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ANME Annual Historical Perspectives on Education Lecture, Celebrating 50 Years of the ACT Education System.

On the occasion, of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Interim ACT Schools Authority in Canberra in 1973, Professor Shirley Randell AO delivered an excellent account of the origins and development of the Canberra school system from early community initiatives through to its establishment in 1973 and progress to 2023 in her lecture titled, *Promises, Challenges and Progress: Fifty Years of the ACT Education System*. Professor Randell outlined the progressive stages in the evolution of this innovative school system



*Professor Shirley Randell AO
Photo courtesy of Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt*

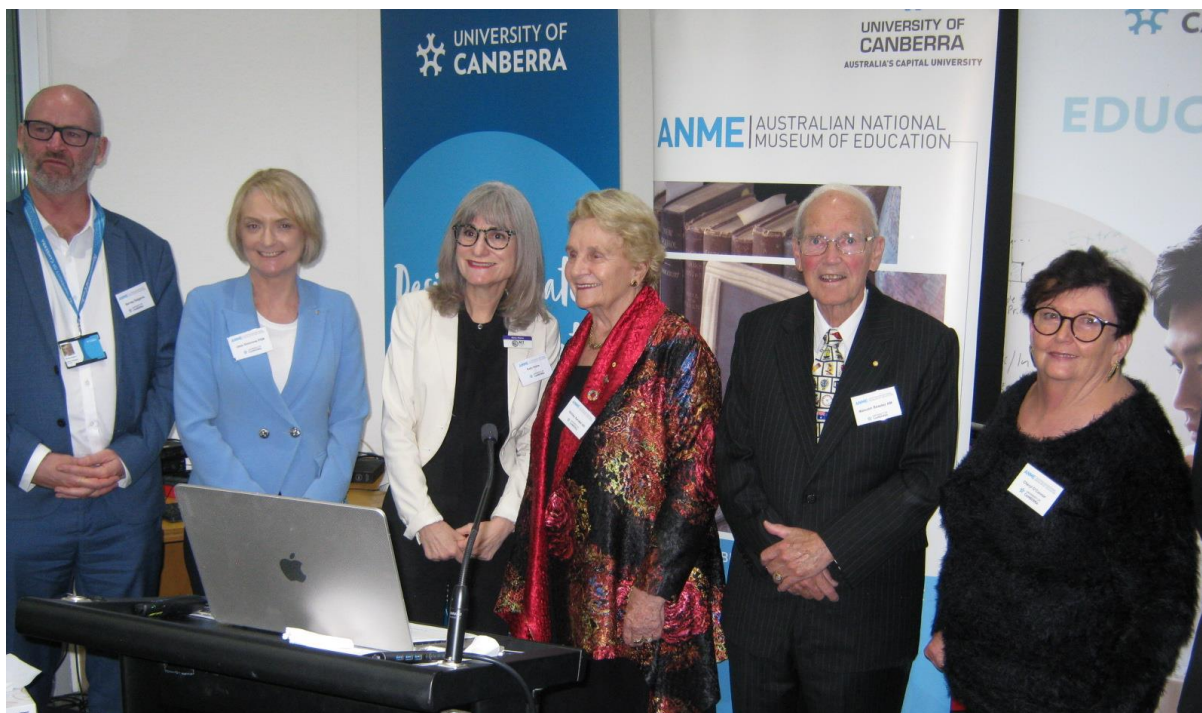
and she gave an interesting account of the role of parents, teachers, administrators and politicians involved in setting up the ACT Schools Authority. Randell placed significant emphasis upon the people involved, especially during the period 1970s to 1990s. Her lecture concluded with a Q and A featuring Professor Randell and Cheryl O'Connor, an Education Consultant and former NSW and ACT Schools Executive.



