



Dear Hill Enders & Tambaroorians

Apologies that this newsletter is a little late in publishing, but we have been engaged in a variety of activities, all for the good of the Group, family history and Hill End! As we have so much to report it is a “Bumper Issue”. We hope you find something of interest in it.

We would also like to welcome a large number of new “members” who have come to this newsletter via Hill End Family History mailing list. As Daphne and Michelle have been working closely with us over the past 12 months at the Family History Centre, we have undertaken to combine efforts in producing the newsletter. We would love to hear some of your stories for our forthcoming newsletter too if you would like to share your family history journey with the rest of our members. Please get in touch. Contact details on the last page.

Our Gathering that wasn't to be...

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel the Annual Gathering at Rhodes this year, but with the everchanging situation regarding Covid a decision had to be made early enough to either start publicity or to let everyone know that it was a non-event. We reluctantly chose the latter – which in hindsight was a bit of a blessing. We found out early in February that the Café there had closed, and new leaseholders had yet to be found. And then came the rain & floods...and while that didn't directly impact on the location, we had no way of knowing if it was going to be a drizzle (which we could cope with!) or a downpour (which would have made the day just miserable!). Some things are just meant to happen.



So, I am hoping that you all received notification that the event was off. We emailed out to our mailing list, who hopefully spread the word to those family members who did not have internet access. Messages were put up on our Facebook page and shared to the Hill End site. I really hope that word got out and that nobody turned up!

We have already booked the site for next year and the Gathering will be held (Covid & weather permitting) on Saturday 4 March 2023.

Speaking of floods, we hope that any of our northern neighbours and those in flood prone areas of the metropolitan area were spared trauma and heartbreak of losing their homes and treasured memories over the past few weeks. Our thoughts are with you. We hope you may never need it but the Australian Institute for the conservation of Cultural Material website has an excellent brochure freely available online that may help you now or in the future.

Check it out at <https://aiccm.org.au/disaster/flood/>

We are “legal”! We are now the Hill End & Tambaroora Gathering Group Incorporated.

Our big news is that, as of November, we are now an incorporated Group and with that comes all the usual responsibilities it entails. Many thanks to volunteer Barbara Burnett, who managed all the paperwork and form filling and who has also agreed to help look after our finances. We were hoping to have a very short inaugural AGM at the Gathering, to set up a Committee to help with the expanded activities of our Group. Instead, we will canvas among our small core of volunteers and form an interim committee to tide us over for the next 12 months.

And what a busy 12 months it will be!

We are actively seeking volunteers who would like to assist at the Hill End Family History Centre. It is now well set up and while space is at a premium, our visitor numbers have been very gratifying. We need people to staff the Centre on weekends, to give the regular volunteers a bit of a break. It is a fun “job” and if you like talking to people and know a bit about the district, and family history, then that is all the qualifications needed. Please contact me if you are interested. (Lorraine phone 0408117784 or email heatgg@yahoo.com.au) More information on page 9 of this newsletter.



Hill End 150



While we may have missed out on our annual March Gathering there is something bigger and better coming up in Hill End on Saturday 22 October 2022. It is **“HILL END 150”**

This is a community inspired event that will take your mind back to 1872. The brick extension Public School was completed, St Paul’s Presbyterian Church was opened, moves were afoot to build the Royal Hotel & the Hospital, the steady development of Hawkins Hill was paying off, and mining companies were being floated on the Stock Exchange. All these buildings or sites still exist today, 150 years on. The jewel in the crown, the “Holtermann Nugget/Specimen” was unearthed on 19 October 1872, and Hill End was well and truly on the map. ...And 150 years later we are so grateful that Beaufoy Merlin was busy capturing all this activity with the latest technological gadget...the camera!

Today’s creative and eclectic Hill End community warmly invite you to join them for a day of celebration, connecting and reconnecting with an exciting part of Australia’s goldfields past.

We are still in the early planning stage but are looking forward to a full day of fun aimed at commemorating the history of the village. There will be tours, displays, “open house” in some of the historic homes and buildings, art exhibitions, roving buskers, food, and festival stalls, and in the evening a display of light installations projected on buildings using the Holtermann photographic collection, and topped off with a bush dance in the Royal Hall.

Hill End community volunteers will be on the ground throughout the day to guide and celebrate alongside you. So, save the date, grab the family together and make it a weekend to remember the “good old days”.

If you plan to be there and would like to volunteer for a few hours in any capacity, then we would love to hear from you. This whole event is community based, and we will be relying on locals and Gathering Group members to welcome visitors and help them enjoy the day. While it is still 7 months away, we would love to have you join our team in any capacity you can offer.

As plans progress, we will have a website totally devoted to the event as well as a Facebook page which will be updated regularly. We will keep you posted as these become “live”. You will be able to sign up to volunteer by this means.

So far, Bathurst Regional Council and Hill End National Parks & Wildlife Service are supporting the venture in kind. We will be seeking further sponsorship and grant funding too. We are pleased to announce that Vertex Minerals, the new owners of the Hawkins Hill and associated mining leases have made a significant financial donation towards funding the necessary infrastructure for the event. We aim to spend this money as close to Hill End as possible so that the whole district benefits from the event. After the effects of Covid and the vagaries of the weather this injection of people and funds will be warmly welcomed.

Hill End Historic Site Plan of Management finally approved

After years of surveys, reports and community consultations and no doubt many hours of staff and consultants’ efforts the Minister for Energy and Environment recently adopted a plan of management for Hill End Historic Site under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

It is a reasonably readable document and can be accessed [online here](#). As part of the process, it should be read in conjunction with the Hill End Historic Site Planning Considerations to get a good overview of the NPWS’s commitment to the management of the Village as it goes into more detail. It can be read [online here](#).

Our volunteers’ work.

Hawkins Hill relics

Work continues on one of our major projects – the recognition of the historical value and significance of some relics on Hawkins Hill within the Golden Quarter Mile. Paramount is the state of the Flying Fox and the magnificent stone walls surrounding the Krohmann and nearby leases. Previous attempts to have these assessed for preservation and conservation had been thwarted by OH&S restrictions imposed by the earlier leaseholders, but with the coming of Vertex Minerals to the area we are pleased to announce that we are now working through the processes to allow remediation to be carried out to stem the tide of deterioration that has occurred through time, climate, and neglect. Volunteer Richard Shaw has been working diligently for more than 2 years now and we feel that we are finally getting closer to being able to assess the structures and decided the best way of dealing with the issue.



The Flying fox...late 2021

Publications

Our volunteers have several publications currently in production and these will be available from our Family History Centre and online in our bookshop.

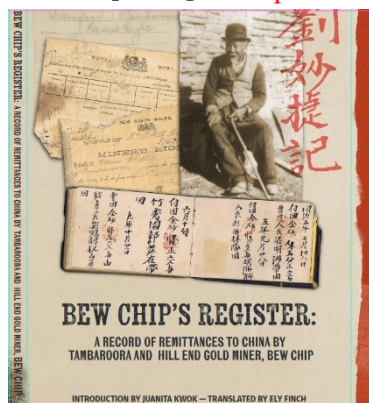
-Activity Packs

In the past we have concentrated on themed history of the area in our publications. Realizing that there is a younger age group emerging who have generational connections to the district we are widening our horizons to include this demographic as well. Volunteer Karen Bates has been busy preparing an activities pack to keep them busy and informed about some of the historical aspects of the district. The publication will have colouring-in pages, puzzles, and activities to enjoy when visiting. (and when internet connection is unavailable!) It will be aimed at the 4 – 10 age group and will complement the fantastic activities pack prepared by Sharon Shelton which is suitable for an older age group. Once published it will be available on our website and at outlets in Hill End.

-Village Histories

Our small band of volunteers have been quietly working away remotely on their projects during Covid. In anticipation of Hill End 150 we are preparing a series of brochures giving a “potted history” on some of the buildings that will be open for inspection.

-Bew Chip's Register Special Prepublication price \$40 + \$14 p&p– if ordered before 1 May. (see order form at in our [Bookshop Page](#))



A new book is in preparation, dealing with a different aspect of life in Hill End & Tambaroora. When volunteers from our Group undertook a project of digitizing the family history records held by the National Parks & Wildlife Service in Hill End, we knew we would probably find some “nuggets” tucked away in the collection. Little did we realize that the small notebook, once owned by a well-loved member of the local community, “New Chip”, (or “Bew Chip” as we later learned was his anglicized name) would spark such extensive research into the Chinese inhabitation of the Hill End and Tambaroora goldfields.

Bew Chip was a resident of the Hill End district for 72 years. Arriving in Tambaroora in 1865 at the age of 19, Bew Chip began life as a goldminer. Over a period of twenty-five years between 1865 and 1890, Bew Chip sent gold back to China, initially gold-dust

carried by returning countrymen and later gold sovereigns sent through Chinese firms with branches in Sydney and Shekki, in Canton. Bew Chip kept a record of his remittances in a little book, now in the Hill End National Parks and Wildlife Services collection. As very few Chinese gravestones have survived in Tambaroora/Hill End to reveal the names and villages of origin of Chinese goldminers, Bew Chip's register is rare source of the names and villages of some of Tambaroora's Chinese mining population, of clan networks and early firms carrying on a remittance trade between Sydney, Hong Kong, and China.

