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### President's Report – Gail Hanger

I hope everyone had a nice festive season, and have started the New Year renewed and full of energy for researching their family trees.

The launch of our new publication, the *1824 Cawdor Muster* (the short title) went off very well; a full report follows.

I attended the Picton High School Presentation night on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, where I again had the pleasure of presenting the John Ruffels History Prize. This year's winner was Bridget Potts, who won a book on local history, a cheque, a small plaque and her name on the honour board. We've had more students coming to us for more historical information in the last few months.

The South Australian BDM is now online: <http://www.genealogysa.org.au/resources/online-databases.html>. This makes all the Australian states BDM now online. The data base is free to search, you can then get a transcript from Genealogy SA for \$15.

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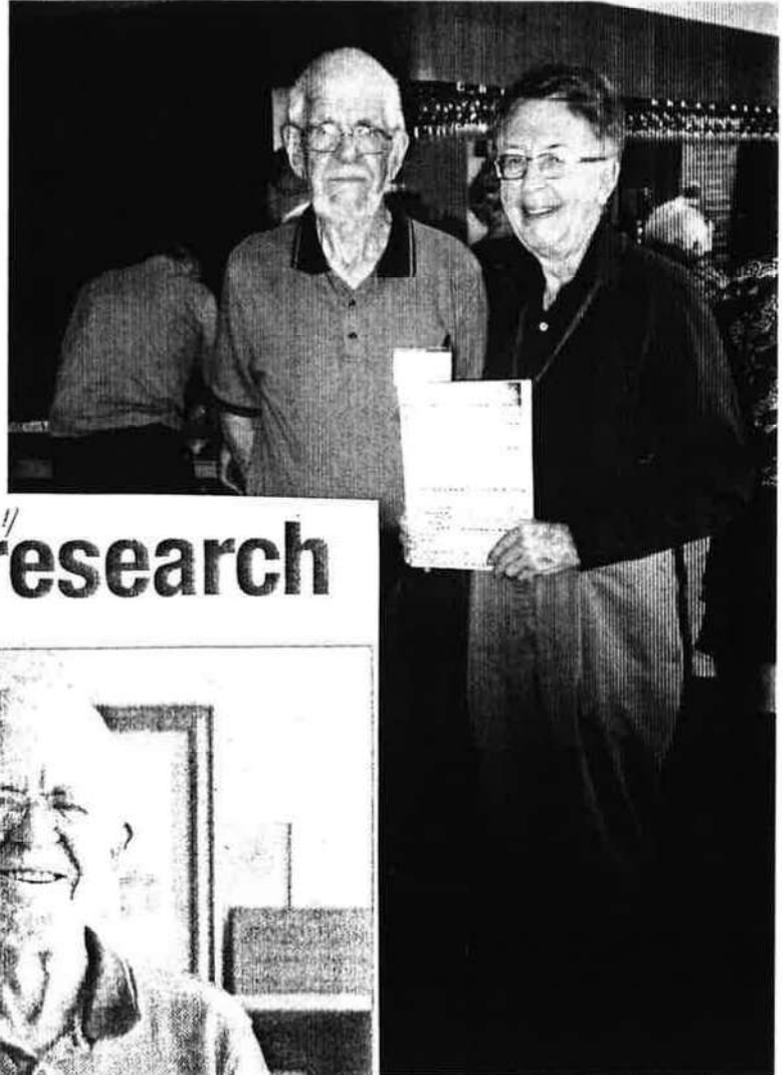
Note from the editor: We try to send out three journals per year, barring equipment failure, with the Membership Renewal notice going out with the June/early July journal. While we have a core of long term members, we also get quite a few people who just want information on their family or local history, and might join for just a year. So if members don't send in their renewals before the next journal goes out, usually in October/November, we include a reminder. Some of our core members responded with some embarrassment to the reminders last year, but please do not be worried about it, sometimes long absences and/or a slight memory lapse can occur. As the journal is one of our major expenses, if there is no response by February/March, we remove the name from our membership list. Don't worry though, anyone can re-join at any time.

Photos from the presentation of funding for *1824 Cawdor Bench of Magistrates Population, Land and Stock Book* by Ken Williams, from the Royal Australian Historical Society's state conference at Maitland. The Cultural Grants were allocated on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, and the photo of Ken (on the left) appeared, with several others, in *History*, No. 110, December 2011. On the right, Ken with Dr. R. Ian Jack, who bought a copy. Below, article from the Wollondilly Advertiser.



