

KURRAJONG ~ COMLEROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 KCHS Christmas meeting**

Suzanne Smith reports on the final general meeting of the year and the Christmas celebration held at Bryan & Marguerite Wyborn's property on Saturday, 24 November. A fine time was had by all who attended.

4 Powells Estate Bilpin

An area in the district which has a very rich history. Jennifer Stackhouse's article gives an overview of the history of past and present families and properties as well as details on some of the gardens in the area, some of which open regularly for visitors.

6 Bells Line of Road crossing

Reprint of an article from the Sydney Gazette, 9 October 1823, detailing Archibald Bell's successful attempt at travelling from Richmond to Cox's River via Mount Tomah. Today's Bells Line of Road follows many of the routes Archibald mapped.

8 Dates for your diary

Final reminders for:

Saturday, 26 January – Australia Day breakfast at Remo's and Sons Vineyard at Kurrajong.

Tuesday, 19 February – The Riverboat Postman excursion on the Hawkesbury River.

New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new members

NOLA GODDARD

RAYMOND GODDARD

ALISON HINE

PAUL McDONALD

DENNIS OVERTON

Australia's first hospital

MARGUERITE WYBORN

On 13 November fourteen members of the Society took part in a guided tour of Sydney Hospital which is the oldest institution in Australia still performing its original function.

The First Fleet arrived in 1788 and a tent hospital was established at Sydney Cove. Four surgeons and a junior were appointed to remain in the colony headed by Principal-Surgeon John White. With the arrival of the Second Fleet in 1790 three ships arrived with more convicts. Of these, 267 died on the voyage and 486 were sick and dying. A portable hospital was sent out in one of the vessels comprising 602 pieces of wood and copper which were quickly assembled into several small dwellings near the tent hospital. A further 100 tents were added to cope with patient overflow. In 1796 the portable hospital was dismantled and transferred to two acres of land at Dawes Point.

Conflict with the NSW Corps on matters of trade, particularly the rum trade, led to the Rum Rebellion of 1808. This saw the downfall of Governor Bligh and in 1809 Major-General Lachlan Macquarie arrived to replace him.

Despite being instructed to end the rum trade Macquarie later accepted a scheme whereby a hospital would be constructed by contractors who could legally import and sell rum on which they paid three shillings per gallon. A seven acre site was selected and a design drawn up with three buildings consisting of a central building for the hospital and separate buildings each side for surgeons and staff. Building commenced in 1812.

In 1816 patients were moved in from the old hospital at Dawes Point. The acting Principal-Surgeon, D'Arcy Wentworth, was appointed Principal-Surgeon, assisted by William Redfern. Conditions were primitive with the outside kitchen used as a mortuary. Food was prepared and cooked by the patients themselves in the wards which had no ventilation as windows were closed to prevent the convict patients escaping over the eight foot wall. The new building was known as 'The Rum Hospital'.

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Sydney Hospital's north wing and fountain. The Nightingale wing is to the right.

Photo: David Griffiths

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In 1819 D'Arcy Wentworth resigned and James Bowman was appointed as Principal-Surgeon.

In 1867 construction of the Nightingale Wing began to accommodate Lucy Osburn, the first professional nurse to arrive in the colony. Trained by Florence Nightingale Lucy Osburn laid the foundations for the present standard of nursing in Australia. In April 1873 a Royal Commission was held and as a result the old Rum Hospital was condemned for demolition.

The hospital was demolished in 1879 leaving the two wings on either side. The north wing had been given to the Legislative Council in 1829 and the south wing became the Mint in 1855. Leased premises were acquired at Millers Point and converted to hold forty beds. This increased to sixty in 1888 becoming the Sydney Eye Hospital which remained in that location till 1922. The Nightingale Wing became the temporary hospital and rented premises nearby were used for the nurses. In 1880 Thomas Rowe won the design competition for the replacement building. On 30 July 1881 the foundation stone of the Sydney Hospital was laid.

