

Kurrajong–Comleroy Historical Society Newsletter

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

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Now that the cricket season has ended tennis takes the spotlight with a 1904 article on the opening of St Stephen's Tennis Courts and a photo from the archives, the Chambers and Taylor brothers.

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Final reminders are the visit to the Powerhouse Discovery Centre on Tuesday, 13 May and the general meeting on Monday, 26 May.

New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new members

KEVIN & ELLIE CORBETT

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O'CONNELL

PAMELA TOBIN

Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains

LES AND ANNE DOLLIN

In sparkling autumn sunshine fifty-two members and guests of the KCHS met at Blaxlands Ridge on 11 March for the Society's biggest ever field trip – *Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains* with tour leader Les Dollin.



The largest group ever on a KCHS field trip, pictured at Mount Wilson

The day began with a Powerpoint presentation by Anne Dollin using the Society's new projector. Anne explained how geological events millions of years ago influenced the patterns of settlement we see along Bells Line of Road. Massive increases in sea level and major volcanic eruptions produced the Bells Line of Road landscape of today.

These geological events produced pockets of rich soil that attracted our early settlers to Mt Wilson, Mt Tomah, Bilpin and Berambing. There they developed timber milling and orchard industries. One of the volcanoes that erupted 200 million years ago was in Kurrajong.

Kurrajong's Volcano

The first stop on our field trip was Kurrajong's best kept secret, our ancient volcano. Now called Diamond Hill this volcano was just three kms north of the village.

Kurrajong's volcano erupted two hundred million years ago and is now extinct, so there is no need to panic. However, there was a minor political eruption in the 1970s when several mining companies wanted to take our volcano away in big trucks. The lava from the volcano had solidified into an underground deposit of basalt over three hundred metres wide. The companies wanted to mine this deposit.

The local residents rallied, 190 of them. Some even rode horses down Macquarie Street to Parliament House in protest. The locals were successful and we are able to visit Kurrajong's very own volcano in its original state.

Sookaboومی at Berambing

It was then off to another hidden secret, *Sookaboومی*, the Hungerford property at Berambing. Our hosts, Frank and Rosalind Allatt, told us fascinating stories from their family's past and showed us around the historic property. It originally covered hundreds of acres with a steam-operated sawmill and a bullock team. The old cottage was hand built from stone quarried nearby.

One of the children who grew up at *Sookaboومی* was prize winning author, Hesba Brinsmead née Hungerford. Her wonderful novels, 'Longtime Passing' and 'Longtime Dreaming' were based on her memories of growing up on this remote property in the 1920s and 1930s.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FRANK HOLLAND

A number of activities have been undertaken since I wrote the previous column. The Society's first pictorial publication *Glimpses of the Kurrajong* has been released and sales have been very good with half of the initial print run sold in the first month. Our thanks go to the Book Committee: Airdrie Martin, Jenny & David Griffiths, Valerie Birch and Paul Hulbert for their dedication and hard work.

Other projects have included the completion of a reference text by Brenda Smith, *Some Trees of the Kurrajong*, a collection from many sources about trees found in the area and the many uses of their timber. This reference text will be added to the Society's library. Another publication was the recording by Valerie Holland of the creation of the Community Bank (Bendigo) at North Richmond. A copy of this publication will be placed in the library and a licence has been given to the bank to reproduce the publication. Kathie McMahon has compiled a collection of articles to provide a reference source for local schools teaching local history. Kathie and Steve Rawling used this material in conjunction with a group of musicians to demonstrate how local history can be presented through song at the National Folk Festival in Canberra. Much of the reference material was selected from articles by members previously printed in *The Millstone* and from our Website. The music was from Steve's publication *Memories of Kurrajong: History in Song*.

Many additions have been made to our digital image collection and Joy has arranged for the master copies of our records to be updated and securely stored.

David Griffith has used our new data projector to make a presentation about the old rail link between Richmond and Kurrajong known as 'The Pansy Line' and Les Dollin has made a presentation to another community group about the old Comleroy Road and Wheeney Creek crossing.

