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Bonfire Night

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After three days of good rain, the sun came out for our bonfire night. The enthusiasm of Rhonda Cravino made the night a success. It was a cold winter's night and sparks flew, setting Peter Garry alight briefly. And what a big, big fire we had. Banned in the city now, once you had burnt circles in every park, Robyn Auld said. The last one was over three years ago. Dean Taylor provided live entertainment, together with his Dad, Bob, and they created a great ambiance, playing until the early hours through a wide range from Country to Rock to jazz rock. Dean has a relaxed style that gets everyone up and dancing, nothing seems to faze him, a real asset to the town. It was organised by the Cricket Club, with the support of the P&C, the Fire Brigade and Parks. Wood was collected by E J Long, Michael Hague, Jaymie-Lee Cravino and Bernie Baker. Robert Anderson lent his backhoe to Matthew Burns to gather wood. RC

The Royal Hotel

It has been known for a long time that the Rattray's were taking the lease and they took over on 25th June. They have big plans to develop it: with cheaper prices that will bring people back, and pool and darts competitions and a plasma TV. They are looking to change the menu and to upgrade the rooms. It will be interesting to read the next issue to see how it develops. We wish them a good fortune on tap.

The town also wishes Sarah and Richard George continuing success with the Railway Hotel in Bathurst. We have got used to their absence in the last six months, so the change won't be radical. Still, we hope that they return to visit us.

Alas, the Rattray's have closed their shop on Holterman's Corner temporarily to concentrate on the Pub. However, the Bakery remains operational and will supply the Pub with pies and cakes. RC

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Anzac Day



Local Returned Servicemen-Donna Lawler

We celebrated the ninety-second Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli some time ago, but it is an important event in the Village's calendar. Peter Mansfield, a former Mayor of Mudgee played the Last Post was on the bugle.

Ben Smith, our new Policeman, told of the operations of the Peacekeepers in many and various parts of the World. All up, 26 000 have served in Peacekeeping roles. As Ana Young, who has old Red Jack's place, said, "You forget about the Peacekeepers".

Rob Payne read a poem by Duncan Butler, which concluded with "and when I've left the driver's seat and handed in me plates, I'll tell old Peter at the door, 'I've come to join me mates'".

Jim Shanahan began, as he always does, "our Commemoration Service today does not seek to glorify war, but on the contrary, its purpose is to condemn war in all its forms" Jim also acknowledged those who served at home, making the materials for war. It is easy to forget them.

RC

The War Memorial



07 Anzac Day-Donna Lawler

The aim is to restore it to its pre-70s condition and to light it at night, so that the flag can be left flying, for there is strong protocol involved. There are grants available through Veterans' Affairs, which, added to the Memorial Fund, would be sufficient. The Two-up on this Anzac Day added \$ 440 and sales \$ 340, so the funds available have been slowly climbing.

RC

Our New Policeman

We welcome Ben Smith and family to Hill End.

Ben is young, enthusiastic and already has made a good impression locally. Ben worked in Chatswood in General Duties, preventing street crime: shoplifting, assaults, damage and fraud. Later, he joined the Commuter Crime Unit on the North Shore, patrolling public transport. His focus in the City was on low-level crime.

When he moved to Bathurst, he became the Youth Liaison Officer in the Chifley Command, spanning from Lithgow to Oberon and he is still doing that work, juggling both jobs. He is the point of contact for young people and the Law; also other Officers consult him about the

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Young Offender's Act and what to do with young kids caught out.

Ben says that from an early age he knew he wanted to be a Policeman.

"Whenever we played cops and robbers, I was always the cop. And I like helping people". That was evidenced by the help he gave in Mavis's tragedy.

Before joining the Force, he did voluntary youth work trying to get kids away from crime and drugs. He visited Hill End first of all, working with Jim Allan. "I liked the place, it's pretty and I had to come here", he said.

He is married to Rebecca and they have three children, Isaac 4, Abigail 2 and Noah 5 months. Rebecca was born in England and came here when she was 13. They met at High School and were friends through University. Rebecca studied Teaching, doing a Dip Ed in history and theology.

