

### 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



#### 3 The riverboat postman

On 19 February members joined the riverboat postman on his journey delivering mail and other essentials to the isolated communities of the Lower Hawkesbury. Suzanne Smith's article gives a good account of present day activities and the history of these communities.

#### 4 Mills research update

Les Dollin & Frank Holland's update on the research of Singleton's mills on Little Wheeny Creek. The Society has been involved in this project for twelve years and this is an overview of the important dates and events relating to these and other mills.

#### 6 A night at the flicks

A film night was held in conjunction with the general meeting on 25 March. Ian O'Toole's choice of films was appreciated by all present, a history of AWA and a trip down the Colo river in an inflatable canoe in 1971 by the Leyland brothers.

#### 8 Dates for your diary

Final reminders for **Hawkesbury Historical Society tour** on Sunday, 26 May celebrating 200 years of William Cox in the Hawkesbury; the **general meeting** on Monday, 27 May with special guest John Low OAM; **Les Dollin's walk & talk** regarding the local mills on Saturday, 15 June.



# NSW State Parliament visit

SUZANNE SMITH

Seventeen members of the Society gathered in the lobby of State Parliament on Wednesday, 20 March eager to commence our day in the houses of parliament. We were greeted by our guide Justin Taunton from the office of the member for Londonderry, Bart Bassett MP.

We began the journey via a gallery of past state premiers, colonial governors and prime ministers. Justin answered our questions and proved to be very knowledgeable about nuances and characteristics of the times and offices of the many members represented in the gallery.

The meeting rooms, steeped in early NSW government history were hung with images from those earlier times. We were standing in what had been part of the chief surgeon's quarters of the old Sydney Rum Hospital which was completed in 1816. The two surviving outer blocks of the original hospital building are today known as the Mint, which now houses the Historic Houses Trust and the other on the northern side, the NSW Parliament.

We were unable to enter the Jubilee room which was created in 1906 to commemorate fifty years of responsible government. It had housed the former parliamentary reading room and is now used for committee meetings and public functions.

We were then escorted to the gallery of the upper chambers where the legislative council was sitting to discuss the Evidence of Silence Amendment Bill 2013. We were present for the reading of the bill by the Hon. Michael Gallacher MP, member for the Hunter and minister for police and emergency services, vice president of the Executive Council and leader of the government in the Legislative Council. The pressed metal legislative council chamber was a prefabricated iron church originally intended for the Victorian goldfields. Purchased by the government for £1,835 in the late 1850s it became the upper house chamber and is still in use as such today. It is located on the southern side of the parliament buildings.

We paused for a brief sojourn in the stunning Fountain Court, a public area available for exhibitions of interest to the people of NSW. The current art works display

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Photo: Carolynne Coope



Members on the rooftop garden above the Fountain Court

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the 'Contribution of Greek Women to the NSW Economy and Society'. This light-filled court with its central fountain designed by Robert Woodward has a small post office and directly below it is a 175 seat theatrette. It links the older buildings with the newer office complex.

The contemporary twelve storey 1970s building includes dining facilities, member and staff offices, the parliamentary library, meeting rooms, car parking and service areas. The lift gave us access to a roof-top garden. Bart Bassett MP greeted us at this point and on our way through the building we visited the office of the opposition whip. His room displayed numerous typewriters along with a whip above the door, his pride and joy.

We then stepped out into the speaker's Palm Court garden where the member for Hawkesbury, Ray Williams MP, greeted our company. A table dressed in crisp white linen with platters of sandwiches, cups of tea and coffee heralded lunchtime. The presence of both the Hawkesbury and Londonderry sitting MPs ensured a number of relevant regional issues were raised during the break.

After the lunch break the afternoon saw us sitting in the gallery of the Legislative Assembly for a rigorous question time. We were cordially welcomed into the chamber as guests of Bart Bassett MP.

A letter of sincere thanks for facilitating a day in the NSW Parliament on behalf of Society members was sent to Bart Bassett's office along with copies of the 'Pansy' and 'Kurrajong Collection' books.

The sittings in the Legislative Council and Assembly were of great interest and the first for all present.



# President's Corner

Our trip to Parliament House on 20 March was well organised and an outstanding day, except that RailCorp decided they'd throw a spanner in the works with a major two week close down and we had to catch buses to Schofields.

I have dined at Government House Sydney on many occasions but I must say our guide really impressed me with his knowledge of our past forebears and their periods in parliament, their names and their particulars.

