

## 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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Kurrajong North Public School's celebration of Empire Day 1908, an event which is no longer on our calendars. Many of the district's founding families are mentioned in the lists of those who attended and the children who competed

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The second and final part of Joy Shepherd's article on Charles Dupuy and his family. This part covers the life and deeds of Charles' son Ridley, from his active service in France in 1918 to his death in September 1944

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Some of the fond memories of Mrs Emily Bowly, daughter of Esther and Arthur Dunston of Westbury, Grose Vale. They were recorded in the 1980s and paint a great picture of daily life in years gone by

#### 12 Committee nominations

The nominations for office bearers and committee members which will be voted on during the Annual General Meeting

#### 12 Dates for your diary

Final reminders .. **History Week celebrations** from 4 to 12 September at the Hawkesbury Library. The **Society's Annual General Meeting** being held at Comleroy Road Public School on 20 September commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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### The unique relationship between Governor Lachlan Macquarie & the people of the Hawkesbury

KEVIN ROZZOLI AM

*Excerpts from his speech given at the KCHS annual dinner 27 July 2010*

My interest in Lachlan Macquarie began in 1967 when I was approached by St Matthews Parish Council to stage a re-enactment of the laying of the church's foundation stone. Part of my preparation was the writing of a speech such as Macquarie might have made on the occasion. I drew my source material from his diaries and papers. Reading through them I was greatly impressed by his enormous energy, farsightedness, enlightened attitudes and organisational ability. I found inspiration in his achievements on behalf of those under his care, and it was an example I chose to follow in meeting my own challenges in public life.

Few people of Australian history have made such an impact. While there is some debate about his strengths and weaknesses there is no doubt that when he arrived in the colony he found a settlement on the point of collapse and that on his departure he left a thriving colony. Not only were his achievements outstanding in the light of the challenges he faced but his inspirational guidance has left its impression in cities, towns and districts throughout Australia. Here in the Hawkesbury I believe there is an association that is very real. Paradoxically, in the Hawkesbury his name does not attach to as many physical features as we might expect but the impact of his foresight, wisdom and humanity are deeply etched in the very fibre of the district and in the psyche of its people.

We as a nation owe him a great debt of gratitude. Without Macquarie's healing influence the settlement, so remote from the rest of the known world, would almost certainly have failed. I have no doubt that sooner or later a further attempt at colonisation would have occurred and been successful, but in what manner and with what outcomes we can only conjecture.

It was not long after his arrival before Macquarie turned his attention, in the quest for farming land, to the hinterland and the towns of Parramatta and Green Hills. On 6 December 1810 he renamed the latter Windsor at the same time establishing the

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St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor NSW

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location of four new towns, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town and Castlereagh. While many applauded his efforts he inevitably created enemies in those who found it more difficult to prosper under his fair but strict regime. Stirred by the poisonous allegations of his opponents the British government sent out a civil servant, J T Bigge, to review his administration with particular attention to alleged extravagances. These 'extravagances' included the fine Georgian buildings Macquarie built with the assistance of the convict architect Francis Greenway, buildings we now admire for their dignified simplicity. his critics, no strangers to opulence and magnificent buildings in their own country, obviously thought decent buildings too good for a bunch of convicts. Bigge's report led to a recall of Macquarie. He died less than two years after his departure, we who love him say of a broken heart.

Macquarie took stock of the potential of the colony to produce its own food, and thus lessen reliance on shipments from England. He also sought to build communities which fostered human dignity, encouraged meaningful and worthy endeavours, in the belief that this would bring stability, encourage strong moral values, reward effort and encourage thrift.

Nowhere did his efforts prove more successful than in the Hawkesbury. His open-minded attitude to the emancipation of convicts resonated strongly with many Hawkesbury settlers. Many were not criminals but rather refugees from the brutal, unfair and impoverished environment they suffered in England, an environment that co-existed with wealth, prosperity and high human achievement for the more fortunate. For example, so concerned was he with their welfare he laid down rules for the construction of dwelling houses which were to be made of "brick or weatherboard, to have brick chimneys and shingled roofs", and be "no less than nine feet high." Macquarie recognised in many of the convict population individuals who just wanted the opportunity to work hard and better themselves. He believed that with basic encouragement and some tangible support they would prosper in their new land to the benefit of themselves and the colony at large. In the modern vernacular he may well be described as 'the battler's friend'.

I believe that Macquarie saw in the Hawkesbury a situation that resonated with his personal philosophy of life. Here was a tract of land ideal for agriculture and settlement in which land grants had been small. He found a parallel with the islands of his youth, and the rural enterprise that supported towns and villages, where there was a real sense of community, and he saw a parallel with the rural life in England generally which for centuries had been very much the backbone of the English

people and their character. Nor was it any random choice to call the two principal towns of the Hawkesbury, Windsor and Richmond. His diary tells us that he gave the name Windsor from the similarity of its situation to that of the same name in England and Richmond from its beautiful situation, and so corresponding with that of its district.

Macquarie demonstrated town planning skills that should be the envy of many today. Not only did he set out a grid of streets for Sydney with generous parkland, at a time when land could not have been considered a scarce commodity, but, in each major town he similarly set out a street pattern with parks and a town square. As well in the Hawkesbury, after hearing of the devastating floods of 1809, he saw the need to locate the townships of Windsor, Richmond, Wilberforce, Pitt Town and Castlereagh on high ground to provide flood refuge for the lowland farmers and their stock. He was the first to realise that the rich alluvial soil of the Hawkesbury Valley came at a price.

