



# Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Newsletter

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## Dear HillEnders & Tambaroorians

This annual reminder for our Reunion at the Rotary Park at Rhodes on Saturday 7 March is being written in a very warm, dusty and exceedingly dry Hill End. Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you matters may have changed and the village will have had some rain...However, those that know reckon there won't be any decent rain until March.... here's hoping they are wrong....



Walking down Beyers Ave one could be excused for thinking that it was Autumn already. The deciduous trees are so stressed out they are losing their leaves and the gutters are full of them!

Every morning we are greeted by a cacophony of birdcalls, a timely wake up reminder to get out and feed the local wildlife. This morning we had 30+ King Parrots demanding attention and they only departed when the Galahs, Rosellas, Doves and Choughs came in for their fair share. And lurking in the background was a young



kangaroo and a wallaby, eagerly awaiting their turn – they now eat anything the birds leave behind, even the empty husks, so desperate are they for food. Today 2 ducks turned up to finally clean up the leftovers...

Thankfully, so far, the bushfires have left the area alone, but the town is full of smoke from the burn at Palmers Oakey when the breeze comes in from the east. One can't help being reminded of a few verses from Henry Lawson's poem, "The fire at Ross's Farm" written 130 years ago,

One Christmas time, when months of drought  
Had parched the western creeks,  
The bushfires started in the north  
And travelled south for weeks.  
At night along the riverside  
The scene was grand and strange —  
The hill-fires looked like lighted streets  
Of cities in the range.

The cattle-tracks between the trees  
Were like long dusky aisles,  
And on a sudden breeze the fire  
Would sweep along for miles;  
Like sounds of distant musketry  
It crackled through the brakes,  
And o'er the flat of silver grass  
It hissed like angry snakes.

It leapt across the flowing streams  
And raced o'er pastures broad;  
It climbed the trees and lit the boughs  
And through the scrubs it roared.  
The bees fell, stifled in the smoke  
Or perished in their hives,  
And with the stock the kangaroos  
Went flying for their lives.



Glenn Woodley captured the mood and posted the above on Facebook

Our 7 March Gathering is a great opportunity for new and old members alike to come along and catch up with the descendants of your ancestors' neighbours and maybe even find some new "cousins"! Make it a date to gather your extended family for a special family reunion day to commemorate the contribution that your ancestors made to the life of Hill End & Tambaroora. Remind them that they have a special connection to this. Bring along any memorabilia, photos, or stories that they would like to share with the rest of the family or Group. See if you can link up with other families who might share a common ancestor.

It is a fairly casual get together. No need to stress, if research is not your "thing" Just come along for a pleasant day out and look through our scrapbooks etc. There are picnic tables and if the weather is fine, we can spill out onto the surrounding grassed area. BYO everything and the kettle will be on the boil for those requiring tea & coffee making facilities. The nearby Kokoda Café can also supply your lunchtime needs if you want to take the easy way out!

Check out all the details [on our website](#) or at the back of this newsletter if you receive the hard copy.

## What's in a name? Its Official!

When addressing our collective members, I initially opted to use the terms Hill Endians & Tambaroorites.

I recently discovered, thanks to Trove, that similar terms had been in use in the press for the inhabitants of these areas since October 1854 (Tambaroorians) and October 1872 (HillEnders) So from here on in this will be the official terminology!

### Condolences

We have been advised of the passing of the following members of the Group. We extend our condolences to their families.

Lesley Margaret Smith (nee Garner) died 17 March 2019

Grace Holloway passed away December 2019

## Hill End Public School 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

### The class of 1915

Lady in the window: Mrs Cook, wife of the teacher Mr A.E.Cook who was away in hospital at the time.

Back Row: - Billy Frenzel, Charles Marshall, Billy Grose, Thom Brandon, Harold Hodge, Norman Cross, Stan Williams, Jim Evans, Russell Howard, Harry Cook, Keith Payne

Second Row: - Arthur Trevena, Harry Walpole, Jim Walpole, Harold Northey, Roger Walpole, Jack Macryannis, Allan Evans

Third Row: - Melissa Howard, Edna O'Riley, Ella Ross, Mona Harvey, Iris Cook, Lily Grose, Ida Ross, Dulcie Harvey, Dot Payne.

Fourth Row: - Mona Hodges, Evelyn Peisley, Jessie Longmore, Stella Macryannis, Kath McKenzie, Relieving teacher Mr S.C. Small, Esma Payne, Rita Walpole Elvera Hall, Alma O'Reilly.



The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Hill End Public School will be celebrated on Saturday 7 November 2020. More details as they come to hand.

Volunteers from HEATGG have been putting together a book on the history of the school and education in Hill End & Tambaroora specially for this event. If you have photos like the one above among your family documents, we would love the opportunity to include them in this record. Even better, if you can add names to the photos that would help us as well. Please [email Lorraine](#) (or phone her on 0408117784) if you can help.

Further details about the event will be forthcoming.



## Family Stories

### Butz/Becker/Fischer families

Dennis Ryan ([de.ryan@bigpond.com](mailto:de.ryan@bigpond.com)) contacted us with the following information about these families which he hoped may be of some interest to the Gathering Group members. He is the Great Great Grandson of Karl and Helena. Dennis expects to be at our Gathering in 2020 and will be bringing along some family artefacts for “show and tell”.

#### Background:

Dennis's great, great grandparents were Karl (Charles) Butz and (Helena) Johanna Fischer.

Karl was from Buchenbach in southern Germany and arrived in Australia in 1856. He was issued with his first Miner's Rights Certificate in Sofala on the 1st July 1857. He also worked on claims in Ophir, Hill End and Tambaroora from 1857 to 1876.

In 1862 Karl (aged 31) married Helena Johanna (Becker) Fischer (aged 16), the daughter of Emilie Magdalena Fischer (from her first marriage) and stepdaughter of Doctor Heinrich Christian Fischer. In 1876, Karl, Johanna and their three children, Magdalena, Henry and Karl left Hill End and settled in Reedy Flat (Batlow) NSW.

#### Emilie and Heinrich Fischer – Long Term Residents of Hill End

Heinrich and Emile Fischer arrived in Sydney Australia aboard the Wilhelmsburg on 20th September 1855. They were accompanied by their two children, Johanna aged 9, who was Emile's daughter from her first marriage, and Caroline aged 3. [Caroline died in 1866 and her headstone still survives in Tambaroora Cemetery]. On the ship's arrival record, Heinrich listed his occupation as “Chirurg” (Surgeon) a profession for which he was to become well known for in Hill End during the period 1860 to 1910.

As Harry Hodge wrote – “In 1863 a young German, Heinrich Fischer arrived in Hill End. It is doubtful if Fischer ever held a medical certificate...but he acquired a sound reputation as a practitioner and outlasted all his contemporaries”.

Heinrich and Emile were married on the 3 November 1849 in Saint Laurentii's Lutheran Church in Itzehoe, Germany. The marriage transcript reads as follows:

“Heinrich Christian Fischer from Waldorf in the Kingdom Hanover, surgeon here in town, legitimate son of the late shoemaker Christian Heinrich Fischer and Christina Dorothea nee Mandel, 28 years old, was united in wedlock with the widow Magdalena Emile Sophie Becker nee Thomsen, the wife left behind by the late surgeon here Friedrich Johann Heinrich Becker, 24 years old.”

Three children were born before the family left for Australia; Heinrich Louis Emile born 11 March 1850 (died 16 March 1851); Caroline Henriette Sophie born 17 June 1852 and Heinrich Adolph Theodor born 16 April 1854 (died 20 February 1855).

On Emilie's death record (1911), it states that three male children pre-deceased her but there is no record as to whether the unknown third male child was born in Germany or in Australia.

