

# *Armidale & District Historical Society Inc.*

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## **A letter from Dumaresq Chambers**

Dear All

2019 was a very successful year for the Armidale and District Historical Society Inc Resource Centre.

### **Tidying Up 2019**

#### **Meat Tasting Fund Raiser.**

We need lots of volunteer meat tasters for the UNE Meat Tasting Fundraiser on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We only need you for an hour.

If we get 65 people (over 18) to turn up, the Society gets paid \$1,000.

**Journal 62** is now available. Pick up from Dumaresq Chambers. Postal copies being sent very soon.

If you need to change your contact details for membership, eg email or mailing address please let Judy, Louise or Pat Curry know as soon as possible so we can update your records accordingly.

**Excursion** to Hillgrove & Metz still has places.

Reserve your seats at Dumaresq Chambers.

**Attached to this letter is an invitation to afternoon tea with wedding photos exhibition. Please come. Bring your favourite tea cup and have some real tea!**

### **General Resources**

During the year we have been gifted with a lot of useful resource material, books, maps and information.

A huge thank you to all those people who have donated books, items and time to the Resources of the Historical Society. We would like you to continue your contributions during 2020 and beyond.

Don't assume that we already have those items you are thinking of donating to our resources.

Come in and discuss them with Judy or Louise.

If we continue on in the same way we have been in 2019 we will soon be able to operate a lending policy (something we have been reluctant to do due to lack of resources).

### **The Website**

The Website is being moderated and updated by Bronwyn Clarke.

We are looking for short histories (like the ones already on the website) to add to our web based information.

## **Volunteers**

Thank you to our regular volunteers, but we still need more people.

Can you do a couple of hours a fortnight, a month or a couple of hours on call as back-up?

Come in on Tuesday Afternoon or Wednesday and talk to Judy or Louise to discuss volunteering at Dumaresq Chambers.

It is surprising to find how enjoyable it can be to engage in a discussion with our regular and occasional visitors regarding their information about the history of Armidale and District.

A recent visitor from Ballarat proudly informed Louise that he had a letter written by his ancestor from Hillgrove in 1889! We have a copy of this letter!

## **Projects**

### **Beardy Street**

Judy and Sally are still working on Beardy Street.

### **Wells of Armidale**

Rosemary Johnson is getting superb information together on wells, water sources and water ways in Armidale.

She is able to map them and is starting to see patterns in water in Armidale.

### **Notable Armidalian**

Being worked on very slowly. Really needing more volunteers.

### **Armidale House Names**

First draft completed and on the shelves.

More information greatly appreciated by Louise.

Big thanks to those who have contributed, checked and use these resources.

### **Any other Projects ideas welcome**

## **Exhibitions & Events**

A huge **thank you**, to Colane Simmons and Nancy Bruyn, who have produced an amazing exhibition of wedding paraphernalia for our exhibition over Christmas.

Thank you too, to everyone who contributed photos &c.

Louise is looking for ideas for small exhibitions to run monthly in 2020 (5 to 20 items, photos &c).

We might also be able to theme exhibitions around significant dates and anniversaries.

Let us know of significant dates or anniversaries we might be able to theme exhibitions for.

**Please feel free to use Dumaresq Chambers as a spot to take a break, have a chat, deposit or use resources.**

**The more we use the Resource Centre, the more it becomes our historical home.**

Regards

Judy and Louise.