

DDHS Newsletter October 2024

We recognise the Traditional Owners of our land, the Darug people, and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage.

Our Annual General Meeting

Sat 12 October 2pm Galston Uniting Church

“Treasures, Trash and Keepsakes”

Show & Tell Memorabilia

This is always one of our most popular meetings. It's a fun occasion when everyone can bring along an object of historical interest and tell its story.

This could be a family heirloom, an acquired item or something that has had special meaning in your life.

The picture (right) shows the display of amazing and fascinating objects at last year's meeting.

All welcome

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At: Galston Uniting Church, School Road Galston.

Free entry, afternoon tea gold coin donation.

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Our September guest speaker Pamela Melocco told us a fascinating tale of the Melocco's family heritage.



Ann Lomas's photo taken in Central Railway Station

The influence of the Melocco Brothers was so far-reaching we all realised that we have encountered their artistry and handiwork. DDHS member Ann Lomas sent a photo she had taken in the food court at Sydney's Central Station. Ann had no idea when she took the picture that it was Melocco tile and mosaic work; she had simply admired its beauty and artistry.

Two visitors at Pamela's talk particularly pleased her when they told her they had come some distance to hear her talk because they had worked for the Melocco Brothers. They happily reminisced with Pamela and shared their memories.

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President's report:

Following on from Dr Grace Karskens' talk in August, Len Best drove the bus for a group of members, guided by Stuart Read, to spend an enjoyable day in Windsor and Richmond. Stuart pointed out what can still be seen of Governor Macquarie's town planning and the owners of Durham Bowes generously allowed us to wander through this most remarkable early home on Dight's Hill.

The data base for the society now references 2598 names. These records have been backed up and stored off site until final arrangements are made for storage. There is much to be done with material received during the pandemic; this requires assessment and identification. Next year's guest speakers have been arranged and maybe a tour or two can be arranged.

Our AGM will be held on 12 October. I encourage you to consider being involved in the administration of the society. After quick formalities at the AGM we will turn our attention to the enjoyable part of the meeting with a Show & Tell by members and friends. This is a chance to show an item that is special to you and give a short talk on why it is so.

At our November meeting David Jehan will speak on the Hudson brothers. Their story has special relevance for our community because their timber lease over the local forest provided the building material for their industrial enterprises. The little Hudson Ready Cut cottages can still be found on properties. We continue to receive research requests which we are able to answer. We have also been offered an early fruit grader. As we do not really have a museum we have been attempting to find a home for this piece of agricultural heritage.

Michael Bell President

With our September newsletter we promoted the upcoming special concert by renowned organist Heather Moen-Boyd to be held on 22 September at Galston Uniting Church. DDHS member and accomplished organist Ken Leeson reported that the well attended concert raised a healthy sum to help with maintenance of the GUC historic Forster and Andrews organ (right). Congratulations to all.

Photo Trevor Bunning,
www.sydneyorgan.com



Membership Renewals Our financial year ended on **31 July** which means that yearly memberships are overdue. DDHS yearly membership: \$30 single, \$45 household. You can renew or join at the meeting, send a cheque to DDHS 412x Galston Road, Galston 2159 or, if you prefer to pay by direct bank transfer, send the appropriate amount to our DDHS Bendigo Bank Account BSB 633000 Acc. 116651258. Please put your surname as reference and email our treasurer Rod Taylor to let him know you have renewed. rodglent@bigpond.net.au. Thank you to those who have already renewed membership.

DDHS 2024 Program

Oct – Show & Tell AGM – Your chance to display a family treasure or historic artefact.

Nov – David Jehan. Hudson with an 'H'

Dec – Christmas party – Saturday 14 December. Details to come.

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