By 1884 construction was at a standstill. Costs had blown out and the Government would not provide more money. Finally Rowe was replaced and the hospital was completed by a second architect, John Kirkpatrick. On 10 August 1894 the new hospital was officially opened. Sydney Hospital, a continuation of earlier medical establishments and boasting 315 beds, had become a monument of pride and achievement to the people of Sydney.

Reference

Caroline Wilkinson, *Australia's First Hospital* (Darling Point, NSW. 2005)

President's Corner

As we start the new year I would like all of us to stop and reflect on our past year and think of those who are not doing as well health wise as most of us. I would particularly like us all to wish those who are not well a speedy recovery.

For some years the Society's Australia Day breakfast was our premier event other than last year when the opportunity was taken to join with other local community groups in their celebrations.

Well the Australia Day breakfast is back again for 2013 and it will be a little special. The occasion will feature our regular awards including those which should have been made last year.

We have chosen a new venue, Remo's & Sons Vineyard and Restaurant at 58 Blaxlands Ridge Road, Blaxlands Ridge. The cost is \$35 per person but let me tell you it will be no normal breakfast. In addition to our normal healthy Aussie breakfast there will be many extras that will undoubtedly tempt everyone's appetite.

The programme will include some background on the vineyard and winery as well as the history of the property and whilst you are digesting your meal you will be serenaded with some folk music. When we have finished breakfast it will be time for the awards presentation. I am hoping that we will have a good turnout to show the recipients of these awards how much they are appreciated for the work they have done over the years to make the Society the successful organisation it is.

It is claimed that tradition has it that most people have no room for lunch after a KCHS Australia Day breakfast and I'm sure this one will be no exception. Remo is opening his restaurant just for us and is putting on a wonderful spread. He has the capacity of entertaining over sixty guests so let us show our support.

It would be of great assistance if you could return your booking form with payment no later than 15 January. Late bookings should phone to make sure space is available.

I look forward to seeing many members and friends at the breakfast and awards morning.

I hope you had a great Christmas and I wish you a bright, happy and fruitful New Year.

John Cooper

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Christmas celebration

SUZANNE SMITH

A delightful evening was spent in Bryan and Marguerite's garden at *St Elmo* on Saturday, 24 November. Twenty-five members were present for the final general meeting of the year and the evening's festivities.

John Cooper gave a brief summary of the years' events and welcomed Margaret and Ron Rozzoli's return after a difficult time for them.

Suzanne Smith offered apologies on behalf of a number of members who wished the best of the season to all those present. Marguerite Wyborn summarised the current financial situation of the Society stating that the totals of the two term deposits in Bendigo Bank and the balance of the ING Direct Account ensured the Society ended the year financially sound.

Following the general meeting a feast of wonderful salads served with barbecued meats prepared by the committee ladies were indulged in by all. Phil Shepherd, well on the road to recovery, presided over the barbecue; it was wonderful to have him with us once again. Two rather special Christmas cakes made by Marguerite and Carolynne along with other treats added to the evening's feasting.

Another highlight of the evening was a visit to Bryan's workshops which revealed a wonderful collection of vintage cars. On our return we were welcomed by the surprise visit of Valerie and Frank Holland. It was wonderful to have them with us once again. Jennifer Stackhouse was also welcomed as the evening unfolded.

Thank you one and all who were able to be with us, but especially to Marguerite and Bryan Wyborn for their hospitality adding to the warmth and hint of a summer evening in their beautiful garden.



From the Editor

Many of the articles published in this newsletter evolve over the two month period prior to publication rather than being just placed within the pages. Jennifer Stackhouse's article regarding Bilpin is a good example.

Jennifer asked if I could place a notice regarding the opening of *Wildwood* to the public. I was more than happy to oblige but I thought readers would also be interested in some of the history related to this and other gardens in the area. Well, that set her off and I was soon inundated with more than enough information for the limited space available. As winter had finally left and warmer weekends were becoming the norm I took the opportunity to do a field trip with a recently purchased camera and visited the garden.

