

DISPATCH NEWS SHEET

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Braidwood Heritage Centre Update

I find this difficult to write because I am struggling to find the words to describe the shameful waste and the disappointment, so I will stick to the facts.

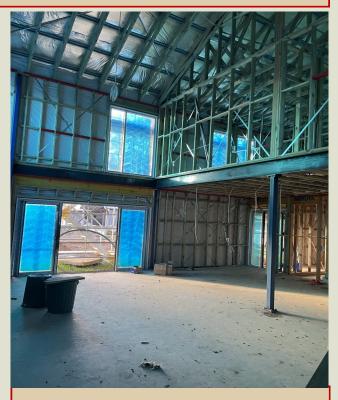
- Rescoped work involves completion of:
- 6 bedroom Homestay including aircon
- Moving of the Lockup
- New entry to the museum and including aircon in the entry.
- Aircon to ground floor of museum
- Ramps in museum including the aircon on the ground floor of the museum.
- Landscaping—part only of connection between the front and rear parts of the site.

Work does not include:

- Artisan Studios.
- Café.
- Public toilets.
- Blacksmith Workshop, Lift.
- Landscaping between museum and Homestay.



No this is not the Somme. This is the real thing!!!!!!!



Caught a few possums!

The Inside Story

Present Situation

- QPRC have taken over the project from Public Works.
- New project managers GenUrban have been appointed.
- New builders Trinity Quality Interiors have been engaged. Contract awarded 23rd April.
- Construction work on buildings other than inground works since October NIL
- Construction work by new builders to date NIL
- Funding finishes 30th June 2025
- Chances of completion of re-scoped work -VERY UNLIKELY

Peter Smith—President

Museum Opening Hours Friday and Saturday 11am—2pm

Our resources are available for researchers and family historians in our reading room during museum opening hours or by appointment. This service is free but, as we are a volunteer organisation entirely dependent on the generosity of the community, we hope for your supportive donations.

Write to us at help@braidwoodmuseum.org.au

We will let you know if we hold any relevant information.

If you are unable to come to our reading room personally we have professional researchers who can help.

The charge for this service is \$50 per hour.

Historical Society Annual Dinner



Our dinner is set for

Saturday 21st June 6.30pm

National Theatre
Please support us
and Braidwood

Our speaker, Mrs Christine Ellis, explores the story of *Alma*, a Clydesdale Stallion, who once belonged to the Hon. Mr Hugh Wallace of Nithsdale (and of Wallace St fame).

Alma's story begins around 1853, with considerable and most interesting research by Christine, and how Alma and his offspring began the downfall of the Clarke Gang.

To complete the story, Christine will be joined by Peter Smith to link the stories together.

We also have our sumptuous fare provided by 'Golden Roast' catering again this year.

Bring a friend, book a table, and enjoy some wonderful 'wandering minstrels' as well.

RSVP: 15th June 2025