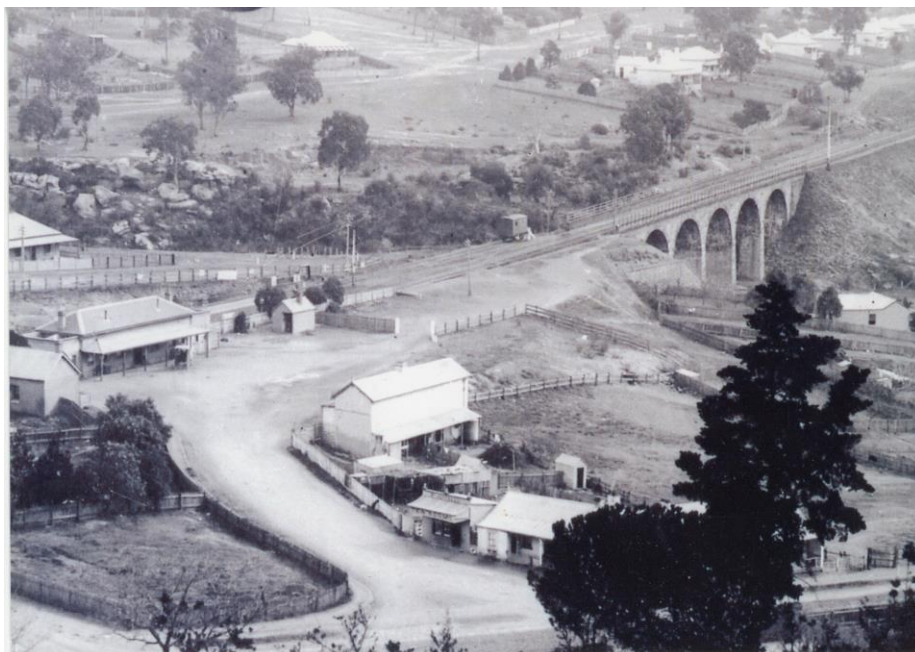


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2020. I hope everyone survived the bushfires and the flood. The fires at Bargo meant I was unable to get home one night, many offers of a bed for the night.

Picton High School Presentation Night was held at Bargo Sport in December, to the background of smoke, it was difficult for some students and their parents to be present due to the fires. *The John Ruffels History Prize*, winner was Lachlan Anderson.

NSW and ACT Association of Family History Societies held their Annual Conference in Ku ring gai at the end of last year, I was then elected as the Association's President for another year. This year's conference will be in Newcastle.

The coronavirus has reached Australia, and there has been many events cancelled. The decision has been made to close the Wollondilly Library; this means our room is also closed until further notice.

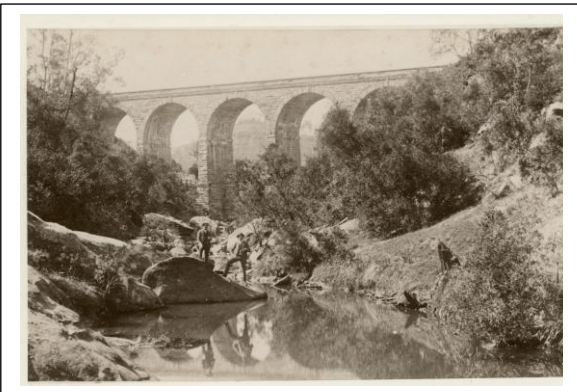
We will continue research as we are able, so email us with any request or make contact via Facebook.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Along with everyone else, we have been affected by the summer bushfires – volunteer Cheryl Ashton was busy with the Thirlmere Brigade from early December to late January. And then came COVID-19, with the Library being closed at very short notice in March. We can still make arrangements to get access for brief periods, but will not be able to spend much time down in our space there. Just when we had been able to get more of our archive down into our new cupboards and filing cabinets! Considering the age of our hardworking volunteers, there may be further restrictions on our activities (or perhaps just on me), but of course many people are in worse positions.

Before this latest disaster, and after the summer bushfires, we did have a steady trickle of visitors looking for information, and in December we had three major donations to the Society.

The first was from the family of **Don and Noelene Baker**: Don died in 2018 (see November 2018 journal) and Noelene last year. Don became headmaster of Picton High School in 1977, so the collection includes four copies of the school's annual magazine *Bawamarra*, one from 1977, one from 1982, a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition and in 1998 a 40 years on edition. There were several Carol Church drawings from 1981 which seem to have been very popular in the district; and several newspaper clippings and inserts relating to local history. There were several historic photos of Picton, most of which we had copies of, but two were of particular value. One was of the McKnight tailor shop at 96 Argyle Street (our copy has gone astray) and another was the famous photo of the Stonequarry Viaduct with several men in the foreground which dates from c. 1880. We didn't have a copy of this, but it was part of the Queen's Album sent to Queen Victoria, which was to be part of a State Library display to tour local libraries this year.



