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Grafton Gas Works about 1906.

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Membership fees are due in **January** each year. Fees remain at \$25 for Individuals, couples or families. Be sure to pay fees prior to the **AGM in March** if voting rights are to be retained. New members who join between 1 September and 31 December are deemed to be members up to 31 December of the following year. **Please note that donations to Clarence River Historical Society of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

JOTTINGS FROM THE HOUSE

Blue Plaques

The NSW government has instituted a similar historical plaque programme to the one that is so successful in the UK. Round One was completed towards the end of last year and nominations for a second round were encouraged with a deadline of November.

The Society felt that there were several candidates and two nominations were forwarded. Henry Kendall and Thomas Bawden were chosen and it is our fervent hope that one or both will be selected for this worthy recognition.

If Henry is selected, the plaque will be affixed to the wall outside the Heart & Soul Café in Prince Street, Grafton. Should Thomas be a successful candidate then the plaque will be located on the side of the Council building at 2 Prince Street, Grafton. Both building owners have given their consent to this very worthwhile project!

2023

10th January the Museum and Research Room reopened for the year. First major exhibition of the year is the "Colonial Costumes" Display which will run until March 9. Well worth a visit if you are able!

The Garden

Whilst in theory we have a break over Christmas, in reality there are a good many things that need to be maintained and the garden is no exception. It is a credit to all the volunteers who call in regularly, usually in the cool of the early morning to keep the weeds at bay and give a good watering to the plants that need it. See Pat's Gardening Report on Page 9 for more details!

Buses

In what promises to be a good year, we have found the bookings for large groups commencing much earlier than usual with the first one due this month.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

(Compiled by our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson)

PERSONAL VISITS

JOY. Researching Joy Stewart nee Franey, born 14/2/1944 Grafton, Died 11/3/1993 Casino. All info, schooling, siblings their birth place and date, occupation.,

PATRICIA. Daniel New, born Berkshire 1808 came as a convict in 1835, married Alice Halloran 5/3/1844. Daniel died at Yulgilbar in 1849, looking for date of death and burial plot.

SANDRA. Checking to see if any other information has been added to Avery and Beatson files.

KAREN. Information on Arthur (Codger) Williams and Harold Arthur Cowan, North Coast footballer, Boxer, Mill hand. Born 4/8/1896 Died 12/3/1971.

DOMINIQUE: Edgar John Clyde Ellem (alias) Peter Ellem born 22/9/1903 Died 1977. SP Bookmaker.

PAM. Researching George and Catherine Greenaway.

MARLENE. Alipou Creek South Grafton. My grandmother was born here in 1886, where is it located in South Grafton?

GLENDIA. David William Warburton Manager of Grafton Gas Works from 1883-1884, Died 1887 at Grafton from TB, wife returned to England. Really interested in finding out about their journey to Australia and life when they got there.

WILLIAM. Terah Lee Born 17/4/1874. Parents John Lee and Elizabeth Miller, moved to Clarenza 1860 then to Southgate about 1870, died in Southgate.

MARGARET. William McAuley born 1819 Clare Ireland, Died 1883 at Cowper. Looking for name of his wife and her date of birth.

BY EMAIL

DONNA. Headstone Great Grandmother Frances Rebecca Lurcock, buried in Grafton 1934 Husband Arthur John Lurcock.

GLENYS. Michael Lynch Produce store Victoria Street Grafton early 1900's. Mr Solomon bus driver about 1932, who is he?

DEBBIE. George R Powell married Mary Small in March 1865, he hired a stockman named John Henry DE Chase, he disappeared 1874. Are there any lists of Powell's employees.

KEN. Otto Fuchs -Photographer took first photo finish of a horse race. Do you have any photos that refers to Otto.

LEONIE. James Albert Clark Died in Grafton Hospital 1913, Require Hospital records, Funeral Directors records, Roman Catholic Church records.

CAROLE. Kenneth McMillan married Margaret Nicholson, looking for Margaret's death, last resided at Kings Creek Lawrence.

