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NOTICE

Renovations are beginning at our headquarters the "Chambers". Penrith City Council will be starting building works on the new access ramp, entry and disabled toilet in July 2015 and expected to be completed by the end of 2015. Whilst these works are being carried out our headquarters will be closed to the public. Unfortunately, this also means that our "Back to St Marys" day, held on the second Sunday in September will not go ahead this year. The Society will be contactable via our mobile phone number, email and or web site. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and we look forward to re-opening to the public in February 2016.

PROGRESS REPORT ON SOUTH CREEK PARK

As you can see from the photos the pavilion for the Bennett wagons is now starting to take shape, let's hope it isn't too long before it's completed.



Photos courtesy of Paul Mills

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

2015 ANZAC Commemorations – WW1 Centenary

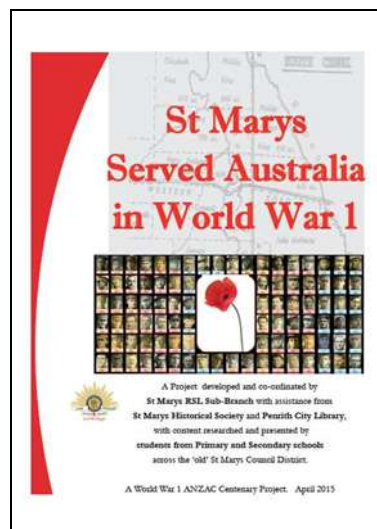
On 19th April our members attended the St Marys ANZAC March and commemoration at Victoria Park. Several of our members dressed in 1915 period costume to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. We placed at the memorial a wreath of crochet poppies created by our members; and Gaye Nyhuis (Encore/CWA member) who kindly assembled the wreath. During the service Ron Kelly, President, St Marys RSL Sub-Branch presented our Society with a book titled “St Marys Served Australia in WW1”. This book was the collation of a major research project initiated by the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch with local primary and high schools.

Other services attended were the Dawn Service held by the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch at the guns memorial and Banks Public School’s ANZAC Centenary commemoration where the teachers and students had created a field of over 3000 poppies in the school’s garden area and a display in the library.

On Sunday 31st May the Boer War commemoration was attended by members Caroline Volkiene, Jim Mason, and Norma and Tom Thorburn. This event took the theme; ‘Fathers of ANZAC’ as many Boer War veterans held senior positions in the AIF in Gallipoli and the Western Front; many used their experience of the Boer War to excel in their roles in WW1.



Photo courtesy of Tony Fryer



Photos courtesy of Caroline Volkiene

ST MARY MAGDALINE CHURCH CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

On Sunday 26th April the 175th Anniversary Service of St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church was attended by our members Caroline Volkiene and Norma and Tom Thorburn. Approximately 200 people attended the church service and the generous morning tea held in the church hall afterwards. A spur of the moment tour was requested of the graveyard and Norma happily obliged.



Left – Tom Thorburn, Clr Ross Fowler OAM, Mayor of Penrith and his wife Margaret, Norma Thorburn and Caroline Volkiene. Right – Norma in the grave yard with Prue Car - MP Member for Londonderry and other guests.



Photos courtesy of Tom Thorburn

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

In June members Caroline Volkiene, Norma Thorburn and Marion McLeod attended the 2015 “Biggest Morning Tea” hosted by Fiona Scott MP - Member for Lindsay and St Marys Rugby League Club.

A number of prizes were donated to help raise funds for the Cancer Council’s research, prevention and support programmes. Approximately 80 local residents supported this important event”.

Pictured – Caroline Volkiene, Fiona Scott MP and Norma Thorburn.



Photo courtesy of Caroline Volkiene

ROPES CROSSING COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Our members recently participated in the Ropes Crossing Community Festival. A plaque was unveiled celebrating the 10th Anniversary from when the construction first started. 4,000 residents now call Ropes Crossing Home. Photo of members below - Caroline Volkiene, Marion McLeod, Lyn Forde, Eric Kent and Norma and Tom Thorburn.



Photo courtesy of Norma Thorburn



Photo courtesy of Caroline Volkiene

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Last month our Society was lucky enough to have donated to it 2 very rare bottles (see photo). These bottles are good examples of “Devondale” cream containers used in the 50’s and 60’s, what makes them unique is that they have printed on them “Great Western HY. St Marys Phone 625-8145”.



If you have anything unique or similar to these bottles our Society would be very interested in hearing about it.

The St Marys & District Historical Society meets every 4th Saturday of the month at 1 pm – at the St Marys Precinct “Chambers” – Mamre Road, St Marys.

No meetings in January or December.

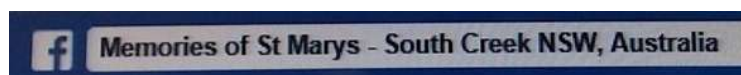
ALL WELCOME

Patron of our Society is Councillor Jackie Greenow, OAM.

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