

## 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*

### THIS ISSUE

#### 3 Greens heritage policy

Ms Sylvia Hale MLC outlined the Greens Party's policy on heritage at a June meeting organised by BMACHO, the third in a series helping member societies to hear first hand the heritage priorities of the State's major political parties

#### 4 Charles Duppy & family

Charles was a rector at St Stephen's Kurrajong for five years in the late 1880s. His son attained the position of Anglican Bishop of Hong Kong

#### 6 McMahon Park

Some historical background to the park featured in the opening article in the previous issue on the opening of the Kurrajong Community Centre

#### 7 Working life in the 1940s

Two photos from the Society's archives showing working life on the land and in business in the 1940s. Kevin McMahon & unknown helpers, and a trusty service station at North Richmond

#### 8 Dates for your diary

Final reminders of our midyear dinner at Sassafras Creek Tuesday, 27 July, Hawkesbury Family History Fair at Hawkesbury Central Library Saturday, 7 August, and the Society's coach trip 'Tracing Macquarie's Journey' Monday, 30 August

#### New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new members

**RODERICK DAYMENT**  
**JENNIFER EVERETT**

### Old Government House visit

VALERIE HOLLAND

On Wednesday, 12 May twenty-eight members and friends of KCHS visited Old Government House at Parramatta to further examine the building's colonial heritage. In particular, we were interested in the tenure of the fifth colonial governor, Major-General Lachlan Macquarie, and his wife Elizabeth, through their major influence on the successful development of the colony, as well as architectural extensions to the building from January 1810 to December 1821.

Parramatta, formerly Rose Hill, *was officially named by the Governor, Captain Arthur Phillip on 4 June 1791*. It was chosen as a site for cropping as it contained *fertile land close to a river*. The new colony urgently needed food to survive so the 'Governor's Domain' was founded on 3,000 acres, farmed by convicts under military supervision. *The Domain was traditionally Dharug land. It was farmed and fished by the Burramatta clan of the Dharug and was known as 'Burramatta', 'Burra' meaning 'eel' and 'matta' meaning 'creek'*.

We gathered at the side of this commanding building which sits on the grassy Rose Hill overlooking the Parramatta river, before being joined by National Trust volunteers and being divided into three groups. Our guides explained that the original building had contained an entrance hall and four rooms, two either side of the hall and two large and one small directly above the lower rooms. To gain entry to the upper rooms an external staircase was erected at the back of the building.



Photo: Frank Holland

Old Government House at Parramatta, New South Wales, *is Australia's oldest surviving public building. It was completed in 1799 on the same alignment as a simple house erected earlier by the colony's first governor, Captain Arthur Phillip, and was used as a country residence by successive governors until 1855. Governor Hunter erected the central block of Old Government House as it stands today.*

After Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie arrived they oversaw considerable extensions to make the building more comfortable. A two storey structure was added at the back of the building and access to the upper floor was made easier by an internal Australian cedar staircase built c.1895. Macquarie described the original as being .. "so bad as to be dangerous – many persons having got severe falls on it."

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## President's Corner

As the 2009/10 financial year has drawn to a close our thoughts turn to the 2010/11 year. As we know during the latter half of 2010 our activities celebrating the visit of Governor Macquarie, Elizabeth Macquarie and party in 1810 build up towards the formal dinner to be held at Loxley on Bellbird Hill on Wednesday, 1 December 2010. This will be exactly 200 years since the governor passed through 'The Kurrajong'.

The Society's annual dinner at Sassafras Creek Restaurant on Tuesday, 27 July with the Hon. Kevin Rozzoli AM being the guest speaker has proven popular with bookings approaching fifty members and friends. If you have not booked and would like to attend a few places remain and bookings can be confirmed by contacting the secretary. All other Macquarie events, as reported in the last issue, are on track.

It is probably an opportune time to remind everyone that many events to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary are occurring throughout the Hawkesbury. Major events are planned at Castlereagh, Pitt Town, Richmond, Wilberforce and Windsor. There are too many to itemise in this column so I strongly recommend that you access the Hawkesbury City Council's website and follow the links to check out the many activities.

If you are connected to the internet I encourage you to have a look at the Society's website - www.kurrajonghistory.org.au as the new pages are certainly worth viewing.

No doubt we will end 2010 with a degree of tiredness however 2011 brings a very important milestone - the Society will celebrate its tenth year of operation. Planning is underway to celebrate this occasion and *The Millstone* will keep you posted on those activities in due course.

