

NEWSLETTER

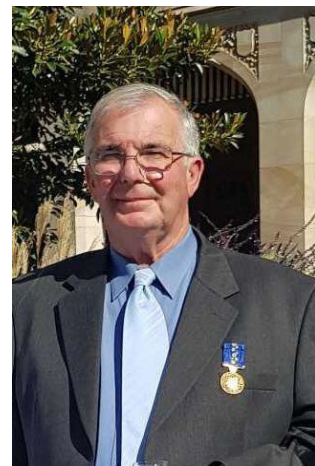
MEDAL RECIPIENTS

On the 22 May 2019 two of our members, President Dr Ian Willis OAM and member Ron Shepherd OAM attended Government House in Sydney to receive their medals from the NSW Governor, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO.



Dr Ian Willis OAM

'For Service to Community History'
(photo Marilyn Willis)



Ron Shepherd OAM

*'For Service to the Community
Through Bell Ringing'*
(photo Cathey Shepherd)

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Ordinary General Meetings 2019

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

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER'S AFTERNOON TEA 6 JULY - 2PM IN THE MUSEUM

All volunteers, and those thinking of becoming a volunteer in the future, are invited to a pleasant gathering. This is an opportunity to meet other volunteers and be informed of new procedures required on the front desk. Come and share the tricks of the trade of being a volunteer. A 'scrumptious' afternoon tea will be organised by Frances and Lee.

Hope to see you there.

CHS Committee



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Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2019

10 July - Kylie Warner will talk on her life as a Nurse in the Prison System where she works at Berrima Gaol

14 August - AGM - Ian will present his 'Last President's Report'

11 September - History Week - 'Memory and Landscapes' where members and guests talk

9 October - Rodna Siebels will talk on her archaeology in Egypt

13 November - Wal Walker will talk on his book "Jane and D'Arcy" Jane Austen and D'Arcy Wentworth. Wentworth's association with the Macarthur Family.

11 December - Christmas Party for members and guests

Upcoming speakers 2020

12 February - Stephen McMahon will update members on the development of Historic 'Maryland', Bringelly

MEMBERS' NEWS

Many thanks and best wishes to Lesley and Alan Robinson for their long serving volunteer duties at the museum.

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM FOR 2019

Adults 2,022 Children 464 Total 2,486
Down 832 visitors from last period.

The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK

We now have 1961 followers (Likes) on our page.

Recently placed on our Facebook are photos on Camden in the 1870's from our photo collection and items seen in the museum. Check it out and other great facts on the 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 Bob Lester on 0406915225.

AVAILABILITY OF MUSEUM VISITS AND WALKING TOURS

Are you a member of a social or service group that might be interested in a visit or outing to the Museum? Our volunteers are able to offer town walking tours, act as bus guides and provide guided tours to the Museum during and outside our normal opening hours. Contact the Secretary for details and bookings, reasonable charges apply.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE FOR 2019/20 RENEWAL FORM INSERTED

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please ensure that you complete a new Membership form when renewing your Membership. Front desk volunteers to ensure that any renewal or new membership payments have a Membership form attached to the daily sheet.

Also be advised that the Research Room is not available on the 10th July due to the annual audit of the accounts. Many thanks from Kathy Lester - Treasurer

RECENT VISITS TO THE MUSEUM

Two School visits from St Paul's Camden looking at changes in technology e.g. phones, music and and tools and Camden Public School just exploring the museum. Both yr1. A small group of students from Elderslie High School came into the Museum after walking around town. We encourage all schools across the area to bring their students into the museum to explore our wonderful collection. A gold coin donation is requested if visiting during normal operating hours. Other times can be arranged.

Tour visits from Gledswood Hills Probus to the Museum and a guided tour around town on a coach/bus.

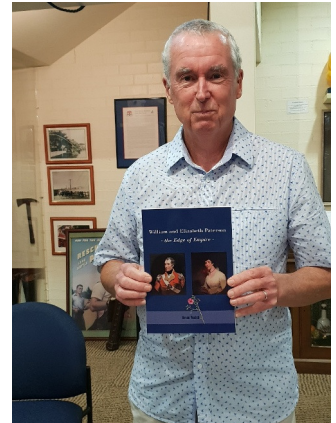
** We will be part of the Jacaranda Festival being held in November by providing walking tours around Camden and visits to the Museum on **Sunday 24th November**. More details on this will be put up on our Facebook and website pages. All bookings through the Secretary@camdenhistory.org.au

13 MARCH - DR BRIAN WALSH

Brian's book is titled "William and Elizabeth Paterson — the Edge of Empire", and in the talk he focused more on Elizabeth.

