

NEWSLETTER

MUSEUM HONOUR ROLL UPGRADE



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HONOREES
Above: John and Edwina Macarthur-Stanham Right: the Late Janice Johnson



HONOREES
Left: Julie and John Wrigley OAM



Halfway up the stairs inside the Camden Museum is the Honour Roll Board where many of the generous supporters of the museum are acknowledged. The board dates back to 2000 when the museum was tripled in size and there was a public fund-raising appeal to gather support for the project. Names are added to the board from time to time to thank those who have made substantial donations of collections or financial assistance to the museum. There has been continuing support from Camden Council and the Rotary Club of Camden.

In recent years the names of Brendan O'Farrell, Biu Wong and Janice Johnson have been placed there to acknowledge their generosity in various forms. The board has been recently updated and we thank Sean Wickham and the Signbiz Group in Narellan for their sign writing assistance. So next time you are in the Camden Museum stop and read the list of names. You may be surprised how many people you know.

John Wrigley OAM

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Ordinary General Meetings 2021

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Just a reminder to all members that our next meeting is being held in the Undercroft of the Civic Centre commencing at 7.30 pm.

The guest speaker will be our very own Dianne Matterson, who will give a presentation on her research work into the early business enterprises in Argyle Street.

As you are aware the Covid restrictions were lifted but unfortunately at the time of writing (30 March) there has been a Covid outbreak in Brisbane and there is a possible threat to NSW.

I will not pre-empt anything but I would suggest that we be mindful and aware that the situation may deteriorate or it may also improve.

If in the event that we need to modify our meeting plans we will make every effort to provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing as many members as possible on the 14th April as this will be our first meeting for 12 months. So let's get together and make it an event.

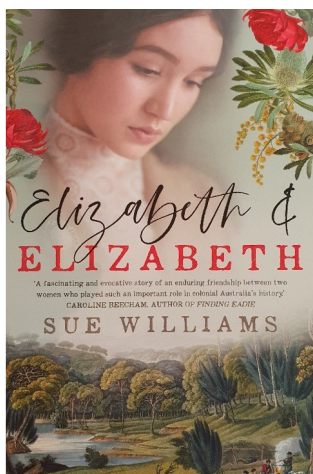
PLAQUE: STORY OF JOHN OXLEY

After years of hard work between Camden Council and the Society, the John Oxley Commemorative Anchor plaque is finally in its position next to his anchor in Curry Reserve alongside the Information Centre (John Oxley Cottage) Camden.

Many thanks to Camden Council's Tim Vyse for his expertise and Robert Wheeler co-ordinating on our behalf for this project.



NEW BOOKS IN MUSEUM

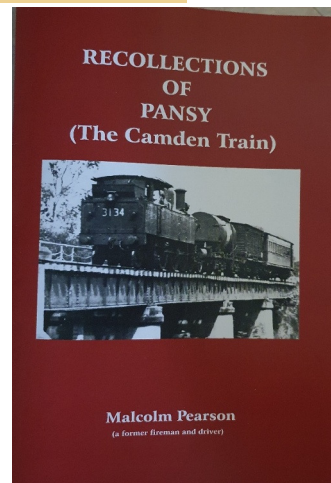


Left:
Elizabeth & Elizabeth:
\$20

Right:
A Room Made of Leaves:
\$35.00



Right:
Recollections of Pansy:
\$20



Editor's Notes

Upcoming Talks 2021

14 April - Dianne Matterson will talk on her research into early businesses on Argyle Street Camden

The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK

We now have over 3,000 followers on our page.

The latest 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

Volunteers Needed

The society is always on the lookout for those who would like to lend a hand. If helping out at the Museum appeals to you see or call: Cheryl Rochford on 0419682158.

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

For March the tally on attendance, we had a total of 485 come through the Museum which was a little down in comparison to this time last year.

2 March – Narellan Rotary – 20 people

15, 17, 24 & 29 March – Camden Public School – 20 students per day = 80

24 March – Next Path Continues Learning Program – 10 people

29 March – Macarthur Anglican Primary School – 74 students

Please complete the Emergency Contact Form I sent to all volunteers and leave it in my pigeonhole or send to me via email: cherylrochford@live.com. This list of contacts will be left at the front counter in the file for easy access.

Three of our volunteers have had medical procedures in March: Nikki and Peter Hayward, Leonie Jackson and Virginia Ghezzi. Also, a long time member and volunteer, Val Finch has moved to the South Coast to be closer to her family. Our best wishes go with her as she will be greatly missed.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN REGISTRATION WITH RMS NSW

If you are on the 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, please 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.cyp.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

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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 2020 / 2021

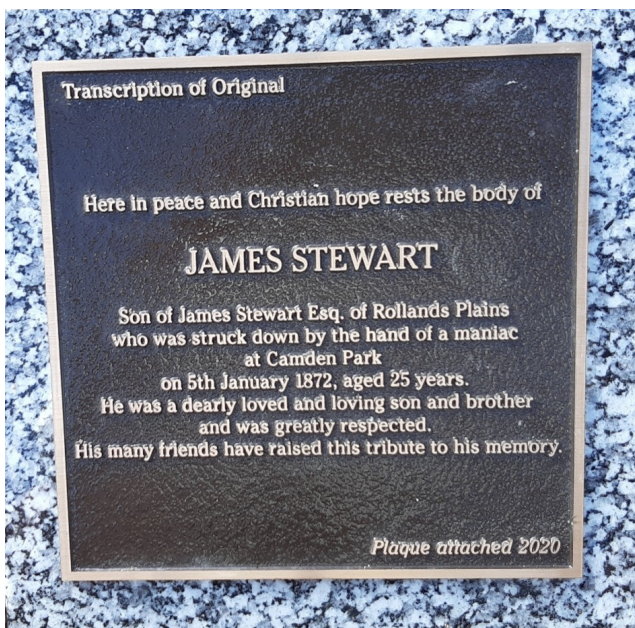
Individual \$15, Family \$20

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.

JANICE JOHNSON BEQUEST UPDATE

Early in 2021 the granite arrived from overseas and the plaques were attached to the grey granite slopers. The plaques were installed at St John's Church on 5 February 2021, by Peter Raksts, Heritage Monumental Masons. We were pleased to complete the task as Janice had wished.

John Wrigley



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT



I would like to wish everyone a Happy and safe Easter.

I have sent get well cards to the following members:

Leonie Jackson

Peter and Nikki Hayward

Virginia Ghezzi

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