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**ANIMALS  
& US**

**17 JUNE - 30 JULY**  
10:00 - 4:30 DAILY  
ENTRY \$5.00  
YAMBA MUSEUM

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Hello Everyone

Months ago it seemed we had plenty of time to get everything in place for the opening of our *Animals & Us* exhibition and yet here we are, with only a week to go.

It has been a couple of years since we developed our last in-house exhibition and like previous ones this promises to be another 'blockbuster success'.

I think I can safely say that everyone loves animals, even if you don't have a pet. You may not have thought about it before but animals play more of a part in our every day lives than you have ever thought about.

Undoubtedly, our relationship with them is complicated - we not only love them, we fear them; we hunt, consume, and protect them. We make them work for us and play with them. We kill some, while granting basic human rights to others. This exhibition explores it all but it is not all serious; animals are fun too.

Members and friends are all welcome to attend the official opening in the Old Kirk where we will be featuring an amazing art exhibition of animal tattoos. Chris Moran is an Emeritus Professor of Animal Genetics at the University of Sydney, where he worked for 35 years before retiring in 2013. His talk will touch on unusual interactions between humans and animals, such as xenotransplantation - transplanting living tissue from animals into humans.

The following day we will be holding an *Animal & Us Fun Day* featuring Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm. Children will be able feed and pat (under supervision) a variety of baby farm animals - lambs, kids, piglets, calves, guinea pigs, rabbits, ducklings, and baby chicks. This interactive animal experience is sure to delight both young and old.



There will also be a display of sheep yarding, alpacas, and a spinning demonstration. Musical entertainment and a sausage sizzle will also be available.

You will not want to miss these events so I look forward to seeing you there.

**Until next month, Marea**

### **Animals & Us Exhibition**

**Official Opening: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm**

**Fun Day - Old Macdonald's Farm: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am**

# MUSEUM & GALLERIES AUSTRALIA

## National Conference 2017 - Debrah Novak



Last month Marea Buist and I attended and presented at the Museum and Galleries Australia National Conference in Brisbane.

The event was staged at the Queensland State Library with over 400 delegates in attendance.

Yamba Museum was invited to present a workshop on how to engage with our local Aboriginal people.

This came about because in the past, Yamba Museum has previously won awards and been recognised for its audience engagement with Aboriginal people.

Marea offered me the opportunity to give the presentation at the workshop. We created an information handout to distribute with our museum brochures.

I spoke for around 25 minutes to 40 delegates, and presented a 20-page slide display.

The workshop was warmly received with a number of the delegates asking questions.

The only First Nation delegate also gave the workshop the thumbs up.



## 100 YEARS AGO - John McNamara

*People and events from the Daily Examiner, June 1917*

**100 years ago** ... A notice appeared in the

16 June 1917 Issue of the Daily Examiner that The Yamba bakery [business] has changed hands once more this year being purchased by well known residents John “Jack” Thomas Victor Collins and Ebenezer “Ted” Graham.

The Yamba bakery was located in Yamba Road where the present parking area for Yamba Fair adjoining “Happy Smiles” dentists exists.

Emanuel Perkins had been operating a bakery at Palmers Island from 1899 until he purchased Portions 20 and 106 in Yamba road in 1903 and relocated Ryall’s bakehouse equipment there from Yamba, commencing baking operations in August. Bread was delivered by boat and cart to an area from Palmers Island to Yamba. In February 1917, he leased the business to William Shields who in turn passed it onto the partnership of Graham and Collins in June.



*Ted Graham*

Jack and Ted were brothers-in law – the former marrying Jessie Burdett McDermid on 21 April 1915 and the latter Amelia “Millie” McDermid on 06 March 1912. The girls were daughters of Donald “Dan” and Maria (nee Carr) McDermid. The McDermid family

were one of the first settlers on Palmers Island in the early 1860s.



