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## 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

## Australia Day Breakfast 2016

The Society's Australia Day breakfast was delighted to have as guest speaker, not only a member but a genuine local, Don Webster, who spoke about the background and history about the location of the venue for the breakfast – the Kurrajong Heights Bowling Club. Don is about as local as you can get – the property on which he and Helen live is next door to the club, and on the same original property which was the subject of his talk. He is also a lifelong resident of the Heights, and his family connections go back to his great grandfather, who built St David's church, the oldest church in the Blue Mountains.

Quoting from Meredith Hungerford's history of Bilpin, Don began with "Rock Farm'", a property of 50 acres selected for Eliza Lane by Joseph Stubbs. This was below Cut Rock, in the locality of Tabarag. It was later divided into two portions. Stubbs had been transported in 1803, but by 1828 he was free, and married Anne White (or Lane) from Castlereagh. One of the two portions, called Merroo 6, changed hands a number of times, and in 1900, James Williamson was producing varieties produce from Rock Farm and was growing exceptionally large apples, both cooking and dessert varieties, and in one season picked 120 bushels of peas.

In 1918, Daniel Hobby acquired Merroo 6, and this was the first time that the property was occupied, as none of the previous owners had developed it. A sawmill was established, and employed a number of locals, while Dan and his brother Archie bought the property opposite, (the original Kurrajong 208) and Dan opened a garage in Kurrajong in the late 1920s. Meanwhile, the heavy traffic generated by the mill meant that Bells Line of Road beyond Cut Rock was in very bad shape. In 1925, it was said that the road could be a tourist road, but because of its use by bullock teams travellers were advised to carry a pick and shovel for washaways and an axe for fallen trees.

The land was acquired by Walter Banks in the `1940s, and at some stage Merroo 6 was sub-divided, leading to the situation of the adjoining properties of the Webster's and the bowling club. In 1965, Spencer Scott of Kurrajong Heights bought land next to the former sawmill, and with other members of the community, first thought of a golf course and then decided on the Kurrajong Heights Bowling and Recreation Club, the first AGM of which was in 1967 in a two-room clubhouse.

Later fundraising enabled extensions to be built, after some problems with Colo Shire Council, approval was gained by the Licensing Court. The extensions were opened in May 1980, in great ceremony, with representatives of local government, regional bowling associations, both men's and women's. The club had become even more important in the community after the disastrous fire which destroyed the Kurrajong Heights Hotel in 1975. *Cont. page 2* 



Guest Speaker Don Webster - Image David Griffiths

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#### **KCHS Australia Day Award 2016**

The Society's premier award was presented at the Breakfast to Val Birch, in recognition of her contributions over the whole of the Society's existence. Before the foundation of KCHS, Val had already researched and published material on local history. She was a foundation member, has been acquisitions officer, librarian and archivist, a member of the Committee, and a major contributor to research, notably the 2015 Anzac publication, *We Remember Them.* A richly deserved award. *(Image below taken by David Griffiths)* 



Valerie Birch recipient of the K-CHS Australia Day Award

#### 2016 Hawkesbury City Council Australia Day Awards

The Society was delighted to be presented with the Cultural Heritage Award in a ceremony conducted by Hawkesbury City Council and the Richmond Club. In accepting the Award, President Steve Rawling emphasised that, while there was some focus on the significant publication of *We Remember Them*, the award in fact recognised the contributions of all those members who have contributed to publications, research, digital archives, websites etc. over the life of the Society. He mentioned particularly Frank Holland for his leadership of several major projects, and Suzanne Smith for her very demanding work in keeping the Society running effectively as Secretary.



HCC Heritage Award image Paul Hulbert

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Over the years the Women's Bowling Club held many fund-raising events at the premises, which contributed greatly to the costs of maintaining the green.

Eventually, the cost became impossible to meet, and the green was replaced with a synthetic surface which was ready for play on March 28, 1987. The Memorial Gates were opened on 15 September 1991.

