



President's Report

Greetings,

Another month has flown by and we are well into winter. While some of us would like to hibernate we have things that must be done.

Congratulations to all who contributed to the success of wood raffle. The proceeds amounted to just under \$4,000. That with \$720 raised from the Fossil Fossicks outings certainly boosted the bank balance though there is little respite when you consider our anticipated outings.

We held our May meeting at the museum for members to re-acquaint themselves with the museum and all it entails. It takes quite an effort from the committee and the guides to keep it open and to showcase our history.

Last month we circulated our Collections Policy and asked for comments to be forwarded to the committee. To date we have only received two responses. If you would like to add your comments please email them to us at secretary.ydhs@gmail.com as soon as possible.

With the support of Mayor Allan McGrath, Life Member Dr Richard Reid, Wayne Doubleday, Manager, Regional Archives, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga and Ross Webster, President of the Yass Soldiers Club we submitted an application for a Community Heritage Grant available through the National Library of Australia. If successful it will allow us to engage a professional archivist to confirm the cultural heritage value of the archival collection. by undertaking a significance assessment. What became increasingly apparent while working on the application is the enormity of what we hold, its incredible range of themes and its importance not only to Yass Valley but the nation.

Local member Wendy Tuckerman continues to work on our behalf and is following up the possibility of accom-

modation for the archives at the local court house. Enquiries have also been made through Property NSW.

We are exploring how we might engage with current members and prospective members who are unable to attend weekday meetings due to work and other commitments. This could be done by Zoom or Team Meetings online or alternating afternoon and evening meetings.

Our Treasurer Tanya Cullen hosts a Tuesday morning session on local radio and we will be bringing you some interesting local history segments in the near future. We also thank her for taking over the editing of *Boongaroon* now that our long time proof reader Anne Pigram has settled into her new life in Bargo.

We will shortly host a visit by the committee of the Braidwood Historical Society who are keen to see our museum and archives. They are in the process of a multi-million dollar renovation and redevelopment of their museum site and it will be interesting to discuss how they went about the process.

I hope to see you at Monday's meeting.

Cheryl Mongan
President

June Meeting

There is a **change of venue** for our meeting next **Monday 5 June at 2pm**. We were to meet at the archives but the weather is not conducive to holding the meeting in the storage space so we will return to **the Uniting Church Hall** for a brief meeting. You can come across some interesting stories once you start to delve into historical research and the popular expression 'down the rabbit hole' sums up the experience perfectly. It can be an almost Alice in Wonderland experience. We will bring a selection of archival records to the meeting. There is adequate parking in the church grounds and a lease join us for a cuppa afterwards.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **Monday 5 June**
Monthly meeting,
Uniting Church Hall
Archives and rabbit holes.
- ◆ **Saturday 10 June**
Museum guides get together
- ◆ **Monday 3 July**
Monthly meeting,
Uniting Church Hall
Dr Jeff Brownrigg
The Spirits of Old
Canberra and other places.

POSITIONS VACANT

We urgently need assistance with secretarial, publicity and fundraising tasks as well a range of projects at the museum and archives.

Can you help?

OUR SOCIETY VALUES THE SUPPORT OF

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Benefits of Membership

Benefits of membership include informative speakers at our meetings, digital copies of our journal *Boongaroon* and newsletters, talks, trips, access to archival information and museum entrance plus reduced rates for selected activities such as seminars, our conferences, trips and events.

We are still need books!

Further donations of pre-loved family and local history are always welcome. The sale of these books generate much needed income for the society. Bring your books to meetings or call Cheryl Mongan 0413 312 081 to arrange for collection.

PATRON

Marion McCarthy

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

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

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

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Yass & District Historical Society Inc is affiliated with the Museums Australia & Royal Australian Historical Society

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

June 4 AM Tanya Cullen/ Adrian Cameron
 PM Tanya Cullen/Aedeen Cremin
 June 11 AM Vivian Bugden/ Corrine Chalmers
 PM Vivian Bugden/Corrine Chalmers
 June 12 AM Vivian Bugden/Maureen Collins
 PM Vivian Bugden/Maureen Collins

Diary Dates

June 2023

June 4	Museum 10am-4pm
June 5	Monthly Meeting 2pm
Tues 6	Archives 2-5pm
Sun 11	Museum 10am-4pm
Tues 13	Archives 2-5pm
June 12	Museum 10am-4pm
Museum closes for winter	
Tues 13	Archives 2-5pm
Tues 20	Archives 2-5pm
Tues 27	Archives 2-5pm

July 2023

Mon 3	Monthly Meeting 2pm
Tues 4	Archives 2-5pm
Tues 11	Archives 2-5pm
Tues 18	Archives 2-5pm
Tues 25	Archives 2-5pm

Boongaroon

Compiling an interesting edition of our journal is almost always a challenge. While our focus is on local history we must not lose sight of the fact that it does tie into the bigger picture of national and even global history. Immigration, punishment, wars, pandemics, natural disasters, politics, depressions, adverse weather conditions and a host of other factors occurring elsewhere can have significant impacts on our local history.

If you have a story to tell we would like to hear from you.

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 August but if you have a work in progress please contact Cheryl Mongan 0413 312 081 email boongaroon@yasshistory.org.au



TEN DAYS AFTER THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL HOTEL WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE WORK BEGAN ON THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING DUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS. LOCAL RESIDENT ANNETTE BRIGGS HAS BEEN DOCUMENTING THE CHANGES IN COMUR STREET SINCE SHE MOVED TO YASS A FEW YEARS AGO. SHE SNAPPED THESE IMAGES AS WORKMEN LOWERED THE NEON SIGN, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE ERECTED IN YASS, ONTO A WAITING TRUCK. THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY WITH RADIO AND NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR SINCE THE FIRE AND LIKE EVERYONE ELSE KEEN TO HEAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE SITE ONCE IT IS CLEARED..

[IMAGES: ANNETTE BRIGGS]