Ken Williams for Picton & DH & FHSI

Picton & District H & FHSI \$2000 for the biographies of over 500 settlers mentioned in the 1824 Cawdor Bench of Magistrates Population, Land and Stock Book – a biographical register of the inhabitants residing in the Cowpastures.



*Wollondilly Advertiser 23/11/11*  
**A gem for family research**

By Michael Cox

AFTER hundreds of hours of research at NSW State Records, local author and history buff Ken Williams has compiled the area's first work of family history at the time of European settlement.

Mr Williams has spent the past 20 years, on and off, compiling a biographical register of the people who lived in the Cowpastures.

He says the book, titled *1824 Cawdor Bench of Magistrates Population, Land and Stock Book*, can be used as a research tool.

"This information will be of great value to people tracing their family histories as well as other historians of early European settlement," he said.

Mr Williams said the book detailed the working and living conditions of the convicts, free settlers and owners of large grants.

The biographical register has the names of more than 500 men, women and children living in the area from 1824.

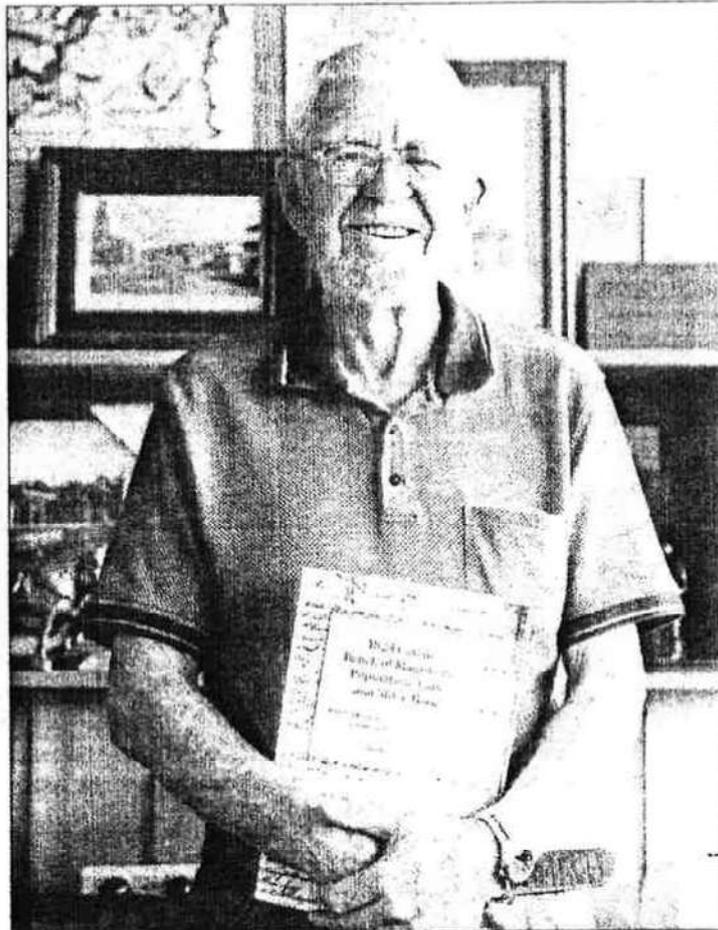
The census, otherwise known as the muster in the 1800s, covered Bargo to Mulgoa, and west of the Nepean River.

"The 1824 muster taken at Cawdor was the only known complete record of the district that has survived from this time," he said.

He said there were about 100 names missing because the muster was not accurate.

"About 100 people vanished, they went beyond the limits of location," he said.

Mr Williams said the government restricted settlement in the early 1800s. He said some people



**History buff:** Author Ken Williams has compiled a biographical register of more than 500 men, women and children who settled in the area in 1824. **Picture:** Jonathan Ng

migrated west and were not accounted for.

Mr Williams noted that a lot of the convicts that settled in the Cowpastures were part of "clearing parties".

The book, edited and published by the Picton and District Historical and Family History Society, costs \$40 and can be purchased from Wollondilly Library on Thursdays.

**Launch of Ken William's book, *1824 Cawdor Bench of Magistrates Population, Land and Stock Book A biographical register of the inhabitants residing in the Cowpastures* (the Cawdor Muster for short) at the Shire Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.**

After many years of research by Ken, and a couple of years of proof reading by Kate Holmes, Caroline Richardson and Elizabeth Villy, plus indexing and further editing, we were fortunate to get a small grant from Wollondilly Council, and a larger one from the RAHS (funded by Arts NSW) to cover the costs of printing – done by Alted Printing of Picton, and Perfectly Bound. With some of the Council grant we were able to have the cover designed by Su Jenks of Mudlark Productions, which we were very pleased with, and Michael Fairfax helped redraw the location map.