THOMAS. Researching William Edward McAlpine and wife Eleanor Vickers. Cloth Merchant and storeman in Grafton.

VIKKI. Researching Martin and Anna Schipp. Details of their life in Grafton and photos.

REMINDER

2023 Membership Fees are now due. Thank you in advance of your continuing membership—don't forget your fees are put to good use in the purchasing of conservation items, provision of services, maintaining the facilities of the house and assorted general administration work.

CLOCKTOWER

Grafton's imposing iconic Clocktower at the intersection of Prince and Pound Streets is unique in design and undoubtedly an architectural heritage-listed ornament to the city.

Prior to 1909, it was decided by councilmen that a clocktower should be built in order to commemorate the Jubilee of Grafton City. The clock contained within the structure was to be designed to have four faces and be seen by all the businesses in the surrounding streets. Mr. S.M. Becher was chosen as the architect of the structure and the building work was done by Mr Jacob Walters.

The structure was completed in 1909 for a price of 300 pounds and inaugurated on the 20th July of that year by Mrs Chapman, the first Mayoress of Grafton and the Mayoress of the time, Mrs Dobie Bawden.

The tower rises 42 Feet (12.8 metres) high from ground level with the bricks, set in cement, supplied by Palmer's Brickworks in Sydney. Beautiful segmental arches span the solid concrete foundation and above these on two sides, two marble tablets have been fixed to take the names of past, present and future Mayors of the Municipality and their dates of office. Cement cornices surround the tower and the whole is surmounted by a parapet formed by inverted arches, while at the summit of each pier is a round terminal.

Mr Otto Fuch was responsible for the fixing of the clock which was made by Messrs. Angus and Coote of George Street Sydney.

Over the years, the clock has received numerous facelifts and extensive upgrades with the aim of keeping it running to the correct times. Maintenance, cleaning and replacement of old worn mechanical parts in the inner workings with computerised workings have been

carried out. Four white fibreglass balls were moulded and placed on each corner columns of the tower and a new roof had been installed on the tower to protect the clock mechanism.

The clocktower was decorated with a giant sized crown to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's coronation in June 1953.



*Clocktower in Prince Street, Grafton
looking North*

The placing and illumination of the crown on the top of the tower always heralds the coming of the Jacaranda festival.

GLYNDON PRIVATE HOSPITAL (1954–1969)

The hospital was established in 1954 in a building which was originally built as a private home at 4 Greaves Street. Matron Gladys Blackwell purchased the residence for the sum of 4,500 pound from the Loxton family and turned it into a private hospital. She named it Glyndon Private Hospital.

The land, on the northern side of the river, was originally owned and subdivided by W.A.B

Greaves the famous Government surveyor. Annie Greaves married Greaves' associate, Mr T.H. Loxton and they built a home in 1924 and called it Wongabri, which means resting place.

Matron Blackwell was a Melbourne girl, a "bush" nurse and had been the matron of Maclean hospital before coming to Grafton. She had the full support of many local doctors, namely Iven Page, Max Truscott, Ian McInnes, Hugh Harris, Bill Costello and Rod Scotton to name just a few.

Some alterations were done to the building to make it suitable for a hospital, such as the closing in of the side verandah and repainting the rooms in restful colours of pinks, greens and blues. Matron also had a flat built on the site for herself.

Matron hand picked her nursing staff carefully and trained them well not only in nursing skills but also in sewing the

theatre gowns, caps and masks and cutting up fruit for the home made jams.

Other staff were employed to keep the hospital looking and working well. These included the cooks, kitchen hands, gardeners, laundresses, and tradesmen, like plumbers and carpenters.

Sheets, towels and bedspreads matched the decor of each room and sterling silver cutlery, trays, silver teapots and fine bone



"Glyndon Private Hospital", originally "Wongabi", Greaves Street, Grafton.

china were used to serve meals to the patients. Serviettes and tray cloths also matched the decor of the room.

