



Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group

Newsletter

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Dear Hill Endites and Tambaroorians,

Once again, we have an exciting year ahead planned for 2017.

Our Annual Gathering will take place on Saturday 4 March 2017 at Rhodes Park at Concord starting at 10am. Our venue is the large shelter shed located right next to the Kokoda Café adjacent to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. This is about a 5-minute stroll from Rhodes railway station downhill towards Concord Road and across onto the Kokoda Walkway at Brays Bay Reserve. Or, if coming by bus alight at the Hospital Road bus stop and stroll down Fremont St to the park entrance. Further detailed instructions, directions and a map are included at the end of this newsletter.



Now is the time to gather the family together and join us in the Park (hail, rain or shine as we have plenty of cover) to remember your Hill End & Tambaroora ancestors and possibly meet up with some new “branches” to add to the family tree. It is also an opportunity to browse through many of the hard copies of the resources that we have indexed and placed on our upgraded website. This is when you can really appreciate all the hard work of our volunteers in transcribing and indexing the names and localities from these old handwritten documents. This is a skill that we are really appreciating now as one can only wonder at the future generations, if, coming from a computerized world, they will be able to actually read and interpret the old scripts. Sad but true...

And still sadder but just as true is the fact that the National Parks and Wildlife Service is continuing to charge us rent of \$300 a day to run our twice-yearly market in the Royal Hall at Easter and October Long Weekend. Throughout 2016 we made numerous attempts to appeal to their sense of community support for this activity, starting at the local office in Hill End and finishing with a written appeal to

Mark Speakman, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage. Each reply was almost a carbon copy of a previous response with just varying reasons as to why we still had to pay the commercial rate. Each communication appeared to provide a small loophole which was fitted to our cause but when this was appropriately addressed a new obstacle appeared. Despite numerous email appeals and reports on our community activities the goal posts seemed to keep changing and finally the sudden departure of the Regional Manager meant we were back to square one

However, we plan to continue our campaign in the eventual hope that they will see reason. We do not want the Hall for free, and are happy to pay a reasonable rental from the stall holder fees raised (approx. \$150 per weekend). We are just asking that NPWS waive the full \$300 fee per day. At this current rate, it takes a considerable chunk of our profits on the day and makes it hardly worthwhile to run this community event. The amount of work involved in promoting, preparing and running the market just does not make it a economic proposition at this rate. Stallholders already pay an appropriate fee and to double this may just mean that they cannot afford to participate. Hall rental in surrounding towns such as Hargraves, Sofala and Ilford are around \$50 a day, which seems far more suitable. We are aware that the upkeep on these heritage buildings is ongoing however it should not be at the expense of a longstanding community activity. We also love to see the Hall open and accessible during these peak periods so that visitors to the village can view the historic photograph collection that is on display as well.

In the meantime, we are also very pleased to announce that a sponsor has come to our aid for 2017 if needed.



The Discover Central NSW Magazine has been a great supporter of all our activities in the past, and has helped promote our events on a regular basis. Guy Hannaford, the current Editor is a great HillEndiophile and has come on board in providing financial assistance for the Markets. The Discover Magazine is a monthly publication, available at most tourist venues and Visitor Information Centres in the Central West. It provides a full page of information on most of the towns and their current

activities, markets, festivals, Museums, accommodation and other tourist attractions. It is in good old fashioned colourful hard copy and can be carried with you as you visit all the towns in the region. We guarantee that you will need to spend at least a couple of months in the area to see all the activities it promotes! Look out for your copy when you are next in the region and support these local businesses.

And to top it off, we are very grateful to Mayor Gary Rush and Bathurst Regional Council who covered the 2016 shortfall between money raised from stallholders' fees and the full rental price through their Donation Funding to local community groups. In supporting this request for assistance, it was recorded that *Councillors should note that this is another example of a State Government Department passing on a fee to local government.* Read the story in the ["Western Advocate" of 15 November](#)

With the demise of the Hill End Progress Association in late 2015 we also found ourselves without insurance coverage for this event in the village. However, because we are working with the School who also have a stall for their raffles and fundraising we now run the market under their umbrella as a school event as Friends of Hill End Public School. We have included an application form in this newsletter if you would like to help support this unique educational facility who are fostering the future population of the town. When it comes to other events we are happy to announce that we are now covered for insurance purposes by the Hill End Arts Council as our happenings align closely with their activities too. It has truly been a year of administrative nightmares but we are now well on track to ensure that we have everything covered. I am well over bureaucracy!

Having now jumped down off the soapbox we acknowledge the assistance given by NPWS in allowing us to use the Royal Hall at no charge for our Family History Open Weekend from noon on Friday 5 May until Sunday 7 May. This will be a free event in the Hall and we also plan to be running workshops and talks in the Conference Room at the Hill End Lodge Motel. More details further in this issue.

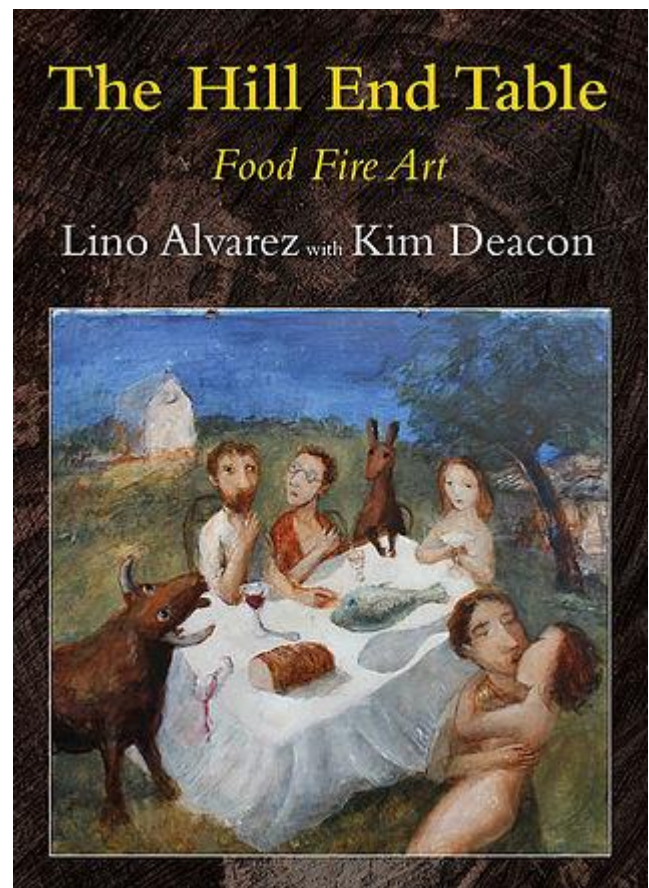


Condolences

We have been notified of the passing of the following Gathering Group members since our last newsletter: Phillip Gill (died 14 Oct 2016)

Robert (Bob) Marshall (Craigmoor) died Dec 2016
Our sincere sympathies are extended to their families.

A New Hill End publication



We are excited to announce a new publication dished up from the talents of the local community. Hannah McLurcan wasn't the only cook be associated with the culinary skills of this goldfields village.

The Hill End Table - Food, Fire, Art is a celebration of Lino Alvarez and Kim Deacon's passion for food, ceramics and art and takes the reader on a journey from the deserts of Northern Mexico to the historic gold mining town of Hill End, NSW. The Hill End Table is a unique and eclectic publication, containing a diverse selection of Lino and Kim's delicious home cooked recipes, memoirs from the journey, essays on food, art and culture, and photographs and artworks by artists synonymous with the artistic legacy and current life of Hill End.

This book was 2 years in the making and includes artworks (painting, sculpture, photography) from an incredible array of Australia's leading artists- past and present; all who have a Hill End connection and who have contributed to enhance the flavours, scents and images of this exceptional couple's lives.