RAHS suggested that it would be useful publicity to attend the conference in Maitland to receive the \$2000 cheque, so Ken and Kate made the journey – it was very hot that weekend. Due to the kindness of our local printer, we had received the books in time to take some to the conference. So Ken was able to hand over a copy when he received the cheque, which delighted the RAHS heavies. Just before the presentation of the 22 Cultural Grants, varying from \$500 to \$2000, there had been a short discussion of the problems when some of the smaller grants meant that recipients took longer to complete their projects, having to look elsewhere for other grants – so we gained plenty of kudos! Mind you, Ken had already done the research, so we were only looking to cover the printing costs. And we managed to sell 5 copies there – one to Dr. Carol Liston who now teaches at the University of Western Sydney.

The official book launch took place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, at the Shire Hall. As we now have space in the Wollondilly Library, we had asked them for a little help, but decided that the Library itself was a bit too small – but it proved surprisingly difficult to get a date at the Shire Hall for the weekend or an evening, so morning tea was it. The Mayor, Councillor Col Mitchell accepted our invitation to launch the book; other invitations were sent out to our patrons, life members, local historical societies, and councilors. The catering was organised, partly by us providing cakes and slices, with sandwiches from a local café.

The day before the launch Councillor Mitchell found he was unable to attend, and would send the Deputy General Manager in his place. By this time we knew that one of our Patrons, Alby Shultz, Federal Member for Hume, was coming, which was greatly appreciated as Picton is right on the edge of his large electorate, and member Helen Hanger suggested we ask him to step in. What with one thing and another, we couldn't contact Alby until the Tuesday morning, when he was on his way, but he very graciously agreed to stand in.

The day itself was quite hot, but the Shire Hall entry, side room and supper room were decorated with the books, general displays and one on how the book came about. Our publicity hadn't worked out quite as we'd hoped, but over thirty people turned up. After the Welcome to Country from Gail Dunn (Library Team Leader), and a general welcome from our President, Gail Hanger, Ken Williams spoke briefly about the book, and asked Alby to launch it. Despite having very little notice, Alby spoke with some passion about the importance of history to all of us, and that he had always encouraged an interest in the subject, first in his children and now in his grandchildren – and that he would be buying a copy. On being told we were giving him a copy, he insisted on giving us a large donation. Another copy of the book was given to Wollondilly Shire Council, and accepted by Gail Dunn for the Library.

Then it was time for morning tea, general chat, and book purchases. While all the committee were involved, we were also very grateful to Helen Hanger's two grand-daughters Emma and Rebekkah

who did most of the “kitchen” work while we were otherwise engaged. It was especially kind, as Helen and her family had to leave slightly early to attend a family funeral. Alby Shultz also had to get back to Goulburn for a meeting, so we sent him off with extra sandwiches for himself and his wife Gloria on the trip back. We had over-catered, so in the end sent off several food packages and by 1 p.m. everything was tidied up – thanks to Ken Jackson, who wielded the mop while waiting.

Book sales were a little disappointing, but we will be making another effort to other NSW societies pointing out that the majority of those listed in the “Muster” did not stay in this area but moved to other parts of the State – many back to areas of Sydney, but others to the newly opened areas around Goulburn, Bathurst, Maitland and the South Coast.

It was a major effort by all concerned, for a publication of great value in understanding the first European settlers west of the Nepean, between Camden and Bargo. Thanks to all the committee members: Gail Hanger, Helen Hanger, Elaine and Ron Callaway, Ken Williams, Kate Holmes, Caroline Richardson, Tony Jagicic and Stephen Chalker.