In the early days, dental procedures and routine circumcisions, curettages and other minor surgeries were performed. As the hospital's reputation spread, more extensive surgery was performed such as the stripping of veins, tonsillectomies, hysterectomies, mastectomies and bowel resections. It was also well known that some patients went in to have a "rest" from their daily lives.

SHIPWRECK SS DUNBAR

In 1857, the clipper ship Dunbar left Plymouth harbour bound for Sydney on a journey which could take up to 10 months. The route would leave Britain and sail southward through the North and South Atlantic, around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern extremity of South Africa, then east across the Indian Ocean to the southern coast of Australia. In charge of the voyage was Captain Green, an experienced and able seaman.

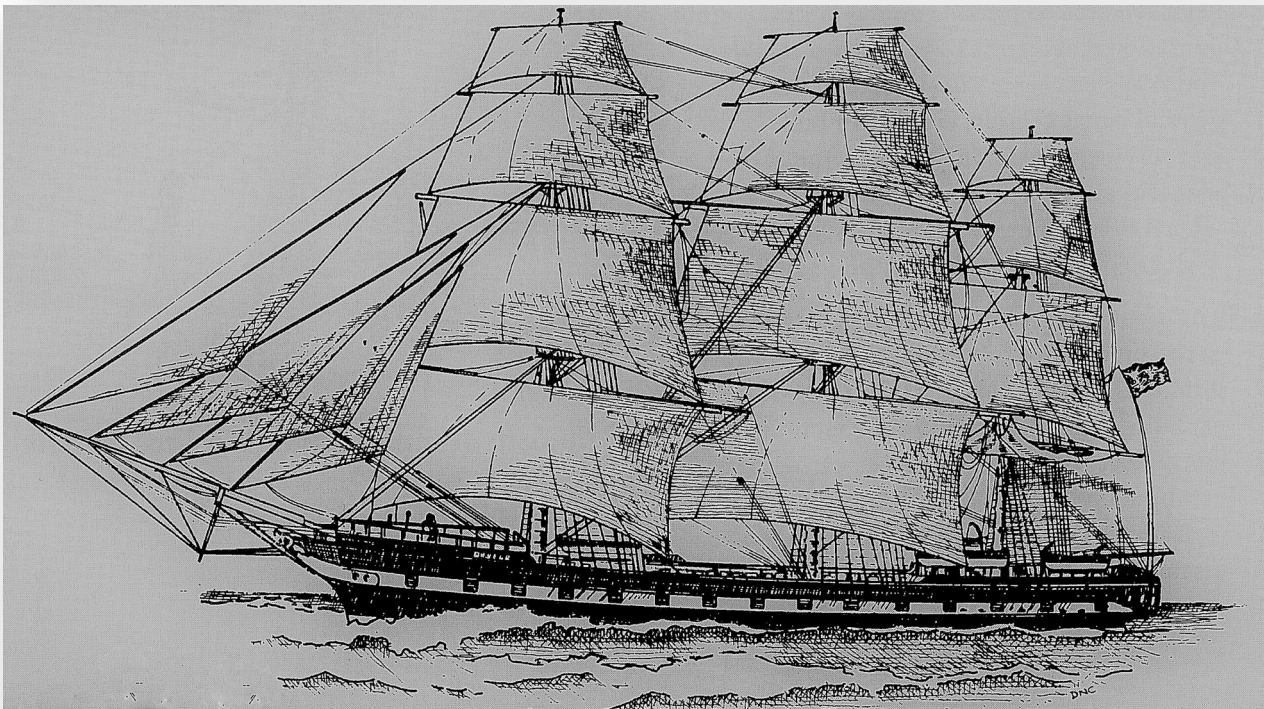
On board were 65 passengers returning from the British Isles, including Clarence Valley residents John and Thomas Mylne, their two sisters Elizabeth and Ann, Mrs. Annan and three children. Also on board was Francis Tindal of Ramornie.

The SS Dunbar was a timber 3 masted ship fully rigged and constructed with British oak and East India teak. It was

built in 1852-1853 by James Laing and Sons of Sunderland England and was said to be a well constructed and well rigged ship. It was one of the first steam-powered vessels to operate in the region and was well known for its speed and reliability.

