

# NOTICEBOARD

SEPTEMBER 2022



## Lane Cove Historical Society Inc

*(Affiliated with the Royal Australian Historical Society)*

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of Lane Cove the Cammeraygal and show respect to Elders past and present.

**PATRON:** Mayor Andrew Zbic

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#### *Committee*

Bill McLaughlin  
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Karen Aubrey  
Jenny Quirke  
Catherine Briggs

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We had a very successful Annual General Meeting of the LCHS on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. It was successful for several reasons. It was in fact the first such AGM we had been able to hold for two years because of the pandemic. Members will recall that we organised an Adjourned AGM in February 2022 at which we brought together business from the years 2019-2020 and 2021-22. It was good to feel we were back into the regular pattern of holding our AGM in August each year. We were also pleased to welcome to the AGM the Mayor of Lane Cove, Councillor Andrew Zbic, who, in his capacity as Patron of the Society, conducted the elections for the creation of the new Committee for the year 2022-23. We were in addition pleased to welcome Councillor David Roenfeldt, who serves as a Council representative on the Carisbrook Advisory Committee, a body that maintains working relations between the Council and the Committee of the LCHS. Finally, we were also pleased to welcome the Speaker at the Podium for the evening, Dr. Lynne McLoughlin. She is an authority on conservation matters generally, and she spoke very well on our natural environment, its beauties, problems, challenges and rewards. She outlined aspects of the history behind the steady growth of Council and community mechanisms by which steps have been taken to improve our natural environment over time, helping to preserve our lovely bushland tracts and to educate local people in the values of bush conservation.

It was a timely reminder of the responsibility we all share to preserve our natural environment.

The Committee election returned the previous members of the group and we are pleased to say that two more members have joined the Committee. They are Catherine Briggs and Jenny Quirke and we look forward to working with them. Some biographical details are given about both of them below.

The news at Carisbrook House is that most of the work on its restoration is now completed. A new cupboard is being installed in the restored scullery and it looks very nice in its reformed state, while the work on the roof and one chimney is also done.

As the weather hopefully improves, we will shortly see Carisbrook re-opened. The spring growth in the grounds of Carisbrook is now appearing, so after several months of closure the House is returning to its regular finery.

The Committee is already planning events for later in the year and I can now give advance notice of an event at Carisbrook on 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are inviting you to a **Picnic by the River at Carisbrook House**, when we will serve picnic boxes while you listen to the **Tenella Jazz Group**. There will be fun for young and old. Make a note in your diaries now.

**Until next time,**

**Frances Christie President**

## *Focus on a Member*

### *Jenny Quirke*

Jenny Quirke is already a member of the Care and Presentation Committee, which is responsible for maintenance of Carisbrook, preserving its furniture and keeping it in a state of cleanliness. She also helps at the general meetings in the LC library. She is known as a cheerful helpful person, and we look forward to working with her in the Committee.



## *Focus on a Member*

### *Catherine Briggs*



Catherine had a library career in Melbourne and London before a Victoria & Albert Museum course encouraged her love of history through the study of artifacts. She specialised in porcelain, studying ceramic restoration in Norfolk and Chelsea. Working for antique dealers and a stall in Portobello Road led to a business in Melbourne. Catherine studied literature, art and film at Monash and La Trobe Universities then taught in Sydney, continuing her studies at Sydney and Macquarie universities.

## From the Collection

### *The Mangle*

By Frances Christie

Now that the scullery at Carisbrook House has been restored, one of the items in the LCHS collection has regained its significance. It is the mangle which is now in the scullery. We can be sure that the original owners of Carisbrook had one. The word “mangle” came from the Dutch “mangel”, though that word derived in turn from a Greek word meaning “machine.” Mangles were in use in sixteenth century England, though they were found throughout Europe. They were originally used to press fabrics of various kinds and they were operated by hand. Domestic servants were no doubt in England for some centuries pressing clothes for upper class people.

By the nineteenth century commercial laundries had started to use steam-powered mangles or ironers, as they were sometimes called, though a typical household would have a mangle like the one at Carisbrook. With the passage of the years, mangles were used increasingly to wring water out of clothes rather than to press them. Among wealthy families in England and the USA some women were employed as “mangle women”, moving from house to house to attend to the family wash. Irons and ironing boards emerged as separate items for pressing clothes. Early irons were often heated over a fire, while others even had small compartments

in which small coals were inserted. The Carisbrook House collection includes a large number of irons.



*The mangle on display at the Apprentice House in England*



*An early iron*

Sources:

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/cold-roller-mangle.htm>

<https://victoriancollections.net.au/items/58619f54d0ce3a08880df3af>



## New Member Alert

### Welcome to:

Sue Irving  
Judy Pointing  
&  
Wenda & Patricia Lucas

We hope you enjoy being a member & we look forward to seeing you at the next event

# Highlights from the August 'At the Podium'

## Don't miss the next meeting in September

[www.lanecovehistoricalsociety.com.au/at-the-podium](http://www.lanecovehistoricalsociety.com.au/at-the-podium)



*Pictured above are: Speaker Lynne McLoughlin, Mayor of Lane Cove Councillor Andrew Zbik, President Frances Christie, Councillor David Roenfeldt with Kay Leiper, Treasurer Ajaya Jayarao and Frances Christie with Secretary Pat Madson*

# Upcoming Events

**September 27th**

**At the Podium**

**7pm Lane Cove Library**

**Graeme Payne**

*Sydney 1879*

**The International  
Exhibition**



## Celebrate with us!

All are welcome to join us for drinks and nibbles as we announce the winner of the \$1000 Lane Cove Historical Society History Prize



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7pm 25 October  
Lane Cove  
Library



## Picnic by the River at Carisbrook House

### Tenella Jazz Group

**Sunday 13 November 12.30-3.30**

**Picnic Box Lunch**

**BYO Drinks**

**\$30pp limited to 50 people**

**Purchase Tickets Here:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/930203>**

# Carisbrook

## Historic House

**COFFEE AND CAKES  
DEVONSHIRE TEAS**

**OPEN  
10am-4pm  
SAT OCT 15TH  
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