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Heritage Festival ANME Exhibition Opening



*UC Vice-Chancellor Professor Paddy Nixon, Minister Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, ANME Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, ANME Chair Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM
Photo: Tyler Cherry*

On the evening of 12th April, the ANME's 2023 Heritage Exhibition, "Collective Voices" was officially opened by the ACT Government's Heritage Minister Rebecca Vassarotti MLA. This exhibition titled "Sharing Stories" was held in the University of Canberra's Mura Gadi Gallery in the University Library. The Minister and guests were welcomed by the Chair of the ANME Board of Management, Professor Barbara Pamphilon. The scope and theme of the Exhibition was most interestingly explained

and described by the Exhibition's Curator, and ANME Collection Manager, Coralie Amos OAM, who emphasized that there is a story surrounding many historical artefacts and documents and this is particularly the case with school-related historical items. The selection of items displayed was designed around a typical school day timetable, which encompasses the following syllabus subjects: Mathematics, English including Grammar, History, Geography, Music, Physical Education, Health/Science, Craft/Technology. School documents and classroom artefacts dating from the 1870s to 1980s have been selected for display. Numerous examples of school children's writing, reading material and art and craft activities from various decades of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries reveal significant differences from today's classroom experiences for children.

The Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Canberra, Professor Barney Dalgarno, spoke encouragingly about aspects of Australian history of education and the aim of the ANME in its role of collection, preservation and documentation of items and artefacts from past generations. The formal part of the Official Exhibition Opening function was concluded by an address of thanks by the Director of the Australian National Museum of Education, Dr. Malcolm Beazley AM to all those volunteers, students and helpers involved in the preparation of the Exhibition.



*ANME Collections Manager Coralie Amos OAM
Photo: Tyler Cherry*

ANME Annual Excursion 2023



*Ainslie School with Principal Wendy Cave (front left).
Photo: Tilly Cave*

This year the ANME Annual Excursion, organized by ANME Staff Member Dennis Flannery, was held on Saturday 25 March and was focused on visits to a selection of four of the oldest schools in Canberra. As 2023 is the 50th year since the establishment of the ACT Interim Schools Authority, it was thought appropriate to acknowledge the schools which existed in Canberra at that time in 1973 and which laid the foundations of schooling in the early decades of the Federal Capital Territory. The first of the schools visited was Ainslie



Telopea Park School with Archivist Esther Davies (front centre) Photo: Jason Holmes

School in Braddon, which was established in 1927 and opened by the then Prime Minister, Mr Stanley Bruce. Our thanks to the school Principal, Ms Wendy Cave. The Excursion group then crossed the Lake to visit Telopea Park School (Principal, Mr Jason Holmes) the first school in the ACT to be built by the Federal Government in Canberra in 1923. Telopea Park School is noted for its fine Archival Collection managed by School Archivist Mrs Esther Davies.

Following lunch at Café Constitution at the National Archives of Australia, our group visited Canberra Girls' Grammar School, an Anglican Independent school, which was established in 1926 as St Gabrielle's School. It is the only all-girls boarding school in Canberra. Appreciation to Principal Terrie Jones for hosting us and Staff Gaelle Lindrea and Richard Kent for their informative tour. The final school visited was St. Edmund's College Griffith, the first Catholic Secondary Boys' College in the ACT which was established in 1954 by the Christian Brothers order. We are indebted to the School's Acting Principal, Ian Garrity and Archivist, Michael Moloney At the conclusion of the school visit program, members of the excursion group retired to the historic Old Canberra Inn for dinner.



Canberra Girls' Grammar School with the icon of St Gabrielle in the background. Photo: Gaelle Lindrea



St Edmund's College with Acting Principal Ian Garrity (back left) and School Archivist Michael Moloney (front centre). Photo: Bridget Cusack

Governor-General of Australia Launches ANME's New Website

On Thursday 27 April the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley officially launched the ANME's new website. The event was held in the Mura Gadi Gallery, University of Canberra Library. They also viewed the ANME's contribution to the 2023 Canberra and Region Heritage Festival "Collective Voices", an exhibition in the Gallery, curated by ANME Staff Coralie Amos OAM and Lee Wilde.



*Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Crisp, Education Executive Dean Professor Dalgarno, Their Excellencies Mrs Hurley and the Governor-General, ANME Director Dr Beazley, ANME Chair Professor Pamphilon and UC Student Mirza Bushra
Photo: Jake Sims*

The Vice-Regal couple were welcomed to the University and the ANME by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Geoffrey Crisp and Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM, Chair of the ANME Board of Management. Prior to the launch, Their Excellencies were given a tour of the ANME displays by Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and were introduced to a group of UC students and members of the ANME staff.



*Director of UC Advancement, Eoghan O'Byrne with Mrs Hurley and the ANME Technology Team Peter Fock, Chevelle Hibberd, Hamad Rasheed and Lee Yu.
Photo: Jake Sims*



*Faculty of Education Student Jana Munclinger explains to Their Excellencies work from the ANME Student Research Project, "Must See".
Photo: Brandon Martin*

In his address welcoming the Governor-General to the University, Professor Crisp spoke warmly of the role and function of the ANME in the University. Following the launch of the website, Mrs Hurley sang a most entertaining poem she had written for this occasion. Following the conclusion of the official part of the event, Professor Pamphilon invited those attending to morning tea. The new website was designed by Chevelle Hibberd, Darla Hopkins and Hamad Rasheed, under the Direction of Brittany Champness and ANME Technology Services Manager, Peter Fock.