



## President's Report

Welcome to 2023 and it seems that the first month has passed in the blink of an eye.

We held our first committee meeting of the year on Monday 30 January and covered a broad range of matters that we must deal with but were utterly floored the following day when we received the letter from Council concerning our tenure of the archives space. We are working through a number of options as to how we deal with the situation and will update you on what has happened so far and what we are proposing.

Perhaps our most useful research tool is *Trove*, the digital research portal hosted by the National Library and it is in danger of being discontinued. In response to the Federal Government's lack of investment in *Trove*, the society has written to our local Member Kristy McBain and the Minister for the Arts the Hon Tony Burke. It will be disastrous for all researchers should this invaluable website be removed due to lack of funding as it was and still is a lifeline for people working from home or living in isolated areas. If there was any doubt of its value we only need to look at the Covid-19 pandemic when almost every literary and cultural institutes in the country closed for weeks at a time.

The ACT Regional Heritage Festival is on again and in addition to our usual fossil outings we will be holding *All among the wool at Euralie*—a unique afternoon of history, heritage buildings, fine wool, music, poetry and a traditional smoko. Details will be released in due course with members enjoying a discounted admission. It is something to look forward to.

I hope to see you at our meeting on Monday.

*Cheryl Mongan* President

## February Meeting

We had hoped to feature some light hearted stories of objects held dear to members but you know what they say of the best laid plans...

Instead the hot topic will be the Eviction Notice which was forwarded on to all of you on Tuesday evening. We have had positive feedback from members and we hope that it continues. It is vitally important that members attend and support the committee as we work through this unwelcome situation. This can be done by contacting Councillors and others who may influence a change of mind.

The Archives are rationalising the book collection so there may be just what you are looking for with a range of books of historical interest for sale. Eftpos facilities are available.

Please join us for this important meeting, and a cuppa afterwards. Members and guests are very welcome and we look forward to you joining and supporting us.

## Wood Raffle

You will remember the highly successful wood raffle that we conducted a couple of years ago. With our finances having to be bolstered we have decided to do it all again. Last time we were donated the prize by Barry O'Mara but this time we will have to purchase the wood ourselves.

If you are able to contribute towards the cost of the purchase we will be very appreciative. Funds can be deposited to our bank account BSB 032 771 Account No 12 0621 or we will take eftpos at the archives, museum and meetings.

We will need to have a roster of members to sell tickets when they go on sale in March for a six week period.

If you can assist please contact us at [yassarchives@gmail.com](mailto:yassarchives@gmail.com). Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **Monday 6 February**  
**Monthly meeting Uniting Church Hall 2pm**  
***The Eviction Notice***
- ◆ **Monday 6 March**  
**Monthly meeting Uniting Church Hall 2pm**  
**Dr Aedeon Cremin and Tessa Milne**

## Tipperary Inspired

Local musician Daniel Kelly who was part of our *Return to Tipperary* seminar has recorded an album of songs inspired by what he heard that weekend. Visit his website <https://ozfolklounge.bandcamp.com/album/return-to-tipperary>

## HELP NEEDED

**We could really do with some help in both the archives and the museum.**

- ◆ **yassarchives@gmail.com**  
**Phone 0429 323 680**
- ◆ **Volunteer guides for the museum—contact Adrian**  
**Phone 6226 2115 or 0418 288 056**

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Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources.**



ALFRED AND MARION MCCARTHY WERE CHAUFFEURED BY GARRY MARTIN IN HIS 1920S CHEVROLET. [VIVIAN BUGDEN]



LIFE MEMBER ROSALIE BUSH WITH HER GRANDCHILDREN TOUI AND ALEX LED THE YDHS CONTINGENT. [VIVIAN BUGDEN]



VICE PRESIDENT NOLA BINDON WITH RUTH AND KERRY THOMPSON AND THEIR MODEL T FORD. [VIVIAN BUGDEN]



ROSALIE BUSH AT THE PRESENTATION OF HER MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD AT COOMA COTTAGE LAST WEEK. [MAUREEN COLLINS]

## Christmas Street Parade

There has been lots of positive feedback for the Community Christmas Street Parade held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December.

As YDHS members can probably recall Christmas festivities, usually in conjunction with late night shopping, have been a long held tradition in Yass. Bands, stalls, lights, choirs and parades in various forms have marked the run up to Christmas for more than a hundred years so it was a great pleasure and a lot of fun for our YDHS entry participants this year. A huge thank you has to go to Kerry and Ruth Thompson of the Yass Vintage Car Club for their support in supplying the two fabulous old cars.

Marion and Alfred McCarthy bravely dressed up to be chauffeured in style by Garry Martin in his 1920s Chevrolet and Nola Bindon and Peter Davidson gracefully enhanced the back seat of Kerry Thompson's 1926 Model T Ford.

The bravery award however must go to Rosalie Bush and her two delightful grandchildren Toui and Alex who agreed to carry the YDHS banner walking ahead of the cars ably supported by Jane Southwell, Viv Bugden and myself wearing colonial style costumes supplied by the Archives.

Many thanks to all participants. It felt right for the YDHS to be a part of this community tradition and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did!

Judith Davidson

## Congratulations Rosalie!

Our sincere congratulations go to Life Member and Public Officer Rosalie Bush who recently was presented with a Meritorious Service Award by the National Trust (NSW) for her contribution to the work of the Trust and in particular to *Cooma Cottage*. Her fifteen year association as a volunteer has seen her undertake a range of activities including the mentoring of new guides and gardeners, an advocate for the conservation and promotion of the property and as a guide with a passion for history who delights children with her story-telling. The award was presented in the presence of volunteers, Trust staff, family and friends at a light luncheon at *Cooma Cottage* on 25 January.

