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From the Editor

You will notice, from this edition our newsletters will now be produced in Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer respectively, to allow us a little more flexibility and that we have the first of another regular article, “Where Are They Now?”, which will highlight the achievements of our past students who have worked and researched here.

The first four months of 2018 have been a very busy time for the ANME Director, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Curatorial Adviser and Newsletter Editor, Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt and Collections Manager, Coralie Amos. We were given the opportunity of mounting two significant exhibitions in April, one in the INSPIRE Centre, for the launch of the re-established Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, which gave an overview of highlights from the ANME collections. Secondly, for the occasion of the annual Canberra and Region Heritage Festival, the Canberra Museum and Gallery invited us to mount a display of documents and items relating to the early schooling in Canberra and district. This month-long display will end in mid-May and a report will appear in the Winter newsletter. We were most fortunate to receive, during March, three important collections, which will be noted later in this newsletter.

University of Canberra VC Makes First Official Visit to the ANME



Professor Deep Saini, Dr Tracy Ireland, Coralie Amos and Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt

On Tuesday 17th April, Professor Deep Saini, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canberra was given a tour of the ANME Collection. He was greeted by the ANME Deputy Chair, Dr Tracy Ireland, the ANME Director, Curatorial Adviser, Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt and Collection Manager, Coralie Amos.

Professor Saini was given an overview of the role of the museum and shown the current display in the Gallery, the Showcase Room and the Repository. Among the special items on display for this visit were an early school attendance register, an early school staff register, a copy of the Petherick Atlas and early school text books,

one published in 1831, used by students in the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta.

ANME Annual Field Trip Celebrates Two Anniversaries

This year's Field Trip, on Saturday, 24th March coincided with the Sesquicentenary Celebrations of Michelago Public School, where ANME Director, presented a *Certificate of Congratulations* to the Principal, Claire Plummer. This presentation was part of the official program where the Michelago students performed and speeches were made. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea. It was an impressive day, as the entire Michelago community marked the milestone with special events. Following lunch, Field Trip participants visited Canberra High School in its 80th year. A warm welcome was received from Principal, Mr Phil. Beecher and Head of the Archives Team, former Canberra High Principal Helen Burfitt, ably assisted by Sue and Geoff Young. All enjoyed afternoon tea after an inspection of significant items from the school's archives. Much appreciation is extended to the Principal, Staff and Students of Michelago Public School and to the Principal and to the Archives Team at Canberra High School.



Principal, Claire Plummer (fourth from left) and MC, John Rooney with students displaying the ANME Certificate



Students Celebrate with the Maypole Dance



Phil. Beecher, Helen Burfitt, Tony Morris, Margaret Morris, Coralie Amos, Professor Brian Robson, Maryna Goodwin, Geoff and Sue Young.

ANME Display at the Launch of the Re-established Faculty of Education

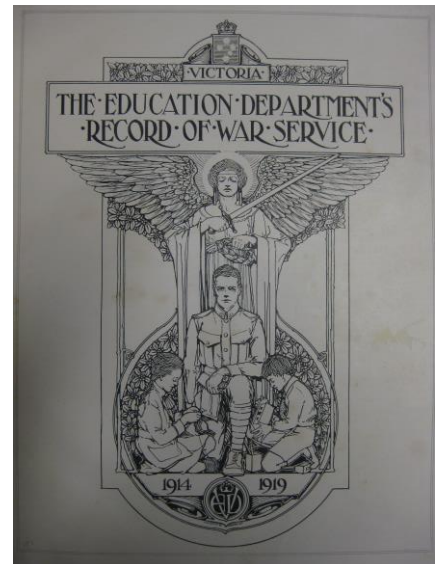
The ANME was invited to mount a display at the launch of the re-established Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, held in the INSPIRE Centre at the University of Canberra on the evening of 5th April. The purpose of this occasion was to enable the Faculty to acquaint the Canberra and district education community with the programs, courses and projects of all sections of the Faculty of Education's local, national and international activities. The ANME displayed a variety of documents, artefacts, certificates and school textbooks designed to provide guests attending the function with an overview of ANME's collections. Popular amongst our exhibits were a selection of school pupil exercise books from the 1890s to the 1920s. Also commented upon was an award certificate titled "Certificate of Proficiency for 2 years study at the Domestic Science Superior Public School at Parramatta" dated 1922. The ANME also mounted a power point presentation focusing on aspects of the Museum's collection. The evening program included addresses by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor Geoffrey Riordan and the University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deep Saini. Over 100 guests attended the evening's activities. Special thanks to Coralie Amos ANME's Collection Manager, ANME Student Engagement Manager, Dr Bernard Brown and Technology Assistant Peter Fock, for their assistance with the preparation of the display and their participation in the Faculty event.



Recent Acquisitions

The ANME has recently received some very significant donations to its collection. From Dr Stuart Braga we were most grateful to receive a copy of the three volume *Picturesque Atlas of Australasia*, by Andrew Garran, 1886. The volumes are large folio leather bound volumes, magnificently illustrated with over 800 wood engravings of scenes of villages, towns and monuments across the Australasian colonies. Copies of Garran's *Atlas* were most often to be found in the libraries of the larger private

grammar schools in the Australian colonies during the later nineteenth century. Also in the Braga donation was a particularly rare book relating the role of Victorian Teachers during the First World War. It is titled *The Education Department's Record of War Service 1914-1919*. Published by the Victorian Department of Education in 1921, it contains many photographs of Victorian school teachers who were killed in action during the First World War. We are also most grateful to Dr. Rick Williams for his donation of 23 school student exercise books from the 1950s and 1960s ranging across a variety of primary and secondary school syllabus subjects. This donation adds significantly to ANME's special research collection of examples of pupil exercise books across the period 1870s -



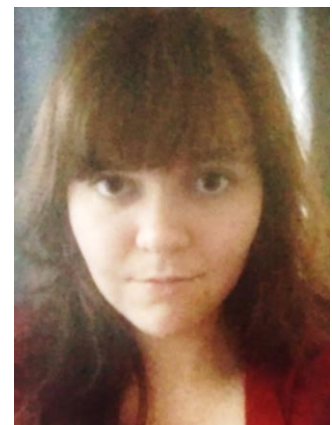
1970s. Finally we received a greatly appreciated donation of the archives of the Carronbank School for Deaf and Blind students in Melbourne, from former Principal, Murray Osler and his wife Pam who was a replacement teacher at the school.

ANME's Recent Publication

The latest publication in the ANME's monograph series, Historical Perspectives on Education, is, *A Brief History of Attached Schools: Forms, Purposes and Critical Factors for Success in University School Partnerships*, written by the Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, Professor Geoffrey Riordan. We extend our congratulations to Professor Riordan on this highly significant publication. Copies of this monograph are available for sale from the ANME Administrative Office. Details can be found on the ANME website.

Where Are They Now? - Grace Turner (Graduated, September 2016)

Grace gave meritorious service to the ANME during her undergraduate years at the University of Canberra, where she undertook a Bachelor of Heritage, Museums and Conservation. She used our collection, particularly the Mowbray House School Archive, to complete a major research project as part of her studies. She currently has a contract with the National Library of Australia as a Data Entry Assistant. Grace wrote to us recently "I owe so much thanks to all of you for getting this far, throughout my degree and at the museum, so I just wanted to give a quick heads up."



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