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'Recording & Preserving the Heritage of St Marys'



*From the Members of the
St Marys & District Historical Society*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and Happy New year!*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

Commemoration of Centenary of Armistice

On the 11th November a regional service was held at Penrith Paceway for the Commemoration of Centenary of Armistice to honour and remember the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during WW1. Penrith CBD Corporation hosted this service together with St Marys RSL sub-Branch, Penrith and Glenbrook/Blaxland sub-Branches.

Mayor Ross Fowler, accompanied by CO 5ER



LTCOL Renee Kidson inspected the troops on parade during the presentation of the Freedom of the City. Dignitaries included Senator, the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Local State MPs, Prue Car (Londonderry), Hon Stuart Ayres (Penrith) and Hon Tanya Davies (Mulgoa). After the Service entertainment included Poppy Park, Bands, Stalls, fitness activities for children and a WW2 Matilda Tank demonstration.

Photo: Caroline Volkiene

St Mary Magdalene Anglican Sunday school Restoration

On Sunday the 11th Lyn Forde (P), Norma Thorburn (Heritage Officer) & Tom Thorburn (VP) attended the re-opening of the restored St Mary Magdalene Sunday School building. The building has been brought back to its original state with the help of Penrith City Council and State Government Heritage Building Grant. Photographs – Lyn Forde



Tours & Guest Speaking – By Member Norma Thorburn OAM

Tour - October 3rd	. Historical St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church and Graveyard . Victoria Park	Cambridge Park Seniors
Talk - October 16th	. “Bennett Wagons”	Ivy Rose Tuesday Club
Tour - October 19 th	. Heritage Tour of St Marys	Parramatta National Trust
Talk - October 28 th	. “History of St Marys Overview” . Grandparents	Grandparents Day at Parker Street Reserve (Penrith City Council)
Tour - October 30 th	Heritage Tour of St Marys	Werrington Troopers
Talk - November 16 th	“St Marys 1914-1918”	Leonay Probus Club
Talk - November 21 st	“Bennett Wagons”	Mt Druitt Rotary Club



“Members of the Werrington Troopers”

“Members of the Parramatta National Trust “

Photos: Tom Thorburn

The Society has had a successful year and thanks everyone who has visited our headquarters at the “Chambers” throughout 2018.

330 school students excitedly took a trip though time. 224 people participated in St Marys Heritage Tours and an audience of 267 people listened to Norma and Tom Thorburn’s Talks & Slide Shows. - For bookings please contact Norma Thorburn on 9623 2307 or the Society.



Left – Member Tom Thorburn and 2018 St Marys Citizen of the Year turns on the lights of St Marys Christmas Tree in Coachman’s Park.

Happy Birthday!

At the Society's November general meeting the members gave a hearty rendition of "Happy Birthday" to our Treasurer, Norma Thorburn OAM. Congratulations and well wishes came enthusiastically for her 80th birthday.



We will be closing the Chambers on Wednesday 5th December for the Christmas and New Year and will re-open on Wednesday 6th February 2019.



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 Jackie Greenow, OAM.

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