Rosalie is a valued volunteer at our archives where she has diligently identified thousands of images and is currently indexing the *Yass Valley Times* since its first issue.

## Christmas Markets

To maximise opportunities to sell our new and pre-loved books the society booked a stall at the markets for the first time. A great location in front of the stage in the Soldiers Memorial Hall gave us plenty of room to display our publications.

Overall the foot traffic was good and we had an interesting selection to offer ranging from Yass focussed history books to locations further afield. Our first sale was a donated book on the history of rugby league clubs which was snapped by an avid footie fan who left with both arms wrapped around the hefty tome and the broadest smile—it made his day.

A huge thank you to Peter and Judith Davidson and Edgar Mongan for the lifting and carrying of the numerous boxes. Our total sales for the day was \$710, a great boost to our finances. Cheryl Mongan



## Museum & Archives

The leaking pipe in the museum storeroom ceiling has been repaired after several attempts to get a plumber and we now are doing battle with the insurance company to cover the repairs, just on \$1,200 and the replacement of the aged pipe work. Well in excess of \$2,000. A huge thank you to the members who carried out some much appreciated work in the museum garden.

Work continues on the downsizing of our book collection and a list of books for sale will be posted on our website soon and they will also be available for purchase at the museum. Research enquires are keeping our volunteers busy. This coupled with the weeding out of extraneous publications, material and administrative matters keep the archives volunteers extremely busy.



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## Museum Roster

For further information on the roster please contact Adrian Cameron on 0418 288 056 or 6226 2115

AM is 10.00 to 1.00pm; PM is 1.00 to 4.00pm

### February 2023

Sun 5 Volunteers will be contacted by  
 Sun 12 Adrian Cameron  
 Sun 19  
 Sun 26

## Diary Dates

### February 2023

Sun 5	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Mon 6	Meeting 2pm
Tues 7	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 12	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Tues 14	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 19	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Tues 21	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 26	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Tues 28	Archives 2-5pm

### March 2023

Sun 5	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Mon 6	Meeting 2pm
Tues 7	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 12	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Tues 14	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 19	Museum 10am-4.00pm
Tues 21	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 26	Museum 10am-4.00pm

## Find us on the web

[www.yasshistory.org.au](http://www.yasshistory.org.au)

read about our activities online at

<http://www.yasshistory.org.au/activities.htm>

## Benefits of Membership

Benefits of membership include informative speakers at our meetings, our journal *Boongaroon*, newsletters, talks, trips, access to archival information and museum entrance plus reduced rates for selected activities such as seminars, our conferences, trips and events. Members who are attending *Return to Tipperary* received a \$40.00 discount on the registration fee.

It is well worth joining us!

### PATRON

Marion McCarthy

### ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

President: Cheryl Mongan  
 Vice President: Judith Davidson  
 Nola Bindon  
 Secretary: Vacant  
 Treasurer: Tanya Cullen  
 Publicity Officer: Vacant



Museum Coordinator: Vacant  
 Archives Coordinator: Maureen Collins  
 Public Officer: Rosalie Bush



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## Boongaroon

Have you read a good book recently? We really appreciate book reviews for *Boongaroon*. Our next edition will be due before we know it so please consider writing an article or alerting us to something that will be of interest to our members.

We welcome stories, articles, book reviews and other items of interest (up to 2,500 words) for publication. Longer articles will be considered but may be published in two parts. *Boongaroon* is posted or a digital copy emailed to all members according to their preference. Articles for the next issue are required by the end of March but if you have a work in progress please contact Cheryl Mongan 0413 312 081 email [boongaroon@yasshistory.org.au](mailto:boongaroon@yasshistory.org.au)

## Book donations

We will continue to accept donations of history and genealogy books in good condition for resale opportunities at events, the museum and online. So far this financial year we have doubled our previous years sales. Bring your books to the monthly meetings or call Cheryl Mongan 0413 312 081 to arrange for collection.



A RECENT DELIVERY OF FABRIC, CRAFT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT DONATED BY YDHS MEMBERS TO THE CRAFTERS OF EUGOWRA WHOSE HOMES AND COMMUNITY CRAFT SHOP WERE DESTROYED BY FLOOD IN NOVEMBER. [CHERYL MONGAN]

## Downsizing craft supplies

Are you one of those who made a new year's resolution to downsize your belongings and not quite gotten around to it?

If you have sewing and craft supplies can I suggest a worthwhile purpose for them. In November Eugowra was inundated by a catastrophic flood that destroyed most homes, their contents and the local community craft shop *Craft on the Creek*.

Recently several YDHS members contributed to a delivery of fabric, wool, art supplies, three sewing machines and an overlocker which amounted to a fully laden car and trailer.

The Eugowra crafters are starting from scratch to rebuild their lives, their homes and their shop that raises money for themselves and the local community and need support as they work through this process. And what they really need is customers once they are up and running again so if you are in the area do call in.

I will be doing another delivery to Eugowra in mid-late February. We cannot take UFOs (unfinished objects or projects) but if you have new fabrics for quilting, clothing or furnishings; knitting wool, haberdashery, art and craft supplies or used craft equipment in good condition I would be pleased to hear from you on 0413 312 081 or email me [camel@ozemail.com.au](mailto:camel@ozemail.com.au) as soon as possible to arrange collection. Cheryl Mongan