

Kurrajong–Comleroy Historical Society Newsletter

The Kurrajong–Comleroy Historical Society is dedicated to researching, recording, preserving, and promoting the growth of interest in the history of the Kurrajong district, the area west of the Hawkesbury River bounded by Bilpin and the Grose and Colo rivers

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New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new member

JOANNA FIRTH

Christmas picnic

VALERIE HOLLAND

A fine mild evening unfolded as thirty-one members gathered for the Society's Christmas bush picnic in the picturesque surroundings of Bowen Mountain Park on 25 November. As Christmas music played in the background members sat around tables under the awning of the parks' facilities, while enjoying chatting to each other and sharing assorted goodies in a very relaxed atmosphere.

During the evening we were pleased to have short visits from four members to extend their Christmas greetings, all of which added to the ambience of this happy gathering.

This year's approach of a 'picnic in the park' was very different from previous Christmas gatherings but was much enjoyed by those who attended. The idea of having the gathering in late November, rather than December, seemed to suit most people.

Thank you to those who joined us for the evening and best wishes to all for a joyful and happy Christmas 2007.



Photo: Greg Upton

UPDATE

Glimpses of the Kurrajong

This book, produced by members of the KCHS will soon be finished at the printers and available for purchase in early 2008.

It is a showcase of the very best of the photos from the Society's archive and will include many 'then and now' photos. The book is divided into the various areas of Kurrajong with a small amount of text regarding the history of each area.

Printed on high quality paper and professionally bound this book will be a must have for anyone interested in the history of the Kurrajong district.

Over one hundred orders have already been placed for the book. If you wish to purchase a copy or would like further information please contact the secretary:

Valerie Holland 4573 2226

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FRANK HOLLAND

The old year has drawn to an end and we can look back with thanks for the many fun times the Society enjoyed during 2007. We enjoyed field trips by car and coach, our first coach trip, but also one of our most successful outings, a large variety of interesting guest speakers, involvement with TRAK at the Model and Hobby Show, and Back to the Kurrajong in October. These were just a few of the activities undertaken.

The AGM saw some major changes to the make-up of the committee, and it is pleasing to know that each of the three members who retired have continued with active roles in the Society. Projects continue to be researched and proceed towards conclusion. Our first major publication, *Glimpses of the Kurrajong*, is approaching completion and should be printed early in the New Year. Many thanks to the members who have paid for copies in advance as this has been a major help in offsetting the production expenses.

The Digital Imaging Project continues as our major project and our archives continue to grow. *The Millstone* and our web site continue to flourish and are being recognised by our peers for their quality. We were successful in obtaining a grant to purchase a data projector and screen which will assist members in making presentations, and enable us to view items such as old movies and newsreels.

The New Year will see the society commence new activities. The first will be the Australia Day breakfast and awards presentation held at Kurrajong Heights Hotel. It will feature a fun event with Ian O'Toole, and Steve Rawling will be the guest speaker. Bryan Wyborn is looking into the details of creating a working model of a water wheel for display purposes. A field trip is planned for March, with Les Dollin focusing on areas of historical significance to Mount Tomah. This will possibly be a coach trip depending on the number of participants.

I have not covered all that is in the planning stages but you can see the committee has been working hard organising upcoming events. As each activity is being arranged details will be published in *The Millstone*.

I personally extend to each and everyone my best wishes for a peaceful Christmas, with all the joy of the season, and for a happy and successful New Year.

Citizen of the Month award

We congratulate Les Dollin, a valued member and well-known society field trip director, for his recognition as the Hawkesbury City Council Citizen of the Month.

Les has worked tirelessly in his own time and using his own equipment to clean up the verges along Comleroy Road. At the corner of Peel Parade and Comleroy Road, Les, with some assistance from the community and Council, has transformed a once unsightly piece of land. Scrub and weeds have been removed, appropriate Australian natives have been planted, and a seat has been installed so that all may enjoy the view of the mountains.

Local history school project

VALERIE HOLLAND

Recently Kathie McMahon was invited by Kurrajong North Public School to present six local history modules to some of their students.

Kathie designed the modules and based their presentation around the music of Steve Rawling AM, a member of the Society. Steve has put musical arrangements to some of former Kurrajong poet Sid Sheldon's poems of *The Kurrajong*, as well as writing some new lyrics. The result was a musical record of aspects of Kurrajong's history. The disc and music are available from Steve or the Society.