He saw his administration of the Hawkesbury vital to the survival of the colony. Land grants in the Hawkesbury had been relatively small and many had been taken up by emancipated convicts who recognised that their prosperity was thanks to Macquarie's efforts. I believe it is here we see the parallel between the laird and his tenants, an autocratic benevolence that suited both the style of the settler and their important task of food production. In recognition of their contribution he reserved land for them in areas most suited for intensive cultivation. By 1821 there were about one thousand small settlers producing fruit, vegetables, grain and meat for the local market. I think also the settlers of the Hawkesbury were less troublesome than the richer, more ambitious settlers who took up large grants of grazing land upon which to build their fortunes.

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# Empire Day.

## Kurrajong North Public School.

Empire Day celebrations were carried out in the above school grounds on Monday, 25th ultimo, with great success—in fact with greater success than was anticipated by the most sanguine. The day was all that could be desired, warm and bright. The hills and orange groves looked lovely, the latter with their golden fruit just sufficiently yellow to be seen in the distance, the pea crops showing out here and there in different stages of growth, some just finished giving forth their harvest and showing signs of decay with their autumn leaves, others just in full bearing, more in full bloom, which is a beautiful sight to behold at this time of the year, and last, but not least, were to be seen the young crops just coming from the soil to be bearing for the spring. It was the desire of the committee that we should have a record attendance on this occasion, and their efforts were crowned with success. At about 9.30 a.m. the ball was set rolling, and after badges had been presented to each member of the committee, to the children and visitors, about 100 children assembled and were marshalled by their worthy teacher, Mr J. E. Lewis, to the flag staff for the purpose of unfurling the new flag, which ceremony was performed by Master Jack Bailey, and it was saluted by the pupils in the presence of about 250 adults, amongst whom were the following visitors :— Mr B. Hall, MLA, Mr. and Mrs. P. Charley, Mr. Guest, Rev. W. R. and Mrs. Milne, Rev. H. and Mrs. Tait, Mr. G. A. Wilson (ex member of Public Service Board), Mr. John Lamrock (President of Colo Shire Council) and Mrs. Lamrock, Councillor and Mrs. McMahan, Miss Alva Boyd and Mrs. F. Campbell. The grounds wore a very gay appearance, being decorated with flags, kindly leant by Mr. F. Campbell (of the GAZETTE) and Alderman O'Brien, of Windsor, to whom the committee are very thankful. The preliminaries being over the foot racing started, when the following events took place :—

Upper Class.—Boys—A. Toomey 1, E. Lewis 2, F. Peck 3. Girls—P. Lewis 1, T. Lewis 2, D. Peck 3. Junior Girls—Doris Davis 1, Annie Lord 2. Junior Boys—R. Dunston 1, D. Brown 2.

Skipping Senior Girls—C. Allister (888) 1, Ellen Wilson (549) 2.

Skipping Junior Girls—D. Howard 1, A. Lord 2.

Sack race—F. Peck 1, E. Lewis 2, D. Dunston 3.

Three-legged race—E. Lewis and F. Peck 1, R. Smith and H. Peck 2.

Apple race—H. Peck 1, A. Toomey 2, F. Peck and Horace Davis (tie) 3.

Egg and spoon race—F. Peck 1 (who kindly donated prize to be run off as a kangaroo race, which was won by J. Bailey).

Obstacle race—Horace Davis 1.

Clothing race—1st prize 2/6, kindly donated by Mr. Guest; second prize 1/- given by Mr. H. E. Peck—A. Toomey 1, Geo. Robinson 2. This was very amusing. All competitors had to pull off boots, stockings, coats and vests and mix them up like a "printer's pie" and start from starting post and run to winning post, where each had to get his own clothes and have them properly adjusted, then run back to starting post; the boy who got home with his own clothes on properly adjusted got 1st prize. Several got wrong clothes and had to go back.

The Windsor & Richmond Gazette  
6 June 1908



## From the Editor

When it comes time to compile issue five of each volume I like to spend some time reflecting on the articles and photos which have been forwarded to me over the previous twelve months and published in *The Millstone*. Not only has the quality been very high but the content has covered many subjects which I am sure the readers would have found interesting and informative, as I certainly have.

The stories of the people of a district can often paint a very clear picture of daily life, trouble and trauma, joy and celebration and many other aspects of times often forgotten. A number of articles covered past people and families, some prominent, others not so well known. They included John Tebbutt, the John family of Comleroy Road, the Travis brothers, Oswald Oakville Upton, Charles Duppuy and his family.

I cannot thank enough those who have contributed articles, whether they were published or for whatever reason could not be, and ask all readers to feel free to forward anything to me you think might be of interest to members and anyone who might chance upon the newsletter.

Variety is the spice of life. I hope the eclectic mix of articles over the past twelve months has kept you informed and enlightened. I am looking forward to whatever might come across my desk compiling future issues of *The Millstone*.

Due to work commitments I will not be able to attend the AGM. If I am nominated for the position of editor I would not only be humbled but would accept the challenge. An editor's job can be quite frustrating, believe me, but more importantly it can be very rewarding.

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# President's Report

FRANK HOLLAND

It only seems a few months ago I was writing the last annual President's report, it is amazing how the time seems to have flown past.

