

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

March's Guest Speaker

On Saturday 28th, our guest speaker will be a young man, Adrian Holley, who will talk to us about the Kokoda track.

(Incidentally, Adrian is the Grandson of Don Holley who created the display showing how Emu Plains looked 200 years ago).

With the events of early 1942 in the Pacific War, Japan had expanded south towards Australia but had been halted by naval engagements on Midway Island and the Coral Sea.

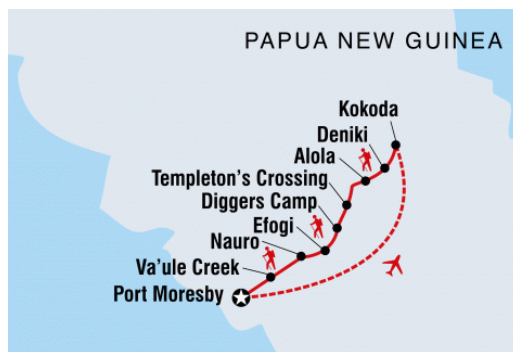
Japan had suffered many ship losses with the result that sea assaults were more risky.

In July 1942, an amphibious landing was made at Buna and Gona in the north of the Territory of Papua.

A land assault was undertaken to capture the strategic town of Port Moresby in the south over the rugged Owen Stanley Ranges.

With stiff resistance from the Australians, and heavy fighting by the Americans on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, the Japanese were forced to abandon the land based campaign in New Guinea.

Adrian, who has walked the track, can give us a good idea of the hardships these soldiers of both sides must have endured. It should be an interesting insight.



Sunday Roster

1st March	Tony and Paul
15th March	Ken and Chris
5th April	Harry and Richard
19th April	Elsa and Ted

Annual NDHS Luncheon



Our Guest Speaker will be Christine Yeats, BA, Dip Lib, Dip Arch Admin. Christine is the current President of the Royal Australian Historical Society Council.

Christine's area of interest is Australian history, in particular

colonial history.

She has contributed to a wide range of publications; spoken at national and international conferences and presented talks and workshops for local and family history groups across NSW.

I am sure Christine will provide a most interesting and fascinating talk and not one to be missed!

- Date:** Saturday 20 June 2020 at 12 noon
Where: O'Donoghue's Irish Pub,
99 Great Western Highway,
Emu Plains
Cost: \$40.00 per person
To Book: Call 02 4735 4394 on opening days
or email info@armsofaustraliainn.org.au
RSVP: **By June 10 2020**

Airing Of The Quilts

The Caring Hearts Quilters are having their Annual Airing of the Quilts on Saturday 4th April 2020 at the Arms of Australia Inn Museum, from 10am to 4pm.

Volunteers are needed on the day to make it a success.

Who Would Have Thought

Following on from Grace Karken's visit to the Museum on Monday 20th January 2020, she has kindly sent us the photographs that will be featured in her forthcoming book *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia*.



I wonder if George Bunyan ever imagined all those years ago, that his donation of Aboriginal artefacts would be such a sought after legacy for himself and the Society.

This Month in...

- 1804** - 4-5 March – The second Battle of Vinegar Hill occurred in New South Wales. A number of convicts, mostly Irish, marched from Castle Hill towards Windsor in an uprising against authority.
- 1809** – 18 March – Rosetta Marsh obtained a grant of 160 acres at Cranebrook which she called “*Islington*”. Rosetta later married Samuel Terry.
- 1828** - 1 March – The first Post Office opened in Penrith at the Court House. The unofficial Postmaster was Alexander Fraser.
8 March – Mr Alexander Fraser was officially appointed Penrith Postmaster.
- 1837** – 15 March – William Cox died aged 72 years. William Cox is best remembered for building the first road over the Blue Mountains.
- 1841** – 31 March – Martha Hosking, Samuel Terry’s daughter, received a grant of 150 acres at Cranebrook. Martha’s husband, John Hosking, was the first Lord Mayor of Sydney.
- 1860** – March – Penrith’s first Hospital opened.
19 March – The first General Committee Meeting of the Nepean Hospital took place. Robert Copland Lethbridge was the President, J.J. Riley was the Vice President, Alexander Fraser was the Secretary and Richard Brooks the Treasurer.
28 March - The Telegraph Office was opened in Penrith. This Office was first conducted at the Railway Station.
- 1868** – The Rev Thomas Hassall died aged 73 years.
- 1872** – 20 March – William Charles Wentworth died. Wentworth was one of the first 3 white men to cross the Blue Mountains.
- 1878** - 15 March - St Marys Public School building opened. Classes commenced on the 18 March 1878.
- 1879** – 3 March – Upper Castlereagh School was opened. The school closed in 1975.
- 1882** - 3 March – The first publication of Nepean Times newspaper was issued.
- 1890** – 4 March – St Marys proclaimed a Municipality.
- 1893** - 2 March – Penrith’s first Agricultural and Horticultural Show took place.
- 1902** – 1 March - There had been a severe drought for a long period of time. All the townspeople in Penrith participated in a day of prayer for rain.
- 1911** - 16 March - Nepean Picture Theatre opened in High Street, Penrith.
- 1918** - 27 March - Trooper Kenrick Riley killed in action in Palestine (Jordan).
28 March - Soldiers George Rooke, Athol Garner killed in action, France.
- 1919** - 15 March - Welcome Home event at Mulgoa Hall for returned soldiers.
22 March - Welcome Home event for returned soldiers at Castlereagh.
29 March - Unveiling of Orchard Hills Public School Honour Roll and Welcome Home of local soldiers.
31 March - Procession from Penrith railway station to welcome returned soldiers.
- 1928** – 27 March – The inaugural meeting of the Country Women’s Association in Penrith took place.
- 1932** - 19 March - The Sydney Harbour Bridge opens.
- 1935** – 3 March – The first Christian Science service held in Penrith.
- 1951** – 19 March – Penrith’s Telegraph Office was converted from an Electrical Telegraph system to Morse Code, which was a quicker more efficient service.
- 1954** - 7 March - Cardinal Gilroy officially opens St Nicholas of Myra Catholic School.
- 1960** – 12 March – The first sod turned for the St Marys Band Club’s new clubhouse.
- 1964** - 6 March - New Penrith Library building was opened in Henry Street by Hon. E Wetherall, Minister for Education.
- 1971** - 30 March - Penrith Plaza was opened by the premier of New South Wales, R W Askin.
- 1976** – 27 March – The Arms of Australia Inn was opened to the public as a Museum.
- 1978** – 12 March – Nepean District Historical Archaeology Group formed.
- 1983** – 12 March – The Penrith Senior Citizens Centre in Station Street Penrith officially opened.
- 1990** – March – Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre opened.
- 2019** – March - Penrith Library refurbishment was completed.

