

Launch of Maitland Women's *Time Capture*

Recently, the newly restored and restructured Maitland Regional Art Gallery [MRAG] opened *Time Capture*, the work of young artist, Lara O'Reilly, who had been working on this project for the last year. It is a variation on the idea of a time capsule but by using techniques of film and video Lara 'captured' elements of the lives of 100 women of the Maitland area which she has immured in the gap between the walls of the old and new sections of the gallery. As you go up the stairs you can catch haunting images of these women whose lives have been part of the Maitland region over the last hundred years.

Representing our Sisters who have played a significant role in the Maitland area, is Ellen Royan whose photos float in a ghostly cavity and will continue to 'haunt' the MRAG for the next twenty-five years. Ellen and her sister Leonie Witt and some of the sisters were present at the recent opening of the exhibition by her Excellency the Governor Marie Bashir on 19th September 2009.

For further details see www.mrag.org.au/timecapture.html.



Sr Ellen and a fellow participant in the *Time Capture* project meet her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of NSW



Stephen Sneddon (Coal & Allied), Her Excellency, Professor, Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of NSW, Pennie Kearney, Lara O'Reilly (*Time Capture* artist) and Fiona Nicholls (Coal & Allied.)