The Macquarie 2010 celebration events are now moving into full swing. The next major event is our annual dinner on 27 July at Sassafras Creek Restaurant where Kevin Rozzoli will talk about 'Lachlan Macquarie's special relationship with the Hawkesbury'. Next will be our coach trip tracing the route taken by the Macquarie party from Penrith to the 'Kurry Jung' on 1 December 1810. This will take place on 30 August. Our feature event will be the formal dinner on 1 December at Loxley on Bell Bird Hill. This will be followed on Friday, 3 December by a re-enactment of the Governor's party passing through Kurrajong. A gathering of school children will witness this event at Memorial Park, Kurrajong with some children receiving prizes for related project work. Numerous members of the society have been involved in planning and preparing for these events, I would like to name them all but space does not permit. I do publicly thank them for their efforts.

Over the past year the Society held its usual number of activities commencing with a display at the Hawkesbury Model and Hobby Show at Clarendon followed by a display of early settlers at the Scarecrow Festival in October. Our Christmas gathering was held at John & Carolynne Cooper's Rail Museum. Australia Day in January was held at Bowen Mountain Park in honour of the two hundredth year since Macquarie's visit to the area.

Some members joined a BMACHO field trip to the Land & Environment Department in Bathurst, others joined in the survey of the water mills site on Little Wheeney Creek conducted by Sydney University, while others enjoyed a tour of Old Government House in Parramatta.

The history of the area has always been closely associated with the lives of those who have gone before us and since our presence on the Internet numerous requests for information have been received. A new sub group, the Family History group, has been formed under the leadership of Carolynne Cooper. The group meets regularly in the Deerubbin Centre at Windsor. Please contact Carolynne for details.

With 'Glimpses of the Kurrajong' now virtually sold out the book committee is hard at work on a new book and we look forward to its production. Joy Shepherd continues her sterling

work with the Digital Archiving project, Chris Upton continues to produce quality issues of The Millstone, and Greg Upton maintains our Website to a high standard.

A survey of nearby historical organisations revealed that those with premises of their own either paid only a peppercorn rent or had received a bequest. However, we maintain our long term goal of seeking suitable premises in the Kurrajong Village area.

It was not easy to find a replacement bookkeeper when Joy Shepherd stood down due to health issues and our treasurer, Peggy Israel, worked very hard to find a replacement. I thank Peggy and Christopher Veitch for offering to do our bookkeeping without charge. Our secretary also deserves special recognition as I do not know what I would do without her keeping me on track.

Finally, my thanks to the outgoing committee members for their work on behalf of the Society and their support to myself during 2009/10. All deserve praise for the many hours they devote to keeping the wheels turning. I have been advised that Paul Hulbert and Carol Roberts will not be nominating for re-election so I thank them on your behalf.

As we look forward to the coming year, I encourage members to nominate for a position as new faces and new ideas will help keep the Society strong.

*Having just completed my report I have received a letter from the Governor's Office advising that "Her Excellency the Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicholas Shehadie would be delighted to attend the dinner to commemorate the centenary of Governor Macquarie's tour through the 'Kurry Jung' at Loxley on Bellbird Hill on the evening of 1 December 2010."*

*It will be a most memorable evening.*

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Macquarie was a regular visitor to the Hawkesbury, at least as regular as his many duties permitted, and seemed to enjoy the company of the Hawkesbury folk. Together with his strong interest in farming these circumstances led to a strong bond between governor and settler. In 1817 with his collaborator Francis Greenway, he rewarded their loyalty and support by building St Matthews Anglican Church, the finest building in the colony, and the court house.

He befriended many leading emancipists including the Hawkesbury's Andrew Thompson, naming the Great Square of Windsor in his honour, and Richard Fitzgerald to whom he granted an allotment bordering Thompson Square on the express condition that he build "a handsome, commodious inn of brick or stone to be at least two stories." He invited such men to his table and appointed them to positions of authority including the magistracy.

All Australians should celebrate this man of courage, foresight and endeavour. We in the Hawkesbury should especially venerate his memory for the qualities that forged the special bond that still links us with him today. ☸

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# Secretary's Report

VALERIE HOLLAND

## Society's Awards

Australia Day 2009 – Merit Awards 2008 – The KCHS book committee for producing 'Glimpses of The Kurrajong'. Committee included: Airdrie Martin, Paul Hulbert, Valerie Birch, David & Jenny Griffiths. Paul Hulbert for producing 'Future History'.

## Achievement Certificates

Alex Nolf for assistance in setting up a programme for the family history group to record births, deaths and marriages from St Stephens Anglican Church Kurrajong records.

## Grants Received

Hawkesbury City Council \$1,000 towards the historic two hundredth year of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's visit to Kurrajong re-enactment by the NSW Corps of Marines for school-children in 2010. North Richmond branch of the Bendigo Bank \$1,000 towards new book of Kurrajong historic images.

## Donations to our Society

Cash donations received from Beth Johnstone \$12.50, Elaine & Daniel O'Connor \$20, Gloria Gorman \$25, Kathie McMahon concert proceeds \$100, Frank Holland \$50 to Macquarie fund.

A framed large painting 'An artist's impression of Singleton's grain mill on Little Wheeny Creek' circa early 1800s by local artist Fay Edwards of Kurrajong.

