



NEWSLETTER

13 JUNE - MICHELLE SCOTT TUCKER
HER BOOK: ELIZABETH MACARTHUR
A LIFE AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

At our June meeting we were delighted to have Michelle as our guest speaker. She owns and operates a Management Consulting Company in Melbourne and this is her first book.

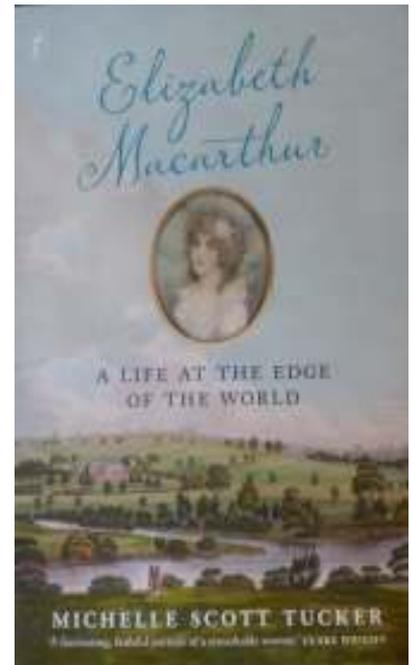
Michelle was in Sydney on a promotional tour for her new book about one of the district's most famous women: Elizabeth Macarthur (1766 – 1850).

This well researched publication gives new insights into the woman who has spent too long in the shadow of her legendary husband, John Macarthur and strengthens her reputation as one of the great pioneers in the establishment of the NSW colony.

Michelle spoke at length on her approach to the manuscript and told of how part of her research was visiting the 100 acre farm in Devon England, where Elizabeth was born.

She spent time afterwards signing copies of the book for our members and friends.

This book is available from our museum for \$33.00



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Ordinary General Meetings 2018

- 11 July
- 8 August & AGM
- 12 September
- 10 October
- 14 November
- 12 December

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

40 John St,
Camden.
All welcome

Ph: (02) 4655 3400



Left: President Dr Ian Willis with Michelle



Right: John and Edwina Macarthur-Stanham with Michelle



Left: Eva Campbell Camden Councillor with Michelle



Right: Harry and Frances Warner with Michelle

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Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2018

12 July - Terry Gordon, a long serving Inglis Real Estate agent in Camden and has seen many changes to the district in his 53 years in the business

8 August - AGM and Dr Ian Willis on topic 'A different Story, Country Newspapers & WW1

12 September - History Week: members and friends share their experiences of life's defining moments and the impact of death on families and communities

10 October - President Dr Ian Willis and Vice President Cathy Shepherd demonstrating how to access and use Trove as a research tool

14 November - Eva Campbell will talk on her long 22 year career as a Camden Councillor about changes and decisions made in her time.

12 December - Christmas get-together

** The above speakers/topics are subject to change

**The Committee is seeking speakers for 2019.
We welcome all suggestions.**

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

WELCOME: To our new member and volunteer Visa Tattaiolefua. Also two students: Lisa Kanatli and Siobhan Burt who are Duke of Edinburgh Award recipients. They are researching a special project which will benefit members of the Society, Camden Library and Camden RSL.

SUE CROSS - WELFARE OFFICER REPORT **Contact: Mobile - 0414360076**

APRIL:

Card sent to Mrs Cheryl Ziemiecki with our sincere sympathies on the loss of her husband Richard. I included a note saying he would be remembered particularly for his hard work on conserving our coin collection.

MAY:

I spoke to council about the trees along Camden Valley Way as requested by a member at the last meeting. Council confirmed the trees are not included in the roads works and are being protected.

I spoke to Carol Guyer, Ron's wife as he was sleeping when I rang. She said he was sleeping a lot due to brain injury but doing pretty well. She said she would pass on our regards to Ron. She sounded pleased with the call. I also sent a card wishing them good health.

I sent a card to Maurice Augustyn who is recovering from a stroke in Nepean Hospital. I also spoke to his wife Kay who said he was recovering well and will be back on duty at the museum on 8 July 2018.

