



NEWSLETTER

UPDATE ON OUR 60th ANNIVERSARY

Plans for the celebration are well in hand and on Monday 24th July at our cocktail party we will have the following:

During the evening there will be a continuous PowerPoint presentation of Life Members, images of museum during construction and front pages of our journals.

On display boards around the museum will be photos of historic events. A banner advertising our Diamond Anniversary will be at the front entrance to the museum.

The function will be catered by Phillipa and Roger Percy from Camden Civic Centre with two waitresses serving finger food to members and guests. The drinks will be available in the Galleria.

*Members living at Carrington Retirement Village will have return transport for this celebration. The Village Office would like to know numbers for this service.

To mark the occasion the address will be delivered by our President Dr Ian Willis.

Enclosed is your personal invitation.

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JOURNALS TO BE POSTED ON LINE

The society is now posting its very popular journal CAMDEN HISTORY online. The first journal to be posted by the society webmaster Steve Robinson was September 2016 and it went online this week.

A link was posted on Facebook and has had several hundred views and a number of shares and likes. This very popular journal edition sold out in print as soon as it was published. The society could not meet the demand for the print version. The issue contained a range of stories from a profile on local artist Brian Stratton OAM, a story by Col Smith the Barber, to a story of Pansy from Wayne Bearup, to a university assignment by Sophie Mulley. There was also a story by Joy Riley and local identity Mark Latham about Kirkham. Other editions of the journal will be posted online on the society website over coming weeks.

This process was initially prompted by member Doug Barrett after an historical question by a visiting researcher to the museum.
Ian Willis (Journal Editor)



Ordinary General Meetings 2017

- 8 February
- 8 March
- 12 April
- 10 May
- 14 June
- 12 July
- 9 August & AGM
- 13 September
- 11 October
- 8 November
- 13 December

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Museum,

40 John St, Camden.
All welcome

Ph: (02) 4655 3400

REMINDER - Our journal editor Ian Willis is asking for contributions from members on your interactions and any relevant images of the Society for the next special edition. Contact Ian on: Ph: 46580193 or Email: iwillis804@gmail.com

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Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2017

- 14 June - Maurice Augustyn - Warragamba Dam
 12 July - Daphne Lowe Kelley - Her Grandfather's family were Chinese market gardeners in Camden
 9 August - AGM
 13 September - History Week - Show and Tell
 11 October - History of CRAG - by former Presidents
 8 November - Peter Ryan - Talking on The Pines in Menangle Park, an 1870's stone house
 13 December - Christmas Party

** The above speakers/topics are subject to change

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM IN 2017

The total for the last 3 months is 1550 This includes visitors and various groups.

MACARTHUR GRAPEVINE

There is a new tourism initiative called the Macarthur Grapevine. It is designed to encourage and inspire our local community to explore and discover their own region. Check it out on the following link:

www.macarthurgrapevine.com.au

The SOCIETY'S FACE BOOK PAGE

We have recently placed on Facebook photos and information of Pansy and of Camden. Check it out and other great facts on the following link.

www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

Farewell:

To our long term volunteer and Life Member Brian Burnett, who has resigned due to ill health. Thank you for your many years of service to the Society.

Volunteers required urgently:

If you have a friend who you would like to share a coffee/tea and conversation, invite them to be a volunteer at the Museum for 2½ hours one day per month.

We are currently needing people for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Please contact our **Volunteer Coordinator Rene Rem on 0424 847 492** for further details.

Volunteers Needed

The society is always on the lookout for those who would like to lend a hand. It does not matter how small the contribution, every little bit makes a difference.

If helping out at the Museum appeals to you then see or call Rene on 0424847492. He will be able to fit you into the Society's programme.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR 2017/18

Renewal form enclosed. Subscriptions remain the same.

Single - \$15.00 Family - \$20.00

MINI DISCOVERERS VISIT 16 MAY 2017 THEME: COMMUNICATIONS

On Tuesday morning preschoolers from the library came to visit the museum.

The group investigated and played with phones of various ages, some writing implements and we had items on loan from the Soldiers Settlement Museum at Campbelltown including a tin can communicator and a field phone from WWII.



