

Merry Christmas

Come to our Christmas luncheon on Saturday 26 November 2016

At 12.30 pm

Jubilee Room

Granville Diggers

5 Memorial Drive

Granville.



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There is no general meeting this month. Instead we are having our Christmas Party at the Granville Diggers, 5 Memorial Drive Granville, at 12.30 pm on Saturday 26 November 2016

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Granville Historical Society

"A Place where heritage & culture are valued & celebrated."



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year members, I do not believe that we have powered through another year. As usual we have a break from the end of November until the beginning of February, however during that time we monitor enquiries and recharge our batteries.

The book launch of Granville World War 1 Roll of Honour and Forgotten Heroes, written by author Colin Humphreys, will be held at the Xmas luncheon. This is the culmination of 8 years research and study by Colin who was ably assisted by Archivist Arthur Naylor with information from the files and books which had been donated. The publication includes our two VC winners, George Cartwright and Arthur Charles Hall who was born in Granville.

This document of some 180 pages of text and photographs honours the Granville men and women who went to war to keep Australia safe. They include people who won medals for service

over and above the call of duty, and the people on the Cenotaph in Memorial Drive. Thank you to Colin for his dedication and expertise on our behalf to tell this important story of Granville history. The publication will be launched by our Patron, the Hon. Laurie Ferguson. This will be held at Granville Diggers Club starting at 12.30pm in the Jubilee Room, take the lift to the third floor. We hope to see you there.

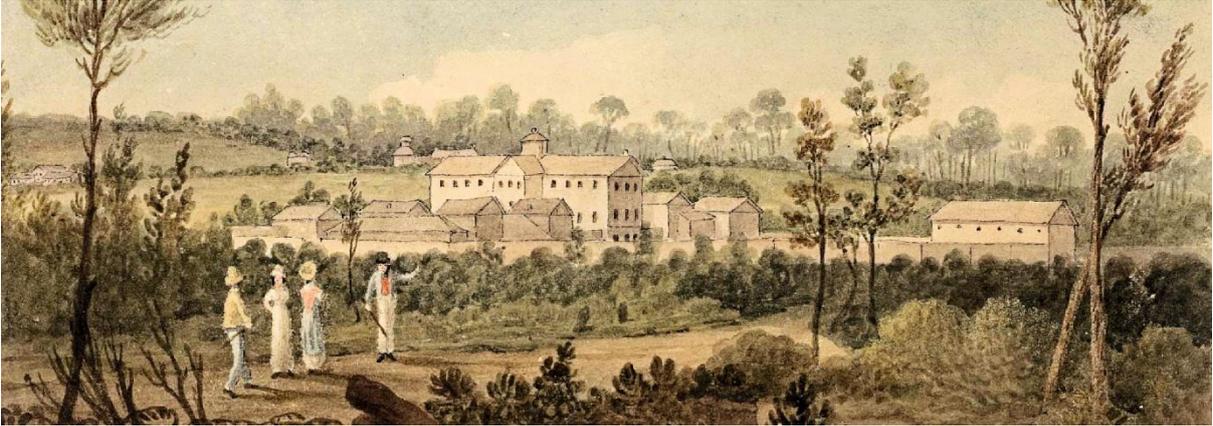
Some of our other projects this year included assisting member Harry Stephens with information and images for the 70th Anniversary of the Holy Family Church and School. This was a mammoth task; Harry had access to the archives, Arthur Naylor scanned documents and images for the project. At the time of writing this report I am unaware how the service went but we were able to lend our display boards, also the "History of Granville" display boards and prepared a photographic display of 156 photos for the day. This of course was sponsored by the society, to say thank you for their work and allowing us to archive the records of the Parish.

The Holy Family Church is a South Granville community that serves its members, caters for and looks after its parishioners, not only for their spiritual needs but for social, entertainment, volunteering, transport, and general well being, and plays a very important part in Granville's cultural history.

Our Parramatta project that we have been working on took a more involved role, with Secretary/Treasurer June Bullivant agreeing to stand for President of Parramatta Female Factory Friends. This has allowed the society to know first hand exactly what was needed to help them get through the massive threat from Urban Growth and the push by the NSW State Government to carve up the North Parramatta convict-built site into three pieces to allow them to sell off this prime piece of real estate for high rise development. We have assisted the Parramatta Female Factory Friends by helping with printing and other necessary stationery to perform the tasks.

Public Relations and publicity for the group has been really good, but with our involvement, it allowed the members greater freedom and access to our many networks that cover a wide area. This group has a large number of dedicated members who work really hard, researching and documenting the history of the 5,000 women who came from England to the Female Factory in Parramatta, These stories were not in one place; over a thousand of them have been researched thoroughly by the two researchers, Beth Matthews and Anne Mathews, who came to inform us this year of their work.

Members this is a very important part of Parramatta's cultural history, it must not be destroyed or built out of existence, (some people's idea at talks last week by Urban Growth was to pull down the convict built walls). Cascades in Tasmania do very well with their World Listed Heritage site of mainly ruins, while the Parramatta Female Factory and Cumberland Hospital site is not even nationally listed.



Our Society sees it as a major Tourism destination where visitors will see a unique area that is nowhere else in Australia. PFFF need your help to spread the word that this site is UNDER THREAT FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT. Please talk to your friends and families, and support the push to have the decision makers of NSW realise how important this is. It would be a tremendous boost for the Parramatta economy, and create jobs.

You will remember our project to give the students of Granville Public School in William Street, a sense of place and a sense of belonging. This was to show the children of refugees, newly arrived in the country, that Australia is a safe and welcoming place. This project was to take the children to the Parramatta Female Factory to see how and where our first immigrants lived, and how they were locked up. Many of the children could relate to the immigrants and many spoke of their fear, they wanted to know where the cellars were so they could hide. The Society and the school were very aware of this aspect, as was member Judith Dunn who conducted the tour. It was so successful that another class is going on the same tour before end of term this year. Members, the committee thanks you for your support as we try and play an important social and cultural role in our community.

Our Centenary of Anzac Grant, among other things, was to research the War Memorials in Parramatta. Member Enid Turbit researched the Parramatta War Memorial on Prince Alfred Square, and she has produced a well written and well researched publication. Enid has been a member of Granville for many years, her work with Parramatta and District Historical Society, and Mays Hill Cemetery over many years has resulted in many volunteer hours. Enid assists the society by sharing her knowledge and information for many of our Granville projects.

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