

NEWS from Farrer Place

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Newsletter October 2015

From the editors

Lots coming up in November / December with the QAS launch, Snowy River March, Ximena's talk, AGM, Members Get Together and our end of year celebration.

Eds: Kerrie Ruth & Nancy Monk.

From the President

Since the last Newsletter we have had a very successful History Week with the Mayoral launch of the *Stories from a Country Town* exhibition and a stall at the River Festival with positive response to the museum from a wide range of people. This has been another great year for the Society and Museum with successful exhibitions, school visits, an increased presence on social media, an influx of new and enthusiastic members and the continuation of our prestigious journal, *Quinbean*. However, we have also seen some drawing back from involvement though ill health or other factors. We always need more volunteers for weekend opening, collection management, writing for *Quinbean* and generally helping out with keeping the Museum open and attractive. If you have something to offer please contact me on 6297 2730 or by e-mail.

John McGlynn

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Important Dates for Your Diary!

QDHMS Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Monday 16 November 2015 – 6.30pm at Queanbeyan Museum to receive:

**Minutes of the last AGM held 8 December 2014
President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary Reports
Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee**

**Office Bearer and Committee Nominations to
the Secretary QDHMS Inc. PO Box 480 Queanbeyan NSW 2620
by COB November 9 2015**

**Nomination forms can be obtained by e-mailing the Secretary:
qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au**

QDHMS Inc. membership falls due in April and October each year

Behind the Scenes at the Powerhouse

Thursday 12 November 4.30 @QCC Library

All most welcome

Museum Assistant Ximena Briceno will give a talk on her Collection Management Internship at the MAAS (Powerhouse Museum)

Members Get Together – "School Days"

Sunday 29 November 1-4 @Museum

All most welcome

Join your hosts Nancy Monk and John Rosewarne for a cuppa, history chat and Museum news. Bring some School memorabilia and stories to share with the group.

Museum End of Year Celebration and Get Together

Saturday December 5th from 12.00 noon @Museum

All most welcome

Join us to celebrate another great year at the Museum. Please bring some food to share.

Internship at Australian Museum Heather Thomson

One of our dedicated Volunteers, Heather Thomson, has been privileged to be offered an internship in October with the Australian Museum in Sydney.

My placement was in the Materials Conservation Laboratory. The people were friendly and happy to share their knowledge with me. After a short induction to the museum we drove over to the Castle Hill Storage facility which is shared with the Powerhouse Museum (we went to pick up a very large sun fish for AM display). I was shown around one of the stores which had memorabilia from the 2000 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony and the furniture collection from Powerhouse. The staff explained the fire safety system, construction of the building, temperature and pest control and how they treat items before they are placed in storage (freezing or nitrogen treatment).

Back at the AM staff showed me:

- . box making for bird specimens
- . pest control measures (including accompanying a staff member on a cyclical pest inspection of some of the display galleries and laying traps for insects)
- . procedures for photographing items for condition reports (particularly important for items lent out to other institutions)
- . discussing disaster preparedness and inspecting several different disaster bin set-ups.

In my second week I will be learning about storage techniques, and also hopefully working on a broken plate found at a building site that needs to be pieced together (there are lots of pieces missing).



Left: Heather Thomson at a Museum Working Bee

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supported by
Queanbeyan City
Council***

Barracks Flat Neighbourhood Park

Nancy Monk provided an outline of Barracks Flat history to a park designer. A recent planting along the Creek bank including one by then PM Tony Abbott. If you'd like to have input into your local Park check out: "Concept designs for seven parks and open spaces." Submissions by 30th October.
council@qcc.nsw.gov.au **Nancy Monk**

Gundaroo History

History Remembered - Gundaroo 1930s - 1970
Do you have stories to tell to contribute? Contact marion.meischke@gmail.com Marion has gained insight into the important role of the Mailman of the 1930s -1942 by reading through George Monk's log books and collection of requests. **Nancy Monk**

The Queanbeyan Art Society

presents

The Art of Lest We Forget

A Centenary of Anzac exhibition at
The Q, Queanbeyan

Opening 3rd November at 6pm

by Cr Tim Overall,
Mayor of Queanbeyan

On behalf of QAS President Barry Cranston
QDHMS members are invited to the opening.
All are very welcome.

***Thank you for Your
Kind Donations!***

D & M Stanton	V & L & A Blundell
P Johnston	J Cope
J & H Battom	M & D Robertson
H & P Jeffery	R Baum
P Jacyshyn	F Mallon
A & M Burgess	J Lachetta
P Brady	

The Snowy River March



The Men from Snowy River Route March 100 Years on



As part for the Centenary of ANZAC, join us in honoring The Men from Snowy River by attending the re-enactment of the 1916 recruitment march.

The march will proceed down Monaro St from 10:30am Sunday 8 November.