We were thrilled when Dr Juanita Kwok volunteered to expand our knowledge of this aspect of family history and Chinese culture in the area. This was an aspect that had long been neglected, not through lack of interest but more through lack of knowledge as to where to start. What that little notebook revealed because of her work, in collaboration with translator, Ely Finch, has opened a whole new path for much future research.

The meticulous work carried out by Ely Finch in not only translating the script but in providing copious notes on the background to each entry now puts the contents in a form that makes it comprehensible to the general reader as well as the scholar.

Dr Juanita Kwok will be speaking about her work in preparing this publication in Hill End on Saturday 30 April. More details on page 5. Come for the day but stay for the weekend.

Hill End Easter Community Market

After a gap of 2 years, we are hoping that our fund-raising Easter Community Market in Hill End will be going ahead as planned. It is a fun day for both stallholders and our visitors. There will be a wide array of products on offer, - you never know just what you might find there...handcrafts, bric-a-brac, books, artworks, antiques and “olde stuff”, Hill End souvenir products, clothing, and our renown Sausage Sizzle will set the taste buds trembling!



New stallholders are always welcome and at \$15 a table in the Royal Hall, it is a steal!

Contact Lorraine on 0408117784 if you are interested in taking a stall and joining us for the day.

Donations

Many thanks to those who made financial donations to the Group in the last few months. Every cent is much appreciated and helps us continue our family history work. Donations can be made on our [Bookshop page](http://www.heatgg.org.au) on our website. (www.heatgg.org.au)

With our Family History Centre becoming a presence physical in Hill End, it has had its rewards. We have recently been the recipient of several local archive collections and will be cleaning, sorting, and recording these for use by future historians.

Among them are

- ❖ papers relating to **the Ackermann reunion held in 1984** (from Pam Dority)
- ❖ archives from the **St Pauls Presbyterian Church Centenary restoration Committee** in the late 1960s-70s. (from Ted Abbott)
- ❖ Hill End Progress Association Archives (Gaye Shanahan)
- ❖ Hill End Town Management Committee Archives (from Hodge Collection)
- ❖ A beautiful copy of **Australian Men of Mark** – more details about this donation next issue.



Holtermann lithograph as portrayed in 'Australian Men of Mark', Volume 1. Sydney,

A Lucky find.... Believe it or not...

from one of Will Carter's articles, *Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga, NSW)* 28 February 1938: 2.



AN HONEST BULLOCKY

A bullock driver one day encountered the gold escort as his team was tolling slowly up Monkey Hill. The teamster pulled up to let the coach go past with its six mounted police, two in front, two on the coach, and two at the rear. About a mile on he found one of the boxes of gold lying in the middle of the road, it evidently having fallen off the coach. He casually lifted it up and threw it on to his waggon. When he reached Hill End he took it to the local bank and put it on the counter as he drawled: "This 'ere box o' gold was lying on the road this side of the Monkeys. I guess it fell off the coach t'day. Better keep it safe for 'em. I didn't want the damn thing kickin' round in my yard."

Thirteen Commandments for names. (from Facebook)

- Thou shalt name your male children James John, Joseph, Richard, Thomas or William.
- Thou shalt name your female children Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Virginia, or May.
- Thou shalt leave no trace of your female children.
- Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, never refer to them by those names again. Instead, thou shall call them by strange nicknames such as Ike, Polly, Dolly or Sookie.
- Thou shalt not use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and whenever possible, use only initials on legal documents.
- Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled or misspelt in various ways. Tipper, Tapper, Topper, Hopper, or Tucker.
- Thou shalt, after no more than three generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a courthouse fire, lost at sea, or buried, so that no future trace of them can be found.
- Thou shalt propagate misleading legends rumours, and vague innuendo regarding your place of origin. You may have come from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, or Iran, or you may have descended from one of the three brothers that came from Europe.
- Thou shalt leave no cemetery records, headstones, or headstones with legible names. Nor will any of the dates thereon match those in public records.
- Thou shalt leave no family Bible with records of births, marriages, or deaths.
- Thou shalt always flip the names around. If born James Albert, thou must make the rest of their records in the name of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Fred
- Thou must also flip thy parents' names around when referring to them
- Thou shalt name all generations of children with the same first name.





"BEW CHIP'S REGISTER"

A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE ON A HILL END & TAMBAROORA RESIDENT OF 72 YEARS.
(KNOWN LOCALLY IN HILL END AS 'NEW CHIP')

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2022

PRESENTED BY

DR. JUANITA KWOK PHD.

HISTORIAN AND HERITAGE CONSULTANT

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Entry by **DONATION** however **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL** – please email sales@heatgg.org.au with name & contact details or phone 0408117784 or 0423962511.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL

11.00AM – 1PM
TALK, BOOK LAUNCH AND
Q&A SESSION AT
THE CHURCH ON THE
HILL

CNR. THOMAS &
DENISON STREETS,
HILL END

1PM – 2.30PM
LUNCH LOCALLY

2.30 PM
IF CONDITIONS ARE
FAVOURABLE, WE MAY
BE ABLE TO VISIT A
SMALL NUMBER OF
CHINESE SITES IN THE
AREA. THIS WILL BE
CONFIRMED CLOSER
TO THE EVENT AND
MAY INVOLVE SOME
BUSH WALKING OVER
ROUGH GROUND TO
THE SITES SO
APPROPRIATE
FOOTWEAR SHOULD
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Service, Hill End.



A picture is worth 1000 (well actually 2000) words!

- Catherine Bishop

Since I included this photograph in my 2012 PhD thesis, accompanied by a bit of a rant about how men and not women were identified by name in the catalogue record, I have always wondered who the woman was. During lockdown I asked Lorraine Purcell of the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group who said that their limited research had hit upon Annie Little as a likely candidate. Records *appeared* to suggest that she had a shop in Clarke Street and daughters of about the right age. She had just lost her draper husband, James. Who was Annie Little and how had she come to be in Hill End? What happened to her in the years after this photograph was taken? And, in the end, is this photo really of Annie Little?



'Dressmaker's shop (next to On Gay & Co. and later occupied by Myer, a barber, Hill End)' (Holtermann Collection SLNSW)

Annie was just 27 when her husband died in Hill End, of bronchitis in July 1872. He was 45, a fair bit older, but still, she would not have expected to be widowed quite so young, after less than a decade of marriage with 4 young sons and another on the way. (Careful readers will note there are no daughters mentioned here. The presence in Mudgee of a James Dixon Little and his wife Ann, who were producing children at roughly the same time as our James and Annie, has muddled the waters for previous researchers.)

A Little Marriage and a Long Journey

It had been quite a decade of marriage, however, for a young woman born and brought up in Camden, New South Wales. Annie's parents, William and Margaret Buchan, had emigrated from Scotland in 1838 with three young children, settling in Camden, where their family expanded, including Annie, born in 1845. William had a stonemasonry business and dressmaker Margaret had a drapery store. Annie's father was a respected citizen, donating a stone font to the local church in 1849 and appointed poundkeeper, but in 1854, when Annie was about 9, William disappeared to the Victorian goldfields and never returned. Family stories (rather meanly) suggested that Margaret was 'a bit of a tartar', causing her husband to take off. More charitably, perhaps she needed to be strong; certainly, she did after he departed. Annie's only brother, Alexander, who was a bit of a wheeler and dealer, and ran the Balmain ferry with a couple of business partners, drank himself to death in 1859. It is no wonder that his sister Janet, the oldest girl, became a stalwart of the local Daughters of Temperance. The family owned some land in Camden, including Margaret's store on the corner of Oxley and Argyle Streets, a site taken over by first one son-in-law (Janet's husband Ebenezer Simpson) and then another (Richard Potter).

It is possible that Annie had been trained by her mother and was working as a dressmaker in Sydney when she met James Little. Nothing much is known about James Little – the very many James Littles scattered through the archival records make him difficult to pin down. He was born in about 1826 in the wee village of Kirkpatrick Durham, near Dumfries in the south west of Scotland. His mother Euphemia died ten years later probably giving birth to her sixth child who was named for her. His father James followed three years later, and by the 1841 Scottish census the children were living with Euphemia's parents, all, that is, except 15-year-old James. Had he run away to sea? Or to Edinburgh or London? Whatever he did, his next appearance in the records is the announcement of his marriage to Annie Buchan in 1863.

After they married, they set up house at 31 Stanley Street in Woolloomooloo, between Mrs Mary Drewett's ladies' school and the home of bookseller James Waugh. Did James allow Annie a free hand choosing the Spanish mahogany chairs and matching couch, telescope dining table and Brussels carpet? Did they pick out the handsome 4-post brass bedstead together? It is to be hoped that Annie was not very attached to any of the 'very superior household furniture and effects', for barely two years later it was being auctioned off. Perhaps, however, she was far too excited to worry about the Gaston and Jarvis stove, bracket clock and 'choice engravings and ornaments' for she, along with James, 1 year old Alfred and a new baby son, were off on a very big adventure. In late October 1865 they boarded the SS *Great Britain* for London, where they would live for the next 6 years. Such a reverse migration was unusual. Businesspeople made buying trips, and some returned home having made their fortunes in the colonies to show off their new status in the metropole, but the Littles were different. James was an 'exporter of soft goods,' so perhaps he had set up in business for himself, entrepreneurially supplying drapers back in Sydney, or perhaps he had been sent by a Sydney shop to be their 'London man', organising buying and transportation of new goods.