Next came a collection from **Betty Brown nee Turner**, the youngest child of Arthur and Henrietta Turner (nee Jenkins), which includes material inherited from her brother **Eric Turner** (member from 1992 until his death in 2003). Their father Arthur was a dairy farmer, and lived in the first house on the right south of the “subway” on Argyle Street. The collection included a copy of the book *Mary, A Cullen Family History*, which has a chapter on the Turners – Arthur’s father James had a Cullen brother-in-law. There were several DVDs – Picton’s Sesquicentenary



*Eric and Betty Turner*

1841-1991; Upper Picton (Redbank) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, 1995; two on the district Cycle Club. An old book *Mabel Vaughan*, presented to Henrietta, or possibly Charles Jenkins, Lower Third Class, Argyle Half Time School (possibly from the 1890s). This has many notes on the Turner and Jenkins family happenings as well as being stuffed with loose newspaper clippings and cards from church services and funerals.



*Bettye outside Picton home - can you see the cocky on the windowsill?*

The collection also had a ceremonial collar, and a photo of Arthur wearing it – the initials suggest it was connected to the Grand United Order of Oddfellows – Past Noble Grand; the Cullen book also includes this photograph. There are several photos of the Turner family, many of them probably from Eric, and where Betty is noted, the name is spelt Bettye. One photo has Betty as a child, at the front of the house and another has a



*Arthur Turner in his regalia*

family group, all dressed up, at the side of the house. This is labeled “Bettye, Eric, Hazel, Arthur (Dad) and Ettie (Mum); Hazel was a sister and the occasion could well

be the wedding of the third sister Rita, who married an American soldier, William Kranichfelt, in August 1945. There are several photos of Eric and Betty’s wartime service, including a happy group with Betty celebrating the end of World War II. There is still more work to be done on the photographs – Betty married Mervyn Brown in 1948 and they had two children, and there are several photos of the Brown family, as well as a baby’s dress and other items. Sadly Betty outlived all her immediate family, and the business of clearing her house was left to two of her friends.



*Bettye, Eric, Hazel, Arthur (Dad) and Ettie (Mum) Turner*



The third donation came from family of **Myra McKenzie** (1896-1983), whose mother was **Emily Mulholland** of the East Bargo/Wilton family of **James and Mary Ann (nee Moore) Mulholland**. There does not seem to be a close connection to the Mulhollands of Picton, but there could be a common grand parent/great-grandparent – both lots came from County Tyrone, Ireland.



James' father William (c. 1796-9 to 1872) was a convict and came to the Appin area by 1824 and seems to have worked on Condell Park; he married a local girl Margaret Kelly in 1834 and they had eleven children. James, their second child was born in 1837, and he married Mary Ann in 1858 and they had seven children: William died as a baby, then Alice (1860), Emily (1862), James (1863), William Henry Thomas (c. 1865), Alfred (1868) and Mary Anne (1869) after which mother Mary Ann died. James married Elizabeth Carter in 1872, but was killed by a falling tree later that year, before the birth of his last son Richard.

*Standing - Alf, Emily, Mary Ann, James - children of Mary Anne Moore and James Mulholland. Seated - niece Florence Dillon.*



*Emily McKenzie nee Mulholland prior to her marriage in 1887.*

A photograph of some of the Mulholland siblings was found in Myra's collection: four elderly people Alf, Emily, Mary Ann and James, plus a slightly younger niece, Florence Dillon. This looks like a family gathering at the retirement home of **Emily** and her husband **Albert C. Mackenzie** in Five Dock, Sydney. The niece may be included as being a daughter of one of the other siblings but more research will be needed to clarify this. There are many other photos of relatives on both sides of the family, which we may use in the future, so on to the immediate McKenzie family.