Wayne and Sue Tapping could not have been better hosts. They must have been tipped off by Jennifer that I might be using the article as an excuse for a photography 'fix' as I felt I was treated like royalty. The information they gave me added a bit more detail to the article and a photo from the many I took that day graces page five.

There was also a sad note to the evolution of the article. Jennifer had organised a day to have a talk with Jim Powell to take note of his memories of the area but he was hospitalised on that day. The interview did not happen and Jim did not leave the hospital. I am hopeful that his memories have been recorded and may be available for use in a future issue so that they are not lost and forgotten.

The short time I spent at *Wildwood* was a very pleasant break from heavy work commitments and a reminder to me how fortunate we are to have surroundings such as this so close at hand.

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Gardens bloom on Bilpin's Powell Estate

JENNIFER STACKHOUSE

Powells Road in Bilpin is one of the most beautiful streets in the district. It heads south from Bells Line of Road as it climbs towards Mount Tomah. It has neatly mown verges and winds for a kilometre beneath stately gums and other venerable trees.

Along Powells Road are beautiful garden estates. Several of these open regularly to visitors including *Wildwood* at number 29, which is an open garden with tearoom, gift shop and nursery. It is the work of Wayne and Sue Tapping. Also on Powells Road is *Woodgreen* which has an open garden and nursery and is owned by gardener Peta Trahar.

Powell family

The road is named for the Powell family who owned a large estate in the area around today's Powells Road. They were orchardists, farmers and timber getters in the region and have been associated with the Bilpin area for more than ninety years. One of the Powell family, Jim Powell, now aged ninety, still lives in Bilpin as do some of his children and their families.

His father, Arthur Barclay Powell, who died aged eighty-five in 1954, traced his family back to the arrival in Australia of Edward Main Powell on 16 January 1793. Edward married Elizabeth Fish on 24 January 1793 at St Philips and they had two sons and four daughters. He died on 22 November 1887 at Richmond Bottoms aged eighty-nine years.

Peter, their second son born in 1871, took up Bilpin 13 which was close to the corner of Bells Line and Mountain Lagoon Roads. His orchard was well developed and the trees were probably planted in the early 1890s.

A notice in the *Windsor & Richmond Gazette*, 12 February 1898 says in part, "At the local land office on Thursday last, the following applications for conditional purchases were made: - Arthur R Powell, 98 acres, parish of Bilpin ..".

These links to the very earliest days of the Australian colony are recounted in an obituary published in the *Windsor Richmond Gazette* on March 3 1954, which notes that Mr AB Powell's great grandfather was one of five settlers to arrive in the colony on the *Bellona* in 1793. The obituary goes on to record that .. "Mr Arthur Powell was born in Richmond and in his youth was a great horse lover and interested in owning, training and riding horses. He assisted in the survey of the railway line from Dunedoo to Broken Hill and was associated with the railway from that first survey to the final construction." His death notice in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 February 1954

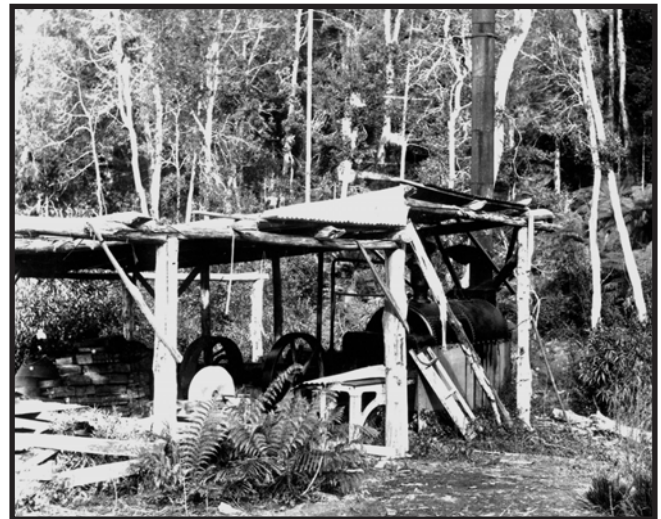


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Part of an old sawmill most agree to be Powell's mill at Bilpin. Photo undated but believed to be early 1900s.

said in part, "The internment of the late Arthur Barclay (A B) Powell of Bilpin, is appointed to take place in the family vault in St Peters Church of England Cemetery, Richmond."