Ben has a mischievous sense of humour, but quickly overrides it by going back to the letter of the Law. RC

The Common

The Annual General Meeting elected Ray Auld, President and Rosemary Valadon, Secretary / Treasurer with Trustees, Margaret M^cIntyre, Joan Auld, Robert Frasers, Snr and Jnr and Luke Sciberras. "We now have feral cat traps and a fox trap, which people can hire for a small fee", Rosemary said, contact 155. "We will be doing weed spraying and tree planting also, with the help of the grants available". It is good that some of the younger generation have come on board to maintain the viability of the Common. RC

Brickworks

There were once possibly four brickworks in Hill End. The principal

and best known one was Newcombe's, out beyond the Bald Hill Mine.

It was unusual, John Mead thinks because it was on a slope that is too rocky. The next one was up near the Racecourse, another one near the Visitors' Centre and, Mary Flynn told him, one down at the river.

Newcombe's made the bricks for Hosies. "Firing varied enormously", John said, "because of the process". The darker bricks are fired higher than the lighter, more orange ones used in the fireplaces in the houses of Hill End. If you look closely, the bricks are smaller in height (2 ½ inches) than the British Standard of 3 inches. They were made by hand, pressed into a stock; a box lined with sand, hence sandstock.

"Machine made bricks came with the Industrial Revolution and nowadays they're computer made", John said.

Brick Fact

A frog mark is the indentation in the top of the brick, formed when filling the mould. The various designs indicated the source of the bricks. RC



Hosie's brickwork-Ed.

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The New Fire Shed

Preparatory work has been carried out on the new Fire Shed in its location on the corner of Moore's Lane and High Street. There has been a great response from people outside of town.

John Armitage of Calare Civil Engineering did the Geotech report for soil testing, and whilst here checked out the stability of what's left of Mavis's house, all on a voluntary basis. Bathurst Regional Council, have done the site survey and the design of the slab and shed, again on a voluntary basis.

The Parks Service through Lew Bezzina has prepared 3 reports on site recommendation, environmental factors and obligations.

The RFS and Hill End Gold and have all contributed to the progress of the new Fire Shed, which will have two skillion roofs on the sides to lessen the impact on the surrounding properties. RC

Jack Frost

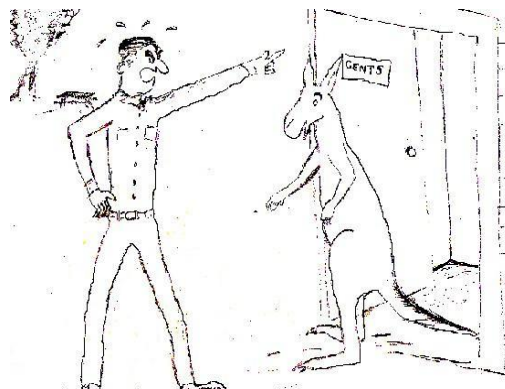
Winter is upon us, though some men, real men, are still wearing shorts. These mornings when it is below zero, Eddie Long finds it warmer in the cool room, set at 4 °C. The First Frost was on 11th May, well at Tambaroora at least, and it's so much colder there. The frost followed rain, which is what people say happens. The first one in Hill End was on the night of 23rd May. But more are to come. It is interesting to see where the frost hits, for instance Phil Davies, living at Silver Orchid Mine does not generally get the Tambaroora frosts, because he is in the shadow of the ridge and the trees protect him from the invasion. RC

Kangaroo in the House

Luke Sciberras had a shocking experience. In the middle of the night, awakened by crashing noises, he found a kangaroo in Stella's bedroom. Fortunately Stella, aged 6 was in Sydney. The back door was open, but that is no excuse. Luke was understandably in a dilemma with a roo in the house in the middle of the night. Super cool, he returned to his bedroom and shut the door. What else could he do; he couldn't guide it out. The roo found its way out eventually. RC