After their arrival in Sydney the family must have spent some time in the Newcastle area as their daughter Emma was born there in 1857. By 1859 the family had moved to the Turon and their son Amandus [see article on [HEATGG website](#) for more information about Amandus] was born in Ophir in 1859.

Four other children were to follow: Rosa Louise, born in 1862, Franz in 1864, Agness in 1867 and Emily in 1869. Caroline died in 1866 aged 14 and was buried in the Hill End cemetery.



Doctor Fischer and Emile were long term residents of Hill End and for many years lived in the house that is today referred to as the ‘Toohey House’. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Hill End in 1909. A photograph was taken of the event and shows the family members celebrating at an outdoor table with the house clearly visible in the background.

Emile died in 1911 and Heinrich in 1915. Both were buried in the Hill End cemetery, although there is no record as to where their plots are.

The event leading up to Heinrich and Emile's marriage in 1849 is interesting. Magdalene Emile Sophie Thomsen was born on 17 March 1826 in Niendorf (near Hamburg). She was the daughter of Jacob Dieterich Thomsen (a Forest Overseer) and Hedewig Dorothea Rabe. By 1840, Jacob had remarried and had moved to Itzehoe where he was an Innkeeper.

On 3 May 1846, Emile (aged 19) married Johann Friedrich Becker (aged 29) in Itzehoe. Johann's occupation was listed as a surgeon. On 26th July 1846 their daughter Johanna Helena Becker was born. Their marriage was short lived as Johann died in Itzehoe on 28 December 1847. The official death register stated:

**"Johann Friedrich Becker, 30 years old, surgeon in this place, leaves his wife Magdalene Emile Sophie (nee) Thomsen and by her a daughter Johanna Helena. The defunct has been arrested by the monasterial authorities, being suspected of poisoning his wife. He hanged himself in prison and his body was forwarded to the dissection ward at Kiel University".**

Emile and Heinrich were married two years after Johann's death.

Dr. Fischer was a man of many talents. As well as his medical interests he was actively involved in mining pursuits with at least one claim on the site of the old Valentine Mine, where he was very hopeful of the results from the crushings in 1877.

### **Dr. Fischer's Cherry Wine**

Sometimes our research turns up the most unexpected results... the following recipe was found in the *Australian Town and Country Journal*. 11 May 1895: 37. (Now to find some Kentish cherries – Lorraine!)



"We are indebted to Dr. Fischer, of Hill End, for the following valuable and simple recipe for making cherry wine. We have tasted a sample of the wine, which, as a home-made article, is simply perfect:

**Kentish Cherries:-** Pick the cherries when they are quite ripe and put them in a tub and mash them. Then put them through a press, and to each gallon of juice add two pounds of best sugar. Put the liquor in a cask to ferment, and while it is fermenting, always keep the cask filled. When fermentation ceases bung tightly, and let it stand for twelve months before bottling. The cherries can be crushed in a perforated wooden vessel, then transferred to a loose canvas bag, and pressed in a wooden press. Stir the juice after adding the sugar till it has dissolved.

The juice used for filling up the cask should be reserved for that purpose in stone jars or bottles. Put the tap in the cask a day before bottling, so as to prevent sediment getting into the bottles."

### **It really gets your goat!**

Seems like these "delightful" animals have been the scourge of Hill End for many years. In researching material for the upcoming history of the Hill End Public School we came across a number of references in the School Inspectors' Reports dealing with this nuisance factor.



#### **1902**

"In this year the present Pine Trees that are growing around the school ground were planted. A garden was fenced off, but the goats would not allow the plants to grow. They were continually breaking down the fences."

#### **1904**

Mr. Durie in his reports writes "Do not allow the goats to get into the playground" and gives a few other directions in regard to organisation. The discipline is satisfactory and so is the instruction in general. Goats evidently have always been a source of trouble to Teachers at Hill End when they have tried to beautify the grounds.

#### **1918**

The principal feature of the report was "Improvements in grounds continue and efforts should be made to prevent the ravaging straying goats. A number of trees were planted but in spite of utmost endeavour they were all destroyed, except one".

#### **2019**

Some things never change. In November, one hundred years later, they were still making their presence felt around the village, including in the school yard. This mob was sighted on the way to Hawkins Hill just a few weeks ago. As there is virtually no grass left in the town, they are foraging on whatever they can find and aren't fussy whose garden it is.

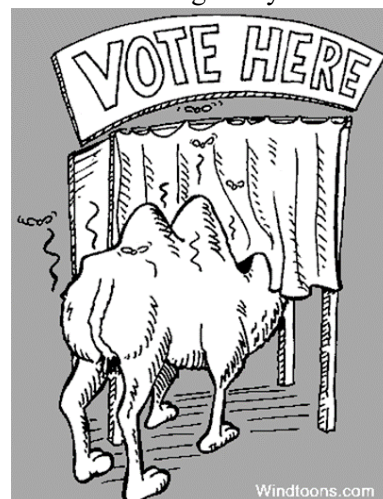




## And while we are on the subject...

The *Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative* of 25 January 1917 had something to say on a similar matter:

Pungent Perfume.—Those who pass along Tambaroora-street, opposite the school buildings, are likely to have their olfactory nerves shocked by the indescribable odor that arises from some old buildings adjacent the footpath wherein there are several inches of putrefying goat excrement, decayed cats, and other unsavory animal refuse. This foul heap of germ-breeding refuse is worse than a camp of scurvy camels, and is worthy of the earnest attention of the gentlemen who are seeking a seat on the Turon Shire Council at the coming election on Saturday, 27th instant. I knew several residents who would plump for the candidate that would attend to this matter.



## A well-deserved memorial for Sapper Herbert Ross

In June 2019 the Gathering Group was contacted by Craig Ronan, an amateur military historian living in Bathurst. He was writing in relation to 6129 **Sapper Herbert Edward Winter Ross** who was born at Hill End near Bathurst on 23 May 1878 and died at St Vincent's Hospital at Bathurst on 3 December 1951. Craig was conducting some private research on Sapper ROSS as he had purchased his British War Medal and Victory Medal along with some documentation on eBay several years ago. He was hoping to contact any of Ross's living relatives.

Sapper Ross, a miner from Hill End, enlisted the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on 16 January 1916, aged 37 years of age. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Tunnelling Company and saw active service on the Western Front before being gassed (Wounded in Action) on the 20 March 1918. Sapper Ross returned home to Australia on 13 Jun 1918, after being in hospital on both the Western Front and England as a direct result of his injuries.

Herbert Ross married Emily Mary Gawthorpe at Liverpool in Sydney in 1920. Emily, widow of Edward Gawthorpe (2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion AIF) who was killed in action at Lone Pine (Gallipoli) between 6-9 August 1915 aged 43 years.

Herbert and Emily lived in Beckenham Street, Canley Vale in Sydney from 1925 until the late 1930's. Emily died at Liverpool in 1947. Herbert was the stepfather of Charles Edward Gawthorpe (died 1973), Ernest Alfred Gawthorpe (died 1957) and Herbert Gawthorpe (died 1907). Prior to his death Sapper Ross lived alone at Wattle Flat, near Bathurst.



An article from the *National Times* (Bathurst) on Thursday, 6 December 1951, stated that Sapper ROSS “was buried [in an unmarked grave] in the Presbyterian portion of the Bathurst Cemetery yesterday morning. The funeral was conducted by MacDonald and Maloney’s funeral parlour and the Rev. A. Dougan assisted by The Rev. Mr Bouse officiated at the graveside. A number of floral tributes were placed on the grave”. Apparently, Ross died of cancer of the oesophagus.

