

TURRET TALK

The Newsletter of the

Blacktown and District Historical Society Inc.

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EDITION 453 – AUGUST 2022



The next Meeting of the Blacktown and District Historical Society Inc. will be on MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Bungarrabee Hub. Our guest speaker is Jill Finch who will presenting a talk called "Prospect - a Worthwhile History.' Jill is the President of the Prospect Heritage Trust. She is also President and foundation member of the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church. Her family has been connected to Prospect since 1884 when her great-grandfather, Pastor James Hicks, bought a property which he named *Bridestowe*. In the June Queen's Birthday Honours Jill was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her service to community history. We look forward to hearing her speak about Prospect's story.

HOW TO FIND THE BUNGARRIBEE HUB: For those who do not know, the Bungarrabee Hub is off Steeltrap Drive, in the Bungarrabee Estate off Doonside Road. There are traffic lights at the entrance roughly opposite Douglas Road and the public art in the landscaped gardens opposite consists of tall red posts representing the old post and rail fences around the original property and three rusty coloured racehorse sculptures. To reach the Hub, follow Steeltrap Drive around until you see a bridge with tall red lit poles. Do not cross the bridge but turn right into Sir Hercules Parade and keep going down the street until you see the Hub building in front of you on the left-hand side.

VALE ANDY CRUTCHER

It is with great regret and sadness that we have to inform you that one of our members Andy Crutcher passed away recently on 24 June 2022. Our thoughts and condolences go to Gwen at this time. Andy did his bit at the Bungarrabee Community Garden and he was one of the hardworking Friends of St Bartholomew's before ill-health took its toll. We will miss his friendly smile and quiet demeanour at our monthly meetings.



Gwen and Andy Crutcher at one of our Society's Christmas Parties a few years ago

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE HAMBLETON COTTAGE TOUR This had to be cancelled due to the very bad weather. We will be going to Hambleton at a later date and we will be car-pooling. More information at the next meeting. Please let Rita Sieders know if you want to come on the tour: rmsieders@yahoo.com.au

MORE TOURS

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

LOCAL HISTORY TOUR WITH GUARDIAN COMMUNITY BUS AND BDHS TOUR LEADER PAULINE EDGAR (SEATS LIMITED TO 19)

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

WALKING TOUR OF KINGS CROSS WITH NEIL SMITH.

This tour involves train travel and about four and a half hours walking.

REPORT ON THE 23 JULY 2022 DOONSIDE STREET STALL

Our Society ran a street stall at the 2022 Doonside Festival on Saturday 23 July 2022. Ten of our members staffed the stall so that we could connect with the community and spread the word about our local history. In spite of the rainy weather we were able to distribute about 100 'Short History of Doonside' leaflets to passers-by. We sold 11 books and answered a number of enquiries from locals. A BIG THANK YOU to Bob and Di Atkins, Helen Cassidy, Pauline Edgar, Carol Horne, Michelle Renfrey, Rita Sieders, Neil Smith and Graham Wicks!



Our stall at the Doonside Festival 23 July 2022

OTHER 2022 FESTIVALS AT WHICH BLACKTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL HAVE A STALL AND DISPLAY

17 SEPTEMBER 2022

WOODCROFT LAKE FESTIVAL

10 am – 4 pm

16 OCTOBER 2022

KINGS LANGLEY VILLAGE FAIR

9 am – 3.30 pm

If you are able to help with one or both of these Festivals, please let the BDHS Committee know and put the date(s) in your diary.