'Peck & Sons citrus Orchard at Kurrajong 1920s' photo donated by Philip Peck and laminated by Airdrie Martin.

## Books

'Brave Archie' an 1893 Sunday School presentation to Fred Mayo at St Stephen's Kurrajong, donated by Jean Stephens; 'Airbase Richmond – The story of the RAAF base on the Hawkesbury', by Derek Roylance, donated by Airdrie & Peter Martin; 'The Hawkesbury on Show' history of Hawkesbury Agricultural Society contributed by members and published on the occasion of the one hundredth show donated by Joan Peake.

## Old Grants

KCHS was allowed to copy Kurtz Estate Kurrajong original indenture and layout of the 1886 estate of Sydney tailors, Robert and Abraham Kurtz, donated by Neville McIntosh. Lois Thornborough and daughter Kate allowed KCHS to copy details of land owner changes to her Kurrajong property *Trafalgar*, Fae and Paul Folkes donated a copy of 'Ancestors of Colin George Want and Eva Franc Want (nee Kent)'. Richard & Anne John a copy of 'The John Family of Comleroy Road' as well as allowing us to copy the photographs associated with this history. Jim Power a copy of 'Memories of Kurrajong'.

## Millstone Advertisers

We sincerely thank the following local businesses for their support during the last year: Loxley on Bellbird, Sassafras Creek, Carey & Co, Opal Access, Harmony Fashion Boutique, Kurrajong Cellars, Kurrajong Antique Centre, Lochiel and Peter of London.

## Talks at General Meetings

July Mid Year Dinner was held at Panthers North Richmond. Speaker John Brock, surveyor and historian, presented 'Hawkesbury Ho' on colonial surveyors and their methodology.

September AGM: Speaker Cathy McHardy on Arthur Cooper's publication 'Glossodia – A Peep into the Past Around Currency Creek'.

October: Talks and historical displays to school children at Kurrajong North and Kurrajong Public Schools by Les Dollin, Bryan Wyborn and Frank Holland.

October: Opening of scarecrow festival. Speaker Les Dollin on 'Early settlers of Kurrajong'.

November: Christmas party meeting was held at Carolynne and John Cooper's property. We sincerely thank Carolynne and John for their generosity in providing their venue and creating a delightful northern hemisphere setting.

January: Australia Day meeting and outdoor breakfast was held at Bowen Mountain Park.

February: Kathie McMahon spoke at the official opening of Kurrajong Community Centre.

March: To Bowen Mountain Community. Speaker Frank Holland on 'Lachlan Macquarie setting the scene'.

March: General meeting. Speaker Frank Holland on 'The Colony pre Lachlan Macquarie'.

May: General Meeting. Speaker Kim Phillips on 'Spirits of Gallipoli'.

## Excursions & Visits

July: A small group visited the State Archives for research.

July: Frank and Valerie Holland represented KCHS at the Macquarie rose planting by Her Excellency Governor of NSW Marie Bashir AO CVO at the Deerubbin Centre Windsor. Macquarie 2010 celebrations.

August: Members visited Riverstone Historical Society Museum and a presentation on the former Riverstone Meatworks was given by Clarrie Neal.

September: A visit to the home of NSW Marine Corps by Frank and Valerie Holland regarding an invitation to them to be part of the re-enactment for the school children in 2010.

October: Les Dollin and a few KCHS members accompanied Dr Martin Gibbs and students from the Department of Archaeology of Sydney University to the Singleton mill site on Little Wheeny Creek to conduct a survey.

February: Some members joined BMACHO's tour of the Land and Property Management Authority at Bathurst.

March: Members visited *Glenroy* in Windsor. Macquarie 2010 celebrations.

April: Members visited St Matthews Anglican Church rectory and stables.

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# Treasurer's Report

LORNA M<sup>C</sup>CARR ISRAEL

This year has seen a number of changes relating to the management of our finances. I took over the treasurer's role at the beginning of the year as Greg Upton needed to stand down due to work commitments and Joy Shepherd took on the role of Bookkeeper. Unfortunately Joy experienced a number of family health issues which forced her to relinquish the bookkeeper role.

Contact was made with a number of local providers of MYOB services, many of which may well have been able to fulfil the role but at a cost to the Society of fees ranging up to \$60 per hour, an annual cost of up to \$1,500. We were indeed fortunate that Chris Veitch offered to provide a bookkeeping service on an honorary basis. The transition was relatively easy due to the excellent work done by Joy up to the end of February. Since then an effective working relationship has been developed with Chris Veitch and we are very grateful for his support.

We finished the year in a stronger position with a balance of \$7,243 in our working account and \$18,230 in our investment account. Our nett assets totalled \$34,901 made up of retained earnings of \$27,594 and current year earnings of \$7,307.

Net income from sales was down on last year primarily due to the reduced sales of 'Glimpses of the Kurrajong' books. Two amounts of \$1,000 each were received. The first came from Hawkesbury City Council 2010 funding to help with cost of the schools re-enactment on 3 December 2010 and the second from Bendigo Bank to assist in the production of our next book. We can expect a significant boost once this book is ready for sale. Website expenses reduced significantly following the initial start-up cost of the previous year. Advertising revenue continues to cover the cost of printing and distribution of *The Millstone*. So a big thank you to our advertisers.