On census night in April 1871, they were living at 45 Downs Park Road, about 5 minutes' walk from Hackney Downs Park in Hackney, then a fairly new development on the outskirts of London. While James was exporting soft goods, Annie was also busy, having added Frederick and Ernest to the family. She was grieving for her baby daughter Annie Mabel, born in

1869 and dead within a year. What did she make of London? With constant pregnancies and small children underfoot did she even see much of the city beyond Hackney? Just three months after the census, however, their London sojourn was over, and the Littles were on the *William Guthrie*, sailing back to Sydney. Were they homesick? Had James' business failed? Or did they just have itchy feet, longing for the Australian sunshine, dreading another long English winter?

Dressmaking and Drapery in Hill End

Sydney was not their final destination. How did Annie feel when James suggested trying their luck at Hill End in the goldfields early in the new year? Perhaps he gave her the option of remaining in Sydney with the boys, but remembering her father's disappearing act, she may have decided to keep her husband within sight, even though she was three months pregnant. Of course, James was not suggesting mining, as her father had been doing. Instead, he set up a drapery business in March 1872, buying a small store (11m x 20m) at the junction of Tambaroora and Clarke Streets.

James died of bronchitis on 11 July 1872, just two weeks before his son William was born. Annie was the sole beneficiary of his estate 'not exceeding' but possibly close to £1000, a fair sum but one that would have included the shop. Annie stayed in Hill End for another six years, running a dressmaking and millinery business, waving her growing boys off as they strolled down the road to Hill End Public School. At the end of 1878 Annie called it quits and soon moved back to Camden.

Annie's new adventure

In 1880 35-year-old Annie married 56-year-old widower Francis Ferguson, owner of the Australian Nursery. Perhaps she had met Francis through her sister Janet's children. The families were certainly becoming entwined. George Simpson married Francis's daughter Sophia in the same year, and his sister Annie Simpson married Francis's son Herbert in 1883. Perhaps Annie Little had known Francis and his late wife Sophia, when she was growing up, because the Fergusons had emigrated as newlyweds in 1849. Francis was initially a trusted employee of the preeminent Macarthur family, before establishing his nursery business. He is sometimes credited with introducing the jacaranda to Australia and has been described by historian Alan Atkinson as 'a man of education, some capital and mercurial habits.' Sophia died in 1876 leaving a large family of 10 surviving offspring, ranging from 9 to 28. One of Francis's sons, Francis John, also married a wife called Annie – Annie Henrietta Watson, causing many ancestry.com family tree makers to mistakenly call our Annie 'Annie Henrietta'. Francis John had a branch of the Australian Nursery in Double Bay. Son Herbert managed a related business with Francis Hill in the Royal Arcade, supplied with cut flowers by his 'Royal Nurseries' in Ashfield.

Francis the elder and our Annie had three children of their own, two dying young, before Francis died in 1892. His funeral was 'one of the largest ever seen in the district', according to the *Sydney Mail*. He was wealthier than James Little, his estate valued at 'not more than £2590'. Annie was now a widow again, and she was not yet 50. She did not marry again but seems to have rediscovered her inner businesswoman. The sole executrix of Francis's will, she was possibly already involved in the Camden business. Her husband left her all his 'personal estate', 'for her sole and separate use and benefit absolutely'. He 'direct [ed] my said wife to carry on after my decease my business as a nurseryman in the same name', although, if she found 'the responsibilities of the business too great for her to manage or being desirous of relieving herself from the carrying on of such business', she could sell it 'to the best advantage'. After its sale, the proceeds would be hers 'for her sole and separate use'. This effectively disinherited the children from his first wife as far as the business was concerned, although any real estate he owned was left in trust for all his children, Annie having the right to 'occupy ... and receive rents... during her life'. Upon her death any property would be sold, and the proceeds divided equally. There may well have been some dispute. In Francis's probate file in the NSW State Archives is a letter, written after Annie's death. In it, Mrs F A Collins, Francis's daughter Florence, asked for a copy of her father's will, in order to establish 'how his first family stands in regard to the Camden property'. No record survives of any further action so perhaps things were resolved.

Herbert Ferguson may not have been too worried. He had continued to run his own 'Royal Nurseries' business at Strathfield into the 20th century. Annie's oldest stepson Francis John had died in 1899, and the subsequent marriage in 1902 of his daughter Lizzie to Annie's son Alfred Denison Little meant that the Double Bay and Camden businesses combined, the former closing in 1903. The Business and Company Records Index lists Annie Ferguson, Alfred Little and Frederick Little as the people carrying on the business known as 'F Ferguson & Son' in 1904. Clearly this second marriage had been a beneficial move for Annie and her family.



Hillside, Villiers St, Rockdale, where Annie spent the last decade of her life (from Google 2021)

Annie Ferguson had retired from the business by 1917, perhaps even earlier, and her youngest son Arthur Bruce Ferguson became a partner. Annie moved to 'Hillside', a villa in Villiers Street, Rockdale in 1912. It was there that she died 15 years later in 1927 at the ripe old age of 82.

'Dressmaker's shop' or not?

This started out as the story of the 'dressmaker' of the photograph, or was it? Annie Little was certainly a dressmaker in Hill End, but as the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group's Lorraine Purcell and I have delved deeper into her history, we now don't think that she was in this building. She was probably across the street in the little cottage on the left at the end of the snow-laden street in this photograph, taken the winter James Little died of bronchitis.



The window display in the building in the original 'dressmaker' photograph is not so much about dressmaking as baking and confectionery. So, who is this woman in the photograph? That is for another 1000 (or 2000) words.



Below: Annie's cottage was located in the garden area of Northey's Store, where evidence of foundations of the structure exist. A small garden of irises nearby marks the spot.



Above: Annie's home & business, in the snow covered bark roofed cottage on the far left. Clarke Street Hill End Winter 1872. Holtermann Collection.

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She researches Australian, New Zealand and international history, with a particular focus on businesswomen. While she enjoys getting lost in archives (real or digital) and creating words on a page, she has been known to say that the best part about writing a book is engaging with audiences about it. In non-Covid times she a regular conference participant and particularly enjoy giving talks to local historical and family history societies and to the public more generally.

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Hill End Family History Centre at Northeys.

Well, we have had an interesting few months back in our Family History Centre, once lockdown was over.

When I last wrote of our new venture we were in the middle of lockdown, and after a very successful 3 months we just had to walk out and close the doors. All tourism and visitors to Hill End ceased, which was a blessing in some way, as the village and inhabitants have managed to avoid any major covid incidents. After closing for 3 months the centre reopened once lockdown for the central west area was lifted and we were fully back in business in early November....but where were the visitors?



People were still reluctant to travel. We were fully equipped with QR codes and manual sign in for those without an Optus phone connection. We also provided masks for those who needed them. Statistics are sometimes a nuisance to record, however just a simple HHH in our daily diary revealed the story. Numbers were definitely down, and the expected influx, as promised by the “authorities” that once lockdown was over people would be flocking to the tourism sites just didn’t happen.

The school and Christmas/New Year period improved matters and it is good to see that our visitation figures are gradually increasing. We are now looking forward to /seeing more and more people arriving in the area. Figures revealed that, to the end of February, we were open around 120 days and during that time we recorded around 1450 visitors.

We have been changing our window displays regularly and they prove a great incentive to those passing by, to drop in and see what we are all about.



Considerable interest was also taken in the local history books, maps, artworks, framed prints & photographs, and cards that we had on sale. We also stock a small supply of souvenir items; mugs, stubby holders, tea towels, locally produced lavender bags from Northeys lavender, fridge magnets, and bumper stickers. All profits from donations and the sales of these items go towards supporting our work at Northeys. One of our major “donations” was the gift of a large, decommissioned photocopier/printer/scanner from Hill End Public School, when they received their new one. This has proved a wonderful addition to the venue and has allowed us to offer this printing service to visitors and locals alike, not necessarily related to family history.

What really made us realize our popularity was that we had at approximately 120 family visitors who identified themselves as descendants, looking for information on their families. Daphne’s colourful folders, lining the walls were a real drawcard, and visitors, who really had no idea their families may have been in the area, sometimes found a connection once they saw the family names on the spines.



We are still looking for more volunteers to come and stay to help with small project during their time there. Visitors love speaking to (seemingly) “locals” too, and it is not long before our volunteers realize that they know quite a bit about the district from their family history research that they are happy to share.

If the above offer appeals to you and you have a spare week to join us, then please contact me for more information and to discuss dates etc. (0408117784 or email heatgg@yahoo.com.au) We can provide comfy caravan accommodation for a very reasonable donation, just to cover expenses.

Volunteers Alison & Frank Briggs recently stayed with us, and Alison has sent in a report of their visit. Hopefully this might encourage others to try the experience.

Volunteering in Hill End – Alison Briggs

My husband Frank and I recently took the opportunity to volunteer at the Hill End Family History Centre, as suggested by Lorraine our HEATGG convenor. Although we had both previously volunteered on many occasions, and despite my great-grandparents and their immediate family and relatives living in the village for 20 years from the 1870s, this was only the second time we had actually stayed in Hill End.



And we thoroughly enjoyed our time there.

For about 4 hours on four days, we joined Lorraine, local historian Daphne Shead and another volunteer Julia, assisting at the Family History Centre. As you can imagine it is setup with a large selection of material on families which lived in the area, together with other resources such as census records, land titles, maps, etc. And next door is the gallery/shop where visitors can purchase books, souvenirs, maps, and artwork, etc.

