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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

As we enter the New Year, the beginning of the 90's, members of the Executive Council join me in extending to all members best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I look forward to your support by submitting articles to the Society's Bulletin, and a continuance of your interest in the Meetings and Excursions.

In this edition of the Bulletin you will find appended the Annual Report, - and Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held Friday, March 9, 1990. All positions become vacant and we invite you to stand for a position on the Council.

I would like to express appreciation to the Minister for Transport, Mr. Bruce Baird, M.P. for including members of this Society in the guest list for the ceremony of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Electric Train coming to Cronulla. A full report is being made by Mr. Midgley in the Bulletin.

Aileen Lufficha

FIXTURES FOR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

February	9.	Mr. C. Powell, Postmaster. Address on AUSTRALIA POST.	
March	9.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
April	13	Mr. E. Udick. Address on. GALLLPOLI ISTANBUL.	AND
May	11	Mr. G. Booth. Personal experiences when lost in Arnhem Land while serving with the R.A.A.F. Author of book:33 Days	

Meetings of the Society, held monthly on the second Friday at 8p.m. in the Staff Recreation. Room of the Shire Council's Administration Centre, Eton Street, Sutherland on the 2nd floor, have been, changed to the COUNCIL'S SUITE.

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As from February 9 , the monthly general meetings of the Society will be held in the Shire Council Suite on the second floor and not in the Staff Recreation Room. Because of Good Friday the April meeting will be held a week earlier on the 6th, at 8p.m.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF SUTHERLAND SHIRE CRICKET

Many of the early records of cricket in the Shire have been lost but years before the Shire gained local Government in December, 1906, teams played challenge matches. Earliest of these teams were Miranda, Sylvania, Cronulla, Sutherland and Helensburgh.

Grounds were rough being cleared by players of scrub and stumps. Concrete pitches were then laid.

Miranda's ground was situated at the corner of what is now Gymea Bay Road and the Kingsway. Sutherland had their wicket in the vicinity of Robertson Street near the Royal Hotel for one. player is on record for a "mighty" hit over onto the railway line at Sutherland station. Cronulla enthusiasts had their first wicket on the fringe of the main beach when one of their players, T. Barry is recorded as "hitting a Helensburgh bowler into the Pacific". Sylvania had their wicket where the Public School (Infants Dept) is now situated. The ground and pitch were "donated for use" by Mr. F.S. Holt on whose estate the ground was. He encouraged the local team as patron and gave a bat to the leading, player. Helensburgh challenged these teams as they obtained grounds as well as teams in St. George.

The first team from the Shire to enter competition cricket was Sylvania in the 1907-08 season entering into the St. George Association. This team was representative of a Shire team as players came from other teams and districts. Menai had five players;- Bert and George Midgley, Chas. Delardes, Will Webb and Will Meeves; Heathcote contributed Clem Higgerson; Miranda, Jake Mondel and E. Lye. Among Sylvania players were the Blood brothers and Dick Johnson. The team met with some success with Bert Midgley the outstanding bat. Against Bexley, in Sylvania's total of 224 on January 11, 1908, he carried his bat through the innings for 106 not out having the distinction of scoring the first century by a player of a Shire team in competition cricket. In the second innings of another game Bert Midgley (72 n.o.) and Will Meeves (24 n.o.) saved Sylvania from outright defeat with an unbroken first wicket stand of 105.

Sylvania continued to play in St. George for the next three seasons when the team had to be temporarily disbanded. Menai formed a team which played in St. George with some distinction during the season, 1911-12, and 1912-13.

Advent of the Great War reduced the function of competitive cricket and many players answered the call to the colours. Teams played in challenge matches as in the earlier days.

On February 6, 1904, a report in the St. George Call stated "Members of the Sutherland Junior Cricket Club have been busy clearing scrub and stumps from their cricket ground ready for the return match against Helensburgh when it is hoped to reverse the decision of the earlier match. However that decision failed to materialise on April 8, when Helensburgh scored 65 and Sutherland made but 53. The home team fought back and the coal mining team made only 67 which left Sutherland 80 runs to win. At the end of the game they had 108 for 7 thus turning the tables. There was a spread at night and a time of fellowship.

Cricket at Cronulla on the same week-end saw the team play a scratch match. A report stated: "Cronulla cricket team have a decent concrete pitch on the fringe of the beach and had a one innings match. The team want it known they are open to challenges". Players included:- F.Strathford, W.J.Boucher, F. Giddings, T.Barry, R.Boucher, A.Simpson,

F. Desmond, N. Cayley, D. Laycock, L.Giddings, F.McDonald, A.McDonald.



Helensburgh accepted Cronulla's challenge and in a very close game of fluctuating fortunes lost to the seashiders by four runs. The Helensburgh team were entertained at Mrs.Cayley's boarding house establishment. She was the mother of Neville Cayley the famous artist and ornithologist and foundation member of the Cronulla Surf Life lifesaving Club. What prowess at cricket by Neville is not known.

A report in the St. George Call stated "Cronulla christened a new oval with a win". The game was played on March 21st, 1904.

Helensburgh on March 20th, 1911, ventured" across the river" in a challenge match against Hurstville Endeavourers at Woodleys ground but lost by 32 runs. The Helensburgh team was from the Druids Lodge.

The termination of the war saw the stimulation of interest in cricket and from challenge matches of 1919-20 between towns in the Shire a team was formed which entered the 'B' division of St.George Association in 1920-21. The team, called Sutherland Shire played its first game on September 20th against Bexley Waratah at Hopetoun Park but were defeated outright by seven wickets. Oscar Matson of Sutherland was the teams outstanding bat during the season. The Shire team scored 60 and 123 against Bexley Waratahs 151 and 3-40. The team won some matches but gained more in experience. Players were;- V.Brown, A.Loveday, O.Matson, V.Dive, F.Lawton, W.Rolling, A.Lobb, J.Burke, . A.Paynter, T;Robinson, A.Hall, C.Cahill, R.Bird, W.Wakely, Hanslow and L. Threkeld.

The Sutherland Shire Cricket Association was formed in 1922-23 when eight teams competed for the C.O.J.Monro Shield. Miranda 1 were the winners of the Shield from Helensburgh, Caringbah , Sutherland, Sylvania, Sutherland 2, Miranda 2, and Caringbah 2. Leading players with the bat were George Midgley 414 runs at 21.7, G.McKay 363 runs at 28 including 100 not out.

Slow bowlers Tom Robinson (131 wickets, 5.2) and Jim Every (52, at 8) wrecked havoc with the opposition.



The first church team in the Shire appeared in the Association's competition in 1923-24 , called Combined Churches fielding an A and B side; The Association formed two grades for the first time with eight and six teams respectively. Lionel Watt in the Churches A team was a particularly fine player.

The Shire Association affiliated with the N.S.W. Junior Union and entered teams in the Martin and Telegraph Shields. Ted Newlyn, an accomplished batsman was selected in the N.S.W. team in the Junior Cricket Carnival. in Adelaide.

Unfortunately the number of teams in the 1936-37 season had fallen and with internal disputes disbanded the Association at the end of 1936-37. As a result the clubs of Churches and Sutherland combined and played in the St. George Association the next season with A and B teams. Cronulla also entered two teams. Seriousness of the Second World War terminated all Sutherland Shire participation at the end of the 1940-41 season. The first team to play after three seasons from the Shire, again in St. George, was a team from Sutherland Congregational Church which played



with much distinction.

By 1947 moves were again undertaken to farm the Shire Cricket Association again. Shortage of grounds proved to be a thorn as the grounds in the Shire had fallen into disrepair during the war. A meeting held in the Sutherland School of Arts launched the Shire Association again and play commenced in September, 1947.

'A' and 'B' players in many teams were obliged to clear and get wickets in order with some assistance from the Council. A unique feature on the pitches was the laying of malthoid as mats were almost unprocurable.

Since that period the Shire Association has gone from strength to strength with thousands of registered senior players and those in boy's competitions. In 1923-24 there were 219 players.

In 1965 the Shire was granted first grade status and entered the District Competition. Test player Norman O'Neill captained the first grade eleven against Manly led by another Test player Peter Phil-pot. The fourth grade won their division captained by former first grade St. George player, Ross Long-bottom.



Source: An article written by the late Alf. Midgley in 1970.