The children enjoyed learning the catchy tunes and interacting with the associated historical information. By the end of the six weeks the children had completed their own history folders containing illustrated front covers, family trees of their forebears, and the local history information sheets that Kathie had gathered.

As a result of Kathie's successful programme the committee of KCHS reviewed the best folders selected by the school, and made presentations to acknowledge the efforts of the children.

President Frank Holland awarded first prize of a twenty-five dollar Wisemans book voucher, and a certificate of appreciation to Cassandra Stringfellow. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to Ursula Aczel, Luka Brodie, Rachel Humphries, Jacinda Stevenson, Madeline Stevenson and Olivia Suman.

Kathie is hopeful of encouraging other schools in the district to participate in this approach of introducing children to their local history.

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Scarecrow festival

VALERIE HOLLAND

Members of the Society enjoyed the contrasting themes of 'War and Peace in the Kurrajong' at the launch of our annual photographic exhibition on Friday, 26 October. On display were historic images of soldiers, some of the women who had supported the war effort, and scenes of the First World War accompanied by interesting images from our district.

As commemorations for the 90th anniversary of the Australian Light Horse charge on the wells of Beersheba on 31 October 1917 approached, it was appropriate that our guest speaker, Shirley Seale, gave us a fascinating presentation on the *Walers*.

Shirley managed to have many of us dabbing our eyes as she explained to us the significant role that had been undertaken when the Australian Light Horsemen rode into battle on their faithful Waler mounts. Shirley enhanced her talk with the use of an overhead projector. She proceeded to read some of the poems and stories written by the men, many of whom were distraught when they realized that they would have to leave their horses behind due to Australia's quarantine restrictions.

Visitors to our exhibition over the weekend gave us very positive feedback. After viewing the exhibition a number of people told of their surprise at seeing the large number of the district's women who had become involved in the home front

effort. Others enjoyed the quality and diversity of the accompanying war and peace images.

On Sunday we had an enjoyable visit from two of the musicians from the festival, one playing a squeeze box [accordion] and the other a guitar. A couple of our members joined in with the chorus singing and three grandchildren of members Pam and Ken Bennett were loaned percussion instruments to accompany the happy group.

Our raffle was drawn on Sunday afternoon. First prize of a Wollemi Pine and entry to Mount Tomah, donated by the management of Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens, was won by Mrs Robyn Stafford; second prize, a \$50 gift voucher donated by the manager of Windsor Riverview Shopping Centre, was won by Ms Faith Christie; and third prize, a copy of *Diggers Hill* donated by our society, was won by Mrs Pam Bennett.

We wish to thank all members who gave readily of their time and effort. We extend special thanks to the Kurrajong branch of the C.W.A. for providing their venue, Valerie Birch who designed and managed the photographic exhibition, Robyn Fuller for the preparation of supper, and Bryan Wyborn for transporting our display boards to and from the venue.

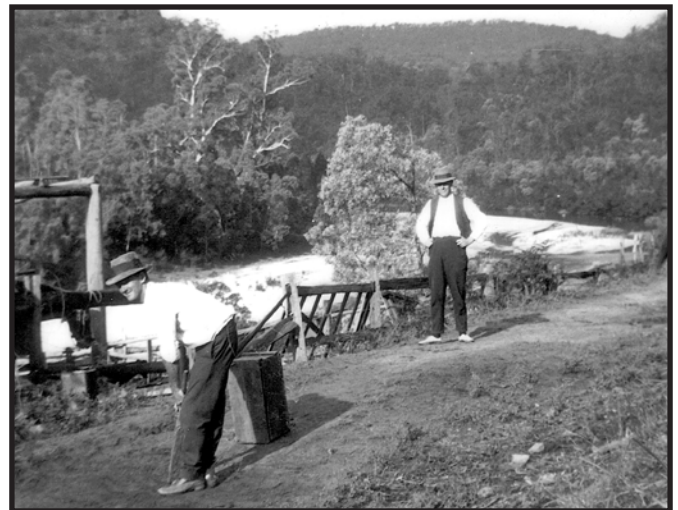
Cricket news

At last the Comleroy cricketers have taken the right step in having a concrete wicket put down on their ground. It is to be hoped it will be a wicket of the first order, and also that it will be the means of an improvement in the form of all the members. However, it will be the means of better cricket being shown, and will considerably lessen the possibility of accidents to players. It is also pleasing to know that a local man has been successful in getting the job, and it is certain the contractor (Mr. Wholohan) will do all in his power to give his club mates a perfect wicket to play on.

