

### **From the Editors**

Simplified layout for this edition (we have had a bit of sickness in volunteer ranks)

Guest Editor Lee Davy + Kerrie Ruth.

### **From the acting President - Lee Davy**

There is a lot going on at the Museum and you are all invited to be part of the work and events, whether hands on or simply viewing our fabulous displays. Of course, the amount of activity does depend on our wonderful volunteers, and we are working towards providing a happy work environment for volunteers, ably assisted by Georgina Perri from QPRC. Volunteers are valued members of our team, all working together to keep our Museum open and functioning, providing a real community asset. Much valuable work is going on behind the scenes during the week, as well as our opening hours on the weekend, 1-4pm. More will be forthcoming about our out door equipment project, and the opportunities for training and involvement.

### **What's On**

#### ***Queanbeyan Heritage Festival April – May 2018 – Lots on! Leaflet circulated***

History and Heritage Network – 6-7.30 Guest Speaker Brendan O’Keefe *Stories That Will Be Told* @QPRC Library

#### ***Queanbeyan Museum Open Day – Sat 21 April 11-3***

QPRC Heritage Awards – Sat 21 April 12 noon @Museum

#### ***Oral History Workshop - Sat 28 April 10-12 @QPRC Library***

Members Get Together – A celebration of the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society

Sunday May 27 1-4 also members stall Thursday May 24 Crawford St Arcade 9.30 - 3.30

### **Volunteers Welcome – Weekend Openers**

The museum needs volunteers to staff the museum on weekends. If you are interested come to the Museum on our Open Day on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April 11-3 and talk to John McGlynn or you can e-mail:

[mcglynn\\_john@hotmail.com](mailto:mcglynn_john@hotmail.com) or telephone: 6297 2730. We can arrange training.

### **Oral History Project**

After a pause the Museum wants to resume the Oral History project. If you are interested, either to conduct an interview or to provide an interviewee please contact John McGlynn as above.

### **News**

#### **Visit of Kealman Descendants - Lee Davy**

On February 8, the great grandchildren of John Kealman (who is featured in our exhibitions) were thrilled to visit the museum. John Kealman had helped build the Police Sergeants Residence the museum is in, as well as the Court House, the Post Office and St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church in the 1870s, and Walsh’s Hotel in 1885. He had migrated from Scotland with his family, and came to Queanbeyan. John’s son Alexander left for Brazil in 1888 where he became a banker and later an Exchange Broker, also involved in the Masonic Lodge. The descendants, Alexandre and Isabel (Great Grandchildren of John Kealman) who still live in Brazil, were able to contact their cousin Malcolm Hamilton, in Sydney through Malcolm’s wife Elizabeth, who works with Ancestry. Malcolm’s Great Grandmother was John Kealman’s Sister Isabel. They were thrilled to see so much information on John Kealman in the museum, the bricks and buildings. If anyone knows of a photograph of John Kealman, the family would love to hear of it!



RHS: Lee Davy and Alexandre Kealman.

LHS: Magda Kealman (wife of Alexandre), Alexandre Donald Kealman, Isabel Kealman, Malcolm Hamilton

### **New Acquisitions and Displays**

A new acquisition: the Paragon Café Sign, plus plates and memorabilia are being installed in the room off the foyer where the Harry Hesse exhibition was.

Peter Johnston has donated some wonderful items to the Museum. Some of the newly acquired collection items including a Christening Gown will be displayed in a room off the foyer where the Harry Hesse exhibition was. Lee Davy, Frances & David Flanagan and Fred Monk and are working on the new displays.

### **Visit to Hall School Museum**

We will be visiting Hall School Museum on 9th May arriving around 10.30 for morning tea and a talk about the exhibitions. Allow a couple of hours for wandering around. If you would like to join us please RSVP to Kristina Flynn via [qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au](mailto:qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au). We can arrange some car shares from Queanbeyan.

### **QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee - QDHMS representative needed**

Are you interested in representing the Society on the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee? It meets once a month and looks at planning decisions that affect our heritage. Please e-mail [qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au](mailto:qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au) with an expression of interest.

### **At the Museum – Lots Happening!**

- Photography and audit of the objects continues thanks to Heather and Jill.
- Fred Monk is working on a number of projects: sorting photographs, and liaising with QPRC on our catalogue changeover from Mosaic to Librero and also updating our MOU.
- Frances Flanagan has completed her work cataloguing the Blacksmith's shop.
- Volunteer Chris has been assisting Frances and David Flanagan with cataloguing various pieces of ironmonger and Chris is also sorting out museum papers and bits and pieces.
- Lee Davy has been working on the rare books collection.
- Fred Monk has been beavering away with a general clean-up and re-orientation of the office.
- Photos on various files on the old computers are being sorted by Kristina and Treena, supported by Fred.
- Kirsty working on the Ephemera folders check, supported by Fred.
- Kristina and Maria organised for a Museum stall at recent Queanbeyan multicultural festival.

### **New Museum Telephone Number – 02 6169 6213**

NBN is finally installed. We also have some new computers courtesy QPRC. It has taken a while!

## *News From Farrer Place*

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### **Grant Progress**

The first Architect's drawings for the new out door display have been produced for the Committee to look at. Planning for training as a part of this project is in the pipeline, watch this space!

### **Farewell Ximena**

Our QPRC Museum Assistant Ximena Briceno is leaving us. Many thanks to Ximena for all her efforts during the time spent with us at the Museum.

### **New Exhibition**

*Harry Hesse – A Good Neighbour* has been de-installed by Kerrie Ruth and John McGlynn. The Committee is installing a new exhibit showcasing some of the rare books and new acquisition in the front room space vacated by this exhibition. Drop in on our open day on 21 April and have a look.

### **New Schools and Visits Co-ordinator**

Kristina Flynn is the new Schools and Group Visits co-ordinator. Welcome Kristina! We are looking for volunteers to assist with school groups. Contact us on [qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au](mailto:qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au) if interested in assisting with schools and group visits to the Museum and Kristina will contact you.

### **Research News**

We have been assisting John Shortis with research for The Q's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration and attended, what a great show!

### ***Quinbean***

Farewell to wonderful Gillian Kelly who has retired after a long and successful stint in the role of *Quinbean* Editor. John McGlynn and Kerrie Ruth are the new Editors and will produce the next edition with Gillian's expert guidance. Articles, snippets and poems about Queanbeyan's history are welcome. Contact John at [mcglynn\\_john@hotmail.com](mailto:mcglynn_john@hotmail.com)

### **Facebook**

Lee Davy has taken over Facebook and is doing well with lots of interesting posts. Please follow us to keep up to date with Lee's posts and Museum News!

### **Thanks to our generous donors**

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