*Professor Geoffrey Crisp
Photo: ANME Collection*



Executive Dean of Education Professor Barney Dalgarno and Teacher Lane Moore enjoy music from Lake G students Muhammad Yunus (Guitar) and Rickson Rojas (Drums) Photo courtesy of Dr Beazley



*Professor Barney Dalgarno, Deputy Director-General of ACT Education, Jane Simmons PSM, Katy Haire, Professor Shirley Randell, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Cheryl O'Connor.
Photo courtesy of Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt*

The Annual Lecture was very well attended this year. Chaired by Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, Founder and Director of ANME, attendees were welcomed to the University by Professor Geoffrey Crisp, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Canberra. Professor Randell was introduced by Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM, Chair of the ANME Board of Management. The Vote of Thanks was moved by Professor Barney Dalgarno, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education and concluding remarks were tendered by Ms Katy Haire, Director-General, ACT Education Directorate. Guests were welcomed by live music provided by students from UC Lake Ginninderra Senior Secondary College by courtesy of Music Teacher, Lane Moore. Special thanks to ANME Volunteers, Coralie Amos OAM, Roger Amos, Lee Wilde, Les Gearside, UC technology gurus Peter Fock and Lee Yu and the ANME Work Experience students (pictured below) for their excellent assistance.



*Ponleu Koy, Amy Clifford, Dr Beazley, Lex Hunter, Jana Munclinger
Photo courtesy of Brandon Martin*

Rotary Support for the ANME



*Belconnen Rotary President Wayne Jeffs and Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM
Photo courtesy of Dr Dennis Puniard*

At the Annual Lecture, President of the Rotary Club of Belconnen Mr Wayne Jeffs, presented a scanner to the ANME to assist with the digitization of hundreds of items in our educational ephemera collection. Rotary Club has now made it possible for these ephemera items to be digitized for the benefit of researchers near and far. The digitization will make these items more accessible and enhance their longevity. The donation follows a visit by Members of the Club in July, when they toured the Collection and became aware of ANME's need for a high-quality scanner.

ANME/U.C. Open Day Exhibition. Acknowledging Excellence: Awards and Prizes from School Days.



Photo: ANME Collection

The ANME has recently opened a new exhibition in the Heritage Gallery of Building 5, displaying a variety of documents and artefacts acknowledging the academic and sporting talents and achievements of school and college students from the late nineteenth century to the mid twentieth century.

Included are award certificates for academic success, such as Dux of School certificates, primary school Qualifying Certificates (QC), Intermediate and Leaving Certificates, Merit Certificates and musical attainment certificates. Sporting achievements are displayed for school sports, championship cups and trophies. A popular way of acknowledging excellence for school achievement was the awarding of Book Prizes most usually awarded as part of a school's formal Annual Prize Day. A student's achievement is usually recorded in a Prize bookplate pasted into the endpapers of the book. The use of bronze and silver medallion awards, containing the winners' names and achievements were common in certain schools.

Telopea Park School Celebrates its Centenary

On the weekend of 8-11 September, the Telopea Park School in Canberra celebrated its Centenary, 1923-2023. It was the first public school building to be built by the newly established Federal Government in the Australian Capital Territory. The Centenary Program of Events included a Reception held at Telopea Park School for past staff and invited guests; open day, school tours 9.00am – 4.00pm and a Community Picnic in the grounds of the School. To commemorate its rich history, the School partnered with the Canberra Museum and Gallery to create an exhibition, displaying a fascinating collection of objects from the Telopea Park School archive. On 19 July, the Canberra Museum and Gallery also invited Ms Esther Davies, former teacher and now archivist and ANME's ACT Representative, to share the history of Telopea Park School. Past students and staff members were entertained with stories about how the school was built, the notable alumni – including Gough Whitlam – who attended the school, and the school's transition to a French-Australian bilingual school.



*Anniversary Cake
Photo: ANME Collection*

International Visitors

The ANME was host to a visit by members of the Women's International Club, Canberra Subgroup "Australia A-Z" coordinated by former school Principal, Lindy Ross, on 11th May. Many members of this group were the wives of diplomats from embassies and high commissions in Canberra. Following a welcome from the ANME Founder and Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, the group of 20 was conducted on a tour of the Museum's displays and repositories by ANME staff and volunteers. A fulsome morning tea was provided by ANME volunteers. Many of the visitors were most interested in display items, which compared and contrasted aspects of the history of schooling in their own countries. An indication of the visitors' great interest was reflected in the many questions they asked our tour guides in each of the three groups, which rotated around the ANME repositories.

(Photo courtesy of Dennis Flannery)

