



## *The Heritage Centre*

The construction phase of the Heritage Centre has been a continuation of obstacles. However, we are moving forward. The homestay accommodation building is looking impressive. The new retaining wall at the back is in place and the unidentifiable bricks remain undisturbed for future generations. The spacious lounge/dining/kitchen area will be a great space to share and communicate with friends and associates. The two downstairs bedrooms are looking cosy and the four upstairs rooms with views over the heritage precinct will hold a special charm. A night at the museum will be a sought-after experience. Bookings open soon.

The blacksmith shop is planned to commence shortly with the concrete slab and utility connections in place. The final design for the lift is a step closer and the air-conditioning of the museum is being worked out.

There are 3 more items I want to tell you about-

## **Save the Date**

**Friday 6 September- Jill Clarke and Brian MacDonald's Book launch.**

The book will be officially launched by Rod McClure, familiar to most of Braidwood as Retired Principal at Braidwood Central School, presenter on Braidwood FM and a committee member of the Braidwood and District

Historical Society.

**Saturday 28 September- Annual Dinner and speaker topic of great interest.**

**Friday 11 October- AGM and proposed change to the Constitution.**

***The Dinner and the AGM will be covered further in the next Newsletter***



The Homestay Accommodation is taking shape



Bridge Timbers from the demolished Charleyong bridge will be milled and recycled for the front façade of the Homestay Accommodation

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*The Inside Story***Book Launch- *Schools of the Braidwood District*  
by Jill Clarke and Brian McDonald.**

*Friday 6 September 5.30  
Braidwood Central School Hall.*

Jill has been piecing together information, photos and stories about the schools of Braidwood and the surrounding districts as part of her research into the Reidsdale schools for at least twenty years. She went on to work with her sister Lisa Pearson and local historian and local author Mrs Mary-Anne Bunn to collect reference material about the schools surrounding Braidwood as part of the 150th celebration of the Braidwood Public School in 1999.

Brian has spent many years researching the Major's Creek School and the smaller half-time schools in the Elrington/Major's Creek area.

Together they have gathered many photos and stories about the teachers and the school buildings of the Braidwood District. An extensive network of local friends and residents have aided their research. They both have carried out extensive research of the local newspapers and the local Braidwood school's collections as well as the NSW archives. Not only does this book record the milestones of the various schools in the region, it also gathers information about the people who have helped and aided the growth of these school communities that were established alongside and around these places of education.

The book will have broad appeal particularly for anyone who went to school in Braidwood.

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**Peter Smith—President**

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## *Schools of the Braidwood District*



*A History of the Denominational,  
Private, Provisional, Public, Half - Time and  
Subsidised Schools of the  
Braidwood District.*

Written by Jill A Clarke B.A. Dip Ed and Brian McDonald OAM

***The Braidwood & District  
Historical Society are hosting the  
launch of our new book.***

***Brian and I would like to invite  
you to the Official Launch***

***Date: Friday 6th September 2024***

***Venue: Braidwood Central School  
Hall***