Over fifty members and visitors gathered at the Community Centre at Blaxland's Ridge on Tuesday, 11 March to receive an extremely informative presentation by Anne Dollin on the geology of the area. This Powerpoint presentation showed the geological reasons for human settlement and development along the area between Kurrajong and Mount Wilson. This was followed by field excursions to Diamond Hill, *Sookiboomi* at Berambing and tours of the Turkish Bath House and village of Mount Wilson. Many thanks go to Les and Anne for their research, presentation and a most enjoyable and informative field trip.

The general meeting on 31 March was at the Radio Museum, Kurrajong. Thanks go to Ian and Patricia O'Toole for their hospitality and for the entertainment provided by Ian. Two issues requiring further discussion are: 1) The Society needs to develop a clear policy regarding the issue of permanent premises. Do we want premises or not? If so is there sufficient support to staff permanent premises? 2) Preliminary planning is under way to celebrate two hundred years since Governor Macquarie and his wife crossed over the Hawkesbury River and journeyed to Kurrajong Heights. Members are asked to think about these items. Plans for Item two will be developed by a small sub-committee and advised in due course. Item one will be discussed at a Special General Meeting of members. Further details of the meeting are published on page seven. ❧

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Photo: Pat O'Toole

The 1880s Turkish Bath housing the Mt Wilson Museum

Fertile Mt Wilson

The final stop on our trip was Mt Wilson. Mary Reynolds and John Cardy from the Mt Wilson and Mt Irvine Historical Society gave us personalised tours of the village and museum. We greatly appreciated their marathon effort conducting four tours each during the day to cater for our huge group. Mary Reynolds, on her village tour, related fascinating stories about the early settlers, the old post office and St George's Church with its historic cemetery.

The museum is housed in an elaborate Victorian style Turkish Bath built in the 1880s. John Cardy showed us the Turkish Bath with its furnace room, beautiful stained glass windows and extensive photographic displays.

The *Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains* field trip and the apple pie morning tea were enjoyed by all as we explored the early history of the settlement of Bells Line of Road. ❧

Anne's detailed notes of the field trip and her preliminary talk can be found online at www.comleroyroad.com in the articles Diamond Hill and Hidden Secrets of the Blue Mountains.

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Where did Louisa Atkinson live?

STEVE RAWLING AM

*Part two of an edited version of a talk given by Steve at the Society's
2008 Australia Day Breakfast*



From the Editor

ONCE UPON A TIME there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody. When there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Somebody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it.

So it ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place. [Anon.]

The above paragraphs have appeared in numerous publications as a reminder of the importance, value and regular need of volunteers within many groups and societies, particularly those self-funded.

All activities the Society conducts and its regular day-to-day chores requires a band of many volunteers. *The Millstone* would not make it to your letterbox without the help of a number of people who generally remain nameless.

I would like to thank the volunteers who help make *The Millstone* possible, not only in its formation but also its production and distribution. You can be assured your efforts are appreciated not only by myself but by all who read the newsletter.

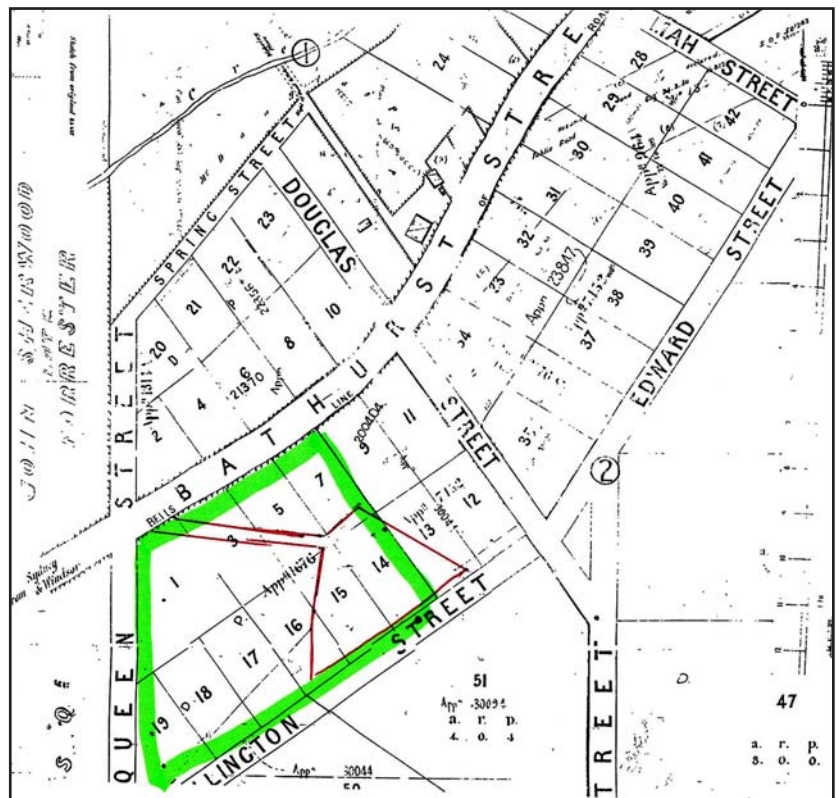
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Where did Louisa Atkinson live in Kurrajong Heights between 1860 and 1865? There has been a deal of confusion about this. Even such good researchers as Patricia Clarke and Elizabeth Lawson, authors of the two most thorough studies of Louisa's life and work, thought that the cottage which Louisa and her mother had built was north of Bells Line of Road. Through that part of Kurrajong Heights, Bells Line of Road runs more or less north/south and Louisa and Charlotte's property is more accurately described as being east of the road, or at best, east-nor-east.

But where exactly? My interest was aroused by the excellent work done by Patricia Downes on the early history of Kurrajong Heights which she presented to the Society some years ago, centred on her ancestor, Joseph Douglass.

Trish examined the sale of lots in the sub-division of Northfield Village by Samuel North in 1839. Some of these lots were quite small. While some of the lots sold there is little evidence of anyone building on them for many years. Trish recorded some later sales, including lot 14 in 1859 to "C. L. W. Atkinson, spinster of the Kurrajong". This excited my interest because Lot 14 is part of the property which we now own. The plan below shows Lot 14 in relation to the battleaxe block which is the present

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The Reverend Leonard Daniels

BETTY UPTON

PART TWO

After his ordination on 21 December 1920 at Farnham Castle, Rev Leonard Daniel's first posting was as curate under Canon Price-Devereaux, vicar of the parish of Christ Church at Woking in the county of Surrey. It was while he was enjoying what Len himself described as the "happiest of all jobs" that he received a call from Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain General, to go to India on the Braemar Castle as chaplain to the troops sailing from Southampton.

It was during the few months of the India trip that his old wanderlust returned and prompted him to request more permanent overseas church work. In due course he was offered three choices: a chaplaincy in Madras, a parish near Pretoria in South Africa or an extensive parish in western New South Wales, Australia. He chose the New South Wales parish which was centred at Wilcannia and supported by the Bush Church Aid Society.

In the dawn of 25 December 1922 his ship Balranald arrived in Sydney Harbour where he was met by Rev (later Bishop) Sydney J. Kirkby who proved to be a staunch and life-long friend. He was introduced to Rev George Chambers, later Bishop of Central Tanganyika, with whom he spent Christmas before boarding a train for Hay.

On arrival in Hay he met the Right Reverend Dr. Anderson, Bishop of Riverina, and on the following day they set out together on the arduous two-day drive to Wilcannia. During that long and difficult trip through the drought-stricken outback in January 1923 Len would have realised the enormity of the task ahead of him.

For three and a half years of his nine year incumbency at Wilcannia Len struggled against the vast distances and difficulties of travel in *Lizzie*, the Model T Ford belonging to the parish. In 1926 he was invited by the Colonial and Continental Church Society in London to return briefly to England and give a series of lectures on the work of the Church in outback Australia in general and his own parish in particular. He sailed for England aboard the RMS *Aorangi* in July of that year.

Following his first lecture in which he had spoken of the problems of travel in *Lizzie* through such hazardous country, he was approached by a lady who previously had lived in Australia. This lady had learnt of his flying experience during the war and she suggested to him that a light aircraft would be ideal for his work. It was this lady's initiative in having an advertisement lodged in a widely-read local newspaper calling for donations for such an enterprise that eventually resulted in sufficient funds being raised for the purchase of a small plane for use in the vast Australian outback.



Before sailing for Australia and his return to duty Len ordered a De Havilland Cirrus Moth aircraft to be forwarded to Melbourne with the name painted on each side: Church of England. 'Far West'. Len himself was present in February 1928 to take delivery of it and was soon in the air again and on his way to Wilcannia.

Not only had Len achieved the second of his long-held ambitions, to become a pilot, but also a pioneering legend had been born, the first 'Flying Parson'. Two ambitions fulfilled with one magnificent and far-reaching result.

During the few weeks late in 1927 and early January 1928 spent by Len in Sydney awaiting the arrival of the Moth in Melbourne, he was posted as locum-tenens to the Eastwood parish where the resident rector had been taken ill. While there he became acquainted with many parishioners including an eminent explorer, William Tietkins, and his daughter Emily Mary.

Len and Emily were married at Eastwood Church on 20 August 1930 and soon after the wedding they flew out of Mascot for the flight to Wilcannia to work together in his vast parish.

With Emily at his side Len continued to enter wholeheartedly and joyfully into the rich and full life of his parish. His care and concern for those in his pastoral care were real and sincere and he never ceased to admire the generosity of spirit of all.

He became very attached to the children from remote stations who came to stay at the Society's hostel in town while they attended school. The matron cared for the girls while Len devoted time to the boys, coaching them in activities not normally part of station life.

The Psalmist tells us, "... all things come to an end." and it was with a great deal of regret that early in 1932 it was time for Len and Emily to say goodbye to Wilcannia and set their sights for Lithgow.

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Tennis News

Opening of St Stephen's Tennis Courts.

The official opening of St. Stephen's Tennis Courts, at Kurrajong, was performed by Mrs Brinsley Hall on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, before a large gathering of Kurrajong residents. The club is yet in its infancy, but the members appear to evince considerable interest in its well being.

The office bearers of the club are: President, Rev. H. Tate; vice presidents, Messrs W. Holborrow and E. V. Ezzy; secretary, Mr. Horace Dunston; treasurer, Mr. Charles Dunston.

The president (Rev H. Tate), in the course of a few introductory remarks, gave a resume of the working of the club since its inauguration, and expressed pleasure at seeing such a number present that evening. He complimented the members of the club on the progress they had made, and called on Mrs. Hall to officially open the courts. Mrs. Hall, on coming forward, was well received, and in a few words declared the courts open, and hoped the club would have a successful future. Mr. B. Hall, M.L.A., supported the remarks of Rev. H. Tate, and showered congratulations on the newly formed club and its members.

Refreshments, provided by the ladies, were then served *AL FRESCO* and liberally discussed. Games were afterwards played on the courts until late in the evening. The gathering was marked throughout by a unanimity of good feeling.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette
19 March 1904

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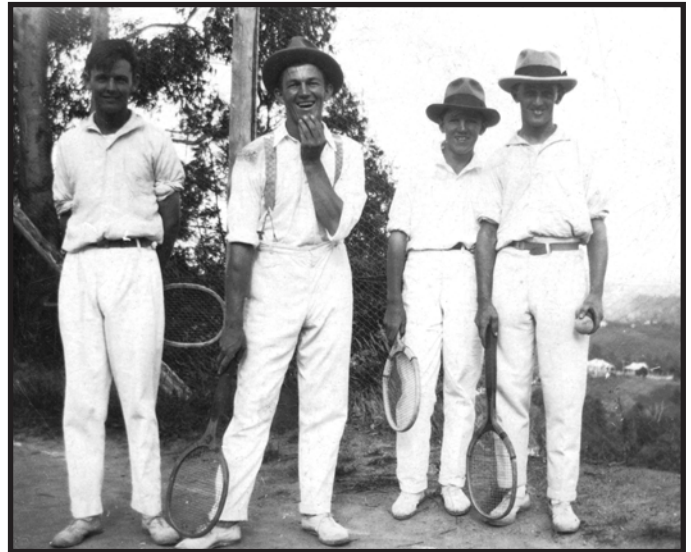
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From The Archives

The men's tennis team



Circa 1928

Left to right: Eric Chambers, Harold Taylor, Les Taylor and Clarry Chambers. There is no reference to which tennis court the photo was taken at but there is a strong possibility it was 'Kurrajong Tennis Court'. Eric and Clarry Chambers were brothers, as were Harold and Les Taylor.

Harold Taylor prided himself in his backyard tomatoes at his Richmond home and he travelled daily to work his farm at Kurrajong North nestled between two Soldier Settlement properties on the ridge. One was owned by his sister Edna and brother-in-law Roy Dunston and the other belonged to Jack and Violet Sunderland.

Harold had a bad heart and died suddenly in February 1965, aged fifty-seven whilst washing oranges with Les at *Burnside*. He enjoyed life to the full and when advised he would have to consider a healthier lifestyle due to his heart condition he quipped, "I'd rather lead a short and happy life than a long and miserable one!" He certainly did.

Digital archiving update

Joy Shepherd, the digital archiving officer, was given approval to purchase a portable scanner. Used in conjunction with her laptop computer they have opened up many new possibilities for acquiring images for the Society's growing collection.

Family photos are amongst many people's most treasured possessions and many are reluctant to let them leave their home. The portable scanner allows Joy to visit a person's home and they can watch and be involved in all the aspects of seeing a photo converted to a digital image and saved on computer for the benefit of current and future generations. The laptop computer also allows Joy to take detailed notes on the contents of each photo.

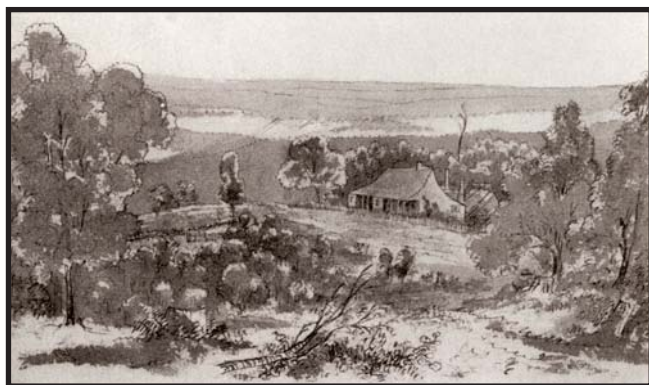
If you have been reluctant in the past to have your photos added to the Society's collection on the chance that they might be damaged or lost, Joy would gladly take the time to visit your home and scan them in your presence. Please keep in mind that Joy has a great deal on her plate so an appointment may need to be made well in advance.

Joy can be contacted on 4571 1524

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day *St Clements*, where we live. But further research I carried out showed that Louisa also bought all the surrounding lots 1-7 and 15-19, ending up with a property of five acres, three roods and fifteen and one half perches. She transferred the whole property to her mother's name in late 1859. They lived on that property until they sold it to Arthur Dight in 1865 when her mother's health declined and they moved back to the Southern Highlands.

Their cottage was named *Fernhurst* and it was from that address that Louisa wrote most of her many newspaper columns about all aspects of her adventurous life in the area. But where on the property was the cottage? Louisa's own sketch, below, gives some clues. At first I thought that the clearing in front of



Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW
Calvert sketches

Louisa Atkinson did this ink & wash illustration of a house at Kurrajong Heights believed to be *Fernhurst* after she and her mother moved to the district in the late 1850s

the cottage was Bells Line of Road, but the topography suggests that it was more likely to have been drawn from the road as the slope of the land is away from the artist's position. I believe that *Fernhurst* was somewhat down slope from Bells line of Road, closer to Lot 14 and the location of present day *St Clements*.

We know that the property passed from Arthur Dight to William Henry Bowman and then in 1901 to Edward and Selina Doyle. In Dight and Bowman's time it was leased to the Peck family and used as a guest house and Bowman built a second house on the property.

There was one most interesting family who stayed there. In 1871 a Presbyterian minister, James Cosh, wrote about a family holiday there. One of his two boys, John Cosh, later became a doctor and at Royal Prince Alfred hospital met and married Louise Calvert, Louisa's only child. They were the parents of Janet Cosh. Louisa's granddaughter became a respected plant collector in later life in the Southern Highlands and the Janet Cosh Herbarium at the University of Wollongong houses her collections.

None of the writers on Louisa have been able to identify what happened to her cottage. But in Patricia Clarke's papers in the National Library there is a newspaper clipping with a letter from Henry Selkirk, a noted amateur historian and the son of Louisa's best friend, Emma Selkirk:

"When I first knew Miss Atkinson she lived with her widowed mother, Mrs. Barton, in a beautifully situated cottage at the Kurrajong, 12 miles from Richmond, which was the source of supplies. The cottage was well-named

"*Fernhurst*". The property afterwards was purchased by Mr. Arthur Dight of Clarendon, from whom later it passed to my sister's husband, Mr. William H. Bowman, then a large orange grower and exporter, now living at Chatswood (not one of the old Bowman family of Richmond). Subsequently, the property was bought by Mr. Edward Doyle, who quite recently sold it to Tietkins, the explorer....My brother-in-law added a modern house, but preserved the old cottage. Tietkins quite recently demolished both, to make place for something still more modern. It was found that the material of the very old cottage was in better preservation than that of the more modern house, the latter about 30 years old."

Tietkins was the 2IC of Ernest Giles's expeditions to central Australia and the first man to photograph Ayres Rock and the Olgas. He was also the father in law of Kurrajong's well-known flying parson, Leonard Daniels. The house that Tietkins built is shown below labelled in Thelma Groch's collection as *New Fernhurst*. It is possible that this, the house we now live in, was built on the footprint either of Louisa's cottage or of *Fernhurst II*, (William Bowman's house) although I do not yet have clear evidence of this.



Courtesy: Thelma Groch

New Fernhurst, Kurrajong Heights

So we can be certain that the current *St Clements* is situated on Louisa's property but further research is needed to establish where on that property the original *Fernhurst* stood. ❧

Steve Rawling's research on Fernhurst is ongoing.

If any reader might be able to help with even the smallest piece of information please feel free to contact him on

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A visit to Oakville

On Sunday last a visit was paid to Oakville, the country residence of Mr W. Moses, situated at the Bullridge, a drive of about nine miles from Windsor. A good horse, and a careful driver, with a fairly good road, made the outing a very pleasant one.

Arrived at their destination, the visitors were shown over the place by the owner, and it only required a cursory glance round to see what a valuable property Mr Moses is possessed of in this sequestered spot.

To his indomitable energy and perseverance, added to the judicious expenditure of capital, the present condition of the property is attributable, for he has transformed what a few years ago was an unproductive tract of virgin soil into a splendidly appointed holding, on which is, perhaps, one of the best orchards in the district, and what will one day make a pleasant retreat in which to spend the winter of his life.

The orchard is, of course, the most valuable (and the most profitable) adjunct to the property. Just now the trees are the picture of healthy and vigorous growth, and the wealth of bloom on the trees presages a prolific crop of luscious summer fruit.

Oakville is an ideal country seat, and its admirable situation, its fine altitude, and its charming environment, make it a most desirable locality in which to seek change of scene and relaxation from the monotony and ever-recurring sameness of town life.

Mr Moses has every reason to be proud of his Bullridge property. It is a model of order and tidiness – in fact its clean and tidy appearance at once gives the visitor the impression that the owner is a firm believer in the adage, “a place for everything, and everything in its place.”

Thanking Mr Moses for his courteous treatment, the visitors left for home, fully convinced that the ‘Squire of Oakville’ is essentially a man of method, energy, and enterprise.

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Feedback



Telling's general store

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Final word would have to go to Pearl Slender, née Shepherd now living in Queensland. She says that it is definitely her sister, Grace Shepherd, later Mitchell, and the older lady is her mother, Ina Shepherd. Some don't think it looks like Ina but Pearl was present when the photo was taken. The three of them had been visiting relatives who lived across the road from the shop. Pearl was standing across the road when the photo was taken. She cannot recall who actually took the photo.