I would like to thank all of our advertisers for their very loyal and most welcome support over the years. I also welcome Tai Chi in the Wollemi and Kurrajong Friendly Grocer as new advertisers and encourage all readers to support all our advertisers as it is they who make the distribution of our newsletter possible.

As I write this article we are still awaiting confirmation of the Governor of New South Wales attendance at the December formal dinner. In conversations with Governor Marie Bashir she has indicated that she would love to attend and will try to do so. However, the demands on her time are enormous. Whatever happens, one way or another, we will have a governor present on the night. Cost of this event is yet to be confirmed and is expected to be \$55 per head. The next issue of *The Millstone* will provide full details.

Finally you will note that the insert in the newsletter advises the date and place of our annual general meeting in September. It also provides a nomination form for the election of office bearers and committee members. Nominations need to be in the hands of the secretary no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 20 August. The nominees names will be published in *The Millstone* in the issue immediately prior to the AGM.

Regards to all and I hope to catch up with you at one of our upcoming events.

### Kurrajong – Comleroy Historical Society Incorporated

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### Leading from the Past to the Future

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## Greens Party heritage policy

JOHN LEARY

At the recent meeting organised by BMACHO at Springwood Sports Club on 18 June Ms Sylvia Hale MLC outlined the Greens Party policy on heritage which it will take to the electorate at the forthcoming State election. This meeting was the third in a series organised by BMACHO to enable members of the organisation to learn more detail of the heritage policies of each major political party.

The Greens Party will push for a clear and publicly supported set of heritage rules which are impartially and uniformly enforced, rather than the current mess of multilayered rules that can be easily overridden by ministers and bureaucrats. They are of the opinion that to a large extent heritage protection in this state is now illusory and the time has come to reform the planning system so that development decisions are made on the basis of public interest.

The party's heritage priorities are:

- Ensuring the independence of the NSW Heritage Council by guaranteeing it funding and making it accountable to the parliament rather than to a minister, and that its members are representative of the communities and professional organisations involved with heritage matters.
- Provide adequate resources to permit an increase in the rate of assessment of items for inclusion on the State Heritage Register. Delisting an item on the register will require the approval of the Heritage Council and local councils will need to notify them of any item of heritage significance which might be demolished or altered.
- Facilitate the extension of interim heritage protection orders to items not on the State Heritage Register by encouraging, and funding, local councils to revise and extend their local heritage registers.
- Remove 'economic disadvantage' as a reason to delist a heritage item and the ruling of a minister to unilaterally delist an item without consultation.

Thanking Ms Hale for her address and responses to questions asked by those present, BMACHO president John Leary OAM said many in the community, especially those in the heritage sector would welcome the proposed policies. He also said that it would be farcical to believe that heritage could be adequately protected with the powers which have been given to the minister for planning under Part 3A of the Planning Act 2005.

Professor Ian Jack, president of the Royal Australian Historical Society who has had a long association with the former Heritage Council, welcomed the proposed policies as well.



Sylvia Hale MLC, Greens Party



## From the Editor

Joy Shepherd's article on page four is another good example that the term "everything is available on the Internet" is far from true. As Joy was sending me draft copies of the article I spent some time on the Internet trying to source relevant photos to accompany the article. After many hours I was only able to come up with the location of one photo of Charles Snr's son and this was in the collection of the National Portrait Gallery, Kew in England. The cost of \$77 to have the photo printed from a plate glass negative was beyond my means so the search came to an end.

If any reader might have information or photos of Charles and his family I would urge you to forward them to Joy as the article is a work in progress and the subject is one that should be recorded for anyone with an interest in the history of the local district and its many interesting characters.

I am hoping that the family history group update will become a regular column. From the correspondence I have been receiving I have formed the opinion that there is a growing interest and membership of the group. Their activities, researching and recording the history of various local families, are one of the basic functions of any historical society. Coach trips and social functions are a great way for members to meet each other and share information but it should not be forgotten that recording the history of the district is most important.

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## Charles Duppy & his Family

Rector of St Stephens, Kurrajong 1883 – 87

JOY SHEPHERD

Charles Duppy Sen. was born in London in 1852. His early life is still to be researched, but we do know that he was a Church of England curate to the Rev. John Woodhouse at Tyneside in the 1870s, where he met and married the vicar's daughter, Frances, in 1877.