**Albert C. McKenzie** (1863-1937?) was born in Carcoar to John and Mary (nee Sweeney), the second of at least seven children. **Albert and Emily Mulholland** married in 1887 and had five children, Emily

Mabel, 1888, Albert G, 1889-1890, the twins Alice Myra and Florence Vera born in 1896, but Vera died in 1897, and Albert John in 1900. Both surviving daughters were known by their second names – Mabel and Myra. We don't know how Albert and Emily met – there seems to be no obvious connection to the McKenzie family who settled in Wollongong, Picton and the Goulburn area. The only information we have about Albert is that he seems to have been a tailor for Farmer's Department Store, George Street



*Emily McKenzie nee Mulholland aged 70 years*



*Farmer's Tailoring Department*

Sydney (now Myers, on the corner of Market Street). This photo may date from the 1920s, possibly not long before Albert retired. The McKenzie family lived at 221 Commonwealth Street, Sydney – actually Surry Hills, and Myra stayed there after her parents retired to Five Dock. Some of this family history has been pieced together from the photos and various paper items: a card for Miss McKenzie, Milliner, at “Brandon”, 221 Commonwealth Street, and an envelope addressed to Myra at the

same address and stamped 1944. I’ve assumed this refers to Myra, but it could be Mabel who was the milliner. The collection includes an invitation to the Golden Anniversary of Albert’s and Emily’s wedding on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1937 at 29 Noble Street, Five Dock. It may have been at this party that the above photo of the Mulholland siblings was taken – there are a number of other photos taken in what seems to be the same backyard, but they are still to be sorted out.

There are several baby photos of Mabel, Myra and Albert John, and then as they grew up; Mabel had a bad fall as a child and was crippled, as can be seen in the later photos. There are several photos of mother Emily – one before her marriage, and a lovely one when she was 70. There are fewer photos of father Albert, but one shows him at a lookout with his daughter-in-law Nina (married to Albert John senior). Then there are two photos taken on the same verandah: one has Myra, then Nina, Albert John and Mabel; the second has Albert John senior, and his son Albert John junior. The use of Albert for three generations had me quite confused about these two photos, especially as Albert John senior look so much older than his older sister Myra and his wife Nina. If I am confused about the generations, because I’ve changed my mind once, perhaps someone can help me. However, I love the photo of father and son – the former so formal in three-piece suit and tie, and son with rolled up shirt sleeves.



*Albert John jnr and Albert John snr - grandson and son respectively of Albert McKenzie and Emily nee Mulholland.*

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This is just a brief glimpse at the photos from this collection, which also includes some school books, possibly Myra’s. While there is still much to do with the photos, the collection is not as large as originally thought, when it was brought to us in a large, heavy leather suitcase. Myra had lived in Oberon Street, Coogee in her later years, and after her death in 1983, the house was cleared out by friends, and these personal items chucked into the suitcase.

Keep well, and we will hope to get the next journal out in June/July, all going well in the next few months.

**Kate Holmes, Librarian.**

**BRODIE, DR. GORDON MARCUS, 1914-2019**

By Kate Holmes

*Dr and Mrs Brodie*

**Gordon Brodie** was born in Sydney in 1914, the son of Alexander Neil Brodie, a dentist, and his wife Ellen Elizabeth Savage Dill-Macky, who were married in 1911. They were living in Mosman, where their first son, Alexander was born in 1912, but had moved to Killara where Gordon was born and then to Drummoyne when Douglas was born in 1916; later the family settled in Cheltenham.

Alexander was able to buy two rural properties for

two of his sons, while Gordon went to Sydney University to study medicine – but visited his country family when possible. At this time, the 1920s and 1930s, even families living in Sydney had connections to the country, a connection which is much less common in this century.

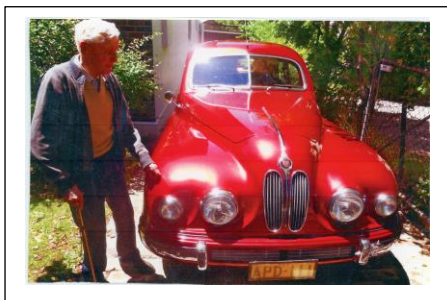
While at university Gordon joined the University Regiment, and he enlisted in May 1941, attached to the 18<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance and by December was in Darwin. So he was in the middle of the of the first Japanese air raids from 19<sup>th</sup> February 1942 and for the rest of the year. There was an attempt to send two ships to Timor, which was turned back, and in 1943 he was moved to the 27th Australian Infantry Battalion which was sent south to Melbourne where Gordon had some leave. Next he was sent to Townsville, and in 1944 to New Guinea, first to Lae, then various hospitals, and ending up with the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance on Bougainville. By 1945 he was back in north Queensland and soon met his future wife, Daphne Jean Hiley who was born in Brisbane in 1917. Daphne had also been busy during the War, joining the Voluntary Aid Detachment in August 1941, but in 1942 she became a clerk, moving to the AIF in 1943. By this time she had moved from Acting Sergeant to Sergeant and then Lieutenant (Gordon would have had the rank of Captain).