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**Happy Anniversary to the Society – 25 years since it was formed. A meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1987 “to discuss the formation of an Historical Society for Picton and surrounding districts”. The inaugural meeting of the Picton District Historical & Family History Society was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, when the election of office bearers saw Marlane Fairfax become the President, Bob Wood the Vice President, Jan Ross the Treasurer, Bob Chadwick the Public Officer, Liz Vincent the Publicity Officer and Noel Collison the Research Officer. There was a short article in the May 2007 journal – we have lost a few more of the original membership since then.**

**Further to noting that Noel Collison and his wife Cynthia were original members, Noel was the major force behind the Society’s major work in 1987 and 1988 to record the local cemeteries and graveyards – they must have started straight after that first meeting in April. We have managed to up-date some of the smaller cemeteries in more recent years, but that earlier work remains the basis for our continuing work. With fewer active members now, the thought of tackling the bigger ones is rather off-putting. Noel was also instrumental in getting access to the Picton Court House BDM records, which several members of the Society helped transcribe to create the enormously valuable basis of our Family Sheet archive. It could not be completed, but we are grateful for what was done. Cynthia has also been involved with indexing and cataloguing much of the archive collection. Although the Collisons have more recently been involved with The Oaks Historical Society, their contribution to this Society has provided a solid base for our continuing work. We wish them every happiness in their move to Wagga Wagga- and hope the recent floods won’t have affected them.**

## **The Tahmoor Holiday Home for Children – corner of King & Fraser Streets**

A report in the *Picton Post and Camden Recorder* of 26<sup>th</sup> February 1941 noted that this Home opened during the Christmas holidays, with 5 children from the Camperdown and Coronation Playgrounds (in Sydney) being the first guests. The official opening would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The same edition had a longer article on this “new institution established in the salubrious climate of the Picton district ... to give children from the congested areas in the city a holiday in the bush”. The Home had opened on 4<sup>th</sup> January for children either suffering from malnutrition, or who had never been outside Sydney. The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Stanley S. Crick, no less, was to launch the Home, and while many city folk were expected, “a general invitation to attend is extended by the committee of the Home to the citizens of Picton.”

The article continued with a report on the improvement to the children, who at home often lived on a diet of bread and meat, with very little in the way of milk, eggs or fruit – one child put on 10 lbs during her stay. The daily routine was described: up at 6.30 a.m., a walk before breakfast at 8, then the older girls had jobs to do, before dormitory inspection at 11 and another walk, often to the post office to collect any mail. This often included seeing a goods train passing through Tahmoor – “a source of never ending delight”. At 12.30 they had dinner, and most afternoons were spent swimming down at the river [Myrtle Creek?] before tea at 5.30. After that came baths, community singing and games until bedtime. “Special events were picnics, camp fires, and tadpole hunting.”

The official opening was lavishly covered in the paper of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1941, where it is now referred to as the Children’s Welfare Home, Tahmoor. This article explains that the Home was the brainchild of the members of the Congregational Church of Vaucluse, and the reporter waxed lyrical about the occasion, despite the “generous” falling of the rain:

“No fanfare of trumpets, nor beating of drums marked the simple ceremony which was performed by the Right Hon., the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Stanley S. Crick. The Home is just a humble cottage, set amongst the gum trees, and with simple household essentials, but the hearts of those who laboured ceaselessly and unselfishly in the cause of poor and helpless little children were filled with pride at the accomplishment the Home represented of a great desire.