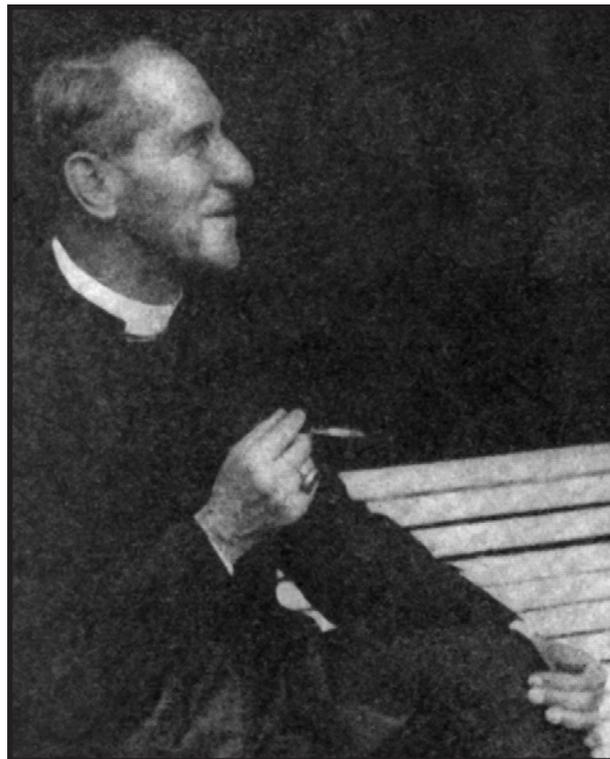
Their eldest child, Charles Ridley Duppy, was born on 22 September 1881. When Charles Jnr was around two years old and his brother Cecil was a baby, there were serious concerns about Charles Senr's health and it was decided to relocate to a better climate in Australia.

After a long trip by sailing boat to Melbourne the family moved to New South Wales, and Rev. Duppy was offered the Parish of St Stephen's at Kurrajong, where the family spent the next five years. Daughter Aline was born in November 1884 and another daughter Leila in September 1886.

In this beautiful part of the world teeming with insects and reptiles, eldest son Ridley developed a keen interest in nature study, keeping tadpoles, lizards, frogs and caterpillars in confinement to study them more closely. He knew no fear, and on occasion would ride bareback his father's buck-jumping horse. As the nearest school was more than three miles away, at Kurrajong North, it was considered too far for the children to attend. However, enquiring minds led to a considerable store of knowledge at an early age.

Charles Snr was a great thinker and was not afraid to express his views, either from the pulpit or in writing. He was prolific in his writings to the press, and in particular *The Sydney Morning Herald*. On 14 October 1884 he replied to a letter from 'An Englishwoman' expressing the need for .. "a Convalescent Home for Gentlewomen of Limited Means." He was so concerned for these women that he offered to set the wheels in motion for such a scheme for a short time, until a successor could be secured.

Being very much an Evangelical preacher, he believed that certain sections of the Church of England Clergy were "leaning towards Rome". In August 1887 Charles delivered a public lecture in Sydney on 'The Bible and Ritualism'. He also delivered a similar lecture in Maitland, which seemed to stir up quite a hornet's nest, even amongst fellow clergy. At this time Charles was the organising secretary for the Church of England Association of New South Wales. The editors of both *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury* were deluged with letters back and forth. One such letter to the *Maitland Mercury*



From the cover of the book  
'Ridley Duppy – Friend & Bishop' by R E Doggett

from Daniel F M Hulbert MA, Member of Cambridge Senate from Manly met with a stinging reply from Charles, with the closing paragraph. "If the many ecclesiastic (the name of whose abode by the way belies his character) had confined himself to the task of proving that what I said was false, he would have won my respect. But by descending to a personal and wholly uncalled for attack, he has earned what will doubtless be accord him – the supreme and profound contempt of all true men. – Yours, etc., Chas Duppy, Kurrajong Parsonage, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1887."

The Duppy family left Kurrajong shortly afterwards, Charles was transferred to Sydney, serving at Newtown and at Croydon. In 1888 he became editor of a new monthly paper *The Church of England Intelligencer*. The boys were enrolled in a private school. Over their three years in Sydney, Rev Charles Duppy became well-known as a distinguished preacher and a fine organiser.