An item in the *Windsor Richmond Gazette* from September 13 1935 notes the start of the Bilpin sawmill. "A new industry has been started at Bilpin by Messrs Morris & Powell who have established up-to-date timber mills in that locality. They will have vast quantities of timber cut on the well-known Powell estates, and guarantee prompt delivery and low prices. Before ordering elsewhere builders & others should obtain quotations from the Bilpin sawmill."

Later residents

Wayne Tapping, who bought a portion of the Powell Estates in 1981 says their twenty-five acre block was only partially cleared when they bought it but it had been logged.

He recalls huge stumps and cut logs lying in the bushland. "When we moved here there were remnants of trees that had been felled from about three metres up. The small holes where they would have inserted boards to climb up to that height were still visible in the trunks left behind and showed where they would have used a cross cut saw to cut the tree down. Whilst cleaning the bush we found many trees cut and left and were told these were never used for timber because they had a hollow trunk or 'pipe' in them. When we came here the area from where our barn now stands to the lake had previously been cleared and regrowth of black wattle had occurred after this. This was perhaps logged, but the clearing is more than likely a result of the electricity commission wires going through."

Sue Tapping can trace her links to the Blue Mountains back generations before she became a Bilpin resident. Sue's mother was a 'Blaxland', a descendant of Gregory Blaxland who with Wentworth and Lawson crossed the Blue Mountains in 1813.

Wayne and Sue Tapping bought their land from Lyle and Dorothy Davis who in turn bought the block from the Powell family in 1955.

Lyle Davis recalls that his was one of seventeen blocks offered for sale in 1955. He bought four blocks and used some of the sixty acres to run a piggery. One of his neighbours was Philip Woodward who became Justice Woodward and whose name is associated with the Woodward Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking (1977-1979). Part of the Woodward land was sold to the Trahars.

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“We didn’t improve the twenty-five acre block, which we later sold to the Tappings.” says Lyle Davis. “It was heavily timbered with huge yellow gums, stringy bark, turpentine and massive blueberry ash.”

Lyle, who now lives in Wentworth Falls on what was part of the Sweetacre Estate, recalls Bilpin in the 1950s as orchards and farms. He says there were also timber mills with much of the timber from the region pulped and used to make masonite. An advertisement in the *Windsor & Richmond Gazette*, 10 June 1953 read, “Wanted: Pulpwood Supplies delivered to Canite factory, Pyrmont. For specifications and price apply Noel A Powell, Bilpin. Phone Bilpin 14.”

If you want to see something of the original bushland in the Bilpin area you are welcome to visit *Wildwood*. The garden has been developing for more than thirty years due to the efforts of Wayne and Sue Tapping. They chose the name *Wildwood* as their plan was to make a formal garden without losing the wildness of the native landscape. They have decided that the property has now got to the stage that it should be available for everyone to appreciate. Situated in the heart of Bilpin amid the orchards and tall trees of the Blue Mountains it is a large garden many would love to explore.

It is not just a place to wander in and enjoy the plantings as it has a tea room with fabulous views, a gift shop and specialist nursery filled with treasures propagated from plants in the garden. There is a cherry walk, dogwoods and other blossom trees, camellias, azaleas, massed clivia and hellebore, hydrangeas, deciduous trees that are spectacular in autumn and ferns that surround a magnificent waterfall with ponds. There is also a large lake surrounded by lawns and topiary where you can picnic. Seats are scattered throughout to encourage visitors to relax and enjoy the atmosphere. It has sweeping views, deep volcanic soil, bore water and is a delightful place to visit at any time of the year.