*Above: Dr and Mrs Brodie during their courting days.**Below: Dr Brodie and baby he had just delivered.*

Gordon had always been a keen photographer, with albums of family life and activity from the 1930s, and was allowed to take his camera into the army, recording events in Darwin and New Guinea. As his grandson Nick noted in his book, *Kin*, the last photo in Gordon's war album was of 'Lieut. D. Hiley farewelling AMMWS Contingent Force for BCOF Japan 1946 before leaving Australia'. Soon after this Daphne and Gordon were married.

The couple moved to Picton, as the local *Picton Post*, a weekly newspaper, noted on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1947 that Dr. Brodie had "commenced practice this week." The surgery was in the house they bought on Argyle Street right next to the Picton Central School. In fact the house was built in the 1920s when





*Dr Brodie beside his Bristol motor car - now owned by Bob Dunk of Tahmoor*

Mr. James Tate was teaching at the school – he became involved with the Picton Council between 1928 and 1931. Some time later in the 1930s Matron Horgan ran a private hospital there. There are few references to Dr. Brodie in following newspapers as doctors were not allowed to advertise, but in April 1950 there was a note that Dr. Brodie was planting prunus trees at the front of his house, and the school P&C considered continuing the trees in front of the school. In May 1961 a Civil Defence committee

was established, with Dr. Brodie as the medical officer.

Running a single practice is very hard work, and Daphne acted as the secretary – which must have been tricky when their three children were young. Gordon was an Honorary Medical Officer at the Camden Hospital which involved some hair-raising emergency trips over Razorback in his Bristol car. There were a number of small private hospitals to cope with confinements and convalescents in Picton, but any other injuries or illnesses had to go to Camden. Gordon cut down on his work in 1975, and retired in 1977, but remained living in the same house.

Daphne did not reach her centenary, and after her death Gordon was looked after by his children. He became frailer in the last two years, and was moved to Queen Victoria Home in 2019, and died in December after the Home was evacuated due to the bushfires.

*The information on Gordon's early life came from Nicholas Dean Brodie's book 'Kin' – A Real People's History of our Nation published in 2015 by Hardie Grant Books. As well as the Brodie-Hiley families, it explores the Duck and O'Rafferty families and their connections.*

Many people have memories of Dr. Brodie, and the family have been touched by the numbers of memories being shared on Facebook – a selection follows:

**Marie Ferguson** Dr. Brodie was our family doctor until he retired. He delivered me in the local country hospital in Picton in 1948. I think it was called Wyoming Country Hospital. It was located near Picton tennis courts and I believe it closed soon after Camden Hospital opened. Dr. Brodie was a true gentleman RIP.

**Susan Chalker** He took my mum to Camden hospital many times in his own car when she had bad asthma rather than wait for the ambulance, he was a true gentleman and a great doctor RIP

**Janine Leersen** Gosh Dr. Brodie was a true gentleman ..and the best doctor I've ever known.. He took care of me when I split my head open when I was little in the Camden hospital.. ..plus was a dear friend of my parents when my dad was a police officer in Picton in late 50s thru to 1967...a lovely man ..who left a lasting impression on all of us.. so well respected....I'll never forget you.

**Prinny Pete** Oh wow, 105 years of age. What an innings. Dr. Brodie was a legend. A real old fashioned, caring doctor. He was our family GP until he retired .RIP

**Sue Prior** Dr. Brodie was our family doctor. My family always so very grateful he saved my face after a dog bite when I was a child in the 60s. I will always remember the smell of antiseptic at his surgery and how he called me very brave that day as he tended my wounds. Vale Dr. Brodie.

**Beth Richardson** I had a stay in Camden hospital and on Christmas morning he drove me home after his ward rounds so my parents, busy with four other kids, didn't have to go get me.

**Dawn Howlett** Such a beautiful man and gentleman. Fond memories. What a life he had. Well done sir.

When **Michael Fairfax** broke his arm at age 12 in 1961, Dr. Brodie drove him in his Bristol to Camden Hospital. Michael recalls it as an extremely quick trip over Razorback with Dr. Brodie singing "The Lambeth Waltz" as he drove at high speed. Razorback road was much narrower and more curvy than it is today.



