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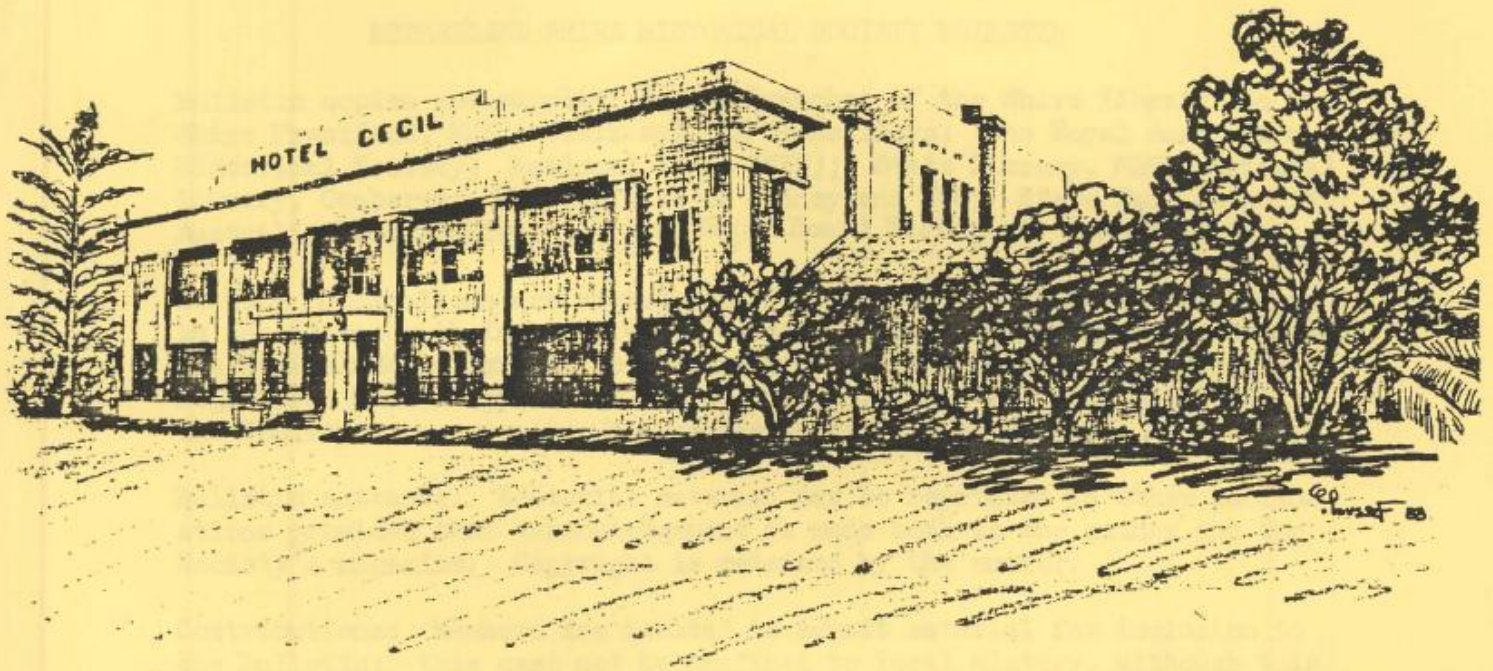


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SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

All Shire residents have been shocked by the fires in our midst and we are particularly saddened that our valued member, Mrs. Val Meecham's home was totally destroyed. Whilst January meeting is usually a small number of folk we took up a collection amongst those in attendance, which amount was matched by the Society; it was sent to Val to purchase any small items she finds herself in need of, and not usually covered otherwise.

The events of Australia Day were a huge success and the Society's photographic display in North Cronulla Surf Club House was extremely well attended; in fact the head count was well over six hundred persons

Thanks to Jenesse and Andrew Platfoot, and their children, also Doug Archer for being in the procession, suitably dressed, on the "Good Ship Sutherland Shire".

In this Bulletin you will find the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Society's activities in 1993; also the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on Friday March 11, 1994, in the Council Suite, at 7.45 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend; remember ALL positions become vacant and you are asked to consider. offering your services by standing for election to the Committee.

Alan Liffers
PRESIDENT.

PROGRAMME

March	Annual General Meeting	
April	Miss Bishop	Hell, Humour and Heartbreak
May	Helen Macdonald	Council's Library History Room

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRED MATSON,

The following report was submitted by this Society to the St. George-Sutherland Leader as a tribute to the well-known Fred Matson from information given by his niece; we repeat it for the interest of our members.

"Yowie Bay boat builder, Fred Matson, who died. early in December aged 94, earned a reputation for quality craftsmanship which spread as far as the United States.

Born with a twin brother, Oscar, to Frederick and Ethel in Miranda, Mr. Matson spent a large part of his childhood helping his father operate the family-owned Audley boat hire service in Royal National Park.

However, it was Mr. Matson's Finnish grandfather, Frederick, who became his mentor in the craft of boat building and fostered his fascination for boating revolutions, particularly outboard motors.

Mr. Matson introduced Yowie Bay to the outboard motor and in 1915, became the first marine enthusiast to fit a two horse power motor to a small rowboat.

Mr. Matson nurtured the skills his grandfather passed to him and by the age of 21, he and Oscar were taking, orders at, their Yowie Bay boat shed for Matson Brothers skiffs, launches, cruisers and cedar row boats

The bond between the brothers was strengthened when they married sisters Gwen and Flo Cope.

The Matsons eventually moved their booming business to a Caringbah workshop, now the site of Kareena Private Hospital.

In 1939, the brothers closed shop to become Department of Defence inspectors for the duration of World War 11.