After a quick orientation it was down to work helping sort and record documents and

information on the local Presbyterian Church which had been donated. Then it was on to a similar task – this time working with documents pertaining to the Ackermann family.

The Centre is in Northeys Store, an excellent position as visitors can see the “Open” flag flying when they visit the pub, café, or National Parks Heritage Centre. This means that most folk usually stroll down and come inside, where we could assist them with their general questions about Hill End, their enquiries about a particular family, or their purchases.

Our accommodation was in the “Holtermann Suite”, a large stationary caravan with ensuite, located at “Flagstaff Folly”, the block of land owned by Lorraine and Dennis. Here we had everything we needed to make ourselves comfortable.



At night, Dennis would light the fire in the remains of the stone fireplace of the original cottage, and we would sit, joined at times by a neighbour and/or other volunteers, enjoying conversation during an evening under the stars. The local kangaroos would come past, as did a variety of bird life; and Les – the local rooster – was a visitor each morning.

In just a short time we were made to feel welcome in the community, with the opportunity for me to join Lorraine and the local ladies in yoga, exercise class and weekly walk – all followed by coffee together at the café.



We were also fortunate to be able to attend a community meeting to discuss the upcoming “Hill End 150” celebration to mark the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the “Holtermann Specimen” which put the village on the map in 1872.

An afternoon walk along Hawkins Hill with Lorraine and Dennis, and fellow volunteers Julia and Richard enabled us to see close up the remains of the gold mining workings, including shafts, stone walls and the flying fox it is hoped can be restored.

A highlight was accompanying Lorraine to visit Ted, a long-time resident and former gold-panning tour leader, at his home along a dirt track out from Tambaroora. After spending time enjoying his yarns, our return journey took us along the dirt back road to Hill End, stopping to see the remains of the local Catholic Church, the

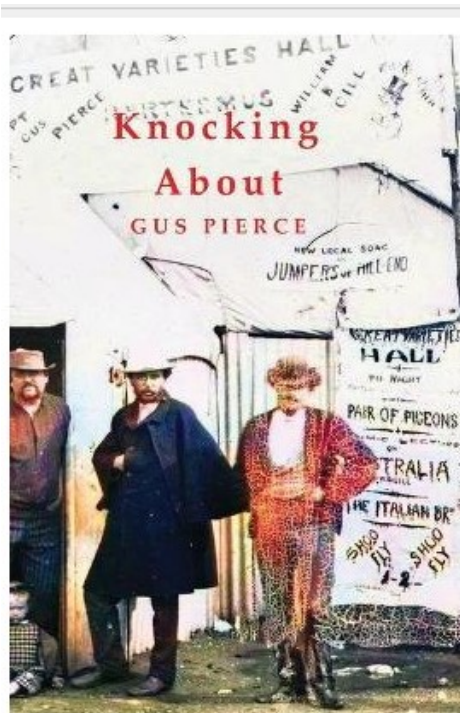
old racetrack, and an historic pig roasting oven at Washing Gully where the Chinese miners once lived.

If you would like to volunteer at the Family History Centre and enjoy some time winding down from city life, we would thoroughly recommend spending time in Hill End.

“Knocking About: Being some adventures of Augustus Baker Peirce in Australia”

A new “old” publication

This autobiography, edited by Mrs. Albert T. Leadbeater was originally published posthumously by Yale University Press in 1924.



We have mentioned one of Hill End’s earlier characters, Augustus “Gus” Baker Pierce in our newsletter before ([Issue 7](#), and [Issue 19](#)) and we are now happy to announce that his book “Knocking About” has been reprinted by ETT Imprints and is now available on [Amazon](#) or [Booktopia](#).

Augustus Baker Pierce, an itinerant American theatrical entrepreneur, riverboat captain and painter, was living in Hill End in 1872-73. This riverboat captain, in the off seasons when the river was too low for navigation, renewed his association with the stage, singing in dramatic benefits in Melbourne and acting in theatricals in Corowa.

During one dry season he was commissioned to paint a panorama “*A voyage around the World*” which when completed was 212 feet long. The panorama was placed on rollers and Peirce toured with it to regional towns in NSW meeting with such success that he left riverboating for a period and produced a number of other paintings and toured with them. He went into partnership with William B. Gill at Hill End and erected a tent forty by eighty feet with corrugated iron sides, in which he performed legerdemain, monologues, and comic songs.

Selling the theatre after six weeks, Pierce turned his hand to surveying and drafting mining claims.

During this time, he erected a wattle and daub house for his family in Hill End.

He described the method of construction as follows:

“This house was constructed in regulation style, without sills, by simply driving saplings into the ground at regular intervals, on either side of which were fastened the wattles or split limbs, forming horizontal half-rounds, the space between them being filled in solid with a mixture of earth, water, and grass. The roof was made of saplings and gum bark, and a chimney erected of slabs and finished with a barrel. A trench was then dug around the hut to drain off the water, and the new residence was complete. For interior decoration I used such portions of the Artemus Ward panorama [Artemus Ward’ was U.S. President Abraham Lincoln’s favourite author. Gus Peirce had painted a panorama to illustrate one of Ward’s humorous stories.] as had not been water-soaked and Brigham Young [founder of the Latter-day Saints community in Salt Lake City, Utah, who had also been recorded on one of his panoramas] and his numerous progeny gazed down from the bedroom ceiling, keeping watch like guardian angels; and different views of Salt Lake around the walls enlarged the perspectives of the different rooms.

When everything was ready Mrs. Peirce [he spelt his name both ways!- Ed.] and the children came up from Sydney, and we settled down to domestic life in a dwelling which thousands of cockatoos never allowed to become lonesome.”

Never one to linger long in one place, after eight months, Pierce moved on, selling his house to the local blacksmith.

At this time Holtermann’s mine produced its famous “nugget” and Pierce painted Holtermann with it. He also painted a new panorama of mining life, titled the *Mirror of Australia*, which he toured regional towns with limited success. After a brief stint in the mining area of the short-lived goldfield of Jawbone, near Wellington where he opened a bakery, he took his family back on the road again, touring the goldfields and regional town with his panoramas, before resuming his riverboat career.

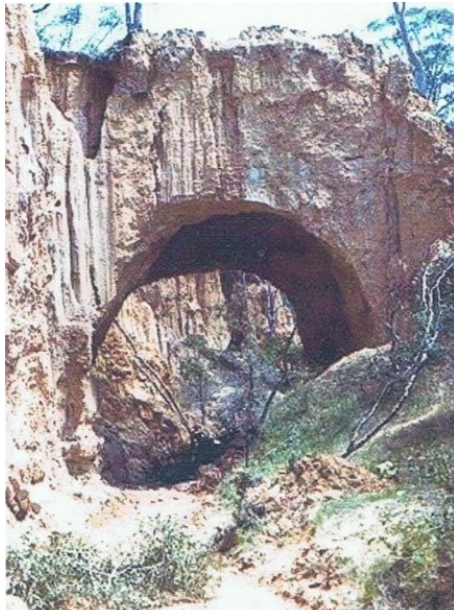


Gus Peirce with his young son – Holtermann Collection SLNSW

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**“Some were richer, some were poorer; When they quitted Tambaroora.”**

- Will Carter at the end of his newspaper series “The Old Goldfields” in 1938.

## Mother Nature takes her course – Some things just happen - And you can't stop them.



Golden Arch 2008 (Golden Gully CMP)

Hill End & Tambaroora recently lost one of their major tourist attractions and there was absolutely nothing that could be done to save it. Mother nature saw to that. On Saturday 27 November NPWS staff discovered that the large northern “Golden Arch” had finally succumbed to the build-up of prolonged moisture and had collapsed in its entirety. The surge of water within the creek washed away any remnant soil from the arch leaving little trace.

Golden Gully walking track had been closed to the public as a result of the mid-September collapse of the small southern arch which sat at the base of the Golden Gully walking track entry. The arches and gully walls are made up of alluvial sandy clay and clayey sand and the integrity of arches and walls, which was already compromised from mining and subsequent erosion, has been further jeopardised due to the recent record amount of rainfall. Shortly after the small arch collapse a mature gum tree situated on the upper edge of the gully wall nearest to the southern arch fell across the track. Regular site inspections have occurred since the tracks closure.



Golden Gully early 2021 and November 2021 (NPWS image)

A Qualitative Risk Assessment of the Golden Gully area was carried out in 2017 and subsequently after the small arch collapse NPWS arranged a further Qualitative Risk Assessment of the area which was conducted in October 2021 with the report and recommendations currently in preparation. The track will remain closed until the recommendations have been received and actioned.