Please refer to the annual accounts for further detail. The accounts have been audited by Paul Nelson of Nelson Business Consultants and we express our gratitude to Paul who once again has provided his services free of charge. We are indeed lucky to have people who are prepared to give so freely of their time and expertise in maintaining our financial records.

# Balance Sheet

## As of June 2010

### Assets

#### Current assets

Cash on hand:		
Cheque account - Bendigo Bank	7,243.02	
ING Direct	18,230.17	
Total cash on hand		25,473.19
Trade debtors		3,872.50
Inventory		-6.58
Total current assets		29,339.11

#### Property & equipment

Stock on hand (at cost):		
On the Kurrajong books	108.90	
Light Railways No 89 books	3.90	
Diggers Hill books	684.00	
Glimpses of the Kurrajong books	9.87	
Future History books	2,730.10	
Postcards	342.46	
Total stock on hand		3,879.23
Equipment (at cost):		
Audio visual	3,698.10	
Camera equipment	410.00	
Computer equipment	6,862.50	
Equipment accum depreciation	-9,287.10	
Total equipment		1,683.50
Total property & equipment		5,562.73

**Total Assets** **\$34,901.84**

**Total Liabilities** **\$0.00**

**Nett Assets** **\$34,901.84**

### Equity

Retained earnings	27,594.74
Current year earnings	7,307.10

**Total Equity** **\$34,901.84**

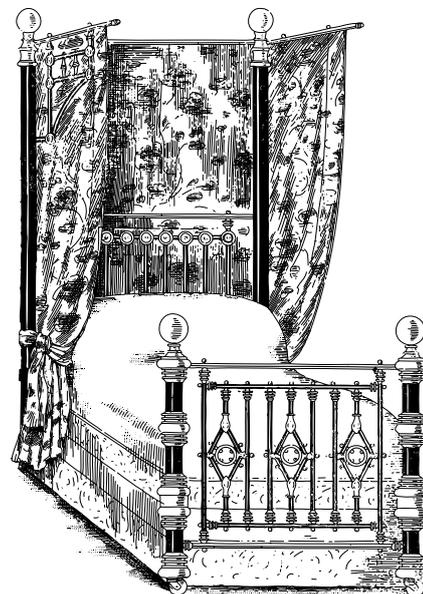
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July 2009 – June 2010

## Income

Membership subscriptions	3,080.00
Member subs 2010-2011	3,212.50
Grants	
Hawkesbury City Council	1,000.00
Total grants	1,000.00
Advertising	1,740.00
Sponsorship	1,000.00
Donations received	302.10
Field trips	685.00
Door takings	
General meetings	870.00
Special functions	684.00
Exhibitions	80.05
Total door takings	1,634.05
Other functions	
Coach tours	575.00
Annual dinner	930.00
Total other functions	1,505.00
Raffle proceeds	174.00
Postage received	13.00
Scarecrow Cup	40.00
Retail sales	
Photographs	158.00
'On the Kurrajong' books	102.00
'Kurrajong Walks' books	115.00
Commission	6.00
'Diggers Hill' books	173.95
'Glimpses of the Kurrajong' books	1,246.00
'Future History' books	650.00
Research family history	115.00
Postcards	605.00
Archival materials	32.00
Total retail sales	3,202.95
Bank interest	655.39

**Total Income \$18,243.99**

## Cost of Sales

Purchases for resale	
'On the Kurrajong' books	39.60
'Diggers Hill' books	126.00
'Glimpses of the Kurrajong' books	283.53
'Future History' books	737.89
Postcards	244.94
Total purchases for resale	1,431.96

**Total Cost of Sales \$1,431.96**

**Gross Profit \$16,812.03**

## Expenses

Awards	32.05
Archiving materials	9.00
Bank charges	2.80
Coach hire	200.00
Computer expenses	14.95
Depreciation	1,171.61
Donations given	50.00
Dues & subscriptions	390.50
Display equipment	30.00
Gifts/flowers etc.	128.81
Functions	
Catering	1,852.57
Hall hire	180.00
Entrance fees	223.00
Total function expenses	2,255.57
Insurance	925.81
Library & literature	349.56
Legal fees	47.00
Office supplies & stationary	793.13
Photocopying & laminating	235.62
Photography & archiving	388.34
Postage	726.17
Post office box rental	129.64
Raffle prizes	89.00
Schoolhouse hire	210.00
Stationery FHG	137.92
Website development	38.50
Website operation	1,129.15
Damaged or lost stock	19.80

**Total Expenses \$9,504.93**

**Operating profit \$7,307.10**

Other income	0.00
Other expenses	0.00

**Nett Profit \$7,307.10**



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JOY SHEPHERD

### PART TWO

On 5 March 1918 Ridley donned his uniform and proceeded to France where he was one of a party of ten padres on active service for the first time. From the moment he arrived, he was out in the battlefield, giving friendship and comfort to the troops. A few days before the Armistice his sister Marguerite, the nurse of the family, died from double pneumonia leaving Ridley with more responsibility in the care of his mother. However, mother and son had struck a pact before he went to France that if he returned safely he would be free to offer to the CMS for service overseas. In January 1919, he made an open offer to the Candidates' Committee.

In 1920 Ridley Duppy became the Bishop of Hong Kong. At his reception, "He stood in characteristic and soon familiar pose, with fingers bent, raised in front of him, beating out his words in slow, solemn voice: 'I promise you I'll put my back into this work.'" And he did, with a leader's gift to inspire others, without losing sight of essential detail.