After extensive research involving the Bathurst RSL Subbranch, Bathurst Regional Council and local Historical Societies, Craig managed to locate the grave of Sapper ROSS in the Presbyterian Section of the Bathurst Cemetery. Unfortunately, the grave still had no headstone or other markings. Craig contacted the Department of Veteran Affairs who undertook to construct an official memorial headstone. We were notified in November that this headstone had been completed and Craig sent us this photo for our records.

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A fuller version of Ross’s story appears in “Golden Digger – Hill End & Tambaroora District’s contribution to the First World War” – [available on our website bookshop page](#)



## Bridle Track – Update: Great News!

From *the Western Advocate* 1 January 2020

Bathurst Regional Council is proceeding with the compulsory acquisition of a property on the Bridle Track so it can widen the road near Monaghan's Bluff.

The compulsory acquisition comes after a year of consultation with a solicitor over Lot 3 in DP252350. The owner passed away intestate, meaning that no will was in place. Council consulted with the solicitor dealing with the estate over a 12-month period but was unable to achieve any agreement from potential beneficiaries or parties related to the estate.



Council hoped to secure the property for the purpose of road widening, which is part of the proposal to reinstate four-wheel drive access to Hill End via the Bridle Track by realigning the road around Monaghan's Bluff. State Government funding has been provided to allow this project to go ahead.

In a report to the December ordinary meeting of council, the director of Engineering Services said that council had received advice indicating that the best way to resolve the matter of Lot 3 would be through the compulsory acquisition process. He recommended that council proceed with this process and councillors voted in support of this.

Speaking to the *Western Advocate*, council's general manager David Sherley said that it had become difficult to acquire the property. "You don't go for compulsory if you don't have to, but we've just not been able to get answer," he said.

"We need the land for developing this infrastructure and given that we have not been able to get an agreement on the purchase ... we're now seeking through the state government to be able to compulsorily acquire it, and the government has to give approval to it." Should the approval be granted, council will need to purchase the property for what it is determined to be worth through valuation. "Once that approval is given, we then proceed to transfer that section we are acquiring into the council's name to allow us to construct the roadway," Mr Sherley said.

## Like to know more about the Bridle Track?

Sharon Shelton lives on the iconic Bridle Track at Duramana, north of Bathurst.

She and her husband purchased a property and moved there from the Wollondilly Shire near Sydney, in 2012. Sharon was so inspired with the area's rich history she began speaking to residents, farmers, workers and visitors to the Bridle Track, documenting and recording their stories for her book. After nearly five years of research, it came together as a 450-page, full colour hardback book. Included in it are copies of original photographs and maps as well as many of Sharon's own photographs and artwork (see right).

*Tales of the Bridle Track: Bathurst to Hill End* was launched in November 2019 and already nearly half of the 1,000 copies of the first print run have been sold.



Books

are \$60 plus postage Australia and worldwide.

Sharon will be our guest speaker at the 7 March Gathering at Rhodes and is offering a SPECIAL GATHERING PRICE of \$50/copy if purchased that day.

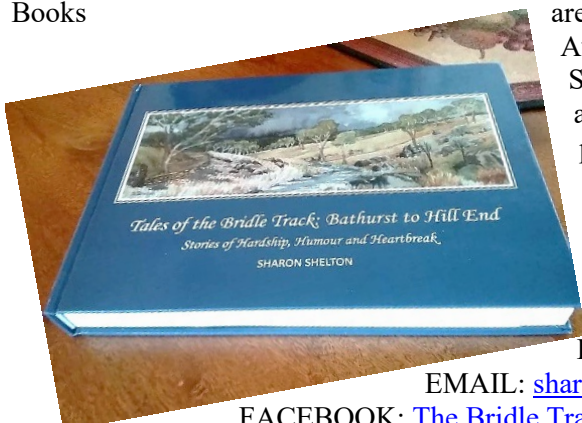
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# Looking Forward, Looking Back: Lynch Family History

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A member's research journey revealed...

## Overview

I have been researching Lynch family history on and off since the mid-1970s. This article concentrates on a glimpse of my family history research. Essential things I have missed, overlooked, did not know at the time, or, just decided it was not relevant until I realised years later, in fact, it was 'very relevant'. I was born in Goulburn NSW, lived in one of six houses at the Abattoir where my father worked, went to St Pat's Tech School, left at 14 after Intermediate level, gained an Electrical Apprenticeship with the Southern Tablelands County Council, resigned when I was 22 (1969) and left Goulburn on a typical bitterly cold Goulburn winter's day in May driving north to dive and explore the Great Barrier Reef off Cairns in Qld where I still reside in 2019. My working background is Electrical, Mining, Sugar Industry and University Sector with Mining industry work being the most significant influence on me (CRA/Comalco now Rio Tinto).

## Australian Lynch family history on my father's side

Edward Robert Lynch was born 1843 in Balmaghie Kirkcudbright, Dumfries Scotland arrived in Sydney on the Lloyd (Sept 1856). He was in the Qld Gympie goldfields in the late 1860's/early 1870's (married Eliza Gillespie from Tuena Rd Carcoar in 1867) then down to Tambaroora/Hill End through the 1870's and 1880's and then located in Trunkey Creek/Abercrombie region in 1890 (9th child born there May 1890). The essential names to this point are Lynch and Gillespie. Their firstborn was William Monkton Lynch, and he married Mary Rushton (my direct linkage) whose parents spent time in Tambaroora/Hill End. Hence Rushton becomes the final leg of the Trilogy of Lynch/Gillespie/Rushton.

## Where they settled

Draw a circle with Trunkey Creek/Abercrombie River at the centre, and you have 85 per cent of my Lynch line in Australia - Orange, Bathurst, Blainey, Tambaroora/Hill End, Carcoar, Hobby's Yards, Tuena, Peelwood, Binda, Laggan, Crookwell through to Goulburn and all the small settlements in-between. In 2019 the starting point for any research on this Lynch/Gillespie/Rushton line should be the Hill End & Tambaroora Group followed by the Crookwell Historical Society

## Things I could/should have done better

- 1) I have handwritten letters from 1975 through to 1989 on A5 notepaper penned by elderly female relatives and family acquaintances with first-hand accounts of Lynch/Gillespie/Rushton family life and history not found in official documents. I did not spend enough time following these up to obtain first-hand information of what life was like pre-WW1 through to WW2, particularly Trunkey Creek, Abercrombie and Goulburn. Female family members are - in my opinion - the custodians of family secrets, scandals and information that usually does not see the light of day in written form but is passed down from one generation to another.
- 2) Alison and I lived and worked in Comalco Weipa on the West coast of Cape York during the late 1970s through to the middle of the 1990s. I was at the wrong end of Australia to be carrying out family history research as that period was still very much a manual record searching process out of Sydney. Consequently, family history research dropped off to a certain extent during that period which was in hindsight opportunities lost in a paper-driven non-digital world.
- 3) An electrical tradesman with a Scottish background in Weipa was going back to Scotland on long service leave in the early 1980s to visit relatives, friends etc. I asked him if he could check the Birth, Deaths and Marriages, or whatever the equivalent was in Scotland, for my relatives as I thought the original Lynch in my line was from Scotland, and his name was 'Owen Lynch' from Dumfries. He came back with pages of hand-written notes written precisely as though on an IBM 'golf ball' typewriter from that era. No central records, so he went through the parish records and came back with not only the relevant information but notes to back up the names and dates that were similar but not the right ones. In hindsight I did not thank him enough at the time nor did I understand the amount of work he undertook to research and handwrite the info - slack on my part. I still refer to the handwritten notes as part of 'research triangulation' which I mention in point 7.
- 4) Make sure your records, both paper and digital, are backed up, stored and referenced correctly. Over time I have scanned most of my paper records, so they are easier to store digitally. I use FTM (Mac) across a couple of computers, and all files are in Dropbox and backed up to iCloud as well as a University drive weekly. I have nil files on my machines with Dropbox as my default drive. Record keeping takes a lot of time but is well worth the effort as globally the world moves to cloud storage. These files and what to do with them are written into our family estate and will planning documents so they will survive me.
- 5) I should have spent more time on personal communication and individual interviews over the decades. Digital searching is ok to a point, but it cannot give you the same sense of the words that talking to a real person does. Face to face is best followed by a phone call to tie down loose ends or follow up with my questions. Spend more time talking face to face with the people you are researching. Point 5 is a big deal that I did not understand in my early research when the old-timers were still alive in the 1970s/1980s - particularly the 1988 Bicentennial year when people's minds focused on their ancestors and when and where they had come to Australia from.