----Fred Midgley

WORONORA TRAGEDY

William Paul Stockman was walking along the tourist track between Sutherland and Woronora River on Thursday night, April 27, 1916, when he noticed a man lying inside Price's Cave. He informed Sutherland police and Constable Clugston found a revolver fully loaded - except one chamber which had been discharged - in the right hand of the dead man who had been shot behind the right ear. He had been staying at the Royal Hotel, Sutherland, and was identified as Septimus Hamilton aged 53 of Newcastle. A letter on his person stated he intended taking his own life.

----St. George Call

TOURIST TRACK

At the close of the year, 1906, an improvement was being made for tourists on the western side of the Sutherland railway. Here the travellers were being assisted to reach the winding Woronora River with its wealth of picnic spots by a much improved and convenient route. The camper must have been agreeably surprised to find the track from the cemetery to the River had been in the hands of the men of the Roads Department and further delighted to know that the track has been made to the cemetery gate thus reducing the distance to the rail station from the delightful river resorts. Seven men were employed under the superintendency of Mr. G. Perim of Heathcote. The complete work of the track was expected to be done by Christmas. It was hoped it was only a preliminary for a bridge over the River.

The track became known as Price's track after the pioneer family at the Woronora River. Along part of its route there was a cave known as Price's Cave in which a shooting tragedy occurred about 10 years later.

Source: St.George Call; writers records.

-----Fred Midgley

COUNCIL HISTORY TO 1937

The Sutherland Shire Council came into existence under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1906.

When the Council was first established, according to the Government statistician, the population of the Shire was 1,500. It is therefore very difficult for the average citizen to-day to try and visualise what the conditions were in the district prior to the establishment of the Council.

The Shire has been particularly fortunate in the representatives it has elected. By the development which has taken place, it is obvious that the foundations of Local Government in this district were soundly and securely laid. There has been a rapid development, and when one looks around the district and sees the miles of roads which have been constructed, parks which have been improved, it is not difficult to appreciate the work which has been carried out under the guidance of the Shire Council.

In the year 1908, the general rate at 1d in the £ yielded an amount of £1,006/8/2; The general rate for this year (1937) at 2,9375d in the £ will yield £24,378/b/1.

Roads and footpaths, however, are not the only matters which come under the jurisdiction of the Council. The Sutherland Shire Council is responsible for the administration of the George's River Bridge, electric light supply, all matters pertaining to parks, reserves, sanitary and garbage services, the impounding of straying stock, the eradication of all noxious plants, and it can be briefly stated that Local Government looks after all which is personally and conducive to our personal comfort, whether we have a good or bad road, whether we are annoyed by straying stock, whether the electricity service is provided or not in this Shire, depends on the Shire Council.

The activities of the Council have been growing year by year. The Government, when faced with the problem of finding work for the unemployed, looked to the Councils to assist them, and the Sutherland Shire at the request of the Government in the year 1933, undertook the first experiment with the Emergency Relief Work and put to work in the Shire the relief works.

The experiment was the forerunner of the introduction of the Emergency Relief Works throughout the State, and with the improvement in conditions the Government has found it further possible to improve the conditions of those out of employment.

The Council in 1933 found that it could not finance its share of the relief work expenditure and terminated the experiment, but the results were such that the Government was able to found on the experiment, the Emergency Relief Scheme.

In 1935 the Council again undertook the Emergency Relief Scheme, and to the 31st May, 1937, the total expenditure on that scheme alone was £131,856, of which the Government contributed £98,547.

It is an unfortunate feature of public life that the men who also try to do things are always subject to criticism. Members of Council who serve in a purely voluntary capacity for their fellow citizens should be given every possible assistance. There is no question that the men who constitute the Sutherland Shire Council are actuated by the highest ideals, and with the resources at their disposal are doing their best for every section of the community.

It is not possible to meet every request that is made, as the Council depends on the rates it levies (with a small amount from the Government) for its funds. Even though the aggregate revenue of the Sutherland Shire Council for the year 1936 shows that the total in-come from all sources was £176,875, spread over an area of 120 square miles, this amount is totally inadequate to maintain the various services which are essential, and at the same time carry out the development which is necessary. Some people have the idea that the Council is a bottomless pit filled with sovereigns, to which a bucket could be run down and funds provided.

The financial depression greatly affected the operations of the Council; it has been hampered in its efforts to collect its income. The outstanding rates on the 31st December last amounted to £52,000. This is more than one year's levy. So it can be seen that if the Council could collect the whole of its arrears in one year, it would probably be in a better position, and it would not be necessary to levy the rates the following year.

The ratepayers of the Shire are spread over the four corners of the State and it would be interesting for those present to realise that in 1934 figures were prepared from the Shire roll which showed that of the ratepayers 77 per cent lived outside the Shire, and only 23 per cent in it.

This is the cause of the large volume of correspondence. Last year the number of letters received at the Shire office numbered just over 19,500. This, of course, does not include the remittances which accompany rate notices, etc. This gives some idea of the business transacted at the Council office, which has become almost as large as a Government Department.

The residents of this Shire should at all times appreciate the work which is being done by members of the Council, and realise that if local Government is to develop and become a force in the development of the State, conditions must be such as to attract the right type of men and not by continuous harping criticism, make good men sick of public life.

What has been done in the past is only a small indication of what can be further achieved in the future, and there is no doubt if the Government of this State realises that local Government. is in the hands of men who have the capacity to further develop it, further powers and duties will be given to Local Government.

Source: The S.C.A.M. newspaper, 26/6/37.

-----George Heavens.

ECKERSLEY

A Frenchman, who had his selection on the Old Illawarra Road, Eckersley, had about five acres of vineyard which was irrigated from a creek. Wine was made on the premises and as wine must be kept at a low temperature it was bottled and stored in the cave which was enlarged underneath the south western side of the dwelling in which there was a Postal Receiving Office.

The Frenchman, whose name was De Apice appeared to be the spokesman and leading citizen of the settlement, presenting the petition in 1891 for a Postal Service.

His home, large and comfortable was set well back from the Old Illawarra Road, some distance south of the Post Office, with a gravel drive leading to it.

---From the memoirs of the late Harry Bray who was an early resident of Menai.

Australian Historic Records Register,
National Library of Australia. Canberra. 1989, \$30.00
Reviewed by Edward Duyker.

This extremely useful register is the product of the Australian Bicentennial Historic Records search. After a number of pilot studies, almost 40 researchers went out into the field to elicit the response of all Australians, but also targeted particular individuals and organizations. The aim was to record details of the enormous range of documents held in private hands which were of historical significance. The scope was wide and democratic. The educational dimension of the project was also impressive. For the first time, many Australians realised that historic records were not just the paper trails of governments or the diaries and letters of Generals and Prime Ministers; the documentary records of people and groups from all walks of life also have historical significance. The register which was finally produced is an extraordinary distillation of our national heritage. Because the number of records located, described and identified was so large, the Australian National Library opted to publish the register in microfiche form. Most Australian library users are now familiar with this medium of information storage and retrieval, so costs must have been significantly reduced. However, a printed guide booklet is included. The microfiche set contains a name, place and subject index. Thus a researcher who wishes to use the register looks up the index for say "Dutch Migrants" and finds the numbers 1342, 2397, 2648, 3232. He or she then has to look up the individual parts of the fiches which are titled, for example, "From 02832 to 03320" and a description of the record listed within the range of these particular numbers can be found. This includes the dates, general scope and context of the records, together with the address of the owner or custodian to apply for access. The subject index also provides alternative descriptive terms. Therefore, someone interested in the Dutch can also try "Dutch People in Australia" and ultimately the records listed under numbers 2812 and 3503 which are not listed under "Dutch Migrants" can be sought. Records relating to individuals are also listed. A scholar interested in private records relating to the Australian landscape painter Lloyd Rees, can consult items listed under numbers 469, 3161 and 3245. In short, this register will be of great use to those engaged in Australian historical research. The organisers and field officers of the record search, the Australian Bicentennial Authority and the Australian National Library deserve the commendation of all Australians for what they have achieved.

PORT HACKING. Patrons were advised by Mr. H. Simpson that his new boatshed at Tyreel Point, Port Hacking now has a complete stock of new boats and gear at reasonable cost. Patrons should take Simpson's coach right to the boatshed.

---St. George Call, Dec. 12, 1908.