The Australia Day Breakfast was a great success, due to good planning by Secretary Suzanne Smith and Club Manager Mick Jabour. Excellent food preparation and service by volunteer members of the Kurrajong Heights Bowling & Recreation Club, resulted in a morning enjoyed by all members and friends of the Society.

#### President Steve Rawling AM

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## A visit to the University of Sydney **Great Hall and Nicholson Museum** 16th February, 2016

Having arrived on the University of Sydney Campus via a rather circuitous route, the KCHS group was greeted by our guide Julia, under the quadrangle clock tower, of the sandstone university. Julia unravelled the history of the university buildings, constructed on old Grose Farm. In particular we focused on The Great Hall, officially opened in July 1859. Designed by Edmund Thomas Blacket 1854 in the Tudor Gothic Style, using Pyrmont sandstone from quarries nearby. The Great Hall was to be 135 feet x 45 feet x 71 feet high. On completion of the Hall, a two metre statue known as

the "Angel of Knowledge" was placed on bol of Deity, Arithmetic the abacus,

top of the eastern gable. In June 1874, Geometry the book of Euclid, Astronomy regarded as rather a precarious adorn- a star, Music the lyre and Physics an anment this was removed and is lost to cient pump. A rather grand building, the posterity. The hammerbeam roof of the walls are hung with paintings of Univerinterior resembles Westminster Hall, sity Chancellors including Dame Marie London. These beams are decorated Bashir, the end of the beams with the with twelve carved wooden angel fig- Crests of Australian Universities. In 1848 ures. The angels to the left and right William Charles Wentworth in the NSW above the dais bear scrolls inscribed in Legislative Council had proposed that Latin, 'knowledge puffeth up, but charity the Sydney College become a larger Uniedifieth' and 'The fear of the Lord is the versity and that this was an imperative if beginning of wisdom'. The other ten Society was aspiring towards selfangels carry books inscribed with sym- government. The University of Sydney bols referring to the Arts and Sciences Act was passed on 24 September 1850 over which they preside. Grammar is a and inaugurated on 11 October 1852 at papyrus roll, Dialectic is Aristotle's three what is now Sydney Grammar School. figure diagram, Poetry has a harp, ethics The University received Royal Charter in the St Mary's lily, Metaphysics the sym- February 1858 from Queen Victoria.

#### **FUTURE COMMEMORATIONS**

- **1817** Benjamin Singleton set out to explore North of his mill, and the Parr expedition occurred in the same year.
- **1819** John Howe made his successful expedition to the Hunter Valley
- 1823, Archibald Bell Junior traced the route of what became known as Bells Line of Road. (Please NOTE correction: Archibald Bell not Alexander Bell as recorded in Jan / Feb 2016 Millstone)

Anniversary celebration ideas are welcome from members for the above, please contact Frank Holland, President Steve Rawling or Secretary Suzanne Smith

Information on any other milestones, a centenary, sesquicentenary, or a bi-centenary, which the Society should note would also be welcome.

- $\Diamond$ St Peter's Richmond (1841) The 175 Years Anniversary Service - Sunday 24th July 2016
- $\diamond$ St David's Uniting Church (1867) 150th Anniversary will be celebrated with a special service in October 2017 (date to be announced).
  - St Matthew's Windsor (1817) The 200th Anniversary will be celebrated 8th & 11th October 2017



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#### WE REMEMBER THEM - WW1 Soldiers of The Kurrajong District – Family Representative not located

The Society is seeking descendant families of WW1 soldiers who enlisted from The Kurrajong Region. Below is a list of the volunteers' families you maybe able to assist locate. A list is also available online at www.kurrajonghistory.org.au