Kangaroo in the Pub toilet

Eddy Long encountered a kangaroo in the men's room at the pub one morning recently also. Bob Fraser was inspired to do the cartoon below of the incident. RC



Bee in the Hall

A working-bee of 5 people washed down the walls in preparation for the sealing coat, tripping over each other. It took about an hour, or less with less, without talking, to do the simple task. The sealer is on and painting done. The kitchen appliances are commercial in size, capable of meeting the demands of a Dinner Dance. There is talk of holding one in Spring to celebrate the new kitchen. The best way to acknowledge the grant money is to use the facility. RC

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Recycling the Lodge aka the Motel

A feature that will give them a green star rating is the wastewater recycling plant, whereby all water on-site is retained, treated and reused for the toilets and irrigation. All in, there is rainwater, bore water and recycled water. In a blackout, they will have their own power supply. Oh, that we could all tap into it. RC

Antiques at the Great Western

The Great Western Store has accommodated the Rattray's antique collection of old merchandise. Marvel at the vast array of memorabilia, from bottles of Brilliantine to boxes of Fab soap powder. Take a look. "It is revisiting childhood," Rosalie McGregor said. It truly is worth a visit. RC

The General Store

Julie and Stuart said that they were sad to see that Holterman's Complex has closed. They have taken over the stocking of the newspapers.. They have good hamburgers and coffee; both addictive. Dinner is available three nights a week at their 111 Restaurant (their phone number) for a nice night out, and they cater for birthdays. The secret quilt will be on display there for a few days; it's meant to be a surprise. RC

Winter Trading Hours

M-T-W 9.00 till 5.30

T-F-S-S 9.00 till 4.00

DINNER

T-F-S from 5.30 till 9.00



The Anglican Church

The Council is working through a Development Application to allow the Church to become an Artist's Studio. People at the Progress Meeting were pleased that the building would be used at last, but expressed concern about the future of the furniture. They certainly did not want it stored in Bathurst where it would eventually be dissipated. "The Community once spent a lot of money on the Church", Suzanne Thomson said, "and there would be a strong y response against the loss of the furniture". The Dean of Bathurst, Andrew Sempell told Sheena they are going to leave the furniture in the Church. Discussion spread wider to include Suzanne's comment, "we ought to look at grants for the restoration of all three Churches" RC



The Country Rains / Reigns

April and May were wet months in comparison with previous years this century, and the moisture is beginning to penetrate deeply, up to 18 inches, Maxine said. Suzanne Thomson said the floods on the North Coast deterred people from travelling on the June long weekend; there's always something there to deter them. When it comes to rain, Country people are no different to City people, they too end up complaining about the rain after just three days. The fact is that to keep us human, we need the invigorating warmth of the sun and a patch of blue in our lives. RC

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Blue Moon

June brings not only frost, but a blue moon. A blue moon is the 2nd full moon in a month, and occurs around every 3 years. The moon itself is not actually blue, although bushfire haze can cause this visual effect. The full moons were on the 1st and 30th of June. In the northern hemisphere however it was May that had the 2 moons. June also saw the winter solstice, so we are slowly heading back to the sun.

Ed.



Blue Moon Beyers-Ed.

Galloping Gumnuts

“It’s as good for the mothers as it is for the kids”, Julie Browne said. They visit every fortnight, from Lithgow. It gives the pre-schoolers 0-5 those basic skills in learning, assimilating and socialising, but most of all in having a good time together. For the Gumnut ladies, Karen and Sue, Hill End is a favourite spot and they say the mothers need it as much as the kids. They encourage the kids with craft, stories and games, also in what they call gross motor skills, which is climbing, so the playground equipment in Lyle’s Park is useful beyond just having fun. The broader Community is grateful for this Service, which makes us feel less isolated, giving the next generation opportunities that their city cousins take for granted.