HENRY LAWSON CELEBRATION AT COMO

I hereby proclaim this the Henry Lawson Memorial Reserve", said Clr. J. Stansell, addressing about 600 persons at the open-air Lawson Memorial Concert at Wolger Street, West Como on Sunday, 19th September, 1954. He also unveiled a life size oil painting of Henry Lawson, painted for the occasion by Andrew Lomnici, of Jannali. Mr. T. Dalton, M.P., said that Lawson was our greatest poet, not only because of his genius as a writer, because he wrote for the ordinary Australians whom he loved, but because he fought to promote the democratic rights in Australia.



The memorial afternoon was held to restore to public knowledge the fact of Henry Lawson's association in the last years of his life with Como, about 1920. A message from Lawson's widow, Mrs. Bertha Lawson, was read to the gathering.

Heathcote Bushwackers' Band was applauded for its rendering the three Lawson ballads, "Cobb & Co.," "Reedy River" and "Freedom on the Wallaby."

An Afternoon at Como

* Bushwackers' Band * Choir
* Schoolboys present Australian Play
 * Folk Dancing
* Poems and Stories of Lawson
 * Australian Songs, Ballads
 " Cobb & Co "
 " Andy's Gone with Cattle," etc.

HENRY LAWSON CONCERT

To Commemorate Lawson's Association with Como
 ADMISSION FREE.

**At WEST COMO RESERVE
WOLGER STREET**

SUNDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 1954
at 2.45 p.m.

Organised by R. D. WALSH, M.P. at Como, Australia. Editor.

The S.C.A.M. Printing, East Perth, Western Australia.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Band also played "Click go the Shears," "Lazy Harry's," "Botany Bay," "Wild Rover" and "Waltzing Matilda." Boys from the High School presented their popular Australian play, "Saltbush Bill's Second Flight." West Sydney Singers followed with "Andy's Gone with Cattle", and the traditional "Drover's Dream". Mr. Harry Batterham, for the Shire Music and Drama Group, recited a "Prouder Man Than You".

A collection realised nearly £15 which would be used towards equipping the new reserve with children's swings and slides. It would become an annual event, and would take place in September, the anniversary of Lawson's death.

An additional touch of colour was provided by an exhibition of the splendid paintings of Mr. I. Giles of Como, who lived near the spot

where Lawson resided, and whose paintings of scenes in National Park, Woronora River, and other typical Australian places, carried on in the Lawson tradition of love for things Australian.

Como was a favourite holiday spot of Sydneyites a generation or more ago, and a favourite haunt for Australia's outstanding poet and story teller.. He spent a lot of time in a hut at the well known fishing point, The Bonnet, and did much of his celebrated writing there.

Source: The S.C.A.M., The District News, from Mr. R.D. Walshe who was the Secretary of the Organising Committee, "An Afternoon at Como".

---F.M.

EXCURSION REPORT'

Reporting on the week-end trip to Yass we could only say how helpful were the members of Yass Society, -the Yass Branch of the National Trust and their many friends, under the care of Mrs. Marion McCarthy. And special thanks to Marion for the invitation to visit the Archives on Sunday morning.

The November visit to Nowra was a long day; we were made most welcome by members of that Society and Shown "Meroogal" of the Historic Houses Trust, their Museum etc. and on the way home visited "Alne Bank" at Gerringong.

As this report is being prepared plans for our visit to Lake Illawarra and Cataract Dam are finalised; in case the outing is still to come when the Bulletin is in your hands we quote for your information:

Saturday; February 17, leaving Cronulla 8 a.m. Sutherland 8.30 a.m. Members \$20.00, Visitors \$22.00 (including Morning Tea). Hot water will be available at Cataract Dam. Take your luncheon requirements, as usual.

The week-end tour to Forbes and Parkes is well in hand and a number of bookings already made. (This is a long trip, being about half again as that to Yass). The week-end costs are inclusive from Friday evening until after breakfast on Sunday - \$145.00 members and \$150.00 Visitors. As you will see, we are continuing the practice of not including luncheon on Sunday, by your request, but leaving the choice to the individual as we make convenient stops on the way home.

Members of Forbes Society are planning our visit and will be our guides on the Saturday -- we will include a visit to the Lachlan Museum, as well -as other interesting sites in the area.

Having had requests from time to time to visit Australians. Village we have made a booking for Saturday, May 19, 1990. Depending on the time- at our disposal we will include other sites on the way home, if possible. It was about 1972 when we last visited the Village, so I guess not many of our current members will have been with us on that day.

Food is available there, but you may take your needs with you. - there are plenty of barbeque and picnic areas and places to buy.

leaving Cronulla 8 a.m., Sutherland 8.30 a.m., Members \$11.00 Visitors \$13.00. inclusive of Coach and Entry Fee.

For all bookings, please contact Mrs. Cutbush 523-8147-- for information about tours either Mrs. Cutbush or myself on 523-5801.

Happy New Year to all members from the Excursion Committee.

Aileen Cutbush

EXCURSION CONVENER

EARLY ESTATES AT WORONORA RIVER

On the 10th August, 1861, Mort & Co., advertised in the "Sydney Morning Herald" an auction sale on behalf of J.C. Laycock sixteen portions of land in vast areas of the Shire at which Thomas Holt was the highest bidder for almost 4,600 acres.

The Auction Sale on August 14th, listed, sixteenth on the list, land at Woronora River.

"Farm of 50 acres on the left bank of the Warronara (their spelling), where the track from the country to the west crosses the river on the way to the Georges River Punt. Valuable for its position". This track went to Liverpool. This appears to be Connells land.

At Como, then unnamed, was a large paddock called Double Bay Paddock, where a shepherd's hut was erected at the entrance to the Woronora River where kangaroo and other native grasses afforded an abundance of grazing. Not far away was the "Old Woman's Bonnet", a cave which -afforded shelter to sportsmen (shooters) and fishermen.

An account of a boating and camping trip on the Woronora by a man, his three sons and a schoolboy in April 1869 tells of a man who had a number of cows on the banks of the river and employed a coloured man to look after them in the vicinity of the Bonnet, (A large cave resembling the shape of a woman's bonnet from which the suburb Bonnet Bay takes its name.

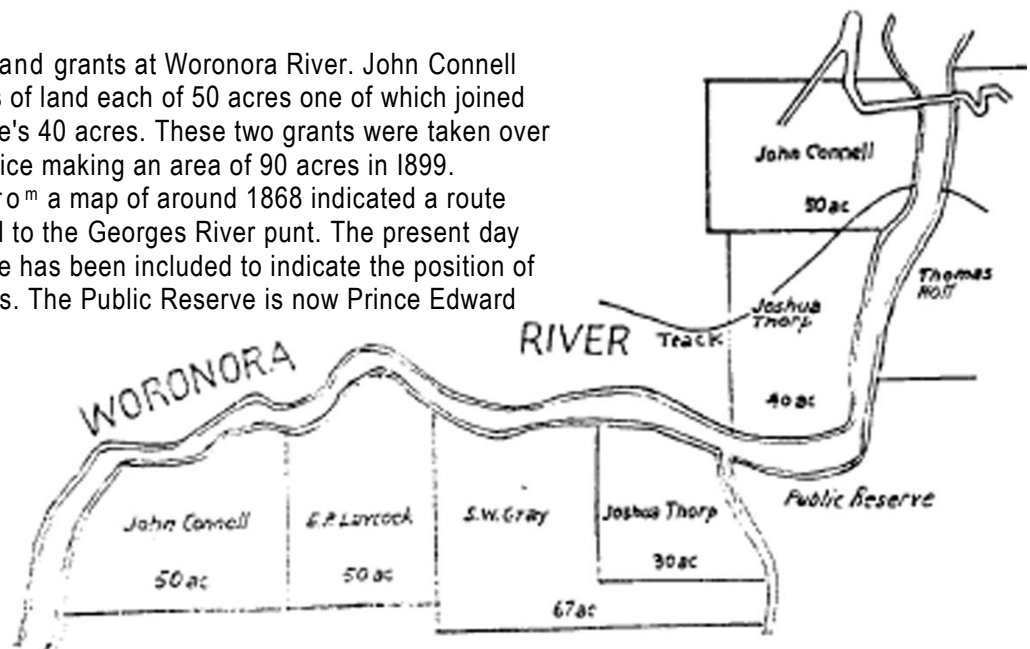
Holt's attorney, R.C.Walker, reporting on land that was suitable for cultivation stated that the only land in the area from Oyster Bay to Woronora was a small portion the outer side of Warronara the rest of the ground being too rocky or too poor for the plough.

