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It is with sadness and regret that we learnt of the death of Dr David Cohen AM, the ANME Representative for Victoria, who passed away on 25 November 2014 and ANME Patron Dr Lionel Gilbert OAM, who passed away on 28 January this year.

Dr David Cohen AM



Dr Cohen was a Friend and benefactor of the ANME and a great supporter of our efforts. His contribution to pedagogy, educational philosophy and educational associations was highly significant. Early in his career he became an active participant in the development of the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria and later, the Australian College of Education, the South Pacific Association of Teacher Education, the Australasian Association of Research in Education, the Australasian Science Education Research Association and the Australian Curriculum Studies

Association. He was most interested in educational research and development and became Officer-in-Charge of curriculum research in the Victorian Education Department. He also held a similar position with the NSW Department of Education. He was the recipient of many awards and accolades. As a most enterprising and innovative teacher, lecturer, educational administrator and educational researcher, Dr Cohen will be greatly missed by all at the ANME and among Australia's educational fraternity. More details about Dr Cohen's career may be found on the ANME's website under "Distinguished Educators".

Dr Lionel Gilbert OAM

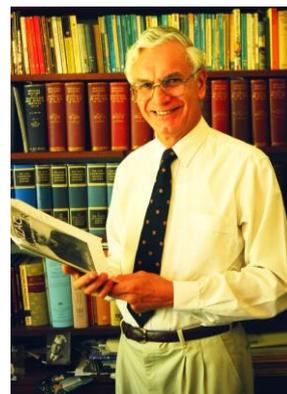


Dr Gilbert, was a most generous donor of history of education books and rare school text books to the ANME research collection. Dr Gilbert will be remembered by his many former students as a most motivating and enthusiastic teacher, lecturer and researcher during his years as senior lecturer at Armidale Teachers' College and later Vice Principal of Armidale College of Advanced Education. For many years, Dr Gilbert was Curator

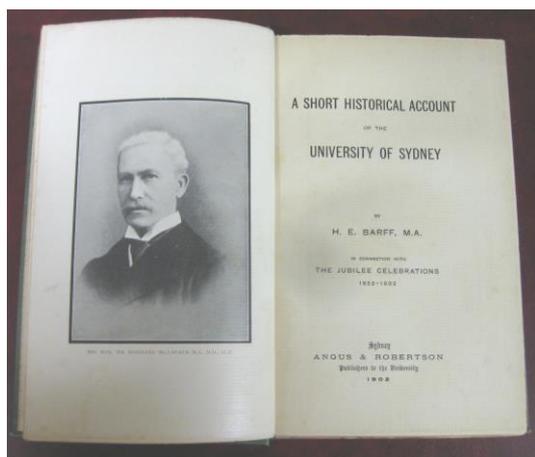
of the Armidale Museum of Education, one of the earliest such School Museums to be established in Australia in 1956. Among Dr Gilbert's many honours was his Fellowship of the Royal Australian Historical Society. A more detailed account of Dr Gilbert's life and contribution to the history of education may be found on the ANME's website under "Distinguished Educators".

ANME Annual Lecture 2015

The Ninth ANME Annual Lecture will be held on Friday 1 May 2015 and this year's Lecture *Influenza 1919: How did schools cope with this overwhelming disaster?* will be delivered by Dr Stuart Braga, ANME's Representative for New South Wales and donor of many significant volumes to the ANME Collection. The venue for the Lecture is the INSPIRE Centre, Building 25, at the University of Canberra, 5.30pm-7.30pm. The admission cost is \$20 which includes refreshments. Dr Braga has had a long and distinguished career as an educator and writer. He was a teacher at Hale School in WA, History Master at Barker College Sydney and Senior Master of Trinity Grammar School. He is a Life Member, Fellow and Past President of the Teachers' Guild of NSW. He was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators in 1988 and a Life Member in 2003. Dr Braga was awarded a PhD degree from the Australian National University in 2013 for a thesis on Asian history. He is the author of a number of books including a most distinguished school history, *Barker College: a history*.



Recent Donation

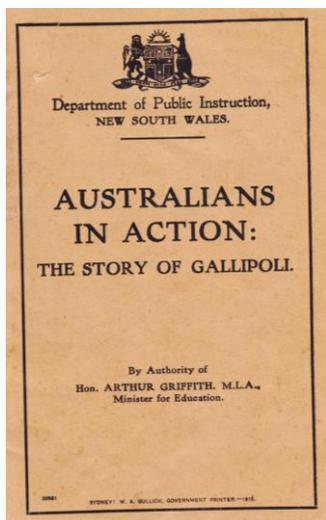


The ANME history of education collection was recently enriched by a most generous donation from Dr Braga. Amongst the numerous books and documents included in Dr Braga's donation were some historically significant books including H. E. Barff's *A Short Historical Account of the University of Sydney, 1852-1902*, published in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations of the Sydney University. This book is inscribed with the publisher's complements and also includes the bookplate of

