



NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Greetings and welcome to 2023 and the challenges it will bring.

In reflection of the past 12 months let us look back to see where we have been and what we have achieved.



2022 saw the re-opening of the museum following our imposed lock down and as a result we have seen our visitors returning to engage with us and our heritage.

A great honour was bestowed on the museum with the awarding of the Blue Plaque which honoured the hard work and dedication of the Camden Red Cross patriotic war time sewing circles at the Camden School of Arts (later the Camden Town Hall and now the Camden Library) 1914 -1918, 1940 - 1946.

Camden was one of 17 recipients in the State to be given this award and we thank Life Member Dr Ian Willis OAM for this great achievement.

Last year we launched several books, which were funded by the Bequest of Janice Johnson, all were centred on the history of Camden.

Recently we have seen the continuation of the combined bus, museum and guided walking tours. These group visits have proved to be successful.

With more schools being established in the Camden district, we anticipate an increase in school visits in the coming years.

A huge vote of thanks to all those volunteers who make these activities possible.

2023; Camden held the Australia Day Parade for the first time in several years and as usual our Society was represented in the parade.

The museum opened earlier on the day to cater for visitors and I arranged, with the Camden Community Band, to play outside the museum following the conclusion of the parade.

As per the constitution this will be my last year serving the Society as President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past two years.

I understand the Hon. Secretary Lee will also be standing down. So I would urge you to consider taking on the role of President and Hon. Secretary at our August AGM, or perhaps serving on the Committee or being a volunteer.

Regards

Ian Ramsay

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General Meetings 2023

- 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
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 7.30 pm

40 John St, Camden.
All welcome

Ph: (02) 4655 3400

UNLOCK CAMDEN 15 OCTOBER 2022

‘Unlocking the stories, the people, the images and the history of Camden.’
In our area of Camden many visited the museum, Family History and the Baker Gallery.
We are indebted to our volunteers for making the day a success.



LAUNCH of 'PLACE NAMES OF THE CAMDEN AREA' By Janice Johnson 13 November 2022

This second edition has been greatly improved by research undertaken by the late Janice Johnson, who died in 2017. Janice made provision in her will to pay for the publishing of the book by Camden Historical Society.

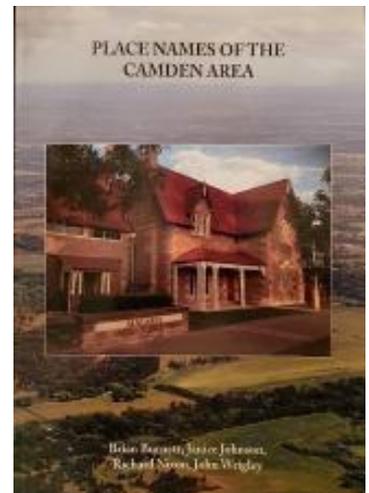
The Society thanks Fletcher Joss and Egarag Pty Ltd for editing Janice's manuscript and taking it through to publication.

This edition uses previous research by Brian Burnett, Janice Johnson, Richard Nixon and John Wrigley.

The book is an alphabetical listing of many of the names of locations, properties, old houses and other places in the Camden district. It will be a very useful reference book for researchers and residents, particularly with locations numbered on the maps.

The book is for sale at the Camden Museum for \$20.

To mark the occasion we were delighted to have Councillor Peter McLean officially launch this important research book.



Councillor Peter McLean



L to R: John Wrigley OAM, Councillor Usha Dommaraju, Peter Sidgreaves MP Camden, Fletcher Jos, Councillor Peter McLean and Julie Wrigley

BLUE PLAQUE CEREMONY 14 NOVEMBER 2022



The blue plaque is attached on the front wall of the Camden Library
In attendance for this auspicious occasion were left to right:
Jo O'Brien, Robert Wheeler, Ian Willis OAM, Peter Sidgreaves MP Camden, Julie Wrigley and Rene Rem



TALK - BRADLEY WARNER - 22 OCTOBER

Bradley, Frances Warner's son, addressed us about Aged Care in the Public Hospital system.