Copies are available for \$65 from their website at <http://www.lapalomapottery.com/>.

Identified at Last: Frederick Dalton and the Western Goldfields Articles

Peter Crabb, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University, Canberra

Two years ago, I wrote a short article for the *HEATGG Newsletter* entitled ‘A Visit to the Western Goldfields’.¹ It outlined how research I had undertaken with two colleagues at the University of Newcastle had concluded that the series of articles with this name and two related ones were not written by Charles de Boos². I concluded the short article by saying that we were undertaking further research to endeavour to put a name to ‘Mr. Anonymous’.

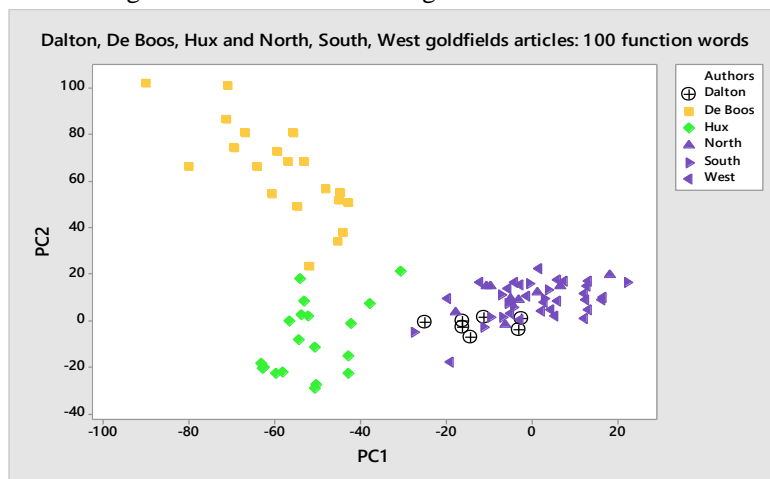
With our research completed and published, we can now provide the writer with a name. He was Frederick Dalton, who not only wrote for the *Sydney Morning Herald* but subsequently became a Gold Commissioner and then a Mining Warden and Police Magistrate in colonial New South Wales. You can find more information about Frederick Dalton in our article in *History Australia*³ and in a more detailed biography by our colleague Brendan Dalton, which can be found in the online Australian Dictionary of Biography⁴. But how did we achieve our result?

We had three series of goldfields articles, Western, Southern, and Northern, which we suspected had all been written by the same person. Especially given the quality of his work, we felt that it was unfortunate that his identity should remain unknown. Then the unexpected happened. Serendipitously, Brendan Dalton had come across some of my work on Charles de Boos, and realized the similarities of the life and work of de Boos with what he had found of his own ancestor, Frederick Dalton. Brendan contacted me and after a number of extended ‘coffee shop’ discussions, we agreed that there was enough evidence to suggest that his ancestor, Frederick Dalton, was our ‘anonymous’ author. Particularly important were small bits of information in the *Sydney Morning Herald* which would have been next to impossible to find without the resources of the National Library of Australia’s ‘Trove’ website. It was the same kind of information that had led me to believe that Charles de Boos could not have written the Western Goldfields series. But as in that case, we needed more supporting evidence.

Our next step was to try to provide more evidence that the three series of articles had indeed been written by the same person. Further textual analysis by Alexis Antonia strongly suggested that this was the case. So, we had enough evidence to compare these articles with other writing known to be by Dalton. But we had no known other newspaper articles by him, as we had with de Boos. All we had were a number of annual and other reports. Not only were these

written later, they were a very different type of writing, undertaken in Dalton’s capacities as a Gold Commissioner and Mining Warden. Initial tests were suggestive but by no means conclusive. So, further analysis was undertaken, using writing from Dalton’s goldfields series and his government reports, together with work by Charles de Boos and James Hux.

As I wrote in the previous article, everyone’s writing is different, not only in style, but in the use of words, the words themselves that are used and the numbers of times they are used. Putting it another way, each writer has his or her own literary finger print. In the figure based on the technique used here (Principal Component Analysis), the writings of the three authors are clearly separated, while the government writings of Dalton sit within his goldfields articles. There is



very little doubt, if any, that the three goldfields series of articles were written by Frederick Dalton.

This is a story of collaborative research, starting with my own work on Charles de Boos and taking it further with the generous collaboration of Dr Alexis Antonia and Professor Hugh Craig at the Centre for Literary and Linguistic Computing at the University of Newcastle (NSW). Then, ‘out of the blue’, came Brendan Dalton and his initial work on Frederick Dalton, work that has been significantly stimulated by our subsequent collaborative research.

In spite of what I said at the beginning of this short article, research is rarely if ever finished. For Brendan, it certainly isn’t. Not long after his article appeared in the online Australian Dictionary of Biography, he was contacted by a person – once again, out of the blue – who suggested (and provided evidence to support the suggestion) that Frederick Dalton was in fact, Bartholomew Frederick Lloyd. Although he had disappeared from New South Wales, it appears that he had actually returned to the United States and his first wife and family in Chicago. Bartholomew’s story before and after Australia will almost certainly be an interesting one! But that is a subject for Brendan’s further research and, at a future date, a story for him to tell.

¹ *Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter*, 16 (January, 1915), 7-8.

² Peter Crabb, Alexis Antonia, and Hugh Craig (2014): “Who wrote ‘A Visit to the Western Goldfields’? Using computers to analyse language in historical research”. *History Australia*, 11 (3), 177-193.

³ Brendan Dalton, Alexis Antonia, Peter Crabb, and Hugh Craig (2016): “Identifying another goldfields reporter: Frederick Dalton (1815-1880)”. *History Australia*, 13(4), 557-574.

⁴ Brendan Dalton, Dalton, Brendan (2015): “Frederick Dalton (1815-1880): uncovering a life of gold”. *Obituaries Australia*, Australian Centre of Biography, Australian National University, <http://adb.anu.edu.au/essay/15>. This article may be more easy to access than the one in *History Australia*.



Clarke Street Hill End c 1910

Retail reminiscences

Thanks to the NSW Sands Postal Directories available to us on the City of Sydney website we can observe a snapshot of the country commercial directory of Hill End and Tambaroora districts over a period of time. You may just find your ancestor listed amongst the many...[Check them out online](#)

We have extracted the 1903, 1925 and the 1930 entries for the district, showing just who was who in the business part of town during these years.

In 1903, Hill End, boasted a self-sufficient business community with a suitably adequate commercial district providing the following facilities and retail experiences. A number of these business had been operating since the golden period of the 1870s and were still servicing the local community.

| Name | Business |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ackland, Thomas | Ironmonger & Timber Merchant |
| Beech, H and Co. | General Store |
| Brailey, Thomas | Wheelwright |
| Bryant, George Henry & Sons | Butcher |
| Carmichael, John | Baker & Confectioner |
| Emmett, William J | Hairdresser |
| Eyre, Mrs Sarah | Royal Hotel |
| Henry, Dr | Physician |
| Hodge, W.F. | Carrier |
| Jenkyns, William | Blacksmith |
| Longmore, James | Blacksmith |
| Medford, Charles | Fruiterer |
| Millen, John | Commercial Hotel |
| Northey, Robert | Grocer |
| Northey, R, Jnr | Boots and Shoes and Saddler |
| On Gay Jang and Co. | General Store |
| Plummer, William | General Store |
| Pymont, Alfred and Co. | General Store |
| Reid, Joseph D | Butcher |
| Reid, James | Draper |
| Trestrail, Miss A. | Fruiterer and Confectioner |
| Weir, Laurence | Weir's Hotel |

Even Tambaroora had 3 stores to serve the local population as well as the Hotel.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Colley, Thomas | General Store |
| Dagger, Alfred | Hargraves Hotel |
| Dagger, E | General Store |
| Hang Gay | General Store |