Featuring the Light Horse Men, entertainment from the Snowy Mob choir and a ceremony at the Queanbeyan Cenotaph.



www.themenfromsnowyriver.com.au

*Photo courtesy of Australian War Memorial

Focus on Quinbean

Quinbean – It's Your Journal!

Did you know our Society History Journal *Quinbean* has been published for nine years? It was the brainchild of Andrew Blundell and Gillian Kelly way back in 2007 and since then there have been 24 editions printed. (The 25th is in production). So well worth celebrating! Of course the Society has published historical items in the early versions of the QDHMS Newsletter for many, many years and we have plans to digitise these. We would like to give Gillian Kelly, the Editor, a hand in gathering contributions to *Quinbean* which takes 30-40 hours per edition for her to put together. It is your Journal and we would love your contributions!

Here is a quick FAQ to contributing:

What content is desirable? Make it your journal! We'd like to cast the net fairly widely and welcome anything to do with Queanbeyan and district history. We want *Quinbean* to be accessible and not too stuffy! Family and oral history, interesting photographs, poetry and personal stories and memories are great.

Acknowledgements: Please use a footnote where you have quoted another Author or source directly; also acknowledge any sources at the end of your article. You will need to adhere to the Copyright Act and if photographs are still in Copyright, gain approval of the Copyright owner to use the photographs you include in the article.

Will my work be published in the next Edition after I contribute? The Editor tries to do this. Sometimes to maintain a balance contributions may be held over for a later edition.

What length is accepted? Small and interesting snippets are absolutely fine. Three or four A4 pages is the usual length for an article. A longer article would be accepted but may be split over more than one edition.

What format is accepted? Electronic files are preferred in Calibri or Times New Roman 12pt, but these can be converted. If you don't have access to word-processing or the internet then typed pages can be scanned and handwritten contributions are Ok as they can be retyped for you.

How do I submit? Send Attention The Editor, *Quinbean* as an e-mail attachment to gbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au Or by post (hard copy or USB) to QDHMS PO Box 480 Queanbeyan 2620 NSW Or drop it into the Museum on a weekend between 1-4.

How often is it published? Contributions are welcome at any time and will be stockpiled for future editions. Published three times a year: March / April for the annual Heritage Festival; August / September for History Week and in December. The Editor starts work on a new edition 2- 3 months out from publication date.

Show a good Queanbeyan face to the marchers in the Snowy River March re-enactmen:

Sunday 8th November 10.30 Monaro St Queanbeyan

The Museum will be open from 11.30 after the march. We have invited the marchers to view the Museum exhibitions after they have lunch

Goulburn Penny Post Saturday 1 January 1916

MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER ROUTE MARCH. An enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee of the "Men from Snowy River" Route March was held at Queanbeyan on Thursday. The members were welcomed by the Mayor. The Hon. Austin Chapman, M.P. presided. Delegates from Delegate, Bombala, Queanbeyan, Cooma, and other centres reported a number of recruits ready to join at each centre and generous promises of support from all quarters.

Update on Rusten House Plans

Bill Warne from QCC convened a meeting in the grounds; attendees included Connee-Colleen, Nancy Monk, Dennis Mortimer and Fern, CWA representative. Each was given an opportunity to express wishes for future uses of Rusten House and Bill announced application had been made for funding grant for a Regional Arts Hub. Outcome expected in December.

Nancy Monk

We are on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/queanbeyanmuseum>
Check out our 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

History Week 2015 - Stories From a Country Town - Queanbeyan 1914-1918



River Festival



Quinbean Indexing Project

Quinbean is an important repository of local history. Would you like to make it more accessible? There is a full run of *Quinbean* at the Museum and the QCC Library. Copies are also sent to the NLA, the Canberra Historical Society and the ACT Heritage Library. We have been asked a number of times if there is an index to *Quinbean*, so we thought the time was right at 25 editions to see if anyone would be interested in working with Gillian Kelly on this? Contact the President, John McGlynn or Gillian Kelly, if you are interested in discussing what might be involved.

Quinbean Volumes:

Volume 1: No. 1, June 2007; No. 2, October 2007.

Volume 2: No. 1, Feb 2008; No. 2, June 2008; No. 3, Jan 2009; No. 4, May 2009.

Volume 3: No. 1, Nov 2009; No. 2, April 2010; No. 3, Aug 2010; No. 4, Dec 2010.

Volume 4: No. 1, April 2011; No. 2, September 2011; No. 3, December 2011.

Volume 5: No. 1, April 2012; No. 2, August 2012; No. 3, December 2012.

Volume 6: No. 1, April 2013; No. 2, September 2013; No. 3, December 2013.

Volume 7: No. 1, April 2014; No. 2, September 2014; No. 3, January, 2015.

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