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ANME Welcomes New Colleagues



The ANME welcomes Assistant Collections Manager, Mrs Lee Wilde. Mrs Wilde is an educator with many years' experience in teaching and learning. Her previous position was Director of Junior School (Years 3 – 6) at Canberra Girls' Grammar School. Her two enduring passions are history and education and she is currently documenting the ANME's extensive school reader collection.

It is also a pleasure to welcome Alex Stalker-Booth, who is the University of Canberra's Collections Coordinator. Alex is working closely with the ANME staff to assist in the overall management of the ANME collection, as part of UC's Collections Policy. He is also responsible for promoting the ANME in the wider university and community, to highlight ANME's collection as one of national significance. He is seen here (right) with ANME's Senior Curator, Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt. Alex has had extensive experience in museums and heritage in Australia and overseas.



North Sydney Technical High School Manual Arts Items



The ANME was delighted to receive a donation of numerous items from the Old Boys' (the Old Lions) Association of the North Sydney Technical High School. Old Lion, Brad Scoular, accompanied by Jenny Maggs (pictured right) of this organization, visited ANME earlier this year and delivered to us tools used in the school's woodworking classes, including a bow saw, a moulding plane and chisels. We were also given a class mark book and some school textbooks. The school was closed in 1969, and its archives have been in the care of its Old Boys' Association



ever since. The school was established in 1936 as North Sydney Boys' Junior High School until 1942 and was also known as North Sydney-Chatswood Boys' Junior High School for some period of its existence. These donations add significantly to ANME's collection of documents and artefacts relative to the history of Technical Education in Australian schools. Some of the recently donated items from NSTHS are currently displayed in the Heritage Gallery of Building 5 in ANME's present exhibition on aspects of the history of technical education in Australia.

Visit to Yanco Agricultural High School



Last month our *Newsletter* editor visited Yanco Agricultural High School, located just outside the village of Yanco near Leeton, NSW. It is a most interesting and unique fully residential NSW Government selective Agricultural High School, one of only three agricultural high schools in the state. It is situated in a delightful rural setting and contains one of the most architecturally and historically significant buildings of any rural school in Australia. Its magnificent

administrative building initially belonged to pastoralist Sir Samuel McCaughey who built this grand red brick mansion situated on 700 acres (290 hectares) of rich pastoral and agricultural country. It became the home for a NSW State Education Department residential agricultural high school in 1922. The school soon became a pioneer of Agricultural Education in NSW, specializing now in beef and sheep pastoralism. The purpose of this agricultural high school is to train and educate future farmers. The school enrolls approximately 300 residential boys and girls in a fully academic and practical curriculum with an emphasis upon agriculture. They pursue study to the Higher School Certificate. During his visit he was given a guided tour of the historic administrative building by the Principal, Mr Gary Hunt and was very impressed with the many aspects and details of the school's historical archives, its magnificent art collection and valuable historical artefacts, linking the school with aspects of the history and pastoral traditions of the Yanco and Leeton district communities.

ANME ANZAC Display in UC Library



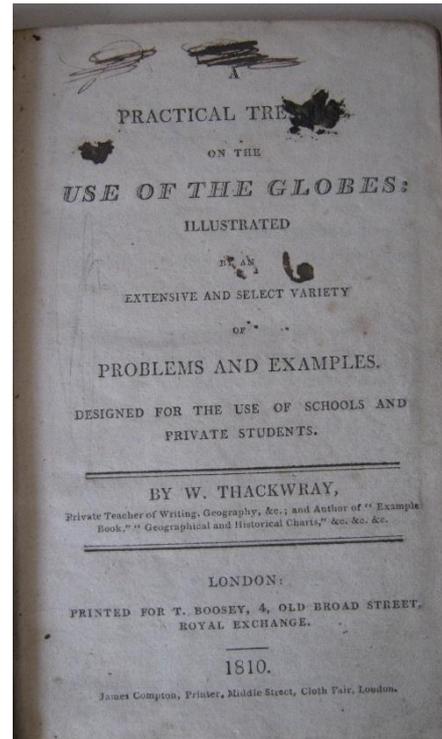
During April the ANME mounted a small display in the Library of the University of Canberra to commemorate Anzac Day 2019. The focus of the display was state government education department publications for primary and secondary students relating to the progress of the First World War. These included special booklets, School Papers, and School Magazines containing descriptions and