Matson Brothers re-opened after the war and successfully traded into the next decade.

Fred and Oscar retired after 42 years, and Oscar died in 1969

Vale, Fred Matson.

THE PARKE DAVIS STORY - PART II
 ONE OF THE SHIRE'S LEADING INDUSTRIES
 (Contributed by George Heavens)

There was need to expand, but precious little money with which to do it. The partners had problems. Despite the company's precarious financial position, as well as a financial slump felt by business nationwide in 1873, the partners embarked upon an expansion programme. The struggling company first took the name of Parke, Davis & Company on 16th November, 1871. The partners were Mr Parke and Mr Davis, together with special partners William H. Stevens and John R. Grout, each of whom contributed financial backing.



George S. Davis



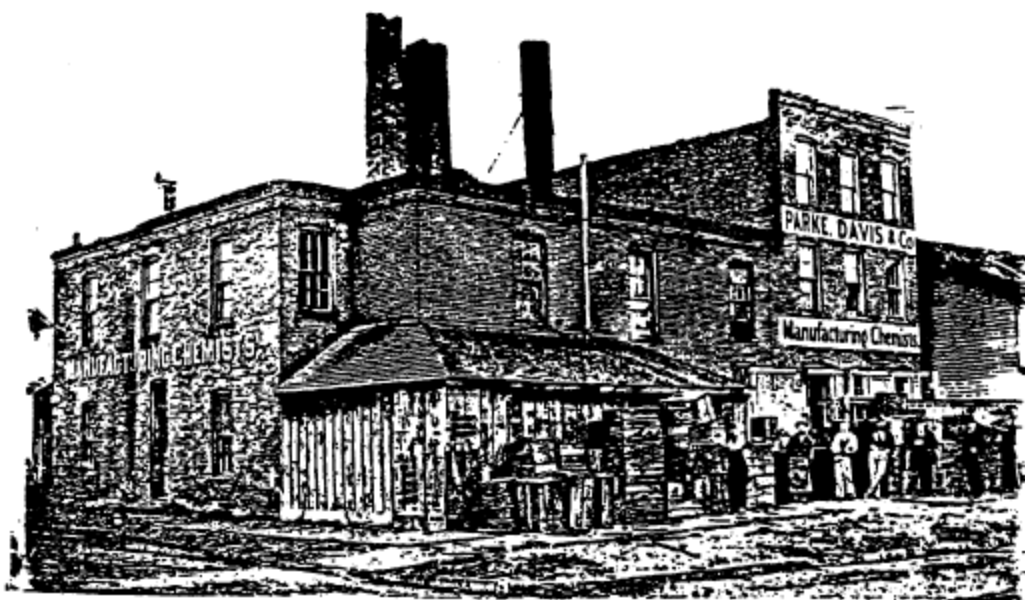
Hervey C. Parke

Construction was begun that summer on a new brick-laboratory in an outlying area of the city near the Detroit River waterfront and this became the first of a great complex of buildings that house the firm today.

At the end of 1876, the books of the firm showed a profit for the year of \$4675.00. Thus, after ten long years of heartbreaking work, with little reward, the turning-point had come and in June 1878 the company paid its first dividend. Despite many problems that it has had to face, the firm of Parke Davis has never missed paying a dividend since that time. Ten years without a profit must have been mighty discouraging. In 1881 a 50% stock dividend was issued and capitalisation was doubled.

While triumphs such as these were taking place in the laboratories, the eyes of the founders were lifted toward more distant horizons and, by 1880, sales had reached almost the half million mark. There were many more untapped areas to explore.

To further bolster its sources of crude drugs, Parke Davis sent Dr Henry Rusby to South America in 1885 to study the medical flora and to buy cocoa. A young botanist of considerable promise Dr Rusby had been assisted by the firm to complete his medical training before employment. During his South American trip



The first Parke Davis Manufacturing Laboratory in Detroit

he crossed the continent from Peru to the mouth of the Amazon and, despite incredible hardships, brought back a number of new drugs used by the natives of South America. A number of these were tested and subsequently introduced into medicine.

With sales volume growing steadily during the next few years, thought was given to the possibility of expanding into the English-speaking world outside the United States. To this end arrangements were made in 1884 with outside sales agents in London and in Sydney, Australia.

The third decade of the team of Parke Davis brought results both bitter and sweet. Sales were zooming and the new lines of superior products were gaining wide acceptance. In 1889, sales were over the one million and profits passed the \$200,000 mark but President Parke became ill and had to take a year's leave of absence.

In 1891, storm clouds were beginning to gather about the head of George Davis. The restless, debonair Davis evidently could not stand the temptation of success. He lived well, entertained a great deal and loved going to the horse races. Though he embarrassed his fellow officers of the company with his financial irregularities, the kindly, gentle Parke was reluctant to give in to those who demanded that Davis be removed. Parke realised that a great deal of the company's past, and indeed current success, was due to Davis's daring and doing.

However, the time came when action was deemed necessary. The thirty year era of Parke and Davis ended in November 1896 when, according to the Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Davis tendered a brief note of resignation, which was accepted. The office of Consulting Manager was created for him and he was granted a leave of absence of six months. The Minutes of a special Board Meeting, 4th December, 1896, say simply that George S. Davis's stock had been sold. Following the Annual Meeting, 19th January, 1897, the Board members elected by stockholders were T.D. Buhl, D.C. Whitney and others and, for the first time the name of Davis was missing.

The Parke Davis story in the next ten years was largely the story of Mr Whitney and Mr Buhl. Although both were non-drug people, both had been stock-holders for some years and had financial relations with the company. Fortunately, they had the guidance from experienced President Parke for a couple of years.

