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St Marys & District Historical Society Inc - Quarterly Newsletter

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Sunday, 7th October, 2012 – our Society had a sausage sizzle at Minchinbury Bunnings. It was a full day and helped top up our funds. We wish to thank Bunnings for their help and support. The public was very supportive and brought up all our sausages which we bought from the Village Centre butchers. On hand to help out were members Paul & Margaret Mills, Lyn Forde (*not in pictures below*), Caroline, Vic & Michael Volkiene, Marion McLeod, Tom & Norma Thorburn and Tony Biddulph.



Sunday, 18th November, 2012- the Society participated in the first “St Mary’s Fun Day” at the Cultural Precinct at St Marys Corner. It was a nice day and the public came out with their families. There was the usual monthly market held in the Memorial Hall and for the children there was a jumping castle, indoor bowling and face painting. Live music played and Rotary held their BBQ as well as cultural food and the pottery workshop. Groups from the precinct held market stalls around the Community Centre as well as a photo booth. Our Society opened the “Chambers” building to show our display as well as selling cakes with tea and coffee. Members dressed in costume. The day went well for all those who participated and hopefully there will be more in the future

Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde.

Remembrance Day – On the 11th November, 2012 some of our members attended the service at St Mary’s Outpost at the RSL. Carol, Lyn, Norma & Tom represented the Historical Society at the ceremony and there was a good attendance by the public.
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Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde

Much needed funding – On Tuesday 20th November, 2012 our President Carol Volkiene and Vice-President Lyn Forde were happy to represent the Society and travel to the Penrith Council Chambers to pick up a CAP funding cheque for a much needed Society banner for us to use when we attend any outside appearances. Photos show Carol with the Mayor Mark Davies and with other lucky CAP funding recipients on the day. Thank you Penrith Council from all our members.



Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde

The members of our Society hoped you had a safe Christmas and wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year. We will be closed until Wednesday 6th February, 2013 when we open for duty at the "Chambers" building from 10am to 2pm. We will have a new display for everyone to come in and see.

Saturday, 24th November, 2012 - Our last Society meeting was held with a quick meeting and a visit to Vine Cottage Tool Museum and Tea Room at Castlereagh. Members were given a tour and talk by Bob Dennis. His wife Carol put on a lovely afternoon tea.

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Margaret Dwyer & Carol Volkiene



Two of our newest members



Tony & Sheila Biddulph with Marie Koen



Inside the Museum



Margaret & Paul Mills, Norma, Marie, Tony & Sheila



Photos courtesy of Caroline Volkiene

With Australia Day coming up this poem seemed appropriate. In the Federation Year of 1901, a world wide competition was held to design a flag for Australia. With 30,000 entering the competition, the winning flag was displayed at the Exhibition Hall in Melbourne. This flag (*our present flag*) was chosen from a number of five identical designs and this poem written by an unnamed Queensland Ex-Serviceman says it all:-

We Keep Our Flag

The flag bears the stars that blaze at night
In our southern sky of blue
And a little flag in the corner
That's part of our heritage too

It's for the English, Scots and the Irish
Who were sent to the ends of the earth
The rogues and the schemers, the doers and dreamers
Who gave modern Australia birth

And you who shouted for change
We hope you now understand
It's the flag of our law and our language
Not the flag of a far away land

Though there are plenty of people who'll tell you
How when Europe was plunged into night
That little old flag in the corner
Was their symbol of freedom and light

It doesn't mean we owe allegiance
To a forgotten imperial dream
We've the stars to show where we're going
And a flag to show where we've been.

Source: The Strand Hatters

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The St Marys & District Historical Society meets every 4th Saturday at 1 pm - at the St Marys Precinct
"Chambers" Building - Mamre Road, St Marys. **No meetings in January or December.**

ALL WELCOME

The new Patron of our Society is Tanya Davies - Liberal Member of Parliament for Mulgoa.

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