RC

Education Day

Joan Auld said, as she was preparing morning tea, “I am the oldest one here, I’ve been here 50 years”, probably it’s longer. Her sister-in-law, Robyn Auld took us through the theory of teaching mathematics from kindergarten upwards. It’s more complicated than ‘times tables’. Later, Robyn said that back in the 70s when she worked at the School, Joan used to light 5 fires each day in winter. She had the kids collect morning sticks (kindling). Now, they have gas heating; again School was very different when I was a boy with memories of cold wet feet.

RC

Hill End Public School News

How great it is to have a COLA !(Covered Outdoor Learning Area). With the arrival of the wet weather we have still been able to enjoy physical activity. Active After School Activities have still been held outside under cover.

The COLA is a very valuable asset for the school and we'd like to thank Hill End Gold Ltd for coming to our assistance financially, because of a necessary change in supplier and an unavoidable increase in cost we needed to seek additional financial support and Hill End Gold Ltd provided this. We'd also like to thank the P&C Association, The Hill End Cricket Club & the Department of Education.

Students & staff enjoyed another Harhilleyer Day (Hill End, Hargraves & Windeyer) with combined activities, story/ drawing, singing and AFL at our school. Everybody wore red to raise money for Red Nose Day- SIDS.

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The Theatre Restaurant Melodrama "The Knock at the Door" held in the Royal Hall was a great success and we'd like to thank everyone who supported us.

Special mention must be made that this was Jill Grove's last production as she will be retiring at the end of the year. We will miss her great contribution to our annual plays. Well done & good luck Jill.

Just a brief mention about our end of year Art Exhibition. This will be held in The Jean Bellette Gallery at the Visitor Information Centre Hill End. Opening will be on Thursday 6th December 2007 at 3.30pm and run until 10th January 2008. We would like to invite everyone along so as to make it as great a success as last years Exhibition. Students have commenced work already for the showing and we're sure everyone will be impressed by their works. **Gaye Shanahan**

Local Literary Award Winner

Brent Lawler got 3rd prize in the Henry Lawson Literary Awards recently. He read a piece he wrote on "How the Platypus got its Flat Tail". Congratulations to Brent and yet another success for the School.

RC

Local Photography Award Winner

A family name that is synonymous with winning, of late. Donna Lawler, Brent's mother, not to be outdone, won the Channel 10 Weather photo of the week competition.

Ed.

RC's Local Roundup

Serena Auld: Here doing Prac as a first year student in Primary Teaching, teaching at her old School, and of course, the whole Auld Family went there. Her twin brother, Nathan was, in the same year and asked if the school had the

same smell. The smell that lingers is of gas escaping and pencils sharpened and old oranges rotting.

Daphne Shead: Daphne and Lorraine Purcell of the Hill End Gathering are arranging a Family History Expo for April next year. Lorraine comes from one of the original families of 1852. Contact them if you have family interest. Daphne is our new Avon Lady, phone 218.

Jim Toohey: Once a resident of Forky Stick Farm told Maxine Anderson years ago that he was only scared of only two things, Jesus Christ and electricity, "because I can't see either".

John Welsh (aka Schnauzer): Current resident of Forky Stick Farm, suffered a heart attack. He was taken by helicopter to Orange. He was lucky that the Nurse was in town at the time. Sheryl wants to thank David himself, because otherwise John would not have survived, "but I gave him a hand", John added. Regardless, John was back home in a few days, plus a couple of stints, and looking better than ever.

Quilting Bee

One of the things that Mavis lost in her house fire was her quilt. So the ladies of Hill End took over the General Store to assemble a new one. An assembly line it was, cutting out of 6-inch squares by Joan Gilmore, the ironing by Rosalie M^cGregor, sewing machines were (wo)manned by Lorna Shapland and Bec Smith, and assembled by Julie and Jessica Gilmore. "There were generous donations of fabric," Rosalie said. There is a definite art to it; just the way the women did it 100 years ago. **RC**

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First Responder

Sarah Kimm will be undertaking the course and the Village thanks her, because the course itself requires a commitment, and the position of First Responder is greatly needed. Another person may volunteer also. RC