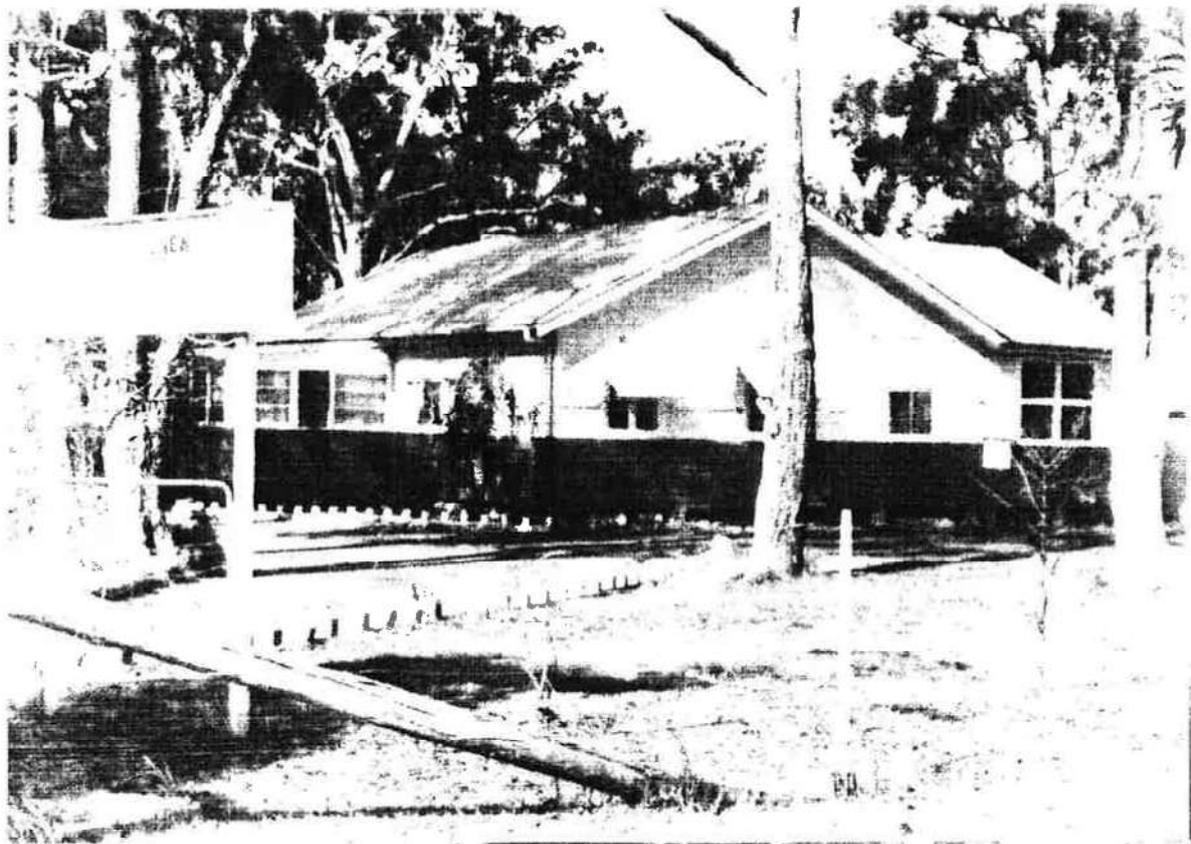
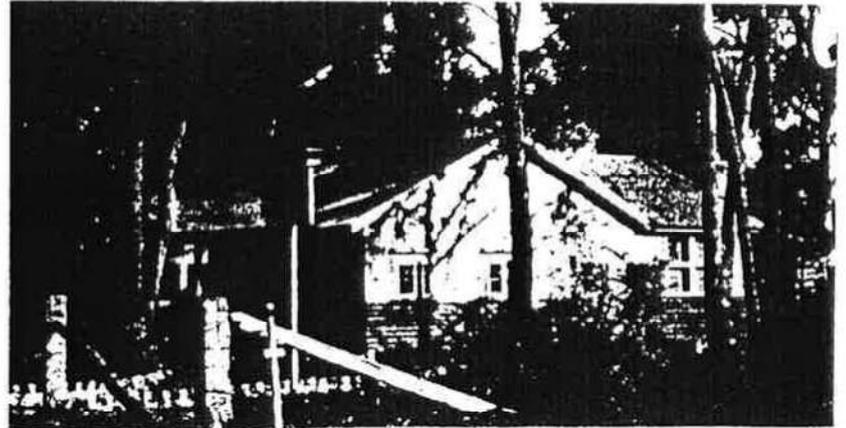
Remarkable enthusiasm was displayed, and lines of pennants amongst the trees gave the Home and its surrounding a festive appearance, though the weather was not appropriate for the occasion.

Contributions and donations, amounting to over £60 were received and promised during the afternoon.”

The Lord Mayor was welcomed by Dr. Burgess, the President of the Home, and Mrs. Jeff Bate (representing her husband, the member for Wollondilly, on active service). Dr. Burgess then explained that the Congregational Church had celebrated its centenary two years ago, and looked for projects to support. Their secretary, Mrs. Osborne, had been interested in the City Council’s playgrounds, and suggested the idea of a holiday home. The land was donated by Mr. Stanley Patterson, and the Church raised £100 to build and equip the Home – though it was hoped they would be able to extend the building. He pointed out that the programme cost 10/6 per child per week, and he thought there were enough “kind hearted people” willing to contribute. The Lord Mayor was happy to “provide a week’s holiday for ten children” after he launched the project. Special thanks were given to the Tahmoor branch of the Country Women’s Association and its President, Mrs. Payter who provided afternoon tea for over 150 people in the “difficult conditions

occasioned by the unpropitiousness of the weather". Reference was also made to the kindness of many residents who sent gifts of flowers and cakes.

The article included a photograph of the Home, unfortunately rather dark (left) but we also have an equally dark photo from the Picton Post of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1969, among the Christmas good wishes and thanks for such things as child care (right). Below is one donated by Frank Baker, taken in in the 1960s or 1970s (the original is a colour print).



