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## ST GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | **APRIL 2023**



### WELCOME

This is our new look newsletter. Well, for now anyway whilst we trial a number of options in place of our quarterly magazine, Our History.

We hope to issue an online newsletter every month giving updates to Society news and articles. The online newsletter will be complemented by emails from our Secretary on a needs basis.

Whether we keep this format or try something new will depend on feedback. We would love to know what you think - is it easy to open? Easy to read? Is there too little information? All feedback is useful.

*The Editorial Team.*

### WHAT'S ON

#### **"Stannumville: suburb in the sand"**

**15 April 2023** | 2pm to 4pm | Rockdale Library, Level 3.

Guest Speaker, Leonie Bell will give a talk on Stannumville. Stannumville was a tent town for families during World War I. Leonie examines the reasons why the government initiated the project, living conditions in the town, and the reasons for its demise. Leonie won the 2022 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition, for her entry. The talk will be followed by a meeting of the St George Historical Society. Open to all members and the general public. Free. Gold coin donation welcome.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

SEE WHAT ELSE IS ON

## LYDHAM HALL HISTORIC HOUSE AND MUSEUM | UPDATE

*The Committee of the St George Historical Society is getting close to finalising the License Agreement negotiations with Bayside Council for Lydham Hall.*

After 3 long years of closure (firstly because of Covid, followed by refurbishment works and more recently because Bayside Council wanted to formalise the occupation agreement with the Society), member's may soon get access to Lydham Hall again.

The Committee met with Bayside Council for a final review of the draft 5 year License Agreement and is satisfied with the compromises made on both sides. There are still some areas of dissatisfaction but the Committee is confident that Bayside Council will accommodate any difficulties the Society has with payment of the yearly fee and maintenance of the museum.

Whilst the leasing arrangements are confidential, full disclosure of the License Agreement is available to financial member on request and a summary will be provided (to paid members only) at the next meeting.

The Committee has worked extremely hard over the last year. There were many meetings & correspondence with Council plus regular & ongoing meetings of the Committee. We have also taken advice from our insurance company, the Royal Australian Historical Society as well as researching the operations of other historical societies.

At this stage, it is anticipated that the 5 year agreement will be endorsed by end of April, with a start date on the 01 July 2023. The Society is still hopeful we can be given interim access prior to that date for the purposes of cleaning & maintenance.

A draft Business Plan has been prepared by the Committee that outlines plans for Lydham Hall for the first year of operations as a requirement of the License Agreement. This plan is available to financial members on request and copies will be available for review at the next Society meeting.

Sadly, the St George Historical Society magazine, **Our History**, will no longer be published. We have been very fortunate to have had 4 decades of sponsorship by Rockdale Council and then Bayside Council which enabled us to deliver, to our members and the community, an informative and entertaining magazine full of historical information about the St George District. Unfortunately, this

sponsorship is no longer available. Without these funds, the Society is not in a position to finance the cost of publishing. We are currently reviewing the options and will let members know if a solution is found.

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## ARNCLIFFE HERITAGE WALK

Bayside Council is in the process of reprinting a number of heritage walks, originally produced in the 1990s. In the meantime, the information on the old pamphlets is still relevant. Visit our website for full details of the 'Arncliffe Heritage Walk' or click on the link below. Note that this is a reprint of brochures printed some time ago and some of the information may not be current.

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