Visitors are encouraged to avoid the site as super saturated soils could see some cliff falls along the route to the Golden Gully Arch site. NPWS staff are updating visitor information in publications and on the NPWS web pages. Please share this information widely and advise visitors to avoid the site until safety works are completed. Golden Gully is listed on both the Register of the National Estate and the State Heritage Register. In 1983 NPWS nominated the site for listing under the Heritage Act as it was under threat of damage and disturbance from proposed commercial mining operations. A permanent Conservation Order was placed on the site in 1988 and in 1999 the site was transferred onto the State Heritage Register. The Statement of significance reads:

*Golden Gully and Archway is a major site on the Hill End-Tambaroora Goldfield where large scale alluvial fossicking was undertaken by European and Chinese miners....It displays the difference between European and Chinese mining techniques during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In particular, the eroded gully has exposed the square European shafts and the round Chinese shafts in a dramatic and unique landscape.*

### Condolences

We were sad to hear of **Cec Bartlett's** passing on 25 July 2021, He was born in Orange NSW and lived in Wheeler Heights NSW. His son, Stuart, wrote that Cec was so very proud of his contributions to the preservation of Hill End through his career with Lands Department and then National Parks and Wildlife Service upon its inception, as well as his historical research.

We are so very indebted to Cec for sharing his extensive research, passed on to us a few years ago. His records of land ownership and Crown Plans in Hill End & Tambaroora from the 1860s to the 1980s has formed the basis of one of our most used reference tools, when locating family home & business sites.

**Brian Nightingale**, well known Bathurst motor sport identity, passed away in February 2022. Our condolences are extended to their families and friends.

## Bridle Track update

Sharon Shelton, author of **Tales of the Bridle Track: Bathurst to Hill End** and our resident reporter living on the Bridle Track has informed us that work on the Monaghan's Bluff detour has commenced, paving the way for work to reopen the Bridle Track linking Bathurst and Hill End. The Bridle Track dates to the early 1800s when it was a horse route for stockman but become a very busy transport corridor when gold was discovered in the Turon Valley and was used by those travelling to Tambaroora and Hill End in search of gold.



While the Track had officially been closed since 2010 when a rock slide took out part of the road at Monaghan's Bluff, intrepid motor bike riders & cyclists continued to see it as a challenge to their riding skills. In late 2021 further deterioration of the track (to less than 1 metre wide at one spot possibly due to the increased rainfall that also heralded the collapse of the Golden Arch) and the recent installation of locked gates made even this undertaking impossible.

Now, in early March, it appears that work is finally going ahead on

the bypass around the affected area. Three properties have been acquired to allow the corridor to be reopened. The works will see a 2km detour around the top of the escarpment near the damaged section of track. It is expected that the works will be completed in around 12 months. We wait in hope!

The eventual reopening of this track, favourite with four-wheel-drive enthusiasts, campers, and anglers, is an example of how heritage tourism can benefit the region, including the village of Hill End.



*Equipment on its way to the Bridle Track bypass- March 2022*

## **A Bosenberg Rose** ?by any other name would smell so sweet – if we could find out the name!

We have been contacted by Thora Linquist (nee Yates), whose mother Rebecca Jane Alder married Reuben Yates in 1919 in Hill End. Jane (as she was known to all) enjoyed all types of sport and interests and even at the age of 84 she took part in sailing in all types of boats from dinghies to ocean going boats, played enjoyed 10 pin bowling and played gold and many other sports. She was remembered as a real friend to anyone who needed help and passed away in 1991. Thora recounted a story to me and has asked for our help and that of the Hill End community – past & present.

As a child Jane and her family lived in the “Alder house” on the downside of the sharp bend in Warry's Rd, near Bear Gully, just before the turnoff to the Bald Hill Mine parking area. (aka “the Overflow”). Jane suffered from infant paralysis and had to wear iron calipers until she was eighteen or so and could not walk until she was about 6 years of age. The home has recently been purchased by Olivier & Christine who are restoring it to its former glory.

Long before Jane was born, and opposite the Alder house, their neighbour, Carl August Bosenberg, had bought the property in 1873. He was well known for his beautiful garden from which he supplied the many hotels in the district. It was believed that he may have bought the plant from his original home in South Australia, where he had imported plants from Germany for his garden. Among them was a creamy coloured rose, with a pink tinge and a lovely perfume.

The Bosenberg block passed to his son Carl Henry in 1888 on the death of his father, and as time passed the locals still called the property “Bosie's Place”.

Carl Henry took pity on his young neighbour, Rebecca, (born 1894) as he called her by her proper name. He gave her a cutting from that rose, and she cultivated it at the Alder house where it thrived. When she moved away, she took cuttings from that bush and gave them to her daughter Thora when she married Alex Linquist in 1960. Over the years Thora has taken more cuttings from her plants in spring and shared them amongst family and friends. “I grow a garden to be able to give it away” she told me.

Now almost 90 Thora would love to know if any Bosenberg descendants, or any of the gardeners in Hill End might recall the name of that rose and anything more of its history. Thora is still taking cuttings from that rose and hopes to have some available to share later this year.

If anyone can help her in her quest, they are welcome to make contact through me ([heatgg@yahoo.com.au](mailto:heatgg@yahoo.com.au) or phone 0408117784) and I will pass on your contact details.



*Lorraine's “Holtermann Gold” Rose, February 2022*

## BEYER'S AND HOLTERMANN'S CLAIM, HILL END.

In preparation for our **Hill End 150** celebrations on 22 October, we have uncovered a comprehensive description of the Beyers & Holtermann Star of Hope Claim on Hawkins Hill. This article was taken from the *Hill End Observer*, the local newspaper which ran from March 1872 until October 1874 – just two and a half years, and yet no complete issues still exist. However, other newspapers reproduced articles from this publication and present us with a local view of Hill End happenings. The following article was reprinted in the *Empire* on Friday 7 February 1873, on page 4.

“For some time past, very rich stone has been daily grassed from the claim, the subject of this notice and we were glad to avail ourselves of the courteous offer of Mr. Bullock to inspect the underground workings. In speaking of the mine, it may perhaps be interesting to the public to give a brief retrospect of the last few years, more especially as the development of the mine so strongly exemplifies the results of perseverance.

That Hill End is mainly indebted for its present importance to the determined energy of a few of the pioneers of the goldfield is admitted by everyone; and however we may go ahead for the future, the names of Wythes, Beard, Paten, Holman, Holtermann, Beyers, Krohmann, and others will be linked with our prosperity, and regarded as household words by the rising generation. Some five years ago a party of five consisting of Beyers, Holtermann, Kerr, Miller, and Bell, might have been seen commencing their labours on Hawkin's Hill, and although aided and supported by the characteristic confidence of miners, it is not likely that any one of the group anticipated such a golden harvest that time and labour has brought them. It was regarding the venture in the most hopeful light to expect more than payable returns for a lengthy period, but these men strove on, they battled and overcame all difficulties that came upon them, and in the end, they have been rewarded as merit alone deserves.

There are those in the community jealous of the welfare of other who find pleasure in attributing to luck what has resulted from honest work, and the sneering, back-biting remarks levelled from time to time against one person interested in the claim are so apparent as to be easily seen through by impartial observers.

After working for about two years, they struck the vein that yielded 9 oz. to the ton, but in these days, packing was at the rate of 12s a ton, crushing £1, and everything else correspondingly dear. Although some work was done on this level, which is at a depth of 130 feet from the surface, only a few tons of stuff were put through the mill, and sinking was again resumed. It must be borne in mind by shareholders that this level almost remains intact, and although at the time when crushing appliances were so difficult to obtain it was not deemed advisable to continue operations, the stone remains there that carried 9 ozs to the ton, and on the completion of Petersen's tramway an economical means of transit will be offered to the company for the conveyance of their gold-bearing quartz. The manager informs us those large quantities will be sent to the mill as soon as it is ready to receive it. After viewing these upper workings, we again descended, and reached the next level at a depth of 180 feet. Here, it will be remembered, the general stuff averaged 50 ozs., but 4 tons yielded the large amount of 225 ozs to the ton-altogether realising a dividend for the owners of £1400 a man. Here of course there are more signs of active work having taken place, but there is any quantity of rich-bearing stuff to be taken out yet.

We next visited the main workings, which are about 220 feet down, and were here shown by Mr Bullock the exact place where the extraordinary rich specimens were found; six veins are easily distinguishable, each showing gold plainly, and striking into Krohmann's on an underlay of about one in three.

There remains about twenty-five feet to reach Krohmann's boundary, and it is here that stoping operations are being carried on and the rich stone obtained to swell the store in the treasure-room. Traversing the back workings, we found that some inconvenience had been recently sustained by the influx of surface water which had lodged in this part of the mine, and the manager found it necessary to extend the timbering. Three days have been occupied in this work, and this delay has retarded the letting off of the shot which it is expected will bring down a rare heap of golden stone. This shot is put in to dislodge a large quantity of mullock thickly impregnated with the precious metal which exists on the one side; but the next shot in the opposite direction will bring down large quantities of quartz and slate mixed. The gold is visible throughout this block, and the manager hopes from the similar appearance of this block in the possession of the same large quantities of baser metals as exhibited themselves in the large specimen, that the gold is richer, and in larger quantities farther down. Very large quantities of stone must continue to be brought to surface, as the men are spread throughout the mine, and all are engaged in taking down, so that the crushing in February is bound to be a good one.

Timbering of the workings throughout require some comment at our hands, as they are perfect to a degree, and far surpass in strength and effective placing anything we had anticipated, and as experience has shown us some good specimens of underground work; in New Zealand we were inclined to be difficult to satisfy. The difficulty at all times attendant first in obtaining the yellow box, the timber generally used in the work, and then in getting it to the claim, places obstacles in the way which on the Thames field [in New Zealand] cannot exist, as only a few years since the whole of Grahamstown and Tamaru were luxuriant in the growth of the Kauri, a wood which from its size and durability renders it qualified for all uses in connection with mining.