FEBRUARY 10 TALK WITH IAN WILLIS

At our first General Meeting of 2017 we had Ian talking on 'The Cowpastures, just like an English landscape'.

The early colonial European settlers in the Cowpastures were the key players in the story of creating an English-style landscape along the Nepean River. The settlers took possession of the countryside from the Dharawal Aboriginal people and re-made it in their own vision of the world. They constructed a cultural landscape made up of an idealised vision of what they had left behind in the 'Old Country'. For the European settlers the new continent, and particularly the bush, had the elements of the Gothic with its grotesque and the demonic, and the English-style landscape aesthetic they created was one attempt to counter these forces. Settlers used the aesthetic to assist the creation of a new story on an apparently blank slate and in the process dispossessed and displaced the Indigenous occupants. The new landscape was characterised by English placenames, English farming methods and English settlement patterns, with only cursory acknowledgement of Indigenous occupation. The early settlers had such a profound impact on the countryside that their legacy is still clearly identifiable today even after 200 years.



Dr Ian Willis UOW

MARCH 8 TALK WITH JAMES WARRAND

The Grounding of HM Bark Endeavour
Monday 11th June 1770 11pm

The talk focused on the sailing aspects of the grounding and the subsequent determined efforts by Cook and his crew to save the ship. Together with the practical difficulties they encountered and how these were overcome. Leading to the beaching of the Endeavour, where Cooktown is today and the struggles to repair the ship. The difficult voyage to Batavia before any full-scale repairs could be effected, and the very near disaster only two days after sailing from Cooktown harbour. James also raffled at the meeting an entry ticket to the Maritime Museum which Bob Lester won.



Above: James Warrand

A volunteer at the
Maritime Museum

Left: Endeavour replica
at the Maritime Museum

APRIL 12 TALK WITH ROGER PERCY

Roger, from Camden Council is co-ordinator of the Alan Baker Art Collection which will be housed in the historic Macaria building opposite the museum in John Street, Camden. The collection will consist of 77 works, of which 55 have been loaned by long time friends and noted art benefactors Max and Nola Tegel with the other 22 being loaned by the artist's son, Gary Baker.

Alan Baker (1914 - 1987) who moved to The Oaks in 1961 made a significant contribution to art in Camden and was a pioneer in the community. The first floor will have the curator's office, meeting room and storage space. The ground floor will be used to display Alan Baker's paintings along with paintings acquisitioned from the Camden Council's collection from the Camden Art Show.

It is anticipated that each room will have a theme such as works before 1960, his famous flower artworks, portraits, landscapes and seascapes.

The Camden Council is in the process of selecting a curator and the colour schemes of the walls will be discussed in consultation with the curator. When operational the gallery will be open to the public with the same opening hours as our museum.

This will be a major cultural attraction to this precinct.



Roger Percy and with Ray Herbert below



MAY 10 TALKS FOR HERITAGE WEEK BY MEMBERS

Members told their story on how they and their families came to live in Camden. It was a very informative night and gave an insight into how decisions made at the time changed lives.

Members were: Frances and Harry Warner, Heather Pascoe, Sue Cross, Ashley King, Anne McIntosh, Linda Jackson, Robert Wheeler.

After their stories, all speakers were asked to submit to the Society notes on their talk to be preserved in our files and may be used in a future publication.



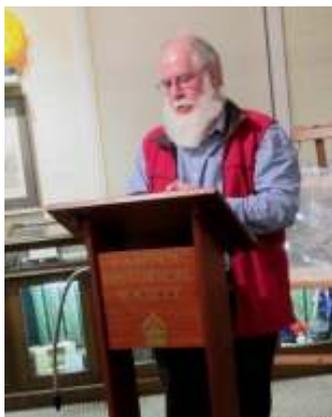
Linda Jackson



Frances and Harry Warner



Julie Wrigley assisting Heather Pascoe



Robert Wheeler



Ashley King



Sue Cross



Anne McIntosh

THE SOCIETY AT THE CAMDEN SHOW 31/3 - 1/4/2017

The weather was fine and there were 41,000 people who attended the show.

It was our best show ever with sales of dvd's and publications reaching a total of \$1230.00.

On our first morning at the stand we were delighted to have two members of our local police force visit us.

