



NEWSLETTER

LIFE MEMBERS STEPHEN & CHRISTINE ROBINSON 2019

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Ordinary General Meetings 2020

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

Stephen and Christine Robinson have made an outstanding contribution to the Society over many years as researchers and webmasters.

Steve and Christine have been members of the Camden Historical Society for over 20 years. They both worked from 2005 with Peter Mylrea to create the DVD 'A Pictorial History of Camden and the Camden District'. This was an instant success and led to the sales at the Camden Show that year being the highest income for the Society at any show. The Camden Council website *Camden Images - Past and Present* is also in large part due to the work of Steve.



The Robinsons moved away from the Camden area in 2013 but still continued their interest in supporting the Society in many ways albeit from their new home in Ross, Tasmania.

Steve has for many years, up until this year, been the Society's Webmaster and has managed to perform this role very effectively even after they moved to Tasmania. Steve has also performed a number of roles for our colleagues at the Camden Area Family History Society and this work has been to the great benefit of both our organisations.

Christine has also been very active within the Society, writing many reviews of historic homes and buildings around the Camden area, which are still current and form a significant part of our Society's history.

Steve has, with Christine and Ray Herbert, created and developed the very useful site 'Camden Remembers'. He was the founding webmaster of that site and is still managing that site. *Camden Remembers* lists a great amount of information regarding the military service records of many Camden District residents in the various wartime conflicts.

Steve and Christine have worked tirelessly for the community and for the Camden Historical Society.

Article written by Julie and John Wrigley OAM

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Editor's Notes

Upcoming speakers 2020

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

11 March - Jacqui Kirkby will talk on her property: Varroville Homestead

8 April - Rodna Siebel will give another informative talk on all things Egyptian

13 May - Heritage Festival Theme: *'Our Heritage for the future'* from members & guests

10 June - Jeff McGill, one of our very favourite speakers will chat to us about his time/experience at *'The Advertiser'*

8 July - Diane Matterson will update members and guests with her research on early Argyle Street, Camden

12 August - AGM & TBA guest speaker

9 September - History Week Theme: *'What is it good for?'* from members & guests on why history matters to them

VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM

2019	Adults	Children
September	424	76 (down from 2018)
October	341	62 (up from 2018)
November	534	86 (up from 2018)
December	155	19 (up from 2018)

The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK

We now have 2000 followers (Likes) on our page.

The latest images change almost daily and show some of Camden and Districts history. Check it out and other great facts on this link.

www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum

THE SOCIETY FOR YEAR ENDING 6 / 2020 HAS

9 Life Members

145 Members

MEMBERS' NEWS

** Welcome to our newest member, Dennis Chiswick.

- Many thanks to all volunteers for filling all positions on the roster for 2020
- All volunteers who are rostered on for Sunday afternoons please ensure that the bins are emptied before leaving.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATION WITH RMS NSW

If you are on roster, it is a requirement for everyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW to be registered. There is no charge involved. If you do not have an email or website, organise a time with Cheryl at the museum and she will help you. Or visit the Service Centre at Gregory Hills and they will also assist you.

Apply for your check or renew your WWC on this website:

<https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>

Fill out the form online with your proof of I.D. WWC number will be emailed to you.

Could you then give a copy to Cheryl for filing. Many thanks

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. Email: secretary@camdenhistory.org.au

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 see or call Cheryl Rochford on 0419682158.

9 OCTOBER 2019 - RODNA SIEBELS

Archaeological Fieldwork in Egypt
 by Dr Rodna Siebels PHD, MA, BA, DIP ED.
 Everyone on the night was captivated with all things Egypt.
 Rodna has agreed to give another talk on her digs at our general meeting on 8 April 2020.