Mr. Bullock has served his apprenticeship to his business, not only in California but also at the Thames and we are glad to see he has so ably carried out the principles in vogue there, namely-to use every precaution in securing the mine. The fact is there is no choice given to mining managers there. The Government inspector insists upon it. Here, however, more shame to the authorities, no such functionary exists as a mine inspector, although the colony is sufficiently burdened with useless and costly officials. The result of this want of caution of the Government is to give an opening to many companies to act parsimoniously at the risk of the workmen, and to spare timbering expenses; but whatever accident might be in store for Holtermann's it will never be occasioned by any oversight of the manager or want of attention to this particular part of his business. Coming again to the surface, we were shown the results of some of last week's work in the shape of a goodly heap of specimens, and from the quantity now in the iron safe, we should say that there was over 3 cwt in hand: this is of course the richest description, and we are confident that when tested the gold will be found to preponderate over the stone. In the room is also housed about five or six tons of stuff which will yield at the rate of 200ozs to the ton, and the heap is being daily increased by the continual supply from below.

The shed for the convenience of the men is a good structure, forty feet by thirteen feet, fitted with every appliance and convenience for their comfort, and as they were all off duty during the dinner hour, we had an opportunity of seeing all the staff engaged on the claim. There are thirty-two, all counted, employed in the two shafts and on the workings generally, and their wants require the aid of a blacksmith and an assistant to keep the implements of their trade in working order.



*The Star of Hope Mine - Detail from Merlin's panorama of the mines on Hawkins Hill c 1872 – Holtermann Collection SLNSW.*

The men, on coming off shift change their clothing in the presence of one of the overseers, and we recognize the many advantages obtained by this practice. It precludes the possibility of any suspicion attaching itself to a workman, and it does not necessitate any watching on the part of a manager, a duty to say the least unpleasant and opposed to an Englishman's idea of fair play.

In the rich Caledonian claim, many of the workmen retired with fortunes, taking drafts for £8000 or £10,000 back to England, but as soon as the evil was exposed the directory discharged everyone on the claim and many an innocent man suffered for his more guilty comrade. This was unfair and was felt as such by the employee, and the general complaint was why did they not adopt the proper precaution and there would have been no inducement for thieves to become miners. Since the changing system was introduced, everything has worked with harmony and concord, and we congratulate Mr. Bullock and the men in his charge that the same routine is observed in the Star of Hope, better known as Beyers and Holtermann's."

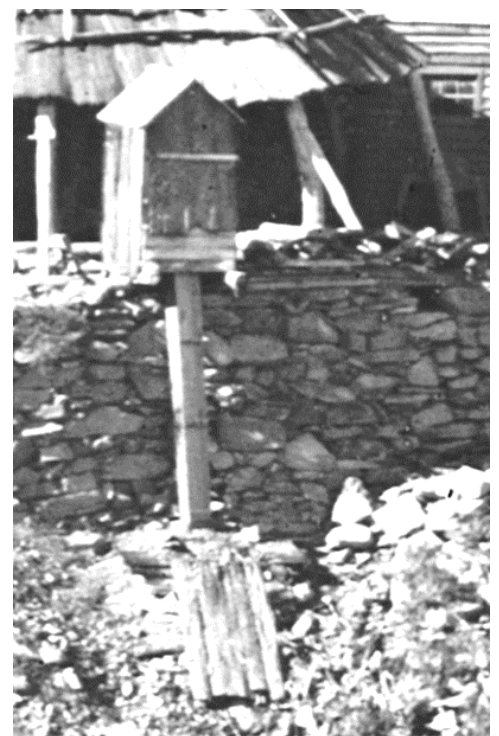
### **Its all in the detail...**

Here are two more "details" from Krohmann's mine, situated adjacent to the Star of Hope Mine in the same panorama of Hawkins Hill as photographed by Merlin around 1872. We felt they were worthy of note.



Left: The goatskins hanging from the rafter, would have been used as large "waterbags" – hopefully not for drinking water!

Right: The other item is the familiar "outhouse" which brings to mind the origins of the name of this structure as "the long drop"!



## Did your ancestor have shares in Beyers and Holtermann's Star of Hope Company?

**Do you wonder what happened to their investment?** Check out this list from the *New South Wales Government Gazette* Tuesday 23 July 1872 (No.203) page 1867

I THE undersigned George Alfred Russell hereby make application to register Beyers and Holtermann's Star of Hope Gold Mining Company Limited under the provisions of the Mining Partnership's Limited Liability Act 1861; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the following statement is to the best of my belief and knowledge true in every particular, namely:

1. The name and style of the Company is Beyers and Holtermann's Star of Hope Gold Mining Company Limited.
2. The place of operations is at Hawkins Hill, Hill End.
3. The nominal Capital of the Company is seventy-two thousand pounds in seventy-two thousand shares of one pound each being all fully paid up shares.
4. The amount already paid up is seventy-two thousand pounds.
5. The name of the Manager is George Alfred Russell.
6. The Office of the Company is at 303 George-street Sydney N.S.W.
7. The names and the number of shares held by each at this date are as follows:

|                 |             |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|
| John            | Alworth     | 60   |
| Alexander B     | Armstrong   | 43   |
| Elizabeth       | Andrews     | 20   |
| William         | Andrews     | 50   |
| Edward          | Arnold      | 250  |
| Eliza           | Arnold      | 50   |
| Charles         | Artlett jnr | 15   |
| Alfred          | Allen       | 25   |
| Edith J.        | Allen       | 25   |
| George Wigram   | Allen       | 550  |
| Henry           | Allen       | 100  |
| Richard Joseph. | Allibrand   | 10   |
| James           | Anderson    | 66   |
| Henry A.        | Allan       | 75   |
| John            | Bailey      | 100  |
| John            | Bullen      | 5    |
| John Charles    | Burrell     | 30   |
| Walter S.       | Buzacott    | 20   |
| Richard         | Brownlow    | 250  |
| Wazir           | Beg         | 25   |
| Alfred          | Burne       | 10   |
| James Matthew   | Banks       | 20   |
| Sarah J. C.     | Bode        | 20   |
| Samuel W.       | Baker       | 5    |
| John L.         | Bown        | 155  |
| George Charles  | Bode        | 40   |
| Alfred          | Bullock     | 30   |
| John            | Bright      | 100  |
| John            | Busby       | 500  |
| Hannah L.       | Bennett     | 500  |
| John            | Booth       | 50   |
| Henry           | Brown John  | 10   |
| Agnes           | Busby       | 600  |
| Alexander       | Barns       | 50   |
| Thomas          | Brooking    | 10   |
| Emma            | Bates       | 40   |
| John            | Brewster    | 350  |
| Mary Jane       | Bennett     | 5    |
| Edwin           | Bennett     | 485  |
| Louis           | Beyers      | 2000 |
| William         | Billrwell   | 50   |
| John            | Batrup      | 25   |

|                   |            |      |
|-------------------|------------|------|
| Alexander         | Busby      | 100  |
| William           | Cocks      | 150  |
| Robert            | Carr       | 20   |
| John Bassett      | Christian  | 100  |
| John              | Canney     | 10   |
| Frederick         | Clissold   | 1958 |
| John Augustus     | Compton    | 15   |
| Charles           | Churchwood | 150  |
| Hugh              | Connolly   | 10   |
| William           | Combes     | 50   |
| John Robert       | Catell     | 50   |
| Edward            | Combes     | 500  |
| John              | Callaghan  | 150  |
| Samuel            | Callaghan  | 50   |
| William J.        | Clarke     | 20   |
| J. Turner         | Caldwell   | 20   |
| George            | Curtis     | 700  |
| William Frederick | Cape       | 459  |
| Edwin             | Curtis     | 100  |
| Alfred John       | Cape       | 10   |
| Gavin T           | Carmichael | 100  |
| Thomas Gk         | Croft      | 235  |
| James             | Carter     | 20   |
| Trueman           | Dakin      | 20   |
| Fanny             | Dodds      | 25   |
| William           | Dickens    | 20   |
| Tilmouth F        | Dye        | 60   |
| Joseph            | Docker     | 50   |
| Charles           | D'Arcy     | 50   |
| Catherine         | Daley      | 5    |
| Alice             | Dubber     | 120  |
| Dawson Alexander  | Davis      | 10   |
| Elizabeth         | Davis      | 18   |
| Matthew           | Dooley     | 10   |
| William           | Davidson   | 10   |
| George Marley     | De Leitli  | 20   |
| Mary Jane         | Daley      | 12   |
| James G           | Dickson    | 50   |
| James Towanee     | Davenport  | 50   |
| Jeremiah F.       | Downes     | 100  |
| John Joseph       | Donovan    | 20   |
| Albert            | Elkington  | 829  |