In 1924 Ridley married a former work colleague of his CMS days, May Baker-Munden, and with her keen support, his ministry became even more effective. Whilst home on leave in 1930, they had an opportunity for some final precious time with his mother, living with his sister at Harrowgate. When he left her, she handed him her Prayer Book, with trembling

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the letters of Messrs. Langley and Jackson on the above subject. Were Sydney New South Wales, doubtless the communications of these gentlemen would be extremely valuable aids to the elucidation of the great problem of the present century. But both of these writers seem to me to have lost sight of the chief requirement of the country districts. Of what use is a tinsmith as a ploughman, or a drapers' assistant as a milk-er? Henry George and his followers are quite at liberty to talk about settling "the people" on the land, but when they come to acting they will find that settling on the land is one thing, getting a living out of the land is quite another. A farm labourer has to be educated up to his work quite as much as any other mechanic. I am aware this is not the popular idea, but it is, nevertheless, the correct one. It is the failure to recognise this fact that has led so many men into the fatal error of parting with the little cash they had in order to seek work in the country. We who live outside of Sydney are simply inundated with applications for work from men who, in their own line of business, are doubtless very good workmen; but having been a stonemason 10 years does not make a man a good pruner of trees, nor give ability to handle a saw, nor teach a man how to plant potatoes. The profits attached to farming are now so small that a farmer simply cannot risk his crop being spoilt by the unskillful manipulation of some well-meaning but ignorant tyro. Mr. Langley is quite right in thinking the land can absorb an almost unlimited amount of labour, but it must be skilled labour. I fear such labour can only be supplied in an infinitesimally small quantity from the ranks of the greatly to be pitied Sydney unemployed. I am, &c.,

CHARLES DUPPUY.

The Parsonage, Jamberoo.

The Sydney Morning Herald  
4 August 1890

hand pointing to the words on the flyleaf" "All ends well...all is for love." She passed away shortly afterwards. In a tribute directly after her death he wrote..."Hers was the radiance of a chastened life. She drank deep of the cup of sorrow, but her spirit never faltered."

Shortly afterwards, in 1932, Ridley Duppy's health problems, which had plagued him for years, caused greater concern. His heart was not strong, and it was advised that he should not face another year of hot weather in Hong Kong. Disappointment was great indeed in the diocese that this "strong and winning personality" needed to return home.

Before he left Hong Kong Ridley was offered a residentiary canonry at Worcester, so after a short holiday, he was installed there on 18 June, 1932. It was like a homecoming, as he had been ordained in the same cathedral 30 years before. Soon after his arrival he was appointed Treasurer of the Cathedral or Master of the Fabric. He was appointed Archdeacon of Worcester in 1938.

He became known as "everybody's friend". On Monday, his day off, he and Mrs Duppy would hop in the car and take off for a friendly visit to clergy in some far-flung part of his archdeaconry. One Sunday evening service he noticed a small girl struggling to find the places in her Prayer Book, so he left his stall to go help her, not once, but as often as needed. He was a man of the people.

Ridley was ceaselessly active and never stopped to think how tired he was. This concerned those close to him, remembering Hooker's saying "Ministers of good things are like torches, a light to others, waste and destruction to themselves."

Suddenly, on 22 September, 1944 he had a cerebral haemorrhage. He lingered for five days, but never regained consciousness. A great congregation farewelled him at the cathedral on 29 September, when he was laid to rest in the cloister garth.

It is believed that the early years of life in Australia, particularly in Kurrajong and Jamberoo were a great influence on Ridley. The freedom to roam the country areas, to commune with nature, and the friendly and relaxed contacts with people of all ages and types laid a good foundation for his life ahead.

#### Reference

Information & extracts from *Ridley Duppy – Friend and Bishop* by R E Doggett with foreword by the Bishop of Worcester

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May: We visited Old Government House at Parramatta and had lunch at 'Lachlans'.

**Exhibitions**

July: KCHS manned a display at the Hawkesbury Model & Hobby Show.

October: Scarecrow Festival. Early grants to 1823 and histories of Kurrajong. Display presented by the family history group.

St Stephens Anglican Church Kurrajong, Bridal Exhibition, photographic images prepared and presented by Joy Shepherd.

Windsor Library Bridal Exhibition, photographic images prepared and presented by Joy Shepherd and the family history group.

2009-10 has been a very successful year for our society and we sincerely thank all who have dedicated time to achieve this outcome. Greg Upton has continued improvements to our excellent website and his brother Chris has maintained equally high standards with *The Millstone*. Joy Shepherd for her valued assistance as the Society's treasurer and later bookkeeper until ill health intervened.

Behind the scenes there have been many helpers. Patricia O'Toole as minutes secretary and *The Millstone* mailout with her husband Ian. Peggy Israel, Robyn Fuller and Airdrie Martin for advertising and publicity. Brian Wyborn, Les and Anne Dollin, Peter Martin, Carolynne and John Cooper and Frank Holland for assisting the committee with carrying equipment, setting up and removing exhibitions. Airdrie Martin, Paul Hulbert, Valerie Birch and David Griffith on the book committee. Vera Bentvelzen for filing. Awards committee Airdrie Martin chairperson with Ron Rozzoli assisted by wife Margaret and Max Doyle assisted by wife Gwen. KCHS postcards by Airdrie Martin and Carolynne Cooper. I also thank the KCHS committee, 2010 committee and Carolynne Cooper and members of our newly formed family history group. ☺

**Items of interest**

**Inaugural Dr Rex Stubbs Memorial Lecture and Dinner**

The Hawkesbury Historical Society will hold the inaugural Dr Rex Stubbs memorial lecture and dinner at Pitt Town Sports Club, Old Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town on Saturday, 25 September. The event will commence at 6.30 p.m. with the dinner at 7 p.m.

