10am - 1pm - Demonstration by the Bobbin Lace Group in the Servants' Quarters at the rear of Glenalvon. Our display for History Week of 'The Legacy of Photographs' will continue.

27th October, 2007 - General Meeting - Speaker is Dr. Peter Bolt a lecturer at Moore College - and his theme will be 'Thomas Moore of the District of Airds'. Since the 150th anniversary of the college in 2006, Dr. Bolt has studied the life and family of Thomas Moore before and after his coming to Australia.

3rd November - Fishers Ghost Parade Day - Museum opens from 10am - 4pm.

10th November - Saturday - Open Day 10am - 1pm. We shall also be holding a Street Stall. Help is needed.

24th November - Saturday - 1.30pm General Meeting - Show and Tell You may choose your own interesting object to talk about, or one that interests you from the Society's collection.

1st December, 2007 - Saturday - Foundation Day. Assemble near Mrs. Macquarie's statue in Mawson Park at 10am then morning tea at Glenalvon at 11am. (This is also the date of the Family History Society's Annual Christmas Barbecue)

8th December, 2007 Saturday - Open morning 10am - 1pm. Annual Christmas Social starts 12.30pm. Please bring a plate.

February 23rd, 2008 Saturday - General Meeting 1.30pm. 'Macquarie's Kingdom' Speaker: Almis Simanis.

March 9th 2008 - Saturday - Open morning 10am- 1pm - Display of Bev. Harrison's collection featuring the Gore family photographs and documents. Part of this collection will continue during March.

March 22nd - Easter Saturday. General meeting commencing at 1.30pm. will be held. Speaker to be advised.

CONDOLENCES/OBITUARIES

Sympathy is extended to Marie and Alex Goodsell at the passing of Marie's brother Donald Brunero. President Jenny Goodfellow and Marie Holmes attended the funeral.

Eric Stretch: Our condolences to Clarice Stretch on the recent sad passing of her husband Eric.

Condolences are offered to Doreen Smart and family in the death of her husband Ray on 29th August, 2007. Ray and Doreen were faithful members of the Society over many years and regular attendees at the Ivor G. Thomas lecture. As a committed Mason, Ray was happy to give the Society a talk on the history of his Masonic Club.

Ray was also a member of the Scouting movement, in Campbelltown and Narellan, and a member of The Friends of St. Thomas Cemetery. Ray leaves his wife, Doreen and four sons, Craig, Ian Neil and Stuart and their families to mourn his loss.

Friends and family are mourning the death of Jess Wilkinson on September 9th. Jess came along to Richmond Villa to help us launch 'From Many Lands we Come' and shared with us her enthusiasm for teaching English to migrants. Sympathy is extended to Jess' children John, Penny and David.

Sympathy is extended to members Stan and Margaret Reeve, of 'Gowrie' Campbelltown in the loss of their son James Stewart (Jim) Reeve on August 16th 2007 at Perth. Jim was aged 57 years and leaves his wife Elizabeth, six children and brothers and sisters Tom, Rob (and Lorna), Sam (and Janet), Hank and Lucy (and Bob) to mourn his loss.

Outings:

On 16th August at The Carolyn Simpson Library, in The Mint building in Macquarie Street, a small group of members viewed samples of historic curtaining and wallpaper. We were given access to a number of books on antique furniture and furnishings, and also Ghost Tales of Campbelltown. We were made very welcome by the staff, and had many questions answered.

Campbelltown theatre Group's Olde Time Music Hall offered a night of fun and frivolity, with of course audience participation. We joined members of Campbelltown District Family History Society at this event.

The Theatre Group will present an entirely different style of production, 'Hair' in November.

Members' news:

Congratulations to Trevor and Anne Rhodes on the birth of their first Grandchild, Charlotte Anne, born to Kylie Rhodes and Scott Nickless.

Congratulations to Jan and Robert King on the birth of a new grandchild,

Learna Coupe will be holidaying in the next few weeks in Britain and Europe.

Congratulations to members Tom and Ruth Stewardson on the birth of their first grandchild Adah Louise in Rockhampton on 24th August. Fond parents are Lisa and Scott Shepherd and grandparents Leslie and David Millican.

Tom and Ruth are also rejoicing the news that their other son-in-law, Duncan McMeekin, a barrister in Brisbane, has been made a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

The Banfields are also travelling overseas, as are Cyril and Diana Brookes.

HISTORY WEEK:

We celebrated History Week at the Lecture, and thank Stella Vernon and Jan Tripodi for the presentation of 'Legacies', a series of heritage photographs. These will again be on display at the Museum for the next month.

Happy Birthday



Photos courtesy of Marie Holmes.



We celebrated our 60th anniversary in July. Above is a photo of past president, Alex Goodsell and current president, Jenny Goodfellow cutting the birthday cake.

IVOR G THOMAS MEMORIAL LECTURE:

A return to St Peter's Parish Centre for the Annual Lecture, held on 15th September, proved successful. The hall was beautifully set up. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, thanks the work of St Peter's Women's Guild. Guest speakers were thoroughly entertaining, and society members and guests enjoyed the fellowship. The book 'Dorchester Farm', launched at the lecture, contains many photographs and a comprehensive history of the property, now know as Briar Cottage. Copies are on sale at the museum for \$10.00.

VOLUNTEERS:

Tour Guides: A number of members attended the first training session for Glenalvon Tour Guides. Jackie and Ken Green and Jan King have used their skills to enlighten visitors to Glenalvon. Norm White will update signs and look after exhibits in the rural exhibition Centre, and would like a couple of helpers.

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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