The SS Dunbar was designed for coastal transport and was capable of carrying up to 200 passengers and a large amount of cargo making it an important link between Sydney and coastal ports. The passengers had comfortable accommodation in cabins and dining facilities.

The ship had good passage on its 11,950 nautical mile journey until reaching Sydney Heads on a dark and stormy night of 20th August 1857. The Captain and crew was unable to accurately calculate their position due to the weather



SS Dunbar

SS DUNBAR (CONTINUED)

conditions and rough seas and they mistook the entrance into Sydney Harbour.

The ship was driven onto rocks near the Gap and disintegrated quickly. Of the 122 people on board only 1 man survived. This man was Able Seaman James Johnson who was thrown upon the cliff face to which he clung for a day and a half before being rescued. It was fortunate that this man could tell the story and was to identify many of the unfortunate victims.

When the alarm was raised, none could be saved because of the force of the waves smashing bodies against rocks and the shark attacks.

A huge funeral procession was held in the rain with 20,000 people in attendance. There were some private burials but any unidentified bodies or parts were buried in a mass grave which is behind St. Stephens Church of England in Camperdown Cemetery.

At the same time of the Dunbar's wreck, the next morning through the Heads came "The City of Grafton" paddle steamer under the command of Captain Wiseman.

He described the scene before him. The paddle wheel was picking up bits of the wreck as well as parts of bodies. It was a frightful scene. None could be saved.

Present member Pat James tells the story her Great Aunt Dulcie told her that any child baptised in the church here was given orange seeds from the wreck of the Dunbar and her great grandfather grew beautiful Valencia oranges from those seeds on his farm.

When news of the terrible wreck reached the Clarence Valley, local people were very sad to hear of the loss of members of the highly respected Mylne and Tindal families. Captain Green's wife in England only heard of her husband's death three months after the event.

Life at sea in those times was very precarious!

GRAFTON GAS WORKS

The front cover picture is of the Grafton Gas Works in Pound Street, Grafton in 1906 and owned by the Grafton Gas Light Company. Fittingly the company was formed in 1883, 140 years ago this year.

It was on the 27th of January 1875 when a preliminary meeting was held regarding the installation of gas lighting in Grafton.

Although arrangements were well in hand by the following year, it was not until 1880 that gas lighting was first officially used, this being in Hockey's Boot Factory.

There is an account in the Society's records of a gas light being in the window of one of the local businesses well before this time.

The first gas lit lamp to go up in Grafton was on the corner of Prince and Fitzroy streets, Grafton on 23 February 1884.

The Gas Works continued over many decades and had many names including Colonial Gas Holdings Ltd and Australian Gas Light Company.

INTERESTING ITEMS IN THE HOUSE

Cast Iron Memorial Plaques

Schaeffer House has been in receipt of a cast-iron memorial grave marker believed to belong to a young girl. It was found during building works in the area many years ago and donated to the Society.

Sadly, the writing on the plaque is now indecipherable and efforts by the Society to establish the details on the marker have not met with success. The only details on the back of the headstone is the name of the foundry, the Etna foundry of Scotland.

Cast Iron memorial plaques were a popular type of grave marker in the late 19th and 20th centuries. Cast Iron was used as a material for headstones due to its durability, affordability and ability to be moulded into intricate designs.

These headstones were often decorated with images, lettering and ornate designs that reflected the personality and interests of the person being memorialised. They could also be designed in various styles, from classical to Victorian and they were commonly found in cemeteries throughout Europe, North America., Australia and South Africa.

Despite their popularity, cast iron headstones have become increasingly rare in recent years due to the effects of time and weather as well as the changes in burial practices. Nevertheless, many cast iron headstones have survived and remain an important part of cemetery history and heritage, serving as a reminder of the lives of people who have passed on.

The Etna Foundry (1877-1965) was a company based in Glasgow, Scotland that specialised in casting metal products. Foundries like Etna were a vital part of Scotland's industrial heritage and played an important role in the development of the country's economy and infrastructure.