I received Patsy's dog bowl and gave it to Roger at the Art Gallery. He will let us know when they will do the newspaper story so the Historical Society can be represented. I thought perhaps John Wrigley could attend on our behalf, if he is available. I am hoping Bruce Cunningham will be able to attend too. It will be a lovely little story for the Museum, Art Gallery and in remembrance of Llewella Davies, her dog Patsy, Bruce Cunningham and Camden Council.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM

The total number of visitors for the first 5 months 2018 is 3,318. An increase of 750 from previous year.

The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK

At present we are highlighting the Peter Watson photo collection and next month will be Joy Riley's photo collection. Check it out and other great facts on the following link.

www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum

Volunteers Needed Especially 3rd Sat pm

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.

Working With Children Clearance

ALL volunteers who work with school children in the museum must have a clearance from the State Government. Apply through their website link

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

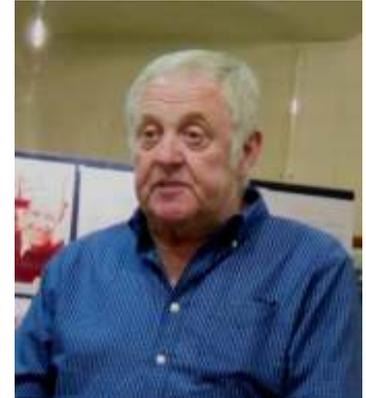
This is a free service for all volunteers. When completed please notify Rene of your acceptance.



14 FEBRUARY - DAVID FUNNELL ON HIS LIFE IN CAMDEN

Well known local identity David Funnell spoke at our February meeting and is the present day '2018 Local Citizen of the Year'. He has been a past member of Camden Council, a leading business man for 45 years when he conducted his Funnell's Electrical Company and he has always been a good friend to the Society.

David gave a wide ranging talk of his lifetime involvement in the Macarthur District. Together with reminiscing of his wider family to his present day interests at the Town Farm and Equestrian Park in Camden, where he invites everyone to please come and visit.



14 MARCH - DR HARVEY BROADBENT PRESENTED 'GALLIPOLI - THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL'

Harvey told the story of Gallipoli from the Turkish point of view.

Throughout his career as TV and radio producer, academic, researcher, and author, Harvey has interviewed Gallipoli veterans, and worked with Turkish academics and researchers who helped him gain access to important archives. While digging through the archives and stories, Harvey also discovered pieces of information about his own family history. His family had soldiers who fought in World War One, and had a great uncle who was killed at Gallipoli in 3rd Battle of Krithia in June 1915.

For more on his life/publications:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvey_Broadbent



Dr Harvey Broadbent with Vice President John Wrigley OAM

11 APRIL - BRADLEY WARNER: AN AGING COMMUNITY

Bradley is the Clinical Manager of South Western Sydney Liverpool Hospital Division.

He spoke about people living longer and how services are changing for an aging community. The reviewing of accidents that elderly have and to their rehabilitation. Bradley and his team are involved in redesigning homes e.g. railings, lighting etc so that elderly can stay in their own home and receive home visits from the hospital and other agencies.

Regards to elderly abuse, Bradley also told us that the first people to become aware of unusual money transactions in their bank accounts are tellers.

Bradley is the son of our long standing members, Harry and Frances Warner. In the photo Frances is holding a crocheted purple square representing Elderly Abuse Day which was celebrated on 15 June 2018.



Bradley with his mother, Frances

9 MAY 2018 - AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The theme for this year's festival is 'My Culture: My Story'.

A number of people spoke including Frances Warner, Wen Denaro, Laura Jane Aulsebrook.

Frances spoke on her family tree where she found out her ancestors, the Stein family, were bought out by William Macarthur to work on the vineyards and generations later Frances is working at Camden Park.

Laura Jane spoke about her beautiful extensive 1950's clothes and accessories.

Wen spoke about her award winning documentary called '100 yards of Silk'. Wen went to California to accept her Certificate of Recognition, which she is holding in the photo and had a lovely time visiting the area and friends.



Left: Laura Jane Aulsebrook

Above: Wen Denaro and Right: Frances Warner

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

1 AUGUST - HISTORY SHOWCASE

This will be the only open day of the year run by Belgenny Farm.

There will be various Historic Societies, Family History groups and Genealogy experts. The Society will have a table there with information to hand out and items to sell.

