



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMITTEE 2023/24



Ian Willis—President, Jo O'Brien—Vice President, John Wrigley— Vice President, Fletcher Joss—Treasurer, Rene Rem— Secretary,

Committee: Robert Wheeler, Frances Warner, Julie Wrigley, Peter Riordan.

Past President: Ian Ramsay.

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#### General Meetings 2023

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

This year's Annual General Meeting saw the standing down of President Ian Ramsay after his three terms as President and we would like to extend our warmest thanks to Ian for stepping up to the position at a very trying time for the Society. We also saw the resignation of Secretary Lee Stratton after serving as Secretary for seven years. Her dedication to the society has been an inspiration to everyone and we thank her most sincerely for the efforts she has extended. We also saw the resignation of Committee Members Dawn Williams and Warren Sims who have both served on Committee for a number of years and their input will be sorely missed.

We do welcome our new Committee listed above and look forward to the positive changes they will bring to Camden Historical Society.

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## Ms VALERIE LHUEDE AM TURNS 100



I would like to let members know that a pioneer and great character of our region and our nation, Ms Valerie Lhuede AM, turned 100 on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Val Lhuede (pronounced 'lew-weddy') will be remembered because she almost single-handedly saved the historic town of Yerranderie from a mining company, with the compensation her family received when their land and the access was drowned under Lake Burragarang to form the Sydney Water catchment of Warragamba Dam. Ms Lhuede and a small group of locals dedicated their lives to maintaining the heritage and preserving the old buildings.

In March 2011 Val arranged for Yerranderie to become part of the national park system under the National Parks and Wildlife Service, with conditions she set for Yerranderie's future. The natural beauty and outstanding social history features are now saved for future generations to enjoy. Val had to show great determination and patience to bring about this success. Members may remember that Val's book 'Yerranderie Is My Dreaming' has been for sale at the Museum from time to time. For a copy of this book contact Val on: [val@yerranderie.com](mailto:val@yerranderie.com)

At a party on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, Val received congratulations from the King, Prime Minister, Premier and other dignitaries.

Congratulations, Val, from the Camden Historical Society. Well done!

John Wrigley OAM

## Visit to the Museum By Local MP Sally Quinnell



On Tuesday 15th August, our local MP, Sally Quinnell accepted our invitation to tour the Museum. Sally spent nearly two hours touring the Museum and talking with Committee members discussing how she could assist the Historical Society with its aims for the future. The following week in her speech to Parliament, Sally passed on her praise for Camden Historical Society and Camden Area Family History Society.

We Would like to Thank Sally Quinnell for her time and efforts on our behalf.

Pictured: Betty Yewen, Julie Wrigley, Fletcher Joss, John Wrigley, Sally Quinnell MP, Ian Willis, Rene Rem, Jo O'Brien.

John Wrigley, Sally

## Visit from Trevor Jensen and Deb Putt From Maryland Development

Tuesday 29th August saw a visit by Trevor Jensen and Deb Putt from Maryland Development. They came to visit the Museum to learn more about the lands of Maryland and the history associated with the land. We are hopeful that Trevor will be our guest speaker for our meeting in February, 2024.





## TALK - MICHELLE ROFFE - 14 JUNE

Michelle has been a funeral service director for 40 years, and gave a very interesting talk.

She explained the problems with pre-paid funerals which tie the person involved to the particular funeral director.

She recommended funeral bonds as the safest procedure and did not recommend funeral insurance. Pre-arranged funerals are a good way of planning what the person wants and Profile Books are a good way of recording the person's wishes.

Michelle said the funeral industry is not regulated and contractors can sell cheap arrangements but not provide the full service. She urged members to ask questions and make sure we are doing what the departed person wished.

Michelle was supported by a talk from Lauren Newcombe, a solicitor from Family Focus Legal, on estate documents: including Wills, Power of Attorney, Enduring Guardianship, Advanced Care Directives and other processes to do with wills and estate planning. Lauren's colleague, Anneliese Munro, gave advice about superannuation.

A lively question and answer session followed the talks.



## TALK - BRUCE DENISON - 12 JULY

Bruce Denison told selected tales from his life. Bruce was born in Paddington, grew up in Surrey Hills and was in the Army reserve, retiring as a squadron Sergeant Major. After he retired, he worked with Army Cadets, and been involved with the local RSL. He donated a field kitchen to the Museum.

**Right:** President Ian Ramsay with Bruce Denison



## FAREWELL VICKI MOVIZIO

Vicki, who was our Local Studies Librarian in Camden Library has decided to retire.

Lee met up with her on Tuesday 30 May, her last day at the library, with a bunch of flowers in appreciation of the work she did with our Partnership Meetings between the Society, Family History and the Library.

The Society wishes her all the best in her future.



## Editor's Notes

### Upcoming Talks in 2023

**13 September** - History Week with stories by members

**11 October** - Jeff McGill with his talk on 'The Light Horse' coinciding with October anniversary

**8 November** - Andy Conlan with a talk on 'Camden Freemasons'

**13 December** - Members' Christmas Party

### ***The SOCIETY'S FACEBOOK***

We now have over 3,500 followers on our page.

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](http://www.facebook.com/CamdenMuseum)

### ***VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT***

The number of visitors to the Museum are increasing with the past few months showing near record numbers.

*The Society is always needing members who would like to participate in the functioning of the museum . If interested, please contact me.*

**Rene Rem: 0424 847 492**

## Visits to the Museum in 2023

As we are now living with COVID there are more groups and events happening in the museum.

- Every Monday from 1.30 - 2.30 pm U3A History free classes are conducted in the museum by Michael Barry (CHS member) commencing early February

\*\* Many thanks to John and Julie Wrigley, Jo O'Brien, Ian Willis, Ian Ramsay and Rene Rem for assisting with the Tours which includes bus and walking tours in the Camden District . Also to the volunteers who assist with school and group bookings to the museum.

### **NEW SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER**

Trish Clark has agreed to be our new Education Coordinator with Camden District primary schools.

Trish will collaborate with Rene Rem for volunteers to assist with school visits.

# CAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



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Camden Museum & Camden Library  
40 John St, Camden.

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 2022 / 2023

Individual \$20, Family \$25

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 THE FOYER

Outside the library is a new exhibit keeping in line with the theme of History Week: Voices From the Past, with items from the Camden Museum Collection.

Many thanks to Julie, John Wrigley for the design.

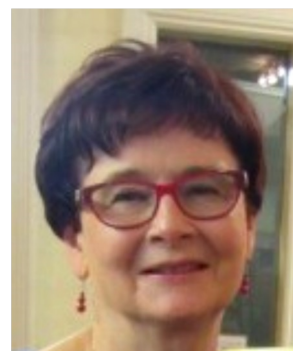
If you would like to donate an item to the museum collection, it must represent the history and story of the Camden District. Forms are available at the front desk.

John Wrigley OAM is our Collections Officer.



### [NEW ITEMS IN MUSEUM CABINET](#)

## WELFARE OFFICER REPORT



Welcome to the new Committee 2023/24

With deep regret we inform our members of the passing of well known Volunteer, Warren Fusedale. Our deepest condolences are passed on to his family.

If you know of any member who is unwell my contact details are:

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