During lunch I took the opportunity to ask our host Bart Bassett if it was appropriate for me to give him a letter pertaining to our museum, Transport Signalling and Communications Museums and he accepted willingly. It was an invitation to visit our museum at Coopers Hill, Kurrajong the following Sunday and he indicated he would see if he could make it and he would also mention it to Ray Williams. I will leave the story of our visit to Parliament to someone else but I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

On the following Sunday we were very surprised to see Bart Bassett around 11 a.m. Bart was very interested in the collection and had a good look around at the display. We talked about traffic problems and of course KCHS activities. He knew of the Family History Group's award late last year and firmly committed that he would attend any time we asked if he could. Bart also spoke of the current electoral boundaries and that it is his hope in the forthcoming redistribution his electorate will include Coopers Hill.

Around 2:30 p.m. Ray Williams and his wife Wendy arrived and took a keen interest in our museum, our aims and objectives. Towards 4:00 p.m. Ray and Wendy had declined afternoon tea but after a few words with the FHG girls and a trip down memory lane they stayed. They chatted about the Windsor Bridge and flooding. Carolynne showed Ray some of her photos of the floods and also the KCHS collection of photos.

Both Ray and Bart have advised and offered assistance to TSCM and KCHS. From KCHS's perspective the visit could be most positive. Time will tell but the outcome of our discussion will require the committee's attention as the next step.

Looking a little further to our next big event is that of our midyear dinner. This year the opportunity has been taken to secure Loxley on Bellbird Hill as the venue. By the very nature of the venue the price will also be a lot higher than in the past but the service will also be better. I am hoping that with the longer lead up time it will give our members time to save towards it. We know that it will be winter but I'm sure there will be a roaring fire to keep us all warm. Our theme will be Christmas in July and we have a wonderful guest speaker.



# The Riverboat Postman SUZANNE SMITH

At 7:30 a.m. on 19 February a group of twenty members boarded the Peppercorn Community Bus in McMahons Park, Kurrajong and travelled via Cherrybrook to meet and board the Riverboat Postman at Brooklyn near the entrance to the Hawkesbury River at Broken Bay.

Our skipper engaged us with a running commentary on the interesting history of the Broken Bay region. The more adventurous of us listened to the stories from the upper deck while others gathered around the luncheon tables of the glass enclosed lower deck.

The Riverboat Postman has been in service since 1910 and continues to deliver daily mail and other essentials to the isolated communities of the Lower Hawkesbury. We sailed from Brooklyn across to the northern side bounded by Brisbane Water NP, sailing around Dangar Island.

In his 1788 expedition Governor Phillip and his crew camped on Dangar Island naming it Mullet Island after the fish caught there. Dangar Island was renamed in 1864 after purchase by Henry Dangar, son of Henry Dangar MP, an early colonial surveyor, pastoralist and parliamentarian.

At the Dangar wharf wheelbarrows were arranged in neat rows which are used by residents to move items to and from the ferry as there are no private cars on the island.

We then sailed past the entrance to Mullet Creek on the NW side, Long Island appearing as part of the mainland. Long Island is linked to Brooklyn by a railway causeway across Sandbrook Inlet and then to the Brisbane Water area by the second railway bridge to Cogra Point.

The extension of the northern rail line from Hornsby to Long Island in 1888 saw the promotion of excursion travel from Sydney to Brooklyn by rail then onto Windsor by river steamer and from Windsor/Richmond to Sydney by train.

We passed under the historic rail bridge sailing close to the area where the spans for the second railway bridge built during the 1940s were assembled. Remains of the crane mountings were visible on the hillside at the water's edge.

We now rounded Spectacle Island near the entrance to Mooney Mooney Creek. Once inhabited by herds of goats and originally known as Goat Island it is now a reserve containing an abundance of aboriginal sites.

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# From the Editor

I am of the opinion that the printed word will always be needed as regardless of technological innovations people need ink on paper. The term 'print is dead' is often heard and has resulted in major changes in how the mainstream media have restructured their printed publications.

One of only eleven surviving copies of the 'Bay Psalm Book', believed to be the first book ever printed in the USA will be coming up for auction by Sotheby's New York on 26 November. It is expected the final bid could reach \$30 million. The book was published in 1640 at Cambridge, Massachusetts by the Puritan leaders of the colony, twenty years after the pilgrims landed at Plymouth. It is supposedly a translation into English of the original Hebrew psalms. The last time this book came up for sale in 1947 it was purchased by Yale University for \$151,000.