John Connell willed the whole of his Estate to his grandsons, E.P. and J.C. Laycock. E.P. Laycock later became insolvent, his brother then becoming the biggest landholder until the advent of Holt.

Connell had two areas of land on the southern and western banks of the river. Tom Price acquired 50 acres in 1899. Price in the 1880s worked for a man named Walker sinking a well.

----Fred Midgley

Map of early land grants at Woronora River. John Connell had two areas of land each of 50 acres one of which joined Joshua Thorpe's 40 acres. These two grants were taken over by Thomas Price making an area of 90 acres in 1899. An old track from a map of around 1868 indicated a route from Liverpool to the Georges River punt. The present day traffic bridge has been included to indicate the position of the land grants. The Public Reserve is now Prince Edward Park.



ANDREW BYRNE

Andrew Byrne was tried at Wicklow, Ireland and sentenced to Life for his part in the Irish Rebellion of 1798. He arrived in the colony on 11/1/1800 on the transport ship 'Minerva'.

The "ticket of leave" system was introduced in 1801 by Governor Capt. Philip Gidley King who held this position from 28-9--1800 until 12-8-1806. This system was to provide a more flexible labour force. Convicts who were given a 'ticket' were free to work on their own account but had to periodically report to a magistrate.

Andrew started selling firewood and on the 12th May, 1805 he bought property in O'Connell Street. He later sold part of this property on 17th September 1821 to Richard Archibald for £250.

On 15th February 1806 other members of the Byrne family arrived on board the "Tellicherry" from Cork, like Andrew for their parts in the Irish Rebellion but unlike Andrew they came as exiles not convicts. Among them was Hugh Byrne the No.1 Lieutenant to Michael Dwyer known as the Great Chief of Wicklow who was also on board. Their names appear on an Obelisk in Sydney's Waverley Cemetery. Governor King received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland referring to Dwyer, Hugh Byrne and three other men "who were engaged in treasonable practices and who have requested to be allowed to banish themselves for Life to New South Wales to avoid being brought to trial". Further in the letter he writes "that any further indulgence is to be earned by their behaviour of which there has been no reason to complain during the Time of their confinement here." Although not happy that they were not to be held under the usual restrictions of convicts King replied on 22nd February, 1806 that "I have clearly explained to them the footing they are on: and on their promises of their being circumspect in their Conduct and not giving cause for Complaint, I have allowed them to become Settlers with the Encouragement generally given to free Settlers from England'. Dwyer brought his wife and 2 of his children with him and Hugh also brought his wife and 3 children. Francis Plowden, writing a history of Ireland published in 1811, says the Government gave each of the 5 men £100 "either to indemnify them for their confinement or for their having consented to transport themselves to Botany

Bay. The 100 acre grant given to each of the five in the district of Cabramatta is dated May 1809 but that they took immediate possession is clear from the report in the Muster of 1806. More can be read about these men and many of the Byrne family settled in the Campbelltown area.

On the 6th September, 1809 Colonel William Paterson (Administrator 9/1/1809 - 31/12/1809) granted Andrew 30 acres of land at Botany which he was to call 'Macquarie Sea View' but Andrew did not take possession until 1847.

Andrew was pardoned on 31st January, 1811 by Colonel (later Major-General) Lachlan Macquarie Governor 1/1/1810 - 1/12/1821. On 10th September, 1812 Andrew married Mary Lewin at St. Phillips Sydney. They already had 3 children :- Thomas(c.1802) Owen (c.1604) and John (c.1808). Unhappily Mary died in 1815. Andrew married again to Maria Best (who came free on the Wanstead) at the St. Philips Church Sydney on 28th May, 1816 and they had 11 children born from 1817 of whom we know that 3 died in infancy.

Now selling lime as well as firewood in 1817 and 1818 Andrew received a bond for securing with J. Jones a payment of Tolls from Parramatta to Windsor. Andrew prospered and in the "General Muster & Land & Stock Muster of N.S.W. 1822" he, Maria and 3 children :- Hannah (c.1621) William Andrew (c.1819) and Mary (c.1821) were

listed at Appin with Andrew's occupation as Farmer. He is also reported to have been clearing timber from his property and selling it to the Police Barracks. in 1825 Andrew applied to D. Wentworth and paid £210 to start a dairy on his own land at what is now known as Darling Harbour and leading from George Street to the water and including the wharves. As there was no dairy at this time the wife of the Chief of Police kept a cow and sold to the public.

He is recorded as still owning property in O'Connell Street in 1828. In 1832 Andrew became publican of an hotel he called the 'Currency Lad' as well as buying the home of Sir John Jamison in George Street that Jamison had put to auction. Jamison was owner of a race horse named 'Currency Lad' that had won many races and a lot of money for the locals.

The "Return of Buildings Phillip Ward' made in the year 1845 lists Andrew as the owner of an unoccupied shop constructed of stone and the owner/occupier of a brick house (next to the shop) in George Street. The house contained 2 floors, 14 rooms, was 58' wide and 136' deep and Freehold. A 'Final Value fixed by Council' was 110.

Another hotel the 'Peacock Inn' in Goulburn Street was owned by Andrew, according to the Death Notice for his son Thomas published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 2-9-1853 and he is believed to have still been the owner in 1858.

The Darling Harbour property remained in the Byrne family from 1822 until 1900 at which time the, Lands Department resumed it. Although the family asked for £1650 the department stood firm at £1000 which was accepted by the family.

On his property at Botany known by the locals as Byrne's Bush, Andrew built a 2 storey home which was close to the beach on which stands the Commonwealth. Wool Stores This home stood until 1970 when it had to be demolished to make way for the new highway to the new Shipping Terminal.

Andrew died on 22nd April, 1863 at George Street, Brickfield Hill (Bicentenary Pioneer Register 2nd ed. Vol.III). His headstone was inscribed Andrew Byrne died April, 1863 aged 89 years. Native of Co. Wicklow. He arrived in the Colony as a patriot of his Country in 1800". Andrew was buried at the Devonshire Street Cemetery, Maria died on the 18th march, 1872 at Surry Hills. Apart from their children who died in infancy only 1 child Thomas, Andrew's son by Mary Lewin, predeceased them.

by Charles H. Bowman Gorman.

My appreciation and thanks go to L. Turner, M.Sandilands and K. Turner for their assistance and research towards this article. Perhaps other descendants of the Byrne Family can add to our knowledge.

Information regarding "Tellicherry", Byrne and Dwyer taken from "The search for John Small - First Fleeter" by Mollie Gillen.

SUTHERLAND FIRE BRIGADE

In January, 1937, for the second time within a fortnight, some irresponsible person gave a false alarm of fire by switching on the fire siren on a Friday night. The members of the Brigade attended only to find that their services were not required.

The Board of Fire Commissioners take a serious view of false alarms of fire, and the matter has been placed in the hands of the local police.

A portion of the Fire Brigade Act reads as follows:- "Any person who tampers with any fire alarm or signalling apparatus far giving notice of fire, or who maliciously gives any false alarm of fire, shall for a first offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven days, and for any subsequent offence to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years".

Any person who considers it a practical joke to turn on the siren will only have to read the foregoing extract to realise the consequences of his action.

From the S.C.A.M. newspaper, January 23, 1937. -----George Heavens

Lynne Strahan, *Private and public Memory: A History of the City of Malvern*, Hargreen/city of Malvern. Melbourne, 1989, pp 289. illustrations, index.

Reviewed by Edward Duyker.

The City of Malvern is a municipality in Melbourne's south-east. Between Prahran on its west and Oakleigh on its east, it stretches from Gardiner's Creek in the north (a boundary it shares with Hawthorn and Camberwell) to the vast asphalt of Dandenong Road which separates it from Caulfield. *Private and Public Memory* is not the first history of Malvern. As a child I often pored over J.B. Cooper's sober (1935) account of Malvern's municipal evolution cloth-bound in royal blue. I can still close my eyes and picture the plates of dusty roads, bearded men and paddock views from the Town Hall. Cooper's prose was often as dry and dusty as the roads in some of the photographs in his book. For all his conservatism, Cooper bequeathed me a sense of historical reality. Lynn Strahan's fine book has breathed poetry into that reality. Hers is a local history remarkable for its ecological and feminist sensitivity, for its compassion and for its rich basis in personal experience of the municipality from the 1940s onwards. Dr Strahan retells the whole story, but not in a conventional chronological manner. One of the great strengths of her book is that the author has adopted an innovative approach - exploring several historical themes in chapter form.

