

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT: WELCOME TO 2022



May I take this opportunity to welcome all our members and volunteers to 2022 and I look forward to an exciting and interesting year.

Hopefully this year will put behind us the problems that we have all experienced in the past 2 years and see our way ahead.

This year we opened the Museum to the public on the 6th January and already have seen a steady flow of visitors which is very encouraging. This is in despite of the fact that the library is currently closed on Saturdays.

MEETINGS

Our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday 9th February commencing at 7.30pm in the Museum.

The first major activity we have planned (subject to Covid restrictions) is to launch 2 books by the late Janice Johnson. For more information see page 3.

GRAEME CLARK AC

With the holiday period most activities have either slowed down or come to a halt. One of those activities is the Graeme Clark display which is still very much in the planning stages.

I wish to thank Treasurer Fletcher Joss for the amazing effort he is injecting into this project on behalf of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that with all the uncertainty we have been facing there are a number of members who have not renewed their membership.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

I have forwarded copies of the 2022 Volunteer Roster to the volunteers and I do have several vacancies available for anyone who is interested in volunteering.

If interested please contact me.

COMMITTEE

Finally I look forward to working with my Committee, which has been recently re-elected, seeing you at our meetings and I look forward to going into 2022 with the aim of focussing on our core business, which is the history of Camden.

Ian Ramsay
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General Meetings 2022

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

Meetings are held on the
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 7.30 pm

40 John St, Camden.
All welcome

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CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

Most of the photos from Betty Yewen



LAUNCH OF TWO NEW BOOKS by JANICE JOHNSON



The late Janice Johnson, who died in 2017, left money for the publishing of several books she had not finished.

One book was ***Camden Soldiers of King and Queen 1788 to 1913***, with an account of Camden soldiers involved in all of the conflicts before World War I. Janice told 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 included Camden soldiers who were involved in the NSW Mounted Rifles and those who participated in Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee contingent.

We were planning a launch of this book at a cocktail party on 20th March 2020, when Covid struck and the launch was cancelled. We are now planning to ‘launch’ the book briefly, at our February general meeting on 9th February 2022 before our guest speaker, Clem Davis, that night.

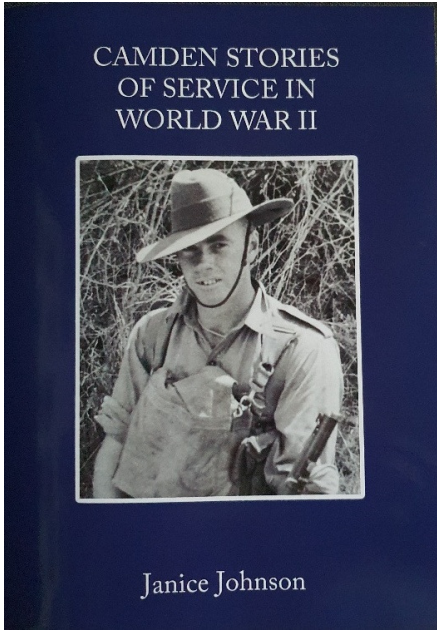


A second book by Janice is ***Camden Stories of Service in World War II*** which focuses on the servicemen and women who served between 1939 and 1945, and the accounts in the local paper. Our Treasurer, Fletcher Joss, has taken Janice’s unfinished book through to publication. The book will be launched briefly at our CHS general meeting at 7.30 pm on 9th March. The meeting will be at the Civic Centre and after the short business meeting, there will be a presentation by Max Garcia.

The price for each book is \$25, but the special price for buying both is \$40.

The Society is pleased to publish these books as Janice wished.

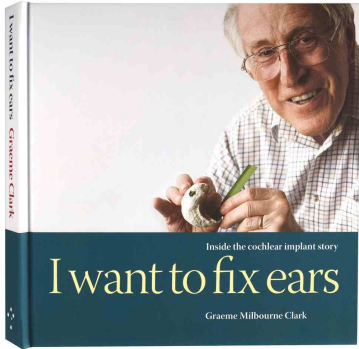
Julie Wrigley.



GRAEME CLARK AC

On ABC Iview you can watch Series 1 episode 2 of ‘Aussie Inventions that Changed the World’ which has part of the program on Graeme Clark’s bionic ear. Here is the link:

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/aussie-inventions-that-changed-the-world>



ONSLow MADRAS CALVARY OFFICER'S MESS UNIFORM 1882

The Society is organising a quotation for the cleaning of our Madras Cavalry Uniform on display in the Camden Museum.

