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ANME's Heritage Festival Exhibition 2021 "Across the Years"



L to R: Prof. Barney Dalgarno; Prof. Geoffrey Crisp; Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Ms Katy Haire, Mr Alex Stalker-Booth; Ms Linda Roberts. (Photo courtesy of Peter Fock).

This year the ANME's Exhibition for the Canberra and Region Heritage Festival, was a special event celebrating the University of Canberra's 50 years of Teacher Education and 25 years of the Australian National Museum of Education. This Exhibition highlighted aspects of the history of schooling in Canberra in addition to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the commencement of teacher education courses offered by the University of Canberra's Faculty of Education, which was originally established as the School of Teacher Education in the Canberra College of Education.

The focus was upon aspects of the history of the school curriculum as reflected in objects, documents, ephemera and classroom practices in Canberra Schools, which

were staffed and operated by the NSW Department of Education until 1974 when the ACT government school system was transferred to the Interim ACT Schools Authority.

On Friday 9th April the Exhibition was officially opened by Ms Katy Haire, Director-General of the ACT Education Directorate in the Inspire Centre of the University of Canberra. Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Director of the ANME, who was Master of Ceremonies for this function introduced Professor Geoffrey Crisp, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canberra, who welcomed the guests to the University and to the Exhibition. This was followed by Professor Barney Dalgarno, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education, who spoke on “Reflections on Teacher Education at UC” over the last 50 years. An overview of the Exhibition was then presented by Mr Alex Stalker-Booth, ANME Curator and UC Collections Coordinator, who described most interestingly the aims of the Exhibition and the variety of artefacts, documents, 19th century textbooks and historical ephemera on display. Professor Dalgarno moved a vote of thanks to Ms Haire following her enthusiastic address.

The Exhibition was on view in the *Mura Gadi Gallery* in the University of Canberra Library throughout the month of April.

ANME Collections Manager Honoured



The ANME is delighted to congratulate ANME Board Member and Collections Manager, Mrs Coralie Amos OAM on her award of the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2021 Australia Day Honours List. One of ANME’s most active and enthusiastic volunteers, Coralie has contributed so much of her time, energy and expertise in the service of education and other community organizations through a range of roles in such organizations as Central Southern Golf Association, Australian Red Cross, Women's Golf New South Wales to name a few. Her previous awards include Voluntary Service Award, Calvary Health Care, Life Member of Central Southern Golf Association and Life Member of Boomerang Softball Club Well done Coralie! (*Photo courtesy of Roger Amos.*)

ANME School Museums National Network

Basset Boys' Schoolroom, South Australia by Linda Gissing **(Outreach Program Coordinator)**



The Basset Boys' Schoolroom is a State Heritage listed single-gabled schoolroom built of local freestone, roofed and floored with local slate. The building is located at 17 St. Lukes St. Willunga SA 5172.

The Basset Boys Schoolroom when it opened in 1862 was reported to be “an ornament to the east end town”. James Basset taught here with great distinction until his untimely death in 1875. His second wife Mary continued to run Basset School and Buckland house until her death in 1889.

During the 1890's the Schoolroom became a Church of England School under Ella Hawkens. It was purchased by the District Council of Willunga in 1896 and served as a Council Chamber and meeting room until 1962. After further use as a Council depot and library storage area, the building was leased to Willunga National Trust and underwent major restoration in 1988.

Under the care of the National Trust it was used for a variety of purposes, including as a music studio and art gallery, before reverting to its original purpose as a schoolroom. Owing to ongoing repairs and maintenance to the Willunga Courthouse and Basset Boys Schoolroom, the excursion opportunity (which existed in previous years), is currently unavailable, and the Basset Boys School Outreach Program has been initiated. For further information on the program email: linda.gissing61@gmail.com

The ANME School Badge Collection: Analysis and Educational Significance by Lee Wilde, ANME Deputy Collections Manager. Part I

The ANME has a large, diverse range of school badges, special occasion buttons, tokens, cards, cloth badges and pennants from a variety of primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions in Australia. They represent a wide cross-section of state and independent educational contexts and include rural, suburban and regional schools.

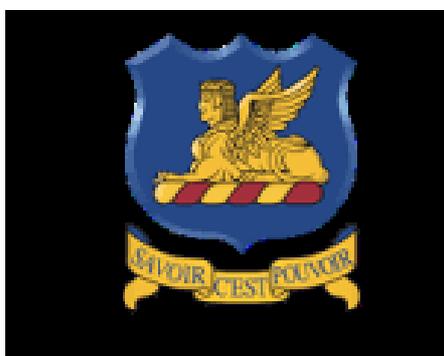
These badges represent a fascinating insight into the way these institutions have chosen to celebrate and advertise their aspirations and heritage and more broadly, how societal beliefs about what is important in education have changed, or stayed the same, over time. They also reflect changes in the way education has been and is organized across

different jurisdictions. Over time, authorities have rationalized school systems and schools. They have been variously known as primary schools, high schools, public schools, community schools, intermediate high schools, technical high schools, domestic science schools, boys' schools, girls' schools and colleges.

A number of these institutions have provided education to Australian students continuously since the early nineteenth century. The oldest school currently represented in the ANME collection of badges is Botany Public School in Sydney. It was established in 1848 as the first NSW public (government) school in Sydney following the education reforms, which established the NSW National School System in 1848, and it continues to provide primary education. The school badge in the ANME collection reflects its heritage and the area's links with Joseph Banks. (Part II of this article will be included in the Winter Newsletter)



*Belmore North PS 1953
Newcastle, NSW*



*Perth Modern School 1911
Perth, Western Australia*



*Rossbourne House 1967
Melbourne, Victoria*



*Botany PS 1848
Sydney, NSW*



*Canberra Girls' Grammar 1926
Canberra, ACT*



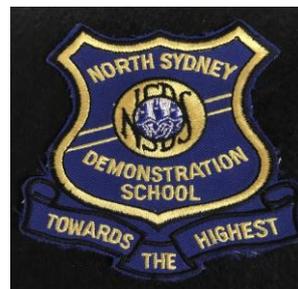
*Allenstown State School 1877
Rockhampton, Queensland*



*Maryborough State HS 1881
Maryborough, Queensland*



*Broughton Anglican College 1986
Menangle Park, NSW*



*North Sydney
Demonstration S. 1931
Sydney, NSW.*