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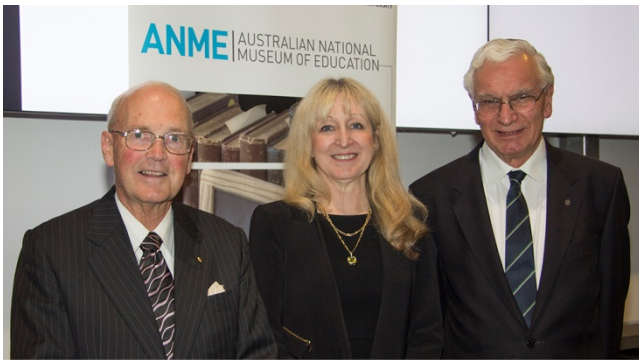
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ANME Historical Perspectives on Education Annual Lecture



ANME Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, A/Professor
Michele Fleming and Dr Stuart Braga
Photo: Claudia Doman

The Annual Lecture this year was held on Friday 1st May on the topic “*Influenza 1919: How did schools cope with this overwhelming disaster?*” The Lecturer was Dr Stuart Braga who has had a long and eminent career as an educator and writer. He was a teacher at Hale School in W.A., History Master at Barker College and Senior Master of Trinity Grammar School. He was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators in

1988 and a Life Member in 2003. He is the author of a number of books including a most distinguished school history, *Barker College: A History*. Dr Braga’s lecture focussed upon the experiences of three Sydney schools confronted with the prospect of closure during the influenza epidemic as hundreds of people in NSW and especially in Sydney died during the months of the crisis. Through the application of strict isolation regulation conditions these three schools managed the crisis with minimal loss of life among their pupils. The lecture was supported by the ESTeM Faculty at the University of Canberra and guests were officially welcomed by Associate Professor Michele Fleming, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) at the university.

ANME Annual Field Trip

The Annual Field trip this year was on 21st March. The itinerary included a visit to Mittagong Public School in the year of its Sesquicentenary, followed by lunch at the historic Berrima District Museum, where the group viewed the collection and were treated to a talk by Muriel Stuart (pictured centre), a former pupil of Sutton Forest School and



Participants pose for a photo with Guest-of-Honour
Muriel Stuart Photo: Philip Robson

Helen Ling, a former teacher at the school. Following lunch the group visited Frensham School in Mittagong then on to a viewing of Sutton Forest Public School with its mid-Victorian style architecture. The school closed in 2014.



Mittagong's Original School Building



Frensham School Archives



Sutton Forest Public School

Conservation Seminar



*(L to R): Ian Batterham, Mr Peter Pamphilon, ANME Board Chair, Professor Barbara Pamphilon and Dr Joan Robson.
Photo: M. Beazlev*

The ANME participated with members of the U.C. Museums, Heritage and Conservation Course in the organization of a seminar titled “Conservation of Archival Material”. The Seminar was led by Ian Batterham, retired Assistant Director of Collection Services at the National Archives Australia and covered a variety of conservation techniques such as repairing tears in paper, encapsulation, washing of materials, fabric conservation, examples of

which were demonstrated by members and staff of the Conservation Program at U.C. Our thanks to Dr Alison Wain, Course Convener and Mr Abdul Hakim Abdul Rahim, ANME Curator, who organized the Seminar.

Visit of Chinese Delegation

On 15th May arrangements were made by Mr Frank Guo from UC's International Office, for a group of Chinese Academics visiting the University of Canberra to view our ANME collection and repositories. The group of four visitors comprised a delegation from Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication. They included Mr. Wencai Xu, Vice President of the Institute, Mr. Hong Yang, Executive Director of the Institute and the College of Art and Design,



Delegates with ANME Director, Dr Beazlev (centre)

Mr. Yaunsheng Qi, Director, China Printing Technology Research Institute and Mr. Tringliang Chu, Vice-Director of the Beijing Institute of Graphic Communications and Vocation and Technical College. Our Director, Dr Beazley explained to the group aspects of the ANME's collection and its role as a national education museum. He then conducted the group around the current historical displays of the ANME.