6) I continue to write the majority of my notes by hand rather than type onto a screen and this from someone with a 'technical background' who has withdrawal symptoms if I am too far away from computers/iPad/phone/etc. I find that the process of thoughts from my mind being written by hand onto paper is still the best way to collect my thoughts and get the words and data in the sequence I want. Besides, I am a great believer in mind maps, and I draw them a lot to display what I am thinking with the different linkages visually. Visual is better than just words.

7) With data sources, make sure you use 'triangulation' to ensure you have several sources that back up your initial research. Triangulation means using more than one method to collect data on the same topic. Models of this type are a way of assuring the validity of study through the use of multiple techniques to collect data on the same branch of a family tree.

8) Discovering Crookwell and their historical society was a big deal for me a decade or so ago. For whatever reason, I never saw the Crookwell region as being relevant to my side of the Lynch family. Big mistake. My research to date had focused on Trunkey Creek/Abercrombie as the starting point with Orange Bathurst, Blainey to the north and Goulburn to the south. I ended up phoning their historical society as one of several places I was contacting to try and tie up loose ends, dead ends and dry gullies I had ended up in. When I spoke to the lady who answered the phone, she said let me write your name down 'it is Paul Lynch, is that correct'? Then I heard a voice in the background call out 'is that Paul Lynch on the phone; don't let him go, I need to talk with him'. It ended up she was a distant cousin of mine who had been trying to track me down, and this just happened to be the day she worked at the society as a volunteer!! The Crookwell Historical Society had worked on a Pioneer's Register years ago for the district and as luck would have it three prominent names were Lynch/Gillespie/Rushton!!

9) I now had all the loose ends tied up, and the three Lynch/Gillespie/Rushton family trees in Australia are predominately complete and reside at the Crookwell Historical Society. My takeaway from point 8 is beware of tunnel vision and your own view/opinion of what should be happening. Pause in your research, look around, go back over your notes and see if you have missed something. The Army calls it a 'tactical pause'. Stop. Look around and divorce yourself from the heat of battle at the moment. Let your mind wander over and around the bigger 360-degree picture. I did not do that. My experience on things I have missed on my journey at times has been along the lines of 'I did not know what I did not know at that time'. Sometimes you must progress further in your research to understand something you came across years ago was significant. Hence sound record and note keeping must be paramount.

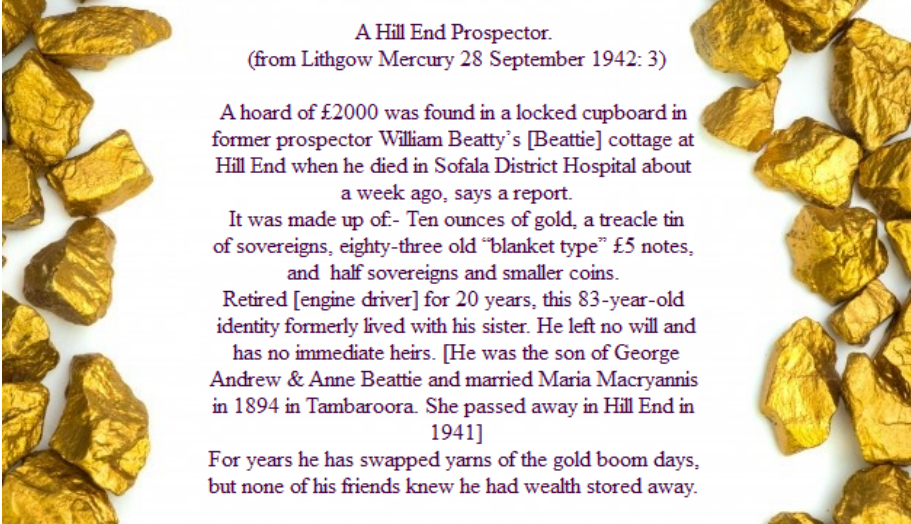
#### **'Looking Forward' component for me in 2019 onwards**

a) Concentrating on Scotland and where my Lynch ancestors' brothers and sisters ended up. I am 100 per cent sure that 'Edward Robert Lynch born 1843 in Balmaghie Kirkcudbright, Dumfries Scotland arriving in Sydney on the Lloyd (Sept 1856)' was the only member of that family that came to Australia. To date, research indicates one went to the USA, and two remained in Scotland. Their parents were born in Ireland in 1811 (Caven) & 1809 (Meath). When the parents arrived in Scotland is still work in progress.

b) Ongoing research on my Mother's side based around Goulburn (the first inland city) back through Sydney and the early days of the colony. Prominent names being Ryan/Sykes/Brady/Wales (80/20 Ireland/England). An excellent site for data on these names is Ozigen - Australian Genealogy. My relatives are on there, and I continue to add to their database from time to time;

c) Currently researching and writing a book about the Sykes family in WW1. There is a photo from the Sydney Mail (11 Sept 1918) talking about the 'Fighting Sykes' from Goulburn - and their mother. Four brothers, three brothers-in-laws, one uncle and one cousin (9 of them went off to WW1).

#### **A Golden Hoard....is this your ancestor?**



**A Hill End Prospector.**  
(from Lithgow Mercury 28 September 1942: 3)

A hoard of £2000 was found in a locked cupboard in former prospector William Beatty's [Beattie] cottage at Hill End when he died in Sofala District Hospital about a week ago, says a report.

It was made up of:- Ten ounces of gold, a treacle tin of sovereigns, eighty-three old "blanket type" £5 notes, and half sovereigns and smaller coins.

Retired [engine driver] for 20 years, this 83-year-old identity formerly lived with his sister. He left no will and has no immediate heirs. [He was the son of George Andrew & Anne Beattie and married Maria Macryannis in 1894 in Tambaroora. She passed away in Hill End in 1941]

For years he has swapped yarns of the gold boom days, but none of his friends knew he had wealth stored away.



## The Reward Mine



**Workers at the Reward Mine, Hill End. c1910(?)**

**Back row L. to R.** Duncan Marshall, Allan Marshall, Charles Maris, Ted Reilly, Peter Nattrass, Harry Garner, Dick Everett, Jack O'Reilly, Peter Mullins, Bulgar Risby, Frank Anderson, Robert Anderson, Billy Jenkins, Herb Groves, Jack Bea-Hic.

**Front Row: L. to R.** Joe Bender, Herbert Woolard, Jim Flynn, George Denman, Samuel Trevena, Herb Robertson, Walter Woolard, George Risby, Maurice Judge.

The Reward Mine, opened in 1909, saw a revival in deep mining on Hawkins Hill, and provided employment for many of the local residents. A telegram to the *Daily Telegraph* on 26 April 1909 from mine manager, Duncan Marshall, announced that "Reef broken last night (Friday) shows richer mineral than anything previously broken; gold showing in it".

