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Generous Donation to ANME



Photo courtesy of Mr Trevor Fowler

The ANME is most appreciative and grateful to donor Mr Trevor Fowler for his very generous donation made as a memorial to Mr Lancelot Bavin, foundation Headmaster of the Mowbray House School. This collection of artefacts, documents, school records and correspondence, is to be known as the “Trevor Fowler Collection, in memory of Lancelot Bavin”. It reflects aspects of the whole history of the School’s existence, from its establishment by Mr Bavin in 1905 until its closure in 1954. An indication of the strength and extent of the collection is demonstrated in the variety of artefacts, which include: two shields for Preparatory School Athletics NSW for Football and Cricket in 1905 (see above); the Jorganson Cup; a School Shield for 1905; a commemorative plaque; an engraved pewter trophy mug; the School’s Flag; a 16mm “School Film”; and a number of sporting and other historical photographs from various periods in the School’s history.

What is perhaps equally historically significant is the volume of Mowbray House School records and documents that are part of the Collection, including the School’s Admission Register complete for the whole life of the School from its first intake in 1906 through to its last year of operation in 1954. This Register includes the School admission details of pupils who were later to become nationally significant people including Gough Whitlam, Kenneth Slessor and Norman Cowper. The School’s records also include the Headmaster’s files of correspondence, a file of application forms for entry to the school as a pupil, school ephemera, school staff register and sundry other school records including financial reports and newspaper clippings.

Mowbray House School was a boys’ boarding and day school located in the Sydney suburb of Chatswood and was established as an Independent Preparatory school by Lancelot Bavin (1881-1956) in 1905, initially known as Chatswood Preparatory School until 1914 when its name changed to Mowbray House School. The first intake of students commenced in 1906. Mowbray House was built in 1906, a two storey brick building accommodating twenty-five boarders. Headmaster Bavin continued as Headmaster with the assistance of “Co-Headmaster” Mr. Sandy Phillips. The School was closed in 1954 following the retirement and ill health of Headmaster Bavin.

Cambodian Educationists visit ANME

On 15th April the ANME hosted a visit to our Museum by a delegation of Cambodian Educationists led by His Excellency Mak Ngoy, Director-General of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport in the Kingdom of Cambodia. He was accompanied by Dr Nith Bunlay Deputy Director-General from the Ministry and Mr Chour Channareth, an official from the Ministry.



The group was welcomed by ANME Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, who conducted the group around the various current displays in the ANME Repository and Display Room. ANME Board of Management members Dr John Grant and Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt together with student member of the ANME Board, Mr Hakim Abduhl Rahim spoke briefly to the visitors about aspects of the ANME's Collections and the current "Curious Corridors" exhibition at the University of Canberra. The Cambodian delegation was then entertained to afternoon tea in the Inspire Centre of the University where they had the opportunity to meet with about 25 Cambodian students currently studying the programme of Master of Education in the University. *Photo courtesy of Michelle McAuley*

ANME acknowledged in Veterans' Affairs Publication

In a recent publication titled *Schooling Service and the Great War* produced by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the ANME was acknowledged for its co-operation and contributions in the development of this colourful and informative book. The ANME welcomed the opportunity to make available to the book's editors a number of educational publications prepared for school students which addressed Australian participation in the First World War. The Department of Veterans' Affairs editors, who visited the ANME Repository last year, chose for publication in their book examples from our collection of school award certificates, photographs, booklets and school magazines containing articles on the ANZAC's contribution to the war. The book, *Schooling Service and the Great War* was produced for secondary school students and teachers studying these curriculum topics during the ANZAC commemorative celebrations 1914-1918.

ANME's Contribution to the Dictionary of Educational History in Australia and New Zealand

This new online *Dictionary of Educational History in Australia and New Zealand (DEHANZ)*, an initiative of the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society, commenced in 2013. Its editors have accepted for publication and entry onto their Dictionary an article arising out of one of the ANME's research projects. The title of the Dictionary article is "The Australian College, Sydney, 1831-1854" which, in about 3000 words, outlines the foundation and development of the Presbyterian Corporate College established by Rev. John Dunmore Lang. It was one of the first Corporate Schools in Australia to offer both a secondary school curriculum following a primary level preparatory curriculum and at its peak had enrolments of about 140 students. The DEHANZ's

entry was researched and written by ANME's Senior Curator, Dr. Geoffrey Burkhardt, and is available online at: <http://dehanz.net.au>.

