

# *Armidale and District Historical Society Inc.*

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## **Newsletter for April 2020**

Following cancellation of the March meeting and the continuing need for restriction on public gatherings and personal contact, which is so absolutely necessary for our long-term future, there will be **NO MEETING IN APRIL**. Our speaker was to have been **Dr Cameron Moore** who has kindly agreed to provide the talk for this Newsletter, so that his Anzac meeting address and research in Maritime and Military Law can still be shared.

**Cameron Moore** is an Associate Professor in the School of Law at the University of New England. He is also an Honorary Research Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) at the University of Wollongong and a Visiting Associate Professor with the Centre for Military and Security Law and the Centre for Public and International Law at the Australian National University. His publications include the books *Crown and Sword: Executive Powers and the Use of Force by the Australian Defence Force* (2017) and *ADF on the Beat: A Legal Analysis of Offshore Enforcement by the ADF* (2004) and other articles and chapters on the Australian Defence Force and maritime security. Between 1996 and 2003, Cameron was a Royal Australian Navy Legal Officer. He is still an active Navy reservist with the rank of Commander and he had a brief deployment in Afghanistan in 2010.

In an additional e-mail (I couldn't seem to be able to attach it -as usual technounsavvy!) find the paper which we would have had the enjoyment of listening to at our meeting which will not occur on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Vale John Hamel:** John will be sadly missed with his friendly and earnest personality and his incredible memory for extraordinary things, like car numberplates and models, people, house numbers and events. With the restriction on public gatherings which came into force following his death from cancer on 13<sup>th</sup> March, the proposed Memorial Service at the Uniting Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> March had to be postponed. We have three important articles by John in Journals 52, 48 and 47 which record his research and memories of the Wesleyan Church and the businesses in the main streets of Armidale as he remembered them. Our deep sympathy is extended to Beryl and to their family.

**Annual Subscriptions due by 30 June 2020:** Attached please find the renewal form for membership of the Society with information on means of payment by mail or Direct Debit.

**Communication with Members:** ADHS Journal and Proceedings Number 63 will be published and available to members later in the year. We will continue to send monthly Newsletters by e-mail or post to keep you informed of past and present. The Committee will keep contact and with our next (bi-monthly) meeting due on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, we will create a

means of having a 'meeting' and should you want any matter brought up, please contact me by e-mail [judycobben@gmail.com](mailto:judycobben@gmail.com), or [contact@adhs.org](mailto:contact@adhs.org), phone 67751205 or by mail at 'Cobben' 511 Dangarsleigh Road, Armidale 2350. The Historical Society mailbox will be cleared regularly by our Treasurer John Burrell. Meanwhile the Society website on [adhs.org.au](http://adhs.org.au) will be updated and available for members to add contributions. Jim Belshaw has offered to set up an ADHS Facebook page which will be an added means of keeping information flowing within the Society. The current 'isolation time' is a good opportunity to record and research history and to share ideas. The Society can provide information and resources for any requests and please keep in touch.

**A Trip Down Memory Lane:** Topics for April Meetings each decade:

**1960** Dr R. Ward- Australian History Through Tradition

**1970** Dr L. Gilbert -Young Mr Banks and Dr Solander

**1980** Mr H. Creamer- Sites of Significance to Aboriginal People in NSW

**1990** J. Cooper and G. Wilson- Industry and Education in West Armidale

**2000** D. Lennox - Armidale Men in the Boer War

**2010** G. Wilson- War Memorials in Uralla

### **Snippets of History:**

It was Council policy to name streets after Armidale mayors, but this seems to have lapsed after the mayors from 1863 (George Allingham) to 1962 (Cyril Carey) being remembered in streets, bridges lanes etc. (How many can you name?). This is just another example of history lost, houses pulled down with no record of their significance such as the Brewers' cottage on the corner of Dumaresq and Butler Streets, the lack of recognition of the site of Trim's original store in what is now Curtis Park, the lack of printed obituaries. And many more instances that you will know. Armidale is not telling its story and yet there is considerable enthusiasm for sharing old photographs on social media sites, for articles based on our history such as Jim Belshaw's contributions to the *Extra* newspaper, our Society's displays and in your much valued membership of the Society. If you have stories/photographs to share please do so through the Society so they are not forgotten.

The Armidale Express has to date been digitised to the end of 1954 on Trove and in the Christmas Eve edition, **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1954**, among the many advertisements from local businesses extending Christmas greetings is a small paragraph headlined

### **An Appreciation**

I, George Devlin, of 25 Marsh Street wish to thank sincerely all the kind people of Armidale, Rockvale, Guyra, Tilbuster, Ben Venue and surrounding districts who brought me their shoe repairs. Also Mr Jack McDonald and Mr Bill Perrem for their help who made it possible for me to stay at home and care for my mother since the demise of my sister. To all I wish a very Happy Christmas and thanks a lot. George Devlin

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