**South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 - 1954), Saturday 26 November 1904.**

**PICTON.**

**A chapter of accidents :** — Dr. Parry received a telegram the other day stating that Mr. Tomlinson, residing near the Buxton railway station, fell out of bed and had his shoulder dislocated. — Mrs. W. Whitfield, Pot-holes Road, while trying to decapitate a rooster, hit her hand with the axe and completely severed the muscles of the fore-finger at the first knuckle. — On Tuesday. Mr. Dymond, while splitting a tree, was struck on the back of the head by a limb which infected a scalp wound that rendered him unconscious. — On Sunday. Mr. J. McInnes fell off his bicycle on to the Oaks Road and dislocated his shoulder.

**PARRY, LLOYD DAVENPORT (1847-1919) - MEDICAL OFFICER OF SANDAY.**

Recently we had an inquiry from Bill Wiseman who said he was "working on a biographical register of Orcadian Medics — a register of medical practitioners who either practised in the Orkney Islands, or were born there. One such practitioner was Dr Lloyd Davenport Parry."

Bill was asking for permission to use information and a photograph of Dr Parry published some time ago by the Society. He very kindly provided a copy of his biographical entry which is as follows.



*Dr Parry's residence - Hogue Album*

**Lloyd Davenport Parry** was born on 11 December 1847 at Kilmartin, Argyll, and baptised on 3 May 1848 at St Chad's Shrewsbury, Shropshire, the son of Edward James Parry, surgeon, and Martha, his wife. (1)

The 1851 Census shows the family living at Slockavullin, Kilmartin, Argyll, Edward J. Parry, head, 40 years, M.R.C.S. general practitioner, surgeon, born England; Martha, wife, 34, born England; Lloyd D., son, 3 years, born Kilmartin; living with servants.

By the 1861 Census he was shown as a scholar at Grinshill School, near Shrewbury, and then he spent a year at Shrewsbury School in 1866,(2) before returning north to study medicine at Edinburgh.

By the 1871 Census he was a 'student of medicine', aged 23 years, living at 10 Graham Street, Edinburgh, with his widowed mother, Martha, 56 years, Independent, born England, and his younger brother Malcolm S., 10 years, scholar, born Argyll.

He was admitted L.R.C.S. Edinburgh and L.M. in 1871,(3) and on 6 June that year he married Anne Wilson Collier (daughter of Alexander Collier and Agnes Clay) at St Giles, Edinburgh.

Dr Parry secured the post of Medical Officer on Sanday and the couple moved to the island very shortly after the marriage.(4) The following year their first child, Clement Lloyd Parry, was born and died, followed in 1873 by his mother, Anne, aged only 18 years. They were both buried on the island.

Dr Parry appears to have left Sanday shortly afterwards,(5) and moved down to Middlesex where, on 14 September 1879, at St Luke's Church, Marylebone, as Lloyd Davenport Lloyd, 30 years, widower, of 113 Marylebone Road (father Edward James Parry, surgeon), he married Marion Matthews, 25 years, spinster, also of Marylebone, daughter of Henry Matthews (deceased), soldier.

Following his marriage he emigrated to New Zealand, eventually arriving in Kaitangata, Otago, New Zealand, where he established a practice. His new wife, Marion, appears to have died around this time as, on 1 August 1881, he married Annie McCormack and they subsequently had two children, Margaret (born 1882) and Edward (born 1884).(6)

On 2 April 1884 at the Supreme Court in Dunedin, Dr Parry was convicted of the manslaughter of Sarah Ann Gilbertson, who died in childbirth as a result of a rupture of the vagina and uterus, and he was sentenced to 4 months imprisonment in Dunedin Prison. It was alleged that Dr Parry had been called to his female patient in Kaitangata on 23 March. She was having difficulty giving birth to a child. When he arrived, he looked exhausted, having been engaged all night with another case. He examined her and decided that chloroform was required to enable him to deliver the baby. While he waited for the chloroform he fell asleep several times and eventually attempted a delivery but failed. He finally agreed that another practitioner should be sent for and then he went into the garden to 'take some fresh air' but wandered off and returned to his home. It was also suggested that he was 'the worse for drink' but this allegation was not proved. The patient died before the arrival of the new doctor. A post-mortem revealed that she had a severe rupture of the vagina and uterus which the doctors conducting the examination asserted could only have been the result of 'severe manipulation' or 'some external force' which must have been caused by Parry. They also asserted that such an injury would not have happened had proper care been taken. Following the conviction 17 members of the medical profession of Dunedin and the Suburbs, in Otago, petitioned the Governor of New Zealand to remit the sentence, as they felt there was insufficient evidence to prove that Dr Parry had caused the actual rupture. On the 14 May 1884 the Minister of Justice replied to their petition saying that it was considered that there were no grounds to remit the sentence.(7)

He completed his sentence and moved away to Australia to practice. By 1885, the family were living at Hill End, New South Wales, and he was employed as a government medical officer. In 1886, a daughter Annie Bertha Parry was born and, in December 1897, his wife Annie died at Murrumburrah, N.S.W., following the birth of a son named Archibald who did not survive.