The next article dates to 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1943, when Matron Sandland was in charge. Another article on February 25<sup>th</sup> reported that the Day Nursery Home was originally the Playground Association's Home, now kindly loaned to the Day Nurseries for the duration (of the War). Matron said she was surprised how few people knew of the home, so she was planning an "inspection afternoon on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3 p.m. This was reported in the March 11<sup>th</sup> paper, under the headlines of Children's Holiday Home – Pleasant Function at Tahmoor. This time the "excessive heat" probably kept some people away, though visitors from Picton included Dr. Denneen, Rev. F.A.S. Shaw, and some ladies. Tahmoor attendees included Mrs. M. Robertson the hon. secretary of the P&C and Mrs. Morrice the hon. secretary of the CWA.

Proceedings began with 10 children singing a song, followed by some action songs; Mrs. Doust played the piano. Matron Sandland then spoke "for some considerable time" about the history of the Home, and the importance for these city children – "not slum children, please", just less fortunate. She said the important thing was to build the children up during their stay, so that they returned home "bright-eyed, cheeks red, and full of health." She then pointed out that a few home comforts would be appreciated – an ice chest, sewing machine and wireless were top of the list. At the end of the little ceremony, Dr. Deneen said he would provide the ice chest and Matron thanked him for his kindness. Others who contributed their time were Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hillier and Mrs. Roberts, which was greatly appreciated. Also thanked were those who contributed and helped with the afternoon tea. Matron also hoped to establish "an enthusiastic committee of live wires" to help the home.

This committee did not eventuate, it seems people in Tahmoor and Picton were very busy with other war efforts. Matron did ask if anyone could provide books (for children and adults) and any toys. Matron Sandland may have left about 1944, possibly replaced by Matron Rees who was certainly there in 1946, and stayed until early 1948. The Home seems to have closed then, and a newspaper article of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1948 mentions that it is sponsored by the Methodist Church Mission, and should open again soon. Another report of 27<sup>th</sup> January 1949 said that it was to be taken over by the Sydney Day Nursery (again?), and would re-open next month.

Only a few other references have been picked up in the local newspaper. In June 1967 the Picton Car Club ran a film evening, and with the profits would buy winter clothes for the Home, and other such charitable efforts were noted in 1972. By this time the Home was being run with "house parents" rather than a matron or nursing sister, and open all year round, as a permanent Children's Home. The December 1969 newspaper that included the photograph of the Home also noted that Mr. & Mrs. W. Baker were leaving after some 2½ years there. They were replaced by Mr. & Mrs. Dunford, who would start in the New Year; they left in August 1974 and Mr. & Mrs. John Schultz took over. Then in 1976 Geoff and Kaye Hannigan/Hanaghan were in charge. In each case the men had full time jobs: Geoff was in the army, John was an assistant Engineer for Wollondilly Council, and Mr. Dunford worked at Tegel's factory. An article of 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1977 about the annual fete mentions that the Uniting Church now manages the Home, and there was a small government subsidy, but funds were needed for a new dormitory and staff quarters. Donations were gratefully accepted, from milk to soap and toothpaste to sheets and towels

Does anyone remember the Home operating? It must have been difficult to staff, and finance, when the children came only during the school holidays – though there were some children enrolled at the Tahmoor Public School in 1946. And would any of the children remember their visit to Tahmoor – or was it possible to make more than one visit? Someone might remember the Home in its later years, when the children stayed much longer. Let us know if you have any further information.

## Research enquiries, 2011.

### Enquiry from

Russell family  
Bland, Robert  
Cook Ian & Penny  
Australian Hellenic Association  
Sargent, Ron  
Porter, Mrs. Laurie  
Carter, Timothy  
Kennedy, Lisa  
Dumbrell, Judith  
Walters, Glenda  
O'Donovan, Shirley  
McEvoy, Timothy  
Bollard, Carmel  
Parkinson, Ann  
Hall, Ric  
Stefanutti, Kerrie  
Taylor, Ellen  
Dunning, Roslyn  
Charles, Diana  
Parsons, Graeme  
Ryan, Shane  
Banar, Barbara  
Lindsay, Kate  
Turkington, Audrey  
Clifton, Pamela  
Donaldson, Joan  
Ellis, Margaret  
Tansley, K.  
Long, Judith  
Nicolls, Marissa  
Saad, Helen  
Brown, Lisa  
Collier, Marion  
Ross, Laurel  
Piechowski, Mary

