

THE MILLSTONE

KURRAJONG ~ COMLERoy HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Hawkesbury Agricultural College and the Great War

by Peter R Lister

Peter Lister delivered this talk, with many illustrations, at the Society's midwinter luncheon, held at Tizzana Winery on 24th July

In this, the centenary year of the Gallipoli Campaign and of the ever-increasing expansion of the Great War, many parties are engaged in documenting and enlightening us as to Australia's participation in that world-changing event.

Hawkesbury Agricultural College (HAC) was the premier tertiary education facility of its type for many decades following its establishment in Richmond, NSW, in 1891. When war broke in August 1914, College men were quick to enlist and the College showed its support via the HAC Journal with stirring editorial comment, not just encouraging enlistment, but also asserting the importance of those intending to stay at home and keep the agricultural wheels of the nation turning. Those staying behind would be contributing indirectly to the protection of their country and ensure it would still be in a fit state to return to once the war had ended.

Ex-students and staff enlisted as expected, but students engaged in their studies also left for the war with the intent that they could return to their studies once peace resumed. Eighty percent of students enrolled at the college in 1913 were to enlist. Between late August 1914 and wars end, more than 700 HAC men had enlisted. Ten percent of them were staff, either at HAC or the Head Office of the Department of Agriculture in Sydney, or staff at an Experiment Farm elsewhere in the state. Some joined in Australia, while others joined in countries they'd returned to after they left the College, or where they were then employed, such as New Zealand, South Africa, Fiji, India and England.

Their average age was 24 years but this spanned the range of 18 to 50, although not many were above the age of 40. 156 were under the age of 21, and therefore required their parents'/guardians' consent. The majority were Australian born, but fifteen percent were born overseas in countries then part of the British Empire.

Seven of these men had already served in the Boer War, and eight with the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force prior to Gallipoli. They joined the Light Horse and Light Horse Field Ambulance, Field Artillery Brigades (both Australian and British), Veterinary Corps, Infantry, Australian and Royal Flying Corps, Camel Corps, Heavy Artillery, Tunnelling and Postal Corps, Machine Gun Companies, the YMCA and the Navy.

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KCHS Midyear Luncheon Venue

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They served in England, India, Egypt (including Romani), Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Tanzania (then German East Africa), Turkey, Malta, Greece (Salonika), France and Belgium. Of the 159 that served on Gallipoli, 111 went on to serve in the Middle East and/or on the Western Front. Sixteen died on Gallipoli and another seven died of wounds or illness as a part of that campaign.

During the course of the war the College, via the College Comforts Committee, organised fetes, dances and concerts to raise funds so as to send items needed by soldiers, to the Front. The College also sent copies of the Journal and other reading materials, as well as writing materials, tobacco, cigarettes, food items, and clothing.

139 of these HAC men were killed or died; 44 have never been found.

At war's end, the College desired to construct a memorial to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and monies remaining from the Comforts Fund were directed to this end. The result was the Soldiers Memorial Hall, opened in December 1928 and containing Honour Rolls of those College men who enlisted and those who were killed and died as a result of their service. Because these men came from across the State, this memorial is relevant to the entire State of NSW.

Some HAC staff returned to their previous HAC positions and several students resumed their studies. Some were incapable of doing so, being physically or emotionally incapacitated. A good number resumed their lives, married and raised children and maintained contact with the College for decades.

The College again provided a vital role, re-training nearly 300 returned service personnel, including a few nurses. These were individuals unable to resume their previous vocation and many undertook the free courses, and on completion were often provided with free materials to get them started on their new path.

Forty HAC survivors of the war again served in WWII.

President's Annual REPORT

I will not be standing for the role of President in September, so this will be my last President's report. It is time for another member to step forward to take on the not very onerous but very important role. Who will that be? Through the last few months, we have asked members to volunteer not only for this role, but also for other positions – Secretary, and Treasurer in particular but also general Committee positions. So far as I am aware, there have been very few potential candidates, and the nomination forms included with this issue form the penultimate chance for this to be rectified (there will be the possibility for nominations from the floor at the AGM).