On such an occasion as this show, we are always indebted to the many volunteers who assisted on our stand over the two days.



Frances Warner and Stephanie Trenfield



Val Finch with Senior Constables Ruttle and Blackmore

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SOCIETY

NAIDOC WEEK - JUNE 2 - 7

THEME : OUR LANGUAGE MATTERS

The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017.

Camden Council will celebrate the week with a Community Art Exhibition in Camden Library within their opening hours with free entry.

Camden Council will also celebrate with a flag raising and community fun day on Tuesday 4 July from 10.30am at the Administration Building, Central Ave, Oran Park.

For more details contact Camden Council on Ph: 4645 5084



Australian Aboriginal Flag

HISTORY SHOWCASE - AUGUST 2

Belgenny Farm presents a showcase of local family and history resources on the first Wednesday in August.

It is a chance to come along, tour the site, enjoy a Devonshire Tea in the tea rooms and talk to local history groups and family history associations.

This is an opportunity to delve into your own family tree and learn about where to look for further information.

******The Society will have a stand with our DVD's and publications at this event.

Belgenny Farm contact details: Ph: 4654 6800

Address: 100 Elizabeth Macarthur Ave, Camden South 2570



CAMDEN ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES FAIR - AUGUST 5 - 6

Camden Civic Centre is the venue for this fair.

A variety of items including jewellery, artefacts, precious gemstones, china, porcelain, literature, furniture, linen and collectables - all for sale.

Have two personal items appraised by a reputed dealer between 10am and 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Appraisals charged at a nominal fee.

******The Society will have a stand with our DVD's and publications at this event.

Fair Times: Saturday 5 August - 10am to 5pm

Sunday 6 August - 10am to 4pm

Entry Cost: \$8.00

Civic Centre Contact: Ph: 4655 8681



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General Admission Free

Opening Times

Thursday– Sunday 11.00am – 4.00 pm

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MEMBERSHIP 2017 - 18

Individual \$15, Family \$20

The Camden Historical Society

The society was founded in 1957. Its aim is to promote the local history and heritage of Camden. It primarily does this through managing the Camden Museum which opened in 1970. General admission to the museum is free, although visitors are encouraged to leave a donation. The museum is conducted entirely by volunteers. It also receives substantial and continuing assistance from Camden Council.

Historic Precinct

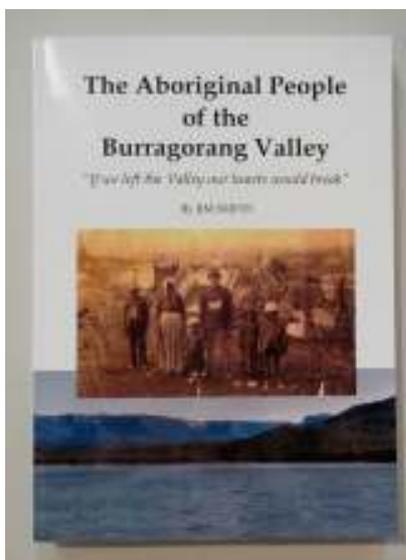
The museum is located in Camden's historic precinct. It is part of the Camden Library Museum Complex. It provides an ideal start for a walking tour of the town area where the visitor can observe the charm and character of the town centre.

Research

The Society's archives are open to the public. General enquiries are free. Specific research by our volunteers attracts a \$15 fee plus photocopying. Extensive use of the Society's records is by negotiation.

All donations to the Camden Historical Society Inc over \$2 are tax deductible. The accredited value of objects donated to the society are eligible for tax deduction.

NEW BOOK



Jim Smith has documented in 'The Aboriginal People of the Burratoranga Valley', a unique community in a unique setting the like of which I know no other. For the people of the Blue Mountains it provides a rich background to understanding the Aboriginal members of our community.

This book is available for purchase at the museum for \$50.00

NEW ITEMS IN MUSEUM CABINET

In the display cabinet outside the Library, John and Julie Wrigley have arranged an informative display of relics of the Camden Chinese Market Gardeners. Next to this cabinet is the 12 minute DVD on 100 Yards of Silk by Wen Denaro running on the TV screen.



The Camden Historical Society would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Hon Angus Taylor MP in the printing of this newsletter.