### Asking for information on

Bushranger John Donohoe  
BLAND, David – vegetable grower, 1930s Picton  
KOCH/KOOK/COOK (Journal article Oct. 2011)  
MANOLIS, Andonis/Antonios  
SARGENT, Thomas Digory (Buxton)  
LATTER, T.P. & St. James Church (Minto area)  
CARTER, Dr. James (1828-1909) Anglican Minister  
POLDEN, William Edwin, & Rumker's Estate  
BARKER, Henry & daughter Jane  
BAMFORD, Charles  
TOLL, Helen & George; Mrs Webb – buried Thirlmere?  
RAPHAEL/LAYTON (LEIGHTON) Katherine  
BURGESS, Elizabeth (Upper Picton cemetery)  
HARVEY/MATTHEWS/BEST  
SPROLE, John  
KENYON William & Martha BURCH  
COOPER, John Sullivan & Joanna  
GAVIN/GAVON, B. Redbank  
BYRNE, William  
1940s photo at the George Inn – significance of stump  
WILTON SCHOOLS  
TYLER, E.E. – re oil at Bargo  
ROGERS, James & son George  
O'NEIL, Barney, Mary, Bridget  
BURGESS, F.E. (postmaster)  
DONNELEY, James & Ann JOHNSON  
MCDONAGH, F.L. born Appin  
EVERST, S.M.A. died 1980  
GRAY/MOYES/BUCKLAND  
NICOLLS, Henry George "Wollondilly" (nr. Marulen)  
WEBB, Bertram (Sunnyside Orchard, Wilton)  
BOLLARD, Mary  
MACBETH, Alice  
re Whiting Hotel (Great Southern)  
WILSON, Edward & Gertrude CLEARLY

Most we could help, some were sent on to other societies, and sometimes we just couldn't find anything.

**Note: a recent enquiry re the McEntyre/McNickle families** here in the 1850s, farming on Abbotsford; we managed to find some information, and got a very handsome donation from the enquirer, who asked if we knew why Irish people would have come to the area. Was it just chance that one would come and other family members and relations would follow? Any ideas, anyone? In this case they soon moved south as country was opened up around Wagga Wagga, in the 1860s.



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MRS. T. K. O'CONNOR, Prop.

Mr. Harry Lestrange, Organiser of the Amalgamated Rabbit Trappers Union, was in town yesterday with a view to enrolling members in the new Union. Since the amalgamation on the 1st February over 500 members have been enrolled and by the end of next month a membership roll of 3000 is expected.

Trappers supplying country freezing works are working under an agreement with the exporters, decided on at a conference held last month, and present prices are 5d per pair over 4lbs, and 1d per pair under. Another conference is to be held between the Union and employers representatives on 11th April, when an attempt will be made to bring in all buyers of rabbits who are supplied direct to the city from such stations as Picton and Camden.

Mr. Lestrange says, on account of the closeness to the city, rabbits trapped at Picton and other close places are worth about 6d per dozen more than those supplied to works in distant centres. When rates are being decided at conference such provision will be made to secure the higher rates for local trappers.

Mr Lestrange will visit Picton again shortly, when further steps will be taken in the matter.

Wednesday, March 27, 1912.

**Amalgamated Rabbit Trappers Union.**

A well attended meeting of rabbit trappers, held at Mrs. O'Connor's Hotel, was addressed by Mr. H. Lestrange, union organizer, on Saturday week, Mr. W. White in the chair.

The speaker opened his remarks by showing the difference between unions of employees and unions among employers. The first stood for a fair share of the profits for its members, while the employers' unions mostly existed to restrain trade, sweat the employees, and raise the price to the consumer. When an industry is unprofitable the employees are compelled to suffer low wages and bad conditions and should therefore be justified in asking better rates when large profits are being made. Some people say unions of workers damage a country, but this chief is not a fact in Australia, for, notwithstanding the powerful union, there is no better country in the world for the wage-earner, and in no other country is life and property more safe than here. The Rabbit Trappers' Union, he said, was formed to prevent the powerfully organized body of rabbit exporters, offering an unfair price. Combination soon showed its advantages for when the union's representative met the exporters, increases were granted. When they were disappointed an attempt was made to reduce the prices. This should act as a warning in future. When seeking an excuse for reducing the price the exporters pleaded that the industry was unprofitable and would not permit of any higher rate. That was an empty plea as it was proved rabbits were bringing a higher price in London than then two years ago, when the trappers received a much higher rate than now. A most remarkable feature of the rabbit industry was the great difference in price in Australian and London markets. Rabbits sold here for 5s per dozen and while Australian mutton, that goes through the same process, which is bought here for 24d lb can be obtained in London for 34d lb. This shows that bad business methods must be adopted by the exporters, or that great profits are being made by someone. The chief trouble is the large importing firms in England who own all the supplies that reach there and control the price, the local exporters are but their agents. The Exporters Association has so well controlled the supplies going to England that the demand is much greater than the supply and prices are rising rapidly, and the Union delegates will make a big fight for the trappers share of that increase at the next conference, and if they decline to grant a fair rate then the men will take other actions to support their just demands.