These two spirited Scots stood at the centre of the achievements and misdeeds of the NSW Corps during its time in Australia. William became colonel of the regiment and acted as governor of NSW for two separate terms. He participated heartily in the trading activities of the Corps that earned itself the nickname "the Rum Corps". He supported his officers when they formed a rebel government after they had deposed Governor William Bligh.

Elizabeth Paterson was an independent, talented woman who refused to live in William's shadow. She and her friend Anna King established the Sydney Female Orphan School, the first welfare institution on mainland Australia. They became the first women in Australia to serve on a government committee and to manage a public institution. **Right:** Brian with his book at the museum



10 APRIL - DOUG FULFORD

Fremantle to Sydney in a Studebaker EC '6' Tourer November 1915

The aim of the trip was to show that travel/transport by motor vehicle was a viable option if a road was built across the Nullabor. The group of men wanted to establish a record for the crossing and to satisfy a spirit of adventure coupled with a belief in touring our vast country. Four men, Hugh Fraser, Percy Armstrong, J.L Burton and Mr Collins, had experience in breaking records by cycling (Armstrong) and motoring (Burton). Hugh Fraser supplied the car and Mr Collins was a passenger who assisted when required.

They packed for this inaugural trip 5 x 4 gallon drums of petrol, spare rear axles, springs, pistons, rings, nuts and bolts, screws, split pins, washers, rivets, tyres and tubes, pump, jack, and recovery gear such as a shovel, block and tackle, rope, water bags and a rifle. **Right:** Doug with his 1915 Studebaker outside the museum



8 MAY - HERITAGE FESTIVAL

*Mrs Noreen Newton (right) spoke about her holidays to Katoomba as a child. The thrill for the kids was Devonshire Tea at Minnehaha Falls. One of the guest houses her family stayed at was the Carrington Hotel and the book she is holding is a 1950 Blue Mountains book on Guest Houses Remembered 'Happy Days'.

*Another member, Leonie Jackson spoke about her days at Fort Street High School Kent Street Sydney in years 1965 - 70 and how the landscape and roads have changed. Advantage of this location was Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Music Conservatorium and other historic buildings.

Leonie also attends two reunions /year in the school cafeteria.

*Frances Warner spoke about her husband Harry living in 11 houses on Camden Park Estate and Camden Park. On Camden Park the Boarding House, Blaxland Cottage, Harry's Cottage, North and East wings of Camden Park House. The painting was of Stables Cottage and this painting was done by Harry's father. Moved into this house in 1966 when they married. The outside of this house was used for the "Smiley" movies.

Right: Julie Wrigley holding a painting of the house with Frances



12 JUNE - RON DAVIES

Ron spent most of his young life on a dairy farm. When he was six his family moved to the Byrnes Exhibition Dairy Farm in 1938. It was 3,000 acres, 1 mile out of Picton, where his father was the manager. The dairy was on the best land in the district and the most modern and up to date farm in Australia. His family stayed in the main house on the property called Abbotsford. They had 30 draught horses; most of them Clydesdale which were prizes winners in the local Picton Show. Ron helped his dad around the dairy, even riding the draught horses. The worst job he said was dehorning the bulls. Around the 1940's, cows over 18 months old were tested for TB, as it was rife in the district and nearly decimated the dairy industry in the area. 25% of the cows on Ron's farm were infected. The local vet Mr Sidman did all the testing in the area.

For pocket money, he caught rabbits for their fur.



Ron with his painting of the house Abbotsford

LIFE MEMBER - BRIAN BURNETT'S FUNERAL 17/12/1946 - 29/03/2019

Brian Burnett's funeral was held on Thursday 4th April at the South Chapel Forest Lawn Cemetery at Leppington. Refreshments in the Cafe afterwards.

