

NEWS from Farrer Place

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Important Dates for Your Diary!

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From the Editors

Lots to report and coming up for history and heritage in Queanbeyan in Winter / Spring. We have enclosed an updated Calendar of Events and a flyer for our next Members Get Together.

Eds: Kerrie Ruth & Nancy Monk.

From the President

As the weather grows colder and the days shorter, it can be hard to keep up the enthusiasm.

However, I am pleased to report that we have a good crop of new volunteers to help keep the Museum open. Our members' get-togethers have proved a great chance to share stories and learn from them. Check the details of our next one elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is very gratifying to staff the Museum and be constantly told how marvellous it is and how much there is to see in it.

This doesn't happen without a lot of effort behind the scenes: planning new exhibitions; cataloguing the exhibits; sweeping up the leaves etc, etc. Thank you all the volunteers and more are always welcome.

John McGlynn

– Family History Month – August 2015 – Presented by HAGSOC

An Introduction to Family History Research

Saturday 8 August 2015 - QCC Library 10am-12noon
Enquiries: Brigid Whitbread 02 6285 6256

Museum Members Get Together – Sun 30th August – 1 – 4

Theme: Queanbeyan's Churches, drop in for history chat, a cuppa and to catch up on what is happening at the Museum. Bring some stories and memorabilia to share. Your hosts are Nancy Monk and Marilyn Folger. All members most welcome.

– History Week –

5th – 13 September 2015

War, Nationalism and Identity

History and Heritage Network Meeting: Guest Speaker Boni Maywald: *Accidental Community Event Planning: How PeaceKnits Pop-Up "happened" to find and share our heritage.*

Thursday 10 September 2015 - QCC Library 5:30 - 7pm
Enquiries: Brigid Whitbread 02 6285 6256

History Week At Queanbeyan Museum 2015

Saturday 12th September - Open Day 11-4

12 Noon - Launch of ***Stories From a Country Town 1914-1918
Queanbeyan and District***

Also featuring a re-enactment of a WW1 recruitment tent courtesy of local members of The Great War Association, eats and drinks

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Working Bees

Collection Management

Saturday 25th July

9.30 -12.30

***Come along and assist us with some
tasks in the collection store***

Prep Museum for History Week

Saturday 5 September

9.30 -12.30

All welcome!

Making connections and helping to add to the story of Gundaroo life 1930s to 1970s

Marion Meische from Gundaroo has been researching for the Gundaroo town and school for their 150th anniversary celebrations held in March 2015. She is now planning to build on that School History, with personal remembrances, and develop a Gundaroo Community story especially while people are still around. She is also interested in oral histories. Does anyone have personal remembrances of Gundaroo to share with Marion?

She has looked through a collection of papers (log book, shopping requests, etc) of Mr George Monk, Mailman in the Monk family archives. An extract form a letter in that collection is below:

*Gunning Shire Patriotic and Welfare Fund
Gundaroo
June 5th 1940*

My Committee have directed me to thank you for your carrying of parcels (free)... in connection with our Patriotic War Effort... we were able to raise over 60 pounds..

*Yours truly (signed)
WJ Dunn
Hon Secretary*

Mr Joseph Dunn was Headmaster of Gundaroo School for the years 1933 – 1940.

Marion would love to talk to you if you have Gundaroo connections. Phone: 6236 8192

Nancy Monk

Stories From a Country Town

Our focus for History Week this September will be stories from a country town during the First World War – Queanbeyan and District. We are interested in what the people, both the soldiers, nurses and those who stayed at home, did during the war. If you have researched any such stories or have relevant family memories and or artefacts or memorabilia we would be very happy to share them. Contact the Society on qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au
Or PO Box 480 Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Queanbeyan's Living History Oral History Project Continues

The oral history project is continuing. We had a group meeting to assess progress and organise the next interviews. Marilyn Folger has just completed a two-part interview with Robert Campbell. There are plenty of prospective interviewees on our list. The Bede Tongs interview conducted by Lee Davy is now being professionally transcribed thanks to Wendy Smith's generous donation to the Oral History project. Everyone is welcome to join the Oral History group, just e-mail us at the Museum.
John McGlynn

Membership Reminder

Some of you will have received reminders with your last *Quinbean*. Renewals are due annually in either April or October.
Fred Monk

Weekend Openers Training

We have had good attendances and success with training and if anyone wants to receive the training just contact me and it can be organised at your convenience. At some stage in the future we will also organise an Occupational Health and Safety training session for volunteers. Keep an eye out for an announcement.
John McGlynn

Thank you to our generous donors:

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M Clements	Mrs Phil Dennis	D & J Madew
N Donoghoe	Ms P Brady	R Curry

Telephone Book Collection

Brigid Whitbread the Local History Librarian from Queanbeyan City Library is looking for pre 1975 and 1982 - 1999 telephone books. Brigid says that telephone books are a wonderful resource for people researching family history as well as for tracing social and commercial history of our town. She would be very happy to accept donations in good condition and will recycle those where they receive duplicates.

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Members' Get-togethers A Great Success!



We have had two very successful **Members' Get-togethers** to talk about aspects of our history and to get to know one another. Hosted by Nancy Monk and Marilyn Folger the first was Sunday 1 March. The topic was railways in the district and our local historians and railway enthusiasts lead a lively discussion. The second was held on May 31 with the topic of *Our Built Heritage* this again was well attended and lively and we heard some wonderful anecdotes. The next one will be on Sun 30th August – 1 – 4; the theme is Queanbeyan's Churches. All welcome!



We had a bumper crop of beautiful lemons this year from the Museum tree, and they were free to our wonderful volunteers!



Quinbean

Our long-serving and very successful editor of *Quinbean*, Gillian Kelly is wanting to step back after a sustained period and we are looking for a replacement Editor/s and for contributions to continue this most valuable and much appreciated local history journal.

Thanks a million Gillian for all you have done to chronicle and promote the history of Queanbeyan.

Gillian is very keen to pass on her skills and ideas to any new recruits and you could perhaps assist and observe the production of the September issue.

If you are interested contact me and Gillian Kelly via e-mail or leave a message on the Museum telephone 62997449 or by post PO Box 480 Queanbeyan 2620. **John McGlynn**

Contributions to Quinbean

Quinbean is published three times a year in April, September and December

Contributions are most welcome from the smallest snippet to longer articles (500-1500 words ideally with at least one or two photographs/illustrations) in any form: quirky facts, family history, articles, letters, photographs, poetry, relevant to the history of our town and region. Longer articles could be split over two editions.

Send contributions via e-mail with photographs separately. Attn Quinbean gbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au
Or Attn Quinbean PO Box 480 Queanbeyan NSW 2620

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and like us and follow us to keep up to date with Museum news.

It's all happening at the Queanbeyan Museum! - Photo Gallery

Queanbeyan Heritage Festival – April 2015



Left: Jason and Chloe Roweth in their powerful and moving concert *The Riderless Horse – A History of WW1 in Song*



Above Mayor Tim Overall giving out one of the QCC Heritage Awards for 2015



Below: Artist Margaret Hadfield spoke eloquently at the launch of the Heritage Festival

Kerrie Ruth and John McGlynn with Chloe Roweth



A group of us went on a ***Mysterious Queanbeyan by Moonlight*** Tour hosted by Nichole Overall. A highly recommended and enjoyable spooky history tour of Queanbeyan at night. Society member's price for the tour is \$35.00. Great pictures below by Graeme Davy. **Further Information** – see *Queanbeyan City of Champions* Facebook page



Keep your eye out for more Mysterious Happenings at Queanbeyan Museum!