Duncan Marshall, formerly the Marcus Clark's local representative, still had "gold fever" and as manager, he had a large interest in this mine. He certainly had high hopes for it as it was reported a few months later that he had sent an order to Windsor's coachbuilder, Mr J. M. Gates, for a new phaeton.

The mine was successfully floated on the Exchange in August 1909. The property comprised 27½ acres situated on Hawkins Hill., about the centre of the Golden Mile. The lease comprised of part or whole of the older mines known as Tippet's, Royal Exchange, Great Western, Havilla, All Nations, Frenchman's, Main Lead, Great Northern Amalgamated, Niagara, Exhibition, Never Fail, Sons of Freedom, Holman's Paddock, Brilliant, Research, Royal Saxon, Locomotive, Duke of Edinburgh, Prince of Wales and Robert Emmett.

At that time the existing company was doubling its battery equipment and they were certain that the new company would still go further in the way of battery power and concentrating plant.

During a strike in early 1916 free labourers were used to cut timber for use in the boiler there. Several alarming explosions occurred when it was used, and it was discovered that dynamite was had been placed in the wood as a form of protest against the strikers. Some of this wood had also been left in the bush and after the strike, was taken to private houses, resulting in at least two incidents where fireplaces were blown out. It was fortunate that no-one was severely injured or killed. By January 1918 the Reward Mine was living up to its name and, along with the Amalgamated Hill End Mine, every practical miner available was working in the mines. The Reward was crushing with a 14 head stamper and machines had largely superseded hand labour, where they gave every satisfaction.

If you have family members in the above photo, I am happy to email you a higher resolution copy for your family history. This photo was amongst the Maris Collection of photos and Bill & Betty were very happy to share their collection with HEATGG members.

### REMINDER:

Please [let us know](#) if you change your email or contact details – we don't want you to miss out on our notifications or newsletters.



## Life was difficult way back when...or was it?

When we think of the early days on the goldfields we tend to think of the hardships and difficult times that those early miners endured. However, it appears that along the way they also knew how to enjoy themselves and maintain a certain level of etiquette and gentility appropriate to the occasion.

The following fulsome account of a celebratory event on the Turon in September 1851, only 4 months after gold had officially been found there shows just how “civilized” life could be, if one was of a certain social status.

TURON. (near the locality of Sofala)

*Sydney Morning Herald* Friday 12 September 1851, page 3

NEALE'S POINT. -September 6 -Yesterday evening, a subscription dinner in commemoration of the discovery of the Turon diggings, was given at Mr. Greer's, on the flat where the township is laid out.

A large and commodious building, 30 feet long by 12 feet wide, was erected for the occasion in the short space of about ten hours. The originators of the affair were Mr. James Greer, Mr. Burman, Mr. John Want, and Mr. Forbes. The stewards were Mr. James Greer, Mr. John Greer, Mr. John Want, and Mr. Dick. Mr. Dick acted as secretary, and Mr. Want as treasurer; Mr. George Smythe, barrister, officiated as chairman, Mr. Bowman acted as the vice.



Twenty-nine gentlemen sat down to dinner, and although it was understood that they were all to appear in diggers' costume, some few deviated from the regulations, one even having the temerity to sport a white waistcoat on the occasion; blue and red serge shirts however predominated. Messrs. Hardy and King, the commissioners on the ground, and Mr. Bowman, clerk of Petty Sessions, were invited; the two latter, however, only attended, Mr. Hardy having to start into Bathurst to meet the Colonial Secretary, although he had accepted the invitation.

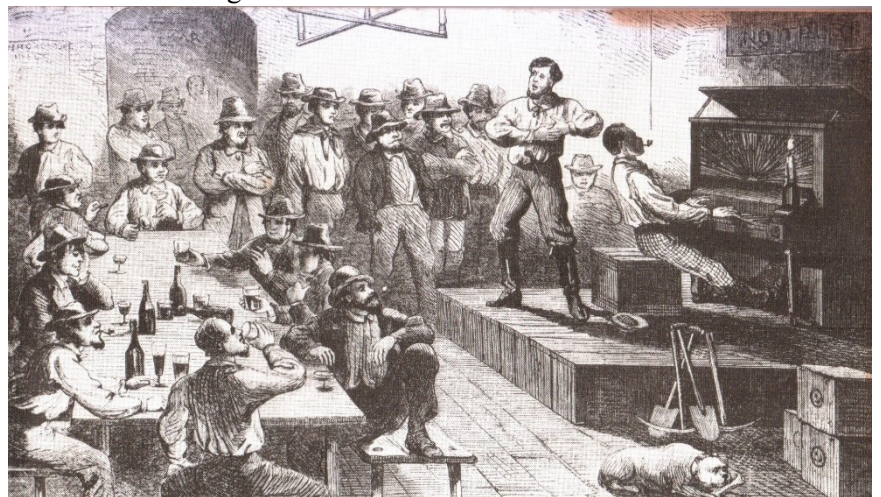
The cuisine was superintended by some of the diggers on the ground and reflected great credit upon their exertions in the culinary department. The poultry was got up in first rate style, and the beef and mutton, both slaughtered on the Turon, were cooked to a nicety. A glorious plum pudding headed the third course. The table was of primitive construction, being a rough frame covered with large smooth sheets of box bark, but a large really white tablecloth hid all its defects. The chandeliers were constructed of large wooden blocks with wooden branches, each of which was furnished with a wax candle, and the defects in the construction of the whole were carefully and tastefully covered with the beautiful mimosa, which is now blossoming in great luxuriance in the sheltered creeks and gullies of the Turon.

The interior of the building also was decorated with the same shrub, and when well-lit up had a most pleasing effect. The champagne was pronounced excellent and was done full justice to. There was besides a great variety of other wines, and real wine glasses and tumblers, which I assure you are anything but common here.

The principal toasts given were the Queen, Prince Albert and the Royal Family, His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Commissioners of the Diggings, Mr. Hargraves and the Gold Diggers, the Stewards, and the Ladies.

Other toasts were proposed and unanimously responded to. Mr. King, on the health of the Commissioners being drunk, returned thanks in a neat and appropriate speech, in which he apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hardy. Several short speeches were made by other gentlemen of the company; and a variety of songs added to the pleasures of the evening, the party not breaking up until after midnight.

A large concourse of diggers assembled outside the building, who behaved in a very orderly and decorous manner. At the conclusion of the entertainments, Mr. Smythe vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. King, and a resolution was passed commendatory of the manner in which the first named gentleman had performed the duties devolving upon him as chairman.

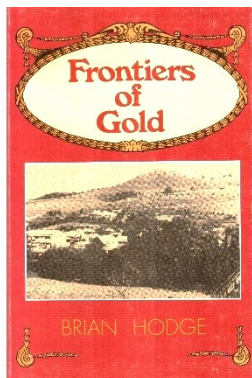




## Pillars of Bathurst Nominations: Harry Hodge & Brian Hodge.

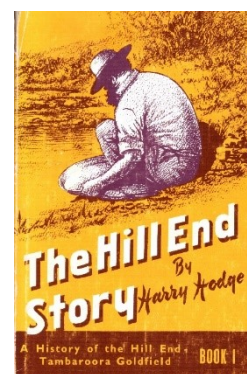
Following on from our successful nomination last year of Harriett Beard as a “Pillar of Bathurst” we are proud to announce that our candidates, local historians, Harry Hodge and his nephew, Brian Hodge, have been accepted by Bathurst Council for inclusion in 2020. They were both descended from John Hodge who arrived on the goldfields at Tambaroora in 1852. It is through their work that we have so much of a basis on which to build our continued research into the fascinating chronicle of the district.

