NEWS from Farrer Place
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From the Editors

Join us for our next Members Get Together on 20th March. The theme for this year’s Heritage Festival is Discovery and Rediscovery. Check out all the Queanbeyan events in the flyer. Two great events at the Museum: Made By Hand Open Day and Fair and Gran’s Bag. Put the Flyers and Calendar of Events on your Fridge, so you don’t miss out on Museum events in 2016!

Eds: Kerrie Ruth & Nancy Monk.

From the President

As usual we have a busy year ahead and have been busy in the first two months. We have hosted a very appreciative group from Warrigal and had a presence at Carnivale. For the Heritage Festival we are stretching our vision and resources to hold a themed fair which will enable us to show off some of the treasures of the Museum and connect with the community in new ways. You can read about this fair elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also read about some of the many tasks for volunteers at the Museum. New society members are always welcome, particularly if they can offer time, skill and enthusiasm to help run the Museum. We also hope to contribute a regular column to the Queanbeyan Age.

John McGlynn

Important Dates for Your Diary!

Working Bee Sat 9th April from 9.30

Members Get Together – Sunday 20th March – 1 – 4
Theme: Our Settlement History. Join your hosts Marilyn and Nancy for history chat, a cuppa and to catch up on what is happening at the Museum. All members most welcome.

— Queanbeyan Heritage Festival —

Discovery and Rediscovery
April 2016

Thursday 7th April 5.30 – 7.30pm History and Heritage Meeting:
Launch of Heritage Festival + Frank Gallagher’s Legacy (past Headmaster of Queanbeyan Public School) talk by Brendan O’Keefe + Museum News + Other History News
Sunday 10th April 1- 4.30 ‘Which Pub?’ Heritage Pub Crawl
Bookings: Lucy.Gravina@qcc.nsw.gov.au
April @QCC Library The Meat Pie Australia’s Own Fast Food
Saturday 16th April 12 noon Queanbeyan City Council Heritage Awards @Museum
Saturday 16th April 12.30 - 4pm Printing Museum Open Day

Made By Hand Open Day and Fair
At Queanbeyan Museum
16th April 11am - 3pm – Free Admission

Gran’s Bag
At Queanbeyan Museum
For pre-schoolers to year three accompanied by an adult
20th April 11am – 12 noon – Gold Coin Donation
Bookings: Kerrie Ruth 02 6297 2730

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New Books and Reviews

The book *Sisters at Arms Simone Alpen, Edith Cavell & A Belgian/Australian Family at War 1915-2015* has been accepted into the Historical Museum reference book collection. It is a record of dedication and heroism during World War 1. It was launched on the 26th November 2015 with Guest Speakers: His Excellency Belgium Ambassador Bodson, Dr Michael Gillespie and Peter Crisp – world renowned glass maker.

The author is Queanbeyan’s Narelle O’Rourke who tells of the finding of a photograph of Simone Cahen wearing Croix-Rouge Belgique armband and her medals in an antique shop in Mogo, NSW; of the contacts made of Australians with family connections: Alpen, Gillespie and Crisp and 18 years of research including a visit to Europe. A special readable book with many photographs. Congratulations, Narelle.

Nancy Monk

History Group

We are planning to organise e-mail groups. If you are interested in answering history queries, please let us know. We can share with each other and increase our knowledge of our region’s history. Many of these are family history and we work closely with the QCC on these.

Some recent queries from Museum Visitors: Please contact qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au if you can assist with answering any of these queries

Request for info on a Bungendore House 65 Molonglo St first occupied mid 1800s by Marsden. Contact Michelle 0402716414 michellemelmin@hotmail.com

Any info on Beazley Family of Arthur, Ada, James and Fred. Contact: Charmaine Fripp cfripp3@gmail.com

Headmaster of Intermediate School High School in 1947. Contact randpwalker@optusnet.com.au

Info on James Hutchison (or John) carpenters and builders in Qbn 1948-1962. Contact hutchison.alison@gmail.com

I have a photo of Southern team that won the NSW Country Week cricket competition in 1930 includes J. Senior who came from Queanbeyan. Would you know his Christian name (and perhaps his year of birth and death)? Alan Clark, life member, Shoalhaven Historical Society.

Membership Reminder

Memberships due in April 2016 will receive a renewal notice with the April 2016 edition of *Quinbean*. Renewals are due annually in either April or October.

Quinbean

Keep your contributions coming! You are most welcome to submit articles to the President or Editor Gillian Kelly. Your next *Quinbean* will be in the mail shortly.

Fred Monk

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# Raising the Public Profile of the Museum

## Can You Assist With Any of these Tasks?

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| **Task:** Update our Facebook page once or twice a week.  
**Goal:** Build our presence on Social Media and get more coverage for Museum Activities & Qbn History.  
**How easy?:** This is a fun task for one person or a group that might want to work together. This would suit someone already familiar with Facebook but you can be shown how. It is very easy to use.  
**Contact:** Kerrie Ruth | **Task:** Update our web site as required.  
**Goal:** Build our website to get more coverage for Museum Activities & Qbn History.  
**How easy?:** This is a rewarding task for one person or a group that might want to work together. This would suit someone already familiar with the web, but you can be shown how. It is a very easy to use interface.  
**Contact:** Kerrie Ruth | **Task:** Liaison with Schools, President and volunteers.  
**Goal:** Build our school group attendance to cover all schools in Queanbeyan and widen net to other areas.  
**How easy?:** Need to do some planning and work with the President and volunteers. This would suit someone already familiar with the education sector, but not necessary.  
**Contact:** John McGlynn |

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| **Task:** Design Museum information and publicity flyers posters etc. as required.  
**Goal:** Get more people through the door and get more coverage for Museum Activities & Qbn History.  
**How easy?:** This would suit someone already familiar with and with an aptitude for graphic design.  
**Contact:** Kerrie Ruth | **Task:** Write press releases and develop and implement a marketing plan for the Museum.  
**Goal:** Get more people through the door and get more coverage for Museum Activities & Qbn History.  
**How easy?:** This would suit someone with enthusiasm, writing skills and confidence in dealing with the media.  
**Contact:** Kerrie Ruth | **Task:** Do a regular run to Motels, Visitor Ctr etc, to check Museum flyers and publicity material are current.  
**Goal:** Get more people through the door and more coverage for Museum Activities & Qbn History.  
**How easy?:** Would suit someone with a car and would only take a small amount of time.  
**Contact:** Kerrie Ruth |

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**We are on Facebook!**  
https://www.facebook.com/queanbeyanmuseum  
Check out our new Facebook page  
and like us and follow us to keep up to date with Museum news.
It’s all happening at the Queanbeyan Museum! - Photo Gallery

The Men From Snowy River Re-Enactment 8 November 2015

We had a great turn out for our end of year get together

Museum collection items were on display at The Q as part of Queanbeyan Art Society’s *The Art of Lest We Forget*

LHS Museum Assistant Ximena Briceno gave a presentation on her PowerHouse Museum Internship

RHS Maria, Nancy and John at our Member’s Get Together on Schools