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|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Jane               | Edwards     | 10        |
| Thomas             | Everett     | 25        |
| William            | Emmett      | 24        |
| Henry              | Ferris      | 300       |
| Alfred P.          | Fitzsimons  | 60        |
| Mary Jane          | Foxall      | 20        |
| James              | Fussell     | 10        |
| Sydney Gerald      | Fletcher    | 50        |
| James              | Greer       | 50        |
| James              | Gannon      | 300       |
| Richard            | Gawthorpe   | 25        |
| Thomas J.          | Gavin       | 70        |
| John               | Gilchrist   | 100       |
| Thomas Brocklebank | Gaden       | 50        |
| William            | Glover      | 100       |
| Auguste            | Gehde       | 100       |
| William Henry      | Glennie     | 50        |
| Francis T.         | Greenhill   | 50        |
| James              | Harvey      | 400       |
| John               | Hardy       | 100       |
| Patrick            | Hayles      | 5         |
| Henry              | Hart        | 10        |
| Thomas             | Holder      | 250       |
| Louisa S.          | Hodgson     | 10        |
| Emily E.           | Hollick     | 20        |
| Samuel             | Holder      | 15        |
| Samuel             | Hungerford  | 75        |
| Robert T.          | Hayles      | 25        |
| William            | Hunter      | 355       |
| William            | Hayles      | 25        |
| George T.          | Herbert     | 20        |
| Henry Edgar        | Hyland      | 25        |
| Richard H.         | Hepsley     | 20        |
| Charles H.         | Humphrey    | 300       |
| Thomas             | Herbert     | 40        |
| George             | Hill junior | 1509      |
| Bernhard Otto      | Holtermann  | 2144<br>5 |
| Richard            | Hill        | 730       |
| George             | Hodgson     | 230       |
| Leonard A.         | Hodgson     | 10        |
| John               | Hunter      | 110       |
| Benjamin H.        | Hyman       | 50        |
| Charles            | Harper      | 50        |

|              |            |      |
|--------------|------------|------|
| Patrick      | Higgins    | 275  |
| Valentine    | Herrman    | 200  |
| Richard      | Holdsworth | 50   |
| James        | Henderson  | 100  |
| Thomas R.    | Icely      | 700  |
| John         | Jeffree    | 50   |
| Joseph       | Jager      | 20   |
| Albert       | Jeffree    | 150  |
| Samuel P.    | Jeffree    | 2200 |
| Richard      | Jones      | 2000 |
| Thomas F     | Jackson    | 200  |
| Timothy      | Jones      | 60   |
| Philip       | Jeffree    | 50   |
| John S.      | Jones      | 10   |
| John George  | Innes      | 1000 |
| Arthur       | Jaques     | 30   |
| Theophilis   |            |      |
| Samuel       | Joseph     | 555  |
| Aaron        |            |      |
| Samuel       | Johnston   | 20   |
| Aaron        | Joseph     | 50   |
| John B       | Jones      | 25   |
| Charles      | Jones      | 20   |
| Smith        |            |      |
| Jane         | King       | 50   |
| Ellen        | Kelly      | 430  |
| Francis O.   | Knight     | 20   |
| Richard      | Kerr       | 3000 |
| Ormsby       |            |      |
| Thomas F.    | Knox       | 20   |
| William      | Larmer     | 250  |
| James B.     | Love       | 10   |
| Henry B      | Lee        | 12   |
| Isaac        | Lee        | 20   |
| John         | Little     | 25   |
| Richard      | Lloyd      | 50   |
| Lindsay      | Little     | 25   |
| William C.   | Lowe       | 20   |
| Jane         | Langridge  | 25   |
| Thomas B.    | Lewis      | 100  |
| Charles John | Lydiard    | 50   |
| William G.   | Lipscombe  | 50   |
| William      | Laing      | 75   |
| James John   | Monro      | 100  |
| John Clifton | Molloy     | 20   |
| Adelaide     | Molloy     | 5    |
| Michael      | Metcalf    | 150  |
| John         | M'Kay      | 25   |
| William M.   | Manning    | 100  |
| Emma         | Martin     | 10   |
| John         | M'Call     | 10   |
| David        | M'Call     | 10   |
| Thomas H     | Moore      | 100  |
| Myles        | M'Rae      | 20   |
| John         | Mann       | 10   |
| Donald A.    | M'Donald   | 10   |
| William      | Massingham | 20   |
| Gillan       |            |      |
| William      | Morris     | 1200 |
| John         | M'Elhone   | 2208 |
| Arthur Hill  | Macafee    | 1280 |
| Coates       |            |      |
| Charles      | Muller     | 2200 |
| Alexander    | McEwen     | 500  |

|             |            |     |
|-------------|------------|-----|
| John H:     | Mutter     | 850 |
| Alfred      | Mitchell   | 50  |
| Robert      | Moodie     | 40  |
| Henry       | Moses      | 500 |
| George      | Miskey     | 30  |
| George      | Meyers     | 50  |
| Cosby       | Morgan     | 150 |
| William     |            |     |
| Thomas W    | Nicholl    | 25  |
| William     | Newcombe   | 30  |
| Henry       | Nicholls   | 25  |
| John        | Neale      | 100 |
| Thomas      |            |     |
| James       | Nossitter  | 40  |
| James H.    | Neale      | 50  |
| Jacob       | Orth       | 100 |
| Thomas      | Q'Keefe    | 30  |
| Bliza       | Pilcher    | 50  |
| Edward      | Pollard    | 400 |
| Hutchinson  |            |     |
| Robert      | Philps     | 10  |
| Frederick   |            |     |
| Richard     | Phillips   | 10  |
| Morris      |            |     |
| Baldwin     | Parsons    | 20  |
| Gregory     |            |     |
| Robert      | Philps     | 50  |
| Frederick   |            |     |
| and Alfred  |            |     |
| Lewington A |            |     |
| Albert L.   | Park       | 600 |
| Edward      | Price      | 100 |
| Frederick   | Perks      | 129 |
| James       | Peters     | 80  |
| Cornelius   |            |     |
| Augustus    | Parrott    | 6   |
| Robert      | Patterson  | 50  |
| Smith       |            |     |
| Amelia Jane | Pemell     | 125 |
| Henry       | Phillips   | 25  |
| William     | Paling     | 100 |
| Henry       |            |     |
| Arthur      | Penwick    | 50  |
| Brent       | Rodd       | 100 |
| Plashett    |            |     |
| Charles     | Roberts    | 320 |
| James       |            |     |
| William     | Russell    | 12  |
| Marion      | Russell    | 25  |
| George      | Railton    | 12  |
| Ida         | Russell    | 10  |
| John        | Richardson | 605 |
| Alexander   | Robs       | 60  |
| Alfred      | Rofo       | 100 |
| William     | Rickard    | 150 |
| Heath       |            |     |
| Charles S.  | Smith.     | 5   |
| Ann         | Stuart     | 15  |
| Im Jabez    | Salier     | 200 |
| William     | Schultz    | 10  |
| William     | Stuart     | 5   |
| James       | Smith      | 25  |
| George      | Stenning   | 20  |
| John J.     | Slade      | 50  |

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|------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Caleb                        | Soul      | 20    |
| Septimus A.                  | Stephen   | 200   |
| Percy L. C                   | Shepherd  | 15    |
| George J*                    | Suttor    | 50    |
| James                        | Skinner   | 2 350 |
| James                        | Smith     | 20    |
| William M.                   | Southwick | 12    |
| A. G.                        | Smyth     | 229   |
| Charles.                     | Schweig   | 300   |
| Joseph                       | Shand.    | 20    |
| William H.                   | Schroder  | 300   |
| Harry Edye                   | Shorter   | 7     |
| Robert Percy                 | Simpson   | 100   |
| Arthur                       | Sutton    | 220   |
| William                      |           |       |
| Ernest                       | Sharpe    | 20    |
| Daniel P.                    | Savage    | 5     |
| Samuel                       | Smyth     | 291   |
| Hodgson                      |           |       |
| John P                       | Starling  | 25    |
| George                       | Tillett   | 5     |
| Alfred                       |           |       |
| Edward                       | Turner    | 20    |
| William                      | Thompson  | 20    |
| John                         | Thornton  | 10    |
| Charles                      | Tudsley   | 20    |
| Thomas                       | Tinley    | 30    |
| Matthew                      |           |       |
| Rosana                       | Thornton  | 36    |
| James                        | Thompson  | 20    |
| Anton                        | Tange     | 292   |
| George                       | Turner    | 50    |
| John                         | Turner    | 550   |
| Andrew                       |           |       |
| Andrew                       | Town      | 100   |
| John                         | Tait      | 40    |
| Samuel                       | Terry     | 150   |
| Henry                        |           |       |
| Jane                         | Vale      | 6     |
| Elizabeth                    |           |       |
| George                       | Wilkie    | 35    |
| William                      | Woolfs    | 100   |
| John                         | Williams  | 25    |
| John                         | Watson    | 1640  |
| William Hy                   | Wright    | 20    |
| William C.                   | Windeyer  | 100   |
| William B.                   | Walford   | 50    |
| William H.                   | Wilson    | 50    |
| John S.                      | Whitney   | 20    |
| Henry                        | Webb      | 50    |
| John                         | Woods     | 10    |
| James                        | Weir      | 30    |
| John Henry                   | Warr      | 5     |
| William                      | Whiting   | 650   |
| George                       |           |       |
| Ernest                       | Williams  | 30    |
| John                         | Wood      | 50    |
| Henry Isaac                  | West      | 90    |
| William                      | Young     | 250   |
| Broughton                    |           |       |
| James F.                     | Zonzean   | 50    |
| <b>Total of 72000 shares</b> |           |       |

## Another lucky find!

When recently detecting at Tambaroora one lucky chap came home with something unexpected to add to his relic collection— a round piece of metal that, after VERY close examination, roved to be a George III penny, dated 1806.