Harry did all his research in the “old” way, before computers were even thought of as a means of investigation. He spent hundreds of hours handwriting notes from official registers and newspapers, as well as relying on his own experiences of growing up in Hill End and talking to the older residents, before the town was declared a Historic Site. The result of all this work was his trilogy “The Hill End Story” and several guides to the area.



Brian was a history master in Sydney who brought school excursions to the area to immerse them in the past. In 1985 he retired to Tambaroora and spent his time researching and writing the further record of the area. He was a much-loved member of the community and could always be relied on to present a balanced and accurate version of local history through his numerous publications.

They will both be remembered at the ceremony on Proclamation Day (3 May) in the Pillars of Bathurst Garden in Stanley Street, Bathurst commencing at 10am at the Flagstaff. You are welcome to join us there to help celebrate their contributions to our community history.



### “Be that as it may, the old town still draws its children back to it”.

While anyone interested in reading about Hill End and Tambaroora would have come across Harry Hodge’s trilogy, “The Hill End Story” and his “Guide to historic Hill End and its environs” they may not be aware that he has several other publications, harder to come by, to his name. Harry was writing long before the 1960s when those works were first published.

He contributed several well written and researched articles to the local press, in the mid-1930s. He followed this in 1938, when a teacher at Newcastle, with “Death in the Morning”. Angus & Robertson published this fictional work to mixed reviews – a rollicking yarn about a megalomaniac who tries to ruin the government and assume the role of dictator, a threat to Sydney’s water supply, a bit of romance, a car chase over the Blue Mountains, all culminating in the climax in the streets of a small town in the goldfields ( just like Hill End...)

Another work, Mesa Gold – a western story is attributed to him in the catalogue of the National Library, but the copy there has gone missing and no other copies can currently be located, so this will remain a mystery for the time.

During his time in the AIF during WW2 he contributed to a 48-page book of cartoons, short stories and limericks and jokes, “Camp Pie: sketches of army life” presented by “Digger” Mackie. He wrote the forward “The spirit and humor of the Second AIF”.

In 1950 he turned his hand to a children’s book, originally written for the amusement of his son, Errol. “Warrumbungle the wallaby: an Australian animal story for young people”.



His major work, “The Hill End Story”, published over the years 1964 – 1972, was his lifelong passion. Publication was the final task: it was the many years beforehand of collecting memorabilia and mulling over conversations with Harry Walpole and other residents of Hill End that made these works so valuable. It would have kept him well occupied during the several months each year that he spent in Hill End at the Hodge family home, “Tiverton”, on the corner of the Bathurst & Mudgee Roads. He spent hundreds of hours undertaking tedious but painstaking research, writing and compiling lists from the old registers, and handwriting articles relating to Hill End and Tambaroora from newspapers in the State Library.

Today, we are fortunate to have his work as a base on which to expand our knowledge. In a few minutes seated at the laptop, we can follow his tales on Trove, and check with Mr Google to expand those stories or update the facts. We can cut and paste long lists of names from the online Births, Deaths and Marriage indexes in no time, without the necessity for a fountain pen or an old exercise book. What would Harry have thought about that?

For all this work, Harry was awarded an MBE in 1971 for his valuable contributions to historical research, notably in the Hill End district. But in fact, he has given us so much more.

As a tribute to his work, we have reproduced one of his early articles from the *Sydney Mail* published on 3 April 1935. Harry's strong sentiments are so evident in this piece. He was 31 when he wrote it, and after graduating from Sydney University was taking a nostalgic look back at his home town.

### **Glimpses of Country Life: Hill End in Autumn**

A row of wind-swept pines, leaning slightly eastward in dignified homage to the winter westerly, greets the traveller as he enters Hill End on the Bathurst road. The kindly doctor who planted them before his home, is dust long since; but the pines stand sturdy guard over the slumbering old town and nod a stately welcome to the stranger. Sargent's Hill opposite is a blaze of colour; red gashes in its flanks show like raw wounds left by the invaders of long ago, while here and there along the crest the 'tips' from mines on the reef lend a chastening grey to the flamboyant crimson of the scarred earth.



On the hill to the left stands the hospital, tree embowered – in fact, the keynote of Hill End is its trees, which clothe it with the dignity of old age and hide the scars of its youth. At the junction of the Mudgee road we enter the mile-long avenue, an imperishable memorial to Louis Beyers, who carved a fortune from the earth and returned, an old and broken man, in a vain effort to build another. What a typical gesture on the part of the lovable old German when fortune smiled on him in 1870! Lindens from Germany, larches from Sweden, oaks, elms, and chestnuts from England arch over the roadway in leafy splendour in summer, arid stretch gaunt arms skyward in winter. Just now it is a riot of colour with the warm hues of autumn; yellows, reds, browns, and laggard greens vie with each other in making a last display before winter clears the stage. The westerlies tug at the leaves, and the weaker flutter to the roadway till all are gone and the trees stand grim and bare, awaiting the magic touch of spring. Pines here and there relieve the bareness with their uncompromising green, taking precedence over the lordly poplar which has looked down on them in ephemeral superiority all the summer. There was surely something of a poet in the man who could think of trees as a gift to the town which gave him wealth.

Down the sleepy road-aisle we go, past the Royal Hotel, the War Memorial set beneath the elm, and the shops with gaps between them once filled by busy emporiums in the days when the pulse of the old town beat at a quicker tempo. Weir's Hotel, the other remaining hostelry of forty-eight, squat and staunch, its brick verandah worn into curves by countless feet, is passed on the right, and the mines are before us. Still the avenue of noble trees skirts the roadway as we climb the rise of Hawkins Hill, the Golconda of the 'seventies. On the slope is the Scandinavian pit, joined by a string of lesser shafts to the Robert Emmett on the crest, its massive poppet-legs still bestriding the waterlogged shaft. Below us now is the sand-dump, refuse from many crushings, threatening to slide bodily into the great Cornelian Dam. Past it the old claims are thickly dotted along the auriferous line — Frenchman's, Rowley's, The Patriarch, the Londonderry. Crown Prince, Mathewson's, to the famous Star of Peace, which only recently has given up the ghost and caved in at the top.

Southward again the claims were smaller, and stone walls erected perforce to prevent the waste from engulfing shafts lower down the steep incline still stand, weather-beaten, but unconquered. On a platform below the Rampant Lion is the 'flying-fox,' an aerial ropeway which carries fuel to the battery in the valley 900ft below; and a stone's-throw from it is the fabulously rich Beyers and Holtermann shaft, with Krohmann's hugging it on the south. Rose of England, Londonderry, Eisenstadter, Trust and Try — how the names of the claims reveal the nationalities, the hopes, and aspirations of the seekers of yesteryear; but now crumbling pits and heaps of discarded stone are the only evidence of the swarming activity of the 'seventies. The insidious bush creeps slowly down, gradually reclaiming its own. Still the Turon, fifteen hundred feet below us, flows on to its junction with the Macquarie behind the mountain girdled by the winding bridle-track to Bathurst. Down a majestic gorge it goes between towering ranges, eternal and immutable. We retrace our steps to the crest, recalling perhaps the procession which wended its way into the town back in 1870, when the miners ceased operations for the day, cut and shouldered saplings as guns to provide a mock escort for the 630lb mass blasted from the mica vein by Beyers and Holtermann. They entered a busy town; we re-enter a sleepy village dreaming still of its past. Hill End has grown old and gone down with the dignity of decayed royalty. Its trees lend it the air of senile stability so often lacking in worked-out mining fields. It is stirring in its sleep now; new capital is developing the lower levels, which old inhabitants steadfastly believe carry more of the precious metal, and perhaps its rejuvenation is near at hand.

Be that as it may, the old town still draws its children back to it. They go to it gladly and leave it unwillingly, for to them there is more than the romance of golden days. It possesses to the fullest degree that indefinable charm, sentiment if you will, which surrounds the simple word '**home**.'