*Jack Collins*

Graham and Collins had their own bakery built at the corner of High and Yamba Streets, Yamba in 1918. When Emanuel’s son, Walter, returned from serving in WW1 in 1919, he continued using the Yamba Road

bakery until he opened his own business in Coldstream Street, Yamba in 1932. The Yamba Road property was sold to a bricklayer, Edwin Morris, at that time.

## **NORTHERN RIVERS HISTORICAL SOCIETIES ZONE CONFERENCE - Lesley Pickering**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Lismore

Guest speaker Helen V. Smith from Queensland (a molecular epidemiologist by day and tragic genealogist by night), presented a session on dating historical photographs, before fascinating us with information from her second session: *When Spanish Flu Came to Australia*.

I knew about the 1918 Influenza Epidemic but learnt so much more – it did not originate in Spain, in fact, the exact origin has never been fully determined. Approximately 40 to 100 million were killed worldwide, and it affected up to 1 billion, half the world's population at the time. Most of its victims were healthy young adults aged 15-35 years. A striking complication was haemorrhage from mucous membranes, especially bleeding from the nose, ears, stomach and intestine.

In Australia quarantine procedures were put in place from late 1918. NSW was the worst affected and public meetings of twenty or more people were prohibited, while all libraries, schools, theatres, public halls, racecourses were closed, and the Royal Easter Show was cancelled. Much of everyday life was hampered with stores closed, health workers not able to tend the sick. By March 1919, the newly established Commonwealth Serum Laboratories had packed and produced three million doses of flu vaccine.

Helen provided detailed notes and references for research for both sessions and these are stored in the Flinders Room at the Yamba Museum.

To find out more about Helen Smith's work, see

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- ♦ <http://helenvsmithresearch.blogspot.com.au/>

## FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM

### **This month we introduce Tim and Nicky from Yamba Tiles & Lighting**

Over the last 20 years or so we have been associated with the Port of Yamba Historical Society. We offer support whenever and with whatever we are able to. Keeping it local is important.

At Yamba Tiles & Lights we have a vast array of lighting, trying to showcase as much variety as possible. We have a huge range of wall & floor tiles both interior & exterior, plus the modern bathroom products as shown on the home renovator TV shows.



Come in and talk with Tim and Nicky

## MEMBER PROFILE - Trish Bowes



Hi, I am very pleased to have joined the Port of Yamba Historical Society this year. I was born in Mudgee and as a child lived in Gunnedah, Leeton and Nambucca Heads. This was due to both my parents being teachers. I went to the University of New England, where my father had gone when it was still part of Sydney University. I did Honours in History as this subject has always

been a major passion of mine.

I went teaching, first to Coonamble for 3 years and then Maclean High School in 1984. I originally taught English and History but then also taught Aboriginal Studies. I loved teaching, especially the students, but decided at the end of last year that I would go on Long Service Leave until I “actually” retire in August. When I left MHS I was the longest serving teacher at the school which was probably a rather “dubious” honour.

My interests are researching family history; collecting antiques; travel; researching Ulgundahi Island; playing the piano; gardening; and, my family.

I would like to contribute to the PYHS by volunteering for the front desk, as long as I can keep *au fait* with the roster; and, helping with research, once I become better organised.

This is a very transitional period for me but I see it as a new chapter in my life.

I am looking forward to meeting new people and making a viable contribution to the local community.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017/2018**

*Membership renewals at \$10.00 per person are due by 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
Please note that joint membership is no longer available. Renewal  
forms are available at the Museum or from the website.*

*Membership can be paid by direct debit as follows:*

- ♦ *BSB                062688*
- ♦ *A/c                10153663*
- ♦ *Please enter your name in the reference field e.g. John Smith or  
J Smith*

*We would like to thank all our members for their continued support of  
the Port of Yamba Historical Society.*

## **DIARY DATES - June**

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>U3A Film Night</b>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paul Bennett's Exhibition closes</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Members' Meeting at 2.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Museum closed - exhibition set-up</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Animals &amp; Us Exhibition - Opens at 5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fun Day - Old Macdonald's Farm and lots more at 11.00am</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Committee Meeting at 1.30pm</b>