Name & Initials/ Service No.	Rank	Unit	Comments
Abrams Clive Sydney 818	Pte	15MG Coy	Alias Donald McDonald Returned 6/1/19
Abrams Keith Ezzy 32055	Drv.	1 DAC	Returned home 10/8/19 NOK Sidney H Abrams
Ashwell James. Raymond 1869	Pte	45 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 22/12/18 NOK Fred & Emily Ashwell
Balcombe Thomas. Henry 6850	Pte	14 Inf Bn	Returned home 20/8/19 NOK Alf & Ann Balcombe
Bell William. Joseph. 3370	Pte	56 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 8/5/19 NOK William & Mary Bell
Brown Arthur Edward. 3543	Tpr.	Camel Corps	NOK Alfred brown – Wheeny Creek
Case Thomas5690	Pte	19 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 16/1/19 – NOK Thomas & Catherine
Cribb Alfred Charles 31811	Gnr.	Med. Trench Mtr.	Returned home 12/10/19 - NOK Richard & Mary Cribb
Douglass Claude 3637	Pte.	18 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	NOK James and Louisa Douglass (Crooked Lane)
Ezzy Francis Harold. Arthur 19885	Spr.	Fld. Coy. Engineers	Returned home 2/9/19 Parents Benjamin & Emily
Ezzy Frederick James 19341	Spr.	Spec. Sigs. Service	Returned Home 20/3/18 Wife Agnes Parents R & a Ezzy
Geoghan Bert 2900	Pte	56 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn	Returned home 25/5/19 – Parents Deceased
Gosper Arthur 2904	L/Cpl	54 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn.	Returned home 9/8/19 Parents Thomas & Alice Gosper
Harris Stanley Roy 12902	Pte.	11 depot Coy	Died Australia Enoggera pre embarkation 25/11/16
Lavender George – 3822	Pte.	9 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	NOK George and Jean Lavender
Lewis Eric Norman. 1028	Pte.	18 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 31/5/19 Parents James and Minnie
Lewis William Robert 259	Sgt.	17 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 27/2/20 – NOK J & M Lewis
London Augustus 338	Cpl.	1 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 12/11/19 – NOK W & M London
London Edward 6644	L.Cpl	35 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn	Returned home 10/8/19 " "
London Hector Clarence 11035	Gnr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fld. Arty,	Returned home22/2/19 - NOK Henry London
London Henry Darcy 3784	Drv.	1 <sup>st</sup> light Horse	Returned home 14/2/19 " "
Masterman Benjamin Arthur 4202	Pte	47 inf. Bn.	Returned Home 4/9/18 - NOK Robert Masterman
		a oth i a p	(brother of Mrs W. Biddle)
Maze Robert John3316	l/Cpl	19 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 1/6/19 Parents R & S Maze Grose Vale
McLaren NOrmanWalter 5054	L/Cpl	20 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned Home 9/8/19 NOK W. H McLaren S. Africa
McMahon Clarence Thomas 3571	Pte	19 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home May 19 NOK J.J. McMahon
Mitchell James 2207	Pte	53 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bn.	NOK Edward J & Mary Mitchell (nee Overton)
Mitchell Raymond Edward. 2208	Pte	53 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 13/10/18 NOK F & J Mitchell
Mowat(t) Andrew 2182	Pte7	Lt.trench Mtr.	Returned home 5/9/19 NOK Nellie (wife) Grose Wold
Norris Cecil James 1808	Cpl	45 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	NOK Edwin Norris (Fmr. Teacher Kurrajong South)
Peck Alwin 2695	L/Cpl	38 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 18/8/19 – NOK H. J. Peck
Peck Arthur Stephen Myers 4352	Pte	29 <sup>th</sup> Inf . Bn.	Returned 19/2/19 – Parents R\$ & E Peck (nee Myers)
Power John Francis. 4508	Pte	17 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned Home Parents James & Emily (Grose Vale)
Shirley William George 4902	Pte	3 <sup>rd</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned Home 29/12/18 Parents A & M Shirley
Scholer Richard 6775	Drv.	8 Fld. Amb	Returned home 26/3/19 NOK P & M Scholer
Spalding William Edward 3377	Pte	36 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 15/10/19 NOK Annie Spalding -Mother)
Sparkes Thomas 2611	Drv.	4 <sup>th</sup> LH fd.Amb	Returned home 25/5/19 NOK Thomas Sparkes
Walker Arthur George 3003	Pte	57 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bn.	Returned home 14/2/18 NOK E. Walker (UK)