Then on 8th February, 1899, while on a visit to California, Mr Parke suddenly died.



The first shipment of goods from Parke Davis & Co. to the various Parke Davis wholesalers in Sydney - 1902

Theodore Buhl succeeded to the presidency of the company. Mr Warren, who had started with the company as an errand boy in the New York Branch, had come to Detroit in 1886; had demonstrated remarkable ability for some years and had been in charge of the Sales Department. He became General Manager and doubtless would have taken an even more significant role in the company, had his career not been terminated suddenly by his untimely death in November 1903.

A description of the company at the turn of the century: the Detroit plant was described as a hollow square of dull brick buildings, mostly three storey, facing a high wooden fence, facing the Detroit River. The offices faced Atwater Street. Employees numbered somewhere near the 900 mark - mostly girls.

In 1899, it was decided to shorten the working hours: the week to now consist of a 54 hour instead of a 55. (Big deal! - G.H.H.)

In 1900 manufacturing laboratories were listed in many new places including Canada, England and there was an Australasian Depot in Sydney, Australia. Total sales at the turn of the century were just on six million dollars. Employees rode to the work place on bicycles, for the most part. The Directors were driven to their meetings in carriages and earned an honorarium of ten dollars for each meeting they attended. Of interest - expenditure of twenty-four thousand dollars for advertising during the year 1900 was O.K'd. George Davis continued to show up in the Minutes - sometimes in good grace; sometimes not so good. However, the company continued to pay him a stipend each month until his death in 1930.

A thriving business in Australia led to opening a branch house in Sydney under the direction of Cyril C. Murray in 1902. The company was shocked however in 1903 by the unexpected death of its General Manager, William M. Warren at only 40 years of age. Frank G. Ryan succeeded him.

1907 was to mark another year of change in Parke Davis affairs. President T.D. Buhl, whose strong hand and executive mind had guided the reorganisation of Parke Davis after Hervey Parke's death, and under whose direction-the company had doubled its sales and profits, died in April 1907. Since 1907, many new vaccines have been developed and many older ones have been dropped. Research shifted from bacterial vaccines to those of viral origin in more recent decades.

Then in 1914 came the first World War and this brought problems. A huge fire at Parkdale destroyed much valuable company property.

TO BE CONTINUED

EARLY HISTORY AND FORMATION OF THE SCOTTISH RIFLES1885 – 1914PART II

The original public meeting of Scotchmen, at which it was decided to form a Scottish Corps, was held at the Town Hall, Sydney on 26 August, 1885, the Chairman being Sir Norman McLaurin, a staunch sympathiser, whose son had long been a valued officer of the Regiment.

The conditions to be faced were not encouraging; the Government would only agree to give each member, on formation, the ugly Reserve green jacket, a pair of trousers and a helmet, which the Commanding Officer would not accept, and allow the Corps two pounds at the end of each year for each member who qualified efficient.

The proposal was taken by Scotchmen, spurred on by the Russian War Scare, on the understanding that each member would have to contribute two pounds towards his uniform and those who did not serve would help as honorary members to defray the initial expenses of the corps. The offer of a Scottish Corps was made to and accepted by the Government. The Sydney Reserve Corps of Scottish Rifles was gazetted on 5 November, 1885.

The Scotchmen who were to become honorary members of the Corps proved, with a limited number of exceptions, broken reeds and instead of having a comfortable cash balance it entered the cold military--world with a millstone of debt.

At first members mainly consisted of Scotchmen over the age of 20, born in Scotland but this was extended to the vast majority of members who were Australian born but of Scottish extraction. Enrolment was good at first but after the excitement died down it fell off so that by June 1886 the strength was approximately 350.

In December 1885 a large meeting of enrolled members decided to adopt the kilt uniform of the Black Watch but the Military Authorities would not authorize it. A thin red line was added to the Black Watch Tartan and eventually a New Zealand firm was able to supply.

The adoption of the kilt increased the financial difficulties as the initial expense was heavy. It was not until May 1889 that the Corps

was able to parade in full dress and then only through the members contributing one pound ten shillings each towards the cost. The first kilts were imported from Scotland but in a few years Vicars Mills of Sydney were able to produce a satisfactory kilt tartan cloth.

The uniform question, the initial difficulties and expense the Corps had to encounter, the lukewarmness and indifferent management to which the Volunteer movement was subjected by the Military authorities, the out of date "Hay" rifles served out to the Corps, all affected it unfavourably in the early days and attendances fluctuated considerably.

The progress of the Corps under the difficulties it had to contend with, was naturally very slow and only the most meagre Capitation Grants were earned year by year. But amongst the early members were some who knew not the word "failure" and Scotch-like, the greater the difficulty, the greater the determination to succeed.

And so the years passed on.

In 1887 the Corps had the misfortune to lose its Commanding Officer who was drowned at sea.

In 1888 it made a very favourable impression at the Queen's Birthday Review.

In 1889 the Scottish Rifles again did well at the Review appearing for the first time in public in Full Dress (kilt etc.).

In 1890 the Corps applied to be allowed to attend the Easter Camp at National Park with the Militia but the request was refused - reason given was a shortage of tents. This was overcome privately and the camp was attended.

From that time onward the Regiment took part in every Easter Camp as continuous training has always been recognised as the most valuable portion of the year's work.

