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Campbelltown and Airs Historical Society

"Love and Cherish the City in which you live"

Newsletter

November, 2019

President's Report

by Kay Hayes

The Fisher's Festival is over for another year, and the crowds do not appear to have been as great as in previous years, but the Glenalvon Open Day was successful despite being very quiet in the morning. The visitor numbers picked up around lunch time and we had almost 90 visitors through the house. The display of clothes from our collection of past times drew a lot of interest, as did the ladies from Macarthur Textile Network. They worked in the Servant's Quarters, showing visitors their craft and displays. We thank them for joining us.



The dining room table has been set for Christmas dinner and as well as the Christmas tree and stockings on the mantel, has bought the festive season inside. Thanks also to all those members who gave their time to greet visitors.

Special thanks also to Wayne Williams for his time and work entering his car in the Parade, celebrating the work of Caroline Chisholm.

A wreath was laid on behalf of the Society on Remembrance Day.

Campbelltown City Council have been busy with various repairs in Glenalvon this month. The dining room and kitchen ceilings have been painted and railing have been installed on the two lots of steps at the front of the house, These will prove to be of great assistance to many who find steps a problem.

The Society was represented at an on-site meeting by the Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court at the CBC Bank building. Four submissions were verbally given then and also all letters will have been presented to the court that afternoon. To this date we have not received any advice of the court's decision about the construction of the multi-story tower.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all members for their support during this year, not only to me personally, but to the Society. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



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Pansy at Narellan station 1962



Messages from the Front

From the Collection

Christmasfamily, food and colourful paper crowns what either sit on the very top of your head or fall passed your eyebrows.

Glenalvon is a wonderful base for us to work out of and we never take it for granted. It was, for so many years, a house that brought family together. In the time of the Bursills when Grandma (Mercy Bursill) lived here, it also was home to her children and their partners, or her grandchildren, not just for Christmas lunch but for three, six or even twelve months. Mercy had life-long tenancy once her husband Samuel passed away, their daughter Hilda having inherited the house. The family moved in and rented Glenalvon across the years of the First World War, buying the house in 1920. Mercy passed away in 1944: a long time for the family to have such a wonderful place to come to.

Several years ago Rosemary Bursill lent me the family photo album where we found these photos from Christmas lunch 1926 and some a little further on in time, when the children have grown up. What a wonderful insight into a family Christmas, complete with paper crowns!

JC

