

Nepean District Historical Society

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Welcome to the NDHS monthly bulletin which will keep you posted on what's happening during the month.

Grace Karskens

On Monday 20th January 2020, Grace Karskens FAHA FRSN Professor of Public Humanities, and a member of the Nepean District Historical Society, visited the Museum.

The purpose of her visit was to photograph aboriginal artefacts and photographs that the society holds in the George Bunyan Collection.

Accompanying Grace was Joy Lai, who works for the State Library of NSW, and is an expert at photographing artefacts.

These images are to be included in Grace's forthcoming book **People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia**.

Prior to her visit there was much excitement and preparation with thanks to Tony Grainge, Ted Nowak, Richard Nutt, Rachel Wong and Lynne Cheshire.

The Society is very grateful that Grace is going to share these high resolution images with the Society and Richard has secured her as a Guest Speaker later in the year.

Thank you Grace and Joy it was certainly a pleasure to be a part of your project!

January Meeting Guest Speakers

At our January meeting Tony Grainge and Paul Wheeldon gave those present a wonderful insight by way of personal photographs taken and interesting side stories of their travels to Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

The photographic journey that they presented to the members was a mere snippet of their six week travels; it was certainly a bucket list trip of a lifetime.

I am sure we are all eagerly awaiting to hear and see where they will travel to next!



Joy Lai from the NSW State Library and Grace Karskens, Professor of Public Humanities.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 22nd February

NDHS Meeting
and AGM

Wednesday 26th February

355 Committee Meeting

Friday 28th February

Nepean Valley RSL Day Club
Devonshire Tea

Friday 6th March

BMACHO Committee Meeting

Thursday 12th March

Touring Old Fellows Inc (TOFS)
Tour Only

This Month in...

- 1804** - 1 February - Daniel Woodriff granted 1000 acres of land in Evan district. This Grant covered almost all of the present-day business district of Penrith.
- 1826** - 22 February - Joseph Daniel Single of Castlereagh was born. Joseph later built 'Cassola' on Castlereagh Road and became a Member of Parliament for the area.
- 1838** - 23 February - Samuel Terry died. Samuel came to Australia as a convict and through astute dealings became very wealthy. He was known as the "*Botany Bay Rothschild*" and he owned much of the area known as Llandilo and Cranebrook.
- 1864** - 19 February - Mary Ryan died at Emu Hall. Mary, first wife of Toby Ryan, is buried in St Pauls' Cemetery, Emu Plains.
- 1866** - 14 February - Alexander Fraser died aged 67. He was Penrith's first postmaster from 1828 to 1834 and conducted the Post office in the Court House.
- 1869** - February - William Peter Howell born.
- 1886** - February - The Methodist Church Henry Street was reopened after renovations were necessary because of structural weakness. The building is now an office
- 1891** - 12 February - Penrith Waterworks was opened by the Earl of Jersey - the first official visit of Royalty to Penrith.
- 1892** - 16 February - William Peter Howell represented the Nepean district in a cricket match against Lord Sheffield's touring English cricket team led by Dr W G Grace. The match was organised by T R Smith on a cricket field especially created for the occasion in front of Thornton Hall.
- 1898** - 27 February - St Phillip's Church of England Church, Kingswood was opened.
- 1904** - 25 February - F.D. Woodriff of 'Rodley' died. The original Woodriff grant was divided between two brothers, Frederick and Francis. Frederick built 'Rodley' while Francis built 'Coombewood'.
- 1908** - 7 February - Penrith District Progress Association formed.
- 1919** - 3 February - Reception at Penrith Railway Station for returning soldiers.
All outdoor gatherings prohibited and all hotels closed in the County of Cumberland due to the outbreak of pneumonic influenza.
- 1919** - 28 February - Welcome home party for St Marys soldiers.
- 1925** - 21 February - Penrith Speedway holds a Gigantic Carnival, it attracted over 6,000 people.
- 1930** - February - Mr J J Price & Mr Lisle F Spence purchase the Nepean Picture Theatre.
10 February - First meeting of the Board of the Nepean District Hospital.
- 1940** - 8 February - Nepean Rowing Club wins its first State Title at the NSW Rowing Association Regatta.
- 1959** - February - South Penrith Public School opens.
- 1982** - 1 February - A group of mates (after seeing the Hawaii Ironman's TV coverage) put on the first Triathlon in Sydney's west. There had been events held before in Australia (e.g. 1981 Elouera Endurathon), but the Nepean event was to continue on. The event was held in the Nepean River with no bike racks and a handler was essential to hold your gear and bike. The race winner was a 34 year old Greg Reddan. Greg went on to set the standard in triathlon becoming the first Aussie to crack the top ten in the Hawaii Ironman in 1982 (7th place). The 1982 women's champ was Gabrielle Howard, who after a couple of years in the sport stepped away.
- 1989** - February - Penrith High School takes first students as a Selective High School.