Petra Trahar from *Woodgreen* says her block was an apple orchard before they bought the land in 1985 although the trees had been removed and the land returned to grazing and was also a home for retired police horses.

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Windsor & Richmond Gazette
5 May 1900



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One of the many spots in Wildwood where one can relax, admire the surroundings, relish the tranquility and recharge the batteries

“Apples from *Woodgreen* and also *Woodmere* at the end of Powells Road were juiced in a factory at *Woodmere*.” says Peta Trahar. *Woodmere* was owned by another member of the legal profession, Judge Meares. This 100 acre block, now owned by Bob Field, is currently for sale.

AUTHOR’S NOTE The information in this article has come from personal communications with Lyle Davis, Sue Tapping and Peta Trahar. It also includes research compiled by Sue Tapping from articles in the *Windsor & Richmond Gazette*.

I had hoped to visit Jim Powell but he was admitted to hospital on the day we had organized the interview. I am sorry to report that Jim passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 14 November.



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Kathleen Dunston

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Thoughts from Eddie Sorby

Thursday 8 November 2012

I first saw Auntie Kath when she arrived at *Westbury* on the back of Uncle Joe's Aerial motorcycle. She was tiny in stature, a beautiful blonde woman, who instantly became my first girlfriend. She was to remain just that for me for all time.

Where her luggage was I still don't know. As there was none on the motorcycle it probably came on the same train that brought her to Kurrajong rail station. Kath had arrived to join the *Westbury* mob.

It must have been a big shock to a person whose Binna Burra family consisted of her mother Lillian, father Ted and brother Peter to find herself becoming part of a very large extended family, with *Westbury* always the focal point and meeting place of all.

When Kath married Joe on 1 June 1946 and came to live at *Westbury* her immediate family was her mother-in-law Nanna Dunston, her sister-in-law Silvia (my mother), and the Sorby clan of two nieces Lib and Rachel, three nephews John, Bill and myself. There was also in the surrounding district the families of the Bowlys, Whites and around Christmas time the Pyes and Kershaws as well as numerous Dunston cousins, relatives and old family friends. What a cultural shock that must have been. Kath with her wonderfully warm and outgoing nature loved all and was loved by all.

Joe and Kath started their married life at *Westbury* having the north-eastern room as their bedroom and the room opposite the kitchen was their lounge, kitchen and family room. Bill and I soon found that Kath's kitchen and family room was so much more fun to be in, and in, and in. We must have been 'built-in' nuisances but never was there a hint of us being a problem even though there was a constant lack of privacy. Kath was just that warm, welcoming person that she was to remain for the rest of her life.

Kath's dad, Ted Fowler, was a highly respected breeder of Jersey cattle at his stud farm *Gunnerwah* at Binna Burra. On one of the numerous occasions when Ted was judging at the Royal Easter Show he was staying for a couple of days at *Westbury*. I remember one breakfast when Kath slyly placed a tub of margarine on the table. The look on her dad's face still remains in my memory. Margarine to a cream producing dairy farmer was not a joke. Such was Kath's gentle sense of humour.

During a past stay at Windsor Hospital my mum, Joe and younger brother Bill paid Kath a visit. On the bedside table was a bowl of fruit, grapes being most prominent and Bill was eyeing them off. When Kath said for Bill to have some he just shook and hung his head. This happened several times but Bill still refused to have any fruit. It was years later when the truth came to light. There was no way Bill was eating anything that may cause him to catch the sickness that Auntie Kath had. Kath, unfortunately, was recovering from a miscarriage. Many times after Bill had become a well respected doctor Kath used to bring this episode up with her warm sense of humour.

Auntie Kath you have given us all wonderful memories and showed us all a warm Christian life as an example for us to try and follow. Rest in peace in our Lord's name.