Four members from the Society attended; Lee Stratton, Frances Warner, Rene Rem and Doug Barrett who wrote the eulogy for the service. A copy will be kept with the Society and the Family History where Brian was a Founding Member. Tony Jackson and Rex Dowle, two members from Family History also attended.

Brian was number 3 of 14 children in his family. He is the 4th member to pass away.



CAMDEN SHOW REPORT by Julie Wrigley

The Camden Historical Society stall at the Camden Show was very successful through the sales of books and DVDs. Thanks are expressed to John and Rene for setting up the stall and to the willing teams of volunteers who generously gave up their time to be on the roster.

Friday: Trish Clark and Michael Barry; Val Finch and Del Funnell; Peter and Nikki Hayward; Linda Jackson, Ian Ramsay, Rene Rem and John Wrigley. **Right:** Laura Jane Aulsebrook with Michael Barry

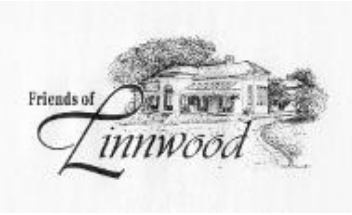


Saturday: Robert and Margaret Wheeler; Robyn Watson and Betty Yewen; Frances Warner and Julie Wrigley; Warren Sims, Rene Rem and John Wrigley.

Thanks to all the other members who helped make the Show such a success for the Society, including Ian Willis, Laura Jane Aulsebrook, and Treasurer Kathy Lester who looked after the financial side, set up the forms and recorded the sales at the end of each day.

The well-placed table in the Show Hall was originally organised for the Historical Society by Miss Llewella Davies OAM in the 1980s.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LINNWOOD HISTORIC HOUSE OPEN DAY 14 JULY 2019

The Friends of Linnwood invite you to their annual open house at 25 Byron Road, Guildford NSW 2161.

On display will be:

- American Cars such as Studebaker, Packard, WWII Jeeps, Hudson AMC and more
- Old sewing machines from the house and a personal collection from Christine McKenna
- And a variety of craft stalls

Refreshments available on the day will be a sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and cakes

Open time: 11am - 4pm

Admission: \$3.00 with children under 5 free



CAMDEN ANTIQUES & MAKERS FAIR 3 - 4 AUGUST 2019

Camden Civic Centre is proud to present the Annual Camden Antiques & Collectables Fair in its 33rd year as Macarthur's largest Antiques and Collectables show. With an A-list of renowned and respected antique dealers including new exhibitors, the fair will be a treat for the people of Sydney.

Excellent variety: the Fair boasts a reputation for quality items including jewellery, artefacts, precious gemstones, china, porcelain, literature, furniture, linen and collectables - all for sale.

Irresistible Food: not just a fair but has the added flavour of a fine café offering a selection of lunch and high tea options.

Fair times:

Saturday, 3 August – 10am-5pm & Sunday, 4 August – 10am-4pm Admission fees apply.

******The Society will have a stand selling our products. If you would like to assist on one of these days, please ring the museum in open times and put your name down on the roster sheet. Or ring Bob Lester:**



FAMILY HISTORY SHOWCASE 18 AUGUST 2019

Belgenny Farm presents a showcase of local family and history resources. 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. Opening Hours: 10am to 3pm.

More information on www.belgennyfarm.com.au

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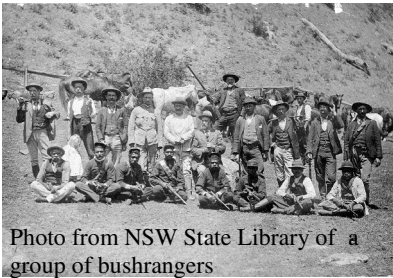


Photo from NSW State Library of a group of bushrangers

STATE RECORDS TALK BY JOHN CANN - BUSHRANGERS 14 SEPTEMBER 2019

Camden Area Family History Society has arranged for John Cann from NSW State Records, to present an hour long talk on Bushrangers in NSW.

John will also discuss what records are held about 'Bushrangers' by the NSW State Records and how we can access them.

His talk will cover the likes of Frank Gardiner, Ben Hall, John Peisley, also Henry Manns (Campbelltown born) with the others involved in the Eugowra Rock Gold Escort robbery (the largest in Australia!).

