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The Blitz undergoing restoration

From the President

On September 6th the museum held their AGM. The Presidents Report is attached.

We welcome Noel Kitt to the Museum Committee. Shirley and Noel have been regular helpers with the roster to keep the museum open every weekend.

During the weekend following the AGM, the museum contributed to a display of 'Interesting Things' held at the Malachi Gilmore Hall. This was an opportunity for the mainly local people who attended, to get a taste for the range of items held at the museum. Hopefully it will encourage more locals to visit and assist the museum.



At the time of writing the museum's Stronger Country Communities Grant has just been successfully acquitted. This grant has been instrumental in completing some 15 projects needed to upgrade our facilities and conserve items. As a result, the museum can better fulfil its role to preserve the items in its collection.

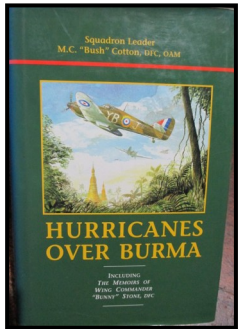


Margaret Stevenson with son Graham and grandchildren Lillian & Alastair

Recently the museum received four timber framed portraits of members of the Stevenson Family. Three generations of the Stevenson family owned 'Swatchfield' and 'Essington Park' for nearly 100 years, and Archibald Stevenson in particular played an important role in the community being a councillor, mayor and on many

community committees. Our thanks go to Margaret Stevenson from Terra Bella for making these available to the Oberon Museum.

Meanwhile the More Oberon Treasures Committee continues to collect stories from our elders. Maree has just put a new batch up on the Museum's website. There are now 27 stories with more in the pipeline. The committee recently sought quotes to publish these stories in a book as there is a demand for this format. Stay tuned.



If there is any one reading this who has a copy of Monty Cotton's book "Hurricanes Over Burma" and would like to donate it to the museum it would be greatly appreciated. Monty's book contains a wealth of local history, and it would be good to have a copy.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the Oberon and District Museum, and please consider joining the roster to keep us open every weekend. Two hours of your time every now and then would be a great help.

Col Roberts.



Lynette Swannell recently presented the museum with a copy of the **Klok Family story** which records her mother's family's journey from Assen in the Netherlands to Oberon in the early 1950s. Lyn spent two years carefully researching and recording the family story of migration and resettlement, a story that mirrors so many others post WW 2.

The result is a beautifully presented, engaging family history which was recently accepted into the National Archives in Canberra.

Seen here with museum volunteer, Shirley Arrow, who recently interviewed Toni Swannell, Lyn's mother, for the More Oberon Treasures project.



Also visiting the museum recently were **Brad and Lance Cunynghame**, sons of Ray, and grandsons of Horace Cunynghame. Brad and his wife Kathy travelled up from Adelaide, and Lance lives at Blackheath. They were delighted to find some of the items donated to the museum that came from Ray's shop, and the sign that hangs in the agricultural shed.



Other very welcome visitors were **the Inwood family**, pictured here in front of the display containing Sharon's mother's wedding dress, which Sharon has generously donated to the museum's collection.

Museum Office Bearers for 2025 - 2026

President: Col Roberts

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Secretary: Pam Dellow

Committee: Bruce Lothian, Gary Clayton, Tim Ar-nison & Noel Kitt

Please open the attachment for the AGM's President's report - it's worth a read!