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## A Grand Waratah Dance

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In Macquarie's time the upper floor contained two bedrooms, a dressing room, a nursery for young Lachlan, a store room and wc. Downstairs, at the back of the main formal sitting and dining rooms were a butler's pantry, housekeeper's room, stairwell and an office for the governor. We were delighted to see that during excavations, floorboards from this office were lifted revealing remains of Governor Arthur Phillip's cottage.

Macquarie also added colonnades either side of the main building. The north pavilion gave entry to Lachlan and Elizabeth's private rooms which included a large breakfast room also used as a sitting and drawing room, sleeping and dressing rooms. The southern colonnade led to the kitchen, larders, housekeeper's room and servant's hall.

It has been acknowledged that Elizabeth influenced the landscaping of the grounds. *She brought architectural pattern books to Australia and is thought to have influenced the design of the Doric portico at the entrance of the building, designed by Francis Greenway.* When the breakfast room was constructed in 1816 a chinoiserie bower of wooden construction was erected at the door to the garden and later covered with a vine.

In 1909 Old Government House faced demolition before the *government architect, Walter Liberty Vernon, undertook major works at the property prior to its lease to the King's School* until 1967. It now remains standing on two and a half acres of the original Governor's Domain surrounded by Parramatta Park.

Old Government House is a building of national significance which is being faithfully restored and refurbished under the guidance of the National Trust of Australia, (NSW). Meticulous research has been undertaken into acquiring suitable furnishings of the Macquarie era for the front ground floor rooms and pieces related to the many occupants of other rooms. Volunteers have also been involved in the painstaking work of recreating and decorating the soft furnishings.

At the conclusion of this enlightening tour we thanked our hosts before moving to the back of the building, past an archaeological dig to enjoy a light lunch in one of the rooms of Lachlan's Restaurant which is housed within the former garrison building. We look forward to the time when the restoration of the house has been completed.

**Reference**

*Old Government House, Parramatta*  
National Trust Series, Sydney 2000

The following was reported under the news of WINDSOR which was contributed by a CORRESPONDENT for the Sydney Morning Herald

**THE KURRAJONG.**— About three months ago, a subscription was set on foot for the erection and repair of a suitable school house in this mountainous region of the colony. A sum of more than £70 was subscribed, and various contributions in materials were promised by the surrounding inhabitants. We are now happy to state that, under the superintendence of the Rev. J. Elder, the works and repairs are nearly completed, and that in the course of a week or so the school house will be in a fit state to receive pupils. A teacher has been advertised for, and we sincerely trust that an efficient person will be procured; for really this out-of-the-way place has been entirely neglected of late in educational matters, and if suffered to continue so much longer, there is no doubt the rising generation at Kurrajong would grow up little better than barbarians.

Sydney Morning Herald  
12 January 1854 (p. 3)

Contributed by Michelle Nichols

Department of Public Instruction,  
Sydney, 24th July, 1884.

**FRESH TENDERS FOR NEW BUILDINGS.**

**F**RESH TENDERS are invited for erection of new Public School buildings at Comleroy Road, near Kurrajong.

Plans and Specifications may be seen, and Forms of Tender obtained at the office of the Department of Public Instruction, Sydney, and at Comleroy Road Public School, on application to the Teacher.

Tenders, endorsed "Fresh Tenders for new buildings, Comleroy Road Public School," must be lodged with the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Public Instruction, at or before 10 o'clock a.m., on Monday, the 18th August, 1884.

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**W. J. TRICKETT.**

The Cumberland Mercury  
30 July 1884

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## McMahon Park – a brief history

KATHIE MCMAHON

On 21 July 1808 a grant of 500 acres was given to William Lawson at what was to become known as Kurrajong. This grant was re-issued by the new governor, Lachlan Macquarie on 1 January 1810.

Lawson did not live within the district as he owned several other properties in the colony. In 1806 he began farming at Concord and by 1810 he had extended this property to 370 acres.

The land from the Lawson grant passed through several hands over the coming years and over time was divided into smaller separate portions. One of the early owners, John Lamrock, together with Alfred Jones, donated part of their land in 1869 to enable the construction of St Stephen's Church of England.

The Windsor and Richmond gazette reported in 1897 that the property where the park now stands was the home of the Kurrajong Race Club and a beautiful race course.

On 14 June 1911 part of the land from the Lawson grant bordering Wheeny Creek was gazetted under control of the Colo Shire Council and was named 'Kurrajong Park'. A notable event held there was the peace celebration welcoming the district's soldiers home from World War One.