To those who decry the need for the printed word and its value in today's society I would argue that I have yet to see anything published on a website, blog, Twitter feed, Facebook or any other electronic medium come up for auction. The sites themselves might have some value to those who frequent them but the content published on them is soon forgotten and holds little value. Compare that to a little old prayer book, printed with ink on paper, worth possibly \$30 million.

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#### KURRAJONG.

We regret to hear that Mrs. James McMahon, of "Luckenough," who has been suffering for a long time with an injured leg, is not progressing satisfactorily. Mr. McMahon has had more than his share of trouble lately, and we hope his good wife will soon regain her usual good health.





The water tower on Dangar Island built by Henry Carey Dangar, Henry Dangar's son

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# Research into the mills on Little Wheeny Creek, Kurrajong LES DOLLIN & FRANK HOLLAND

Over the past twelve or so years KCHS members have explored the site containing the remnants of Singleton's mills on Little Wheeny Creek. A number of articles have been written and a group from the University of Sydney, under the guidance of Dr Martin Gibbs, have completed a base survey of the site. The Society submitted a proposal to Hawkesbury City Council to have the reserve re-named as 'Singleton's Reserve' so as to recognise the importance of this historic site. The council agreed with this proposal and forwarded the recommendation to the Geographical Names Board. Hawkesbury City Council has advised that the name has now been gazetted.

Les Dollin has maintained a keen interest over many years and continues to research this site as well as other Singleton mills along the Hawkesbury, Hunter and Williams Rivers. Research has been conducted into mill technology and Brian Wyborn has built a working model of a mill. Visits to mills in the United Kingdom were undertaken by Steve and Judy Rawling. Les and Anne Dollin recently visited working mills in the UK, France and Italy, where considerable interest was shown by mill experts in the Singleton mills in Australia. Frank and Valerie Holland visited water mills in Tasmania. In 2011 we were fortunate in gaining research help from Allan Coop, free of charge, apart from his travel expenses. This research was undertaken by fresh eyes and without any previous knowledge of our local history. Although we have lost contact with Allan we fortunately have his extensive research data on file. There is a good deal of material, of much we were aware, and some that is new particularly relating to the later years. Much analysis and cross referencing still needs to be completed and of course additional information is still coming to light so the research is still a work in progress.

The data gathered uncovered many newspaper articles and documents recorded over the years prior to and since 1816 regarding the mills on Little Wheeny Creek. It became obvious that there was much more to the story of the mills than that played by the Singleton brothers. Of course their initiative in building the mills in the first place was crucial. However, the known working life of the mills was from pre 1816 through to circa 1858 although the buildings themselves continued to be used through to 1902. So it is possible their working life may have extended beyond 1858. We are looking for additional documentary evidence.

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An artist's impression of how Singleton's mill may have looked. Fay Edwards 2010.

This article is an overview of some of the important dates and events relating to the history of the mills and other related buildings. The final version will tell a more complete story – at least as much as we are able to confirm or surmise with reasonable certainty – and will include all reference notations. We will be continuing to analyse and cross reference the raw data and will undertake additional research as required. One promising avenue will be the unpublished 'Town family manuscripts' and other documentation relating to John Howe.

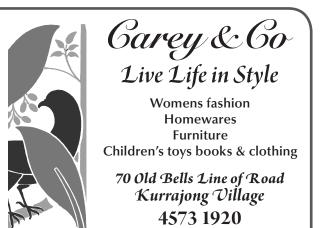
For this article we have set out some of the significant dates and events relating to the Little Wheeny Creek mills. Our apologies for any errors or omissions at this early stage. We expect that more data will be uncovered and we may then have to change some of the recordings. We would be happy to receive any additional or conflicting information that anyone may have.

- 1792 William Singleton sentenced to seven years transportation to Port Jackson. He was accompanied by his wife Hannah and sons Benjamin and Joseph. His older son, James Singleton, remained in England and was possibly an indentured apprentice.
- 1797 William Singleton granted a ninety acres portion 95 Mulgrave Place.
- 1800 John Town Snr sentenced to life arrives on *Royal Admiral* with 299 other convicts.
- 1803 James Doyle sentenced to life arrives on Rolla.
- 1806 Muster shows William Singleton holding 232 acres at Mulgrave Place.
- 1808 James Singleton arrives as a free settler on Aeolus.
- 1809 Fifty acre land grants to James, Benjamin and Joseph Singleton near today's Grose Valley by acting governor Lt Gov. Paterson.
- 1810 All land granted by illegal government confirmed by Governor Macquarie. Joseph Singleton most likely takes up his fifty acre grant.
- 1811 James Doyle promised ten acres at Little Wheeny Creek, later the site of the lower mill. 1814 recorded as land holder, 1822 recorded as innkeeper.
- 1810 1816 Singleton's mill erected at Little Wheeny Creek. Mill cottage erected on site. Benjamin and family move in and commence milling.
- 1816 Singleton's mill advertised for sale but later withdrawn. John Town reported as renting the mill.