Teachers as Authors of School Text Books: Alice Hoy



Alice Hoy (1893-1976), born in Ararat in Victoria, was well known in Melbourne during the period 1920s-1970s as one of the State's leading educationists and scholars. Her career as a teacher, a teacher educator, academic administrator and author began following completion of her first class honours degree in Arts from Melbourne University, when she was appointed in 1915 as a teacher to University High School, Melbourne.

Following a successful career in the classroom, Alice Hoy was appointed as a lecturer in Method of History to Melbourne University's School of Education and in 1950 she was appointed as Principal of the Melbourne Secondary Teachers' College. Following her retirement from this position in 1957 she was prominent in a number of community and professional organizations including the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. She was awarded the Mackie Medal and was honoured with an O.B.E. for service to education in 1964. Alice Hoy was the recipient of an award of Honorary Fellowship by the Australian College of Education. In 1972 Monash University, where she had been a member of its University Interim Council and contributed significantly in the foundation of this university, conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Perhaps less well known today is Alice Hoy's contribution as a school textbook author and her authorship of the history of the University High School Melbourne. In 1925 she wrote *Civics for Australian Schools*, published by Lothian Publishing Co. Melbourne. This 138 page book was designed for use in the upper classes of the secondary school. In her Preface to this textbook Alice Hoy acknowledges the contribution of her colleague Miss I. D. Marshall, with whom she collaborated in the writing of *Australasian Textbook of Civics*, (I.D. Marshall and Alice Hoy) published by Lothian in 1917. Alice Hoy's very successful 1925 textbook went through a number of reprints and editions between 1925 and 1945. In 1961 Alice Hoy wrote, *A City Built to Music: The History of University High School Melbourne*. She was also editor of a significant education report, *Report on the Teaching of History and Civics in Victorian Secondary Schools*, which was a Report by the History Sub-Committee of the Victorian Institute for Educational Research, published by Melbourne University Press in 1934. Following Alice's death in 1976, her family donated to the Melbourne State College her personal library and her own publications. This collection became the foundation of the Alice Hoy Memorial Book Collection, which was officially opened in June 1979.

ANME offers practical experience for Museum & Heritage Studies Students

The ANME has been working with a group of University of Canberra students who have volunteered to be involved with aspects of ANME's collection management. These students are currently pursuing courses in Museum and Heritage studies in the Donald Horne Institute at the University of Canberra and are obtaining valuable practical experience of "hands-on" activities in the areas of our ANME's collection of school artefacts. Supervised experience in simple item conservation, cataloguing, display preparation and research



tasks is designed to complement aspects of their study programme. In the photograph opposite are five student volunteers: Chrissie Guillaume, Hakim Rahim, Sam Cook, Jessica Goodwin, and Grace Turner, together with ANME Director Dr Beazley and Senior Curator Dr Burkhardt.

Annual Excursion a Great Success

On Saturday 22 March, Friends of the ANME, enjoyed a very interesting tour of historical sites in Cooma and Adaminaby. The first stop was at Cooma Public School where the Relieving Principal, Mr Sean Smith, welcomed all and conducted a tour of the historic school. A sumptuous lunch was provided by Mrs Susan Griffin and fellow Board Members at the Raglan Gallery. Following lunch the bus departed for Old Adaminaby to the old school and then to the Snowy Mountains Heritage Centre, where the owner and curator Mr Neville Locker, lead the party on a tour of his very historically valuable collection, while Anne treated all to tea, damper and treacle. Returning to Canberra around 7.00pm participants enjoyed a fireside dinner at the Old Ginninderra Schoolhouse, now “Sweet Copper” to end a perfect day. Special thanks are extended to Mr Timothy Crockford, Bus Captain, Ms Rita Daniels, Principal of Daramalan College, for making the bus available and to all the aforementioned, without whom, the excursion would not have been possible.



Participants : Yvonne Robson, Philip Robson, Margaret Morris, Gail Stemmet, Elizabeth Burness, Lynn Beasley, Esther Davies, Dr Eva Papp, John Davies and Tony Morris