



NEWSLETTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016 - 17

At the AGM, our Life Member, Past President Peter Hayward OAM took the chair to preside over the election of the new Committee. Whilst there were no changes to the personnel on the Committee our Constitution dictates that Bob Lester had to stand down as President. We were delighted to welcome Dr Ian Willis as President for the next three years.

Ian presented Bob with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Society. Happily the Constitution also dictates that the immediate Past President remains a member of the Committee.



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Left to Right are: Vice President John Wrigley OAM, Stephanie Trenfield, Roslyn Tildsley, Secretary Lee Stratton, hiding in the back is Rene Rem, President Dr Ian Willis, Julie Wrigley, Vice President Cathey Shepherd and Treasurer Dawn Williams. Absent Sharon Greene.

Ordinary General Meetings 2016

- 12 October
- 9 November
- 14 December

Each meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Museum,

40 John St, Camden.
All welcome

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Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2016

12 October - Oran Park/Catherine Park House restorations with Terry Goldacre

9 November - Lost Buildings in Campbelltown with Andrew Allen's blog

14 December - Christmas Party - and Chinese Market Garden DVD - Please bring a plate

** the above speakers/topics are subject to change

The Committee is seeking suggestions for possible speakers in 2017. We would welcome suggestions.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM IN 2016

The total for the last 3 months is 1825. This includes school and community 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

RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE for June 2016 to June 2017. Membership fees remain the same as last year; Single \$15.00 Family \$20.00. If you should need a renewal form, one is enclosed.

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.

NEW VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Paul Carroll of Camden, Julian Watling of Grasmere, Trevor & Sue Robinson of Grasmere

New Volunteer is Marjorie White.

At present Rene has two persons per roster of two hours and his goal is to have three persons per roster in the future. If any volunteer needs to contact Rene please ring him on 0424847492 or leave a message in the Volunteers' Coordinators tray in the Research Room.

NSW & ACT ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES STATE CONFERENCE 9 – 11 September 2016

A very successful conference for Camden Area Family History Inc and Picton & District Historical & Family History Society Inc. They had a fantastic weekend with 200 people from NSW, Qld, SA and Tasmanian Nick Brodie, who wrote 'Kin' was also a great speaker. It was very stimulating, informative and enjoyable.

The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc voted Warren Sims the Dorothy Fellowes Website Award for Cowpastures and Beyond; a wonderful achievement for a first timer at setting up a website. Congratulations Warren. There was also a banquet on the Saturday night where a cow mascot was put on each table. Then at the end of the night was auctioned to the highest bidder.

Next year the conference will be in Orange.



Left: John Wrigley with Alan Atkinson who won the auction of the cow on their table and donated it to the Society

Right: Betty Yewen on Camden Historical Society table. The Society was also a sponsor for the event.



JUNE 8 TALK WITH JOHN MACARTHUR-STANHAM

At our June General Meeting we were delighted to have two of our members John and Edwina Macarthur-Stanham informing us of the work undertaken to restore the historic stables of Camden Park. John is the seventh generation of the Macarthur family living at Camden Park since 1805. They have done a series of improvements of the property over recent years highlighted by the work undertaken on the stables which date from 1882/3. John explained that whilst the building is no longer used as a stable, it is used for a multitude of purposes including a family wedding. The house is in great demand for film and television purposes the stables also function as an area for the production team.



John & Edwina Macarthur-Stanham

THE STABLES RENOVATIONS AT CAMDEN HOUSE

After the talk John invited members to visit the stables. On the 20 August members from the Society visited the Stables at Camden Park House to see first hand the work undertaken to preserve the building. We had an afternoon tea inside the Stables and later were invited to inspect the old and new gardens. For those present it was a lovely afternoon for which we thank John and Edwina.



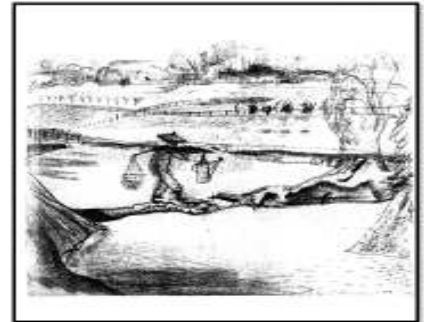
OPEN WEEKEND AT CAMDEN PARK

It is the highlight of the Camden district when this national treasure, Camden House is open to the public for two days (17 –18 September 2016). The Society has had a long association with this important occasion where members gladly volunteer to conduct tours through the house and gardens.



JULY 13 TALK ON CHINESE MARKET GARDENS

Julie stepped into the breach to update the general meeting on the progress of the Chinese Market Gardens 1899- 1993. Wen Denaro could not attend the meeting and Julie Wrigley ably showed a presentation on their story. This project was made possible with a generous grant of \$5,000 from Camden Council to preserve an almost forgotten era in the history of the Camden district. Here is a sketch from Douglas Annand in 1943 depicting a Chinese gardener from those days. The final production of the 12 minute DVD called 'A HUNDRED YARDS OF SILK' was screened in the museum with council representatives and friends on 29 August. The Society contributed to this project with details and photos.