I particularly liked Dr Strahan's use of Gardiner's Creek and the Town Hall as broader historical metaphors. She writes:

The progression of Gardiner's Creek from natural watercourse to glorified gutter showed the unfolding nemesis on one section of metropolitan man and established the stream as the symbolic core to which a mass of atavistic impulses about the primacy of nature adhered. By contrast, the town hall, as the architectural embodiment of Malvern's civic dignity, was the symbolic centre of its aspirations towards a civilised and harmonious polity."

My father was naturalized in the Malvern Town Hall in a ceremony which left an indelible impression. And Gardiner's Creek was a favourite childhood haunt and the subject of one of my first published poems!. I might add that at 12 years of age my brother Francis won a Science Teachers Association Prize (with Greg Fisher, brother of one of the Australian journalists murdered by Indonesian troops in Timor) for an ecological survey of the creek.

Accounts of ecological change are so often missing from local histories. Dr Strahan employs the same ecological sensitivity and understanding when she examines the history of the parks and gardens in Malvern. There are numerous amusing references to tensions between those who sought to plant indigenous species and the chronic Anglo-Saxon botanical chauvinists among the municipality's gardeners.

...residents of Ranfurlie Crescent were permitted to plant gums between the existing trees, even though the curator had submitted an adverse report on the national icon for street planting. Nationalism spread to Milton Parade where a preference for gums over plane trees was announced. In deplorable regression to English county security, Anthony Street requested a privet hedge.(...)Although Malvern curatorial staff seemed to be maintaining their English arboreal preferences, it was noted that other municipalities were showing signs of nationalism - and perhaps some rashness - planting trees such as lily pilly, grevillea and pittosporum, whose bushy habit 'might cause residents to be nervous of undesirables'"

The obsession with things British (particularly Empire Day, later Commonwealth Youth Sunday) is the subject of chapter 6 of the book "This Day of Memory and Hope". Private and Public Memory contains equally rich chapters on the ecclesiastical, educational and architectural history of Malvern, together with accounts of the effects of the two world wars, municipal politics and freeways. There are interesting references to individuals such as the "merchant, farmer, benefactor" Kong Meng and Malvern's Greek community, but I would have liked to have read much more on the ethnic diversity of the municipality. I would also like to have learned more of the Wawoorong people who knew Malvern before the Europeans; but perhaps not much more is known. My only other criticism of what is ultimately an elegantly written and impressive work of scholarship, is that the index does not contain a more comprehensive listing of street and family names mentioned in the text. I cannot close without complimenting Brian Dunlop for the book's beautiful cover design.

THE LAMPLIGHTER

In May, 1922 a communication was presented to Sutherland Shire Council from their lamplighter. The lamplighter drew attention to the fact when he took on the job there were not so many lamps as at the present which took 1½ hours in the morning and the same in the evening. He used a box of matches on a windy day to light one lamp and had to replace one glass on average per month for each lamp. For cleaning and refuelling - all this for 8 shillings a week - he thought the job now worth 10 shillings. Council granted the increase in pay.

----St. George Call

THE PRINCES HIGHWAY

The Princes Highway in the year 1922 was macadamised from Sydney to Sutherland, after which it was red gravel noted for its fine red dust. The Bulli- Wollongong road was blue metal surfaced at the time.

----St. George Call

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRONULLA LINE.

The following are notes from the address by Bruce Baird M.P., Minister for Transport at the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Cronulla railway on December 16, 1989, and forwarded for publication in the Society's Bulletin by Malcolm Kerr, M.P. for Cronulla at the request of the Society President Aileen Griffiths.

"Malcolm Kerr, Minister for Cronulla; Ron Philips, Member for Miranda; Chris Downy, Member for Sutherland; Doug McNeil, Sutherland Shire President; Rob Schwarzer, City Rail General Manager; State Rail Staff; Ladies and Gentlemen.

It was a particular pleasure to be invited by Malcolm Kerr to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cronulla-Sutherland line, not so much as transport Minister, but as a Cronulla old boy..



It was on this day 50 years ago that the Shire President and local member, Joe Monroe, saw his hard work rewarded when the Governor, Lord Wakehurst, opened the Cronulla line. Joe Monroe had worked tirelessly to push through Parliament the Bill that brought this line into being.

This achievement was perhaps the high point of a career that saw 12 years of service to the State as local Member for Georges River and for Sutherland and 33 years to the Shire. The naming of "Monro Park" opposite was a fitting dedication to one of the Shire's hardest workers.

I am delighted that Joe's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Monroe, is able to be here today, to see the commemoration of her husband's achievement. I am especially pleased because, as a young boy, I was fortunate to have the Monros as my neighbours in Grosvenor Crescent.

Looking at the history of this line, it is somehow heartening to see that some things never change - that I'm not the only Transport Minister to find it difficult to please everyone all the time.

There was a great deal of heated debate as to which route the track should take. Cronulla wanted the line to cross at Taren Point to shorten travel time to the city. Sutherland, however, objected, saying that such a route would isolate them while Miranda wanted the line to branch off at Jannali.

When the route was finally determined, much of the land in Sutherland Shire was utilised for farming. There were, in fact, only 18,000 people in the entire Shire. The Deputy Premier and Transport Minister of the day, Mr. Bruxner, said at the line's opening:

"I have no doubt the line will be a paying one, because the people of Australia are a beach-loving people, and with the many improvements made by the Shire Council at Cronulla, it will not be long before Cronulla becomes a popular and populous part of the State."

Mr. Bruxner was indeed correct as Sutherland Shire now has in excess of 190,000 residents. This growth was, in no small part, facilitated by the rail line.

However, we should also look forward to ensure that Cronulla and the southern suburbs continue to have the best possible service. I can assure you that the three local members here today constantly remind me of the need to improve what we have and I know Barry Cooney the line general manager is dedicated to putting this into practice.

As a result, State rail will be spending \$2 billion dollars up-grading the City Rail network over the next 5 years, this includes the refurbishing of all the stations on the Cronulla line and the phasing out of red rattlers by 1995, something which fortunately, has already happened on this line.

The Cronulla line has played a vital role in developing the southern suburbs of Sydney. I know that the State Rail staff here today, who often go unthanked, will carry this service on into the future.

It is now my pleasure to unveil the plaque to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Cronulla-Sutherland railway."

AN OCCASION TO CELEBRATE

It was a mild, fine day for the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary on December 16 of the opening of the Sutherland-Cronulla railway.

Four carriages, called "red rattlers" these days, made up the official train which departed from Sutherland at 1.39pm. carrying commuters and of course the official guests. It had made an earlier trip to Cronulla. Sutherland Station was decorated with bunting and girls dressed as clowns handed out balloons with S.R.A. on them on the station and on the train.

The official guests - or most of them- preferred to stand all the way to Cronulla within the first doorway of the first car. At Gympie the train stood in the station for some time, and the official guests - including the local MPs - got out and chatted in groups on the platform. Travel was free for commuters between 1.00 and 5.00 that afternoon between Sutherland and Cronulla.

On arrival at Cronulla station, decorated with bunting, the train broke through a calico sign on which words commemorating the occasion were displayed. The guests and anyone else who could then crowded into the waiting room to see the displays of photographs by the Sutherland Shire Historical Society and the Sutherland Shire Council Local History Library as well as a display by Mr. Tom Hanley of early railway memorabilia such as medals and old tickets.

About 12.30 the Railway Band had commenced entertaining the people, while a nearby railway bookshop did a steady trade.

The official unveiling of the commemoration plaque and several speeches including a delightful one from Mrs. D. Monro widow of the late Cecil 'Joe' Monro who worked so hard to get the railway. A Tangara shared in the celebrations making several trips playing a sort of tune on the horn as the train entered and left the station during the official ceremony.

At the conclusion of the celebrations all were invited to afternoon tea in a large marquee outside the southern end of the platform at which the "red rattler" now waited to carry the official guests or other citizens to their destination at 3.15.

Society member Keith Knight took some fine pictures on video of the event as did Keith Aldous a keen railway enthusiast who took some delightful colour photographs of the official train breaking the "ribbon" and of the opening. ceremony.

I thank the Local History Library for the loan of display stands, particularly to Helen McDonald for her assistance. It was encouraging to have so many of our Society members present to assist on this occasion. --- ---Fred Midgley

SHARK ATTACK AT PORT HACKING

Monday 3 January, 1927, was a hot and brilliant public holiday, with a southerly change on the way. By late morning the beach at Gray's Point on Port Hacking, where there were holiday cottages, boatsheds and a camping ground, had attracted over a hundred bathers.