- 1817 Benjamin Singleton accompanied William Parr on an unsuccessful expedition to find a way to the north. Start point was from Singleton's mill.
- 1819 John Howe's first expedition north towards the Hunter.
- 1820 Benjamin Singleton accompanied John Howe on second successful exploration to Patricks Plains. Sam Laverton Jnr requests land grant and is currently recorded as renting Singleton's mill at Kurryjong. Benjamin and James Singleton granted two ten-acre blocks on each of which mills were erected.
- 1822 Benjamin and James Singleton granted license to brew spirits.
- 1823 Benjamin Singleton relocates family to the Hunter River and granted 200 acres.William Leverton Snr purchases Singleton's mill.
- 1824 William Leverton dies. Mill is rented or lease is extended to John Town Snr by William Leverton Jnr.
- 182? Lachlan and Waterloo Mill Syndicate have an interest in Kurrajong mill. William Leverton is a syndicate member.
- 1828 John and Sarah Payne purchase Laverton's Kurryong Brush estate and the Speedwell mill.
- 1820 to 1834 James Singleton establishes tidal-powered mills on the Hawkesbury River.
- 1828 John Town reported as running two mills at Kurryong.
- 1834 James Underwood forecloses a mortgage given by John and Sarah Payne and takes possession of the mill.
- 1835 James Underwood sells the mill site and 210 acres to John Town Snr.



The mill on Little Wheeny Creek drawn by Esther Gray circa 1890. We believe this is the bottom mill on Little Wheeny Creek.



- 183? John Town Snr erects a six-room stone cottage at Little Wheeny Creek mill site.
- 1842 John Town Snr offers the lower Kurrajong mill and ten acres of land for sale with an extensive list of milling machinery.
- 1844 James Walsh renting mill. Arrested for maintaining an illicit still in a nearby cave.
- 1858 Mill at Little Wheeny Creek said to have ceased operation. Mill house rented as a dwelling?
- 18?? Mill house purchased by George Cleeve. Ownership passes to Mrs George Cleeve.
- 1891 Sketch of the mill at Little Wheeny Creek drawn by Esther Gray, fifteen year old daughter of the Anglican minister of St Stephens.
- 1902 Fire destroys the building known as the Mill House at Little Wheeny Creek.
- 1902+ Remnants of mill building reported as still visible.
- 1920 Soldier settlement commenced in Kurrajong including land containing remnant materials probably used in local constructions.Buried mill stones recovered during bridge reconstruction near Little Wheeny Creek.
- 1940+ Mill sites under control of the Police Boys Club for the establishment of a health camp for boys from inner Sydney. It was named Camp Mackay.
- 19?? Mill site reverts to Crown Land under the control of Colo Council. Regrowth obscures the mill site.
- 1988 Mill stones relocated to Memorial Park Kurrajong from the corner of Comleroy Road.
- 2000 Camp Mackay sold to the owners of Merroo.
- 2001 KCHS visits site and research commenced by Les Dollin.
- 2010 Sydney University completes base survey of mill pond, mill race and building site.
- 2011 Hawkesbury City Council supports KCHS's application to rename part of the mill site 'Singleton Reserve'.

Space does not allow us to elaborate on many of the intriguing parts of the story of the mills and of course there are areas where further documentary evidence needs to be located. For instance, who was the key builder of the mills? Was it Benjamin, James or someone else? Were there other owners or lessees of the mills? Who lived in the building after 1958? There is still considerable research to be completed.



# Night at the Flicks PATRICIA O'TOOLE

On Monday, 25 March twenty-seven members and friends gathered at Kurrajong Radio Museum to see the programme Ian O'Toole selected for this year's film night.

The first session told the story of Amalgamated Wireless Australasia, (AWA) founded in 1913 by Ernest Fisk. At the time radio was used only for marine contact. In 1928 the US government forced the release of the patent for the super heterodyne receiver. This became the principle for all radios to follow. By 1928 AWA's business had expanded to include broadcast radio, beam wireless to the United Kingdom and an extensive two-way radio network throughout the South Pacific, as well as domestic radio production.