Guest speakers will include Lois Sabin who will give talks on 'A Fight to the Finish' and 'Windsor's Warring Medical Men', and Trevor Patrick on 'Medical Care in Colonial Sydney' and 'Convict Care Along the Great North Road'.

Cost per person is \$42, bookings and prepayment are essential. Beverages will be available at the bar. For further enquiries please contact Carol Caruthers on 4587 9138

**Painting the Rocks - the Loss of Old Sydney**

The Historic Houses Trust have advised that their new exhibition which will be held at the Museum of Sydney, from 7 August to 28 November 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, will be titled 'Painting the Rocks - the Loss of Old Sydney'.

A group of artists have set out to capture old Sydney before it disappears. The exhibition gives voice to the people who worked and lived at The Rocks by placing the often romantic and sentimental 1902 artists' paintings alongside the stark realities of government commissioned photography, inspection reports and remodelling plans. A publication of the images will also be available for purchase at \$49.95

*Forwarded by Valerie Holland*

**Wilberforce Common.**

**A** GENERAL MEETING of Commoners, or persons entitled to the use of the Wilberforce Common, situate in the County of Cumberland and Colony of New South Wales, will be held at Cobcroft's Hotel, Wilberforce, on the 10th day of JANUARY, 1877, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Electing Five Trustess for the said Common, to hold office for the then ensuing three years, pursuant to the "Commons Regulation Act of 1873."

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## Emily's Notes

These are some reminiscences of Mrs Emily Bowly, daughter of Esther & Arthur Dunston of Westbury, Grose Vale.

They were recorded in the early 1980s and kindly forwarded to the Society by her sister-in-law Kath Dunston.

I was the eldest in a family of five girls and two boys: Marjory, Sylvia, Adeline, Eva, Maurice and Joe.

Marjory married Ted White, Sylvia married Albert Sorby, Adeline married Bill Pye of Milchomi Station, Pilliga, Eva married Bert Kershaw Forster, my elder brother Maurice married Phyllis Smith the sister of Mr Lloyd Smith of Freemans Reach, Joe married Kathleen Flower who was a well-known breeder of Jersey cattle.

My brother Joe and I are the only members of the family still living. Joe and Kath now live at Westbury and I have built a home next door.

I have lived practically all of my life at Grose Vale except for about three years in the Winton district of western Queensland where I met my late husband Eustace. He and his brother Frank had two sheep properties, *Donald Downs*, sixty-three miles (100 kms) north-west of Winton, and *Kalkadoon* on the Diamantina River. Cobb & Co used to change their coach horses there. I have named my new home *Kalkadoon*. The Kalkadoons were a fierce tribe of aborigines who once roamed the area as far as Cloncurry. I was told recently that a film is to be made this year about the Kalkadoons.

Whilst at *Donald Downs* I met one of the McPherson brothers who owned *Dagworth Station* not far from *Donald Downs*. Banjo Patterson stayed at *Dagworth Station* when he wrote the words for 'Waltzing Matilda'. I think QANTAS Airways was started when I was in western Queensland. Also it was the only place where I have heard sheep called 'jumpbucks'.

To keep food cool we had two wooden boxes, one inside the other, with space of six to nine inches which was filled with charcoal. Several buckets of water would be poured in at night and we could set a jelly. We also kept tinned butter in the box.

I was born at Westbury, Grose Vale, on 21 July 1899. My father was Arthur Dunston, and my mother Esther Gray, only child of Reverend Maurice and Mrs Gray. Reverend Maurice was rector at St Stephens Church of England at Kurrajong for thirteen years.

My parents moved in to their new home Westbury after their marriage. Mr Slingsby was the builder. The house is built of large blocks of stone from a property about two miles away and hauled by bullock team. The house is built on Westbury Hill formerly known as Lookout Hill. My father bought this land of six or seven acres from Mr Bowen of Bowen Mountain because of the fine panoramic view. Four houses have been built on part of this land which the family sold.

My father had well over two hundred acres with a large area under citrus orchards. Father was one of the first orchardists to plant Valencia oranges - thirty acres. We also had lemons, mandarins and apricots on high land and plum trees on lower land. We also had five acres of passionfruit and about twenty-five acres of winter peas. We usually sent about one hundred cases of oranges a day which had to be carted eight miles to Richmond railway station. We had four or five permanent men working, two families living in two cottages on the property. We usually had three ploughmen. As part of the land was hilly they had to use a single furrow plough and two horses. About one acre a day was ploughed.

We grew oats which was carted to a large hay shed. A chaff cutter was worked by a horse which walked around in a circle



Photo courtesy Margaret Andrews

**Emily Dunston's wedding**

On the steps of Westbury 14 April 1928

Bridesmaids were two of her sisters, Adeline (on the left) & Eva

attached to a pole. Several acres of maize or corn was planted and carted to a large wooden corn shed where it would be husked and put through a corn sheller and corn cracker machine. Sorghum was also planted for winter months.