stories explaining, in simple terms, the aims and objectives of the Anzac contingent at Gallipoli and the progress of the War in France and Belgium using maps and photographs. Of particular interest in the display was the book by the Victorian Department of Education which contains names and photographs of all the Victorian state school teachers, who enlisted for active service during the War, and who were killed in action.

Recent Acquisitions

A Practical Treatise on the Use of the Globes: Illustrated by an Extensive and Select Variety of Problems and Examples, Designed for the use of Schools and Private Students. By W. Thackwray

This textbook, published in 1810 in London by T. Boosey, is one of the oldest school textbooks in the ANME's collection. It is an appropriate complement to the ANME's collection of nineteenth and twentieth century school atlases. This textbook on the uses of globes in the teaching of geography contains 115 pages and is bound in full calf leather. It contains two illustrations of globes, a terrestrial globe and a celestial globe. The text contains a practical series of definitions, exercises and questions suitable for senior grammar school students. The author, W. Thackwray, was a school teacher who taught geography in London. He was also the author of *Geographical and Historical Charts*. This recently acquired early nineteenth century school textbook on the use of globes is now quite a rare item. The National Library of Australia does not appear to have a copy. It is a great asset to the ANME's collection of rare school textbooks and is the type of book that students at The Kings School or The Australian College in Sydney might have used in the 1830s and 1840s.



A Distinguished Colonial Educator: Rev. Thomas Henry Braim



He was born in 1814 in Doncaster, Yorkshire, starting his career as a pupil-teacher before entering St. John's College Cambridge. Although remembered more for his contribution to parish work in the Colony of Victoria in the Portland and Port Fairy districts, he was nevertheless most active as a successful teacher during his earlier career in Tasmania, Victoria and NSW in the years prior to his ordination to the Anglican priesthood. He arrived in Hobart in

1835 and taught at the Hobart Town Grammar School, and later other schools in Tasmania. He moved to Sydney and was appointed as Headmaster of the prestigious Sydney College in 1842 where he experienced difficulties in maintaining enrolments owing to the effect of the economic recession in NSW in the mid 1840s. In 1845 he returned to England to complete his university studies, but on return to Sydney a year later, he was not reappointed as Headmaster at the Sydney College and moved to Victoria where he opened a boarding school at Port Fairy and later in the 1850s he was most successful in establishing parish schools at three other small settlements in the Yambuk and Farnham districts of Victoria before returning to England. He is also remembered for his authorship of the popular textbook, *A History of New South Wales from its settlement to the close of the year 1844*, which he wrote while Headmaster of the Sydney College. He died in 1891 following his return to England. A detailed biography of Braim may be found in Volume 3 of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

ANME Chair Honoured in 2019 Queen's Birthday Awards

ANME Chair, Professor Barbara Pamphilon has been honoured for her distinguished work in higher education, research and communities by being made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. She is pictured here (back row, second from right) with fellow ANME Board members. Back row: Dr Alison Wain, Dr Tracy Ireland (Deputy Chair), Hakim Abdul Rahim (Partnerships Manager), Dr Malcolm Beazley AM (Director), Dr Bernard Brown (Student Engagement Manager). Front row: Ann Parry, Coralie Amos (Collections Manager), Victoria Redfern and Esther Davies. Absent: Virginia Mitchell. Congratulations Professor Pamphilon AM.

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ANME OPEN DAY 2019

**Your chance to see items from
Australia's Premier Education Collection
Saturday 31 August 2019
10.00am to 2.00pm
Building 5 Level A
University of Canberra**