By 1925 some of the old familiar names remained and some had been replaced by names which are more familiar today

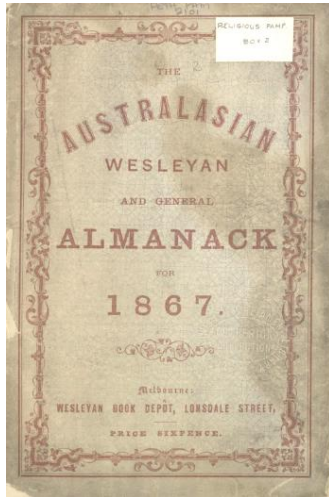
| Name | Business |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Anderson, Frank | Butcher |
| Beech, H. & Co, | General Store |
| Campbell, Robert | Grazier |
| Cooke, Vivian C | Teamster |
| Dougherty, Arthur | Grazier |
| Eyre, Oswald F. | Royal Hotel |
| Hodge, Alfred H | Baker etc. |
| Hodge, W.F. | Carrier |
| Jenkyns, William | Blacksmith |
| Le Messurier, A | Auctioneer etc, |
| Martin, Charles | Station Manager |
| On Gay Jang and Co. | General Store |
| Read, William | Grazier |
| Risby, George | Fruiterer |
| Stuart, Duncan | Grazier |
| Suttor, Thomas C. (J.P.) | Grazier |
| Thompson, J. E. | Public School |
| Trestrail, Miss P | Fruiterer |
| Warry Bros. | Butchers |
| Weir, H | Fruiterer |
| Weir, Laurence | Weir's Hotel |
| Whittaker, Victory J | Farmer. |

However, by 1925 it was obvious that the population was dwindling and so to were the services offered. Some familiar names remained but others had disappeared from the commercial districts. These were the ones that were left. Enough for the basics but it was obvious that regular trips for supplies were starting to be made into Mudgee and Bathurst.

| Name | Business |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Beech, H. & Co. | General Store |
| Eyre, Oswald F. | Royal Hotel |
| Hodge, Alfred | Baker, Etc |
| Hodge, W.F. | Carrier |
| On Gay Jang and Co. | General Store |
| Peisley, Richard | Fruiterer |
| Petrie, Walter | Butcher |
| Stuart, Duncan | Grazier |
| Warry, Walter | Fruiterer |
| Weir, Laurence | Weir's Hotel |
| Whittaker, Victory J. | Farmer |

And by 1930 there were no business remaining at Tambaroora that were recorded in the Sands Directory.

Tambaroora Telegraph



Are you one of those people who just loves “trivia” and who dives into Google to check on facts and figures? Well, what happened before Mr Google was invented? People used Almanacs – a wonderful source of details about the most “way out” matters that you could possibly imagine. They were annual publications and could provide such matters as weather forecasts, astronomical data, planting dates for farmers, tide tables,

the times of the rising and setting of the sun and moon, eclipses, hours of full tide, church festivals, and so on.

We recently discovered that the Australasian Wesleyan Almanack for 1867 is [available online](#)) In it we found the prices, in shillings and pence, of using the electric telegraph to send messages between Melbourne and Tambaroora. At 7/- per ten words one could imagine that messages were very brief and to the point.

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| ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Head Office: William-street. General Superintendent, S. W. M'GOWAN. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Office for the Transmission of Messages: Exchange Buildings, Market Square, Melbourne. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MELBOURNE: | | | MELBOURNE: | | | MELBOURNE: | | | | | |
| From or to | Ten Words | Each additional Word | From or to | Ten Words | Each additional Word | From or to | Ten Words | Each additional Word | | | |
| NEW SOUTH WALES. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sydney | 6 | 0 0 4 | Hartley | 7 | 0 0 4 | Pictou | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Albury | 4 | 0 0 3 | Hay | 6 | 0 0 4 | Queanbeyan | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Araduen | 6 | 0 0 4 | Kiama | 7 | 0 0 4 | Seone | 8 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Armidale | 8 | 0 0 4 | Kiandra | 6 | 0 0 4 | Singleton | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Bathurst | 7 | 0 0 4 | Kyamba | 6 | 0 0 4 | Sofala | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Bendemeer | 8 | 0 0 4 | Liverpool | 6 | 0 0 4 | South Head | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Berrima | 6 | 0 0 4 | Maitland, E. | 7 | 0 0 4 | Tamworth | 8 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Braidwood | 6 | 0 0 4 | Maitland, W. | 7 | 0 0 4 | Tenterfield | 8 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Campbelltown | 6 | 0 0 4 | Merriwa | 8 | 0 0 4 | Tumut | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Cassilis | 8 | 0 0 4 | Moama | 4 | 0 0 3 | Urana | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Cooma | 6 | 0 0 4 | Morpeth | 7 | 0 0 4 | Wagga Wagga | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Deniliquin | 6 | 0 0 4 | Mudgee | 8 | 0 0 4 | Wellington | 8 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Dubbo | 8 | 0 0 4 | Murrumbidgee | 8 | 0 0 4 | Windsor | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Forbes | 6 | 0 0 4 | brook | 8 | 0 0 4 | Woolombi | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Glen Innes | 8 | 0 0 4 | Newcastle | 7 | 0 0 4 | Wollongong | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Goulburn | 6 | 0 0 4 | Orange | 7 | 0 0 4 | Yass | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Grafton | 8 | 0 0 4 | Parramatta | 6 | 0 0 4 | Young | 6 | 0 0 4 | | | |
| Gundagai | 6 | 0 0 4 | Penrith | 7 | 0 0 4 | | | | | | |

A new invention in Australia, the telegraph was first installed in Victoria in 1854. The New South Wales Government then commenced construction of the Sydney to Liverpool telegraph line, a distance of 20 miles, which opened on 30 December 1857. The Liverpool line was extended to Albury on the NSW/Victorian border, a distance of 200 miles, in October 1858. This line then connected with a line from Melbourne thus linking the two capitals. At this time, Sydney – Melbourne and Adelaide became connected by telegraph. In 1867 the first direct line linking Adelaide and Sydney was opened.



A side view of the original Telegraph office at Tambaroora, located next to Corry's Bakery in Mudgee Road, showing messages posted on the front wall. This was taken from a Holtermann view of the business district of Tambaroora in the early 1870s.

Communications with the goldfields was an essential service and the Post Office had been established in October 1862 in a property rented from Mr T Paten at a yearly rental of £20. Whilst a Mr D. St. Maunder appears to have been originally appointed to the position of Station Master on 8 July 1863, nothing more is heard of him and this appointment was updated in the Government Gazette of 29 July 1863 when it was noted that Mr John Peter Olsen was to take up the position which he then held for 3 years. In March 1866 Mr Olsen was regretfully farewelled by the citizens of Hill End & Tambaroora with an illuminated address when he was promoted and transferred to Moulamein.

At this time, Mr Alexander Burnett (late Stationmaster at Bendemeer) was then appointed to the position in Tambaroora. He was definitely a young man going places.



MR. ALEX. BURNETT.

In 1861 Burnett, when just 14 years of age was appointed by Mr. Arnold, Minister for Works, to the Telegraph Department, Sydney, at a salary of £52 per year. At this time, 1862, there were only five instruments, about eight operators, and six boys to deliver telegrams, the daily delivery being about 300. Having learned to operate, Mr. Burnett, after a few months, was placed in charge of the telegraph office at Sydney, at Redfern railway station, when only about half a dozen trains ran in daily, and one four-horse bus conveyed most of the passengers. When about 17 years of age, Mr. Burnett was further promoted as telegraph master at Tambaroora and was there in 1867 when this Almanack was produced. Sometime before 1870 the Post Office and

Telegraph Office were amalgamated and placed under Burnett's control.