Roads

Beyond the village, Bathurst Regional Council is going to seal the last remaining part of the road into Town and, within the village, seal the roads in the south eastern sector. Now, the road into the Town may be sealed in 2 stages during this year, so don't be disappointed. The 1st stretch may go as far as 'Avila', with the last 7 km done later in the year. Survey pegs are in for first section, but some sections will be straightened to make it safer. The potholers came through recently and they are always welcome. The situation is not so positive on the Mudgee road. Col Shapland says that the Mid West Regional Council (Mudgee) is not spending its grant of \$ 2.4 m for regional roads on the Hill End road the way that Bathurst Regional Council is spending its parallel grant of \$ 600 000. "They haven't even graded it", he said. Another concern is the road down to Ted Abbott's place, "an ambulance couldn't get down there", Brian Hodge said. Fixing the bridges on Warry's Road progresses slowly. A 2 tonne limit prevents excursion buses reaching the Bald Hill Mine. The first bridge is Heritage listed and therefore safe, but the second, also of Heritage value if you stop to look, needs saving and Lew is pursuing it. The status of all roads needs definition, whether Crown, Council or Parks and some have wandered from their gazetted route. We need someone

to coordinate those bodies. Lew Bezzina has had some cooperation to date. RC

Response from Gerard Martin

Roads are always a major issue for rural communities and Hill End is no exception. With progress being made by Bathurst Regional Council on the sealing of the main road into Hill End there needs to be a concentration on some of the internal roads in the village and to adjoining areas. There is a great deal of confusion as to who is responsible for some of these roads. I am endeavouring to get a joint meeting between the Department of Lands, National Parks and Bathurst Regional Council to see if progress can be made. Apart from the convenience and safety of village residents it is important that the road network is not a barrier to tourism development. I hoped for some progress over the next few weeks.

Another problem for isolated communities is mobile phone cover. While it is a federal matter I had the opportunity last week to meet with Telstra management to discuss the new G generation phones that will replace the CDMA network. It is difficult to know whether the new phones will improve coverage but I would warn people about switching to the new system before the CDMA network is turned off which will probably happen early in 2008. My experience to date is that because the G. generation phone network is not completed the current CDMA phones have a better coverage. There will also be better phones available by the end of 2007. Gerard Martin- State Member

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Broadband

Cirrus Communications, a private company, is looking to introduce broadband after July, following a petition instigated by Matt Rattray. The Australian Broadband Guarantee, a Government Initiative will come into operation then, with a subsidised payment to reduce the cost from around \$ 800 to around \$ 200 or less. Signals from an antenna on the roof will transmit to a tower, probably concealed on Bald Hill. We need a say in the location of the tower and, no doubt Parks will be involved, to prevent an eyesore. **RC**

School Bus

Don Rookledge informs the Stamper that the run has been extended up the Ullamulla Road, because there are sufficient students there and in Alpha Road to justify it **RC**

Mudgee

It is hard to know if it needs it. However, yet another new supermarket complex has been approved, opposite Bi-low and behind the Shell service station and that will help to bring prices down. Someone suggested that, even in Woolworth's, prices are 20% higher than Bathurst and that is a deterrent to going in that direction, both being equidistant from Hill End in time and distance. **RC**

Mudgee Small Farm Field Day

Sat 13th + Sun 14th July.

Put a carload together for a different and interesting day out. **RC**

Hill End Gold Ltd

Is about to recommence mining again below Hawkins Hill and we await news of their success. **RC**

The Parks Service

What's in a Name?

Parks has changed its name yet again, from the initial NPWS to the Dept of Energy and Conservation, now to the Dept of Energy and Climate Change. What does it all mean? Conservation is diminishing perhaps as an issue. **RC**

Clinic Report

Our Congratulations to Dr Wilson for being named on this years Queen's Birthday Honours list. Ed.

