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ANME Exhibition at Canberra Museum and Gallery



The ANME was invited to exhibit a display of about 20 items in the Canberra Museum and Gallery's exhibition during Canberra's annual Heritage Festival celebrations this month. The emphasis of the ANME's exhibit, titled, *Lessons from the Past: Early Schooling in Canberra and Region*, was upon artefacts and documents relating to the early history of Canberra and District schools. This year's Festival, titled "My Culture, My Story"

features many displays and activities during the period 14-29 April. This year ANME's CMAG display is our official contribution to the Heritage Festival. Among the items on view in ANME's display are: St. Edmund's Christian Brothers' College Canberra First Annual Speech Day Program; The Canberra Exercise Book; a selection of school readers and primers for primary school classes from the 1920s; a stencil duplicator circa 1930s; a school pupil's exercise book from 1905 and selected school textbooks from the early twentieth century. *(Photo by courtesy of CMAG)*



Digital Photographic Record of ANME's Artefacts and Objects

Volunteer Maren Innes, a student in the Bachelor of Museums, Heritage and Conservation at the University of Canberra, is making a most significant contribution to ANME by undertaking the task of photographing, accurately describing and

recording the ANME's collection of artefacts and objects. Maren has already photographed over 300 items, using a special "light box" and digital camera. We thank Maren for pursuing this necessary project which, will result in a photographic database of all our artefacts and objects on the ANME website.

Director's Visit to the Manning River District of NSW

In March, ANME Director continued his tour of school museums and educational archives with visits to several significant museums in the Manning Valley River District of New South Wales. We are pleased to report that The Upper Bowman School of the Gloucester District Historical Society is the latest museum to register as a member of the ANME National Network of School Museums. Selected photographs of the collection are available on the ANME website.



Cundletown



Gloucester – Upper Bowman School



Tinonee



Stroud – Quambi House



Foster-Tuncurry - Tuncurry School

Visit of the Grand Daughter of C. E.W. Bean



The grand-daughter of Australia's distinguished Official War Historian, C.E.W. Bean, Ms Anne Carroll, visited the ANME in May with the express purpose of viewing a rare document written by her grandfather, a copy of which the ANME holds as part of the Mowbray House School Collection. The document, written at the request of the Australian Commonwealth Peace Celebrations Committee in 1919, was circulated to all schools to be read on the occasion of the Presentation of the Peace Souvenir Medallions to all Australian school children up to the age of 14 years, and also aged up to 16 years if their parents were in the armed forces. The nation-wide distribution of medallions began in March 1919. The

document, written by the Official War Correspondent with the A.I.F, C.E.W. Bean, was titled *The Great War 1914-19*. It was written to be read to children, not only as a celebration of the Allies' victory to mark the end of the Great War but also as a celebration of the Peace. The text of Charles Bean's document was written in a style designed to emphasize to children the sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women who lost their lives in the various theatres of the Great War 1914-1918 and also as a recognition of the role of Australia on the world stage as a consequence of our willing participation in the conflict.

Visitors to ANME

The Director of ANME, Dr Malcolm Beazley was very pleased to welcome Professor Bob Morgan who is Chair of the Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle. Professor Morgan is an authority on early colonial developments in the history of Aboriginal education in Australia. He is keen to promote projects in Aboriginal Education and was interested in the University of Canberra's courses and activities. He was also most interested in aspects of the ANME's collections and displays and we look forward to continued contact and co-operation with Professor Morgan in the future.

Mr John and Mrs Rhonda Fitzsimmons visited ANME to inspect the Mowbray House School collection since John had been a pupil at Mowbray House School and was keen to look at the School's Admission Register. He also found the entries for several of his school friends contemporary with him at that school. Subsequently, three Old Boys met at the ANME to recall their memories.



Professor Morgan with Dr Burkhardt



Alan and Lesley New from Corowa District Historical Society



John and Rhonda Fitzsimmons



Mowbray Old Boys Colin Dennett, Robert Jones and Philip Dawson

Recent Acquisitions



Our thanks go to Ms Christine Lund, from “Down Memory Lane Antiques” for her generous donation of a 1920s school pupil’s water colour paint box and also an academic award certificate from Trinity Grammar School and other items. The ANME was pleased to receive the donation of a copy of *The Annals of the Brisbane Grammar School 1867-1922*, published in Brisbane in 1923. It is a large thick quarto of 286 pages, cloth bound. It is now a very scarce and valuable book, and is one of the few examples of the first wave of comprehensive Australian school histories to be published. It was a model for other schools to follow in that it included a list of the names of all its student enrolments from its early years, and a list of all its teachers and headmasters including a large number of black and white photos of former headmasters and staff and many school sporting teams. This book takes pride of place in ANME’s collection of over 500 jubilee and centenary histories of Australian schools. Lesley and Alan New kindly delivered two storage boards containing film strips from the 1960s and 70s donated by the Corowa District Historical Society.