Mr. Burnett remembered the case of a miner who found indications of a gold reef near a hut which he had occupied for years, on unregistered land adjoining the town. He intended to prospect the ground someday. In the meantime, two miners who had returned to the district hard-up were provided by Mrs. Beard, a local storekeeper, with, tools and food. They prospected near the hut referred to and found the 'Independent Reef,' which, the adjoining alluvial ground, yielded many thousands of pounds' worth of gold, and the man who resided over it for years had to remove to allow others to unearth the wealth that should have been his, but was lost through procrastination.

After working his way up the ladder in a number of country positions Burnett was appointed superintendent of mails in 1902, in which position, he had control of over 700 officials engaged in dealing with the millions of letters and other articles passing yearly through the G.P.O. In 1904 he was elected chairman of the committee which visited the larger States to bring about uniformity of working and received special acknowledgment of his services.

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"I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING WEALTHY RELATIVES."

The GARD Family of Wattle Flat, Wallaby Rocks, Hill End & Sofala, NSW.

Excerpts from an article by Suzanne Palmer-Gard. As she does not have internet access she can be contacted at 29 Windah St Kabra QLD 4702 (07) 4933-1798

For those interested in the full story of the Gard family in Hill End (including footnotes and researcher's references) please contact Lorraine at heatgg@yahoo.com.au.

JOHN GARD.

To look at a photo of 'this impish Irish fellow' with his headpiece at a rakish angle, one can only have his persona explained from a dictionary's interpretation of this word: 'An utterly shamelessly immoral and lax man of fashionable society, who is recklessly extravagant, unrestrained by law and goes beyond the realms of the proper, customary bounds and limits.' Others who knew him, describe him as an 'egotist...more circumspect than his brother Tom, keen at business and a shrewd, sagacious sportsman. He could shape a bit, too. though not of so bellicose a nature as his brother. He was a publican, storekeeper, or Gold buyer. John Gard was straight and square.

The first mention of John Gard in Australia is from the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 17th January 1851, where it is noted that John had purchased land in Kiama. He had been living in Kiama, with his brothers Thomas and William and his young family. John's occupation was that of a Wheelwright. In later years John confirms this by saying that he 'had built a brewery in Kiama with my brother, and would have stayed there had not the discovery ...of gold had not been conveyed to us. In May 1851...in the company of others...started for the rush...arriving at a place called the Big Wallaby on the Turon of New South Wales, in June 1851.'

Although the first documents found were those of his brother William in Kiama N.S.W, suggesting that it was he who was the eldest sibling, John came into his own when William died in 1853. I am also of the opinion that this Gard family had 'money' and 'expertise' in the areas that they had chosen to pursue, which were Hotels and Breweries. John Gard became 'entrepreneurial'; he built and ran hotels and a store: he bought shares, discovered and financed mines after he moved into the Sofala area of N.S.W, where his married brother Thomas, was 'scratching' for gold.

The first documentation found for John Gard, after 1851 was a licence, as a Publican at the 'Green Wattle Inn' at Wattle Flat. He held this license between 1st October 1854 and July 1856. He married Mary Lonerigan in Sofala, on the 29th August 1855. She was 16 years old.

MARY LONERIGAN.

Mary was born circa 1839 in, Tipperary, Ireland. Her parents were William, born January 1814 in Tipperary

and Mary who was born at the same place c1811. Mary's sister Hanora (Nora) was born 1831.

The family arrived in Australia on the vessel "China". The Master was Captain Robertson and they arrived in Sydney 7th September 1841. What happened to Mary's mother is not known, but her father William married an Ellen Burke (Bourke) in Sydney in 1843. Mary's half-brother, Patrick Joseph, was born 1843, in Sofala.

After marrying Mary Lonerigan, John Gard held a Publican's licence for 'The Land We Live Inn', at Bowen Street, Sofala from 1st September 1855 to 30th June 1856. An advertisement was placed in the *Bathurst Free Press*, on the 29th December 1855: 'to sell by private contract, the well-known Public House of John Gard in Sofala that has a well-stocked vegetable garden' because Mr. Gard is about to visit one of the sister colonies.'

By the 22nd April 1856 he has returned from 'where he went' and to the 1st July 1857 he held the licence for the 'The Swan of Erin'. Was John successful with these businesses? We can only guess, because at the time of the birth of their first child, Mary Elizabeth, John's occupation is that of a 'Wheelwright'. Mary Elizabeth was born 5th September 1856 at Spring Creek via Sofala.

Why, we don't know, but it was probably around this time that the decision was made for the children of the Kiama Gard's to come to live with the extended families of their Uncle's John and Thomas, in the Sofala area. Housing became necessary and a priority. 'The Wallaby Inn' at Wallaby Rocks, at Peaks crossing, on the Turon River, was up for sale in 1856/7. The property consisted of an:

INN, 60 feet x 18 feet; the walls of which are of stone, plastered. 18 inches thick. The BAR is fitted up in superior style. The KITCHEN is 24 feet x 16 feet, and is slabbed and pointed. The STABLE is 40 feet x 18 feet, and contains six stalls. There is a BLACKSMITHS SHOP, with a complete set of tools, and a STORE well supplied, a-joining the premises.

The following advert appeared in the *'Bathurst Free Press'*, 25th April 1857:

'PRO BONO PUBLICO' - John Gard (late of Sofala,) having purchased the 'Wallaby Inn', Lower Turon, intends to combine moderate charges with civility, and by furnishing the very best accommodation, both for MAN and HORSE begs those that travel that way to favour him with a call, it being delightfully situated on the banks of the Golden Turon, on the direct road to Tambaroora, Louisa Creek and most of the Western Gold Fields.'

The children of the Kiama Gard's arrived in Wallaby Rocks around 1857. Catherine was 15, William Jnr. was 12, Mary Ann was 8 and Rosina was 6 years old. William Junior was put in charge of the store and Catherine was

probably in charge of the nine younger children of this extended family.

John Gard held the licence for the 'Wallaby Inn', from 1857 to July of 1866. During that time, he advertised this hotel 'to let or for sale' on the 5th July 1862. The hotel was described to be, "the oldest house on the diggings, built of stone, with a bark roof. There is a kitchen; stables, store, and a garden well stocked with fruit trees'.

Mary and John were to have four more children while they were here. Thomas and Cordelia were living on Spring Creek at Wattle Flat where four more of their children were born. From the *'Bathurst Free Press'*, of 25th September 1860, it was reported: 'John Gard publican has tried unsuccessfully, with £500 to buy his way into a claim, 40 feet x 40 feet'. From the same paper, on the 21st November 1860, 'John Gard Publican and storekeeper of Lower Turon, was robbed of between four and five hundred pounds' worth of gold specimens, the thief missing the same amount on a nearby table.' It appears that John Gard also had a 'reputation'. During his time at Wallaby Rocks, he was known to have been a Pugilist, and Wallaby Rocks 'was John Gard's Town'.

When and if the Store and Hotel at Wallaby Rocks was sold, or leased, is not known, but a John Wrench became the new licensee in 1865/66. As there are no land documents for the sale of this land or property it can be surmised that these premises were built on a 'miners lease' or a Homesteaders Lease, which was cheaper and easy to dispose of, without the 'hassle' of legal documents. In August of 1866 John Gard purchased, from John Smeed, allotments 50 and 52 at Wattle Flat, via Sofala, which included 'The Butcher's Arms' hotel, paying £440, and at the same time purchasing allotments 49 at auction for £13/2/-. Allotment 52 became 'Gard's Paddock', from which gold was taken. To the East of this land, I suspect William Gard Jnr. held the mining lease for the 'Eldorado' at Spring Creek. He was noted on the electoral roll as having land at Wattle Creek.