Dr Wilson's next visit is on 3 July
Ph 263 for an appointment

David wants to thank those people who assisted him when one of the community suffered a heart attack. "It can be difficult when you're the only Health Care Worker in town", he said. The situation became serious and he had to call in the helicopter. Yet again, we are fortunate in the Services available in this isolated spot. **RC**

Police Report

Ben Smith has been busy since arrival, with inspections around the district, showing presence on the back roads, Dixon's Long Pt, Rifle Range and Bridle Track, where he found a man riding an unregistered trail bike, while disqualified. He has done 10 inspections of hotels in the area for signs of intoxication. "It gives me a chance to meet people and, hopefully, they will be reminded of their responsibilities", he said. He attended the Bonfire on duty. Searched a car for drugs, a person for housebreaking implements, has attended 2 domestic incidents, a report of vehicles doing burnouts at Glendora, an unattended campfire fire on the Common and located the owner of lost cattle found on a property. **RC**

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GOT A PROBLEM?



Peter Andren MP

Your Independent Member for Calare

Will be in Hill End on the 11th July

At 1.00pm

for interviews

Incoming HETPA President's Report

Hello and winter's greeting from us at the Progress Association. At our last meeting on May 15th, items for discussion included Luke Scibberas' d.a. for use of the Anglican church as a studio. Luke assures us that he appreciates the amount of work involved in restoring the damaged windows etc, and has every intention of doing a thorough job. An inventory will be taken of the furniture, and safe storage arranged in Hill End.

Further funds are being sought by grant for the restoration of the war memorial. Being in such a central location, we all feel that something could be done to make it more of a central focal point for the village. Restoring it to how it was seems to be the sole option at the moment, maybe we need some more input on this.

The Royal hall kitchen is progressing noticeably, with the walls rendered now. Further with the hall, it has been put forward that the next years council grant should be spent on restoring the damaged flooring to the rear of the stage and installing a new stage backdrop arrangement. Conservation of the historical photos in the hall is now on the agenda, proposal has been made for

digitally copying all of them and storing the originals somewhere safer, more on that later.

In the June meeting, Daphne Shead and Lorraine Purcell outlined a proposed family history exhibition in Hill End for next year, this involves a sizable number of people coming up from Sydney by coach, staying at the lodge etc, and various events being planned over 2 days, sounds good. That's it for now...

Thank you all,

Bill Moseley
President H.E.T.P.A.

Furniture in Haefliger's

A project is afloat to get some of the artists who have stayed there to donate a painting each. They will be auctioned to raise funds by Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, which is behind the project. Some significant restoration needs to be carried out on the original furniture that Jean Bellette and Paul Haefliger left in the Cottage. The furniture is part of the history and heritage of the building. Work will soon commence on repairing the floors and the front wall, which is rotating outwards at the top. The Gallery will restore the gardens back to the good condition that Maggie and Gavin had them.

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Pilot Shot in Hill End

Local potter Lino Alvarez and songstress Kim Deacon, along with renowned Sydney chef Manfredi and director Sandy Harbutt have shot a pilot for SBS. Featuring Lino's new range of flame proof cook ware, for a planned cooking show, combined with Manfredi's culinary skills in regional fare. We wish them the best of luck with the project. Ed.



Lino's flame proof tarjine cookware- Kim Deacon

Hill End Prints & Images

Jann Gallen's Prints and Images situated in the Assay Cottage is featuring a series of prints that she has produced of Glenn Woodley's Hill End digital images. Well worth a look. RC



Athol Window-Glenn Woodley

Ana Young

Ana recently had a showing in Sydney, from which she kindly submitted her Artist's Statement and selected image.

'Memory is fallible.

It serves to record an instant, a meld of composition, colour and the emotional connection to the observed. The gradual processes of replicating become remade'.



Winterline-Ana Young

BRAG Residencies

Murray's Cottage

Rafaela (Raffi) Pandolfini

"As a city slicker, I was taken by the flora and fauna here. I just kind of snap my surroundings, wandering around photographing. I add elements to my work, such as video and sound; I have taken recordings of the day sounds of Hill End and the Pub." RC



Rafaela Pandolfini

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Upcoming Residencies

Murray's Cottage

Ed Wright

11 July – 8 August

Ed intends to use his Hill End residency to explore the town, its landscape and history for inspiration for his next book. Set in a gold mining town in colonial New South Wales, the story, as Wright describes it, is a “love triangle tale of greed, lust, frustration and impossible longing”. Wright also intends to produce a series of poems for publication. Wright has a Doctorate of Philosophy from Sydney Uni.