The 16th International Symposium on School Life and School History, Museums and Collections Sovereign Hill 25-28 March 2015

Report by ANME Board Member Esther Davies



Dr Malcolm Beazley speaking at the Civic Reception for Symposium Delegates Photo: Esther Davies

In March this year, our director, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and I had the privilege of attending the *16th International Symposium on School Life and School History, Museums and Collections* in Ballarat. This was the first time that the bi-annual symposium has been held outside Europe. That the site chosen was Ballarat's Sovereign Hill museum, is a clear acknowledgement of the prestige of the museum and its educational programs.

The theme of the symposium "Learning Through History", was addressed by speakers from a variety of countries

including Australia, Estonia, Slovakia, Denmark, Nigeria and Greece with the keynote address being given by the distinguished Australian historian, Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Blainey. Another Australian speaker of particular interest was ANME's Victorian Representative, Dr Rosalie Triolo, whom many of us met last year when she gave the 8th Annual Perspectives on Education lecture. In addition to providing the opportunity to immerse oneself in the historic life of Ballarat's goldfields, the symposium enabled participants to share common experiences, and to realise the extent and variety of celebrations of the history of education and schools around the world.

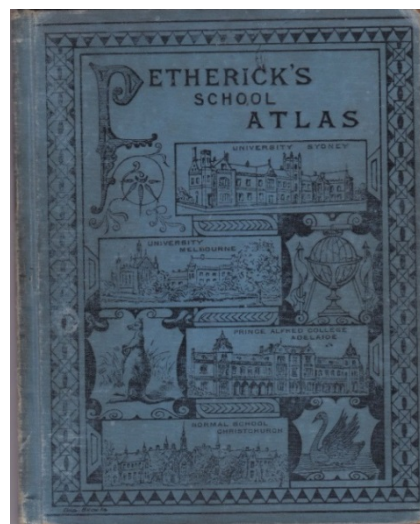


Emeritus Professor Blainey and Dr Beazley

Recent Acquisitions

Among a number of valued acquisitions received by the ANME as donations during the last three months was a school atlas titled *Petherick's School Atlas*. It was published in 1893 by Petherick and Co. in Melbourne. It is a quarto sized cloth bound book containing numerous maps relevant to Australian colonial school geography syllabuses. It is distinctive because its publisher Edward Augustus Petherick's Australiana Library became the foundation collection of Australiana for the National Library of Australia. During the 1890s Edward Petherick was a London agent for a Melbourne bookseller before he entered the publishing business himself. The *Atlas* is among fourteen other school atlases on display in the ANME's current exhibition, "Geography in the School Classroom".

Other recent acquisitions of particular note concern the highly respected Teacher, Lecturer and Historian, Dr George Mackaness, of Sydney Teachers' College and the University of Sydney. These items include a personal letter to Dr Mackaness from Dr Harold Wyndham, Director-General of Education in NSW during the 1950s. Enclosed with the letter is a document relating to the Australian commemorations on the occasion of the funeral of King Edward VII in 1910. Also received as a donation is a formal invitation to Dr Mackaness to attend the Official Dinner in 1956 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of Sydney Teachers' College in 1906.



Gundaroo Public School's 150th Anniversary

During March this year the Gundaroo Public School celebrated its 150th year with a variety of activities. ANME Senior Curator Dr Burkhardt attended the official functions on the Saturday celebrations, which were officially attended by the district's Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly, Ms Goward. The Program included a concert and choral items attended by a record crowd of past and present pupils, parents and local citizens. A most informative feature of the program was an historical display in the old brick 1890s school building. The ANME conveys its congratulations to the School on its Sesquicentenary

School Museums Seminar Saturday 12 September 2015

On Saturday 12 September, ANME will host the first School Museums Seminar at the Inspire Centre in the University of Canberra.

This day is a unique opportunity for school museum enthusiasts to learn from each other about museum practice and to identify the issues and challenges we face. The seminar sessions will be followed by a tour of some local school museums and an informal dinner at night. This weekend also offers an opportunity to visit Floriade and national institutions.

The cost of the seminar is \$80 per person and includes the Saturday morning and afternoon teas and lunch. We warmly invite you to join us by registering now. Places are limited. For further information contact the Convener, Dr John McIntyre at ANME@canberra.edu.au