

A GLIMPSE OF KAMBAH

Date: Sunday – 2 August 2026

Start: 2.00pm

Speaker: Glenn Schwinghamer

The historic Tuggeranong, Lanyon and Cuppacumbalong homesteads are well known to many Canberrans and are important parts of our European cultural heritage. They were all part of large rural properties in the southern Tuggeranong Valley before the progressive urbanization of the valley from the 1970s and are associated with families such as the Cunninghams, de Salises and McCormacks.

Less well known however is the pre-urban European heritage of the northern part of the Tuggeranong valley. Canberra's largest suburb Kambah is named after the homestead, long demolished, that was once part of a prosperous property.

Glenn Schwinghamer is a long-time Kambah resident who has undertaken extensive research into the Kambah area from the era of the nineteenth century Sulwood property until urbanization. Glenn will provide an insight into what Kambah and its neighboring properties were like before urbanization - including through photographs and oral histories - with a focus on the Bennet family who owned Kambah station from 1940 to 1970.

Glenn has a distinguished record of work in the Federal arts and heritage portfolios and as a researcher at the National Library, where most notably he negotiated the acquisition of the Mabo Papers (now inscribed in UNESCO Memory of the World Register).

Bookings essential: please contact robhorsfield@bigpond.com by Friday 31 July

Cost: \$25 (cash payment only) includes a delicious Devonshire tea after the talk .

There will also be a table of home-made jams, cards and local books for sale.