We have a very interesting position in this Society. We are in a strong financial position, and have a record of very good output – a good website, which includes our outstanding digital archive/photographic collection, an excellent newsletter, a good record of publications, good work done by individuals and teams such as the Family History Group, and excellent, well organised and well attended events and excursions. Full credit to all members involved in these and other activities. And of course we are looking forward to the upcoming major publication, our book of World War veterans from Kurrajong and Colo. But...

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Frank Holland and Peter Lister compare notes
KCHS Tizzana Winery Luncheon



KCHS Tizzana Midyear Luncheon 24 July 2015

EARLY FAMILIES OF BLAXLANDS RIDGE

Because of the power of the modern day internet, Carolynne, the leader of our group, received an interesting email from Duncan Macniven, of Scotland. Duncan has recently retired from the position of Registrar General of Scotland. He had already done some research, but was anxious to find out more about his great-grandfather's three younger brothers, Adam, Alexander and William Linton.

The three young men had probably all immigrated to Australia in 1882, travelling from Glasgow to Brisbane. Further details of Alexander have not been established, but it appears that Adam and William Linton came to Sydney, and at one stage lived at Blaxlands Ridge.



Image: Duncan Macniven - from his website

Duncan is coming to Sydney in November this year, to visit his daughter, and wondered if we could find some more details, and answer some more questions about their life and movements. He was not sure when they first went to Blaxlands Ridge, although he had some proof that at least one of them was residing there in the early 1900s, perhaps through to the 1940s. With the help of Trove, searching the old newspaper articles, we have been able to find that a Mr Linton (probably Adam) took up a selection in the early 1890s, building a weekender at first, while he worked in the city for the Lands Department, and resided at Petersham and Haberfield. Later, he and William built a more comfortable residence, and he re-

tired there with his wife Nellie-Ellen Charlotte (nee Cook). The couple had no children, although on the 1912 Electoral Roll Adam, Nellie and Florence Linton are recorded, Adam as an engineer, and the latter two as 'domestic duties'. It was interesting to find that Florrie Linton, of the same address in Haberfield won first prize in the War Loan Lottery – a sum of £1,000 in May, 1918.

William died in 1927, the death registered in Richmond, aged 61 years. It was not until July 1947 that Adam died at home at Blaxlands Ridge, aged 83 years. His obituary describes a very worthy citizen of Blaxlands Ridge for more than 50 years, and devoted to his wife. Nellie joined him in February the next year, and the obituary states that there were no relatives whatever in the Commonwealth.

Bill Burgess, now aged 96 years old, came to the Kurrajong area as a child, around 1930. His parents ran the property known as 'Holmwood' – a Hennessy property, from the late 1930s, continuing its use as a guest house and working farm. (Interesting note – 'Holmwood' is now called "St Elmos" – the home of our members Bryan and Marguerite Wyborn). Bill can remember the Lintons as being 'a nice elderly couple', and he told us that they lived on the Blaxlands Ridge Road, almost to the Putty Road. Wanda, a member of our group, has now found a map showing this fact, so Bill's memory is accurate. We also found another allotment in the name of W Linton, presumably William's.

Duncan Macniven is very happy with the information that we have provided him. If there is anyone who is able to help us further with some details of Linton family we would be most grateful.

Duncan has offered to be a guest speaker when he visits Sydney. This will be in the form of an afternoon tea, held by the KCHS Family History Group at the Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre Windsor, Wednesday 25 November at 2pm. Duncan will be giving us some clues on researching our Scottish Ancestry. This is sure to interest many, so please secure your place.

Enquiries: Carolynne 4576 0356 or Joy 4588 5867.

Cost: \$5 including a delicious afternoon tea.