In 1900 the Commandant decided it was impracticable to hold a general camp. The Regiment was loath to forego this and appealed to members

of the general public to assist. A camp fund was established; many firms donated provisions. Military authorities supplied tents and transport and land owners gave use of land at Rhodes and Hornsby. The Regiment moved out on Thursday prior to Easter, trained at Rhodes until Sunday morning then marched out, crossed Parramatta River and proceeded along the Northern Road to near Hornsby, bivouacked overnight. carried out an exercise at the head of the Lane Cove River, had a meal at Turramurra and marched to Sydney in time to take part in a Review by the Commandant in the afternoon. The troops performed so well that the Regiment received an unsolicited praise from an Indian Officer and V.C. who said they would have done credit to the Black Watch, which he had known in India.

By the beginning of 1893 all other purely Volunteer Corps had either been disbanded or taken on to the Militia establishment. The Scottish Rifles alone survived.

In 1897 new Regiments and Corps sprang into existence and the existing units increased their numbers. By the end of the year the strength was as follows:-

Australian Horse	503
Scottish Rifles	374
Australian Rifles	565
St. Georges Rifles	513
Irish Rifles	196
Railway Corps	164
National Guard	110
Total	2,425

The South African war broke out in October 1899 and the stimulus it gave to military ardour was felt in the Volunteer Regiments. By the end of 1900 the various unit strength were as follows:-

Canterbury Mounted Rifles	49
Scottish Rifles	650
Irish Rifles	739
Australian Rifles	618
St. Georges Rifles	650
Civil Service Rifles	148
Drummoyne Rifles	55
National Guard	181
Total	3,090

The Australian Horse had been transferred to the Militia Establishment a short time before.

The year 1901 was a memorable year. On January 3 the Commonwealth Review took place at Centennial Park before the Governor General - Earl of Hopetoun, at which were present representatives of all the Military Forces of all the various states but also the unique Imperial Contingent comprising detachments from many representative Regiments of the British Regular Army, Militia and Volunteers, as well as the Indian Native Army.

In March 1901 the various State Forces were taken over by the Commonwealth. All this was taking place while the South African War was going on.

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From Stewart Roberts' Collection.

FROM CHILDHOOD TO OLD AGE!

Although well into middle age when coming to this shire to live - my earliest thoughts are the gratitude the heart feels when losing one's own home in the St. George area to be open-heartedly finding one's self making a new home and another start to life with my daughter and her husband in Kirrawee - having lost my dear husband earlier in life

I've found not only a new home (as the saying goes) but a wonderful new life unfolding in the church I attend - St. John's Sutherland, where firstly one branch of the Sunday School was held in a small hall in Mundakal Avenue, Kirrawee under the guidance of the Rev. Clive Steele and his wonderful wife Edna.

What joy fills the heart when recalling those days, many young children and parents showed keen interest. Mrs. Somerville still a member of the church, whose ability never ceases to amaze me and what a dear friend. She encouraged me to pick up the threads of Sunday School teaching - within the hall there was love and a lot of fun with the sausage sizzle days, fetes and concerts. They were always a joy to be part of or just witness - no one was put to expense - paper frocks, sheets and towels were all part of the fancy dress parades. The late Mr. & Mrs. Darby first started the Sunday School in their garage until 'not room enough' for all the children - like we read in the bible today "Not room enough at the Inn" for Mary's son to be born. Yet now, these days we can all give thanks to God for family and friends and for having been a part of this highway of life.

Ivy Urquart

STEAM TRAM ACCIDENTS

It has been frequently stated (by this writer in a previous article, among others) that the only fatality associated with the Cronulla-Sutherland steam tram while running between 1912 and 1931, was that of driver Samuel Wyche, crushed in a well known accident outside Miranda in November 1924.

However, at least two other fatal accidents were associated, if somewhat indirectly, with the steam tram's operations.

On Monday 13 May 1912, not long after the service commenced, Alfred Horatio Sampson, aged seventy, was driving a horse drawn wagon between Miranda and Cronulla. A wealthy man, Mr Sampson was known to the public through his association with the Free Trade League, and his views were frequently published in the newspapers. Residing in Miranda, he was in the process of relocating to Cronulla, and had hired a horse drawn van to load furniture for the move. In Nicholson Parade, his horse confronted the steam tram and shied, overturning the wagon; Mr Sampson was pinned underneath and extricated with difficulty. A Doctor Martello, a passenger on the tram, attended the injured man, who was taken to his home at Miranda, suffering a fractured skull, and died the same afternoon. Charles Kinsela organised a funeral train to Woronora. Mr Sampson was father of nine; and his children inserted Death and In Memoriam notices in the newspapers for several years afterwards.

Near the end of the line, on 15 June 1931, a thirteen year old schoolboy, Eric Arthur Morris, who lived in Taren Point Road, Taren Point was travelling as usual from Caringbah to Sutherland, to attend the only High School in the shire, at the time. On a Monday that was described as heavily fogged, which may have been a factor when he fell beneath the tram while alighting in Princes Highway Sutherland. He was conveyed by Sutherland Ambulance (their new station, now a saddlery, was almost at the scene of the accident) to Kogarah Hospital, but was dead on arrival. Kinsela again organised a funeral train to Sutherland, where Eric Morris was interred in heavy rain.

At Sutherland, a ticket office still survives, converted to a real estate agency. Tracks which originally ran beside the Kingsway and Princes Highway disappeared when these roads were upgraded to multi-laned traffic. Superseded by bus routes and, from 1939, the railway from Sutherland to Cronulla, the steam tram operated for less than twenty years.

Rhys Pidgeon

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
EXCURSION REPORT.

By the time this report is in your hands we will have made our trip to Garden Island and Waverley Cemetery.

The next outing being planned is for Saturday May 21, 1994 and we are looking forward to a trip to Richmond. So often this historic town is overlooked in favour of Windsor, and its other interesting places.