Following her death Parry moved to Picton, south-west of Sydney where, on 25 January 1899, at St Marks Church, he married Theodora (Dora) Edith Antill, daughter of Susannah Caroline (née Wild) of "Vanderville" The Oaks, and James Alexander Antill, a son of Major Henry Colden Antill of "Jarvisfield."

The couple then returned to Murrumburrah and their son Claude Antill Parry was born there in 1900.

Sadly, Dora died in 1901 and Parry went back to Picton with his infant son and set up practice at Macquarie Cottage in Argyle Street there.

On 2 April 1903, Parry married Dora's sister, Alice Eliza Antill at St Marks Church and they subsequently had two children, Campbell Alexander (born 1905) and Jessie Campbell Davenport (born 1909).<sup>8</sup>

In July 1905 he was appointed Government Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator of Picton.<sup>(9)</sup>

Apart from his professional duties, Dr Parry took an interest in civic affairs. He did so in Murrumburrah, and at Picton, where he served as an alderman, a justice of the peace, and was also a member of various other organisations.

Dr Parry died at a private hospital in Paddington, Sydney, on 27 May 1919 and was buried at St Marks Anglican Cemetery in Picton.<sup>(10)</sup>

1. Edward James Parry, L.R.C.P. Edinburgh 1859; M.R.C.S. England 1834, was the Parochial Medical Officer at Kilmartin in 1860, late Surgeon to the Bridgenorth (Shropshire) Dispensary - The Medical Directory for Scotland (London, 1860), 112.
2. Rev J.E. Auden, Shrewbury School Register (Oswestry, 1909), 178.
3. The Medical Directory (London, 1871), 849.
4. The Medical Register (London, 1872), 383.
5. Dr James Dewar (q.v.) was appointed as Medical Officer for the Parochial Board of Sanday, in August 1873 John O'Groat Journal 14 August 1873. In The Medical Register (London, 1879), 486, Parry is still shown as being on Sanday but this is clearly a result of lack of notification of change of address.
6. Information kindly supplied by the Picton and District Historical and Family History Society, to whom I am most grateful.
7. The British Medical Journal 12 July 1884, 92-3; Otago Daily Times 23 May 1884; The Medical Times and Gazette Vol. 1 (1884), 837.
8. Picton and District Historical and Family History Society, see above.
9. *The Hospital* 15 July 1905, 284.
10. Picton District Historical and Family History Society, see above.

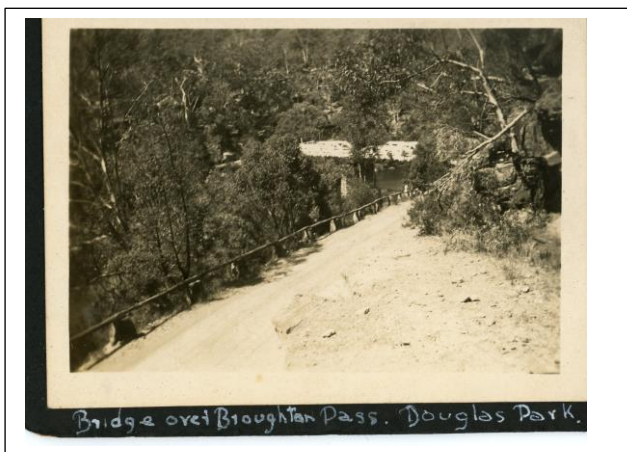
### **WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY PHOTOS**

In February, we were invited by Wollondilly Library to "sort through" many boxes of material held by the library in an effort to identify and group the collection into a manageable form. The boxes contained an assortment of material including loose photos, photo albums of council events, buildings, local history publications and material, council electoral rolls from the 1950s, and more. Kate and Marlane were quite excited!

One series of photos dating from the 1930-40s was passed on to Wollondilly Library from Campbelltown Library. The photos had been donated by a Mrs Spinks who said they belonged to her late uncle – but she didn't give the uncle's name. During the 1930s and 1940s many people visited Douglas Park – camping for the weekend, swimming and shooting. The series of photos is from that era and I thought that the following article from the Picton Post of 29 January 1941, although it referred to a time some 70 years earlier, complemented the photographs.

