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President's Message

Hello again,

Our situation this time last year was not encouraging but through some incredible achievements we are now in a very different place.

A lot of hard work by the committee and members, grant applications, donations, and our own fundraising sees us well on the way to achieving our goal. The space at the museum that once housed our wool, church, Hume and Shearsby displays is being transformed to house the archives collection and provide a workspace for the volunteers who care for the collection. It will remain a large single room that will allow us to rearrange storage and furniture as our needs change and they undoubtedly will over time.

There is another dimension to this large project that should not be forgotten and that is the cooperation of local tradesmen who are undertaking the work and the volunteers of the Yass Antique Farm Machinery Club who dismantled the previous display infrastructure. The floor and exterior walls have had waterproofing installed with preliminary air conditioning and electrical wiring now in place. The walls and ceiling have been framed and as I write the insulation and gyprock is being installed. The next couple of weeks will be exciting as we complete this major work. But there will still be a long list of tasks to be tackled before we can move in.

It was with sincere regret that we received the resignation of Tanya Cullen our Vice-President who is not able to continue as a committee member due to increasing commitments elsewhere and we wish her well. I value her contribution to the committee particularly as we

negotiated the many obstacles we have faced in the past year. Tanya's knowledge and advice will be missed but she assures us she will continue to support the society wherever possible.

We are taking another step forward as we update our aging telecommunications to 5g. This is necessary due to the discontinued 3g network and our increasing demands upon data delivery to handle the business of the society. As a not-for-profit organisation we have been able to negotiate free use of Microsoft Office and Adobe products and reduced charges for an online accounting package that will reduce the work for our Treasurer Jason Harrop. These are small but important savings in money and volunteers' time.

A new quotation for the significance assessment of our collections has been received from Christine Yeats, our preferred assessor. We will be applying for funding from the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement to facilitate the assessment.

Till next month.

Cheryl Mongan
President

*Diary Dates***4 March**

General meeting 2pm

Guest Speaker Nathan Cooke

9 March

Bowning Public School
175th Anniversary

10am - 2pm

14 March

Heritage Festival bookings
open 9am

19 March

Seniors Memoir Gathering
2:30pm

20 March

Seniors Yass Town Walk
10:30am

21 March

Wood Raffle commences

***Ticket sellers needed.**
Please contact Judith for the roster

6 April

Members Only Cemetery
Walk 10:30am

RSVP by 4 April

13 April

Heritage Festival Yass
Graveside Yarns 1:30pm

20 April Heritage Festival
Yass Graveside Yarns
1:30pm

Upcoming Events

Bowning Public School 175th

Anniversary

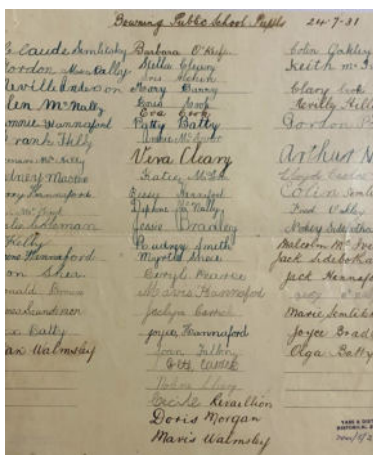
Belinda Brown, Principal of Bowning Public School, has invited the Society to share some of the memorabilia held in the Archives that relate to Bowning Public School as part of the School's 175th anniversary event on Saturday, 9 March. We will also be operating a bookstall fundraiser at the event which goes from 10.00 to 2.00pm

The Archive team and volunteers have put together a fabulous display, including two photographs from the collection of pupils at the school that have been digitally

enhanced by Committee member Susan Bell. Many thanks Susan. Copies of the photographs can be ordered on the day for \$10 /copy.

It is expected to be a great day out with many stalls and displays, including a free Bush dance in the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there !



One of the items that will be on display at the Bowning Anniversary, signed by the students

Source: YDHS Inc. Collection



Photo: Sheree Bamforth

Yass Graveside Yarns

The YDHS event for the 2024 Canberra & Region Heritage Festival is certainly about the Festival theme Connections.

Yass Graveside Yarns will include a guided tour of the Yass cemetery, visiting the graves of burials from as early as 1843. The tour will connect us with the fascinating stories of Yass pioneers, both the rich and famous and the ordinary folk, who called the Yass Valley home.

The Festival tour will finish with a delicious Devonshire afternoon tea in the garden of the lovely Cliftonwood homestead overlooking the Yass River, a short drive from the Cemetery.

The Festival events are scheduled for the 13 and 20 of April. There will be a special YDHS member rate of \$25 per adult and \$85 per family of two adults and two children.

* We have a special **Members Only** tour on 6 April as well (see details following)

Bookings & payments open 14 March online at www.yasshistory.org.au

Can you help? The subcommittee organisers include Corrine Chalmers, Sheree Bamforth, Maureen Collins and Judith Davidson. They are working hard on researching, planning and catering but would love some help with donations toward the Devonshire Tea.

We need :

- Strawberry Jam
- Double Dollop Cream
- Orange Juice

We can only accept commercially prepared items, thank you.

If you can help please let Sheree know by phoning 0419 471 200

Many thanks to **Mr Tony Wade**

for the generous offer of his garden at

Cliftonwood

and to **Galutzi café** for donating the scones.



Upcoming Events

Yass Graveside Yarns

Special offer to members

As a special offer to members only, the cemetery tour will run on Saturday 6 April at 10:30am at a cost of \$10 (cash payment on the day please) with an option for members to gather for lunch at the Soldiers Club at the conclusion of the cemetery tour.

Please notify Corrine Chalmers by phoning 0408 915 373 if you would like to attend the member only tour on 6 April and/or lunch afterwards at own expense.

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined the Society

Deana from **Yass**

NSW Seniors Festival

We are excited to partner with Yass Valley Council supporting their Seniors Festival in March and will be delivering two events on their program.

A Senior Memoir Gathering

Tuesday 19 March 2:30pm—5pm

Join us for an afternoon of storytelling and reminiscing at the Yass Valley Library. There will be a presentation by the Yass Historical Society and you can grab a cup of tea, relax, and let the memories flow as we come together to share our life stories.

We are aiming to collect some snippets of stories to preserve for future generations. If you love a good chat, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow seniors and celebrate the richness of your experiences. Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to reflect, laugh, and create lasting memories.

Bookings via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-senior-memoir-gathering-tickets-831501010907?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>



Yass Valley Town Walk

Wednesday 20 March 10:30am—2pm

The town walk in Yass is an easy way to see the history and heritage this town has to offer. There are up to 35 heritage buildings to visit and see and Europeans first entered the Yass area in 1821.

We start at Kaffeeine and finish up there, we will have a Tea or Coffee there after the walk.

Bookings via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/yass-valley-town-walk-tickets-835253253967?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>

Full program and further information can be found on the Yass Valley Council website



News from the Archives

Vivian Bugden, Maureen Grieves and Wilma Tanswell appreciated Sheree's Excel tutorial last week.

We have research enquiries coming in all the time.

We have just completed an enquiry from the UK on Edward Johnstone's orchard, nursery and shop - Johnstone's Fruit Exchange.

Rosalie is continuing to index The Yass Valley Times for future reference.

Shirley, Maureen and Elaine are still identifying photographs from the Yass Tribune, dated from the late 1990's to the early 2000's.

Deana and Corrine are sorting the vertical files ready for indexing.

Much work continues on the display for the Bowning Public School 175 years celebration.

Maureen Collins

Archives Coordinator

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