Wallis Ernest

Wilmot Stephen James

Wilmot Thomas Edwin

Wilson George Alfred

Wurth Wallace Charles

Wurth William Wilton

Wilson Melbourne

Wilson Rueben

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Walker George Henry	2027	Pte	45 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn.	Returned home 16/2/18 NOK Elsie (wife) Thomas Walker		
				(Father of Kurrajong Heights)		
Walker Victor Keith	2028	L/Cpl	45 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn	NOK Ruby (Wife) Father Thomas Walker as above		

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26<sup>th</sup> Inf Bn

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**OF INTEREST:** Since the launch of the WW1 *We Remember* Them publication, the Society has received many thank you letters and cards from descendant families who have received a copy of the book. Below is a letter received from Keith Sidney Lavender the newest member of the Society and a descendant recipient of the WW1 publication. I am sure there are quite a few of you who knew Keith, who is now living at Heathwood in Queensland.

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13882

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Cpl

Pte

Pte

Tpr

Pte

Gnr

Pte

Sgt

#### Dear Members,

I am writing to thank you for sending me the We Remember Them book. I knew so many of them and their families and it brings back memories of Kurmond and Kurrajong.

Before leaving for school I would deliver milk around Kurmond on horseback. One house was that of Mart Horan (WW1 p91). Mart had a butcher shop at the top of Longleat and Bells Line of Road, Kurmond. He died suddenly, leaving a wife and young daughter Betty.

I would like to know if anyone can remember when father started the dairy, I know it was operating in 1932. Interestingly, it was that year, Eric, Cliff and I were admitted to a hospital on the coast. I recall a nurse taking us kids down a steep track to the beach. Years later I spoke to my mother about the scarlet fever and diphtheria we had, and she told me it was the Prince Henry coast hospital.

Because they were infectious diseases and my father (George Lavender), ran a dairy and milk run in Kurmond and Kurrajong, our house and property were quarantined and fumigated. (Soldier Settlement 257 Bells Line of Road WW1 p100).

Returned home 11/4/19 NOK Mrs. E Wallis (Mother)

Returned home 3/8/19 - NOK Ellen Wilson (Mother)

W.G Wurth .Father (frm. Teacher at Comleroy Road)

NOK as above from Bowen Mountain)

As above

NOK as above + John (Father) - Grose Vale

As above Mother Ellen lived Paget St Richmond)

Returned home 13/6/18NOK William.& Sarah. J Wilmot

My father continued the milk run up until 1944, when I took over until 1951. After that date, our milk was sent from the family dairy to the milk board, until we sold our dairy and home in 1959-1960. Mother and father then retired to Port Macquarie, father died in 1967, mother living on until 1989.

One thing I would like to mention, that many may not know is that well after WW1 the Mill Road millstones were placed on the high bank at the junction of Bells Line of Road and Comleroy Road and a shed placed over them with a wire mesh front so you could view in. A German machine gun had been placed on top of the stones. After sometime the wire mesh was torn away and parts of the gun taken, eventually only the tripod and gun barrel were left and these were placed in the storeroom at Comleroy Hall.

About 1950 the Department of Main Roads decided, due to the number of accidents, to remove the embankment and rather carelessly, bulldozed over the millstones smashing them. Fortunately they did repair them!

I am enclosing my KCHS membership application.

#### Yours faithfully, Keith Lavender (January 2016)

The Committee is seeking a volunteer to head up a Kurrajong Walks & Drives workshop group, linked to Hawkesbury Tourism and the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail. The workshop would probably, initially, involve two or three meetings, as each volunteer assistant would draft their ideas, with a focus on a region of the district west of the river. Guidance would also be given by Belinda Mitrovich Hawkesbury Tourism at the initial workshop.