Windsor and Richmond Gazette
31 October 1896

A record bowling feat was accomplished by a lad named Douglas, son of Mr. W. Douglas, of North Richmond, on Saturday last, in the cricket match between North Richmond Public-school and a team from the local Superior Public-school. He secured 5 wickets in 6 balls, the bowling and wickets obtained being equally good.

Windsor and Richmond Gazette
12 December 1896



Cecil Shepherd wicketkeeping to a member of the Males family
Taken 1920s at 'Arthurville', the Males family property at Colo

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If you would like to place an order for the book or would like further details on pricing and content please contact:

Bronwyn Ford 4571 3182
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From the Editor

A new year has arrived, and our history has aged another year. At this time of year our thoughts are generally on what the new year might bring. As members of an historical society our thoughts should also be on the importance of preserving memories and records of the year which has just passed.

I am very grateful to Valerie Birch for passing on a large number of articles from early issues of local newspapers. These were sent to her from Rod and Wendy Gow after a Spring clean of their archive. I will be utilising this wealth of material for future issues and hope readers find the articles informative and at times amusing. Before the invention of television and the widespread ownership of radio, newsprint was the only means of mass communication. The articles and advertisements in these early newspapers help us paint a clearer picture of the daily life of our forebears.

This issue has been printed earlier than usual as Lynette Parry, the printer at Hawkesbury Council, will be on leave over the Christmas – New Year period. I cannot thank Lynette enough for her help in the production of *The Millstone*, and hope that she, as well as all of our members and readers, have a very merry and restive festive season.

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Meredyth, James, and Sam

CHRIS UPTON



Photo: Sam Hood (1872-1953)

New bus for Mackay Tours

Meredyth Hungerford's obituary published in the May-June issue of *The Millstone* mentioned that she had been employed at the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in their research department.

Headquartered in New York City, the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency is one of the world's largest.

One of their first successes was their 1912 campaign designed to convince women to use deodorant products, using the slogan: "You can't vote, but you can smell nice." They commissioned market research studies, and were the first agency to open a research department.

Sam Hood's career as a photographer began in the 1880s. He ran a successful business in portraits of ships and people in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. In 1918 he acquired the Dalny Studios at 124 Pitt St. Sydney and expanded his business into press photography, supplying images for the *Sydney Mail*, the *Australasian*, the *Daily Guardian*, the *Daily Telegraph Pictorial*, the *Labor Daily*, the *Sun*, the *Daily News*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

By the mid 1930s most newspapers employed their own photographers, and Sam's commissions from the papers declined. He was fortunate that he had many contacts within the entertainment industry who called upon him to document celebrities, events, and help them with their advertising.

This photo is from Sam Hood's collection at the State Library of NSW. The record states that it was taken by Sam for J. Walter Thompson on 27 April 1947, and the subject is a new bus for Mackay Tours, Kurrajong Heights. There is no mention, however, of the identity of the people in the photo or of the location where the photo was taken.

The people inside the bus are unlikely to have been passengers as the bus appears to be not registered and would not be legally able to transport them. Those standing in front would not all fit inside, so this appears to be a staged photo.

Members and readers might be able to add detail concerning the date, 27 April 1947, which could help identify those involved in the photo.

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Syd Sheldon – poet & musician

A RECOLLECTION BY KEITH FREEMAN

Syd's book of poems represents just one small part of his skills. I only met him late in his life when he had already entered the Richmond Nursing Home but I was impressed with his stories and in particular his love of music.

My wife, Margery, and myself moved into the Hawkesbury district in 1983 after my retirement without knowing one person in the district. The only person we had ever spoken to was the estate agent whom we met twice. We moved from Mount Helen near Ballarat in Victoria where we had been quite active in community work.

Margery had been particularly active with the Country Women's Association so she joined the Richmond branch and was immediately visiting the patients in the nursing home. One of the visitors played the piano and quite a few of the patients would join in the singing. However, the piano eventually gave up and was replaced with the gift of an electronic organ which the pianist said she could not play. So the hunt was on for an organist. I played the organ by ear and only for my own amusement and not for public appearance. After much persuasion I promised to just have a look at it.