News Spot...

March 14, 9.00am,

"The Descent to the West:" Mt.York: Three short return walks on the three most historic roads to the West: **Cox's Pass 1815, Lawson's Road 1822** and the newest, **Berghofer's Pass 1909**. Includes tea/coffee, biscuits. Cost: \$12.00

Bookings are essential: Phone Doug on 4751 3275. Bad weather could cause cancellation due to hazardous conditions.

March 21

National Trust: Blue Mountains Branch.

Lennox Bridge and Glenbrook Area Walk.

Meet at the Parking Lot at Barnet St. Glenbrook (just past the soccer fields) - 9.30 am for 9.45

Cost: Members and non-Members \$20

Enquiries/Bookings: Phone Rhona on (02) 4757 2424

or email bmnt1814@gmail.com

Bookings are essential.

Episode At St. Marys Who threw the cat?

Anyhow she landed on the Council table, at the meeting of St Marys Council on Tuesday evening, and though she hopped off hurriedly she caused much merriment in the midst of a turbulent meeting.

There were several lively debates during the evening, and from time to time members of the audience expressed themselves by applause or loud laughter, as they thought the occasion demanded.

But their most material contribution to the proceedings was this poor puss.

She arrived on the table during a minor storm, having being tossed by one of the audience.

She speedily retired.

Ald. Morris remarked, *'When we, as a council, get cats thrown across the table, I think the people no longer have any confidence in us'*.

The Mayor: *'Sit down!'*

Ald. Morris: *'You ought to resign. You don't like it'*.

Voice from the audience: *'It's a black one.'*



The Protestant Hall at St Marys is where the Cat on the Council Table incident took place in 1929.

Trove: Nepean Times Sat 2 Mar 1929 Page 1 Photo: National Museum of Australia <http://collectionsearch.nma.gov.au/object/180795>

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th March

BMACHO Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11th March

Emu Plains Public School

Thursday 12th March

Touring Old Fellows Inc Tour Only

Wednesday 18th March

Holy Spirit Primary School

Saturday 21st March

CBD Penrith Festival Street Parade

Wednesday 25th March

Emu Plains Public School

Saturday 28th March

NDHS Meeting

Tuesday 31st March

Werrington Troopers

Devonshire Tea & Tour

Saturday 4th April

Airing of the Quilts



Zonta Club of Nepean Valley

Women Alive!

2020

***Pampered possessions
clothing sale***



Where: U3A Hall, Castlereagh Street, Penrith

When: Sunday 5 April, 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Cost: \$10 including sumptuous afternoon tea

Cost of clothing:

Dresses \$5

Blouses \$3

Skirts \$4

Pants \$4

T shirts \$2

Scarves \$2

Jumpers \$3

Handbags \$4

Jewellery as priced

Some labelled and formal items available



Bring your friends and your shopping bags

A Zonta project to achieve positive outcomes for women in the local community

Possums

A family of Possums has taken up residence in the barn at the Arms of Australia Inn Museum.

They are happily living in a wooden bucket which is positioned up high under the metal awning.



Quote

Thinking: the talking of the soul with itself.

Plato

Riddle

If you have me you want to share me, if you share me you won't have me.

Answer to last month's Riddle

A candle

Fascinating

- There are only two words in the English language that have all five vowels in them: "abstemious" which means "indulging only very moderately in something, especially food and drink. 'We only had one bottle of wine. Very abstemious of you.'
- And "facetious" which means treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant. "a facetious remark"
- The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.
- Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, North America, South America, and Antarctica.
- Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly the same as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Chocolate can kill dogs, as it contains theobromine, which affects their heart and nervous system.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men!
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow. Try it !
- The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.

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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

John Vivani, Harry, Connie, Paul Wheeldon, Allison.

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.

Contributions for the next Bulletin to - trishmontgomery1970@gmail.com