## Gulgong Holtermann Museum



We were privileged to be some of the first visitors to view the new Holtermann Museum in Gulgong. After the opening on 26 October we had the opportunity to look at the exhibition at our leisure.

The official opening was performed by patron, Thomas Keneally and several local dignitaries were in attendance.



This museum is not to be missed! The 5 years' work by the volunteers that has gone into fundraising, acquiring, renovating, restoring and extending the buildings as well as the planning & execution of the display is awesome. Their dedication must be admired. The State Library (and other supporters) enthusiastically came on board and the result is truly one of the "Greatest Wonders of the World", and well worth a visit.

Our Gathering Group volunteer, Chris Dingle was closely involved and was commissioned to colourize one of the Gulgong scenes. The results are amazing.



It was great to see so many Gathering Group members attending the museum opening, especially Merlin's descendants who were suitably impressed by the presentation. If only we had a similar installation showcasing Hill End! It would bring the tourists and visitors flocking into the town. A great combination of old wet plate photography and digital reproductions in such an appropriate setting.

Gulgong already has several Museums, but this one will have people visiting for years to come. A "must see" on your next visit to Gulgong.

## Past activities

October is always a great time to visit Hill End and 2019 was no exception. Despite the drought there was still a little moisture in the ground and tinges of green and colour in the gardens.

We kicked off with the Markets in the Royal Hall on the Saturday of the Long Weekend and finished the month with a combined activity with the Hill End Arts Council.



Our "Taste the Past" picnic on 19 October attracted visitors from Queensland, the Central Coast and Sydney. This year the weather held and the campfire cooking provided plenty of entertainment as well as a great batch of scones.



The next day was the Hill End Historic Buildings Open Day run by the Hill End Arts Council. There were 11 homes and buildings open for inspection by 140 visitors over the day.

Many thanks to the volunteers and locals who made their premises available for visits. A selection of photographs from these events can be found on our web album. [Check it out here.](#)

## Our Volunteers



Some of our volunteers once again enjoyed a get together for Christmas at Pancakes on the Rocks at Darling Harbour.

Most have been working independently on projects that will appear on our website to help our members find out more about their families, or in forthcoming books.

**Great work, team!**

Over the past 12 months they have been working on

- Death & Burial database,
- The school history book
- Identifying, digitizing indexing & transcribing of primary source material, including Hodge lists, Betty Maris's jottings, school admissions registers, and land records.
- Researching the Chinese, local pubs and inns, and education
- Administration including responding to online enquiries, preparation of grant submissions, Pillars of Bathurst nominations, book sales, newsletters, networking, website maintenance, event planning.
- Updating and verifying the membership lists
- Photo restoration & digitally recording our activities
- Assisting at various events including the Annual Gathering, The Markets, The End Festival, Taste the Past Picnic and Hill End Open Day.

**What would we do without you! Volunteers RULE!**

## And here's your chance...Local Volunteers needed!

Do you live in Bathurst or the surrounding district? Or would you like to help us there in November this year?



Our HEATGG member Dr. Juanita Kwok is hosting the Australasian History of Mining Conference in Bathurst 9 – 14 November 2020. The Gathering Group will be assisting Juanita and we are hoping that we can supply volunteers to help during this time with meet & greet, registration etc in Bathurst and during the excursions to the Hill End & Tambaroora area (helping with catering etc).

There are always benefits to volunteering at these events and it promises to be a fascinating Conference. More details will appear on the [AMHA website](#) as venues etc are confirmed. If you are interested in being part of this event (even for a few hours) please [contact Lorraine](#) or phone her on 0408117784. If you have a general interest in Australian mining history [their website](#) has the proceedings from past conferences so you can get an idea of the type of information offered at these conferences.

## Our research notes:

### Recent research enquiries or material received.

The following enquiries have been received through our website. If these ancestors appear in your tree, then I am happy to put you in touch with the researcher.



Lynch, Gillespie and Rushton families – Paul Lynch, Cairns, Qld.

Clyda May Ingram and her mother Ethel May Ackermann – Lynette Peel, Kings Langley, NSW

Palmer and Kelly families – Dennis Lloyd, Matraville, NSW

Ley, Pattison, Robieson, Whittaker – Cheryl Perry (nee Ley) Port Macquarie, NSW

John Christian Bennet (d 1880) and his wife Mary Ann and family - Julie Allen, Wattle Glen, Vic

Whereabouts of Turondale School Bell - Geoff Walker, Nth Mallabula, NSW

Farrington Family – Barry Parsons, Bowral and Lyn Sumner, Gympie, Qld.

English family – Lesley English, Berwick upon Tweed Northumberland England UK

Press -- descendant of Joseph Press & Frances (Polly) May Press (née Sewell) – Michelle Press, Moulden, NT.

George Docos or Doicos, - Socrates Tsourdalakis, Pancratan Association of Melbourne



**Paxton-** Some years ago, we were contacted by a volunteer from Rookwood cemetery, Bronwyn Howell, who was preparing information on Joseph Paxton as the volunteers were restoring his gravesite at the Cemetery. She has prepared an extensive file on Paxton and has now donated that file to us for use by our members and Paxton descendants. She is happy to share that research. [Contact Lorraine.](#)

### Brass bands in Hill End



Photo from the Maris Collection (Bon Carver centre back row, Jack Stewart, far right on drum, Clarrie Maris front row, trombone) Others unidentified, possibly an Everett in front row?

**Brass Bands of central west NSW** – we have been contacted by Jeremy de Korte, an independent researcher who is interested in early Brass Bands. He publishes his work in a blog [“Band Blasts from the Past”](#) We have replied with material that was readily available, but Jeremy was hoping that there may be people in our Group who may have more personal information or photos about their ancestors who were in these bands. There was a Salvation Army Band as well as the Town Band. If anyone can assist, please [contact Lorraine](#) or phone 0408117784.

### The Magic Years – Brian Hodge

We are pleased to announce that Brian Hodge’s research material that he used in the compilation of his history of the Coffs Harbour High School Cadet Corp – *The Magic Years 1939-1945*, has found a new home with Coffs Harbour City Council Library. Both the Library and local Museum come under the Council stewardship and so this material has gone to where it will be well used. Copies of *The Magic Years* (which includes a chapter on the Hodge family history) will also be available for sale there as well as [on our website bookshop page.](#)

### Digitisation of World War 2 service records

The Australian Government has provided \$10 million in funding to the National Archives of Australia to digitise 850,000 World War II service records over the next four years. The digitisation is due to start early 2020. Army and Air Force records from four series (B883, B884, A9300 and A9301) will be digitised and made freely available online through the [National Archives' website](#). The current digitisation on demand services will continue to be available for a fee. This project will ensure Australians have easier access to records that help tell the stories of the service and sacrifice of those who came before us. (thanks to SAG for this info)



### Life on the Goldfields

Ever wondered what the early miners wore, how and what they ate, how they travelled, how they lived? I recently came across a blog site, which although based on the Victorian goldfields, has excellent well researched background information which could easily apply to the Western Goldfields area around Hill End & Tambaroora.

The blogger, Jacqui, has a PhD in Australian Cultural History and everything in this blog is based on primary resource materials, and firsthand experience. [Click here to check it out.](#)

### Rookwood Cemetery grave search



Rookwood cemetery, the largest cemetery in the Southern hemisphere, occupying grounds larger than Sydney’s CBD, has introduced a system allowing you to Google map yourself to a grave, and eventually view a headstone.