We shall be leaving Cronulla at 8 a.m. Sutherland at 8.30 a.m. Cost to members \$15.00 and visitors \$18.00. Please take your morning tea and luncheon requirements, as usual.

The full route and inspections available have not yet been con-firmed, but we can promise you a most interesting day.

Bookings open at the February meeting -- following meeting please contact Mrs. Betty McGrath on 521-2227. or at 141 Loftus Avenue, Loftus. Enquiries may be made either to Betty or myself-(on 523- 5801). If I am not available, please leave a message on my machine and I will get back to you.

Venues for later in the year have not been considered at this time but you may care to make a note in your diary of the expected dates; July 16; September 17; November 19.

Notwithstanding the possibility of change of office-bearers at the Annual Meeting, the dates mentioned are for the week following our meeting nights, which is standard unless our guides are not available on that particular day. You will be notified as soon as confirmed - if any change it would be the week before or after in that month.



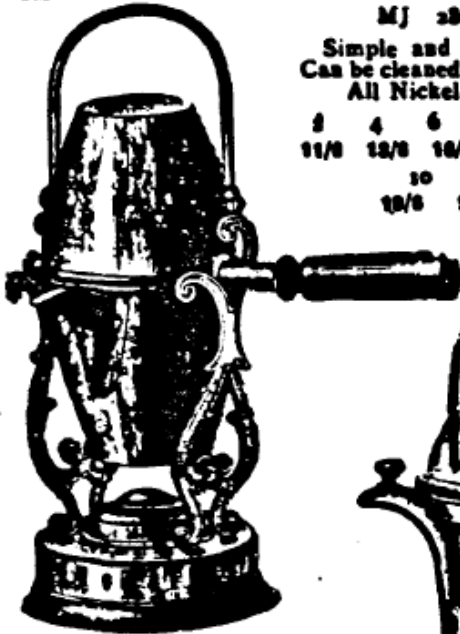
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SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society, Inc. will be held Friday, March 11, 1994, in the Sutherland Shire Council Chambers (second floor), Eton Street, Sutherland, at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. To confirm and adopt minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting
4. Submission and adoption of the 27th Annual Report of the Executive Council and Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for 1993.
5. Honoraria.
6. NOTICES OF MOTION of which due notice has been given :
 - That Mr. A. Hamilton be elected to Life Membership of Sutherland Shire Historical Society.
 - That Miss Helen McDonald be elected to life Membership of Sutherland Shire Historical Society
 - That Mr. Stewart Roberts be elected to Life Membership of Sutherland Shire Historical Society
 - Nominated by Mrs. A. Griffiths seconded Mr. K. Knight
7. FINANCIAL: That Item 10 of Constitution of Sutherland Shire Historical Society be altered to read:
 - "The financial year shall commence on the first day of December in each year and end at the last day of November in the following year."
 - Moved A. Hamilton, seconded H. Ivers
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 1994
9. GENERAL BUSINESS

On behalf of the Executive Council of
Sutherland Shire Historical Society, Inc.



PRESIDENT,

"Richmount",
34 Richmount Street,
CRONULLA.2230.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1993

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Secretary's report 1994

1993 saw the Shire of Sutherland become Sutherland Shire and the title of the President changed to Mayor. Councillor Ian Swords became the first Mayor of Sutherland Shire.

The year saw a broadening of our horizons. Heritage week took on a different look with innovative ideas such as a history of radio in Australia and our memories were stirred hearing recordings of such shows as "Greenbottle" and "Ada and Elsie."

There were many demands for speakers to address local functions. Mrs. Griffiths was able to talk at meetings taking with her slides and photo-graphs to illustrate the subject .matt. To assist with these talks the society purchased a Hanimex Projector and a daylight screen

Restoration of old photographs continues with the guidance of Miss H. McDonald financially assisted by the council grant.

The Heritage committee completed their inventory of houses and other buildings worthy or preservation in the shire.

Committee members have endeavoured to address the many enquiries from people seeking information of earlier shire residents when researching family trees etc.

We were saddened by the sudden death of Mr. Ralph Brinsley. A committee member Ralph had a wide knowledge of early Sutherland and gave generously of his time and labour to the society.

Many donations keeping alive the history of the shire were handed to us for display purposes and we have been lucky enough to have the area for storage and display increased.

Our monthly meetings are now held in the comfortable rooms of the Council Chambers in Eton Street, Sutherland commencing at 7.45pm. Executive meetings are held in the annex of the Anglican church, Belmont Street, Sutherland. We are indebted to both the Council and the Church for this accommodation.

Interesting speakers for the year have been:-

January - Members night
 February Mr. Gordon Geering - Victoria Barracks
 March - A.G.M.
 April - Mr. Jas. Beck - The Navy
 May - Alderman Ron Rathbone - lord Sydney
 June - Mr. H. Cuddy - Waterboard
 July - Chief Inspector Gould
 August - Professor Peter Orlovich
 September - Karen Pye - Bangor U.K.
 October - Speaker from the Aus. Gas Company
 November - Mr. Les Bursill - Aboriginal works
 December - Christmas night - slides Mrs. Griffiths

