



NEWSLETTER

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

24 July 2017

A historic moment for our Society. Our cocktail party was attended by around 140 members and guests.

Our treasurer Dawn Williams acted as MC and speeches were kept at a minimum with President Dr Ian Willis speaking on behalf of the Society. Hugh Southwell, President of the Camden Show gave a short address while presenting the Society with a cheque for \$500.00.

The two immediate past Presidents, Bob Lester and John Wrigley OAM had the honour of cutting the anniversary cake.

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Left: cutting the cake
Right: formal address



Left: Hugh Southwell congratulating the Society

Right: Ian accepting the donation to the Society



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 7.30 pm in the Museum,

40 John St, Camden.
All welcome

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MEMORIES OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS



Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2017

13 September - History Week - Going to the movies: a talk with Dr Ian Willis

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

The Committee is seeking speakers for 2018.

We welcome all suggestions.

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

WELCOME

New member and volunteer Christine Pietyga.

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**

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR 2017/18

Subscriptions remain the same.

Single - \$15.00 Family - \$20.00

Dr IAN WILLIS - LIFE MEMBER JUNE 2017

Ian becomes, in the history of the Society, the 24th person to be honoured with Life Membership.

Life membership is awarded from time to time on individuals acknowledging their outstanding contribution to the Society.

As part of the 60th Anniversary celebrations the Society has honoured all recipients on display boards in the museum.

It is interesting to note that Ian was also President at the time of our 50th year, our Golden Anniversary.

He was nominated by John and Julie Wrigley at a Committee meeting and ratified at the June General meeting. Ian was presented with a Certificate at this meeting.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM IN 2017

The total for the last 3 months is 2,048 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

We have recently placed on Facebook photos and information of 'Sirius' and Anzac memorabilia. Check it out and other great facts on the following link.

www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum

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.



Ian accepting his Life Member Certificate from John Wrigley OAM

JUNE 14 TALK WITH MAURICE AUGUSTYN

A very informative night on the construction of Warragamba Dam and Lake Burrigorang.

Maurice talked about his father working on the dam and showed a PowerPoint presentation of the construction and living in Warragamba.

The dam took 12 years to build from 1948 - 1960 and holds four times more water than Sydney harbour. It has a catchment area of over 9,000 square kilometres from south of Goulburn to the north of Lithgow.

When the lake reaches 100% capacity, water is released automatically down the Warragamba River into the Hawkesbury-Nepean River and enters the sea at Broken Bay.



Maurice Augustyn showing his father walking up the side of the dam in construction

JULY 12 TALK WITH DAPHNE LOWE KELLEY

Julie Wrigley stepped in when our planned guest speaker Daphne Lowe Kelley was ill. Julie combined her own research with Daphne's Powerpoint presentation, and told the story of Daphne's grandfather, Wong Yong. He was a Chinese market gardener in Camden in the 1930s and 1940s. In June 1946 he won 5000 pounds in the State Lottery. He donated 50 pounds to the District Hospital and 50 pounds to the Red Cross. Wong Yong returned to his wife in China and died in 1947.



AUGUST 9 AGM AND MEMBER'S SHOW & TELL

Members celebrated popular culture across the decades and shared memories and items they had at the meeting.

Members who participated on the night were:

Leonie Jackson, Frances Warner, Janet and Harry Stait-Gardner, Robert Wheeler and Val Finch.

It was a fascinating walk down memory lane.



Robert showing photos of a recent visit of Scots Church opposite Wynyard Park



Leonie is showing off her debut dress she wore in the 70's.



Harry kept this publication of 'The Hydrogen Bomb' which was provided to all households by the UK Government in the 60's



Janet worked for the magazine Envoy in the 60's which only had a run of 12 months



Frances with her Beatles tea towel. Also talked on the night about her Beatles stockings and her record player.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017/18

Left to right:

Robert Wheeler, Past President Bob Lester, Lee Stratton Secretary, Sharon Greene, President Ian Willis, Treasurer Dawn Williams, Volunteer Co-ordinator Rene Rem and Sue Cross.

Absent for this photo were:

Vice President John Wrigley OAM, Vice President Cathey Shepherd, Julie Wrigley and Stephanie Trenfield.



FAMILY HISTORY DAY AT BELGENNY FARM - 2 AUGUST 2017



It was a lovely day this year as we didn't need the fireplace in the building to keep us warm.

The Creamery centre was open and there were tour guides every hour.

The tea rooms were also open for refreshments.

On hand to promote the Society were Bob Lester, Dawn Williams, Lee Stratton and Sharon Greene (pictured).

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIR - 5-6 AUGUST 2017

It was a very busy weekend at the Civic Centre.

This marked the 31st year of this event in Camden. It was, as always a great success for all participants.

Many thanks to all those members who, for the two days took part in manning our table.

In the photo is our Treasurer Dawn Williams, who is just one of our members who is always prepared to support the Society.



CAMPBELLTOWN & AIRDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON 19 AUGUST 2017



Members representing the Camden Historical Society at this Memorial Lecture and Celebration was Sharon Greene and Lee and Brian Stratton OAM.

There were around 120 people who attended this event to hear Christopher Thomas remembering his uncle, the Founder Dr Ivor Thomas. Others spoke of the Society and remembered important Past Members.

After the programme there was an afternoon tea for members and guests.

Top: are the descendants of their Founder Dr Ivor Thomas
Left: President John White with Christopher Thomas about to cut the cake

Right: is the Certificate presented to the Society from Local Member Greg Warren MP



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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.

OPEN DAY



WE HAVE A NEW KITCHEN



Frances using our new kitchen, which is thanks to Camden Council. Special thanks to Wayne Gallagher and his team and in particular, Shane who did much of the renovation work.

NEW WELFARE OFFICER FOR SOCIETY

Our newest member of the Committee, Sue Cross has an additional activity as our new Welfare Officer. If you know of a member who needs extra help please contact Sue on her mobile: **0414360076**



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