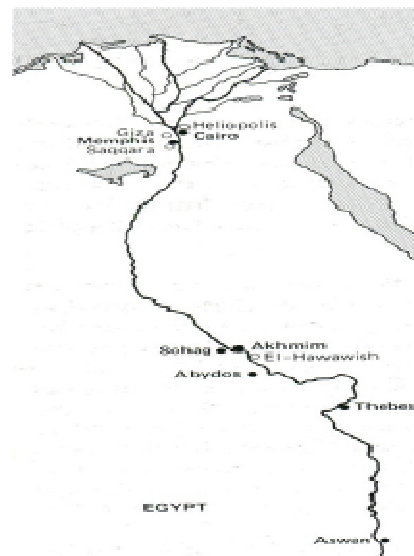
The tomb owner: Tjeti-Iker



Tracing the inscriptions on a coffin



The False door of Idu - his ka spirit emerging from the burial chamber



Above: Her site was at Sohag, about 450 kms south of Cairo. Nome (province) No.9 in Upper Egypt. Domain of the fertility God, Min

13 NOVEMBER 2019 - WAL WALKER

As a descendant of the famed Wentworth Family, Wal Walker spoke of his two volume publication of the life of his ancestor, D'Arcy Wentworth (1762 - 1827). The important role he played in the foundation years of the Colony of NSW. He also spoke of the early relationship between D'Arcy and novelist Jane Austen (1775 - 1817).

D'Arcy was an Irish surgeon who came to the Colony on the Second Fleet in 1790, the first fare paying passenger to arrive in New South Wales. He served under the first seven Governors of New South Wales, and from 1810 to 1821 he was Macquarie's great assistant. Up to his death in 1827, D'Arcy championed rights and recognition for the emancipists, the campaign carried to fruition by his son William Charles Wentworth (1790 - 1872).

The two volumes are: Folly is not always Folly volume 1 of Jane & D'Arcy follows the romance between Jane and D'Arcy, their first meeting, the family connections, their courtship and adventures. Such Talent & Such Success volume 2 of Jane & D'Arcy continues the story of their separate lives and successes.

These publications are in our library for members to borrow.



11 DECEMBER - MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY (Thanks to Ian Ramsay who played Santa)



BOOK LAUNCH of 'THE CAMDEN DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION 1922 - 2019'



Held on Sunday 1 December 2019, 11am
At Raby Cricket grounds

Rene Rem and I attended the launch of Neville Clissold's well researched book on cricketers, their stories and statistics.

It was a well attended reunion of the Camden District Cricketers young and old.

There were also some lovely anecdotes of past events that were never forgotten and a lot of laughs. A glass of champagne was had by most to celebrate the occasion. The book is available at the museum for \$25.00 or from Neville direct.

Left: Lee Stratton with Neville and his book showcased in the glass cabinet.

OPENING of OFFICE EXTENSION At THE OAKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Opened on Friday 22 November 2019 1.30pm

Attending the opening were Ian Willis OAM, Cheryl Rochford, Dawn Williams, Jo O'Brien and myself along with members of the Camden Family History Society.

A full house of Wollondilly Councillors, past and present members of the The Oaks Historical Society and the Jim Whyte's family.

This extension was in the planning stages in 2012 and it has taken 8 years of applying for grants, local council assisting and raising money to fulfil their dream.

It is a beautiful area for the volunteers with the new office and bathrooms. Afterwards we were spoilt with home made biscuits, cake, tea, coffee and drinks.



Above are past and present members of the Society and Jim Whyte's family

CAMDEN COUNCIL'S VOLUNTEER'S THANK YOU RECEPTION

The get-together was held on Wednesday 4 December 2019, 5 to 7pm.

Many thanks to Camden Council for hosting the annual Camden district volunteers' reception. It is a great night to catch up with other organisations, to which some of our members are connected.

The food and atmosphere was lovely and the entertainment were the 'Honeysippers'.



D'HARAWAL ELDERS' VISIT THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER 2019

The museum hosted a meeting of seven local D'harawal Elders and Knowledge Holders to take a closer look at the indigenous message stick from the Burratorang Valley.

The ceremonial carved wooden stick treated with wattle gum has a series of carved symbols indicating sea, hills, mountains, creeks, river and notches on the sides. Mr Hubert McAleer, the father of Mr Geoffrey McAleer, acquired the stick in the Burratorang Valley in the 1930's.

The visit was organised by Shannon Foster from U.T.S. Sydney.