Joy Shepherd



The Hawkesbury

(a handy glovebox history)

The booklet will be launched by Professor Ian Jack
Hawkesbury Historical Society President

Where: Hugh Williams Room, Hawkesbury Regional Museum
Baker Street, Windsor

When: Friday, 4 September 2015 at 12.00noon

All History Society members and visitors welcome

RSVP: Email: secretaryhawkesburyhistory@gmail.com or

Phone: Secretary, Neville Dehn 45782443

TENNYSON Excursion with Noreen Montgomery and Peter O'Donnell - Eighteen KCHS Members and friends boarded the community bus for a most interesting tour of Tennyson on Sunday 16th August 2015. Here are a few images taken by members of the sites we visited on our heritage journey.



Early 1830's Pioneer Ironbark Slab Hut on Annette & Phil Woods' property. Prior to subdivision this was part of the Rouse Farm Estate. Below: nearby well believed to have been dug around 1900.



Cecil Lodge c1880s also known as Rouse Farm House, restored by Christine & David Richardson. A detailed history of this property is documented in "The Pioneering Spirit of Tennyson" 1823-2013 - publication available through KCHS Below: Kitchen well, one of three wells on the property



Below: Tour group photo taken outside the Lavender Family's Slab Cottage c1836. The exterior constructed from pit-sawn ironbark, the interior lined with pressed tin on walls and ceiling. Building of heritage interest.



Below: The Saloon Bar window in the adjacent Lavender family Butcher Shop came originally from the Blackhorse Inn Richmond. The butcher shop began business in 1918 and continued to the Great Depression years in the 1930s.



President's Report (cont from page 2)

The Secretary has recently circulated the Newsletter of the Nepean District Historical Society. An excellent Newsletter it is. And it lists their Committee. There are 15 names on the list. That's right, 15. Of course they draw on a much larger population, and presumably a much larger membership than ours, but this is a fair indication of the degree of involvement needed by a busy Society, to ensure its proper running, both from a legal point of view, and from the point of view of active projects and outputs.

I have said before that the real work of the Society is done by those involved in projects. But without a Committee we do not have a Society, and we cannot afford to lose any of the benefits of all the terrific work that has been done since our foundation.

So where are the members willing to step forward to ensure the continuing success of the Society?

I would like to thank the other office holders of the 2014-2015 year, including Marguerite Wyborn as Treasurer and Pat O'Toole for her minute taking during sometimes, quite confusing meetings. A particular thank you to Suzanne Smith for the way she has dealt with the very heavy workload as secretary and agreed to take on the extra task of production of The Millstone, to excellent effect.

A thank you to all.

Steve Rawling AM

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Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail



The brochure for the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Trail is now available. As members of BMACHO, KCHS are part of the "Heritage Trail" concept, from Emu Plains to Lithgow, along the Great Western Highway, then back via Mt Tomah, Kurrajong to Windsor along the Bells Line of Road. BMACHO member organisations were invited to participate in four common open days, the first Saturday of January, April, July and October each year. Initially members and businesses contributed to getting the project up and running. In 2014 to attract tourism back to the Mountains following the disastrous 2013 bushfires, Westpac offered BMACHO a grant towards funding of the project. **The intention of the Heritage Trail is to promote members and attract visitors to the Greater Blue Mountains area,** to visit the historical societies, museums, heritage properties, heritage gardens, historical businesses and exhibitions. **The 1st Open Day for 2015 is the 3rd October, the weekend of the Bilpin Fair & Flower Show. (KCHS Secretary has brochure for distribution at AGM)**

Secretary's Report

Although a rather successful year, with good attendance at our General Meetings, events and excursions, I am sure 2014-2015 will be remembered by both the Book Committee and the KCHS committee as the year of the KCHS ANZAC Book, due for publication in November.

The Society are also looking to 2016, as we urgently require a member to take on the role of Society Treasurer. Marguerite is retiring from this position after 4 years of service. The committee also requires new recruits to carry out the work of the Society. As secretary I have been fulfilling a number of positions over the past few years, including this year the newsletter co-editor/publisher position. We require your help on the committee. **Cont. p 6**

K-CHS Website and Digital Archive Report (Annual Report 2015)

Late in 2014 the society's website and digital image archive were combined and moved onto new software developed by David. An article in the Jan-Feb 2015 Millstone newsletter described the changes and new features.