Rt. Rev. H.W.K. Mowll, Lord Archbishop of Sydney 1933-1958. The Braga collection also included two very scarce school histories, A.Burton's *Hale School Perth: The Story of the Foundation and Early Years, 1858-1900*, and M.W. MacCallum's *In Memory of Albert Bythesea Weigall, Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School 1866-1912*. A further "gem" of Australian university history donated by Dr Braga is *The Union Book of 1902*, being a Contribution of the Sydney

University Union to the Celebration of the Jubilee of the University, published by William Brooks 1902

ANME Collection Highlights



Relevant to the Commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War, the ANME possesses two rare booklets specifically written and published by the NSW Department of Public Instruction to acquaint school students of the details and aspects of the First World War, or the “Great War” as it was then referred to. The first, titled *Australians in Action: The Story of Gallipoli* was published in 1915 under the authority of the Minister of Education, Arthur Griffith M.L.A. On its title page is the statement, “Published for the use of the Senior Pupils of the Public Schools of New South Wales, in proud and grateful memory of the bravery of the Australian troops.” This 32 page booklet was written from cabled reports of the landing on Gallipoli by Australian Troops by Ashmead Bartlett, war correspondent and Captain C.E. Bean, Official Correspondent. The second rare booklet is titled *The Great War, written for Young Australians* by H.D. McLelland B.A. who was Deputy-Chief Inspector of Schools in NSW. It was published in 1916, and its rear pages contain a section, “Poems of Liberty and Life’s Ideals” with poems relating to war, some by Australian poets including Christopher Brennan. Both of these pamphlets were on display in ANME’s recent 2014 exhibition titled “Students, Teachers and World War 1.”

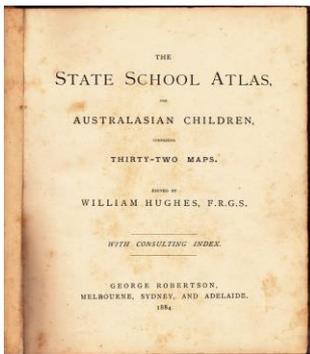
Profile of a School Museum: The “Children of Federation Gallery” is part of the Sheep’s Back Museum, Naracoorte S.A.



This school museum collection is housed in one classroom of a four classroom block of the former Kybybolite Primary School, relocated after closure to Naracoorte and is part of the complex of exhibitions in the Sheep’s Back Museum at Naracoorte in South Australia. It was originally a transportable building, a one-teacher school which grew to a four-teacher school. The collection comprises a variety of desks, equipment including projectors, duplicators, gramophone, wireless, sporting equipment, musical instruments, school text books and school library books, audio-visual and printed teaching aids, school uniforms, trophies, curriculum materials and the records of the Parents’ Association and other items. The “Children of Federation Gallery” is part of the Sheep’s Back Museum, a most significant 3 storey 1866 building, which was originally a flour mill and now

has a focus on the history of the Australian wool industry in the south-eastern district and displays skills, trades and life styles of workers in this industry over the last century and a half. The complex is the Headquarters of the Naracoorte Branch of the National Trust of South Australia. For further details refer to the website, www.nationaltrust.org.au/sa/the-sheeps-back-museum.

Student Volunteers assist with ANME's new Display: Teaching Geography in the School Classroom, 1850s-1980s



The ANME curators are most appreciative of the assistance from the student volunteers from the Museums and Heritage Course at U.C. in the preparation, research, documentation, and mounting of our most recent display on the theme of Teaching Geography in the School Classroom. Students Grace Turner, Jessica Goodvin, James Ley and Sam Cook have been involved in the research and preparation of information relating to nineteenth and early twentieth century school text books, charts, kits, maps and pupil exercise books. The exhibition of these school geography resources is located in the U.C. Heritage Gallery area of the ground floor of Building 5, and will be on display until June.



Grace Turner, Sam Cook, Jessica Goodvin and James Ley

Annual Field Trip Saturday 21 March 2015

9.00 am: Bus departs Daramalan College, Cowper Street, Dickson.

11.00am: Visit Mittagong Public School in the year of its Sesquicentenary

12.30pm: Lunch at Berrima District Museum. Viewing of the Collection and a talk by Muriel Stuart (aka The Keeper of the Memories), a former pupil of Sutton Forest Public School and Helen Ling, a former teacher of the school)

2.30pm: Visit Frensham School, Mittagong

4.30pm: Viewing of Sutton Forest Public School which closed in 2014

6.00pm Dinner at the Fireside Inn, Goulburn

Cost includes bus travel, museum entry fee, refreshment bag and lunch: \$35.00
Register and pay early as numbers are limited
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