The Elders Group includes: Aunty Fran Bodkin, Uncle Gavin Andrews, Aunty Karen Adams, Uncle Ross Evans and Uncle John Foster.

BURRA BURRA GROUP VISIT TO MUSEUM SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2019

Camden Museum hosted a meeting of the Burra Burra Aboriginal Corporation. It was the Annual General Meeting of the group who celebrate the life of Murrundah and the indigenous people of the Burra Burra tribe, spanning the area from Taralga through the Burratorang Valley to Camden. Taylor Chalker gave a very moving Welcome to Country for the group which included many descendants with the surname spelled 'Maranda'.



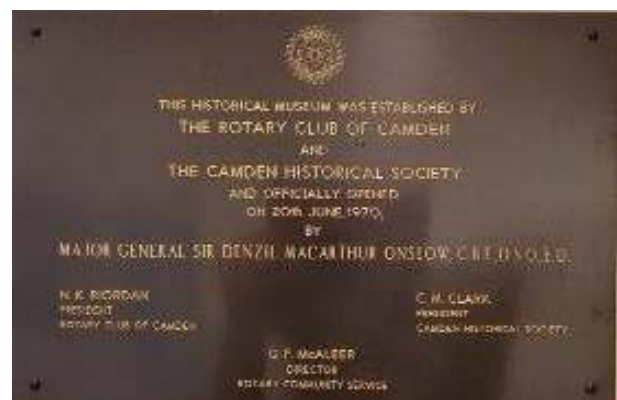
Members of the group enjoyed seeing the items in the Museum that are relevant to Murrundah who was Chief of the Burra Burra Tribe and who died about 1852. Camden has a street named after him and the Camden South Retirement Village in the 20th century, when it was a Macarthur-Onslow property, was named "Murrundah". By John Wrigley OAM

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMDEN MUSEUM

There will be a cocktail party to commemorate the establishment of the site of Camden museum.

This important milestone will be celebrated in June 2020. The date is yet to be confirmed.

The historical museum was established by The Rotary Club of Camden and The Camden Historical Society and officially opened on 20 June 1970 by Major General Sir Denzil Macarthur Onslow CBE, DSO, ED, who was an Australian Army Officer, businessman and grazier.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COCKTAIL PARTY & BOOK LAUNCH FRIDAY 20 MARCH 5.30 - 7.30 PM

Camden Historical Society invites you to a Cocktail Party and Book Launch at 40 John Street Camden.

The book *'Camden Soldiers of King & Queen 1788 to 1913'* by Janice Johnson will be launched by Jeff McGill.

Please RSVP to John Wrigley

Email: juwrigley@gmail.com

Mobile: 0437 271 804



The late Janice Johnson has written an account of Camden soldiers involved in all of the conflicts before World War I, including reports in local newspapers. She tells the story of Camden soldiers who arrived as part of a British Regiment and later moved to the Cowpastures, fought as part of the British Empire in India, the Napoleonic wars, Maori wars, Crimean war, Sudan and Boer wars. Janice includes Camden soldiers who were involved in the NSW Mounted Rifles and those who participated in Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee contingent. The book contains images, Bibliography and Index.

The book is the second of five books which Janice wished to see published by the Society. On the night there will be wine and delicious nibbles and the book will be for sale.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN CAMDEN SUNDAY 26/01/2020

The Society once again thanks Max Boardman for the loan of his vintage ute for the Camden Street Parade commencing at 10am. It will be driven by John Wrigley with Julie as passenger.

There will also be Council Ceremonies in the Civic Centre for the Australia Day Awards from 11.15am



CAMDEN SHOW FRIDAY 27 & SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020

The Society has a stand in the pavilion and will need volunteers to man the table to hand out information and sell our publications.

If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact Cheryl on 0419682158 or put your name down on the sheet on the front desk closer to the date.



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Camden Museum & Camden Library
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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 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 FOYER CABINET



Celebrating Australia Day 2020

NEW WELFARE OFFICER



Janet Stait-Gardner has agreed to take on this portfolio for our members.

In the past Janet has had experience being a Welfare Officer for other community groups.

'Don't hesitate to contact me if you know of any member needing a card, a phone call or some contact'.

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