Annabel Nowlan

13 August – 10 September

Anabel is interested in researching the experiences of pioneer women and intends to create works which intertwine texts and imagery with textures using materials such as mattress ticking, dust and pigments.

Haeflinger's Cottage

Michael Bell

21 July – 18 August

Michael plans to create paintings and etchings inspired by the unfamiliar terrain of Hill End.. Hill End will represent a shift for Bell from the suburban themed works he has created in recent years.

Paul Selwood

22 August – 19 September

Sculptor Paul Selwood grew up in Orange and visited the area as a boy. The geological formation where the Turon River has cut through the hills suggests sculptural possibilities for the artist. Selwood points out that “landscape is a common subject in painting but an not in sculpture.”

Hill End Art Gallery

Barbara McKay- Timeless

On display until Aug. 9th.

Landscapes based on her 2006 residency. Barbara McKay first visited Hill End as a young art student in the late 50s.



Hill End Noon-Barbara McKay

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

Hill End Objective

On display until Aug. 12th.

This exhibition looks at the work of object-based artists - ceramists, jewellers and sculptors - who had recent residencies. An insight into the multiplicity of ideas and forms which Hill End engenders. Artists include Lynne Flemons, Anthony Mravicic, Sarah-Jane Ross, Joanne Searle and Toni Warburton.



Lookout Mound-Toni Warburton
Landscape Sculpture

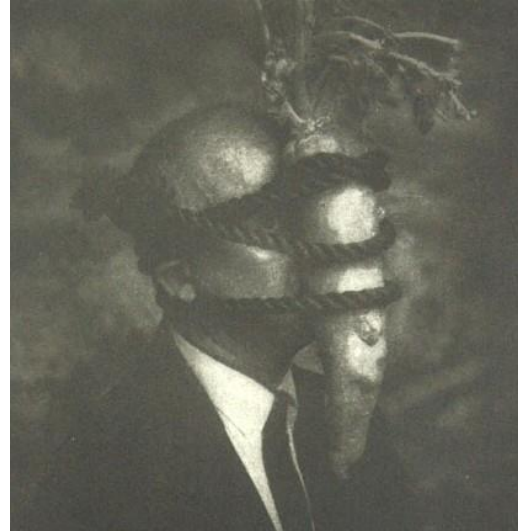
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Bill & Genevieve Moseley

Genevieve kindly sent images of her and Bill's work.



Rope Trick-Bill Moseley



Portrait with Carrot-Bill Moseley



Self Portrait in Wattle-Genevieve Moseley

Rosemary Valadon

Kenthurst Galleries

23 June-8July



The White Girdle-Rosemary Valadon

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Famous Past Residents

Selina Sarah Elizabeth Anderson

parliamentary candidate, trade unionist and photographic retoucher born in 1878 on Tambaroora Road, Hill End, , only child of Irish-born James Charters, an elderly, illiterate labourer, and his 19-year-old, English-born wife Sarah Lawrence. The later widowed Sarah married Jerome Anderson in 1880 and 'Senie' took his surname. In 1892 she was attending Tambaroora Public School. She later worked in Sydney as an artist and photographic retoucher in the early 1900's.

Anderson was the first woman to contest election for the House of Representatives, in 1903, the 1st Federal election in which women were entitled to stand for parliament. Supported by trade unionists, she polled 17.74 per cent. From 1904 until 1907 she supported the rights of women to become doctors, promoted better conditions for tramway employees and opposed Chinese immigration, becoming secretary of the Anti-Chinese and Asiatic League in 1904. In June she sued a Hill End shopkeeper for defamation, alleging that he had described her as a woman of 'libidinous and licentious nature and disposition'. She maintained that these remarks had prevented her standing for the Senate, but the case was unsuccessful.