The technology is hailed as an Australian first and allows the public to search over 1 million interments and follow a live GPS tracker on a smartphone to locate an exact grave. Experts are saying that the technology will make the often-difficult task of finding unmarked graves a lot easier and makes the nightmare of getting lost in the cemetery a thing of the past.

The [website Deceased search](#) has been upgraded to accommodate the new GPS system. Enter the first and last names of deceased persons in the search box and a new page then opens showing the location and other details about those interred there. Not all of the graves have been digitised yet, but when they are it will make a big difference to genealogy and will allow those who can’t visit Sydney to be able to see a real-time photograph of the grave and any monumentation sitting on the grave.

## Coming events

The calendar is fast filling up! Put these in your diary.

**Saturday 7 March** – 10am – 5pm: The **Annual Gathering** at Rhodes in Sydney – see all the details on the last page of this newsletter or [on our website](#).

**Sunday 15 March** – **Rebellion on the Turon at Sofala** – Always a fun day, come along and join in the historic re-enactments. See a sample of the 2018 Rebellion [here on YouTube](#). Join in the street theatre, music, pistol and sword duels, Cobb & Co coach, exhibition & market stalls.

**Easter Saturday 11 April** – 9.30am – 4pm - **Hill End Easter Market** – Royal Hall – [See our website](#) for full details. New stallholders welcome. Please [contact Lorraine](#) to make a stall booking.

### **The End Festival: cancelled**



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has made the difficult decision to cancel The End Festival, due to the organisation's current bushfire response priority and ongoing recovery requirements across the State.

The annual arts, culture and heritage event was due to be held at Hill End Historic Site from Friday, April 17 to Sunday, April 19, 2020.

NPWS greatly values the event but needed to prioritise responding to fire emergencies across the state.

"Given the devastating bush fires which are still very active across NSW at this time, the priority is responding to fires and the recovery of our national parks," he said. "Unfortunately, this

scale of our challenge leaves little time or resourcing to plan and deliver the quality event our audience has come to expect.

"While the main festival is cancelled, there will still be activities taking place at Hill End on Saturday, April 18, if visitors still wish to travel to Hill End and enjoy all the village has to offer.

"Fires have not affected Hill End and this wonderful historic location is fully open and available for visitors.

For those still planning to visit Hill End, a performance by French jazz musician Laura Clauzel will be held at the Royal Hall on Saturday, April 18, tickets will be available from mid-February.

**Saturday 25 April:** -Anzac Day Service – Hill End -Public Holiday on Monday 27 April, so make it a Long Weekend

**Sunday 3 May:** -Pillars of Bathurst presentation, Bathurst Proclamation Day –The Flagstaff, Bathurst.

**Saturday 3 October:** – Long weekend Market – Hill End – see details here

**Saturday 7 November:** – Hill End Public School 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations. Open Day at the School followed by the launch of the School History book and a dinner. More details when they come to hand.

**9-14 November 2020:** - the 26th Annual Australasian Mining History Association Conference in Bathurst. See item on page 13 of this newsletter with links to more information.

**If you are visiting Hill End and want to see what Daphne may have on your family, then:**

**The Hill End Family History Research Room**

**is now OPEN only by appointment**

For enquiries and to make an appointment please contact Daphne a few days beforehand

**Email:** [hillendfh@y7mail.com](mailto:hillendfh@y7mail.com)

**Phone** 0429 335 627

For further information check out Daphne's website at

<http://hillendfamilyhistory.com>

Contact Daphne if you would like to be placed on the email mailing list to receive a copy of her newsletter



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# The 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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 12 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. Our Guest speaker, Sharon Shelton, from the Bridle Track will be talking about her new book, which will be available for purchase as well.**

**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 enough shelter if the weather is inclement.

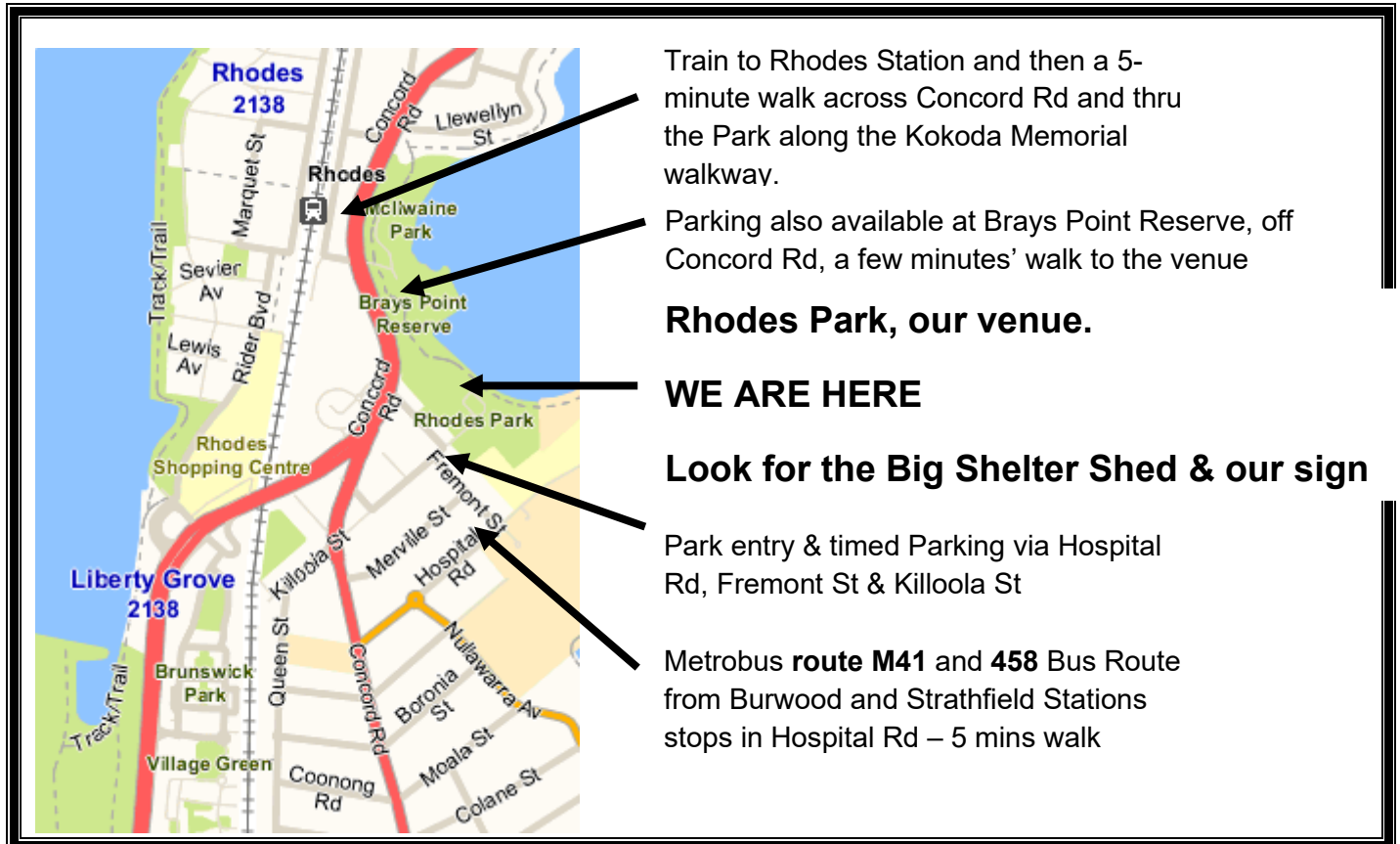
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## Hill End & Tamberoora Gathering Group 2020 Gathering Information

**Rhodes Rotary Park  
Killoola St, Concord**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 10am until 4pm**  
(Adjacent to the Kokoda Memorial Walkway and Brays Bay)



### 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.

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