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The 25th anniversary of the Australian National Museum of Education has indeed been a year of special events and of successful collaborations. Although we eased slowly into 2022 as new waves of COVID challenged many of us and led to on-going restrictions on event protocols, we were pleased that our contributions to the Faculty of Education's 50th anniversary celebrations were well attended and very much appreciated. The first, a book launch of *School Days*, was a collaboration with the Fellowship of Australian Writers and the second, a curated display on the theme "Five Decades of Teacher Education", was held at UC's Mura Gadi Gallery as a contribution to the 2022 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival.

The major event for our 25th anniversary was the ANME Annual Lecture presented by the Honourable Michael Kirby on May 16th. This wonderfully crafted lecture, *Gaps in the Tapestry: indigenes, human rights and dangerous times*, highlighted the reflective thinking of a leading Australian, who proudly acknowledges his government schooling as the foundation of his commitment to diversity and equity. This event was a collaboration with the National Museum of Australia. Our final collaborative event for the year was a specially designed tour of the ANME for the Member for Canberra, Alicia Payne MP and members of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (ACT Branch), one of whom called the ANME "a hidden gem of Canberra".

Along with our important work-integrated learning projects with UC students that have continued across the year, these events would not have been possible without the contributions of our volunteers and Board members. Special thanks go to our Director, Dr Malcom Beazley AM, who led the important collaborative work. I also acknowledge the continuing support of the Faculty of Arts and Design and the Faculty of Education. (*Image courtesy of Professor Pamphilon*)

AMaGA (Australian Museums and Galleries Association) Visit



Executive Dean of Education Professor Barney Dalgarno, Alicia Payne MP, Kate Armstrong and Dr Malcolm Beazlev AM

The ANME was delighted to receive a visit by Canberra representatives of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association on 11th October. Prior to a guided tour of the ANME collections and current displays in the Heritage Gallery and the ANME repositories, the group of about 18 were officially welcomed to the ANME by the Director, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and Chair of the ANME' Board of

Management, Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM. Responding on behalf of the AMaGA -ACT was its Vice-President Ms Kate Armstrong. The Guest of Honour at this event was Ms Alicia Payne MP, Member for Canberra. The visitors were allocated to three groups, which rotated around the various displays, in which a member of the ANME staff elaborated on highlights of the ANME collections. Refreshments were provided for the guests. *(Image courtesy of Alicia Payne)*

Vale Emeritus Professor Richard Selleck



It is with sadness that the ANME records the recent death of Emeritus Professor Richard (Dick) Selleck. Professor Selleck has been for many years, a Patron of the ANME who, on numerous occasions visited the Museum. He enthusiastically supported and encouraged its early development and continuous expansion. Prof. Selleck was the author of Issue No. 1 of the ANME's Monograph Series publications, established in 2008. Its title is *A Cold Coming* and is based upon Professor Selleck's lecture on the occasion of the AMNE's Annual Lecture Series in the History of Australian Education during that year. Professor Selleck was for many years Professor of Education at Monash University. *(Image courtesy of the Monash University Archives)*

Recent Acquisitions:

Dr Alan Barcan Archive

The ANME is most grateful to the daughters of Dr Alan Barcan for their most generous donation of the extensive professional archive of their father, the late Dr Alan Barcan. Renowned as one of Australia's foremost scholars in the field of the History of Australian Education, Alan, M.A, M.Ed., PhD, was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Newcastle for many years. He was well known for his two celebrated publications, *A Short History of Education in New South Wales*, first published in 1965, and later, *Two Centuries of Education in New South Wales*, published in 1988. His large archive contained a wide variety of items including many education textbooks, education periodicals, lecture notes, school curriculum publications,



documents relating to the training of teachers of history, correspondence files and teaching notes. Such a large addition to our ANME collection greatly enhances the content and quality of the Museum's resources and our thanks go to Alan's family for this generous donation. (Image courtesy of the ANME)).

Couch-Keen Collection



In November, on the occasion of her visit to the ANME, Ms Glenda Couch-Keen, Project Coordinator of the Friedensberg Historic German School Museum, at Springton, South Australia donated to the ANME two large pull up Posters, size 2m x 3m, depicting Australian Historical events during the period 1913-1918. These large colourful posters were produced with the assistance of History South Australia Community Museums Program Grant, and the posters provide an introduction to the Museum and the history of the old Friedensberg School, in the context

of South Australian history during this period, together with the local community of Springton at that time. In addition to these informative posters, Ms Couch-Keen also donated a number of reference books, including *School Days at Friendensberg*, published in 1986 and *Handiwork for School*, (1944). The posters make a most significant contribution to ANME's collection of large pictorial material, which is most useful for curators when preparing displays and exhibitions for special occasions. Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Director of ANME, expressed his gratitude to Ms Couch-Keen for travelling from South Australia to Canberra to deliver these donations personally. (Image courtesy of Anirudh Kumra)

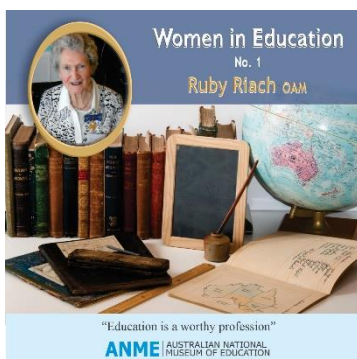
Pre-service Teacher Education Students Visit



During October the ANME was delighted to welcome a total of 180 pre-service Teacher Education students enrolled in the Unit, *Foundations of Pedagogy* at the University of Canberra. They were organized into small groups scheduled continuously over a couple of days. Each

group was given an introductory tour of the extensive collections and resources of the ANME. The purpose of these visits was to introduce students to the study and relevance of the history of education to their preparation as teachers. Thanks go to ANME Director, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and Collections Manager Coralie Amos OAM and UC Faculty of Education Lecturer, Stephanie Watts, for undertaking this important task of familiarizing Teacher Education students with the History of Australian Education. (Image courtesy of Stephanie Watts).

Latest Release



ANME is proud to announce the release of the first in the series "Women in Education". This edition features Ruby Riach OAM, one of ANME's Distinguished Educators. Copies of the DVD are available from the ANME Office for \$20.00 plus \$10.00 (packaging and postage), payable by cash or cheque. See ANME website for address details.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS