

## Kurrajong - Comleroy Historical Society Newsletter

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

### THIS ISSUE

#### 3 Gladys Vincent

Gladys was one of the foundation members of the Society and a sixth generation resident of the Hawkesbury district

#### 4 The John family (Pt. 2)

The second and final part of Anne & Richard John's article on the John family of Comleroy Road

#### 6 Fred & Harry Travis

Valerie Birch recounts the tragic tale of Fred & Harry Travis, sons of Henry & Ada, who both lost their lives within days of each other at Passchendaele in October 1917

#### 7 Photos from the archives

Two photos from the Society's archives, one showing Wally Clewett working the family's farm *Lemon Forest* at Grose Vale circa 1936, and the other Percy (Joe) Pearce, taken circa 1920 in a pose that current OH&S laws would surely not allow

#### 8 Dates for your diary

Final reminders for this issue are: Sat 13 March - RAHS talk & dinner at History House; Mon 22 March - the Society's general meeting at St David's Uniting Church Hall; Sun 11 April - open day at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Windsor

### New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new member

PHILIP CHAPMAN



## Australia Day 2010 celebration

VALERIE HOLLAND

Bowen Mountain Park was the beautiful setting for KCHS members to celebrate the ninth anniversary since the founding of the Society as well as the beginning of celebrations for the Macquarie 2010 events. Twenty-six members and three friends, one friend visiting from Scotland, relaxed in the park's shady surroundings while seated around many small tables. They enjoyed talking in groups as they cooked breakfasts of eggs, tomatoes, bacon and sausages on the barbecues.

A hot cuppa, fresh home-made dampers and 'Cocky's Joy' made by Ron and Margaret Rozzoli and Patricia O'Toole were gestures welcomed by everyone.

Frank Holland welcomed members and friends and spoke about the importance of the location, occasion and the programme for the year ahead. Frank proceeded to announce that the Society was not presenting an Australia Day Award this year as there had not been any nominations submitted to the Awards Committee.

However, he took great pleasure in announcing and presenting six merit awards. Five of these were awarded to the Book Committee which consisted of Airdrie Martin, Paul Hulbert, Valerie Birch and David and Jennifer Griffiths for researching and producing 'Glimpses of the Kurrajong'. Frank stated: "The book has helped to put the Society on a sound financial footing." The sixth merit award was presented to Paul Hulbert for his book 'Future History - A social time capsule of Kurrajong: 2006-07'.

After the presentation everyone enjoyed socialising in the informal atmosphere and this allowed time to reflect on the value of friendships which have been formed through membership of the Society.



David Griffiths demonstrating his culinary skills to (L-R) Vivian Lawson, Jennifer Stevens & Jenny Griffiths

Photo: Pat O'Toole

## President's Corner

Well 2010 has arrived and why should we celebrate? 200 years ago on 1 January 1810 Governor Lachlan Macquarie took up his appointment. Although it was a gala occasion Macquarie had come prepared for any eventuality. He arrived with two warships accompanied by the 73rd regiment which until recently he had been their commanding officer. The colony had been under the control of the officers of the New South Wales (Rum) Corps following the overthrow of Governor Bligh and was in a dilapidated and impoverished state. The Rum Corps and some freemen had developed a monopoly on all trade into the colony, including the import of liquor. This was a settlement out of control.

Macquarie arrived with a mandate to restore order, to arrest John Macarthur (a retired officer of the Corps and an influential land holder) who had incited much of the rebellion, and return him to London for trial. He was also to arrest Major Johnson (commander of the NSW Corps) and try him for mutiny. Much to Macquarie's relief both men had departed the colony for London before his arrival. However, there was still the matter of dealing with the remaining officers of the NSW Corps and how he would be received by them.

The remaining members of the NSW Corps would have been no match for the 73rd regiment and so the explosive moment passed without incident. Macquarie moved quickly to cancel all appointments and land grants made by the illegal government that followed the deposing of Governor Bligh. He then reviewed the appointments and grants and, where justified, re-instated appointments and confirmed grants. Some of these grants had been made around present day Kurrajong (then known as part of the District of Richmond Hill) in 1809.

During his first year in office, Macquarie set his vision for the colony into operation. He caused roads to be built, buildings were commissioned, he commenced to address the immorality of the times by passing decrees that all would attend church each Sunday and that official marriages were to be the norm rather than the exception. He identified skilled emancipated convicts and selectively placed them in positions of importance such as magistrates and police constables. A notable appointment was that of Andrew Thompson as magistrate at the Hawkesbury. Macquarie saw the need for expansion and encouraged exploration. He and his wife set out in that first year to visit all of the settled areas of the colony. In December 1810 Macquarie and his party named the town sites of Liverpool, Castlereagh, Richmond, Windsor, Wilberforce and Pitt Town. He also rode to the summit of the 'Curry Jong' and would have passed close to the present day site of the village. Over the next eleven years Macquarie continued to convert a penal colony into the foundations for a new nation.

Perhaps Macquarie did not invent the concept of a 'fair go', so much a part of the fabric of our country, but he was surely a very strong advocate of its importance. Macquarie strongly believed that once convicts had served their sentence they should be able to take their place in society with all the rights of free men and women. He was a strong believer that the aboriginal people should be dealt with respect provided that they obeyed the law of England. However, it was these very beliefs that set him on the road to conflict with the so called 'gentlemen' of the colony.

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## Australia Day snapshots



(L-R) June Blackmore, Valerie Holland, Anne Dollin, Brenda Smith, Margaret Rozzoli & Marguerite Wyborn

Photo: Pat O'Toole



(L-R) David & Jenny Griffiths, Airdrie Martin, Paul Hulbert

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**GLADYS VINCENT**  
Formerly Taylor née Davis  
2 March 1914 – 9 January 2010



**From the Editor**

On 9 January the Society lost one of its foundation members, Gladys Vincent, aged 95 years and 10 months. Gladys was a tremendous help in the early days, opening her extensive photographic albums and other documents for our use. She was also the first to use the 'Writing your Life' kit, put together by Kathie McMahon, to record her story. This was published in three parts in our January to August 2007 issues.

Gladys was sixth generation resident of the Hawkesbury. Her ancestor, Charles Palmer, a free settler, received a land grant at Agnes Banks in 1803. His closest European neighbour to the west was in Calcutta, India. The original residence, on Yarramundi Road has only recently fallen down and the chimneys still remain.

Gladys was a resident at Hawkesbury Village Hostel in Richmond for four and half years. Last June a severe fall caused irreparable damage, and after a spell in hospital she was moved to the Nursing Home section for the last seven months. The kindness and loving care given by the staff of Hawkesbury Village - her 'second family' will never be forgotten.

The funeral service held on 14 January was of special historical and sentimental significance to the family. The celebration of her life was at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Kurrajong. Gladys' parents Charles Davis and Agnes Frame met there when Charles was a young church warden, and of course, their marriage was there. Gladys was baptised, went to Sunday School, was confirmed and married there to Les Taylor. Her three daughters were all married there, as well as her grandson Matthew Bennett, making four generations of marriages in the church. Les was also a Church Warden at St Stephen's for many years, and Gladys served on the Church Committee.

Family friend, Rev Canon John Butler, interrupted a sojourn at Kangaroo Island, and flew back to conduct the service. Grand daughters Jill Renaud and Deborah Hetherington gave the readings. A long-time friend and neighbour Brian Dunston was responsible for the magnificent flower arrangements, and grandson Nicholas Cutler took care of the beautiful musical arrangements for the day.

Gladys was predeceased by her eldest son Robert Taylor. Her five surviving children, Geoff Taylor, Pam Bennett, Joy Shepherd, Susan Coleman and Neil Taylor gave their reflections before escorting their Mum back down the aisle for the last time. They were met at the door by the eldest grandsons of the six families, Paul Taylor, Timothy Taylor, Michael Bennett, Grant Shepherd, Nicholas Cutler and Adam Taylor who proudly carried their grandmother to the hearse.

The family laid her to rest on 15 January at *Palmdale* with Les, her husband for fifty years and father of her children.

Back on 24 June 2008 I attended a special general meeting of the Society which was convened to discuss the issue of permanent premises for the Society. I do not wish to revisit this topic here but rather highlight the absurdity of one of the comments made that night. This was that "There is no need for a central repository of our resources as everything is available on the Internet anyway." I can assure you it is not.

Many of the contributions sent to me have me spending quite some time on the Internet searching for more information, relevant graphics and photos which might enhance an article, story or notice. Generally I have been able to find something worthwhile but occasionally, and an article in this issue was the case, I have found a subject with very little information available.

I felt the article on page seven reproduced from the Windsor and Richmond Gazette January 1897, concerning the Kurrajong Race Club's picnic races, could benefit from an accompanying photo or possibly even a map of its location. I spent a number of nights digging deeply but found little else other than a few brief text references concerning the club's history, no photos or graphics worth inclusion in the newsletter.

I am sure there would be some readers who might have photos and related material concerning the Kurrajong Race Club. If so I implore you to forward them to the Society for inclusion in the archives as this is a subject which appears to have very little coverage on the world stage. I also feel it would be an ideal subject for an article in the newsletter.

The Internet has a wealth of information on many subjects, but there are some which could benefit from additional resources.

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## The John family of Comleroy Road

ANNE & RICHARD JOHN

PART TWO (FINAL)

Thomas and Caroline had eight children. Mary (1828-1895) married Edward Taylor in 1852 and moved to Orange. William (1830-1910) married Eliza Huxley in 1862 and they lived in the Comleroy Road area. Jane (1831-1919) married Edward Taylor's brother, William, in 1856 and they lived in Millthorpe near Orange. Martha (1833-1920) never married. Thomas (1836-1928) married Charlotte Shrimpton and there will be more about him later. Neither of the two youngest sons, Edward (1839-1858) and James (1842-1884) never married. Edward died, age nineteen, after having a hernia operation and James drowned at Bourke in western NSW.

When Caroline died in 1876 Martha, who had never married, looked after her father until he passed away in 1900 at the ripe old age of 100 years. Thomas John's (Senr.) land was divided into three equal shares – one each to his sons William and Thomas and the third to his daughter Martha.

Martha had been a Sunday School teacher for many years and had also helped with the rearing of her brothers', William & Thomas (Jr.), children after their wives had died. In 1913 Martha moved in with her nephew Victor and his wife who

looked after her until her death in 1920. The death notice in the *Windsor and Richmond Gazette* stated that Martha “.. was a kind and loving foster mother to the children.” and she also “.. had a very independent nature and avoided giving trouble to others.”

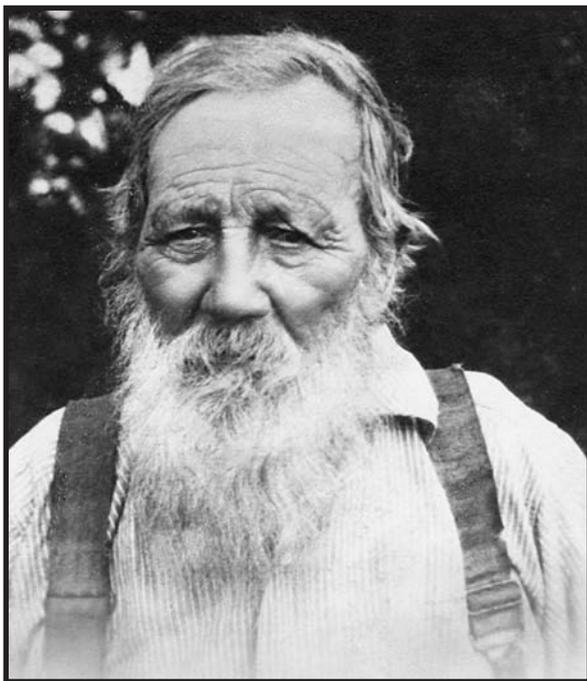
Charlotte Shrimpton (1849-1882) was the great granddaughter of Mary Davis, a First Fleet convict and the granddaughter of Richard Shrimpton a Second Fleet convict, and of Robert Aull and Jane Thompson, both Irish convicts who arrived on the *Francis & Eliza* in 1815. Her mother Mary Shrimpton, née Aull, known as Grannie Shrimpton, was ninety-one when she died in 1917.

Thomas John (Jr.) and Charlotte Shrimpton were married on 2 March 1867 and they had seven children. William (1867-1942) never married. Thomas Charles (1869-1938) known as Boola, was a logger who lived and died on Netley Hill in Kurrajong. Mary (1871-1933) married John Scott in 1889 in Richmond. Emily Caroline (1873-1910) married Henry Alfred Brown in 1894. Henry John was born in 1876, however, we have been unable to find any further information on him. The two youngest sons were Clarence James (1878-1958) and Victor Edward (1880-1961).

Her youngest child was only two years old when Charlotte died of heart disease in 1882. Thomas (Jr.) survived his wife by forty-six years until he died of natural causes, four months short of his ninety-second birthday.

Victor Edward John had a bullock team and he also did cattle droving up to Queensland and back. During one trip to Queensland Victor brought back two bottle trees which were planted at the front gate of Thomas's property on Comleroy Road. These trees still stand today. Victor married Alice Gray (1876-1934) the eldest daughter of John Gray and Mary Jane Ogle of Maitland on 29 April 1905. Alice had been a school teacher and she and Victor were to have four children.

Their oldest son, William, was born in 1907 and was a postal worker in Sydney at the GPO. He also trained and drove trotters and had some success with 'Lawn King', 'Bright Bob' and others. About 1947 he had a serious accident while driving in a race at Harold Park and, unfortunately, he was told he could not drive again. Sadly William died in 1953, at the age of forty-six of heart failure and pneumonia. He left a wife, Annie, and two young sons.



Thomas John Jr. 1836 – 1928

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Jim (1915-1979) the youngest son of Victor and Alice, worked at both Sydney Airport and the RAAF base as well as at Robert's butchery and *Rainbow Lodge* at Kurrajong.

Victor and Alice's only daughter Mary (1909-1975) was President of the CWA at Kurrajong for a number of years. Her mother Alice was a member as well and for a time Mary also worked with the CWA Nepean Group. Mary also decorated wedding cakes and made bouquets.

Alice died in 1934 of heart disease, survived by her husband and their four adult children. While Jack and Jim worked in



Mary & her father Victor



Mary, Victor & Alice c. 1931

other locations, Victor and Mary continued to live on Thomas's land in the house built by Thomas (Senr). In 1944 a bushfire raced up the hill behind the house and destroyed everything in its path. Victor and Mary only had time to pick up a few items before escaping the inferno with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Victor and Mary moved in with William, his wife and boys in Sydney for a while and then they rented the property at 110 Comleroy Road for a number of years. In 1954 Jack purchased a house in Kurrajong village and Victor, Mary, Jack and Jim moved in there together.

Victor died in Kurrajong hospital in 1961 after a long illness and the land on Comleroy Road was sold. The death notice in the *Windsor & Richmond Gazette* at the time said, "Victor lent his support to all community organisations taking a keen interest in Comleroy Road Church of England church, St John's the ground on which this church was built having been donated by his father Thomas and his aunt Martha."

Like many before and after, John William John and our other seven convict ancestors arrived in the new colony with little idea of what to expect. That they survived the voyage at all was a great feat in itself. They came to a country so vastly different to their own and survived hard labour, punishment, famine, drought, hardship and illness. And they did survive. If Aunt Mary were alive today, would she still be horrified at the thought of having convict ancestors?

I seriously doubt it.

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# The Travis brothers & the Great War

VALERIE BIRCH

On Anzac Day when we remember the soldiers who have fought over the years to defend Australia we mainly think of the Gallipoli experience. Many perished on the Western Front and this is one story of a North Richmond family and their tragedy.

Fred and Harry Travis were brothers born to Henry and Ada Travis née Biddle in 1896 and 1894 respectively. The family consisted of six girls and three boys. Both the Travis and Biddle families had lived in the Richmond area since the 1860s.

Fred was the first to join the AIF enlisting on 31 January 1916 at nineteen years of age. He had given his occupation as 'carter' and had had previous experience in the Senior Cadets. He embarked on the ship HMAT *Ajana* on 5 July 1916 with the 20th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement.

His older brother Harry enlisted on 29 May 1916 just four months after Fred. His attestation papers stated that his occupation was that of 'surveyor's chainman' and he had been a bugler in the Army Medical Corps of the Senior Cadets. Harry embarked on the ship SS *Port Napier* on 17 November 1916 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 22nd Reinforcement.

One can only imagine the pain the Travis family was to face in October of 1917. Both these fine young men were to die on the battlefields at Passchendaele Ridge near Ypres within four days of each other, Harry on 4 October and Fred on 8 October. The Rev. E. Coplin Thomas was to convey to Mr and Mrs H. Travis of North Richmond the sad news that both of their soldier sons had been killed.

A letter from the Red Cross tells of the death of Harry Travis from Private A. Foster number 2635.

*"It was the first attack we made near Ypres on the morning of October 4. A big high explosive shell fell and blew Travis and several others to pieces. They were back near Battalion headquarters. Travis was in the bugle band. Ernie Clarke was an eyewitness and he told Private A. Foster."*

Both of the brothers are remembered at the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium. The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which covers the area known as the Ypres Salient, the site from April 1915 to the end of the war of some of the fiercest fighting of the war. The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their



LEST WE FORGET



The first battle of Passchendaele showing wounded Australian infantry 12 October 1917

way to the battlefields. This memorial bears the names of more than 56,000 men, including 6,178 Australians, who served in the Ypres campaign and who have no known grave. The memorial was unveiled on 24 July 1927.

We admire all those military personnel who gave their lives during all the wars in which we have been involved. This story of the Travis brothers is one of the many tragedies families had to face in similar circumstances.

## Windsor "Boys."

THUS the "Warren Herald" :—

Amongst the very best and most conspicuous exhibits of the Warren exhibition was the show of saddlery and harness made by A E Kirwan and Messrs Gosper and Nagle. Nothing could have been better arranged to meet the eye, nor afford more gratifying evidence of the progress of this branch of native industry. In the latter class, Mr Kirwan had a set of brewer's harness that, for make and finish and mounting, could hardly be surpassed in the colony, and side by side with this, Messrs Gosper and Nagle also had a set which, although not so elaborately finished off, was yet a credit to the makers. For the collection of saddlery, Mr Kirwan was again placed first, as he was also for the gentleman's saddle, although it would be as well perhaps for the Committee next year to more particularly classify these kind of exhibits, as it must be embarrassing to any judge to decide on the merits of a saddle representative of the accepted "Colonial" type and one of the regulation English hunting pattern. The two are quite distinct and should accordingly only compete on common ground, and in this case both examples well merited prizes. All visitors to the shed were no less surprised than impressed with the whole of this department of the show.

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## KURRAJONG RACES.

The long-looked-for picnic races, held under the auspices of the Kurrajong Race Club, which took place on the club's new course at North Richmond, on Boxing Day, exceeded all expectations in the way of success, and the meeting was one of the best ever held in the district. Everything passed off well in connection with the sport, the only thing to mar the pleasure being the oppressive heat, which registered nearly 115 degrees in the shade during the greater part of the day. Those present were compelled to throw all unnecessary clothing off their backs, whilst starched collars could be seen weeping on all sides. One pleasing feature of the day's sport was that there were no accidents, as was the case at the last Kurrajong races. The new course, on which considerable money and labour have been spent by the Club, was in first-class order, and the racing throughout the day was good, and proved interesting. The committee, consisting of Messrs H. Skuthorp, J. Dunston, J. Smith, H. C. Ezzy, E. J. Ezzy, L. Macwhirter, W. Dunston and J. Lamrock, are to be congratulated on the day's success, which was due to the way in which they worked matters up, and to the enthusiasm shown by them throughout; whilst the energetic secretary, Mr J. T. Town, proved to be the right man in the right place. Whilst bestowing praise on the committee and other officers of the Club, we must not forget Mr G. M. Pitt, who kindly allowed the use of the course gratuitously, and through whose liberality and generosity in helping the Club a great deal of the success attained was due. Mr H. Pateson acted as judge, Mr H. C. Ezzy as starter, and Mr C. Pitt as Clerk of the Course, each gentleman carrying out his duties very efficiently and well. The attendance numbered close to 1,000, which was considered a record, and it is to be hoped that the success of the first meeting on the new track will be but the fore-runner of many more equally successful ones in the days that are to come. The site chosen for the course is a splendid one, the bush at the rear affording shelter for visitors and vehicles. The publican's booth on the ground was kept by Mr J. T. Town, who, judging by the big crowd constantly waiting to quench their chronic thirsts under such a scorching sun, apparently did good business, whilst Mrs J. Ashton also did well with the refreshment stall.

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## Wally Clewett at Lemon Forest



Photo courtesy: Ken & Lynne Clewett

This is a photo of Ken Clewett's father, Wally Clewett, taken circa 1936. He is ploughing the fields on his family's property *Lemon Forest*, at Grose Vale, and he was about twenty years of age at the time.

The Clewett family bought *Lemon Forest* in 1932. Wally was working in Queensland at the time and was asked to come back to the family's new property to help work the farm.

*Lemon Forest* is one of the very early properties in Grose Vale and was previously owned by Sarah Lamrock and the Nesbit family.

## Percy (Joe) Pearce



Photo courtesy: John Pearce

This photo was taken circa 1920s at Riverstone and shows Percy Pearce, better known as 'Joe' standing atop a load of saplings taken from Berkshire Park on the way to the family's sawmill at 24 Mill Street, Riverstone.

Joe never married and worked full time at the sawmill with his brother, John (Jack) helping out after work each day. They would go up to Berkshire Park, the Jericho bushland around that area, collecting wood and return it to the sawmill. Today this area is on the road to Blacktown where the big roundabout turns in to South Windsor where a fish farm is on the corner.

Joe was a fairly tough bloke. One day at the sawmill he cut his thumb off, walked across the road to the doctor to have it attended to, and returned to work.

He had an affinity with animals, especially horses, and an ambition to be a jockey but his build was against him. He worked as a fencer and a labourer and served with the AIF in the First World War.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

As part of the Macquarie 2010 celebrations our society will try to support functions organised by other societies and organisations of the Hawkesbury district and beyond. Some interesting events happening over the next two months are listed below.

### Saturday, 13 March

The Royal Australian Historical Society will host a talk and dinner in the reception rooms at *History House*, 133 Macquarie Street Sydney, from 5 to 7 p.m. Paul Brunton, senior curator at the Mitchell Library, will talk about the riches of the library's 'One Hundred' unique collections of rare items dating from the late 1400s to 2008.

Cost per person is \$26 for members and \$30 for non-members. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 9247 8001 or email [history@rahs.org.au](mailto:history@rahs.org.au)

During March an exhibition containing these items will be held in the Mitchell Library to celebrate the library's centenary. The library was founded with a significant bequest of Australian books, paintings and manuscripts by David Scott Mitchell.

### Monday, 22 March

Our general meeting will be held at St David's Uniting Church Hall, Bells Line of Road Kurrajong Heights commencing at 7:30 p.m. Speaker Frank Holland will talk about 'The Colony

pre-Governor Lachlan Macquarie'. A gold coin donation to cover supper would be appreciated.

### Sunday, 11 April

There will be an open afternoon held at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Moses Street Windsor, from 1 to 4 p.m. The ground floor of the historic rectory and stables which are adjacent to the Parish Centre will be open for inspection.

Entry is a suggested donation of \$5 and afternoon tea will be available in the Parish Centre for \$5. No bookings are necessary.

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Throughout this year there are many events planned to commemorate the twelve year tenure of Lachlan Macquarie and his wife Elizabeth. Included with the January - February issue of *The Millstone* was a calendar of the activities that the Society has planned. There are also many events planned throughout the Hawkesbury district. Please join us, where you can, as we celebrate this 200 year anniversary and think about the man who, as part of the epitaph on his tomb on the Island of Mull, Scotland, has the words inscribed 'The father of Australia'.

If you would like a calendar of our events and/or the Hawkesbury 2010 events please contact the Secretary, Valerie Holland on 4573 2226

### THE MAKINGS OF A CITY: MACQUARIE'S LEGACY

**Penrith City Council & Library's  
9th Annual History Conference  
6 March 2010**

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Governor Lachlan Macquarie to our shores so what better year to examine the legacy that Macquarie left on the area around Penrith.

The conference will cover Macquarie's land grants, his plans for the district, the impact his planned township of Castlereagh and Emu Plains Convict Farm made on the district and investigate what life was like in the colony during the Macquarie era.

Speakers this year include:

**Dr Carol Liston** - a lecturer in history at UWS and an expert on the history of the Western Sydney area

**Dr Siobhan Lavelle** - an historical archaeologist

**Dr Anne-Maree Whitaker** - a professional historian with a special interest in Australia's Irish colonial history

**Dr James Broadbent** - an architectural historian and highly respected curator and conservationist

**Lorraine Stacker** - Penrith City Library's Information Librarian

The conference will be held in the **Bonyng Concert Hall** at the **Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre**, next to the **Penrith Civic Centre** building. Cost is \$30 per person which includes tea/coffee on arrival, lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

**Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. with proceedings commencing at 9 a.m.**



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- **Parramatta Regional Awards for Business Excellence in Sales & Marketing** Customer Service, Chairman's Choice Contributing to the Environment 2005 '06 '07 & '08
- **Western Sydney Industry Awards** Excellence 2002 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 & 08
- **Hotel Motel & Accommodation Association** Best Short Break Accommodation in NSW 2003