☪ AMEN ☪

THE SYDNEY GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1823.

We are happy to announce that Mr Archibald Bell, Junior, of Richmond Hill has, after one unsuccessful attempt, at last effected a passage from that part of the country to Cox's River (on the other side of the Blue Mountains), which as the pass across these mountains trends so much of the northward, will not only be the readiest route from the Hawkesbury and Hunter's River, but will be as near from Parramatta as the old road over the mountains by way of Emu ford, and infinitely less difficult and sterile. Mr Bell is entitled to the sole merit of this discovery; and is now gone to repeat and survey the route accompanied by a Gentleman from the Surveyor General's Office, and with government men and horses. He travels N.W. from Richmond about 14 miles to Picture Hill, and thence due W. to Tomah, which is a round hill seen on the right from the burnt weather-boarded hut on the Bathurst Road. On going West about half way up this mountain he turned to the South, and after proceeding about a mile in that direction, found an excellent passage down it. He then proceeded round the side of an opposite hill, about a mile and a half in a N.W.S.W. direction, and then bore W. for the remainder of the day, and N.W. the next day till he reached Cox's River. He found no rocky ground till after leaving Tomah, and the whole distance of it then did not exceed 8 or 9 miles. The greatest difficulty he had to contend with was in the thick part of his way to Tomah, so much so that in one place he was forced to cut his way through three miles. He left a good tract all the way he went, and was never obliged to unlade his baggage horses. The whole of Mount Tomah is covered with ash, and sassafras trees of a prodigious size. It is only after leaving Tomah that the country assumes, for 5 miles, the appearance of the Bathurst Road in point of grass; but even, for that space, the feed is better than near the weather-boarded hut on that road. After that distance excellent grass continues with little variation for the rest of the way; there is plenty of water the whole way. The distance of this route, from Richmond to Cox's River, may be estimated at about 35 miles; but the return of the Government Assistant Surveyor, and party, will enable us certainly, to lay down and perhaps shorten the road.

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Pit stop at Ferndale



This is a close-up of part of a photo forwarded to the Society for inclusion in the digital archive by Thelma Groch. Written on the back is “Photo taken at Mr & Mrs Graham’s ‘Ferndale’ between Bilpin & Old Tomah. Front car Mill Dunston 1913 Ford, 2nd car Alfred Lord 1912 Ford.”

The left-hand side of the bonnet of Mill Dunston’s car is open so this might have been a rest and mechanical check stop between their departure and arrival points. As both cars are of the same vintage it could indicate that they were recent purchases and this might have been one of their first day trips with their families along Bells Line of Road. Hopefully Mill’s car was not experiencing a mechanical problem.

The notes in the archive mention the date as circa 1920s but 1914-16 might be a better assumption. The cars are in very good condition and Mill and Alfred are clearly on a trip showing off their ‘babies’.

At the time Ferndale was the hub of entertainment in the district with dances held on the verandah in the evenings and ‘bobs’ tournaments several times a week.



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Bennett’s load of gin cases



Norman Bennett driving his father’s Model T Ford, loaded with gin cases. The photo is thought to have been taken circa 1930 and was forwarded by Ken Bennett.

An article in the Windsor and Richmond Gazette in 1889 mentioned that the gin case is regarded as ‘The case of the Kurrajong’. These cases were constructed at the local sawmills for the price of 7d each. They were of the style of the cases used to carry gin to the colony in the early days.

The signwriting on the truck reads “J. K. Bennett & Sons Craig-A-Lea”

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM T. GRAHAM

By the death of Mr. William T. Graham, of “Ferndale,” Bilpin, another old Hawkesbury native has been removed from our midst. He had been ailing for some considerable time, but passed peacefully away on the 25th ultimo at the ripe age of 77 years.

The late Mr. Graham, who was born at Wilberforce, married a member of another well-known Hawkesbury family—Martha Travers. The early part of his life was spent as a stockman, and on many occasions years ago he travelled large mobs of cattle over the old Bell’s Line of Road to the Sydney markets.

