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Members of the Society help to promote the Crossing of the Blue Mountains Celebrations in 2013 with actor Jack Thompson. On Saturday 12th May, members of our Society dressed in 1813 costume and gathered at the Penrith Weir park for pictures with Jack Thompson who is the Ambassador for the celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the crossing next year. Penrith Council has already drawn up an impressive number of activities starting with a breakfast BBQ on the site of Blaxland's home at South Creek where, with Lawson and Wentworth they started their journey to find a passage over the Mountains. More information on this will be released by Penrith Council at a later date. The Society will also contribute to the celebrations by dressing in costume at various functions around the district, as well as a display at the Chambers to start a week before the celebrations next year.

Photos are courtesy of Lyn Forde & Penrith Council.



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The Society is keen to hear from any member of the public who has photos of the 150th Celebrations of the Crossing at St Marys in 1963. Please contact our mobile on 0450132181 and leave a message. Alternatively, you can visit the Chambers building on our open days on Wednesday & Saturday between 10 am & 2 pm. Any photos will be copied and originals kept by you. These photos will become part of our Display at the Chambers for the celebrations in 2013.

Our **ANZAC display** was opened at the Chambers on the 25th February, 2012 with a presentation to invited guests and later viewed by many members of the public and was extended on request until the end of May.



Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde

25th April, 2012 Anzac Day Dawn Service - President Caroline Volkiene and Norma and Tom Thorburn represented the society at the St Marys RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service “wreath laying” ceremony. Later it was said approximately 2000 people attended the service along with a number of local schools who were guided by their teachers. A large video screen had been put in place for everyone to see the moving service that is held every year at the St Mary’s RSL Club.

22nd April, 2012 – The ANZAC march and service at Victoria Park was attended by President Caroline Volkiene, Vice-President Lyn Forde, member Richard Boots and Norma & Tom Thorburn. Carol laid a rose on behalf of the members of our Society and the rain just held off until the end of the ceremony.



Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde

27th May, 2012 - Boer War Service A small crowd, including President Caroline Volkiene and Norma and Tom Thorburn who attended on behalf of the society at the St Marys RSL to commemorate those Australian veterans and the fallen from the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902. Our Treasurer, Norma had been invited to give an address on “St Marys in the Boer War” that gave some local colour and was appreciated by all.

NSW Women of the Year Awards 2012 Norma Thorburn was invited to attend a morning tea for the “NSW Women of the Year Awards 2012” by Tanya Davies MP for Mulgoa at NSW State Parliament. The Local Woman of the Year Awards recognises women who have made wonderful contributions and achieved great things for their local communities and Norma was nominated by Mrs Tanya Davies for “being a gracious and strong stalwart citizen of St Marys where she has supported its history, beauty, richness and people”. Needless to say that Norma was humble to be nominated and had no idea that she had been chosen by Tanya until that time. All the members congratulate Norma on this prestigious achievement.

Photos courtesy of Carol Volkiene



Norma with Tanya



With Tanya & Pru Goward

1st June, 2012 - Launch of the “Penrith is Here” campaign by Penrith Council at the “Joan” in Penrith. President Carol Volkiene, Vice-President Lyn Forde and Treasurer Norma Thorburn and husband Tom, attended this function via invitation from Penrith Council. Norma was asked to talk about what it meant to live in the area – St Marys in particular. Premier Barry O’Farrell launched the start of the campaign, along with others including Tanya Davies MP, David Bradbury Assistant Treasurer MP & Mayor Greg Davies. *Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde*



150th Celebration of St Marys Railway – The Society’s latest display at the Chambers is now available to view. *Photos courtesy of Lyn Forde*



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.**

Patron of our Society is Sister Mary Louise Petro

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