## DOUGLAS PARK CROSSING IN 1872

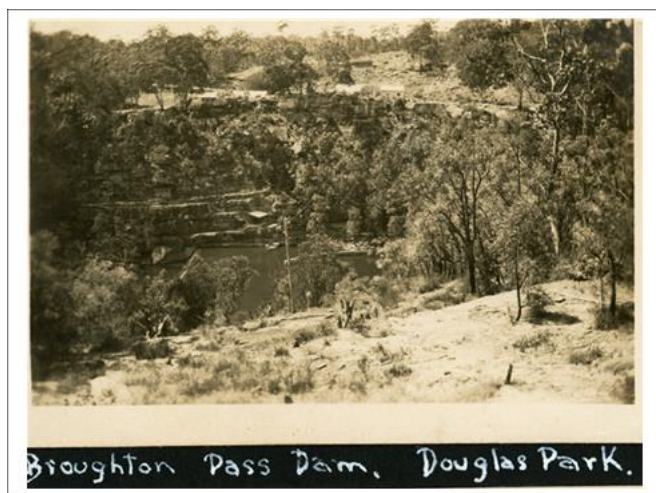
(By James Booth – Picton Post 29 January 1941)



Bridge over Broughton Pass, Douglas Park.

There are very few people in the flesh to-day who know anything of the great difficulties teamsters had to get across the Nepean River at Douglas Park. When I first knew this part of the river in 1872 it was very fine. The water was about 20 feet deep and as clear as crystal, with weeping willows growing along both banks. Passengers and cargo were conveyed across on a small punt, pulled to and fro by men with a long rope. The bullock yokes and chains were also taken over on the punt and the bullocks swam across. On reaching the other side the

animals were yoked up and with a heavy rope hitched to it, they pulled the wagon across the bed of the river. Sometimes the lumbering vehicle would be out of sight in the water, but, some being lighter than others, they would almost float over being only slightly submerged. Once on the southern bank the wagons would be again loaded, and a start made on the toilsome journey up the river bank. All this was bad enough, but in 1873 the greatest flood up to then came down and washed away the punt and swept the willows away as well. When the flood abated a bank of silt had formed at the crossing, but it was too dangerous to use. Eventually, however, the crossing was made secure by dumping tons of ballast into the river until within two feet of the surface. When the ballast settled down very large stones and slab bolted to them were placed in position across the river, and this formed a fairly good bridge, which was used for many years. I believe there is a bridge across the stream now, but I have not seen it. There has been no floods in the river since the construction of the Sydney water supply dams on the catchment area.



Broughton Pass Dam, Douglas Park.

The big flood of '73 did some good however. There was then a fair supply of ironbark timber on the Nepean Towers Estate, and as there was a good demand for it quite a number of men turned their hands to sleeper cutting and the industry gave employment to many teamsters, who with bullock drays hauled thousands of sleepers to the railway station at Douglas Park. A few of the names of the bullock team owners at the time might be interesting. They were: William Wo son (father of Councillor Wonson, of the

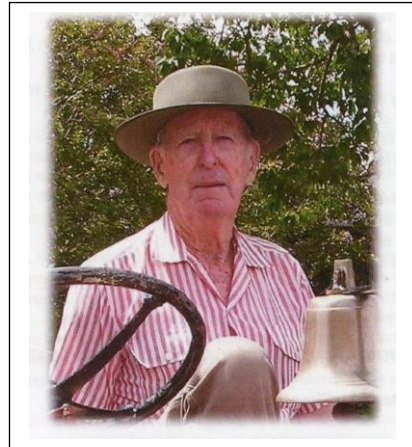
Wollondilly Shire), to whose credit it was said he never swore at the bullocks, William Eagles, Ben Spearing, Ned Oxbridge, John Sutherland, and William Shiels. All these men had teams. Thomas Beck looked after the crossing, and when the water was too high ferried people across in a boat.



### VALE – GEORGE ANTHONY (TONY) MORRICE

Sadly, another of our former members, and past president, Tony Morrice passed away suddenly on 15 November 2019, just five months short of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Tony was a member of the Society, almost from the beginning, and for a period took on the role of President.

The Morrice family have a rich history in the Southern Highlands area, Tony's father Arthur was born in Moss Vale, his parents and siblings living at Ealing Forest; his grandfather John Morrice, at Glenrock. Nurse Nellie Morrice, who served overseas in WW1 was his great aunt.