Fifteen year old Mervyn Allum was swimming near the fringe of the crowd, in water no more than waist deep. He had arrived on a camping expedition the previous day, and intended to stay over the school holidays. About 11.30am the fin of a large shark cut the water a few yards from the edge of the crowd, disappeared as several girls screamed, then Mervyn Allum was seen struggling and shouting, before his head vanished. Several men made towards him; Stanley Gibbs dived from a launch and swam purposefully, reaching Allum as his head reappeared, and tried to grab his arm. Mervyn Allum held out his hand limply, but the shark returned to seize him by the side, pulling him under again and attempting to drag him into the centre of the channel as the water around him turned crimson. When his head rose again, he was unconscious. In a feeding frenzy, the shark ignored Stanley Gibbs kicking it and punching the fin, neither did it attempt to attack him.

Donald Campbell, of Devonshire Street, Sydney, who had been fishing from a rowboat nearby, was able to pull both Mervyn Allum and Stanley Gibbs onboard. Mervyn Allum's savage injuries, including most of the flesh torn from his leg, exposing the bones, and skin taken from his side, were given rudimentary first aid on the beach.

He was taken by St. George District Ambulance to St. George District Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The ambulance superintendent described his injuries as the worst he had ever seen.

For a considerable time the shark, estimated to be at least twelve feet long, continued to cruise about the beach, obviously seeking more prey, until it swam away. Amazingly, some of the crowd then entered the water again. Courageous, even foolhardy, rescue attempts were complemented by wantonly reckless behaviour of spectators; a not unusual response.

Not a local lad, Mervyn John Allum lived with his parents Leslie Lorne Warwick and Vivienne Allum at 54 Charlotte Street, Ashfield; he was a member of Ashfield Boy Scouts. The family home still survives, although modernised. Boy Scouts marched beside the hearse en route to the Presbyterian section of Rookwood cemetery, as, escorted by police, the funeral wound through Ashfield shopping centre on Wednesday afternoon.

During the inquest on 20 January, Stanley Frederick Gibbs, a shipping clerk of Yuill Street, Dulwich Hill, told the City Coroner, Mr. H. F. W. Fletcher, that he had been camping at Gray's Point, and Mervyn Allum, whom he knew, arrived on Sunday 2 January. Late on Monday morning he had been operating a launch, while Mervyn had been swimming on the further side of a boatshed, on the fringe of the crowd, in water he now estimated to be 10-12 feet deep. He had heard a girl scream, and stopped the launch motor, in time to see

the shark throw itself out of the water.

A Constable Billett witnessed the attack from the verandah of a holiday cottage. Dr. Stratford Sheldon certified cause of death to be shock, following loss of blood and massive injuries, and the Coroner found accordingly. He also bought Stanley Gibbs' bravery to the notice of the Royal Humane Society.

Earlier, Marrickville Mayor, Ald. Jarvie MLA, held a public meeting in the Marrickville Town Hall, in order his courage be recognised. As a final act, on 8 February, the King conferred the Albert Medal.

Shark attacks evoke horror out of proportion to their frequency; partly because most attacks around Sydney have been grouped in a small area in a short period of time, resulting in suspicion of a single "rogue" man-eater. This attack was the most southerly reported in New South Wales; and alien to the pattern of "rogue" sharks in that it was completely isolated, not preceded by snapping of bait, taking of dogs, or other evidence of an aggressive shark haunting Port Hacking. Unusual too, that Allum was attacked while swimming in a large crowd, and not the furthest out. As a witness commented: "This explodes the theory that a swimmer is safe from sharks in a crowd"

-----Rhys Pidgeon

Neville Cayley, secretary of the Cronulla Surf Club forwarded plans in July, 1908, to Sutherland Shire Council for a proposed shelter shed for the life-line on the beach. Council agreed to the plan.

In December, 1908, Cronulla Surf Club approached Sutherland Council at their last meeting with the object if the Council would be willing to erect a club and casualty room at a cost of about £110. The Club was prepared to pay 7 per cent as rental for use of the premises. Council decided that funds were not available.

In October, 1908, the Shire Council let the right to Mr. White of Bexley to provide chairs at a penny each to visit-ors on Cronulla beach. In February, Harry Wigzell of Sutherland requested Council to grant him permission to hire out deck chairs on the 'beach. He also offered to look after the dressing shed and W.C.

In November, 1908, Clr. McAlister urged the Council to apply to the Postal authorities for necessity of a separate telephone line between Cronulla and the exchange at Kogarah as the line was so congested it was useless. In December the Council's request was refused.

In January, 1917, it was announced that one of Cronulla's best known identities, Constable Tugwell was to resign from the Police Force. A veteran Police officer, Tugwell was stationed at Arncliffe before his transfer to Cronulla not long after the turn of the century.

----St. George Call

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NOTICE OF 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1990

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society will be held on Friday, 9th March 1990 in the Social Hall, 2nd Floor of the Sutherland Shire Council's Administrative Building, Eton Street, Sutherland at 8 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 23rd Annual General Meeting.
3. Submission for Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1989.
4. Honoraria
5. General Business
6. Election of Officers for 1990.

Positions to fill

1989 Committee

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Mr. D. Archer

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Mr. F. Midgley

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(represented by Miss H.McDonald)

Hon. Auditor

Mr. K. Greentree

Hon. Publicity Officer

Mr. H. Ivers Executive

Committee Members (5) Mr. S. Roberts, Mr. K. Knight, Mr. K. Smith, Mr. J. Cutbush

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Listed below are the 1989 members of sub-committees, representatives on local committees and those with special duties -

Publications

Mr. F. Midgley (Convenor)

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Exhibition

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Museum

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Excursions

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Mr. K. Knight Mr. S. Roberts Mrs. D. Smith

Heritage

Mr. F. Midgley Mrs. A. Griffiths Mrs. J. Platfoot

School of Arts Management

Mrs. J. Platfoot Mr. A. Flatfoot

Public Address & Lights at meetings

Mr. H. Ivers Mr. K. Knight

Hosts to Guest Speakers:

Mr. S. Roberts Mr. K. Smith

ANNUAL REPORT

1989 has been a year of growth for the society as evidenced by the numbers. During the year we gained 17 new members which brought our total membership to 237. Attendance at general meetings averaged out at 51 members per meeting. However the society learnt with regret of the passing of members Mr. Clyde Snape and Mr. Ralph Hancock during the year and also the loss by some members of loved ones, and to those whose lives were sadly affected in this manner, we extend our sympathy.

There were 11 Executive Committee meetings held during 1989 and attendance by members was very good, with very few absences. The meetings were held in the Cry Room of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church at Sutherland and we are grateful to the Parish Council for making it available to us. General meetings were held on the 2nd floor of Sutherland Council Administrative Centre and Council's help in this way is very much appreciated.

The society prepared a new Constitution which was approved by members at the September General Meeting. This was in preparation for the Society becoming Incorporated and it is anticipated that the Certificate of Incorporation will be delivered early in 1990.

The Museum has opened regularly on Saturday mornings and at other times by special arrangement and it was particularly pleasing to see local schools visit the museum as part of their social studies programmes.

The Heritage Week Exhibition was held as usual in April at the Entertainment Centre and a very interesting display, concentrating on Life in the Wartime Years was prepared by

Mr. Fred Midgley and other members and manned by various members. The society is grateful to Mr. Midgley and those who gave their time.

As part of the Cronulla Spring Fair in September, the society presented a display of photographs, once again under the guidance of Mr. Midgley with help from Council.

During October the society "dressed up" for the occasion of a stamp launch of stamps depicting old trams, held at the Tramway Museum at Loftus, being presented with framed First Day covers by the Minister.

Once again the Society took part in the Engadine Show Parade in November, suitably dressed as "passengers" on the Shire Council's "Good Ship Sutherland Shire" float.

When State Rail celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the rail line from Sutherland to Cronulla in December, the society was represented at the official function and members helped prepare and man an interesting display of photographs which included some railway memorabilia kindly loaned by Mr. Tom Hanley.

The society supported the Miranda Rotary Club with its efforts to ensure the historical significance of the Old Tram Shed site at Miranda is not ignored when the land becomes part of the Westfield Shopping complex.