Today, cast iron headstones are considered a valuable piece of cultural and historical significance and they are highly sought after by antique collectors and enthusiasts.



Headstone recovered from the grounds of Schaeffer House during renovations.

CORRECTION

In the previous newsletter it has been brought to our attention that we incorrectly identified Princess Margaret as Princess Elizabeth.

IN THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY WITH PAT JAMES

The summer heat has burnt off many of our beautiful Spring flowers and brought to life a new crop of nut grass which must be manually dug up. I am trialling an old remedy for these pests which I used years ago; just paint the leaves with turps on a brush. I eliminated onion weed (shortly to be reappearing) by dabbing vegetable oil into the centre of the leaves and letting it soak down to the roots. For black spot on Roses, spray with three



*Peaches & Cream Grevillea in our garden.
Photograph by volunteer Scott Foster*

teaspoons of bicarb in 1 litre of water plus detergent or fish emulsion. If anyone has any alternative remedies that are non-toxic, please let me know.

At the moment, our Azaleas look very sad and quite mottled in appearance from Red Spider Mite, which hate moisture so we have had to hose the leaves but a strong solution of soapy water sprayed all over can help kill the mites. In the meantime, now is a good time to take cuttings of Azaleas as you prune them.

Our gardens have been mulched with sugar cane mulch and we have followed the practice of pruning overgrown plants

like geraniums, salvias, dianthus and daisies to produce more flowers and growth. Peter Cundall called it "liberating the plants"

Our Roses have been blooming well and now need a good helpful feed of Blood and Bone or Dynamic Lifter, Seasol and a good Summer prune ready for hopefully a beautiful Autumn flowering in about 8 weeks time.

If you live locally and can pay a visit to our gardens, you will see the lovely peaches and cream Grevillia flowering profusely. Please smell the Heliotrope just up the path and touch the various herbs for a real lift.

We have planted more native shrubs further along the path and near the back of the house, the Roses and Camellias are thriving.

Have you seen our resident gnomes under the fragrant Lemon Myrtle tree at the front of the house? They depict Mr and Mrs Schaeffer who have been placed there overseeing the garden and welcoming visitors to the house.

If you would like any ideas or cuttings from our garden, please call in.

We could not have a beautiful garden without our wonderful helpers so thank you to Kerry and Brian and the other volunteers who give their time freely and generously to make the garden look beautiful.

Pat James.

DISTRICT NAMES AND THEIR DERIVATIONS

District names and their derivations:

Alumy Creek: The name first appears on a map dated 1841 by Surveyor Burrowes. On it is written "water in this creek is strongly impregnated with alum". The creek leaves the river between Turf and Alice Streets and returns to the river at Southgate forming an island including the main part of the city of Grafton and of the area known as Great Marlow.

Woolport: Grafton was known by this name from 1842 until it was formally named in 1847, from the fact that the wool from New England was being shipped from here. The name was little used and the place was commonly known as "The Settlement".

Dobie Street: this street was named after Dr John Dobie who took up Ramornie Station in 1839 and bought Gordonbrook Station in 1844. He was the only man of that name who had anything to do with the district in the early days.

Cowper: Sir Charles Cowper was Premier of NSW when this village was laid out and named. His brother Thomas Cowper had been teaching at a private school in South Grafton and was the first Town Clerk of Grafton in 1859.

Alice Street: The naming of Prince, Duke, Queen, Victoria and other Grafton streets suggests that Alice Street was named after Princess Alice, the second daughter of Queen Victoria. She was born on April 25, 1843 not long before Grafton was laid out. Her full name was Alice Maud Mary and seems to have furnished the names of three streets.

Crowther island is a small island about 6 miles up river from Grafton. One of Joseph Sharp's large grants was acquired by John Pearse in 1861 and subdivided under the name of "Mount Edgecombe" Estate. Charles Crowther was the tenant of the farm opposite to the island, which appears to have been used

by him with the farm.