A link to the National Library of Australia's Trove database was also added. 3,477 of our images have been viewed via Trove since the link was added on 1/11/2014. In total, 76,414 images have been viewed with an impressive 11,989 in July. The website itself has been receiving an average 40-60 visits per day. Some of these would be from search engine spiders visiting the site.

A People Archive (database) was also added which provides genealogical information about the people who appear in our images. This makes it easy to see who is related to who in the pioneering families without having to have lengthy captions repeated on related photos. There are around 200 people entered in the database so far, with 56 different surnames. View the archive by selecting Archives/People from the main menu.

The archives currently contain information on the following types of resources: ➡

Over the year a decision was made to offer the images for sale in digital format if required, as most people requesting images were having to scan printed images back to digital anyway. This has proved popular and we have sold 78 images for the year.

The number of new images added has slowed considerably over the last few years. 263 images have been added this year. Many of these were contributed by Paul Hulbert who has been photographing buildings on the LEP heritage list.

In July 2015 our web hosting agreement expired and the website and database were moved onto an Australian hosted service, whereas it had been hosted in USA. This change saves us quite a lot of money and has made the site faster to access.

David Griffiths & Jenny Griffiths

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4	Newspaper
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Secretary's Report (cont. from page 5)

Suzanne Smith

However a thank you to all members and friends who attended events, assisted and supported the Society in numerous ways over the past year. This included prompt attention to project report updates, articles and information for the Millstone, photo images, book sales, researched articles, inventory updates, presentations, talks and supportive attendance at the Society general meetings and excursion events. A special thank you to Treasurer Marguerite for assistance given to the secretary with event bookings and mail. Although this is a brief report, I would like to acknowledge Peter Opt'land and staff at the HCC printery for supportive assistance with the printing of the Millstone, flyers and KCHS brochures. Letters of thank you are always sent to our guest speakers, sponsors and venue hosts.

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Treasurer's REPORT

The financial position of the Society is quite sound. Membership is down a little, but revenue from elsewhere through advertising in The Millstone, and sales of books and photos at functions and from our web site, means that we do not have to consider raising membership fees at this time.

We have received 3 grants to assist in publishing costs for the World War I Commemorative book. This publication will be given free of charge to schools in the area, as well as to families who had a relative serving in the War. The grants will not cover the complete cost, which will be supplemented by our Society.

We have also received a grant to help with the publication of the 2nd St Stephen's Register. Both of these books are expected to be published soon.

I am stepping down as Treasurer at our AGM in September and will be glad to assist the new Treasurer if necessary.

Marguerite Wyborn

Congratulations to Carol Webster
winner of the Mill Painting
1st PLACE raffle draw at the
KCHS Tizzana Winery Luncheon
on 24th July 2015.

2nd PLACE draw - Carolyn Williams.

Reminder to Members

Please forward

Membership Renewals to:

Treasurer PO Box 174

KURMOND 2757 or

Direct Credit: KCHS

Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

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FAMILY HISTORY GROUP REPORT

The past year has been a very busy time for the FHG, with the holding of two High Teas and the publishing of *Honouring Yesterdays Grandmothers*, a collection of stories from the first High Tea.

This was held at "Tallowwood" Kurrajong. The Bennett family kindly allowed us to use the lovely hall and kitchen facility at Tallowwood. The event was a great success with over sixty guests in attendance. We had wonderful reviews from both our own members and other societies saying they wished they had thought of it.

Our second high tea was held on the 14th February 2015 at the St Andrew's church hall in Richmond. This time our theme was "A Royal Afternoon Tea" with guest speaker Dennis Overton talking to us about the rebuilding of Windsor Castle following the fire on the Queen's 45th wedding anniversary in 1992. It appears word was out in relation to our high teas and this time we had many more people – half as many again. After this one we decided no more until next year as it certainly was a huge effort.