*Both sides of the worn Tambaroora coin*

*An original 1806 penny, as minted.*

Bathurst numismatist Alan McRae confirmed the find and revealed that because small change was in such short supply in the early years in the NSW colony, most coins were found to be extremely worn out like this one.

This 1806 “Bolton” penny was known as the "Fourth Issue" copper coinage of King George III, the first three coinages being while the country was still just Great Britain and the fourth was produced after it became United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. It was also known as the "Second Soho design" (the first being the Cartwheel Penny of 1797). Between 1770 and the end of the century the practice of counterfeiting had become so prevalent in England that scarcely any genuine British copper coins remained in circulation. The 1770-1775 issue had been melted in huge quantities and made into lightweight counterfeit coins.

It was during this period that Matthew Boulton offered a solution to the problem by proposing that:

- (1) each coin should contain its intrinsic value of metal,
- (2) a retaining collar should be used to maintain a constant diameter and
- (3) a broad raised rim should be used to save the coin from undue wear.

He further proposed that a steam powered coinage press be used to produce a more uniformly finished coin with a greater rate of output. A total of £310,885 worth of pennies were coined by Boulton at the Soho Mint in the years 1799, 1806 and 1807; a unique piece dated 1808 is also known. The dies were produced by Conrad Heinrich Küchler, a talented Flemish die cutter. The faces of these coins are slightly concave to protect the design from wear and prevent counterfeiting.

Whilst coins of this date vary in value from \$10 - \$700 depending on condition, this one from Tambaroora will never be sold. We just love the fact that it is now around 215 years old and was probably 50 years old at least when it was lost at Tambaroora and has sat there ever since. What stories it could tell!

## A photo to date and people to identify.

Here is something for the long term residents...

Hints: Veronica(Vera) Gertrude Tonkin & her husband, Oliver, were recorded in the 1949 electoral roll as storekeepers of Hill End. By 1951 Veronica was known to be in Woodend (Victoria) with a license for the McKenzie’s Hotel and was licensee of the Richmond Hotel there in June 1952.



*The Lincoln bus outside Hill End Baker & Grocery shop – now the 24Carrot Café.*

A look at Carol McCance’s book, “*A Hill End Romance*” which tells the story of the Lincoln family in Hill End shows a photo of Bob Lincoln’s first Parlour Coach, which he used for his tri-weekly service to Bathurst. This was replaced with his “Camelback Bus” in 1944, and finally in 1950 he purchased a third bus, upgrading the 1937 Coach. The vehicle pictured above, would possibly be this bus, as the front section and grille are different, but

the rear coach part appears to be the same. This dates the photo as probably around 1950/51.

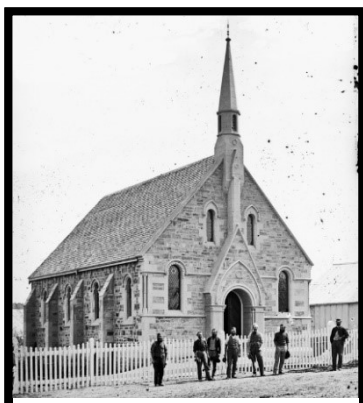
Again, referring to Carol’s book, it is possible that the chap on the far left in the photo above is Enoch Goodwin Jnr, and the man leaning on the verandah post is Bruce Goodwin.

Can anyone else identify the 3 people in the centre? (Just for the records!)



## The future of St Paul's Presbyterian Church

St Paul's is the one remaining active church in Hill End, and it will be celebrating 150 years of religious service to the community in October this year. The Hill End church is a heritage listed/registered historic building and is required to be maintained annually.



St Pauls Church 1872. Holtermann Collection, SLNSW.

Congregation numbers have dwindled at St Paul's and Ted Abbott is finding it difficult to continue the upkeep of the building and grounds. Local church member, Colin Shapland, assisted by Sherryl Welsh, spearheaded a community meeting in early in February to discuss the future of the church. One issue raised was the availability of a Minister to conduct regular services as advertised. Another was the availability of funds, in control of the managing Church in Mudgee, for ongoing maintenance. Apparently, there is about \$5500 of funds held by the Mudgee Church for Hill End from Trust Funds and Bequeaths which have been confirmed (but apparently not previously accessed) for renovation.

At the community meeting the Presbytery Commission speaker (David Burke) put forward that the church could possibly be sold/closed as one option or returned to the village community ownership to administer. Closing or selling would not benefit any party. Transferring the property back to the Hill End community would become an impossible financial burden for the community to maintain. A proposal from one of the attendees was that it be created into a community denominational church. This suggestion could service all denominations and keep the church open. It is believed that the Mudgee Presbytery will be meeting on Friday 4th March so an answer might soon be forthcoming.

One positive outcome of the meeting was that a small number of volunteers gathered late in February to tidy up the grounds, including the vacant block next door, which belongs to the church, and to clean the interior as much as possible. The whole area is now looking very presentable.

By definition, a village should have an operating Church, otherwise it is defined as a "hamlet". It is a place for worship, meditation, and celebration. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals are important aspects of any village life, and it would really be a sad day if Hill End were to lose this facility. So many of our ancestors would have walked or been taken through those doors in the past 150 years, as part of their life's journey.

If you wish to express your support for this cause, then Colin Shapland may be contacted on 02 63378378 or by email to [collorn@activ8.net.au](mailto:collorn@activ8.net.au) He would be very happy to hear from you.

## Research queries

Over the past few months, we have received enquiries from the following researchers seeking information on their families, etc. If you can help, or are connected in some way, they would love to hear from you.

| Family of interest                                                                                   | name           | Email                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joshua Allott Burgess Trooper 1867 - 1871 then Blacksmith 1872 - 1875 (Burgess and Moller)           | Sue Maxwell    | <a href="mailto:suemax8@gmail.com">suemax8@gmail.com</a>                             |
| Henry Keightley at Pyramul                                                                           | Nick Wickett   | <a href="mailto:wickettgroup@bigpond.com">wickettgroup@bigpond.com</a>               |
| Edward Creasey – hotelkeeper                                                                         | Trevor Marsh   | <a href="mailto:t.marsh8@bigpond.com">t.marsh8@bigpond.com</a>                       |
| Roland Graham b 1849 Miner in Hill End                                                               | Roland Graham  | Ph: 0243966727                                                                       |
| Charles Drew Street, Doctor at Hargraves                                                             | Jennifer Grant | <a href="mailto:donjen33@gmail.com">donjen33@gmail.com</a>                           |
| Melissa Howard, born in Hill End in 1900. She had a sister Pauline and brother Bert                  | Geoff Kable    | <a href="mailto:geoffanddi1@bigpond.com">geoffanddi1@bigpond.com</a>                 |
| Edmund Hocking 1870's<br>Eliazbeth Anne Hocking 1870's<br>Claim on Broken Back east of Hawkins Hill. | Craig Harris   | <a href="mailto:craig.harris@webstercare.com.au">craig.harris@webstercare.com.au</a> |
| William Whiting / Wighton                                                                            | Greg Wighton   | <a href="mailto:ghwighton@bigpond.com">ghwighton@bigpond.com</a>                     |

## Can you help?

When checking the electoral early 1920s electoral rolls for a recent enquiry I came across an address for Ernest & Thomas Risby and it was given as "Union Town, Hill End" in 1921.

By the 1925 electoral roll Ernest & Thomas were noted as living in Lees Lane. Perhaps there was a section of Lees Lane that was known as "Union Town"? Has anyone heard of this locality as an address at that time? We would love to know the history of the name and add that to our list of local place names.

## Listen to this!

Sheena Goodwin has now completed 7 podcasts covering various aspects of Hill End & Tambaroora life and people.



They cover

1. Introduction to Hill End
2. Alluvial mining in Hill End & Tambaroora
3. The boom & bust of reef mining in Hill End
4. Maria Theresa Cox
5. Early Colourful characters
6. Lorraine Miller's Story (Ackermann & Krohmann families)
7. Travellers & transport.

Listen online or download to enjoy later. <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1233758>

## Coming events

The calendar is fast filling up! Put these in your diary. **Please check our Facebook Page in case there are any last minute changes due to Covid.**



**Easter Saturday 16 April** – 9.30am – 4pm - Hill End Easter Market — [See our website](#) for full details.

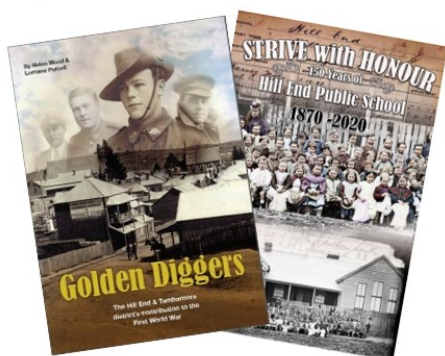
New stallholders welcome. Please [contact Lorraine](#) to make a stall booking.

**Saturday 30 April** – 11am – 4pm – Bew Chip's Register – Hill End – the old Catholic Church on the Hill. Bookings essential for catering purposes – see details on page 5.

**Friday 30 September** – “Hill End 150” Art exhibition opening in Hill End – more details in our next newsletter.

**Saturday 1 October** – Hill End Long Weekend Community Market.

**Saturday 22 October** – “Hill End 150” – Join us in Hill End to celebrate 150 years of history. More details in our next newsletter.



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