For approximately the last 30 years, the deceased had lived at Bilpin, where he interested himself in all local matters, and was highly respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was a regular attendant at church up to the time it was possible for him to do so. He was a “white man” in the true sense—a term which was often expressed of him—and the great respect in which he was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral on the 26th ultimo.

The remains were laid to rest in St. Peter’s Church of England cemetery, Richmond, the Rector (Rev. F. J. Dillon), assisted by the Rev. Dillon, of St. Stephen’s, Kurrajong, conducting the last sad rites. Mr. Price had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter—Hilda (Mrs. T. Masterman), who lived with her father at Bilpin.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette
3 October 1930

Valerie's
BOOK REVIEW



A recent addition to the Society's library is the book **Shut Out from the World** written by Jack Brook and donated by Carolynne Cooper. It is a most interesting read and is the story of the Hawkesbury Aboriginal reserve and mission covering the years 1889 to 1946.

In 1889 a remnant of the Dharug people were 'given' some of their traditional land as a reserve north of Windsor and adjoining the Hawkesbury River. A mission station was established there in 1901.

This book presents the story of that isolated community. Based on archival research and oral history, it describes the people's close relationship with some members of the settler families, their contribution to farm work, and prowess at cricket and music. First published in 1994 the revised second edition was printed in 1999.

Members are welcome to borrow books from the library. The Society's website has a list of available titles in the archive section.

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Windsor & Richmond Gazette
10 June 1953

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday, 26 January
AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST**

The twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Society will be held on Australia Day at our traditional breakfast function and all members are welcome to attend.

An interesting venue has been chosen for the occasion: Remo's & Sons Vineyard, 58 Blaxland Ridge Road Kurrajong. Start time is 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. sitting. The awards will be presented at 10 a.m.

Earlybird bookings are \$35 per person if made before Jan 1, otherwise \$38. For bookings send payment to: The Secretary, PO Box 174, Kurmond, 2757. Enquiries: Suzanne Smith 4567 7410 & Marguerite Wyborn 4576 1371.

**Tuesday, 19 February
THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN**

This is an opportunity to travel as a group by community bus to Brooklyn and hop on board with the Riverboat Postman.

We will travel his daily postal run on the Hawkesbury River from Brooklyn to Marlow Creek making numerous stops along the way. Morning tea and a substantial ploughman's lunch are included in the price. It is advisable to book early as there are only twenty seats available on the bus.

Cost \$50, seniors \$44, bus fare \$6. Bookings essential and payment to: The Secretary, PO Box 174, Kurmond, 2757. Enquiries: Suzanne Smith 4567 7410.

**Wednesday, 20 March
NSW STATE PARLIAMENT VISIT**

This escorted tour has been booked for Wednesday, 20 March and includes a morning tour, sandwich luncheon and afternoon sitting time in the parliament.

We shall leave as a group on the 8:07 a.m. train from Richmond station.

Further enquiries can be directed to Suzanne Smith 4567 7410.

**2012 ARCHIBALD PRIZE
REGIONAL TOUR**

**Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
25 January – 10 March**

THE HAWKESBURY REGIONAL GALLERY will be hosting the touring exhibition of all forty-one finalists in the 2012 Archibald Prize. The Archibald is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art prizes. It will include this year's winner, Tim Storrier's *The histrionic wayfarer (after Bosch)* and works by previous finalists as well as those by Adam Cullen, Ben Quilty, Jenny Sages and Wendy Sharpe, among many others.

For this exhibition only the gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week including Australia Day. Entry fee is \$2 for adults with free entry for children, concession card holders and HRG members.

This touring exhibition is presented by the Art Gallery of New South Wales in partnership with Museums & Galleries NSW.



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- Western Sydney Industry Awards Excellence 2002 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 & 08
- Hotel Motel & Accommodation Association Best Short Break Accommodation in NSW 2003