Kurrajong Park was re-named 'McMahon Park' on 29 March 1947 in honour of James Edward McMahon, the longest serving councillor of the Colo Shire. The plaque at the front gates of the park reads: "Erected by the Colo Shire Council to the memory of ex-councillor J E McMahon who served the ratepayers for thirty-five years, 1906–1941. Unveiled by Cr Matheson 29 March 1947."



Marie McMahon & Harold Matheson unveiling the plaque

Photo courtesy Kathie McMahon

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Their next move took them to Jamberoo (much to the delight of the children). Being near the sea, there were opportunities for fishing, lots of space and they also had the chance to hone their riding skills. The two boys attended and enjoyed the local school.

Then, in 1891, the family's world was torn apart when Rev Charles Duppy contracted influenza, which led to pneumonia and in a few days to his untimely death on 28 October.

Frances Duppy was left with five children, ranging in age from 10 years to 4 months. Although her many friends surrounded and supported her, she decided it was time to return to England. They returned to Harrogate, then to her brother's vicarage in Middlesborough, which became their happy home for many years.

Ridley was determined to help his mother, and although often ill, he managed to go to Oxford and pay his own way. He left Oxford after a year at Wycliffe Hall and had to fill in some months before he could be ordained. To support his mother and family he joined the Mersey Mission to Seamen.

Ridley went on to an illustrious career, first as a curate at Aston in 1904, where with his very small stipend was able to make a home for his mother and sisters. One sister married and another pursued a nursing career. Ridley lived with his mother for the next fifteen years. He went on to become the Vicar of Bradford, then became part of the CMS team in 1911 where his work is well documented.

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## Letters to the Editor



The Editor - Millstone

I enjoy reading each issue of *The Millstone*, it brings back lots of memories of days gone by. The last issue [June - July] and the article on the Johns family was interesting.

'Boola' John lived in a timber hut on my father's property, *Peartree* on Hermitage Road, Netley Hill (now Douglass Farm Road) and I lived on my grandfather's adjoining property, *Frankfield*. It's strange that *Frankfield* had Kurrajong trees quite close to the house alongside a huge Moreton Bay fig tree. Boola lived a hermit-like type of life, never worried anybody, had a big beard that scared some children. He used to walk the four miles to Kurrajong with a sugar bag over his shoulder for his supplies. Sometimes my aunt would give him some home-made bread or jam. I'm surprised that he was part of a big family as I don't ever remember anyone visiting him, perhaps he went to them. He helped with the bullock teams that hauled the timber through our place for the timber cutters.

The article on Wally Clewett also rings a bell with me. My mother died when I was a year old and when I was fourteen my father married David Caughey's mother who had four teenagers, one that married Wally Clewett. When my father threatened to "put a bullet through him", if he dared come near Meg she left home, married Wally and lived happily ever after.

I well remember my aunt Nina's friends Blanche and Minnie Pittman. We often visited them by horse and sulky for tea.

I sometimes wonder if anyone of the old brigade remember me. I attended Kurrajong North and Richmond Rural schools by *Pansy*. I also attended cooking and needlework at *Kamilaroi*, part of Richmond Rural as mentioned in an article in recent Sydney press. I met Arthur Poole on my last visit to St David's and he died soon after. His daughter, Annie, was one of my mates.

I recently turned ninety, the last of D'arcy Douglass' family and a granddaughter of the Baileys of 'Bailey's Lane'. There are lots of memories there and I enjoy reading about them.

I look forward to the next issue. Wishing your society success in the future.

*Nell Downes* (née Douglass)  
21 April 2010

 From  
**THE ARCHIVES**

**Kevin McMahon & two friends**



Photo courtesy Kathie McMahon

A photo worthy of a 'Chesty Bond' advertisement. It was taken in the 1940s and shows Kevin McMahon and two young friends collecting stakes for his orchard. The photo was taken on the opposite side to Bellbird Echo guest house, looking south-west. Remony farm and the Dunston orange orchards can be seen in the background. Mill Dunston's house is on the hill to the right.

**North Richmond Garage**



Photo courtesy Roger Sinavin

This photo of Lin Shepherd's garage on the corner of Bell's Line of Road and Terrace Road, North Richmond, was taken in 1948. Alf Onley built and ran the original garage which was acquired by Lin about 1940. The Caltex garage now stands on the site.

