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Director Welcomes New University of Canberra Chancellor



(Photo courtesy of Coralie Amos OAM)

In January Dr Malcolm Beazley AM welcomed Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM to the ANME. Ms Paul, the recently appointed Chancellor of the University of Canberra, had a most distinguished career as a senior public administrator. She

led higher education, science, research and innovation policy for the federal government as the longest-standing Secretary of the Federal Department of Education, serving five Prime Ministers and nine Cabinet Ministers between 2004-2016.

Since leaving government in 2016, Ms Paul has continued her commitment to higher education through an Honorary position at the Crawford School of the ANU, as an Enterprise Professor at the University of Melbourne School of Government, a Councillor of Bond University, a Director of the Future Battery Industry Cooperative Research Centre and as Chair of the Audit Committee of the Australian Academy of Science. She served on an advisory board for Charles Sturt University on regional issues.

Student of the Year 2023



Congratulations to Ponleu Koy from the Faculty of Science and Technology on his award of the ANME Prize for 2023 of \$500.00, presented by ANME’s Student Engagement Manager, Dr Bernard Brown (left in photo), when he graduated with a Bachelor Information Technology degree from UC on Monday 18 March. Ponleu has given excellent service to the ANME, including Information Technology support, clerical assistance, and research. His research outcomes will be included in a book, to be published later this year entitled *Must See*, where ANME student volunteers are using the ANME Collection to identify items, which they consider significant and then writing on the significance of each item. (Photo: Coralie Amos OAM)

ANME Congratulates the National Centre for Australian Children’s Literature on its Fiftieth Anniversary

The NCACL, established initially as the Lu Rees Archives of Children’s Literature at the Canberra College of Advanced Education in 1974, celebrates 50 years serving the interests of students, researchers, collectors, and enthusiasts of Australian children’s literature. ANME Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM presented an historic cameo plaque to the Director, Emeritus Professor Belle Alderman AM to mark the occasion. (Photo Tyler Cherry, UC Media)



Distinguished Educator: Dr Cecil Bede Newling



Cecil Newling had a most distinguished career in the NSW Department of Education as school teacher, headmaster, school inspector and as a Teachers' College Principal during the first half of the twentieth century. He is fondly remembered by many thousands of his students when he was the enterprising foundation Principal of Armidale Teachers' College from 1928 to 1947. One of the College's student residences, Newling House, was named in his honour in 1956.

Dr Newling began his career in education as a pupil-teacher at Albion Street Public School in 1899 and went on to teach at Fort Street Boys' High School, later being promoted to Principal of Cootamundra Intermediate High School in 1923. He was appointed as District Inspector at Broken Hill and then became a well liked school inspector in the Yass-Canberra District. He was then appointed as the foundation Principal of Armidale Teachers' College in 1928. Cecil Newling had a most distinguished academic background, having graduated with First Class Honours in History at the University of Sydney in 1919 and was awarded the Wood Prize and University Medal. He went on to be awarded the Venour Nathan Prize and graduated with an M.A. First Class Honours degree in 1925.

As Principal of Armidale Teachers' College from 1928 until his retirement in 1947 Cecil Newling, together with a most well qualified lecturing staff, developed one of the most innovative pre-service teacher education curriculums, based on Newling's research trip overseas in 1936 viewing some of the most modern and innovative teacher education institutions. He was awarded by the University of New England an Honorary Doctor of Literature Degree for his contribution to the development of Pre-Service Teacher Education in Australia. His Armidale model of the structure of administration and curriculum in his College was adopted later by a number of other country residential Teachers' Colleges in NSW during the 1950s. (*Photo ANME Collection*).

Recent Acquisitions

ANME is most grateful to **Elizabeth Burness**, former Curator of the now closed, Tuggeranong Schoolhouse for a variety of items including uniforms, school magazines from 1930/40/50; Victorian papers; 1930's and 40's school readers; poetry anthologies from 1911, 1920s; an 1894 treatise on Arithmetic by Hamelin Smith; a Shilling Arithmetic by Loney and Grenville (1915); Longmans

Elementary Mathematics-1897; A School Chemistry by Wilson and Hedley 1912; History texts from 1901, 1907, 1912. We also thank **Beryl Higgs** from Mt Carmel College, Yass, for 11 school exercise books, and **Alan and Lauris Harper's** donation of a number of significant school and Sunday School items. **Dr Stuart Braga OAM** has also added to his extensive number of donations over the years with Charles Dickens Commemorative Medal 1812-1870 "Attendance Medal for 3 years perfect attendance at Newton School, 1913" and the 1919 book by Geoffrey Wall, *Letters to an Airman*, Wesley College School Award 1913.

Profile of a Museum: Silvertown School Educational Museum



A number of Ex-students and one ex-teacher at the official opening as a museum on 7 June 2009

Silvertown School first began with Mr Frederick Mackie (a Quaker), in a government issued tent in 1884. Later in 1887, a timber and iron school building and a teachers' residence, were constructed on the site. Then, in 1888 a brick and stone schoolhouse was constructed, as

a gallery classroom, at a cost of 792 pounds. There were 36 teachers, plus assistants, who taught at the school until its closure in 1970. The most famous teacher being Mary Cameron, later Dame Mary Gilmore, who was an assistant teacher at the school for two years. After its closure, the students were transferred by bus into Broken Hill to attend school. Later The Broken Hill Historical Society became the caretakers of the site and building.

The building remained empty for many years, and at one time was used for a craft shop. Then, in 2007, three members of the Historical Society, Ray Allen, Maxine Taplin and Marlene Bettes began to assemble a collection of artefacts to display in the School, which was to become The Silvertown School Educational Museum. The Museum now holds an extensive collection of educational resources and items, including textbooks, book awards, Readers, maps, photographs, toys and sporting equipment. Old style writing lessons with pen and ink, and slates, for groups are also available. *(Contributed by Marlene Bettes, Silvertown. Photo courtesy of Silvertown School Education Museum).*