Please contact KCHS Secretary Suzanne Ph: 4567 7410 Email: secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au

## WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

The Society would like to welcome new members

#### **Keith Sidney Lavender**

Vicky Neville

KCHS Visit to the NSW Mounted Police Museum 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 *(Suzanne Smith)* 



Twenty-one members and friends of the Society arrived at the Museum in Redfern and were greeted at the open gate by guide and fellow KCHS member Stewart Thompson OAM. We were escorted to the training arena in time for a lively demonstration by 4 female troopers on horseback, their beautifully groomed horses obedient and disciplined under their commander/supervisor, and the riders' reins. An all female review! Apparently the NSW Mounted Police Force currently comprises 75% females, including the first female Commander of the unit, made up of 36 Officers and 38 horses.

The NSW Unit is the oldest continuous operational Mounted unit in the world. Formed by Governor Brisbane in 1825. By 1830 the more settled parts of the colony were divided into divisions. The main division was stationed in Sydney and located at Belmore Barracks, on the present site of Central Railway Station. This division also incorporated the Governor's Guard. The three country divisions were the Western at Bathurst, Argyle at Goulburn and the Hunter at Maitland.

By the 1900's the Mounted Police had a strength of over 800 personnel and over 900 horses. It was at the turn of the century that the Barracks were relocated to temporary accommodation at Moore Park Showground, before occupying the present site in 1907 at Bourke Street, Redfern. The present stable site was renovated in 1996.



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83 Old Bells Line of Road KURRAJONG VILLAGE www.sassafrascreek.com.au Ph: 4573 0988 The Mounted Police Unit has always been used for Traffic Duty, Public Relations Duties and formal Ceremonies. Of note and pointed out to us by our guide Stewart, the Unit has participated in the Royal Easter Show since 1895, performing the musical ride and Governor's escort excluding 1942-1946 during the war years, when no shows were held.

Over 80% of the Mounted Unit's core business is general high visibility patrols in and around the CBD and Local Area Commands. Performing general policing duties on horseback, they attend community events, parades and festivals. The Unit is an important element in crowd control, also assisting the Riot Squad, at protests, riots and large public events.

In Regional and Country areas the Mounted Police are used in searches for lost persons, escapees, drug plantations and the mustering of stolen or emaciated stock. They also work closely with RSPCA and local government impounding officers, tasks our guide Stewart performed for many years, stationed in Northern NSW as a member of the Mounted Police Force.

All constables are responsible for the care and maintenance of their own saddlery, grooming of the horses and stables. They require a high level of skill in drill, crowd control, escort duty through city streets, this also requires a high level of equestrian skill, along with Police procedures. Veterinary, farrier, truck and float transportation skills are also required.

Our tour of the Barracks and Museum, including Stewart's most informative talk, reflected the work of the NSW Mounted Police since the Unit's inception in the early colony, to the present day. *Thank you Stewart* (Images David Griffiths)



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#### The Millstone March-April 2016

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Maclaurin Hall, the Old Fisher Library & Nicholson Museum, University of Sydney Quadrangle (K-CHS 16th February Excursion continued from page 3 & 6) Housed in the lower section of the beautiful stone building once know as the Fisher Library is the Nicholson Museum. Full of antiquities and curiosities from the ancient world, mummies from Egypt, household pottery and items from Crete, Greece, Italy and Mesopotamia. Founded in 1860 by Sir Charles Nicholson to house the donation of his private collection to the University. "The Maclaurin Hall, the former Fisher Library is Gothic Revival in style. The building was designed to form a corner to the Quadrangle and is two storey on the Quadrangle side and three storey facing Manning Road. The southern facade features a central bay flanked by two turrets. The magnificent reading room is on the upper floor of this building and the hammerbeam roof of the hall is constructed of cedar and is based on English prototypes with which the Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon was familiar." From University Tour Notes



Maclaurin Hall, Federation Gothic Style 1902-1906 once housed The Fisher Library and Reading Room Images from the University of Sydney Collection

The Quadrangle design is based on those of Oxford and Cambridge. It contains one of only two carillons in Australia, the other being the one on Aspen Island in Canberra. Maclaurin Hall is in the centre left of the photo