Four issues of the society's publication "The Bulletin" were produced under the editorship of Mr. F. Midgley and we are indebted to him and his helpers for the time they give to its publication and despatch. We continually hear from out-of-town members how much they welcome its arrival. Council has continued to assist with the printing of The Bulletin and we appreciate the tremendous support that is given in so many ways.

The society is still represented on some local committees, viz. The School of Arts Management Committee and the Heritage Week Committee.

Regular day tours were arranged throughout the year, as usual, as well as two week-end tours, and the society is grateful for the efforts of Mrs. A. Griffiths with the help of Mrs. A. Cutbush and others, who put so much time and thought into the organisation of these popular outings. Mrs. Griffiths also arranged a special visit to the Green Point Observatory one evening, following a presentation at the April General Meeting by the Sutherland Astronomical Society.

Listed below are the speakers at the general meetings for 1989, showing topics of variety and interest that some excellent speakers brought to us during the year.

January	Members Night D. Archer Beatrix Potter K. Knight Video of Cowra Excursion	
February	Dr. E. Duyker Mauritius	
March	Annual General Meeting	
Mrs. M. Kavanagh	John Lees, Chapel Builder	
April	Mr. Little Sutherland Astronomy Soc.	
May	Maj.-Gen. Sir I. Dougherty, CBE, DSO & bar, ED Military History	
June	Mr. David Cook Aust. Nuclear Science & Technology Org.(ANSTO)	
July	Mr. D. Minty	Antique Clocks
August	Mr. S. Roberts	History of Brewing
September	Mr. S. Roberts	History of Brewing Pt. 2
October	Capt. Mick Costelloe	Port of Botany Bay
November	Mr. C. Wood	History of Telecom
December	Mr. F. Midgley	Cronulla and environs

M. Kavanagh

HON. SECRETARY

EXCURSION ANNUAL REPORT

1989 has certainly been a year of "different" outings - - we had six "full day" tours, one "Half day" and one "night time", and two "week-enders"- To remind you of the travel and places we visited they are listed for your convenience.

JANUARY 22 (Sunday) - LOFTUS TRAMWAY MUSEUM. (Half Day), The request that we make an Official Visit was at such short notice we were only able to advise members by word of mouth, there not being a meeting between receipt of the invitation and function.

FEBRUARY 18: NORTH SHORE AREA, We were pleased to be welcomed again by Mrs. Isobel Brierley from the North Shore Society, who was our guide when we visited that District about 1976. There is so much to see in that area even two days would not be enough.

MARCH 3-4-5- WEEK-END TO BATHURST, HILL END AND SOFALA: The sites in this area are so numerous we couldn't cover all, but by courtesy of the "locals" we were fortunate to see so-much. This was another repeat from about the late seventies era.

APRIL 23 COLONIAL CRUISES ON PARRAMATTA RIVER - West to Silverwater Bridge. We were specially invited to do this "first" trip so far towards Parramatta. For so long it has not been possible to navigate very far towards Parramatta but efforts are being made to open up this once popular waterway to ferries.

MAY 20: AUBURN AND DISTRICT: so near to home and we have not been there visiting as a Society. Their guide was outstanding and it came as a surprise to most of us to learn of the amount of history in the Auburn area.

JULY 22; FORT DENISON and LA PEROUSE: the morning was spent at Fort Denison, and I don't think any description is needed about that part of the day; then we went to La Perouse for lunch and later were met by a guide from the National Parks and Wild-life Service to be shown over the Museum and monuments, and then went on to Bare Island. It was a very full day; being such-short days at that time of year, luckily we were close to home,

SEPTEMBER 16: CAMDEN: Another place visited many years ago by the Society, bit we were again met by Mr. Owen Blatman and-ahem the treasures of the Museum before looking around the area. That a fountain of knowledge was Mr. Richard Nixon when telling us of the St. John's Church history!

OCTOBER 6: (Friday evening) GREEN POINT OBSERVATORY: We regretted more members did not avail themselves of the opportunity to see this spectacular display of stars and the moon from the telescope. We thank Mr. Jon. Little for extending the invitation when he was Guest Speaker earlier in the year.

OCTOBER 2 7-28-29: YASS WEEK-END: this was an excellently planned tour of the district and we did not waste one minute as Mrs. Marion McCarthy took us from place to place; With members of her Society, luncheon and dinner were planned too. It was indicated that members of Yass Society may visit the Shire early this year, 1990.

EXCURSION ANNUAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 18: NOWRA: With daylight saving we were able to make a long trip at this time of year, hence choice of Nowra. We were made welcome by members of the Society and shown their museum, "Meroogal" of the Historic Houses Trust, etc, and on the way home we stopped at Alne Bank, that historic home in Gerringong. If you are in the area these homes are worth a visit, should you have not been on the Excursion.

Members of the Excursion Committee wish to express their thanks to members for the support given to the outings and my thanks and appreciation is extended to the Committee namely Messrs. Doug Archer, Keith Knight, Stewart Roberts, Mesdames Ada Cutbush, Val Humphries and Dawn (Mrs. Kevin) Smith, for their assistance.

Special thanks to Ms Helen MacDonald for assisting with the printing of Newsletters; To Mr. Ron Wood of Tiger Tours for help always when making bookings with Caringbah Coaches for our travel; to the' Coach Captains who take us on tour, thank you for your assistance.

A special thank you is offered to all the members who took part in the Excursions; we appreciate your co-operation and support and trust each outing had its particular appeal for you.

As I always ask at meetings --- please tell us if anything is not to your liking. Only then can we endeavour to assist you. Particularly if it is a problem on a week-end tour, we would like to know THEN, Second-hand, or next week, is too late

Should any member wish us to look into visiting a certain area, please tell us: for week-end visits it is sometimes difficult because of limited accommodation in country towns, Also, if a car can maize the reads, oft times a coach is too high or too wide or too heavy to negotiate the road necessary. But we assure you we will look into all requests.

Aileen Gittcho

EXCURSION CONVENER

RESEARCH REPORT

There were quite a number of enquiries on different aspects of the Shire's history, mostly from students. All requests were answered, some on the phone and others which requested, in some cases, lengthy research, were posted.

I addressed several different organisations on local history, on each occasion using slides. They were; Kogarah Historical Society, address on Southerland-Sutherland; Cronulla Senior Citizens, address on Cronulla; Tharawal Primary School classes of 75 on two occasions on the history of Menai and District; Alford's Point Ladies Discussion Group on history of Alford's Point and Menai; Sutherland Shire Historical Society on Cronulla and Port Hacking.

I also went on an historical tour with 75 year 3 children and teachers of the Tharawal school to the Pass of Sabugal, the Society's museum and finally to Como.

A number of photographs and land sale brochures were presented to the Society.

J. Hilly

RESEARCH OFFICER

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET AS AT
DECEMBER 31, 1989

<u>1988</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>1989</u>
8144. 48	Balance at January 1, 1989	10554. 89
+ 2410. 41	Debit/Credit for the year	-(465. 31)
<u>\$10554. 89</u>		<u>\$10089. 58</u>
This is represented by:		
INVESTMENTS AND DEPOSITS		
3000. 00	St. George Building Society Fixed Term -	3000. 00
200. 00	Commonwealth Treasury Bond	200. 00
3072. 21	St. George Building Society - Deposit A/C	3761. 93
4282. 68	Commonwealth Savings Account	3127. 65
<u>\$10554. 89</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$10089. 58</u>

RECONCILIATION OF BANK STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1989.

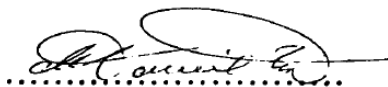
Bank Statement No. 68	\$3142. 65
Less outstanding cheque 467720 -	<u>15. 00</u>
Balance - as per Cash Book	<u>\$3127. 65</u>

RECONCILIATION OF BANK STATEMENT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1989.

Bank Statement No. 68	\$3142. 65
Less outstanding cheque 467720 -	<u>15. 00</u>
Balance - as per Cash Book	<u>\$3127. 65</u>

NOTE: As at December 31, 1989 the Society held:

- (A) 23 Society Badges
- (B) 8 Friendship Pins
- (C) Souvenirs: 54 Spoons
- (D) 1 Committee Bar and Badge



A. Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer

I have audited the books of account of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society for the year ended 31 December 1989 and certify that in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet are accurately stated.



