

# News from Farrer Place

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## QUEANBEYAN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FROM THE EDITORS

A full on start to the year with Carnevale, visit by the FAHS, Member's Get Together, Volunteer training and now the Heritage Festival.

Hope to see you at our Open Day on the 22 April.

Kerrie Ruth &  
Nancy Monk

*Thursday 20 April Launch Heritage Festival – 5.30 – QPRC Library*  
*Guest Speaker: Richard Begbie: Celebrating Local History: The Deep and Recent Past*

*Saturday 22 April Open Day*

*Queanbeyan Museum – Expressing and Preserving Your Story*

*Workshops on oral history, scrapbooking, caring for collections, researching, writing and poetry. Come along, everyone is most welcome!*

*Sat May 6 – Mysterious Night at The Museum – with Nichole Overall*

*Sunday 25 June – Members' Get Together: Girl Guides 1-4*

*Saturday Sep 9 – History Week –Cycling Exhibition Launch 12 noon*

*Sunday 24 September – Members' Get Together: Cycling 1-4*

*Saturday 9 December – Members' Get Together: QDHMS*

*+ End of Year Party 12-4*

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#### MEMBERS GET TOGETHER'S UPDATE



John Rosewarne presenting on the history of the Qbn Ambulance Auxiliary at our last Member's Get Together

Hi all Members and readers of our Newsletter

Would you share memories / memorabilia of Girl Guides, Cycling and the History of the Historical Society? These are our three themes for this coming year: June 25, September 24 and December 9.

We are trialling outreach with a portable display in Crawford Arcade the Thursday before our Member's Days. We presented a fascinating overview of the Hospital and Ambulance Auxiliaries on Sunday 25 March. Drop in to the Museum and see the Auxiliaries display in the foyer.

Nancy Monk and John Rosewarne

## DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTION



We were fortunate to receive some wonderful objects from Queanbeyan's rich cycling history, donated by Robert Thurling. These are front and rear home made wheels c 1925 and a leather helmet and canvas cycle bag.. These were used in track racing (not road racing) in Queanbeyan and other places in the 1940s and 1950s by Ray Thurling. Watch out for these in our cycling display later this year.

## IN MEMORIAM



Jim celebrating the QDHMS 40th birthday with us

We lost another grand old man from the Queanbeyan Community in Jim "Poppie" Woods, at 103. Jim was our Patron and one of the founding members of the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society. He also

founded the Queanbeyan Printing Museum just next door. We often saw Jim at the Temora Rural Museum Open Days and he was educating residents of George Forbes House in Queanbeyan's history only recently.

## FROM THE CATALOGUER - AMANDA CLINE

I've started a big project involving the photograph collection that we have here in the museum, mainly entering photo records into Mosaic, scanning photos in preparation to add them to the catalogued records, and reuniting photos with their correct locations. Our new volunteer, Sue, and I will be tackling this particular project with the goal of having the task completed by the end of May. Lee Davy will also be starting on the rare books collection project.

Another volunteer, Heather, has been working very diligently on going through our stored collection to make sure that the items are all numbered. Those that are not have been written up and given to me to rectify in Mosaic. Frances has been doing a great job cataloguing the Blacksmith Shop for entry into the system, as well. We're doing some auditing of our collection bit by bit to make sure that the museum is able to service our community even better in the future.

## VISIT TO GALONG WHOLE HISTORIES CONFERENCE LEE DAVY

Keeping the Stories Alive—one of the key messages of the conference was not just cataloguing (although very important), but telling the history as well. Examples are the Oral Histories we have done at QDHMS.

Set in an absolutely inspiring place, the Galong St Clements Monastery, it was very powerful to concentrate on history with all attendees, encouraging collaboration in a beautiful setting.

This was a wonderful conference with very high calibre speakers such as Dr Richard Read, Professor Melanie Nolan, Dictionary of

Biography, and Dr Matthew Trinca Director, National Museum of Australia.

Facebook and Social Media can be very useful in promoting our work, for example Baradin population now only 200 had their 150th Anniversary and 2,000 people came after a Social Media campaign. Asking people to identify photographs was a very successful strategy.

We spoke about selling the benefits of belonging to Historical Societies to the community. Also demonstrating benefits that

we provide the community to Local Councils.

Sadly, changing demographics in Sydney has mean that some Historical Societies are closing.

Local groups hold and can tell National stories.

Also caught up with Dr David Headon who is researching the history of Rugby League in Queanbeyan.

Volunteering is good for your health and volunteers were toasted, the heritage of Australia is in our hands. **Lee Davy**

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### MEMBERSHIP

Renewals notices (for those memberships due in April 2017 ) will be sent soon, with your copy of *Quinbean*

### TELEPHONE

The Museum telephone is unfortunately not connected because of NBN difficulties. You can e-mail us on qbnmuseum@yahoo.com.au and or ring the President on 02 62972730h

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## **F R O M   T H E   P R E S I D E N T**

As usual the society has hit the ground running in 2017. We have had a members' get-together on the Hospital & Ambulance Auxiliaries which produced an information stand displayed at a local café to increase the Museum's coverage. Three schools and one tour group have visited and been most impressed. We have conducted a recruitment day for volunteers and have gained some enthusiastic new members. We have had a stall at the Carnevale festival and held two working bees to keep the museum ship-shape and had a visit from Bernadette Flynn from the Federation of Australian Historical Societies.

Most significantly, the preparations for our participations in Heritage Week, detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, have been going apace. As you can see the society has been able to involve several local groups and offer a varied program.

Our presence on Facebook and the internet has continued to grow and has resulted in at least one magnificent new acquisition of photographs from a local family, now living in Newcastle but able to keep in touch through the web.

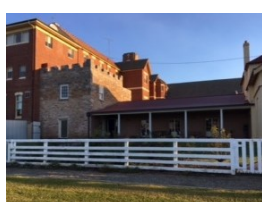
Thank you all the volunteers and I hope to see lots of members and guests at our Open Day on 22 April.

**John McGlynn**

## **I T ' S   A L L   H A P P E N I N G   A T   Q U E A N B E Y A N   M U S E U M ! - P H O T O   G A L L E R Y -**



**Committee member Lee Davy at the Whole Histories Conference**



**St Clement's has an interesting Architectural history: the castle with older and newer buildings**



**Museum at St Clement's Fascinating History!**



**St Clement's Monastery Galong NSW Beautiful rural location**



**New Display for Ambulance and Hospital Auxiliary See it in Museum foyer**



**Committee member Maria Lukacs at our Carnevale Stall**



**Bernadette Flynn (second from left) from FAHS visited With Carolyn Newman, Lee Davy, Kerrie Ruth, John McGlynn & Heather Thomson**