#### ST ANDREWS COLLEGE



On leaving the Quadrangle we travelled to the far end of campus where we were met by Professor Ian Jack. Ian is well known to all of us living in the Hawkesbury Region. The College Archivist and resident Senior Fellow of the College, Professor Ian Jack is responsible for maintaining the College archives and has authored several books on the history of St Andrew's College. Ian gave a brief overview of the early history of the college, a co-ed residential academic community, governed by an elected Council. Set in its own grounds within the University, St Andrew's has offered residency, academic and social support to students for over 140 years. The St Andrew's College Incorporation Act received Royal Assent in 1867 from Queen Victoria and was only replaced by an updated Act as recently as 1998. It was in 1870 that the College Council first met and in 1876 the students entered the grand sandstone Scottish baronial building now known as the Main Building. Ian generously escorted our group from the Senior Common Room to the beautifully restored Junior Common Room and then upstairs to the Library with its silk screened ceiling panels and high windows, then on to the Main rather magnificent Hall, before visiting the Chapel. The College provides a home for many academically and musically gifted students.



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## THE ARCHIVES



**The Story of the Wheenys** There are two creeks in the Kurrajong area with similar names. **Little Wheeny Creek** flows from Grose Vale into Wheeny Creek about 2 kilometres west of where Comleroy Road crosses Wheeny Creek. **Wheeny Creek** flows from Bilpin into the Colo River just west of where Putty Rd crosses the river. Even though it is called a creek, Wheeny Creek is actually designated as a river by the NSW Geographical Names Board.

Wheeny Creek is also a designated locality, along where Wheeny Creek runs, in the Parish of Colo, County of Cook.

The NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) was established in the Geographical Names Act 1966 to assign and otherwise regulate place names in NSW.

The GNB decreed the spelling of Wheeny without a third 'e' (Wheeney) for both these creeks on 3rd October, 1969. Locally the spelling with the extra 'e' had been commonplace even though parish maps going back to the late 1880s showed only the Wheeny spelling.

It was also recently thought by some that Little Wheeny Creek didn't have the 'e' but Wheeney Creek did. This is not supported by the GNB placenames database or parish maps. Our publication 'Kurrajong Collections' makes this incorrect assertion. A quick Google search shows the incorrect spelling is still quite common.

In our photo archive, we have elected to use the correct spelling except where the incorrect spelling is shown in a picture (eg 'Wheeney Creek Guest House').

#### David Griffiths Feb 2016

Heritage Festival Event 30 April 2016 11am to 2.30pm Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Hawkesbury History Society at *Australia's oldest church, Ebenezer Church 1809* The event includes a talk on church history, a two-course lunch, walk-and-talks in the colonial graveyard and to the historic tree, riverside beach and quarry. Location: 95 Coromandel Road, Ebenezer, 2756 Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 children Bookings essential. 02 4579 9235 tedbrill@bigpond.com **Wheeney Creek Guest House**, later known as *Rainbow Lodge*, with Little Wheeny Creek Bridge Kurrajong in the foreground. (Goldfinders Inn, not visible, is opposite). The guest house was built in 1930 for Mr Arnold Sampson. The name was later changed by new management to *Rainbow Lodge*. The building later being purchased by the Handicapped Children's Centre Sutherland to become a residential home. *Rainbow Lodge* was burnt down in 1971, but fortunately the organisation and those in their care had recently moved to another institution at Woodford.

Photographs taken by Jim Vincent and James Gobert, along with the Courier article on the burning down of *Rainbow Lodge*, can be viewed at: www.kurrajonghistory.org.au

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## GENERAL MEETING Monday 1pm, 4th April 2016 Grose Vale Hall Grose Vale

The Society's General Meeting will be held in early April, due to the fall of Easter in late March. There will be a special presentation by President Steve Rawling and Kathie McMahon. This will have a local history focus.

All members and friends welcome Ladies, please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

### GENERAL MEETING Monday 7pm 23rd May 2016 St David's Uniting Church Kurrajong Heights

Further details in the May Millstone

A June excursion to the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot and the Arms of Australia Inn Museum at Emu Plains is currently in the planning stage. I am endeavouring to negotiate suitable times and dates with both Museums for a KCHS visit. So watch this space. We plan to lunch at the Nepean Rowing Club Suzanne

