

News from Farrer Place

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QUEANBEYAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FROM THE EDITORS

We have had a busy time at the Museum since the last newsletter. Still plenty happening till the end of the year.

We've had good feedback on our new newsletter format.

Kerrie Ruth &
Nancy Monk

QDHMS Inc. AGM 21 Nov 6.30 pm

1. *President's Report*
2. *Membership Secretary's Report*
3. *Treasurer's Report*
4. *Election of Office Bearers*

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Queanbeyan NSW 2620 Nominations in by COB Mon 14 November 2016**

Members' Get Together Sunday 27 Nov 1-4 *A Celebration of the History of our Queanbeyan & District Ambulance Service* Nancy Monk & John Rosewarne are your hosts.

Volunteers Get Together Saturday 10 December 11am

Members End of Year Celebration Saturday 10 December 12noon on

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MEMBERS GET TOGETHER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27 1-4 QUEANBEYAN & DISTRICT AMBULANCE SERVICE



Queanbeyan Ambulance at
Temora Rural Museum
Open Day

Photo: Kerrie Ruth

What are your recollections? Please come and share these with members and visitors and have a cuppa, too. A few years ago if you had an injury beyond home remedy, but not severe enough to go to Hospital? Call in on the Ambulance Man for First-Aid. You probably know him from his visits to collect the subscription due or on the Chocolate Wheel to raise money or being on duty at the various Community events. I remember the man in uniform coming on his bike to our farm at Barrack Flat out of town in the Shire of Yarralumla. We will be using information from a book compiled by Terry and John Maher, and remember the Ambulance Auxiliary ladies also have photos on display.

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTION

We are puzzled by the bag(s) of odds and ends from unknown donors that arrive at the Museum. Contents vary, from a used shaving brush to Common Prayer book. Please leave a message such as a note at least outlining disposal "do what you want with these things." It is important for us to be able to accession objects properly, to return or if not wanted to dispose of them. Items

with no provenance cannot tell Queanbeyan's story in the way we want. The Museum is not just a repository for "old objects" which are useful only as illustrative of times past. We need that Queanbeyan connection!

Allies Day Queanbeyan March 1914

An interesting photo, by C S Percival, brought by Peter Johnston to our Community Carnivals Day

shows a group: "The Official Party" in costume and with some of the names handwritten by his father Ancel Johnston. The Queanbeyan Age announced: Allies' Day Carnival with The Coronation of Miss May Land as Queen March 29th in the Showground followed by a Grand Open Air Concert in the evening. Cost 2/6 to assist the starving people of our Allies. Three of the Peers of the Realm are Ald. A H Collett Earl of Tuggranong and Ald C T Campbell Earl of Queanbeyan and Mr Joe Hinckman, Town Clerk, Earl of Anzac. A Principal Maid of Honour Mrs J M McIntosh, Countess of Langdene and second Maid Mrs J H Hinckman. Countess of Anzac. The Queens trainbearers: Master Jack Buckley and Miss Rita Hinckman. Amongst the Ambassadors is Mr Gale, the Duke of Bungendore. Thanks Peter for donating the photo giving us another glimpse into our past



JJ Wrights Store Journal
donated by Raphe Clothier

IN MEMORIAM

Very sad news that we have lost two members in the recent past few months. Marilyn Folger lost her brother Des Keenan who was a regular at all our Museum events. Our condolences to Marilyn and her family.

A long time Society member Raphe Clothier (Raphael C CLOTHIER) also passed away recently at age

95. His Daughter is Helen (COOPER) and his other children are Robyn MOORE and Mark CLOTHIER. His wife Monica passed two and half months ago. Raphe was active in the early historical society and instrumental in saving the two precious 1860s ledgers / journals from J. J. Wrights store for the Museum collection.

FROM THE CATALOGUER – XIMENA BRICENO

repository of...

As a Cataloguer at the Queanbeyan Historical Museum recording our social history, I have noticed that concerned citizens drop off all sorts of material at the Museum from genuine artefacts to curios, knickknacks, kitsch, family photos and official records for care and preservation. Whilst this is an honourable response from citizens to think of the museum as 'a preserver of local history and the repository of the community's cultural collateral' it requires the museum to make informed decisions based on due diligence as to whether or not we should accession these materials thereby elevating their status to that of an artefact.

Museums regardless of their funding, whether, federal, state, community or volunteer initiated devote resources i.e. time and money, to this task. Such is the case with the latest 'material' dropped off at the museum by a concerned citizen, most of which pertains to one family and includes personal diaries, legal correspondence, photographs and books. These 'artefacts' were all 'rescued' by a citizen from a rubbish skip understanding the 'local historical value' of the contents. However, due to the personal degree of artefacts and no awareness of a family member, the Queanbeyan Museum volunteers faced the task of contacting family descendants to ensure that it is acceptable for us to accession this material for posterity and use them as the Museum considers appropriate. Some of these artefacts are interesting and reveal personal insights of greater Queanbeyan in the early 20th century. Stay tuned!