The butcher delivered meat once a week. Groceries from Woodhill's store were also delivered once a week. The mail arrived by horse and sulky about 12.30 p.m. at Grose Vale post office. A letter posted in Sydney up to 9 p.m. would arrive at 12.30 the next day.

We had three or four milking cows. Milk was put through a separator and a butter churn used to make butter.

I commenced school at Grose Vale when about six years of age. Mr Dunby was the teacher and there were about forty pupils of all ages up to fourteen. He taught every subject including scripture. I also attended a private school at Pymont/Ultimo when staying with my grandparents, Reverend and Mrs Gray, who then had the parish of Pymont/Ultimo. I sat for the Qualifying Certificate at Cleveland Street School and went to Sydney Girls High School. I could walk from the rectory across Pymont Bridge, up Market Street to Elizabeth Street in half an hour. David Jones store now stands on the site of the old school.

I can remember once, when there was no electricity in Sydney, my grandmother had a gas stove and I think the street lights were gas.

I think the average family life seemed quite happy and contented although we didn't have the entertainment and sports we have now. Of course we couldn't travel very far as there were very few cars on the roads. We went sometimes to a cinema show and to Hawkesbury College dances and concerts for which my mother used to play most of the accompaniments.

We used to have musical evenings in our home and played ping pong. We also played tennis and once a week I and my sisters used to drive to Windsor for music lessons.

I was very fond of horses and did a lot of riding and driving. We had several saddle horses, three sulky horses and about eight or nine draught horses. I, with my sisters Marjory and Sylvia, Annie Jean Carter, my cousin Aubrey Pye (who afterward was Superintendent Doctor of the Brisbane Hospital) and



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**An Arnotts biscuit baby**

our men folk rode to Howes Valley near Putty. We took cattle and horses there where my father and his brother Henry rented land as grasses were better for growing stock. We had a spring cart and horse to carry a tent and food. We camped one night at the Gibba and stayed a couple of nights with the Chapman family who had a dance party one night for us.

My grandparents told me Breaker Morant was very musical and used to come to the service at St Stephens and sing in the choir. Some time later my grandfather took over the parish at Manly while the rector was away. One night Breaker Morant came into the church during the service. He told my grandparents he felt so distressed and intended throwing himself over the cliffs, but on walking past the church he heard singing and recognised my grandmother's voice, so he decided to go into the church.

My grandmother had a fine voice at Pymont where she belonged to the choir and Glee Club; she was the contralto soloist. Later she competed with Australian choirs which came second to Ipswich one year and another year second to Ballarat. ❧

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This photo of Gladys Davis, Joy Shepherd's mother, was taken sometime during 1919. It, as well as one of Gladys' sister Irene, were used in Arnotts advertisements featuring 'biscuit babies'. Unfortunately Joy has been unable to find examples of the original advertisements. She is doing research on the subject so if any reader is able to help with further information please feel free to contact the editor, secretary or Joy.

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### 4 - 12 September

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### Monday, 20 September

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at Comleroy Road Public School. Proceedings will commence at 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ian Jack, president of the Royal Australian Historical Society, whose talk will be on the subject of 'William Scott and his country retreat at Kurrajong Heights'.

### Saturday, 27 November

Instead of a Christmas function this year we will be supporting the Richmond Literary Institute's function to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Richmond. Richmond School of Arts is the venue and proceedings begin at 6 p.m.

Paul Brunton, senior curator at the Mitchell Library, will discuss the cloak and dagger operation which secured the prized 'Macquarie' papers offered for sale by Lady Strathallan at auction in London in 1914. A celebration dinner focussing on Macquarie's visit to Ham Common on Monday, 3 December 1810 will follow in the Murray room.

Costs for the night are \$55 for the three course dinner and drinks or \$5 for the presentation only.

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### Wednesday, 1 December

Her Excellency, Governor Marie Bashir AC CVO and Sir Nicolas Shehadie AC OBE will be guests of honour at our celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of Lachlan Macquarie and his wife Elizabeth's visit to 'The Kurrajong' on the first of December 1810.

The celebration will be held at Loxley on Bellbird Hill where a three course formal dinner and bar service will be followed by a tribute to Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie by KCHS members in conjunction with the Richmond Players.

Cost is \$55 per head due no later than 30 September. Send payment to KCHS PO Box 174 Kurmond 2757. A waiting list exists if you have not yet booked and would like to attend.

For further details and confirmation of bookings please phone 4573 2226 or email frank.holland@bigpond.com

The new grocer at Messrs Woodhill and Co's store appears to be getting on famously in every way. The young ladies round have their eyes on the "new boy," and as leap year is not yet gone, we may yet see something lively in this quiet part of the world.

Windsor & Richmond Gazette  
31 October 1896

## New Members

The Society would like to welcome the following new members

DEBRA WAYLAND  
JOHN WAYLAND

## Committee Nominations

The following nominations have been received for positions on the committee

President	Frank Holland
Vice President	Airdrie Martin
Secretary	Valerie Holland
Treasurer	Lorna McCarr-Israel
Committee	Carolynne Cooper Kathie McMahon Patricia O'Toole Steve Rawling AM

The fifth committee position is vacant and a nominee will be called for at the annual general meeting

Appointments are  
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 Grants officer Garth Smith \*  
 Hon auditor Paul Nelson \*  
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