The film 'AWA and the War' gave an insight into the work of AWA during the war. As domestic radio production ceased in 1942 the film was made in about 1946 to show to retailers to encourage them to again stock AWA radios. The company's demise in the 1990s was a great loss for Australia.

After supper we experienced a rough ride all the way down the Colo River by inflatable rubber canoe. The Leyland brothers filmed their expedition in 1971. The difficulties of the journey would no doubt be appreciated by all. It is good to know that the magnificent gorge of the Colo some forty years later is still pristine wilderness with the river flowing freely.

#### A.W.A. RADIO GUIDE 1928



**CENTRAL RADIO OFFICE, QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE.** Central Radio Office, Queen Street, Melbourne, where Beam Stations (50 miles away) are operated by distant control and messages are sent direct into the City of London. Other wireless services are also operated from this central control office.



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We then sailed under the Newcastle Freeway and old Pacific Highway. It was from Kangaroo Point across to Mooney Mooney Point that the old vehicular Peats Ferry operated, following construction and opening of the Pacific Highway in 1930. In 1947 a retired naval vessel began operating bridge to bridge excursions between Brooklyn and Windsor.

Peat Island came into view. Originally known as Rabbit Island it was renamed after a local ship builder, George Peat, who established a ferry service across the Hawkesbury River in the 1840s. As recalled by many on board the island became the site of a psychiatric hospital in 1911 primarily for people with development disabilities. The NSW Government closed the hospital in 1998 with plans to redevelop the island as an aged care village.

Next stop was the delivery of mail to Milson Island, settled for over a hundred years. At one time a mental hospital, then a jail, today it is a sport and recreation centre offering camp facilities, kayaking, abseiling, rope courses and rock climbing to school groups.

We then stopped at Bar Point on the northern side of the river. A grandmother, mother and daughter greeted us here along with a small dog which begged for a biscuit from the skipper. A few of us on the upper deck took note of the debris remaining after a recent summer major flood event. There were a number of homes under construction on the steep hillside with all building material requiring transport by boat.

We now entered an area bounded on either side by rows of mangrove trees and the heavily forested areas of Marramurra NP to the S/SW and Popran NP to the N. We turned for home just before reaching Gentlemans Halt near Mangrove Creek where it is thought Governor Phillip and his party had camped in 1789. Spencer was visible in the distance.

Our next port of call was Fishermans Point then we sailed through Milsons Passage bounded by Muogamarra Nature Reserve and Milson Island.

Our journey with the Riverboat Postman gave us greater insight into the natural environment, geology and topography of the region, flora and fauna, along with settlement and development, in particular the river crossings, river trade, the now nonexistent oyster industry and the life of the people who have lived in this rather pristine, beautifully wild area.

We certainly enjoyed the escapade delivering mail to the settlements of Dangar and Milson Islands, Kangaroo Point, Bar Point, Marlow Creek, Fishermans Point and Milson's Passage.





Luckenough Cottage Kurrajong North



Photo courtesy: Kathie McMahon

This photo was taken in 1904 and shows a newly-married couple about to leave Luckenough Cottage on the Bells line of Road. J E McMahon is seated on the verandah. The identity of the children is unknown.

John and Mary McMahon, who were free settlers, sailed on the *Charles Kerr* from Limerick, Ireland on 15 September 1838 with their five children and arrived in Sydney on 8 January 1839. One of the daughters, Ellen, died during the voyage. A further son, Thomas was born in 1841.

They originally settled near the creek close to Mill Road. Mary's brother, Thomas Higgins, an ex-convict, had received this land as a grant which he had willed to Mary along with three cows in calf, a horse named 'Captain' and a cart and harness. At the time the estate was valued at one hundred pounds. With the formation of Bells Line of Road they moved up beside the road and built a slab house and named it *Luckenough*.

# James & Eileen

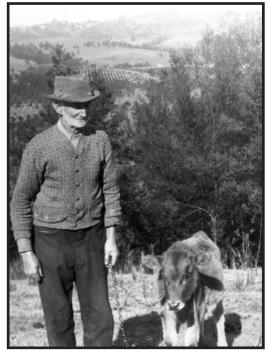


Photo courtesy: Kathie McMahon James Edward McMahon with the calf 'Eileen'. The photo was taken in 1940 looking towards Springrove Lane.