William Gard, the nephew, from Kiama, was now 21. He had been the manager of the store at Wallaby Rocks, since coming to live with his Uncle John. At Wattle Flat his occupation was that of a butcher. His sporting interest was cricket and he played in the Sofala cricket team. John Gard held the licence for 'The Butchers Arms', from 1866 until January of 1868, when he deeded allotments 50 and 52 in Wattle Flat to Mary, his wife, 'in consideration of the love and affection, which the said settler (John Gard) bears towards his wife'. Her trustees were her nephew William Gard and half-brother, Patrick Joseph Lonerigan.

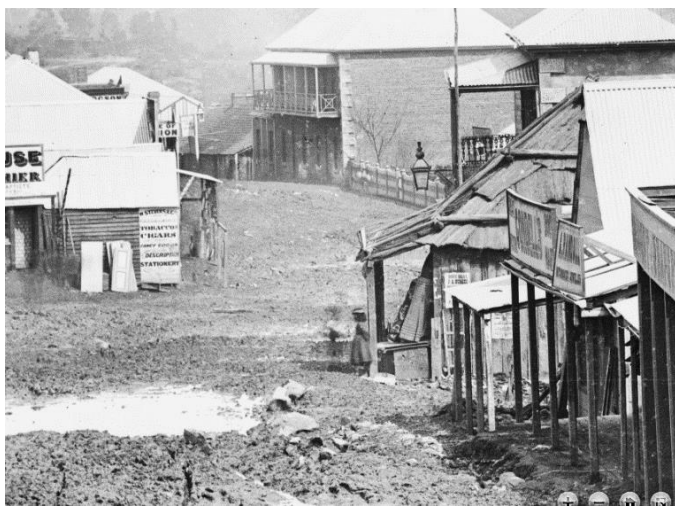
'The Butchers Arms' became 'Gard's Hotel' on the 24th August 1869. Two more children were born here to John and Mary, whilst Thomas and Cordelia had one. John, Thomas and nephew William, remained on the electoral rolls and in the P.O. Directories of Wattle Flat from 1866 to 1870.

Meanwhile, Bald Hill, later Hill-End was turning into a 'prosperous' town. A General [branch] Store, made of slab bark and situated in Clarke Street, Hill End, was purchased by John Gard, on 25th November 1870 and managed by William Gard Jnr. It has been described as, '...the bark roofed store of John Gard nestled squatly under the shadow of Patrick Coyle's Club House Hotel.



John Gard's General Store

Gard resolutely refused to keep in step with progress by re-roofing his shop-dwelling with corrugated iron, according to the prevailing mode. When a further alignment survey, made in 1873, confirmed the fact that the veranda posts projected into the street, the problem was solved, to his own satisfaction at least, by erecting props bedded on his land but projecting to an angle over the street to support the bark awning.'



Details from a photograph of Clarke St clearly showing the verandah jutting out into the street, before being "modified".

In December of 1869 John Gard had started building 'The Hawkins Hill Hotel', on the corner of Thomas and Reef Streets, on the land 'owned' by his nephew, William. The Hotel was described 'as a large single-storey structure which included a ballroom used for dinners, dances, lodge meetings and other social functions'. There was a cottage already on the very corner of this property and it may have been where the extended family lived after much refurbishment. In a Hill End newspaper of 23rd September

1871, an advertisement appears for 'A Grand Odd Fellows Ball in connection with this order will be held on the 25th September, at Gard's 'Hawkins Hill Hotel', Hill End. The Committee comprised Messers B.O. Holtermann, F.A. Holtermann, W. Lush, T. Everett, J. Salkeld, T. Foote, W. Gard, from whom tickets may be obtained. The Bathurst Brass Band will attend.' William was still in the Sofala cricket team and had been appointed to the Hill End Cricket Club Committee.

William purchased a four-acre 'goldfield lease' on Hawkins Hill, which had 'good gold'. 'Gold having been got from the claim warrants the owner in trying to form a local company to work the ground and from what I hear a majority of the shares are likely to be subscribed on the spot'. Good stone was uncovered in December 1871, and in the following month the vein came into view. In a trial crushing in July 1872, of 4 tons, gave 30 oz of gold, and stoping began. The company that was formed was called 'The Lady Belmore Mine'. Thomas Gard and his son John Thomas Gard were two of the principals on that board. Although no figures are available, it is known that up to the end of 1873, very satisfactory returns were obtained by the £12,000 Co. that took over. In the '*Sydney Morning Herald*', of the 20th January 1872, John Gard is described as 'one of Hill Ends wealthiest men taking up a mining lease at Bald Hill. Gard's went 2oz. per ton. John Gard held 1000 shares in the Great Amalgamated Co. as at 24th April 1874. The Lady Belmore Mine was evidently absorbed into The Great Amalgamated Company that crushed 59 tons for 32 oz. of gold, at that time. Graham and Burns put eight tons through for 30 oz. of gold.

Although John Gard is listed among 'Hill End's wealthiest men', his 'wealth' was 'on paper', but no shortage of cash stopped him, when word got out about the riches in Queensland. John sold his interest in the 'Victoria Hotel' to Joseph Wythes. He also relinquished the General Store in Clarke St, Hill End, to John Williams in lieu of a loan of £400, on the 21st March 1872. It appears that this money was raised so that Thomas Gard and his son Robert could make the journey to the North, on a 'reconnaissance mission' on behalf of the Gard family.

Thomas's 'findings', on his return to Hill End, must have been 'well received'. Soon after, John arrived back in Charters Towers in November 1872, with money raised by selling the 'goodwill, furniture and grog' of the 'Hawkins Hill Hotel' to Charles Spouncer for £840 in November of 1872. John also borrowed more money from John Williams, (who also travels to Charters Towers with him) all of which eventually led to John's 'fraudulent insolvency' in Hill End.

John had returned to Hill End, where his creditors caught up with him. By the 17th April 1873, John Gard was declared bankrupt. The Compulsory Sequestration was between W. S. Friend and Co. v John Gard. His 'Insolvent Schedule' claimed, 'he owed 30 debtors' who have a total



Gard's Hawkins Hill Hotel (Holtermann Collection)

of £700 owing to them; whilst John's 'personal' assets only amounted to £1302.10.6'. Collectively, the Gard's still had property in the Hill End and Wattle Flat area. John's wife Mary had 'Gard's Hotel' and the store at Wattle Flat. William Jnr sold his land on which the 'Hawkins Hill Hotel' was built on the 10th June 1873.

Mary was again with child, and Henry Joseph was born on the 21st April 1874 in Hill End N.S.W. John was the informant on the 25th May 1874 and then he returned to Charters Towers with two of his sons, on the 'Florence Irving' in August 1874. John Gard made another trip, with another son, from Sydney on the 4th September 1874, on this same vessel. It left the A.S.N.Co's wharf in Sydney heading for the ports of Brisbane, Bowen, Townsville, Cardwell and Cooktown. Mary and the rest of the family followed later.

John's wife Mary and their younger children did embark on the arduous journey from Hill End in early 1875. Family rumour said that she had the help of another woman. They travelled by boat from Sydney to Townsville, then by coach to Charters Towers. It was non-stop from Townsville, because the driver of the coach had to ride a horse in the Charters Towers Races.

The Queensland 'exploits' of the extended family of GARD'S are another story.

A Brisbane Gathering

While on the subject of Queensland a hastily organized Northern Gathering was held when Lorraine found herself heading there in early December. With the weather really hotting up we were fortunate to be able to use the meeting room at Carindale Library where we went through the new website and discussed various family stories and brickwalls. It was lovely to see so many enthusiastic Gathering Group members who made the effort to travel some distance to join us on the day.

Among others there were representatives of the following families in attendance.

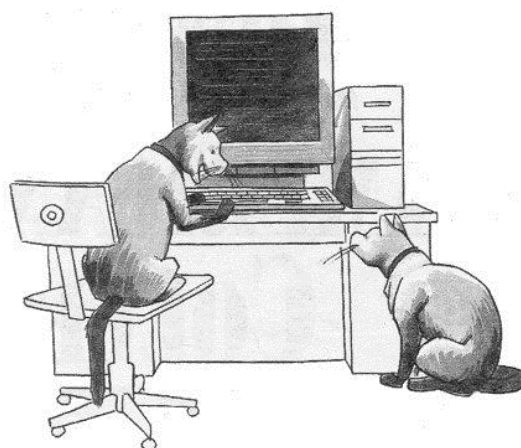
Clothier, Vidler, Maris Dorhauer, Walpole, Krohmann, Ackermann, Murray, Jarman, Anderson

Beyers Ave Trees – update

As a result of my article in the last newsletter I was contacted by a few members who had arranged for memorial trees to be planted in honour of their ancestors some time ago and whose names weren't on the list. This prompted me to investigate further and we discovered another earlier listing which had been compiled in the early 1980s and which was held by NPWS in their files.

This record also listed all the trees planted or in existence at that time. It seems that over the years the original plaques may have disappeared due to a number of reasons including natural attrition, souvenir hunters, weathering, termites eating the wooden stands and the ravages of ride-on lawn mowers used to keep the verges neat. Sadly, also some of the trees had passed their use by date and had been removed for safety reasons. However, the good news is that most of these trees have been replaced over time and the Avenue continues to pay tribute to those early pioneers, even if they are not individually recognized. This is Mother Nature for you.

National Parks are well aware of the significance of this now famous Avenue and have included it in their Plan of Managements and Masterplans. Bathurst Council has also recognized it in their Heritage Plan.



"So far I've discovered I was in a litter of eight and my mother's name was Fluffy!"

PS...my dog can't use a computer but my cat knows what to do with a mouse....

More Gold Mining Leases on our website

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Department of Mines,
Sydney, 22nd January, 1875.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR GOLD MINING LEASES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undermentioned Leases have been forwarded to the Warden at Bathurst for delivery to the Lessees, and unless the Lessees pay the arrears of rent, if any, and take delivery of their respective Leases forthwith, they will be returned to this Department for cancellation.

Lessees who desire to appoint an attorney to execute and take delivery of their Lease, can obtain a form of power of attorney on application at the Warden's or any Mining Registrar's Office, or at this Department.

If it be so desired, Leases can be forwarded for execution and delivery to the Clerk of any Warden's Court within the District, or to the Department in Sydney.

R. P. ABBOTT.

Our northern volunteer Russell Dorhauer has once more come up with the goods. As well as formatting a huge listing of Western Goldfields mining applications for 1872/3 which now appears [here on our website](#), he has trolled further issues of the NSW Government Gazettes and has located over 200 entries listing the applications for and cancellations of gold mining leases from February 1875 to March 1906. He has compiled the links into one list which has also been [uploaded to our website](#). Just click on the links.

If you had ancestors who were miners it is well worth checking these lists as it gives the approximate location and area of their lease. Due to the extent of the information recorded we have not indexed individual names however it is worth browsing the lists if your ancestors were in the district during this period.

Can you help?

We were recently shown a copy of a group photograph, obviously a family reunion in Hill End, and, judging from the clothing and hairstyles it was possibly in the early 1970s. The photo was taken at the rear of St Paul's Church and it certainly appears to have been a good turn out! Can anyone help with a family name or can you identify any of the participants.... Almost ancient history I know, just 40 + years ago! Email or phone Lorraine on 0408117784 and leave a message



Music to our ears



At the recent Illawarra Folk Festival, folk historians and musicians Rob & Olya Willis (read more about [them here](#)) and Graham Seal performed a song that Rob had collected from Ebb Wren in Forbes.

Titled "Under Bald Hill" it is a simple catchy ditty warning one of the Chinese miners that if he was found shakin' (old term for stealing) he would be seen off the goldfields. Bald Hill is a landmark in the Hill End goldfields and now the site of a lookout. The "crick" (creek) was one of the early sites where gold was located.

'Twas a dark stormy night, not a star was in sight
And the diggin's were quiet and still
From out of his tent a Chinaman went
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill, Bald Hill, Bald Hill,
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill.

If you come here a-shakin' you'll find you're mistaken
You'll get a good shakin' you will.
If shakin's your bent, it's time that you went,
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill, Bald Hill, Bald Hill,
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill.

So back to his tent the Chinaman went
And the diggin's were quiet and still
One solitary soul, he was lookin' for gold,
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill, Bald Hill, Bald Hill,
Beneath the crick under Bald Hill.

With the permission of the performers I was able to video the performance and this and other musical treats are now available on [our website](#).

The story rings true when we read that there were Chinese in the area. On 9 October 1865, a Chinese miner Ah Lun was charged with the wilful murder of Nee Jack at Bald Hill Creek on 23rd July. Evidence provided by other Chinese witnesses recorded that Nee Jack had lent his cousin, Ah Lun, money and they often quarrelled about it. Ah Lun went to the other's tent looking for his money which led to a fight. Nee Jack was found with five wounds to his body and he subsequently died. Ah Lun was tried and found guilty, He was executed by hanging at Bathurst Gaol, where he was "ushered into eternity".

Read the full story of this court case on [Trove here](#)

Other family history group newsletters

In our last newsletter mail out we sent copies to a large number of Family History Groups throughout Australia. A number of them have intimated that they would like to receive copies of our material on a regular basis and in return we will be able to access their journals and newsletters – some in hard copy and some electronically.



As our ancestors moved on from Hill End & Tambaroora to many other places throughout the country one never knows just what may appear in these journals etc. Once we have established this collection we will advise you just what we have available. In the meantime, if we find anything of great importance to research etc. we will keep you posted via the website forum.

One interesting article in one of these issues, by Dianne Hoppe, Armidale Family History Group Centre Co-ordinator, rang a few bells so we have reproduced it (with acknowledgement) for your information:

Pass the Source Please!

Why should we source our research? Surely, we can remember where we got the information from, or can we? It is hard enough remembering what we did last week let alone remembering where we got a photo or a piece of information years ago.

Does it matter if we can't remember where we got the information? Yes, very often it does matter. Sometimes you need to verify that information and it could be years later. You might have found another piece of information that contradicts or adds to the original.

Why is it important to source photos? Sometimes we are lucky and the photos are named. However it is important to know who might have named the photos to validate the accuracy. Also I am sure you have come across that great naming of 'Mum and Dad' or other such generic naming. At least if we know the history of the photo we have a better chance of knowing who mum and dad were.

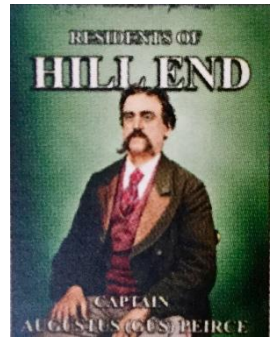
Sourcing also allows you to go back and check for more information. If you have a photocopy of a page from a book and want to know more information, it is important to actually know the name of the book and the author.

What about the Internet? This great resource can be very frustrating as you see all this information, which may or may not be correct. Anybody can put information up and in many cases, it is not proof-read. At least if there is a source you can go back to the original record and check the information yourself. When it is a photograph online it would be great to be able to contact the person who holds the original as they may have more information or other photos.

Bring life to those old photos

Bring your past into the present ... for the future!

If you have traced your Hill End & Tambaroora ancestors back to the district between 1872 and 1875 there is a chance that they may have had their photo taken by the American & Australasian Photographic Company. Over 1300 portraits have been preserved in the Holtermann Collection at the State Library of NSW.



A service is now available to help you locate your ancestors' photographs, restore them and have them transformed into living colour.