The uniform is a Mess Dress Uniform (not a field uniform) There are five items: dark blue trousers with silver stripes; mid blue jacket with silver frogs; red waistcoat with silver facings; cream cummerbund with 4 toggles; and red and silver round forage cap.

The uniform was worn by Major Frank Montgomery Onslow, an officer in the Second Madras Cavalry. The Onslow uniform dates from 1882 and is memorabilia from the Second Anglo-Afghan War between the British forces and the Afghan forces.

The uniform is in good condition for its age but there are some moth holes and tarnishing. (In 2015 the uniform was moved from the plaster model to a museum-approved wire mannequin, as the seam at the back of the jacket was under stress.)

John and Julie Wrigley are taking this uniform to Rahila Merchant at International Conservation Services in Chatswood to be assessed.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022

CAMDEN SHOW FRI 1 & SAT 2 APRIL 2022

The Society has a stand in the pavilion this year.

We will have for sale our latest books and other information on the Society to hand out.

This year will be the first year we will be using our Tyro eftpos machine. It will need to be taken from and returned to the museum on each day.

If you would like to help out, a volunteer sheet will be on the front desk in the museum for you to add your name sometime in March.



HERITAGE FESTIVAL 1/4 - 31/5 2022

This year's theme is "Curiosity".

The Australian Heritage Festival is an opportunity for the community to organise events and exhibitions, gather stories and tell them, share knowledge through talks, walks and tours, and have fun bringing heritage to life.

Our general meeting on the 13th April will cover this Festival with members and guests speaking about family heritage. Curiosity is a desire to know about your past. Listening to stories and memories handed down from generation to generation. There might be an interesting past event in your family that you can tell to the general meeting.

There will be a volunteer sheet on the front desk in the museum from the March general meeting if you would like to put your name down to be a speaker .

Editor's Notes

Upcoming Talks in 2022

9 Feb - Clem Davis will give a talk on being a volunteer at the Australian War Memorial

9 March - Max Garcia will speak on his US Marines association with Camden

13 April - Heritage Festival where members talk on the theme for this year 'Curiosity'

11 May - Jeff McGill will talk on his latest book

8 June - Phillip Simpson will talk on his book 'Historic Towns of NSW'

13 July - Taylor Clarke, a Gundungurra woman whose people are of the Burratorang Valley - NAIDOC WEEK

10 August - **AGM** with a talk from Ian Ramsay on his recent trip to Norfolk Island

14 September - Talks from members giving interesting insights for History Week

12 October -

9 November -

14 December - Members and guests Christmas Party

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

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report

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 me.

I have the following vacancies on the roster:

2nd Saturday afternoon

2nd Sunday morning

3rd Thursday afternoon

4th Sunday all day

5th Saturday all day

**Please contact me if you are able to help.

Ian Ramsay: 0407 657 207

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 Ian at the museum and he 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.cryp.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 Ian for filing. Many thanks

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM

After the Covid-19 lockdown, the Museum will accept payments using credit and debit cards (except Diners Club).

We have acquired a Tyro EFTPOS terminal and will train our volunteers during their regular museum rosters. And there are written instructions next to the machine as well.

But, you will need to pay at the terminal, as we cannot take payments over the phone. It can be taken to all our events we attend too!



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General Admission Free

Opening Times

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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 2021 / 2022

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.

AUSTRALIA DAY IN CAMDEN

Camden's Ambassador for 2022 is Graham Ross AM VMM (pictured)

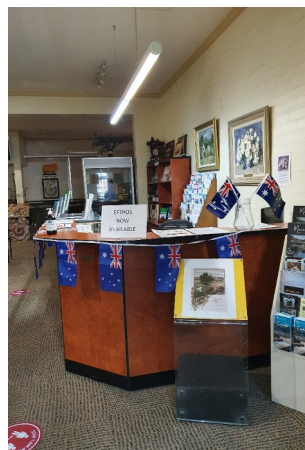
Radio broadcaster and television gardening presenter and author, Graham Ross, has educated, entertained and inspired Australia's gardening community and aspiring green thumbs during a career that has spanned over 50 years.

Graham shares his passion for all things gardening with more than two million people every week. He has appeared on Better Homes & Gardens TV Show since 1995.

**All Australia Day Awards will be announced on Council's Facebook Page from 9am.

**Following will be an address from Graham Ross AM VMM at 10am.

The museum will be opened between 10am - 2pm



WELFARE OFFICER REPORT



Happy New Year and hope everyone is keeping safe and well during these trying times.

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