The FHG received an email from a Duncan Macniven in Scotland requesting information about his family who had settled in the Hawkesbury district. Duncan offered to give a talk in exchange for any information we held. He has not long retired as the Registrar General of Scotland. We are now in the planning stage of this event to be held at the Deerubbin Centre on November 25th, followed by an afternoon tea.

We are now once again working on the second book of the St Stephen's registers. It being the Anzac Centenary year, the Anzac book Val, Wanda and Frank are soon to publish, took precedence over the St Stephen's book.

In April Joy, Wanda, Kathie and I travelled to Norfolk Island for ten days for the 225 year anniversary since the sinking of the 'Sirius'. Cathy Dunn invited us to join her group when we had time, which we did. We were kept busy each day researching the development of the island and learning the history of the people who settled there.

Once again I would like to thank the FH team for a great effort, they are hardworking and very enthusiastic.

Carolynne Cooper

The Family History Group meet regularly on a Tuesday at Coopers Hill - Contact Carolynne on 45 760 356

**Family History Publications available on enquiry: St Stephen's Parish Registers 1861– 1902
and Honouring Yesterday's Grandmothers - A collection of memories**

WW1 ANZAC BOOK Project Annual Report 2015

It seems a long time ago we started this journey when the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that grants would be made to local organisations to commemorate the centenary of Anzac. In early 2014 a proposal was put to the Society that we should build on the work already done by Valerie Birch, in recording the names and details of volunteers from the various Honour Rolls around the district, and turn this into a publication. A quality publication, that would be distributed free of charge on the basis of at least one copy to descendant families.

With the approval of the Society and the written support from local community organisations an application for a grant of \$10,000 was submitted. We expected that a decision would be given by mid-year and our initial production date was set for Anzac Day 2015. Due to the large number of applications we did not receive the approval for the grant until February 2015. Not enough time to meet the Anzac Day timing. That goal was re-set for Armistice Day – 11th November 2015.

It is pleasing to report that we are on target to meet that date and planning is in hand to join with Richmond RSL Sub-

Branch to launch the book at an event to be held at the sub-branch premises following the 11.00 am ceremony. We plan to make presentations to family representatives during the launch.

Over the past six months a great deal of research has been completed and double checked. A tremendous effort has been put into compilation and selection of relevant photographs to develop the book ready for printing. A hard cover book, of some 230 pages, that does justice to the memory of the volunteers.

The researchers were Valerie Birch, Wanda Deacon, Chris Upton and Frank Holland. In addition Chris has provided his professionalism to the compilation while Frank has coordinated the selection of printer, liaised with key providers such as the Australian War Memorial (AWM) and the National Archives. The Director of the AWM, Dr Brendan Nelson, has agreed to write the Foreword for the book.

Members of the Society have helped with proof reading (Steve Rawling and Ron & Margaret Rozzoli), image enhancement (Carolynne Cooper & Chris Upton) and in locating representatives of descendant families – Joy Shepherd in particular. A big thank you goes to those who provided extra information about

their relative. There are too many people to list names; it has been a Society wide effort – thank you to everyone who has played a part.

The volunteers included in the book met the criterion for having had a strong connection to the Kurrajong/Colo districts during the period up to 1918. In some cases a strong connection could not be verified and a separate list has been included with their names, together with names where we could not locate service records or those who applied for enlistment and for whatever reason, were not accepted.

We hope to see as many members as possible attend the launch.

Frank Holland Project Coordinator



Image: Australian War Memorial - A02022

Singleton's Mills Report

Documentary research has been on hold mainly due to the need to visit the State Archives and the Mitchell library. It will probably need a few days at each location. Another cause for delay has been the requirement to spend time working on the Anzac project and associated book launch.

On the ground research has continued with Les Dollin in particular leading the way. Some interesting new facts have come to light.



Signage for Historic Village Sites

Steve Rawling and Frank Holland have had numerous contacts with members of the Hawkesbury City Council regarding signage for Historic sites. Preliminary designs have been put to and considered by both parties and Council has now presented a design which they say is the standard style adopted by Council. The first sign would be positioned so as to provide explanation of the mill stones at Memorial Park. The date for the erection of the sign is not yet known.