Gathering Group member, Christopher Dingle is now offering photo restoration, B & W to colour conversion and Then & Now transitions of old Hill End buildings. Contact Chris to see if he can help you. (Phone 041 607 6291 or email chrisdingle66@gmail.com)

Two sides to every story

During her research for *Golden Diggers* Helen Wood called on a variety of sources when constructing the biographies of our soldiers. Beside official documents and newspaper reports there were many anecdotes that had been "written" into the folklore of the village and had been handed down through the generations. Sometimes these stories can result in conflict with what is believed to be the "factual evidence" as researched and collected by other family members. This can lead to incompatible versions being presented. So, who is right?

Almost 100 years later we are really not in a position to judge either way and perhaps the true story may never really be known. We accept that as time passes the significance of these opposing versions may remain unchanged.

We can't choose our ancestors, we can only accept them for what they were. What really is important is that all these stories, whether fact or fiction, are added to the family archives for future generations to consider so that they may draw their own conclusions. In the interests of preserving this research for upcoming historians we are keen to collect and preserve all versions and not assume that everything is "black and white".

One such situation has arisen concerning the demise of Archie Macfarlane, of Ullamalla, just outside Tambaroora. Helen presented his story in *Golden Diggers*. We have now been provided with further material which offers an alternative view of this chap's life by another family member. While space does not allow us to reproduce this exhaustive document here if anyone would like to see the results of Jeff Hudson's investigations please contact Lorraine for a copy.

Hill End Happenings

Mudgee library is continuing their regular Monday History Talks on the first Monday of the month. The next talk is on Monday 6 February at 10.15am. Librarian, Rachel Carr is looking forward to welcoming new visitors and at the March meeting is encouraging you to bring along any projects you might be working on to share with the group. It could be something you need further information on, or a photograph which others might be able to help identify people or places. All this in a comfortable and informal sharing session, which included morning tea! Further details are on their [website](#)



Sofala Rebellion on the Turon -25 & 26 March 2017



Trouble is once again on the agenda in Sofala as the town prepares for its 4th and biggest yet Rebellion on the Turon weekend on the 25 & 26th March, as the disgruntled miners take on Her Majesty's Redcoats.

The action takes off on at 10am Saturday morning March 25 with the reading of the Riot Act and declaring

Martial Law as an opening shot is fired from an authentic 1820's cannon to mark two days of gold rush era re-enactments and festivities.

The action heats up on Sunday to include a court martial and floggings and the Rebellion on the Turon itself at 1pm. There will be exhibition stalls, Cobb & Co coach rides, penny farthings, pistol and sword duels, a working blacksmith, an 1850s surgeon, music, belly dancers and maypole dancing. The Royal Hotel Sofala is hosting a bush band on Saturday evening.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in the re-enactment which commemorates the events which occurred on the Turon River at Sofala in 1853. Throughout late 1851 and into 1852 there were hostilities in the booming settlement with fierce words between miners and the government over the 30/- license fee, until things came to a head in 18 February 1853. A mob of over 1000 protesting miners marched, heavily armed and singing Irish protest songs, on the banks of the Turon demanding rights for miners.

The event is free (if you can avoid the bushrangers holding you up for a \$2 gold coin). Contact Carlo Jensen of Sofala Progress Association for more details, phone: 6337 7587 or email carlo_j_2000@yahoo.com.au

The Western Goldfields Consortium - Sunday 9 April

Our consortium continues to be a source of inspiration and information when it comes to thinking outside the square when chasing up obscure family history enquiries. We held 3 very pleasant meetings in 2016 at Wattle Flat, Hargraves and Peel and our next meeting is planned for Sofala on Sunday 9 April. It is hoped that representatives of these Western Goldfields villages and specialist research areas will also be able to attend our Family History Weekend and will be available to help out when searching for the ancestors.

Easter Community Market in Hill End – Sat 15 April

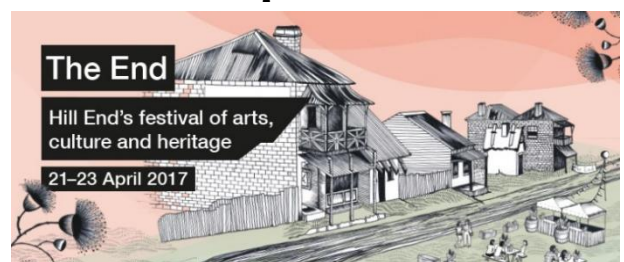


We're back, bigger and better than ever. Despite the challenges, the Market will be going ahead in Hill End on Easter Saturday between the hours of 9.30am and 4pm. Look out for the signs!

Be prepared to be amazed by the range & quality of goods on offer to the astute client for their perusal. When the locals put their mind to it, it is amazing what will be produced. Look out for a wonderful collection of bric-a-brac, jewellery, books, collectibles, jams, seedlings, camping gear, homemade craft and woollen items, art, local souvenirs, second hand clothes, household goods and the list goes on ...

If you would like to join us as a stallholder then contact Lorraine by email (heatgg@yahoo.com.au) to check on space availability. See you there, and bring your money with you!

The End Festival 21-23 April 2017



Come to 'The End' for the weekend and experience the beauty of Hill End in autumn and everything the festival has to offer.

This unique festival will feature:

- Live folk, country and bluegrass music
- The best of the region's wine, craft beer and food
- Art exhibitions and installations
- Ticketed cabaret shows and performances
- A 'lost trades' village
- Village tours
- Markets featuring artisan wares and produce
- A variety of workshops,
- Opening night ticketed music and cabaret show

Hill End Family History Weekend - Fri 5 – Sun 7 May

Come walk in the footsteps of your ancestors.

Your chance to spend an entire weekend delving into mining records, census details, maps and photos. Temper this with talks from those with a good knowledge of local resources, including the influence of the Chinese miners in the district. If your ancestors spilled over to Sofala, Wattle Flat, Hargraves and Peel etc. then we may be able to help you. Members of our Western Goldfields Consortium have been invited to join us to show you what is available in their areas as well. Top this off with a Multicultural “Taste the Past” culinary experience on Saturday night and follow up with tours of the town and local buildings on Sunday! What more can the devoted family historian want in such a delightful setting.



Conference Room at Hill End Lodge

There will be a number of speakers presenting workshops at The Lodge Motel as well. More details will be forthcoming and we will also have them on our webpage as well. As accommodation in Hill End is limited you are advised to book early, to avoid disappointment.

Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are back into the swing of things and hope to achieve a lot in 2017.

Our main goal is to finish off the digitization project of the NPWS family history files. These are a wonderful source of fascinating material and it is so easy to get distracted! There will be more material on the website too and we have a number of exciting projects that we want to start on as well... Watch this space!



Our latest Volunteer Planning meeting

Research Notes

Bathurst Regional Council website has a wonderful collection of heritage and conservation management plans dealing with historical sites within the district. An essential part of these reports is the “Historical Background” where the authors have gathered together numerous references from a variety of sources, many not readily available to the casual researcher. One such item is the [report on the Bridal Track](#).



As these reports are large they do take time to download but are well worth the wait.



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The 4th March 2017 Gathering in Rhodes Park (Map on next page)

Some people arrive with morning tea, others bring lunch and a few arrive with afternoon tea...the keen ones will be there for breakfast! It is a very free form gathering and is an excellent opportunity for those with ancestors from the region to meet with others who have a similar interest. Initially started as a reunion for those who lived in the Hill End & Tambaroora area to get together, the Gathering is gradually evolving into a meeting place for those with links to the district to join in as well and share their experiences and family history research.

Rhodes Park, our meeting place for the past 8 years caters well to our requirements. Our venue provides public transport access, plenty of parking, toilets and a Kiosk and a large Shelter Shed which we have booked solely for our use all day.