OUR NEWEST EXHIBITION HARRY HESSE – A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

The Exhibition utilises the Harry and Shirley Hesse Collection recently donated to the Museum and documents Harry's extraordinary energy, organisational ability and social conscience expressed in an active and productive life. The exhibition has displays on QDPP, Hiroshima Day Ceremonies, letter writing, Hatta Sister City, QCC Councillor, teacher at Karabar High, Technical Aid for the Disabled and Green Politics.

Shirley Hesse launched the exhibition on Saturday 17 September, a beautiful spring day. Shirley was accompanied by her sons Col and Paul and Paul's wife.

Special guests were Dr Mike Kelly, Federal Member for Eden Monaro, Tom Mavec (and his wife Jospheine) & Ann Rocca retired QCC Councillors

and retired QCC Mayor Frank Pangallo and his wife Mary.

Thanks to Ximena Briceno and Heather Thomson who catalogued the Harry and Shirley Hesse Collection and de-installed and packed away the WW1 Red Cross exhibition; Carolyn Newman, Pat Brady & Maria Lukas, who assisted with sourcing information and objects for the exhibition; Carolyn Newman for assisting us with the install. Thanks also to Fred Monk and Judy Pearson who organised the catering. Also a big thank you to the members who made the museum spic and span for the opening at the working bee on September 10 and Litsa Sklavos whose idea it was to have the pot plants on the front veranda and has been working with Fred Monk on keeping the garden looking great.

Thank you to the QPRC Administrator Tim Overall and Karen Hansen, QPRC Library and Cultural Services Manager for loaning us the Hatta sister city objects for the exhibition. Kerrie Ruth and I have enjoyed putting this exhibition together very much and solving the myriad little issues we faced such as working with our antique display cabinets. I acknowledge Gillian's Kelly's creativity and hard work in creating many of our good looking Museum displays on small budgets.

From an historical point of view this is an important exhibition. It links our city with movements in the wider world and reminds us of the continuity of Queanbeyan's history from earliest times to the present. We invite you to come in and have a look. Sat and Sun 1-4.

E - M A I L

We are planning to have a new e-mail address for the Museum when we have the NBN connected to the Museum later this year. This will mean we can finally get rid of our clunky and out dated Yahoo e-mail address. This should improve communications and lessen spam to our address.

QUEANBEYAN MUSEUM IS SUPPORTED BY QUEANBEYAN – PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL

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schools get all the money they need
and the air force has to hold a cake
stall to buy a bomber
WJLRF*

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P Jacyshyn and Olesia Warren

A TYPICAL WEEKEND ENQUIRY

A phone call from Sydney to Ruth Blunden, on duty volunteer, prompted a reach for Hincksman ancestors owning shops and one a Town Clerk in Queanbeyan. Mention is made of Joseph Hincksman the Town Clerk for 34 years under 17 Mayors! Carla found a photo of Joseph and another one of his wife, Annie (nee Lough) receiving an award for her Hospital work. A photo was sent of the Members Board with "Mrs Hincksman" on and where it is positioned in the entrance to our Hospital. These two boards list all who have made a significant contribution to Queanbeyan Hospital up until 1980. It is noted that there are three Hincksman young men who are "Our Queanbeyan Boys" going off to World War 1. These are Clarence, Percy and Clement (who was killed in action in France). We sent a copy of Queanbeyan District and People by Errol Lea-Scarlett and a copy of the photos, on the receipt of a cheque.





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a very productive few months with a successful History Week and the emergence of some new volunteers. History Week at the museum saw a brand new exhibition replacing the World War 1 and Red Cross exhibits. The *Harry Hesse: A Good Neighbour* exhibition commemorates the achievements of a man much loved and respected in Queanbeyan as a teacher, Councillor and activist. It points to the continuity of history as the museum now has objects on display from the earliest times with some Aboriginal stone implements to items from the 1900s.

Volunteers, including some new members, are busy helping to staff the museum at weekends, describe and house the collection and keep the museum and gardens spick and span. Of course we always need more to help. In particular a few more Committee members would help to share the load. This involves one meeting a month and perhaps other jobs such as taking minutes, organising the weekend roster and generally keeping an eye on things at the museum and in the Society.

I hope to see all the weekend volunteers at a meeting at 11am on 10 December to contribute ideas about next year's organisation and volunteer likes and dislikes. Then I hope everyone will turn up for a party that afternoon from 12noon to celebrate another successful year at the Museum.

John McGlynn

IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT QUEANBEYAN MUSEUM! - PHOTO GALLERY -



**Shirley Hesse with her family at the launch of
A Good Neighbour**



**Paul Hesse with Heather
Thomson at the launch**



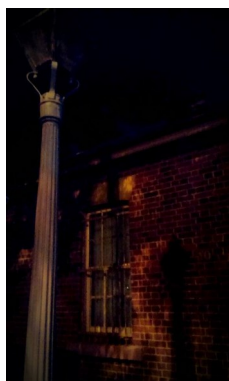
**Shirley Hesse with Tom and Josephine
Mavec at the launch of A Good Neighbour**



**Shirley Hesse with Frank and Mary Pangallo, Dr
Mike Kelly, Kerrie Ruth and John McGlynn at the
launch of A Good Neighbour**



Museum garden is looking wonderful



**Mysterious Night at the
Museum was a great success**



Detail of Sister City display from A Good Neighbour