They have booked Saturday 14th September at 12 noon with a 12.30pm start, to be held in Camden Library. There will be small charge of a 'gold coin' donation per person, to assist with afternoon tea, after talk.

RSVP: cafhs2570@gmail.com with indication to attend for catering by 7 September 2019

CAMDEN PARK OPEN HOUSE 21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

HISTORIC HOUSE & GARDEN



OPEN WEEKEND
21st and 22nd September 2019

CAMDEN PARK HOUSE AND GARDEN OPEN WEEKEND

Visit historic Camden Park (c1835) on the weekend of 21st and 22nd September 2019. 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.

Times:
Saturday 21st September: 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Sunday 22nd September: 10.00am - 4.00pm

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE AT:-
camdenparkhouse.com.au
(Remaining tickets will still be sold on the day)

Prices:
House & Garden: Adults: \$22 | Concession: \$16
Garden Only: \$10

Enquiries: camdenparkinfo@gmail.com
Google Maps: "Camden Park House"
Follow signs from Elizabeth Macarthur Avenue, South Camden

- Historic House Tours
- Guided Garden Tours
- Macarthur History Talks
 - Devonshire Teas
- BBQ & Refreshment Stalls
- Plant, Craft & Gift Stalls
- Historic Stables Cafe and Collectables

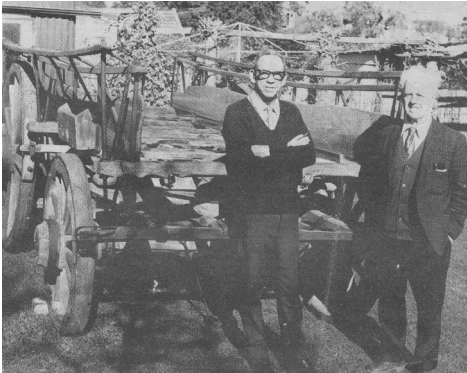
CHS COMMITTEE POSITIONS 2019/20

At our AGM on 14th August 2019, Ian Willis will be stepping down as President as his three year tenure will end as per our Constitution.

We will need a new President and at the moment there appears to be a number of vacancies on the Committee.

For those who would like to be part of the Executive Team, please see our Secretary, Lee Stratton to fill out an application form at our next general meeting on 10th July.

HORSE DRAWN TEAMSTERS WAGON circa 1900



Above: Our Past President Mr Owen Blattman and member Mr Syd Dunk with the wagon the Society purchased.
Photo from The Camden Crier 29.6.1977

Right: The wagon displayed outside the former Camden Council building in John Street before the restoration process.
Photo: Camden Museum



Above: a wheel being repaired
Photo: Camden Museum

To preserve this wagon, an important example of transportation of the early twentieth century has been an ongoing project of some 42 years.

The wagon was used to transport 8 tonnes of feed (chaff) for horses from Campbelltown Railway Station to the Cataract Dam during its construction and later as a farm wagon in Appin.

In 1977 our Society purchased this wagon from Mr Norm Percival of 'Northamptonshire' Appin with money from our Society and members of the community.

The wagon was originally displayed outside 'Macaria' in John Street, Camden. Sadly exposed to the weather its condition deteriorate.

In 1993 Camden Council donated \$600 for the continuing restoration work. In the years since, work has depended on numerous more donations and hours of individual expertise to bring the wagon its former glory.

We are grateful to the participation of The Oaks Historical Society in this project and that on our behalf they will be displaying the wagon undercover at their museum

It has been a massive community effort to preserve this part of our history.



Above and below is the final resting place for the wagon.
Photos: The Oaks Historic Society



CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



PO Box 566
Camden NSW 2570

Camden Museum & Camden Library
40 John St, Camden.

General Admission Free

Opening Times

Thursday– Sunday 11.00am – 4.00 pm

Phone: Museum 02 4655 3400

<http://www.camdenhistory.org.au>

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email: secretary@camdenhistory.org.au

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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 2019 / 2020

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 IN MUSEUM CABINET



Items from Elizabeth Macarthur's life

BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT NAME



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

Hi everyone

Sent get well cards out to a few members who are not well.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you know of any member needing a bit of cheer!

Email: suecross2570@gmail.com

If you know of a member who needs extra help please contact Sue on her mobile:

0414360076

