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St Marys & District Historical Society Inc - Quarterly Newsletter

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NOTICE

Renovations are beginning at our headquarters the "Chambers"! Penrith City Council will be starting building works on the new access ramp, entry and disabled toilet in May 2015 and expected to finish by October 2015. Whilst these works are carried out our headquarters will be closed to the public. The Society will still be contactable via our mobile phone number, email and or web site. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and we look forward to re-opening as soon as the works are completed.

Our member Richards Boots recently received an award from the Cumberland Sub-branch of the NSW National Servicemen's Association - Congratulations Richard!



*"In recognition of their 15th Charter Year
the Cumberland Sub-branch of the
NSW National Servicemen's Association
would like to recognise
RICHARD BOOTS
for his efforts in helping to establish the
Sub-branch
7th February 2000 to 7th February 2015"*

Photograph courtesy of Tom Thorburn

PROGRESS REPORT ON SOUTH CREEK PARK

Work is progressing steadily on the construction of the pavilion for the Bennett wagons. The pavilion now has a roof and a concrete slab floor and brick work.



Photographs courtesy of Paul Mills

SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Christmas party was held on the Saturday 13th December 2014.
A great time was had by all who attended.



Our members waiting for the event to start.



The feast set out before us.

Photographs courtesy of Paul Mills



Tom Thorburn and Barbara Porter (our guest) displaying their winning from our raffle.



Our members posing for a group photo.

Photographs courtesy of Caroline Volkiene

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members Caroline Volkiene (P), Norma Thorburn (T) Eric Kent (VP) and members Marion McLeod and Tony Biddulph recently attended the St Marys Corner Blog Launch.



The St Marys Corner blog offers information about the precinct's past, present and future events and projects.

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On Sunday 1st February 2015, the 9th Anniversary of the National Servicemen's Memorial and Tribute Laying Ceremony at Victoria Park, St Marys was attended by Caroline Volkiene our President and members Norma and Tom Thorburn. As a tribute on the day, the Society's book "History of Victoria Park & War Memorial" was donated on behalf of the Society. The book was researched and published on behalf of the Society by our Vice-President Lyn Forde.



Photograph courtesy of Tom Thorburn

Penrith History Conference

The 14th Annual Penrith City Library History Conference was held at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre on Saturday, 14th March. The theme this year was 'From Guard House to Gallipoli' spanning one hundred years.

The Guard House was the first Public Building built in Penrith, in 1815, and was on the site of today's Police Station. Then of course in 1915, so many local men and women went to Gallipoli and eighteen men didn't return from that campaign.

Associate Professor Carol Liston was again the keynote speaker and was joined by John Broadley from Mudgee, who spoke of the connections between Penrith and Mudgee via the Cox Family. Information Librarian Lorraine Stacker spoke on the development of the District of Evan followed by Norm Andrews of Penrith RSL who told us of the establishment of Memory Park and Kim Phillips spoke about Gallipoli and the local men who were involved. All in all a rather informative day.

Pictured our Secretary Marie Koen, President Caroline Volkiene and Treasurer Norma Thorburn 'manning our stall'



St Marys Heritage Tours

Two St. Marys Heritage Tours were held during March with different groups from the North St. Marys Neighbourhood Centre. Both groups were very appreciative of our rich history and we enjoyed showing them around the area and entertaining them at 'The Chambers' for lunch.

Any group wishing to have a conducted tour of Historic St. Marys can book by contacting Norma Thorburn (Tour Guide) on 9623 2307.

OUR SOCIETY COMMEMORATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN



We do not glorify war – but we do remember
LEST WE FORGET

The St Marys & District Historical Society meets every 4th Saturday of the month at 1 pm – at the St Marys Precinct “Chambers” – Mamre Road, St Marys.

No meetings in January or December.

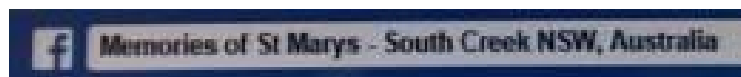
ALL WELCOME

Patron of our Society is Councillor Jackie Greenow, OAM.

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www.stmaryshistoricalociety.org

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