There will also be a selection of reference materials on display & available for perusal on the day. The Gathering Group publications will be on sale as well as a selection of books relating to Hill End and Australian and family history.

Boiling water, and coffee & tea making facilities will also be available.

We will be having the official welcome and "Roll Up" at 12 noon.

What do people bring? As in the past years the following suggestions are a few ideas that have come to mind....

- Well, there are some tables and seating available in the Shelter Shed but if you are coming by car, it might be a good idea to bring along your lightweight picnic chairs/table or picnic rug, so we can spread out and be comfy.
- Bring your morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and whatever "refreshments" that will be needed to sustain you for the day. There is also a kiosk adjacent to the Shelter Shed, with coffee, soft drinks and a considerable range of delicious meals available for those travelling a long distance and who don't want to bring refreshments with them.
- Bring a couple of copies of the "potted" version of your family history, including photos (but remember that old ones are easily damaged by handling, so perhaps now is a good time to have copies made and **these** can be made available for others to have a look at - **leave the originals at home!**) This may be an opportunity to swap stories and information.
- Wear a name label with your name on it, (in **LARGE PRINT** so others can read it without glasses!) and also the main family names that you are associated with. Maybe a large sign, with the family name, that can be put on your "campsite" so that others can make themselves known to you as well.
- Notepad and pens etc. to jot down the contacts if necessary and camera to get that memorable shot.
- If you have the opportunity to prepare a small "handout" that gives your **name and contact details and the families that you are interested in** (no more than a page), it may be worthwhile. Make a few copies of this that can then be swapped if you find others have a similar interest. - saves a lot of writing down in the excitement of the moment of finding others "doing" the same family.

So, there you have it! This may be an opportunity to meet the faces that match many of the names we have been corresponding with in the past 12 months. It is also an opportunity to renew the friendships made at previous reunions. As it is a very informal get together there is no need to "book" to come to the gathering. We're sure to all fit in! Our venue should also provide sufficient shelter if the weather is inclement.

Further enquiries can be made to Lorraine Purcell
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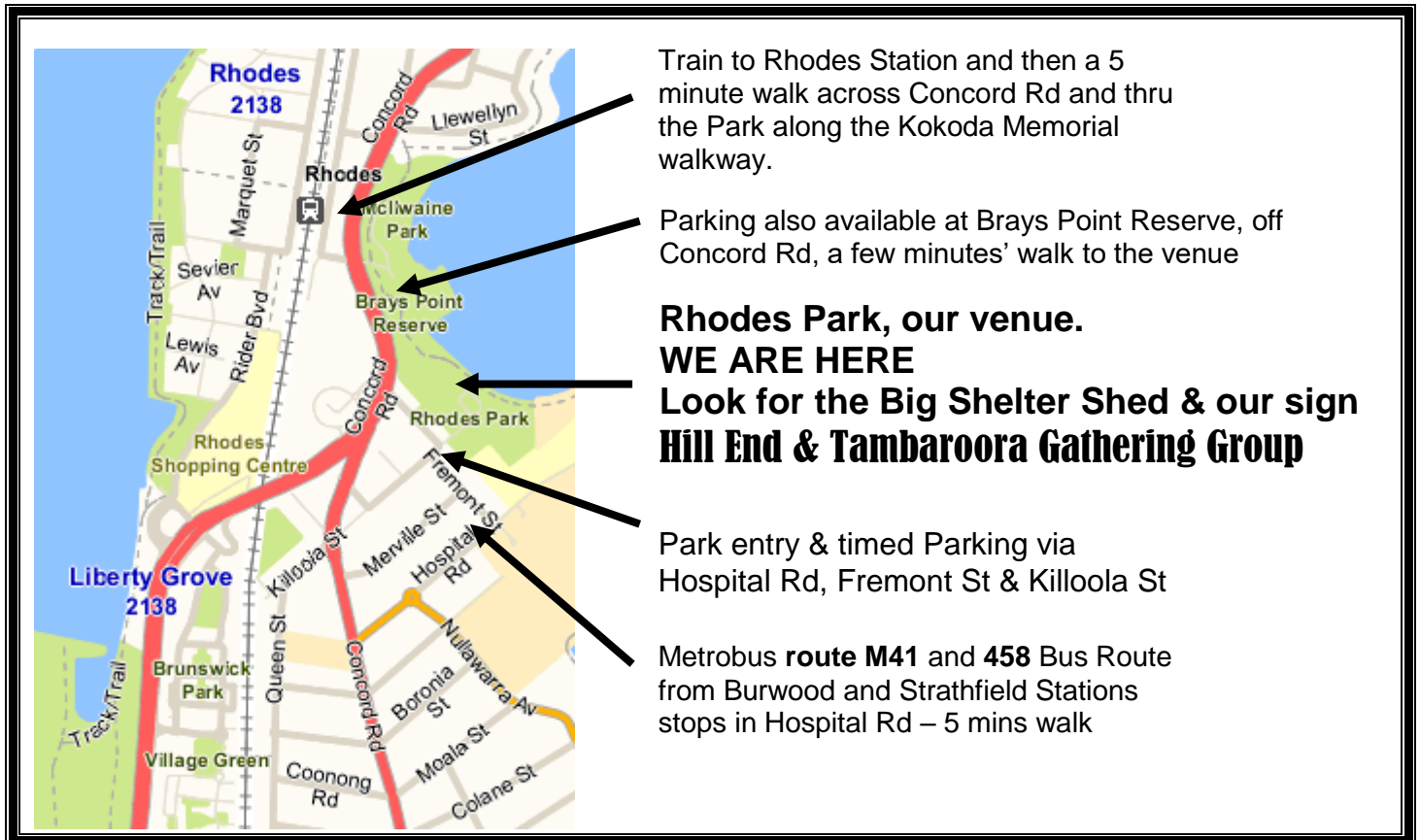


Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group 2017 Gathering Information

**Rhodes Rotary Park
Killoola St, Concord**

Saturday 4th March 2017 from 10am until 4pm

(Adjacent to the Kokoda Memorial Walkway and Brays Bay)



Train to Rhodes Station and then a 5 minute walk across Concord Rd and thru the Park along the Kokoda Memorial walkway.

Parking also available at Brays Point Reserve, off Concord Rd, a few minutes' walk to the venue

Rhodes Park, our venue.

WE ARE HERE

**Look for the Big Shelter Shed & our sign
Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group**

Park entry & timed Parking via Hospital Rd, Fremont St & Killoola St

Metrobus **route M41** and **458** Bus Route from Burwood and Strathfield Stations stops in Hospital Rd – 5 mins walk

Access by car:

Free parking is available at Rhodes Park, via Hospital Rd, Fremont & Killoola Streets or at Brays Bay Reserve off Concord Rd. Stroll along the Kokoda Memorial Walkway to the Shelter Shed.

Parking is also available at Concord Hospital car park on Hospital Rd. A parking fee applies depending on time. Please note there are time limits on parking in surrounding streets and remember to move your vehicles if necessary.

Public transport:

Train to Rhodes Railway Station then short walk downhill to cross Concord Rd and on to the Kokoda Memorial Walkway at Brays Reserve. Please check Trackwork website closer to the event as this information is not available at the time of going to press. [Click here to check trackwork online.](#)

Bus Routes: Use the Metrobus system to access **route M41** from your local interchange or from Burwood Railway Station (runs every 20 mins) **OR**

Route No **458** from Burwood to Ryde.

Departs Burwood Station in Railway Pde South

Departs Strathfield Station, Everton Rd, Stand D North Side

Ask driver for closest stop to the Kokoda Walkway in Hospital Rd. (outside Concord Hospital). From here it is a 5-minute walk along Fremont Street to the park.

All enquiries to Lorraine on 02 9587 0352 or 0408 117 784