Now nearly 20 years on I am still playing the successive gift organs as they come and go.

It was quiet early in the piece that I met Syd and heard about his activities. He had a dance band that was very popular for dances and other entertainment especially around the Kurrajong area. His stories were great, and of course many of them are preserved in his book. He played many musical instruments but he had not been able to bring them all into the nursing home. However he did have a mouth organ and a *jiggle stick* or whatever it is called. After considerable persuasion I managed to get him to accompany me on his mouth organ. We enjoyed many mornings playing the old songs and dance music.

The most remarkable thing was that I would start playing a tune, without telling Syd what it was going to be, and by about



Courtesy: Sheldon family

Syd Sheldon on the left, unknown lad on the right

the second note he would have picked up the tune and would provide the accompaniment at full strength. I didn't have any music, nor did Syd, and it could have been one of the seven or eight hundred that I knew and played at random. I never ceased to be amazed at his ability and still can't fathom it. We did keep strict tempo so that may have helped. Anyway, it was a sad time for me when Syd became too ill to play.

I purchased his book after Syd had passed on and I feel it is a book well worthy of being preserved as part of this area. There would not be too many people who would remember Syd now.

Keith Freeman 2004

Note This article was a hand-written note handed to us by Keith at the conclusion of our recent outing tracing the Richmond to Kurrajong rail line. We thank him for allowing us to reproduce his recollections. A copy of Syd Sheldon's book is held in our library's collection and some of his poems have been recorded by Steve Rawling and are available on CD from the Society.

MYSTERY PHOTO



Courtesy: Amana Murray

TWO UNKNOWN LADIES at the front of Tellings' general store at Kurrajong Heights. The photo was probably taken in the 1920s. The site is currently occupied by Opal Access.

The general store stocked a wide range of products: small-goods, confectionary, tobacco, cigarettes, iced drinks, stationery, petrol, and oil. The most prominent brands advertised in the windows are all pain-killers: Bex, Aspro, and Vincents. Life on the land was clearly a 'headache' in past years.

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Windsor and Richmond Gazette 27 June 1908

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Christmas 1896

The families of Kurrajong have been greeted again this Christmas, now just passed, by a nice parcel of books each from Mr J. Comrie of Northfield, the Heights. Your readers will remember that for many years this gentleman has distributed large quantities of publications amongst the families of this district as a Christmas greeting.

His object in doing so is to supply a little sound and useful Christian reading, and especially to those families who live beyond the reach of the ordinary services of any church.

Mr Comrie has distributed, this time, over 170 parcels containing over 9,000 publications amongst the families residing from Mount Tomah to Wheeney Creek, and those residing at Blaxland's Ridge, Colo Road, Bullridge, Comleroy Road, Salis' Flats, and South Kurrajong. These generous greetings are always gratefully received, and do much good.

Windsor and Richmond Gazette
4 January 1896

Narrow escape

On Monday evening last as Mrs Pitt, a resident of the Kurrajong, was in the act of removing a bag of flour in the store, she accidentally happened to disturb a snake which lay concealed close by. The dangerous reptile immediately seized and bit her on the hand; she instantly shook the venomous creature off, and her husband, Mr Robert Pitt, being handy by, lost no time in sucking the wound and succeeded in withdrawing the poisonous humour, but not however without incurring the most imminent risk of his own life, for he had no sooner done so than he was seized with the usual lethiferous symptoms attending snakebites.

Medical attendance was immediately sent for. In the meantime a native *croodjee* (aboriginal doctor) hearing of the circumstance flew to his aid, and after alternately sucking the sides of his neck, seemingly with wonderful force, accompanying the operation with sundry rather curious gesticulations, declared him out of danger.

However, be this as it may, the prompt attendance and well known pharmaceutical skill of Dr Day, who shortly arrived, soon settled the point, and restored the quietude of the family, and it is with great pleasure we are thus enabled to announce the successful recovery of this truly philanthropic gentleman.

Windsor Telegraph
11 January 1851

I forbid all ministers of religion from marrying **Thomas Richard William Douglas** as he has promised marriage to me. If he contracts marriage with anyone else I intend to take proceedings against him.