No Manure

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The reference to *Lim* Everingham in the final paragraph is a typo and the editor takes all responsibility. Val Birch and Betty Upton have both confirmed that the gentleman in the photo is Lindsay Everingham married to Adeline. His parents were Mathew and Sarah and both Lin and Adeline are buried at St. James Cemetery, Kurrajong Heights.

Val and Betty are of the opinion that Koowong Estate would have been located in the local area but its exact location is still unknown.

Notice of Special General Meeting

The committee has called for a Special General Meeting of the Society to discuss and formulate a policy in regard to permanent premises in Kurrajong and if this was adopted how such premises would be utilised. This is a most important policy direction with significant impact on the Society's finances and manning levels.

Members are invited to attend and present their views. If you are unable to attend you may send your written views to the Secretary prior to the meeting date.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 June at the CWA hall in Kurrajong commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Valerie Holland
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Tuesday, 13 May

Visit the Powerhouse Discovery Centre at 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill, for a tour and display store visit. This tour will include history of the site as an experimental plantation in the 1950s investigating the benefits of essential oils, in particular eucalyptus oil. Also included will be tours of the state-of-the-art storage facility, the deep store buildings, conservation laboratory, commentary and highlights of the display store both upstairs and down. Access will also be granted to the visitor resource room. Parking is available on site.

After the tour those who wish to have lunch can either bring a packed one which can be enjoyed in the grounds of the museum or you may continue on to the Castle Hill RSL Club and have lunch in their bistro at your own cost. Car pooling may be necessary.

The day will commence at 8.45 a.m. outside the North Richmond Community Centre in William Street. The tour at the Discovery Centre will start at 10 a.m. sharp, late-comers will not be allowed to join and it should last for approximately ninety minutes.

As the museum stores irreplaceable objects from our past there are requirements which all visitors must adhere to. Before entering the museum all footwear must be covered and bags left in storage lockers. Wallets and mobile phones may be carried but phones must be turned off. Personal photography is permitted with-

out the use of flash but no professional photography and handling of objects is allowed. Drinks, sweets and recording devices are not permitted.

Cost per member is \$12 and \$15 for non-members. The museum staff need advance notice of the number of people likely to attend so it would be appreciated if you could advise of your interest at the earliest opportunity.

For further details or clarification of the requirements please contact Valerie Holland 4573 2226 or Joy Shepherd 4571 1524.

Monday, 26 May

A general meeting will be held at the North Richmond Community Centre in William Street commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Ian Small who will give some insights into his fascinating novel concerning "The Kurrajongs". It is an historically true story of a group of 114 First World War diggers who left Inverell in January 1916. Copies of Ian's book will be available for sale.

Supper will be served and a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Tuesday, 22 July

Our mid-year dinner at Panthers Club North Richmond. Arrive at 7 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Philip Charley OAM, the fourth generation family member to be so named. Philip will share some of the interesting history of

Volunteer Treasurer

Joy Shepherd, the current treasurer, will be vacating the position at the end of this financial year. Joy has streamlined all aspects of the bookkeeping to ensure minimum effort and time in maintenance, with clear and accurate details and reports of the Society's financial standing.

The ideal person would be a retired bookkeeper or accountant with a sound understanding of MYOB. Internet skills and experience with Microsoft Excel would be an advantage.

The position will become vacant on 1 July 2008. Joy has offered to assist the new treasurer for the first few months to ensure a comfortable and accurate transition.

If you feel you may have the skills required please feel free to contact the following:

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- Winner of Parramatta Regional Awards for Business Excellence in Customer Service 2007
- Winner of Parramatta Regional Awards for Business Excellence in Customer Service & Chairman's Choice Award 2006
- Winner of Western Sydney Industry Awards for Regional Excellence in Outstanding Service 2006
- Winner of Parramatta Regional Awards for Excellence in Sales & Marketing 2005
- Winner of Western Sydney Industry Awards for Excellence in Tourism, Meetings & Business Tourism & Most Outstanding Contribution to Western Sydney Tourism by a Small Business 2003
- Winner of the HMAA Best Short Break Accommodation in NSW for 2003
- Winner of Western Sydney Industry Awards for Excellence in Tourism, Hosted Accommodation 2002