At the conclusion of Mr. Lestrange's address several questions were asked. A large number joined the Union, and Mr. Joe White was elected representative.

**Thirlmere Sports.**

Following are the entries and anticaps for the woodchopping meet at the Thirlmere Sports on Easter Monday:

J. W. Heckenberg, scratch	
Col. Heckenberg	7 secs
L. McIntosh	7 "
C. H. Sent	22 "
Jim Davis	40 "
J. White	40 "
W. R. Clark	40 "
A. J. Childs	40 "
D. Peachy	45 "
Jack Dowling	60 "
John Davis	60 "
Joe Davis	60 "
R. Davis	60 "
G. Bijter junr.	65 "
W. Turner	68 "
H. Dennis	70 "
W. Malcolm	75 "

The trophy for the Youth Race is donated by Mr. R. F. Ellis. Messrs. McMurrie & Co. have donated a copy of a pair of boots for a 'Boot Race' and Mr. J. Stedman a box of chocolates for an Elopement Race.

Entries for the footrunning events close on Friday next, the 29th inst. Performances for last 12 months to accompany nominations, if non-losing that time, the last three.

**Municipality of Picton**

Sanitary Attendant, etc.

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons with horse and harness for the position of Sanitary Attendant and Maintenance Man.

The work of Sanitary Service will take about 4 days per week.

Wages 12s per day. Schedule of duties may be inspected at the office of the undersigned.

Applications close March 30th, 1912

W. E. O'HALLORAN,  
Town Clerk.

Picton, March 19th, 1912.

**Thirlmere Picnic Sports Carnival.**

Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912.

On Fludder's Ground.

**Thirlmere's Gala Day.**

Foot Running, Wood Chopping and Sawing Exhibitions, Novelty Races, etc.

FIRST EVENT AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

A Brass Band of ten performers will be in attendance all day. Hot water provided on the ground free of charge. Refreshments may be procured at a low tariff. Free Luncheon for Children, Children's Races for Cash Prizes, Raffle, Dazzle, and Swings.

This is an ideal ground for Picnic Parties, and a pleasant day's outing is assured.

**Programme of Events.**

Open Air Handicap, 100 yards, 1st £1, 2nd 10s. Ent. 1s, Acpt. 6d.

Sheffield Handicap, 130 yards, 1st £2 10s, 2nd £1 5s, 3rd 10s. Ent. 1s, Acpt. 1s 6d.

Wood Chop Handicap, standing log, 15 inches diameter, 1st £2 10s, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s. Ent. 1s, Acpt. 6d.

Single Hand Sawing Competition Handicap, 12 inch log, 1st £1, 2nd 10s. Ent. 1s 6d.

Ladies' Wood Chop Handicap, 3 prizes.

Tug of War, entrance 7s 6d per team. Three teams or no event. 1st £1 10s, 2nd 10s.

Youth's Handicap, 100 yards, 1st Trophy, 2nd 5s. Ent. 6d. Youths must be under 16 years on the day of the race.

Married Ladies' Race, 1st Trophy £1 1s, 2nd Trophy 10s. Ent. free.

Single Ladies' Race, 1st Trophy 10s 6d, 2nd Trophy 5s. Ent. free.

Throwing at Wicket, Prizes 15s. Ent. 1s.

Other events to be included.

Nominations for Foot Events close on March 29th; Acceptances close on April 8th at 11 a.m. Nominations for Wood Chop close on March 22nd; Acceptances close on March 29th. Performances for last 12 months to accompany nominations, if none in that time, last three. Handicaps will appear in the local paper on the 27th March and 3rd April.

Entrance to Ground:—Family Ticket (including children of school age) 2s 6d; Adults, 1s; Children, 6d.

The Annual Social will be held on Easter Monday Night. High Class Music and Refreshments Provided. Tickets:—Double, 5s.; Single, 3s.; Extra Lady, 2s.

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