Margie Blackley

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1993 INCOME

1992		1993
1000.00	Members Subscriptions -	1,320.00
334.00	Bulletin	436.00
58.00	Sales - Badges - Souvenirs	56.50
183.50	Books - Bulletins	198.00
166.33	Donations Heritage Week	136.95
62.68	Museum \$92.75 - society - slide presentation \$279	369.75
61.99	Interest - Commonwealth Bank Savings Account	51.83
256.09	St. George Bld. Society "Step up Account"	104.08
263.46	" " "Fixed Term Account"	31920
2757.00	Excursion receipts	3605.00
493.00	prepayments (for Tour 1994)	399.00
1000.00	Sutherland Shire Council Grant	1000.00
6636.05		7996.91
	EXPENDITURE	
443.04	Australia Post - Bulletin Postage	360.91
80.00	" " Registration of Bulletin	-
65.00	" Post office box fee (Sutherland PO 389)	65.00
225.08	Society Postages \$50.30 - Society Phone calls \$133.40	183.70
310.46	" Stationary - Bulletin envelopes	547.28
91.00	" Sundry expenses	
50.00	Subscriptions - National Trust	
60.00	R.A.H.S.	60.00
12.00	Sutherland Shire Info & Community Service	12.00
25.00	Sutherland Shire Radio Association	25.00
205.00	R.A.H.S. Insurance public & voluntary workers 205.00	
60.00	Transport - removalist	30.00
118.65	Petty Cash	32.30
100.00	Bulletin expenses	63.25
	Anniversary Day donation Nth. Cronulla Surf Club	101.00
75.00	Book purchases D. Salt Sylvania	56.00
75.00	Organ repair quote	
55.79	Suppers monthly General Meeting	114.20
370.00	Hall Rental (paid to 31.12.94)	155.00
148.90	Photographs - Equipment purchased	649.65
90.00	President \$30 - Secretary \$30 - Treasurer \$30.00 (out of pocket expenses)	90.00
36.67	Bank Charge F.I.D. G.D.T.	37.48
1980.00	<u>EXCURSIONS, Transport - coaches</u>	<u>2350.00</u>
	Lunches Yarra Bay Sailing Club 20 Feb. 93	350.00
209.00	Admission charge - guide fees	470.00
80.00	Donations	20.00
4.80	Postage	.45
94.97	Phone calls local and S.T.D.	104.60
66.21	Sweets	106.80
22.24	Stationary	36.95
	Refunds	36.00
	Sundry items Batteries	3.85
5153.81	TOTALS	6266.42
1482.24	Surplus for the year transferred to accumulated funds	<u>1730.49.</u>
6636.05		7996.91

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31ST 1993

<u>1992</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	1993,
12179.14	Balance at January 1 1993	1366138
1482.24	Credit Balance from Revenue Account	<u>1730.49</u>
<u>1366138</u>	TOTAL	<u>15391.87</u>
3000.00	This is represented by Investments & Deposits	8000.00
	St.George Building Society-Fixed Term A/C 015-152-672	
8684.02	St.George Building Society-Deposit A/C 031-133-594	5104.06
<u>197736</u>	Commonwealth Savings & Cheque Cronulla A/C 0090-5269	<u>2287.81</u>
<u>1366138</u>	TOTAL	<u>15391.87</u>
	Reconciliation of C/Wealth Savings Bank Account	197736
	as at 31st December, 1993	
	Cash Book Balance 1.1.93	
	Add total income 1.1.93 - 31.12.93	<u>6573.03</u>
	TOTAL	855039
	Less total expenditure 1.1.93 - 31.12.93	<u>6262.58</u>
	Balance as per statement No. 129 31.12.93	<u>2287.81</u>

Note: \$5000 transferred from the St.George Bld. Society

Deposit A/C to the St.George Bld Society Fixed Term
A/C 8.1.93.

As at December 31.12.93 the Society held

(a)	Society Badges	11
(b)	Friendship Pins	6
(c)	Souvenir Spoons	13


A. HAMILTON
Hon. Treasurer

I HAVE AUDITED THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT OF SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1993 AND HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IN MY OPINION THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEETS ARE ACCURATELY STATED.


R.H. LAVERS
Hon. Auditor

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.SUB-COMMITTEESPUBLICATIONS

Mr. H. Ivers (Convener)
 Mr. D. Archer
 Mr. J. Cutbush
 Mrs. A. Ivers
 Mrs. J. Platfoot
 Mr. A. Platfoot

EXHIBITIONS:

Mr. D. Archer (Convener)
 Mrs. A. Cutbush
 Mrs. A. Ivers
 Mr. H. Ivers
 Mrs. B., McGrath
 Mr. A. McGrath
 Mrs. J. Platfoot

MUSEUM :

Mr. A. McGrath (Convener)
 Mrs. B. McGrath
 Mr. H. Ivers
 Mrs. A. Ivers
 Mr. A. Platfoot
 Mrs. J. Platfoot
 Mrs. A. Cutbush
 Mr. J. Cutbush

(President, Mrs. A. Griffiths is Ex-Officio on each Committee)

EXCURSIONS:

Mrs. A. Griffiths (Convener)
 Mrs. B. McGrath
 Mrs. J. Barrett
 Mr. D. Archer
 Mr. K. Knight
 Mr. S. Roberts

HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVES, (at Council)

Mrs. A. Griffiths
 Mr. B. Watt

AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVES, (at Council)

Mrs. A. Griffiths
 Mr. A. McGrath

HERITAGE WEEK COMMITTEE
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 Mrs. J. Platfoot

SCHOOL OF ARTS MANAGEMENT,

Mr. A. Platfoot
 Mrs. J. Platfoot

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.EXCURSION ANNUAL REPORT

Very soon after the formation of this Society, we commenced our regular tours, yet once again in 1993 we were able to go to new places --- this is becoming more and more difficult and in the not too distant future we may need to repeat tours of earlier days.

In February 1993 we visited the Eastern Suburbs from Sydney Domain and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair to La Perouse, Malabar etc. with Mick Costello and his partner as guides.

The May outing was to Mittagong area, guided by Mrs. Chalker from that Society, seeing parts of that lovely country town most of us didn't know existed. It surely is historic.

