



“Bunk”

“History is more or less bunk”-
HENRY FORD, Chicago Tribune, 1916

Diary Dates 2016

Museum Open
10am to noon
Monday to Friday

Meetings at Museum
22 Alexandra Street
Hunters Hill

Thursday 25 August
Annual General Meeting
Followed by
Guest Speaker:
Peter Cane
Sydney Heritage Fleet

NOTIFICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF MEMBERS WILL BE
HELD IN HUNTERS HILL COUNCIL
CHAMBER ON THURSDAY
25 AUGUST AT 10:30AM
BUSINESS

1. TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL AND
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 30 JUNE 2016.
2. TO ELECT OFFICERS AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
3. TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR .
4. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER
BUSINESS WHICH MAY BE
BROUGHT BEFORE THIS MEETING
OF MEMBERS.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE
TONY SAUNDERS
HON. SECRETARY

Nominations for the Committee
close 7 days before the AGM.
Please contact the Museum on
98799443 or the Secretary on
98171432 if you wish to receive a
nomination form.

Coat of arms reflects the unique culture of this area

It is now a quarter of a century since the then Federal MP for Bennelong, John Howard, presented the Municipality of Hunters Hill with a new coat of arms.

With the fact that the future of Hunters Hill Council is very much to the forefront, it is worth examining the make-up of the Coat of Arms and the official badge and municipal flag which emanate from it.

It took several years for the coat of arms to come to fruition. It replaced an earlier and more simplistic version. Its design was the work of local input but principally was the creation of the then town clerk, Bill Phipson, and Hunters Hill artist, Barrie Drake. The product was given official status by the College of Arms in the UK, which has been responsible for heraldic matters since the 15th century. It is interesting to see what constitutes the coat of arms and how it reflects the unique culture and man-made and natural environment of one of the oldest municipalities in Australia. According to council records, a key component is the reference to Captain John Hunter, commander of the Sirius in the First Fleet and second Governor of the Colony (1795-1800). Hunter surveyed the lower Harbour in 1788 and noted an area including a peninsula which consisted of “some good looking land”. This promontory is now what is known as Hunters Hill. It is widely believed that the area derived its name from the association with Hunter. The coat of arms is made up of the shield, the crest, the supporters and the base. Each aspect has historical significance, both in the chosen symbols and the colours that are used. On the blue shield are three wavy silver bars. These represent the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers. The green hunting horn which is

strung in red depicts the connection with the Scottish family of Hunter. The two oars represent water-based recreation and water-based transport, both locally prominent. The colours



of the blades are the same as those of St Joseph's College. The crest has a blue and white theme, which continues the association with the waterways. The wreath is black and white which are the colours of local sporting organisations. On this rests an ancient golden coronet with a fleur-de-lis pattern, representing the governmental role of the council and also French and other European influ-

ences in the municipality's early development. On top of the crown is a Port Jackson Fig Tree which represents native flora as well as the 'tree of knowledge' of education. The stylised tree is similar to the tree used by Hunters Hill High School as part of its emblem.

On either side of the shield are two white ibises. These large wading birds are native to the area and are representative of all indigenous fauna. They stand on a base of sandstone blocks which signify the local stone ridge which was quarried for building many of the handsome homes in the area.

Beneath the base is the motto, “Moocooboola”, which translates as ‘the meeting of the waters’. This is an Aboriginal word associated with many local events and activities. It represents the area's early Aboriginal occupation and the geographical location of the municipality at the western end of the harbour. **Chris Schofield**

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Mayor unveils Joeys plaque

The Mayor of Hunters Hill, Richard Quinn, unveiled a footpath plaque outside the Ryde Road gates of St Joseph's College on 24 June. The plaque is one of thirty funded by the Mostyn Family Foundation and produced by the Hunters Hill Historical Society and Hunters Hill Council, to mark houses and buildings of historical significance in the Hunters Hill Municipality. Previously, forty plaques were funded by the Armati family to mark the sesquicentenary of the municipality in 2011. Historians Beverley Sherry and Ros Maguire researched the history of the properties in association with Graham Percival of the historical society.

The society and Hunters Hill Council will soon be producing a booklet incorporating a map of the plaques to be used as the basis for a Heritage Walk throughout Hunters Hill.

Clifton opened for Historical Society members

The McCaffrey family graciously opened their historic home, *Clifton*, to members of the Hunters Hill Historical Society on Thursday 28 July. While members enjoyed morning tea, Felicity McCaffrey spoke on the history of the house. Built in 1891-92 by Sydney Stock Exchange chairman John Ryder Jones from sandstone quarried on the site, the house stands on the original *Passy* estate, which took its name from the house built for the French Consul. Previous owners include former Sydney lord mayor Sir Archibald Howie and Michael and Carol Grace, of the famed retail family. *Clifton* will be open again on Tuesday 20 September (see notice at right).



Le Vesinet visit to museum

Under a cultural exchange arrangement between Hunters Hill and the French commune of Le Vesinet, near Paris, ten students are currently enjoying a six weeks stay to enjoy the many attractions that this area has to offer. Hunters Hill students return the visit in December/January each year.

The French students are each hosted by a family in the area, spending the first three weeks on holidays with them, and the final three weeks at school with their host student, or on excursions.

Former mayor Sue Hoopmann and Janet Williams of the Hunters Hill –Le Vesinet Friendship Committee brought the students on a visit to the Hunters Hill Museum on Thursday 28 July. The president of the Hunters Hill Historical Society, Chris Schofield, welcomed them, and spoke to them about the history of the municipality, with emphasis on the influence of the early French residents. The visit was followed by a picture of the students with the WW I German gun captured near the village of La Motte in 1918.

Top: Bob Mostyn, Pat Cox, Vice President of Hunters Hill Historical Society, Mayor Richard Quinn, Amanda Mostyn and John Armati at the unveiling.
Bottom: The plaque



Janet Williams and Sue Hoopmann with the students