We are satisfied that the wording on the first sign is historically correct and that the layout is of a good standard. Council have assured Frank that the colouring is considered the best for people with and without visual impairment. The sign displays both the Council and Society logos. In due course other signs will be developed and the Society will be asked to provide the wording to go with each sign.

Frank Holland

Image: Millstones Kurrajong Village - Les Dollin

BLACK HORSE INN, Richmond, NSW

Richmond's focal point for the greater part of the 19th Century was the Black Horse Inn. Two amazing women, firstly Margaret Seymour and following her, Sophia Sly, had charge of the Inn for this time. They showed what convict families could achieve when given the chance. They gave respectability and a future to their families.

Paul Randall arrived on the "Admiral Barrington" as a convict, in 1791. His wife, Mary arrived 2 years later on a separate conviction. Their daughter, Margaret, was born in Sydney in 1799. Paul received his first land grant, 30 acres at Mulgrave Place, when given his Ticket of Leave in 1796. In 1802 Randall is recorded as growing grain and supporting his wife and family. By 1816 he is shown to be successfully emancipated with William Cox, the District Magistrate, nominating him for 40 acres at Richmond Hill.

Paul Randall was one of the many Hawkesbury residents to sign the Address of Welcome for Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1810. One could assume Randall was one of the lowland farmers given a town site away from floods. This site formed the beginnings of the Black Horse Inn.

It is likely Randall sold liquor from the Black Horse Inn site for some years before the granting of a licence in 1819. Emily Ashton, born 1819, recalled her knowledge of the availability of liquor and of corroborrees at the site before licensing.

The memorial for annual renewal of licence carried the support of prominent citizens – William Cox, Alexander Bell. In 1821 Randall arranged a memorial to Governor Lachlan Macquarie asking for the deeds for the allotment to transfer to his daughter, Margaret Seymour.

Margaret appears to have been the only surviving child. In 1820 she married convict doctor, Henry Seymour. Although Paul Randall lived until 1834 it appears the Seymours became the effective innkeepers. A 2 storey building was constructed adjacent to the original inn. As Ken Moon says 'there can be little doubt that the power at the Inn for the middle fifty years of the 19th Century was Margaret Seymour' Her strength of character and respectability effectively controlled an often boisterous patronage. The Inn became a mecca for prominent citizens and honeymooners. Before the construction of the Richmond Court House in 1871 many court hearings took place there. Horse races along Windsor Street finished at the Black Horse Inn.

Sophia Westbrook, daughter of convicts, James Westbrook and Elizabeth Phipps, probably came to the Inn as a child helper with just board and lodging. The Seymours appeared to adopt her as their child. In 1844 Sophia married a convict, William Sly. As well as raising her family, Sophia stayed on at the Inn for the rest of her

life, ran the Inn and cared for Mrs Seymour. The second notable time for the Inn was under Sophia's stewardship. When Margaret Seymour died the Inn and a number of other properties were bequeathed to her.

The eldest of the ten Sly children, William, became the licensee. After his time the Inn was leased to a number of short term licensees until, in 1926, what was supposedly the oldest licensed house in Australia, closed down when its licence was transferred to the new Kurrajong Heights Hotel.

From notes given to Pat O'Toole by Mary Avern.

Ref: Ken Moon's booklet, "Hawkesbury's Black Horse Inn" and "A Myriad of Ramblings" by Savannah



Roof-line of Black Horse Inn visible behind the façade on the corner of Windsor Street and Bosworth Street, Richmond.

The original Inn sign can be viewed at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

The 1809 Land Grant of Rowland Edwards & The "Goldfinders Home Inn" Kurrajong NSW

*A Social and Conservation History
by Christopher Hallam*

To purchase this publication please contact
KCHS Secretary Ph: 0245 677 410
Email: secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au

The Pioneering Spirit of Tennyson 1823 - 2013

An account of its People, Events and History

by Noreen Montgomery & Peter O'Donnell
available through the Society
Email: secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au
Phone: 45 677 410

DATES for YOUR DIARY

KURRAJONG PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR

5th September 2015

The Society has been invited to hold a Digital Image Display along with a KCHS Information and Book Stall.