By 1904 Anderson was a member of the organizing committee of the Labor Council of NSW, in the Pymont Labor League and Labor Women's League. She helped set up the Cardboard Box Makers' Union and was a delegate from the Shop Assistants' Union. By 1906 she was one of 7 women on the State

executive of the Australian Labor Party. Anderson had intended to recontest Labor pre-selection; but by 1906 her goal became East Sydney, for which she unsuccessfully sought labor council endorsement. One onlooker later remembered her: 'with a ribbon band across her chest . . . this red headed woman of medium build speaking so well'.

in 1908 at Wellington, she married Irish-born Christopher Siggins, a publican and former alderman. They sailed for New Zealand, in 1909 where Christopher was gaoler at Otago gaol. They had returned to Australia by 1918, when Selina was one of the first two women to stand for the South Australian parliament, as an Independent. Her manifesto included compulsory voting, proportional representation, benefits for returned servicemen , bonuses for families of more than 5 children and price controls for food, she attacked both the Labor Party and socialism. She polled 2.06 per cent.

Moving back to Wellington in 1922, Selina became the first woman delegate to the Farmers and Settlers' Association, she stood unsuccessfully as a second Country Party candidate for the Federal seat of Calare,. By 1928 she was living near Canterbury racecourse, where they had stables and racehorses., Selina Siggins died in 1964. An individualist, with a reputation for meanness in later life, Selina Siggins was articulate and vigorous and earned a place in Australian political history.

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BATH, THOMAS HENRY

Miner, politician, farmer and co-operator, was born on 21 February 1875 at Hill End, New South Wales, son of Thomas Henry Richard Bath, itinerant miner, and his wife Sarah Ann, née Barrow. With only a primary schooling he began work as a miner and sailed for the West Australian goldfields in 1896. Used to the traditional solidarity of mining camps, he slipped easily into the cosmopolitan world of goldfields unionism and, after briefly returning to New South Wales, joined the Amalgamated Workers' Association on its foundation in 1897. Induced to become secretary of a local chapter of the American Knights of Labor, he represented it at the Coolgardie Trade Union Conference of 1899 and in September 1900 became first editor of the Westralian Worker. Though not a trained journalist, he was intelligently self-educated and had a flair for polemical writing. The paper was an immediate success. As secretary of the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Trades and Labor Council, Bath was involved in faction-fighting between miners' unions, and his membership of socialist ginger groups provided some of the impetus for the election of six Labor members to the Legislative Assembly in April 1901. When John Reside, member for Hannans, died in December Bath won the selection ballot and the election. Though his fluency and orderly mind were ideal parliamentary qualities, Henry Daglish did not include him in the first Labor ministry of August 1904 and he became chairman of committees. However, Daglish chose him for lands and education when the ministry was

reconstructed in June 1905. When the government fell in August and the party crashed at the October election, Bath's reputation for rigid probity won him leadership of the dispirited rump. He held his Kalgoorlie suburban seat until 1911. In 1907-10 he shared with Julian Stuart the editorial chair of the Westralian Worker but was so weary by 1909 that he planned to abandon politics. He was persuaded to remain in parliament but gave up the leadership and his editorial work. Bath administered lands and agriculture until November 1914 when he resigned the portfolios and his Avon constituency to devote his life to farming. An original university endowment trustee of 1903, he helped to establish the University of Western Australia. He was also a committee-member of the Public Library and Museum of Western Australia. Bath preferred co-operation to socialism as a social panacea and from 1922 was a leader in the farmers' co-operative movement represented by Westralian Farmers Ltd. He was a trustee of the wheat pool from. He wrote regularly on the economics of wheat in Wesfarmers Gazette which he edited for a time, and in the Primary Producer; his pamphlets on similar topics warned against the coming depression. For several years he was secretary of the Co-operative Federation of Australia, in 1943-48 he was vice-chairman, then chairman of Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd which disposed of the whole State crop. In 1948 he was appointed C.B.E. Bath died at his Mount Lawley home in 1956.

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