MUSEUM UPDATE ON CHINESE MARKET GARDENS

Upstairs in the Nixon Room in the recently purchased display cases are mementos from the Chinese Market Gardens. Many thanks to Rene Rem for purchasing the display cases, Doug Barratt for photographing the artefacts displayed and John and Julie Wrigley for their expertise in showcasing the items.

Wen Denaro and Julie Wrigley will be showing Wen's DVD '100 Yards of Silk' at our Christmas Party and end of year get together. Julie has assembled a folder with further information containing photographs, birth/death certificates and research material which is available in the museum files.



AUGUST 10 AGM AND TALK ON 'MARYLAND'

Stephen McMahon and Lester Tropman of Macarthur Developments informed the meeting on the historic 'Maryland' development and conservation project. They outlined the areas they will be preserving and the areas where there will be housing developments. In recent times it was the home of Miss Annette and Miss Elizabeth Thompson.

Maryland including the homestead, grounds, outbuildings, stone cottage, former winery, stone store and gate keepers cottage. Also known as Nonorrah with construction years said to be 1820 to 1859.

Thomas Barker, then resident of Darlinghurst renamed the property 'Maryland' after moving in 1857. He was famous for having a large steam mill in the Ultimo area. With the development and infrastructure in the area the new suburb will be renamed 'Barker's Mill' as Maryland was rejected as it was too close to the suburb Merrylands near Parramatta.



Left: John Wrigley with guest speaker Stephen McMahon

Right: 'Maryland' Homestead



SEPTEMBER 14 SHOW & TELL WITH FAMILY RECIPES

Members and friends were invited at the general meeting to a Show and Tell of handwritten recipe books, old kitchen implements and memories of meals and cooking, as part of History Week. Many thanks to those members who spoke and brought samples of 'porcupines', Auntie Jean's sponge, date loaf, fruit cake and lemon pudding. They were Julie Wrigley, Frances Warner, Betty Yewen, Joy Riley, Marjorie White, Leonie Jackson, Gordon Bird and Warren Sims.



END OF AN ERA

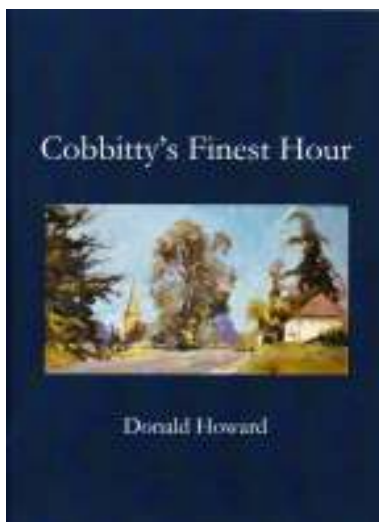
After many years Peter Mylrea OAM resigned as a rostered museum volunteer and was given a Certificate of Appreciation to mark his contribution to the Society. Peter joined the Historical Society in 1994 and had been its archivist since 1996. His particular interest was in the photograph collection and under his management over 2,600 photos were digitised and made available on the Internet. Peter was the Foundation Editor of the Journal of the Camden Historical Society for its first five years and has continued to be a major contributor to the Journal. He also published books on Belgenny and Camden's early history.



Ian Willis giving Peter Mylrea a certificate of appreciation

COBBITTY'S FINEST HOUR BOOK RE-LAUNCH

Julie Wrigley introduced Donald Howard who was present to re-launch his latest publication 'Cobbitty's Finest Hour'. This edition includes the first edition with additional local history from his brother. Books are available at the museum for \$20.00. Donald also signed books on the night. As this was a wonderful occasion, his 90th birthday, we all joined in a chorus of happy birthday.



Maria Campton with Donald Howard

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MEMBERSHIP 2016 –17

Individual \$15, Family \$20

Now due. See attached form.

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.

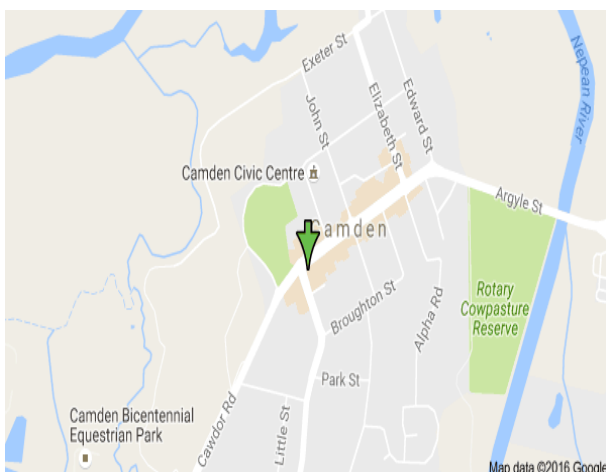
All donations to the Camden Historical Society Inc over \$2 are tax deductible. The accredited value of objects donated to the society are eligible for tax deduction.

[NEW ITEMS IN MUSEUM CABINET](#)

We welcome Angus Taylor MP, who is Assistant Minister for Cities & Digital Transformation, and Federal Member for the Hume electorate to his new office in Camden. Located at:

Suite 2A/190 Argyle Street, Camden

Recently John and Julie Wrigley have created a new and informative display cabinet near the lift in the museum commemorating Gallipoli.



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