Members willing to assist on the day, please contact

KCHS Secretary Suzanne 45 677 410 or David & Jenny Griffiths on 45 678 999

RICHMOND CELEBRATION EVENT 2015

19th & 20th September 2015

The Society will be manning a STALL at this Jubilee event in Richmond PARK on

SUNDAY 20th September

Members interested in rostering for an hour or two on the Sunday, your commitment would be welcome

Please contact KCHS secretary

Suzanne Smith 45 677 410

Email: secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au

BILPIN SPRING FAIR

3rd / 4th October 2015

Bilpin Community Hall BILPIN

Members are invited to a morning tea at the

Light Horse Museum

Tennyson 10am

Wednesday 14th October 2015

viewing & talk by

Stewart Thompson

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL so please contact

Suzanne on 45 677 410 or email

secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au

Please NOTE: Our hosts this year for the

KCHS GM and Christmas Party

are Jenny & David Griffiths. We will once again be ordering the Windsor Pig-Out fare. Further

details will be in the November Newsletter

but please note the date in your diary

4pm Saturday 5th December 2015

KURRAJONG COMLEROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1pm 28th SEPTEMBER 2015

Grose Vale Hall GROSE VALE

The business of the meeting is to receive the annual reports, elect office bearers and confirm appointments for 2015-2016. The meeting will be followed by a General Meeting and a Photographic Heritage Project presentation by Paul Hulbert

All members are welcome to attend

Please return the enclosed nomination form by 14th September 2015 to The Secretary

KCHS PO BOX 174 KURMOND NSW 2757

KCHS ANZAC Book Launch

to be held at the

RICHMOND RSL premises

following the 11am

Remembrance Day Service

Richmond Park War Memorial

11th November 2015

Please RSVP KCHS Secretary Suzanne

Ph: 45 677 410 or email

secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au

The KCHS Family History Group

would like to welcome members & friends to an afternoon tea event to be held at the

Tebbutt Room Deerubbin Centre

25 November at 2pm

Guest Speaker: Duncan Macniven retired

Registrar General - Scottish Registry

RSVP: Carolynne Cooper 45 760 356

Joy Shepherd 45 885 867 or email KCHS secretary

secretary@kurrajonghistory.org.au



PANSY LEAVING RICHMOND for KURRAJONG



The steam train, known locally as 'Pansy', is seen standing at the left hand side of Richmond station (opened in 1864), ready to depart for Kurrajong. The East Market Street railway crossing is sign posted with 'Stop-Look-Listen' warnings but no boom gates! There are also no fences to stop people walking across, or photographing from, the tracks. Those were the days! **Photo taken in the 1930s."**

HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT

There are now 155 new photographs in a completely new category (LEP Heritage), on the Society's Website that were not there 18 months ago. These visual records are of acknowledged historical buildings and places as they exist today. They are of interest in comparison to earlier photographs, as well as permanent records for future generations.

The project commenced with Paul Hulbert and Chris Upton as the photographers, however because of family commitments Chris has had to leave the project.

Heritage Items on the Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) form the basis for the project. Of the 122 listed in our area, 66 have been photographed from the road. There are 37 requiring permission from the owners to enter their property, so three of our members; Airdrie Martin, Suzanne Smith and Lesley Hulbert are making house calls to pave the way for the photographer. When these are completed the third stage will be to research the actual location of buildings that cannot be located from the LEP street addresses.

Paul Hulbert Project Leader



Side view of worker's cottage at "Fernmount" Kurrajong Heights



Left: boarded up house

"Hillcrest"

**Built in 1915
Kurrajong Hills**

Right:

"Barrabadeen"

**Beautifully
restored
home at
Wilberforce**