Bradley was recently appointed to General Manager Bowral and District Hospital. He also liaises with Wollondilly Council for welfare of the elderly in the district.

Bradley explained that older women living alone are the most vulnerable everywhere.

Bradley said that there are a lot of challenges ahead within aged care sector.



TALK - CLEM DAVIS - 22 NOVEMBER

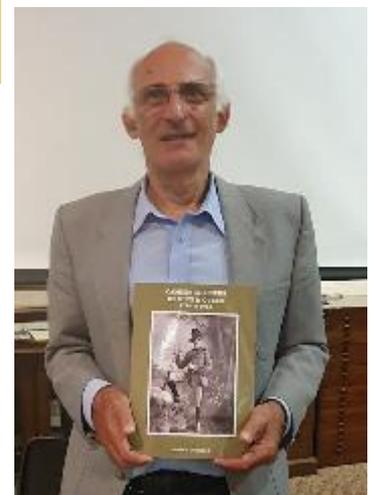
Clem, volunteer from the Australian War Memorial Canberra, first spoke to the Society in February 2022 on WWI.

This time he regaled us with stories of enlisted men and women in the armed forces of WWII.

He highlighted their achievements and detailed how we could find information in the War Memorial database.

If you would like to volunteer at the War Memorial, there are sessions that will provide a series of short presentations from volunteers who will deliver the training as well as those who have recently completed it and become accredited guides.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/get-involved/work-or-volunteer>



CAMPBELLTOWN & AIRDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 75th ANNIVERSARY

On the 29 October 2022, a very hot Saturday afternoon, Julie and John Wrigley OAM and Lee and Brian Stratton OAM attended their celebrations. The Society is one of the oldest in the district. Greg Warren MP, Campbelltown and Cr George Greiss, the Mayor of Campbelltown joined in the celebrations.

Members from Liverpool and Appin Historical Societies were also in attendance.

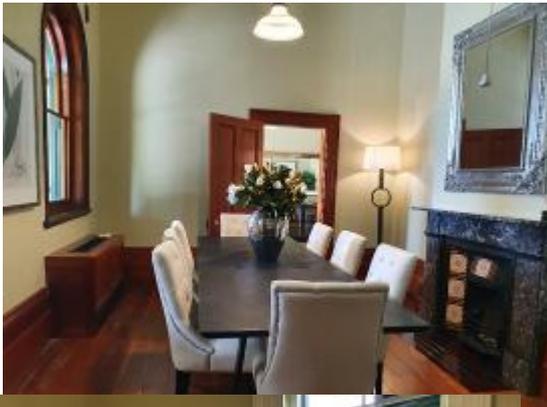
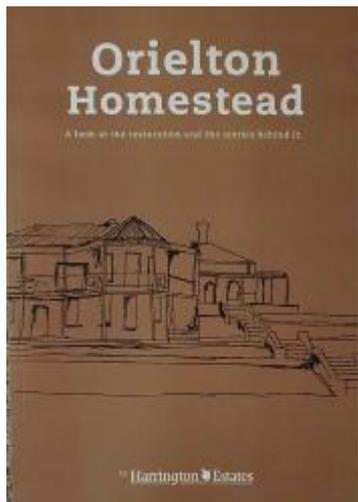
L to R below: John Wrigley pointing to a photo of Lady Dorothy Macarthur-Onslow, Anniversary Sponge Cake and President Kay Hayes holding a donated portrait of C&AHS Founder: Dr Ivor Thomas from his granddaughter.



SALE OF HISTORIC ORIELTON HOMESTEAD

Before the homestead was recently sold, members from the Committee had the opportunity to inspect and view the restoration work.

We were also given a copy of the book for our library produced from the Harrington Estate, which includes before and after photos and the back story to this estate.



AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE 2023

After an absence of three years the Macarthur Lions Club staged our annual parade.

The Society had an historic car in the parade. Many thanks again to Max Boardman for loaning and driving the FJ Holden Ute for us.

This year our President, Ian Ramsay organised for the Camden Community Band to play outside the Library complex to attract more visitors. They were great. Many thanks to Frances Warner who put on a sausage sizzle and drinks for the band members and volunteers on the day.

A thank you also to Rene Rem who organised the finger lamingtons at the front of the museum.

There were around 120 adults and children visiting the museum.



THE CAMDEN SHOW 2023 FRIDAY 24 & SATURDAY 25 MARCH

The Camden Show holds a special place in the hearts of the people of Camden and surrounding districts. It also assists in promoting local organisations.

The Society will be having a stall in the pavilion this year. If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours please either put your name down on the sheet at the front desk of the museum and nominate a day/time, or ring Rene Rem on Mobile 0424 847 492 for more details, especially for admission into the show.



Editor's Notes

Upcoming Talks in 2023

- 8 February**- James Warrand will talk on HMS Veronica and its connection with his father and the NZ earthquake 1931
- 8 March** - Frances Warner will talk on movies, adverts, tv show and catalogue shoots at Camden Park House
- 12 April** - Heritage Week on theme 'Shared Stories' with family background stories by members
- 10 May** - Andy Conlan with a talk on 'Camden Freemasons'
- 14 June** - Michelle Roffe along with a legal representative
- 12 July** - TBA
- 9 August - AGM** and Ian Ramsay on his Norfolk Island trip
- 13 September** - History Week with stories by members
- 11 October** - Jeff McGill with his talk on 'The Light Horse' coinciding with October anniversary
- 8 November** - TBA
- 13 December** - Members' Christmas Party

The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK

We now have around 4,000 followers on our page.

Images are changed regularly and show some of Camden and Districts history. Check it out and other great facts on this link.

www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Society is always needing members who would like to participate in the functioning of the museum . If interested, please contact me.

Rene Rem: 0424 847 492

Visits to the Museum in 2023

As we are now living with COVID there are more groups and events happening in the museum.

- Every Monday from 1.30 - 2.30 pm U3A History free classes are conducted in the museum by Michael Barry (CHS member) commencing early February
- Sylvania Waters Probus group
- Camden Council organising a group celebrating Senior Festival Week (1-12 Feb 2023)

** Many thanks to John & Julie Wrigley and Rene Rem for assisting with the Tours which includes bus and walking tours in the Camden District .

NEW SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

Trish Clark has agreed to be our new Education Coordinator with Camden District primary schools. Trish will collaborate with Rene Rem for volunteers to assist with school visits.

Nonagenarians at work

On duty at the museum, two of our illustrious members.

They are Life Members Peter Hayward OAM and wife Nikki, both recently celebrated their 90th birthday.

Heartiest Congratulations from all of us.



CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



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General Admission Free

Opening Times

Thursday– Sunday 11.00am – 4.00 pm

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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.

MEMBERSHIP 2022 / 2023

Individual \$15, Family \$20

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 DISPLAY IN MUSEUM

Outside the library in the foyer is a new exhibit on 'Shared Stories' for Heritage Week.

Many thanks to Julie and John Wrigley with Rene Rem for the design.

Hat Display includes:

Top:

Bowler Hat (Martin Thurn)
Deer Stalker Hat and Pith
Helmet (B. Cunningham)

Middle:

Middle Eastern Hat (B.
Cunningham)
'Brown Owl' Hat (D.
Wilkinson)

Pakistani Black Fez (B.
Cunningham)

Bottom:

Straw Hat (Miss C. Faithfull-
Anderson)



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT



Happy New Year 2023
And hope this year will be a
Covid-free one

I have sent a card to the
following member:

Frances Warner

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who is unwell my contact
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