Tony's funeral service was held in the beautiful St Mark's Church Picton. He is survived by his wife Hazel and two daughters. A number of eulogies were given, and the following is extracted from the eulogy written by long time friend Joan Quarmby nee Early – written and approved by Tony some 10 years prior to his death! Not only does it give an insight into Tony's life but also a glimpse of life at a particular time in our history.

Tony was born in Western Australia. His father, a WW1 veteran died in 1940 by which time the family had returned to this district. Tony, at 10 years of age, was the eldest of four children at the time of his father's death.

#### Joan recalls –

...all the children attended Tahmoor Public School. Only two classrooms at that time. His mother also looked after Legacy children. Tahmoor was mostly bush then and people in the 1930s had struggled during the years of the depression followed by WW2. Very few people had cars and Mrs Morrice used a bush bike to go to Tahmoor for supplies. She worked so hard in that small home on land just out of Tahmoor, heading to Bargo on the Hume Highway. (This property was called "Ealing").

During WW2 Tony and his mum caught the train to Sydney to purchase two push bikes. They wheeled them out of the shop in George Street and rode them home.

Tahmoor dances in the CWA Hall were a must every Saturday in the 50s and it was there we used to socialise. Tony, along with his mates, Bruce and Norm Eagles, Keith Kitchen, Ken Quarmby, Hughie Halls and George Turner. This friendship lasted all their lives. These young lads ventured everywhere when the opportunity occurred. Weekends away. Sleeping under the stars against a wire fence, they were bush mechanics and seemed to keep vehicles they had acquired, or borrowed from their dad, on the road. Probably vehicles that wouldn't pass muster these days. They all seemed to keep out of trouble and when girl friends came along, were very respectful and quite the gentlemen.

But he was also a rascal. Tony's first car that I can remember was a T Model Ford. He drove that car everywhere. It burped, spluttered, back fired, ran on the smell of an oily rag and was his delight. He used to put down the rag hood, load it up with friends and a few females and let that machine take off. And fire up it did. Down Bulli Pass without brakes (or very little) a hair raising experience I believe. A real flying machine. Eventually ending up at Wollongong beach or thereabout. I never went with him – I was too scared.

He was banned from my Dad's poultry farm at Tahmoor as he drove it full bore down the drive, across the creek, up and around the chook sheds, backfiring all the way. Dad waved the red flag and a fist, and away went the Model T to visit Hughie Halls. All the eggs were full of blood for days after this little episode.

He was an attractive young man and he caught the eye of Hazel Haywood an absolutely beautiful and charming young lady. Tony had a variety of jobs as young men do and ended up as an electrician at the mines at Oakdale for many years. He worked and courted Hazel whose father was the local stationmaster at Picton. Hazel and Tony married in 1955 and they went to Tasmania to live for a short 18 months. In 1957 they were at Wentworth in NSW where daughter Lois was born and daughter Gail following two years later.

The young men I mentioned earlier became lifelong friends as did the ladies they courted and married, and some are still with us today. He joined the Picton Lodge as did most of the other lads and that was, and still is, a wonderful organisation

His friendship with Bob Dunk in the 1960s was always close. So much so that Bruce Eagles, Bob and Tony bought a magnificent 1924 Garford fire engine between them in the early 1990s. The boys spent many hours polishing the brass and making this old, red fire engine absolutely wonderful to behold. They used it a lot for charities and Christmas functions. It is now in the motor museum at Dapto.

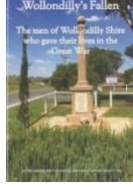


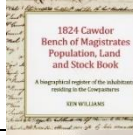

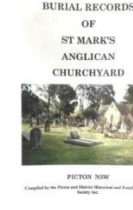
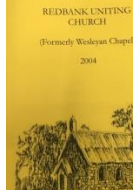


*Tony with the Garford fire engine.*

He and Hazel built a lovely house in Maidstone Street, Picton with superb views. They had two little girls and a white Labrador called Sailor. In fact his sister-in-law Henna recalled that they built a house where you could see a railway line. Why? Because Tony had a great romance going with trains.

A man who did have a short wick at times and could be very stubborn, Tony also had a great sense of humour. He was a very community minded person who worked tirelessly for others. Legacy for a long time, he drove the community bus; he was secretary of the Bush Fire Brigade; secretary/treasurer and founding member of Picton Probus Club and various positions with the Garden Club. President of the Rotary Club in the 1970s.

Tony and Hazel loved their extensive garden and won many garden prizes. He also became Citizen of the Year in 1995.

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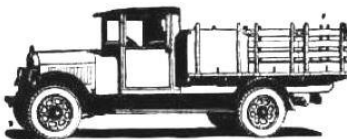
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