Jane Blundell
Lower Portland

Australian - Windsor, Richmond & Hawkesbury Advertiser
30 December 1876

From The Archive

James & Sophia Comrie



Courtesy: Thelma Groch

MR JAMES & SOPHIA COMRIE, née Russell, in the grounds of their property Northfield at Kurrajong Heights. James moved from Tasmania and purchased the property in 1857. He was known as a book lover and philanthropist. He died in 1902 and a plaque bearing his name is in St David's Uniting Church at Kurrajong Heights.

Boys at Frankfield



Courtesy: Betty Pitt

FRANK PITT & ONE OF HIS FRIENDS preparing to go shooting at the Douglass property Frankfield. The photo was taken in the late 1930s, the property was off Hermitage Road at Kurrajong North, and was William Douglass' house.

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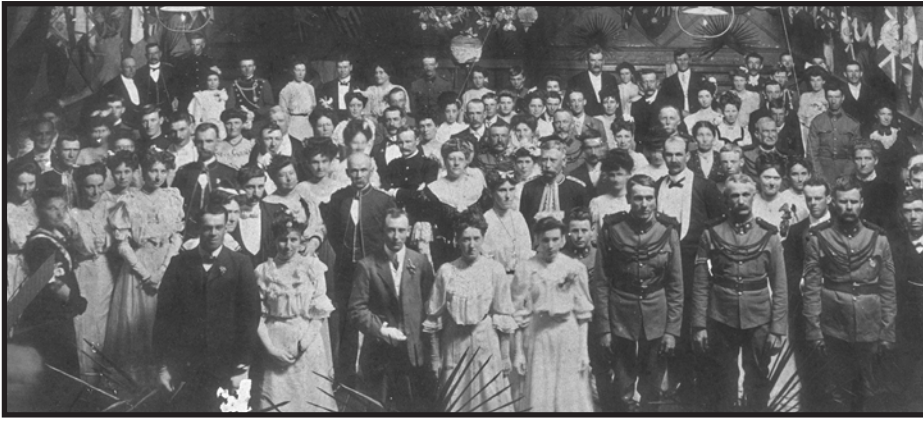
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D Company annual ball 1911



The September–October 2005 issue of *The Millstone* contained an article written by Ron Rozzoli outlining his thoughts on a photo published in an earlier edition. Since the article was published Ron kept digging for further detail and his effort was rewarded by finding an account of the ball in the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* published Saturday, 8 July 1911. This article was first discovered by chance by Cathy McHardy.

It is now known the ball was a military one. D company Richmond annual ball was held in the main auditorium of the Richmond School of Arts and the date was Friday, 30 June 1911.

The following are extracts from the article in the Gazette giving mention to those who were present at the ball, and likely to be included in the photo, part of which is shown above. A framed copy of the original photo is on display at the Richmond School of Arts.

There was a large attendance, the ladies dominating in number and esprit de corps which existed throughout the evening was a very pleasing feature. The music was supplied by Glass and Tremain's Orchestra – piano, violin, and cornet. Extras were kindly played by Miss Pitt, Miss Williamson, and Miss Travis.

The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were carried out by Sgt. Travis and Pte. Harold McMahon. The caterer was Mr Peter Beveridge and the supper was recherche [elegant]. The hosts were Lt. Bowman-Douglas OC and Lt. W. R. Allison of D Co. 3rd A.I. Regt. Other officers present were Maj. Helsham, army medical corps, Capt. Smith I.S., Capt. Hall A.I.H., Lt. H. Dunston A.I.H., and Lt. C. Pye of A Co. 3rd A.I. Regt. Also present was Mr Mulliner from the auditor's department, and the mayor, Mr T. Waters.

Among those who gave assistance during the evening were Sgt. Buckton, Clr. Sgt. Bennett, and privates Shelton, Marlin, and Drayton.

Among ladies present were the following: Mrs Helsham, Mrs B. Hall, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Smith (Parramatta), Mrs P. Saunders, Mrs Wild, Mrs Travers, Mrs Peterson, Mrs Drayton, Miss Hibbert, Miss K. Hall, Miss Gale, Miss Williamson, Miss Percival, Miss Fairs, Miss Stinson, Miss Lizzie Stinson, Miss Lila Stinson, Miss Gwen Sly, Miss Nora Stewart, Miss Neta Travis, Miss Donahue, Miss N. Donohue, Miss Prosser, Miss Donelly, Miss H. Donelly, Miss Gosper, Miss Buckton, Miss Mabel Buckton, Miss Peard, Miss Peterson, Miss Gosper, Miss Nellie McMahon, Miss Ridge, Miss Tessie Bowling, Miss Celie Bowling, and Miss Clarke.