As well as selling six brands of petrol Lin also ran a hire car business. The garage would close while he had a hire car engagement, often stranding motorists in need of petrol until his return.

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*KCHS Family History  
Group update*

CAROLYNNE COOPER

The family history group (FHG) has been given access to transcribe the St Stephen's registers and to date we have transcribed 400 individuals.

Kathie McMahon-Nolf's husband, Alec, has been a great asset to our group. He has designed a computer programme which has made doing the transcriptions so much easier than in the past. Alec has added features to the programme which enables us to put in more family information and add photos to each individual. We would like to thank Alec for all his help. If anyone has a problem he comes straight away and helps to rectify the problem. It would be wonderful to have more Alects around.

We have been uncovering some rather interesting stories. Two of the ministers have led us to some fascinating information and tales. One of them, Charles Duppy, is the subject of an article published in this issue of *The Millstone* by Joy Shepherd. Joy is also working on another article concerning the Reverend Donkin which should hopefully appear in the next issue.

The FHG will be attending the Hawkesbury Model and Hobby Show at Clarendon on 3-4 July and the Hawkesbury Family History Fair on Saturday, 7 August at the Hawkesbury Central Library in the Deerubin Centre, 300 George Street Windsor.

Our group works really well together and if there is anyone who would like to join the group or seek further information on its goals and purpose, please feel free to phone 4576 0356.

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**TENNYSON.**

An interesting letter was received by Mr. Wilson, our popular teacher, from one of his old pupils, Private Pat Murphy, who is now in France; also a letter from one of his nephews, Sapper J. V. Wilson, who states that while repairing trenches on the French frontier after a big battle, he came across some heroes who had died from shock, or other causes, with no wounds of any description. The bodies of other poor fellows were in many pieces.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette  
7 Jul 1916

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Cost per person is \$30. Alcohol is BYO or you can purchase at the restaurant. Corkage applies.

Numbers are limited. For further information and bookings contact Valerie Holland on 4573 2226 or Airdrie Martin on 4567 7921.

### CORRECTION

In the article "Kurrajong Community Centre opening" which appeared on the front page of the previous issue, it was stated that one of the community groups which were represented was a 'yoga' group. The group are practitioners of tai chi and are members of 'Tai Chi in the Wollombi'.

Kathie McMahon apologises for the error and as penance would recommend to all members regardless of age to make enquiries how tai chi might be beneficial to your health and well-being. Contact Kieran Warner on 4567 0502 and 0427 671202

### Saturday, 7 August

Hawkesbury Family History Fair 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Displays and lectures hosted by the Hawkesbury Family History group at Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor. KCHS will be hosting a display during the fair.

Cost of each lecture is \$2.

For further details phone 4560 4400 or email mnichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

### Monday, 30 August

'Tracing Macquarie's Journey' will be a coach trip commencing at 9 a.m. at the millstones in the Kurrajong village and concluding at 3.30 p.m.

Members who have made bookings are requested to make sure payments are made by 30 July as there is a waiting list of people wishing to join.

For further details please contact Valerie Holland on 4573 2226 or Airdrie Martin on 4567 7921.

### Monday, 20 September

Our annual general meeting will be held at Comleroy Road Public School. The guest speaker to be advised.

Members are encouraged to view the Hawkesbury City Council website at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au. as the Hawkesbury Library and the National Trust of Australia (NSW) Hawkesbury branch have a number of interesting celebrations planned for August. ☺

Greetings to all those kind people who purchased a copy of my book 'Robert Forrester, First Fleeter'. I thought that you would be interested to know the book was recently highly commended in the national Alexander Henderson Award 2009 of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. The book also led to my involvement in March as a speaker at Norfolk Island's Foundation Day event, and in May as a speaker in the Emerging Writers Festival in Melbourne.

I thought you might also like to know about my new biography of Paul Bushell, one of Robert's friends at the Hawkesbury. Paul Bushell raised Robert Forrester's youngest child Isabella, so there is much to interest Forrester descendants within the Bushell book. Paul had quite a different life from Robert so the book contains much local history information additional to that in the Forrester book.

The book will be launched on Saturday, 7 August at the Family History Fair being held at Windsor Library.

Further details about the book and an order form are available on my web site www.louisewilson.com.au. Orders received by 31 July will attract a 20% discount on the standard price of \$35. Postage within Australia is \$10 for up to three copies to the one address.

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