Refreshments are available all day from 10am.

For more information on the day go to: www.belgennyfarm.com.au



4-5 AUGUST - ANTIQUE FAIR

A very popular event in the Camden Community on this weekend.

The Society will have a table there with information to hand out and items to sell.

If you would like to assist on either day on our table, please see Rene or ring him on: Mobile: **0424847492** to be included on a roster sheet. These will be 2 hour sessions.



OPEN DAY AT CAMDEN PARK

22 - 23 SEPTEMBER

A visit to this beautiful historic home is a yearly event. There will be Society members volunteering as guides on the day.

Designed by colonial architect John Verge and built for wool industry pioneers John & Elizabeth Macarthur, Camden Park is one of Australia's most important and intact Georgian houses.

This year you need to book your tickets online at this web address:
<http://www.camdenparkhouse.com.au/events/open-weekend-saturday-sept-22-2018>



28 FEBRUARY - OPENING OF HISTORIC MACARIA AND THE ALAN BAKER ART GALLERY

A remarkable permanent collection of some 79 works of Alan Baker are now available for viewing in the refurbished historical building 'Macaria' 1859, in the heart of Camden opposite the Museum.

Called the Alan Baker Art Gallery, it has been made possible by the foresight of Camden Council together with the generosity of art collectors Max and Nola Tegel, who donated some 55 works to the collection. The artist's son, Gary Baker and his family also donated a further 22 works,

The collection spans decades of the artists output and ranges from drawings, landscapes, portraits, seascapes and to a dazzling array of his flower pieces.

A tribute to his stature as an artist and a member of the Camden Community.

The museum has 4 of his works in our collection.

This gallery forms a cultural precinct with the Library, Museum and Family History.

Opening hours are the same as the Museum.

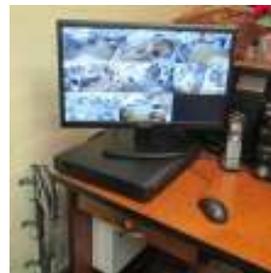


President Dr Ian Willis with Gary Baker, Alan Baker's son

19 JUNE - VOLUNTEER'S DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Many thanks to Dawn, our treasurer, for organising our afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream. There were also leftovers for the volunteers next day!

And thanks to the many volunteers who attended an enjoyable afternoon learning about the new photocopier, the new security system and Rene talked about the new Working with Children clearance for all volunteers (on page 2 of this newsletter). After the formalities with Rene, we listened to Laura Jane talk about her Shirley Temple collection and her enthusiasm with all things in 1950's. She was definitely born in the wrong era....



The new security screen on the front desk



Laura Jane Aulsebrook with her Shirley Temple doll in her collection

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR 2018/19. RENEWAL FORM ENCLOSED

TripAdvisor on CAMDEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

It is a tribute to our hard working Committee and our Volunteers that the museum experience is enjoyed by so many of our visitors. The five star ratings are so encouraging and gratifying. They rate us as #6 of 17 things to do in Camden. Selection of review highlights are:

'Well Worth Seeing', 'What a Great Find', 'Great Friendly Local Museum' and more....

For more Ratings, Comments and Photos :

https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Attraction_Review-g528935-d10666481-Reviews-Camden_Historical_Museum-Camden_Greater_Sydney_New_South_Wales.html

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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 2018 –19

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 CABINET



A new theme on 'Women's Accessories in the 1950's' is in the glass cabinet outside the library. Many thanks to Laura Jane Aulsebrook for the loan of the contents.

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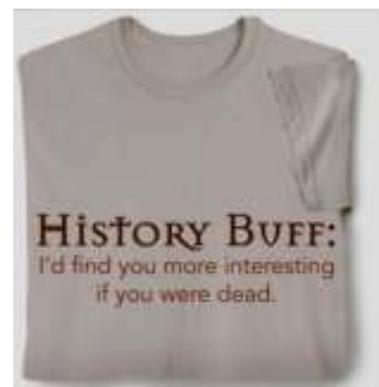


Above is Frances Warner holding the new 5th Edition of **'They Worked at Camden Park'**.

It is available from the museum for \$25.00

Right:

Thank you to Bob Lester for finding this amusing t-shirt.



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