#### COMLEROY ROAD.

A band of ferreters, comprising Messrs T. W., E. V., and P. B. McMahon and F. J. Norris, have been working great havoc among the rabbits during the last two or three days. Operations against "bunny" commenced on Sunday, when the attacking party was headed by Mr Claude Dunston, of "Spring Grove," and Mr J. E. McMahon, of "Luckenough," to whom the other party are indebted for their kindness in bringing the ferret along. However, the sinuous and smellful rabbit-slayer was in a sleepy mood on Sunday, and after rushing a few out, which seemed in a great hurry, he placidly took to killing and devouring them and, worse still, stayed in the burrows, probably in persuance of the blackfellows' dictum-"after a good feed and a good sleep." He had to be blocked in the burrows on Sunday night, and probably thought he did sufficient penance for the carnage he had wrought overnight, for Monday found him quite agreeable to come out again. Altogether upwards of 40 rabbits were killed on Monday and Tuesday.

> Windsor & Richmond Gazette Saturday, 13 January 1906

### KURRAJONG.

Mr J. E. McMahon, of "Luckenough," has purchased from Mr J. Ryan, of the Heights, a yearling Ayrshire bull of aristocratic lineage. The youngster's name is St Louis II. His sire is Maori King and his dam Laurina II, both imported from New Zealand. St Louis II has taken two first prizes and one second prize, obtaining first at last Hawkesbury Show.

Mr J. W. G. Powell, B.A., son of Mr A.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette Saturday, 23 July 1910



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Sunday, 26 May HAWKESBURY HISTORY SOCIETY TOUR

Celebrate 200 years of William Cox in the Hawkesbury.

KCHS members are invited to join this guided tour of Windsor uncovering the life of William Cox through his buildings. Find out where the name Clarendon originated, hear tales of 'untouchable lands', view his patriarchal house *Fairfield* and the cottage *Claremont*, and more.

Meet at the Windsor Court House at 1:30 p.m and the tour will finish about 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes afternoon tea. **Bookings are essential** and can be made by phoning 4577 3842.

# Monday, 27 May THE DAUNTLESS THREE

The KCHS general meeting is to be held at St Davids Church, Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights commencing at 7:30 p.m. Members and friends are welcome to join us for an interesting talk by recently retired Blue Mountains Local Studies librarian, John Low OAM.

John will present a rather novel approach to the 1813 crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth. John's talk will be followed by supper then the general meeting.

Entry is a \$2 coin and enquiries can be made to the secretary, Suzanne Smith on 4567 7410.

## Saturday, 15 June ROMANCING THE STONES & MORE

Join us for a walk and talk excursion with Les Dollin. Visit the millstones and the old Mill Road mill site.

Meet at the millstones in Memorial Park, Kurrajong Village at 9 a.m. near the Rural Fire shed. Les will present a short millstone talk followed by a visit to the old mill site in Mill Road, Kurrajong weather permitting.

This is a members only tour. Cost is \$5 and bookings can be made with the secretary, Suzanne Smith on 4567 7410.

## Friday, 26 July KCHS MID-YEAR DINNER

This year our mid-year dinner is to be held at Loxley on Bellbird Hill. Arrive 7 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. seating. Our guest speaker will be the noted historian Professor Ian Jack RAHS. His presentation will focus on the George Williams Evans story. He was an explorer, surveyor and artist seconded by Governor Lachlan Macquarie to survey the newly-found route over the Blue Mountains, discovered in 1813 by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth. George Evans resided at Clarendon in the Hawkesbury.

Cost is \$55 per person. Bookings and prepayment are essential.

For bookings and further information please contact the secretary, Suzanne Smith on 4567 7410.



## MOUNTAINS CROSSING SEMINAR

Presented by the History Council of NSW. Friday, 10 May, full day. Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, 50 Parke Street, Katoomba. Cost \$30, concession \$25 and lunch included. Contact Mandy Kretzschmar on 9252 8715. Bookings essential.

### THE CARRINGTON, KATOOMBA

On Saturday, 1 June at 1 p.m. the 130 year old Carrington, Katoomba will be the venue for a play titled 'The Crossing' by Wendy Blaxland. It is being held as part of the 2013 crossing celebrations.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the Carrington on 4782 1111. Cost is \$30 adults and \$27 concession.

KCHS members who would like to attend as a group should contact the secretary, Suzanne Smith on 4567 7410 to confirm travel arrangements.

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