July was an unusual outing; we stayed in our own district with member Daphne Salt, author of "Sylvania, Gateway to the South", seeing around the historical sites of Sylvania with displays of photographs to show "then and now".

After lunch we had a quick trip to Kurnell and Pt. Solander, also-saw the Mangrove Walk near Cronulla-Sutherland Leagues Club, and then visited the home of our well known member, Dr. Ed Duyker and Mrs. Duyker. It was so interesting seeing where he researches, types copy for his books -- and in particular the "Fairy House". This "house" must be seen to be believed.

In September we did a trip to the South Coast, but one with much difference. After morning tea at Mt. Keira, were privileged to gavel over roads not usually in the "regular" tourist trail, to Mt. Kembla to see the interesting sites, then via Jamberoo to Saddleback Mountain, returning to Kiama for Luncheon. Coming home we travelled via the Lower Coast Road, through Helensburgh back to Sutherland. Our guide for this day was also the Coach Captain, Terry McCosker.

The final outing for 1993 was to the Wolgan Valley; this would have-been, without doubt, the most difficult trip we tried to plan, involving numerous telephone calls to the Blackheath folk at National Parks and Wildlife Service and even Terry made a trip there in his car to make certain what we could expect for the Coach!

What a pity it rained as we were having luncheon and prevented the adventurous from going to the ruins fearing the river may rise too quickly to ensure safe return. But it fulfilled a promise made many years ago to a member that we would include the Wolgan Valley as an outing when the road was trafficable.

It was a long trip, but visiting an area of this distance during day-light saving hours, saves the need of overnight accommodation.

We must pay a special tribute to the Guide from the NPWL Service given the task of meeting us on that day -- he couldn't do more than he did for our interest, bringing along many artefacts to see or be demonstrated. And can he play the Didgeridoo! And the short trip across the river in his truck was hair-raising, especially when the water was higher on the return run.

HERITAGE WEEK 1993

GENERAL

The topic chosen for 1993 Heritage Week was "The Golden Years of Radio" and it provided a very different atmosphere. The principal displays were the schoolroom, a collection of vintage radios, photographs of radio personalities of the Golden Years, a limited collection of house-hold items, a photograph and camera display, a stand of photographs of old Sutherland Shire, and recorded programmes of those days from the Archives.

Display items and furniture were provided by members and the museum. Transport was provided by members, members' family and the Library. Handling and positioning was done by the same group. Assistance on site was given by Entertainment Centre Staff.

ATTENDANCES

Attendances were well down on previous Years. Recorded attendance of adults at the Entertainment Centre is 638 (750 last year). Attendance at the museum during the week was negligible, the only recorded attendance was on Sunday 4th April when 50 adults and 20 children attended as a result of the tourist bus stopping there. Last year many school students passed through the museum after seeing plays, but this time they did not "because they did not have the time". Many did not attend the Entertainment Centre for the same reason. Children this year 458, (1993) previous year 920 (1992).

All visitors, adults and school children, exhibited a high level of interest. The low attendance of school children is attributed to affairs within the schools, because all were notified.

The work in setting up and clearing the displays was increased by the new arrangements in Eton Street, necessitating the handling of display from the rear entrance in Merton Street.

THE FUTURE

The age of workers increases, and for this reason the number of "these people decreases.

Choice of a new topic of principal interest has become difficult as most applicable subjects have now been presented.

Harold Ivers 3/5/1993

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. PUBLICATIONS REPORT 1993

I am grateful to the several members who have provided contributions to the Bulletin. Your back copies will give you their names.

Subject material now covers a wide range, not necessarily relevant to the Sutherland Shire, to provide members with interesting material with the opportunity to make a contribution. The Bulletin has also been reduced in size to permit easier handling, less intrusion into Council's printing facility, and lower postage costs.

The Society is grateful to Council, and particularly Council's printing staff, for this service.

Harold Ivers Hon. Editor

PRESIDENT'S ADD ADDENDUM

Thank you very much to all members who assisted the Society at any time during the year to entourage membership and boost the Society. And thank you for attendance at meetings and outings.

To the .members of the Executive Council, on your behalf, I thank them for the time given to the Society in so many ways.

We acknowledge Mr. Ivers and Mr. Platfoot for presenting the Bulletin; Mrs. Blackley the efficient Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. Hamilton for taking care of our finances as Hon. Treasurer; Miss Helen McDonald the Hon. Research Officer, and as Local History Librarian at Sutherland Library, our sounding board for much of the information needed to reply to enquiries; Mr. S. Roberts for filling in as needed for other officers and sub-committee members, Mr. D. Archer for his support as the Deputy President, Messrs K. Knight and J. Cutbush for their assistance as Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. McGrath for all the work he has done as Museum Custodian (and what a job he has done too) Miss Diana Oliver as Hon. Archivist for guidance and assistance .at Council level, Mrs. A. Cutbush assistance in heritage matters, Mrs. P. Rugless as Publicity Officer, and Mrs. Greentree for supper.

We thank Mr. Ken Greentree for being Hon. Auditor and for the support given through the year -- it is regretted that ill health has prevented him from doing the audit on this occasion. Special thanks are accorded to Mr. R. Lavers who has donated his services to do this important task for us this year.

Thank you to Mr. M. Solari for being the Hon. Solicitor; it is comforting for the Society we have not needed to call on your services in the past year, but we thank you for accepting this position.

Mr. Bruce Watt has served with me as the Society's representatives on the Sutherland Shire Council Heritage Register Sub-Committee during the past two years. We thank you, Bruce, for your input and the time given to this project on behalf of the Society. (The full report is now available at our meetings for members perusal.)