Volunteers

Do you know someone who likes history and working with children?

We are looking for people who have a few hours free to assist us with these school groups.

The only requirement is that a 'Working with Children Check' is done as required by law.

For more information email info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au or

Phone 02 4735 4394 (during opening hours).

Sunday Inn Duty

If you could consider Sunday Inn Duty, please call Harry May on 02 4732 1520

News Spot...

Wednesday 19 February Q Theatre

Celebrating 30 years of Living,
Laughing and Learning.

This Variety show is a compilation of
performances by U3A members
(celebrating seniors in our community)
for your entertainment!

Tickets \$10 (including afternoon tea) available from
the box office Joan Sutherland
Performing Arts Centre, Penrith
doors open 1.00pm



February 29

Glenbrook & district historical society inc

9.00am,

History Walk – Glenbrook Lagoon Precinct

History walks programme for 2020

All on Saturdays: Walks led by Doug Knowles
& Greg Nowland.

Early campsite and railway dam construction
1880 for water supply to the first 1st
Glenbrook Station.

Adults: \$10 (Except for Special Walk.)

Accompanied Children under 16yrs. Free
BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL: Phone Doug on
4751 3275. Please allow the phone to ring
longer than usual, for details re meeting
place, time and grade of walk. Good
walking shoes are essential.

Please bring a hat and drinking water.

(No dogs please.)

BAD WEATHER ON THE DAY: Excessive wind
or rain could cause cancellation
due to hazardous conditions.

The City of Liverpool and District Historical Society (Sydney)

is seeking stories of inmates of the Liverpool
Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute,
otherwise known as the Liverpool Old
Men's Asylum 1862 to 1933.

If you had an ancestor with an interesting
story please forward it to them for their
records and for consideration for a
proposed book with acknowledgement.

Contact: Glen op den Brouw or
email glenop@yahoo.com

Saturday 1st February 2020

Everglades Gallery - Natures Creations



Sunday Roster

2nd February

Ted & Richard

16th February

Tony & Paul

Riddle

I'm tall when I'm young and short when I'm old.
What am I?

Answer to Last Month's Riddle.

A blackboard.

Quote

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour and some style.

Maya Angelou

Membership

Membership is now due.

Payment by cheque or cash please.

Fascinating

Hot water will turn into ice faster than cold water.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.

The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

Ants take rest for around 8 Minutes in 12 hour period.

"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

When the moon is directly overhead, you will weigh slightly less.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand.

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Please note that the inn alarm is now on.

If you can't make your duty day, please change with somebody who can.

Please remember to sign in the diary in the meeting room, and write any information in the diary. pertinent to your time on duty.

Birthday Wishes to the following members

Vicki, Bronwyn, Betty, Olive, Reg.

Raffle Prizes

Marie Viviani always needs raffle prizes, so if you can help in providing some, please take them to the inn.

Meetings

The NDHS meets on the 4th Saturday of each month with a guest speaker at 1pm on the premises, Cnr. of Great Western Highway & Gardenia St, Emu Plains.

Museum Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 2pm
1st & 3rd Sunday 1pm to 4pm.

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