Water wheel model

The aim of this project is to create a working model of a water wheel similar to that which would have driven one of Singleton's mills on Little Wheeny Creek.

Bryan Wyborn is the craftsman willing to build this model and will be assisted by others who hope to recreate a model depicting the landscape around the mill.

If anyone has a small water pump similar to those used in ornamental ponds, and/or a small polypropylene pond which they no longer require, the society would appreciate it if they could be donated towards this project.

If you are able to help with supplying components or would like to be involved in constructing the project, please contact:

Frank Holland 4573 2226

Feedback

Bulga Road workers
Nov – Dec 2007 p7

The reference to *A. Hill and Sons Katoomba* on the door of the truck brought memories back to Bill Ranse, sales manager at Lean & Bennett Toyota in Lithgow, and resident of Wallerawang.

His father was involved in the trucking industry in Katoomba for many years. Bill has a clear memory of an *Alfie* Hill who owned and operated a trucking company at the time the photo was taken. Bill's father worked for a different company, but photos he has of the trucks his father drove are of the same vintage as those in the photo.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

VALERIE HOLLAND

Saturday, 26 January

The Kurrajong Heights Hotel will be the venue of our Australia Day Breakfast celebration, commencing 9.00 am.

Guest speaker will be Steve Rawling and his subject will be a former Kurrajong resident and highly acclaimed botanist, Louisa Atkinson. Entertainment will be provided by Ian O'Toole with some traditional Australian activities. It will be the ideal day to catch up with friends and meet new members. Cost per member will be \$25.

Bookings need to be made by 1 January with Airdrie Martin 4567 7921 or Joy Shepherd 4571 1524.

KATHIE'S THANKS

As the founding president of the KCHS it was very difficult for me to decide that the time had come to retire from the executive committee. My decision was made easier by the fact that the current committee is doing a wonderful job.

I would like to thank all those who helped me during my time on the committee, especially Joy Shepherd, Frank and Valerie Holland, Val Birch, and Les Dollin.

I will be spending my retirement doing research, and further work on the local history project.

Kathie McMahon

Monday, 10 March

'Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains' is the title of this proposed coach tour. This journey of discovery, with tour director Les Dollin, will highlight some of the hidden history along the Bells Line of Road to Mount Tomah.

At this stage it is proposed that we bring our own morning tea and lunch and have a cuppa at Mount Tomah. Lunch can be purchased at Mount Tomah but bookings are required.

We need early expressions of interest and payment to confirm the coach booking. This will be a popular field trip so please book early to avoid disappointment. Cost, based on our last tour, should be approx. \$20 – \$25 for members and an extra \$5 for non-members.

For bookings and details phone Valerie Holland 4573 2226 or Joy Shepherd 4571 1524.

Monday, 31 March

The general meeting will commence at 7.30pm at the Kurrajong Radio Museum operated by Ian and Patricia O'Toole, 842 Bells Line of Road Kurrajong. After the meeting Ian will give a short talk about this interesting museum. Supper will be served so a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

For further details phone Valerie Holland 4573 2226

Hawkesbury Regional Museum – Volunteers required –

The museum will soon be opening and they are currently recruiting volunteers. They would like to encourage members of local historical societies to participate as the museum covers the history of the whole Hawkesbury area. They are also aware of the valuable knowledge and skills the members of our society have, and volunteering through the museum is a great way of sharing this knowledge with the community and a wider audience.

People wishing to work as volunteers with the Hawkesbury Regional Museum are invited to apply for one or more of the following positions:

- Visitor guides
- Education guides
- Function attendants
- Office administration
- Front of house ambassadors
- Curatorial project volunteers
- Heritage precinct walk guides

This is an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and be part of an enthusiastic team bringing a high quality museum experience to residents and visitors.

Application forms are available from the society or contact can be made direct to the Hawkesbury City Council's Volunteer Co-ordinator, Cultural Services:

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