We are appreciative that mayor Ian Swords remains the Patron of this Society and thank Council, through him, for inviting this Society to be represented on various community sub-committees.



PRESIDENT

SUTHERLAND SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

We must pay a tribute to Tiger Tours" for the assistance given when we are arranging Coaches for our outings and especially acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Ron Wood in allotting Terry McCosker as our Coach Captain on all Society outings. Thank you very much Ron for your continued support to the Society.

Thanks to Mrs. Berry McGrath for being Tour Booking Officer for us and for the manner in which she carried out the duties.

We are also appreciative of Committee Members who assisted at meetings during Mrs. McGrath's illness.

Finally, thank you to members for supporting these. outings --the arrangements are made for you, but you make the success of the day by that support.

To the other members of the Excursion Committee for their help our grateful thanks, Messrs. D. Archer, K. Knight, S. Roberts and Mrs. J. Barrett. It takes a team effort and they with Betty and me was a very happy team.

Aileen Griffiths

EXCURSION CONVENER

MUSEUM REPORT

Agreement has been reached with Council and the Hall Management to store a large quantity of bulky and little used items in vacant areas beneath the stage. This done, the Society's store room, a library in early days made extra room for displays.

Display cabinets have now been transferred from the large display area to this freshly acquired space, and access has been improved overall.

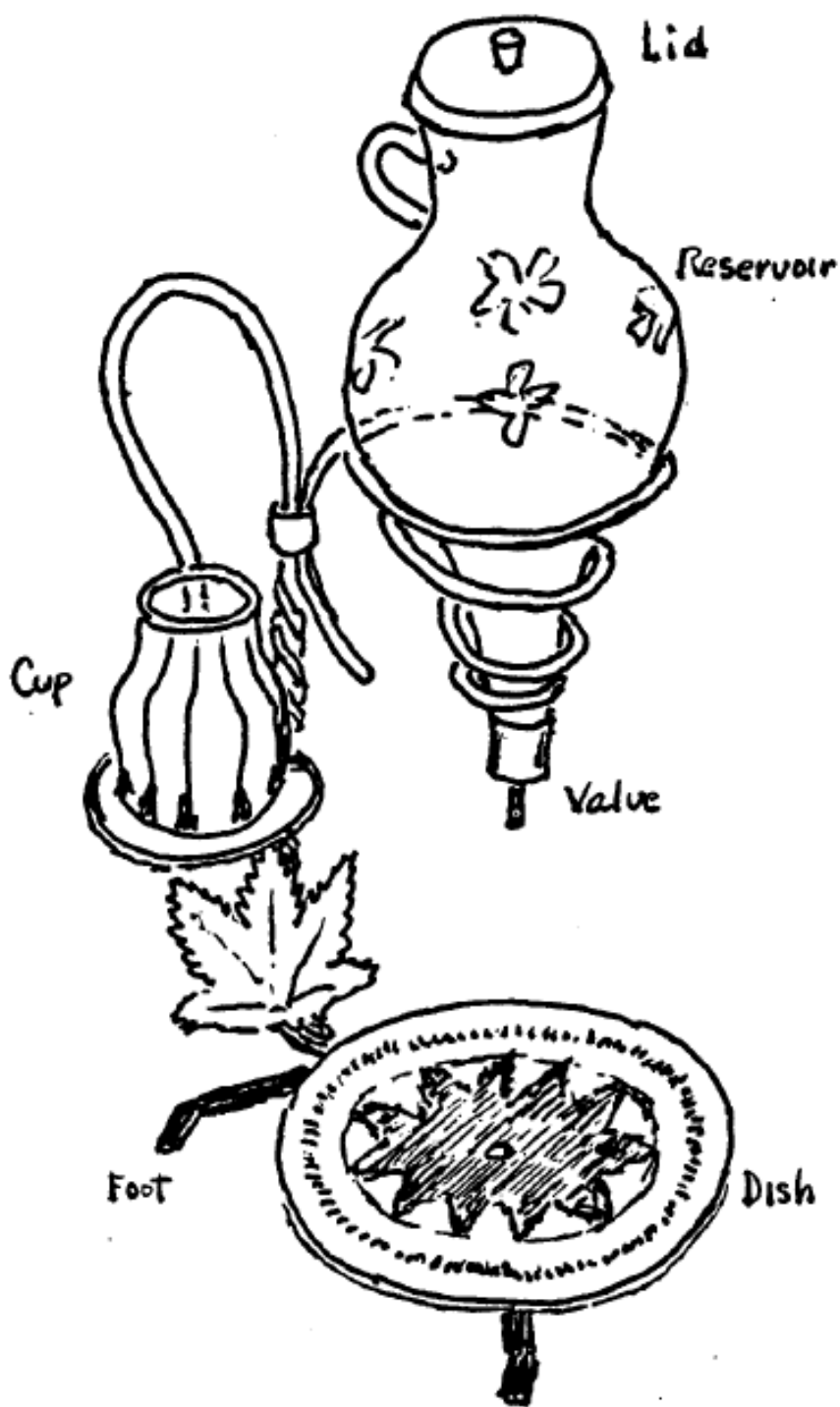
Acquisitions are from St John's Anglican Church Sutherland, which is about to celebrate its 100th anniversary: The old bell and the eagle.

Visitors during the year numbered 157 adults and 78 children, from the following groups:

The Stroke Club
Star of the East Miranda
T.A.F.E.

Alan McGrath, Convener.

MUSEUM VIEWS



A GERMAN WINE DISPENSER

From Burg Estate - Cronulla

Sutherland Shire Historical Society Inc.

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