K. GREENTREE

Honorary Auditor.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

<u>1988</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1989</u>
792. 00	Members Subscriptions	886. 00
395. 00	Bulletin Subscriptions	422. 00
144. 75	Sale of Badges - Souvenirs	57. 50
143. 60	Sale of Books, Bulletins	95. 80
6. 00	Museum Entrance Charges	21. 10
1057. 10	Donations	71. 41
121. 88	Interest - Commonwealth Bank Savings Bank Account	159. 03
14. 00	" - " " " Bonds	7. 00
242. 13	" - St. George Bldg Society Step Up Account	303. 81
376. 19	" - " " " " Fixed Term A/c	386. 10
7472. 00	Excursion Receipts	12769. 00
721. 00	(1989) Excursion Receipts Prepaid (1990)	540. 00
<u>\$11485. 65.</u>	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$15718. 75.</u>
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>	
267. 46	Australia Post - Bulletin Postage	277. 33
-----	" " - Constitution Postage	79. 56
40. 00	" " - Registration of Bulletin	42. 50
39. 00	" " - Post Office Box Fee	41. 00
80. 66	" " - Annual Report Postage	-----
67. 48	Postages and Telephone	78. 97
-----	Stationery - Bulletin Envelopes	390. 00
311. 93	" - sundry purchases	205. 15
50. 00	Subscription - National Trust	50. 00
40. 00	" - R.A.H.S.	50. 00
10. 00	Sutherland Shire Information & Community Service	10. 00
215. 00	R.A.H.S. - (G.I.C. Public Risk Insurance)	229. 00
55. 00	Museum - Transport by Removalists	220. 00
52. 84	Sundry Expenses - Items of Petty Cash- (Air Pots etc.)	268. 16
205. 00	Costume Hire and Dry Cleaning	-----
-----	Out of Pocket Expenses Hon. Secretary/Treasurer (1988)	60. 00
9. 00	Books purchased	19. 00
141. 38	Souvenirs and Badges	398. 48
28. 04	Bank charges	48. 73
78. 00	Incorporation Charges	496. 22
2274. 40	Excursions - Transport costs - Coach and Cruises	4054. 00
-----	" - Deposits paid for 1990	450. 00
3559. 00	" - Motels, Dinners and Lunches	6460. 00
484. 60	" - Admission Charges	987. 50
125. 00	" - Donations and Hall Hire Charges	376. 00
2. 91	" - Postages	3. 51
123. 34	" - Telephone (STD & Local) Bookings etc.	187. 60
87. 14	" - Sweets - Coffee/Tea - Milk	151. 45
17. 06	" - Stationery	84. 90
711. 00	" - Refunds	455. 00
<u>\$9075. 24</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$16184. 06</u>
<u>\$2410. 41</u>	Surplus for the year transferred to Accumulated Funds	<u>-(465. 31)</u>
<u>\$11485. 65</u>		<u>\$15718. 75</u>

PUBLICATIONS REPORT.

Three hundred copies of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society Bulletin continue to be published each quarter and posted to members.

In addition the Bulletin is forwarded to all Shire Council Libraries and Councillors, Royal Australian Historical Society, National Trust, State Library N.S.W., National Library, Canberra, University of Sydney, State Rail Authority, Australia Post and local newspapers.

It is gratifying to note that there have been several new contributors and others are encouraged to write, particularly on Sutherland Shire.

I thank the Publications Committee for their proof reading the Bulletin and preparing it for posting. This is done at the home of Andrew and Janesse Platfoot and I express my thanks to them. Finally I thank the Sutherland Shire Council for the printing of the Bulletin and the printing staff for a job well done. during the year.

My personal thanks to the members of the Publications Committee, Andrew and Janesse Platfoot, Harold and Athalie Ivers, Jim Cutbush and Doug. Archer.

J. M. G. G. G.
CONTRIBUTOR

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EXHIBITIONS REPORT

There were not many exhibitions by the Society as compared to last year which of course was Australia's Bi-Centennial Year, when 21. displays were arranged.

The main Exhibition for 1989 was that of Heritage Week held in conjunction with the Shire Council from April 16 to 28 in the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. A feature of the Exhibition was the display, "Life in Wartime" which attracted a lot of viewers and favourable comment. Attendances were the highest on record, 3,272 attending during the eight days.

Other Exhibitions were at a special Colonial Day at Tharawal school where a photographic display was arranged of the Menai district. A photographic display was held at the Spring Fair on Saturday, September 9 at the Cronulla Plaza. In October the Menai Primary School was officially opened by Dr. Terry Metherill, Minister for Education. I arranged a photographic display of the Menai area including some of early school pupils.

A photographic display was arranged at Cronulla railway station as part of the celebrations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Sutherland-Cronulla railway.

A sincere thanks to members of the Society who assisted in arranging or looking after displays during the year and the Shire Council library for their assistance in providing display stands.

Throughout the year a number of articles were given to the Society for the Museum. Thank you to those kind people for their interest. During the year several meetings of the Heritage Week sub-Committee were held at the Shire Council Administration Centre, the Society being represented by the President Aileen Griffiths, Ada Cutbush, Janesse Platfoot and myself.

J. M. G. G. G.
CONTRIBUTOR

MUSEUM REPORT 1989Attendances

The Museum was opened from 11a.m.-3p.m. each Saturday during 1987 and until April 1988 when opening was restricted to the first Saturday each month, from 9a.m.-1p.m. due to the low attendances. Some of the earliest attendances in 1987 may not have been recorded, however sufficient entries have been made in the attendance book to give an indication of public interest shown in the Museum:

	Year	1987	1988	1989
Adults		85	57	37
Children		24	17	154

In 1988 45 adult attendances were due to 2 groups, and 7 child attendances were due to a school.

In 1989 10 adult attendances were due to a group and 135 child attendances were due to two schools.

Exhibits

Residents of the Shire and nearby areas continue to give and loan items, both large and small, to the Society. Available space is already used up and any new items offered have to be considered on the basis of available accommodation. Some items are of considerable size and weight, and must remain in the dwellings of some members.

Monies Received 1989

Entrance fees	\$21
Books	\$ 2
Bulletins	\$ 4

A break-in day between concert sessions in the main hall caused a loss of \$3.50

Summary

Whilst exhibitable items are on the increase, attendances are diminishing, even though the presence of the museum has been advertised in the local press and on notice boards in Shire libraries. Expansion of the exhibition areas is being considered, in the form of "peg boards" mounted on walls between windows. Advice from the Shire is being sought on this matter.

Harold Ivers, Museum Group

Harold Ivers 15/1/1990

PUBLICITY 1989

Each month a paragraph has been published in a widely circulated local newspaper, in the appropriate section, which is read by many residents. In response, although observed, has not been significant

Harold Ivers.

Harold Ivers, Hon Publicity Officer.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

At this -time I wish to express my appreciation to all members of the Executive Council for the manner in which they carried out their duties, ensuring the smooth running of the Society.

Whilst reluctant to mention anyone specially I feel particular regard must be given to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs: Merle Kavanagh; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Alwyn Hamilton; Hon. Research Officer, Mr. Fred Midgley; Hon. Publicity Officer, Mr. Harold Ivers; whose reports are included herein, together with Deputy President, Mr. Doug Archer; Hon. Auditor, Mr. Ken Greentree and Vice-President Mrs. Ada Cutbush. Each other Committee person had a specific duty as a member of a Sub-Committee, and we say a big thank you to Miss Helen McDonald (representing Miss Diana Oliver, Shire Librarian and Society Archivist), and Messrs. Vice-President A. Platfoot, J. Cutbush, K. Knight, S. Roberts and K. Smith.

So that we may enjoy the social atmosphere during supper, we are indebted to Mrs. A. Ivers and Mrs. J. Platfoot, together with the ladies who volunteer each meeting to assist. Thank you ladies!:

The Society is grateful to Sutherland Shire Council for all the assistance given us - detailed for your interest by the Honorary Secretary. I would like to give special mention to the co-operation with these folk which enables Heritage Week to be successful each year.

The Society is honoured that each President of the Shire has granted Patronage, and welcomes our new Patron Clr. Douglas McNeal.

My personal thank you to all members for allowing me the honour to have been President in -the past year - it has been a. privilege, which I have very much appreciated.

Please come along to the Annual General Meeting -- all positions become vacant and we do ask you to consider standing for one of those positions.

Finally, thank you members, for being associated with the Society, and by your support enabling us to maintain such a high profile in the Historical field with other Societies and in the Shire.



PRESIDENT