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# Newsletter

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Ken Annetts' Picture Theatre  
Batemans Bay



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## DIARY DATES

**Saturday 5th Dec**

**Xmas Party Luncheon**

at the Trounson home

Members \$10 per head

BYO drinks

**Coming? Tell Myf on**

**4472 7118 by 30 Nov!**

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**Tuesday Dec 8th**

Our Monthly Meeting 3pm

No January mtg.

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## Dear Members and Friends of our Society

Since our Annual General Meeting, the past four months have been very busy at the Museum focussing on the Opening Day of the **'Lest We Forget'** room. We received a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs to support our efforts, as this permanent exhibition is dedicated to Australian experience of conflict across the 20th Century.

I take this opportunity to again thank our guests, and those members who gave so freely of their time and labour to create this exhibit.

The **Museum Open Day** which followed a week later was also a great success and our plans for 2010 will include an even bigger Gala Day.

Our **membership drive** continues, matching people to areas of interest from research and photography, to building maintenance, garden, display design, polishing and computer skills. We value *all* your efforts.

Our **fund-raising** has extended to running regular BBQs at Bunnings and Ford—we are *very* appreciative of their support. However, we could do with more helpers for the sausage roster!

We have developed a special relationship with **Queanbeyan Museum** which has benefited all volunteers, and our secretary was sponsored by them to attend a Canberra-based museum course.

Around the Museum itself, we have Council approval for erection of **security fencing** at the rear; this will *also* allow us to develop displays for our **local farming, forestry and oyster industry history**. Speaking of which, we welcome suggestions for the direction of the Museum's development: please contact any



## Opening of the Lest We Forget room Room

Cllr Fergus Thomson, Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire, kindly gave the opening address before an invited audience of Society members, representatives of service organisations, and special guests. Particular thanks were given by President Tony Whelan to Paul Martin, Sam and Martyn Lloyd and Myf Thompson for their work on the content of the display, and those members who handled the physical work of turning a store room into an exhibition space. The Museum looked welcoming and spotless thanks to our tireless behind the scenes workers, especially Rex, and catering was beautifully presented—thanks Judy—and to all our helpers on the day. You made it very special.

**Sunday, November 1st 2009.**







### Museum Open Day—Sunday November 8th 2009

Over 100 people took advantage of the free entry Open Day to view our Museum, focusing on the new Lest We Forget display. Many thanks to our members who volunteered for 'welcome' duty. A really great day.

## GENERAL MEETINGS SUMMARY

**Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 3pm, at the Museum. Visitors welcome!**

**[There will be no meeting in January 2010]**

\*Meeting with Forestry NSW on **24th November, 11am**, all members invited to attend the Museum to discuss exhibition space and content for historical material/equipment.

\*We have received from the RSL the marble panels from the original Honour Stone. These will be built into a small remembrance garden of rosemary, around the flagpole.

\*The Society has written to Council requesting funding support for erection of security fencing at the rear of the Museum. DA has been approved.

\*Disability access to the guttering in front of the Museum improved after discussion with ESC.

\*Volunteers are erecting new steps to provide an alternative access to the Museum for members.

Once complete, access to the Lest We Forget side entrance will be closed.

\*Letter of thanks to ESC for the \$1000 grant accorded to the three historical societies in the Shire.

Our project for expenditure will be portable display boards, lightweight and flexible to allow easy carriage and setup for shopping malls, school displays, library etc.

\*Society to arrange internet access as research now an important part of 'telling the story' of collection artefacts.

\*Society to contact Country Energy seeking subsidising of electricity service charges, and internet fees.

\*Street Stall materials. We have ladies happy to sell, but reduced stock! If you can knit, sew or do other craft work, please contact Nerida on 4472 7259.

\*Christmas party—thanks to Alick and Fran—\$10 pp for full Chrissie lunch. Cash on the day. Let Myf know numbers please by Nov 30 to make sure no wastage. [As a vegetarian Myf will get an extra carrot.]

**ROSTERS**—reminder to all members that we need regular assistance with museum duty, street stall, or BBQ mornings. **Just one 3 hour session a month spreads the load and we can get on with history!**

Member contributions or ideas for our Newsletter  
are welcome—in fact, essential!

Please contact Secretary Myf Thompson.  
Myf2.thompson@bigpond.com or 4472 7118

### MARKET STALLS

The Society hosts a small community market in the Museum grounds on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month.

We have room for about 3 more stalls. Space hire is \$10, \$15 if you do not have your own insurance.

We currently have purveyors of baked goods, trash'n'treasure, art and craft items. We cannot sell hot food—but everything else is fair game. If you'd like to discuss this opportunity, please contact curator Rex Ingram on 4472 8786.

### HISTORIC DISPLAYS

Belong to another community group or have an event coming up where an historic **display** would add interest? Contact us to discuss what we can offer.

Members will recall that mid 2008 ESC Council called for public submissions on its proposed demolition of Coalbunker Wharf at Batemans Bay.

Our Society requested input into the interpretive signage on the foreshore viewing platform which replaced the wharf.

**That discussion is now under way with local historian Leah Burke**

**and our research officer Marg**

**Glenn contributing**  
Computer. Are you upgrading? Save some landfill by donating to the Museum for your spare PC or laptop.  
**Watch the space on the platform!**



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