Dovedale, a residential part of Grafton along the eastern river front, takes its name from the farm of about 60 acres and the residence of W.B. Greaves. Mr. Greaves was born in Mayfield in Staffordshire England not far from the famous beauty spot called Dovedale, now controlled by the National Trust. Mr. Greaves bought his Grafton land from the Crown in 1857 and at once named it Dovedale.

Fitzroy Street, Grafton was called after Governor Fitzroy in whose time (1847) the town was laid out.

Glenreagh was first spelt Glen Righ. John Campbell Shannon was the first owner and named it after a place in Scotland.

Pound Street, Grafton. The late W.A. B. Greaves, who was district Surveyor at Grafton in 1856 had left a note that the name was originally Pond Street from the pond in Hewitt's Paddock, now between the railway station and the racecourse.

Maud Street was named after Princess Alice Maud Mary, the second daughter of Queen Victoria.

Skinner Street, South Grafton was named after Dr. Alexander L Skinner who was the first medical man in South Grafton. He was practising there before 1856. He owned Levenstrath Station. Skinner's Swamp between Coutts' Crossing and Blaxland's Creek was also called after him.

Fry Street, Grafton took its name from Oliver Fry, who was Commissioner of Crown Lands and Chief Magistrate at the time.

Clarenza. This name was bestowed by Surveyor W.C.B. Wilson and is believed to be the Greek way of saying Clarence.

THOMAS BAWDEN'S WATCH

Thomas Bawden's Watch.

The Clarence River Historical Society has been fortunate in receiving many beautiful and unusual gifts over the years. But every now and again, something is presented to us that has a unique history or great significance to the history of the area.

So it was with an engraved silver watch presented to the Society by the Mudgee Historical Society in whose possession it had been for some time. Years ago, the watch had been found buried in the ground on a vacant allotment being cleared to lay the foundations of a new building in Mudgee. As no owner could immediately be found, it was presented to the Mudgee Historical Society. When the watch had been carefully cleaned and restored, the following inscription was revealed

Purchased out of the subscription

Raised at a public meeting

Held in Grafton Jan 4th 1858

And presented to

Mr Thomas Bawden

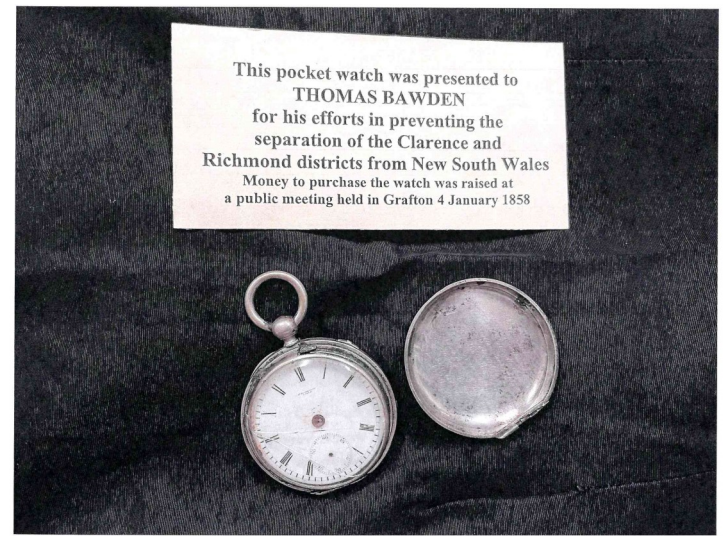
For his energy in preventing

*The separation of the Clarence and
Richmond Districts from*

NSW

Having found where the watch originated, the Mudgee Society felt it should be returned "home" and duly presented it to the Clarence District Historical Society. A special case has been made to house the watch and it has been displayed with a portrait of Thomas Bawden. More

information about Thomas Bawden's achievements was included in the last newsletter.



Thomas Bawdens' Engraved Silver Watch



Mr. & Mrs. Schaeffer in their garden

Gnomes at Schaeffer House

The gnomes at Schaeffer House depict Mr. FWC Schaeffer and his wife Louise in whose home the Clarence River Historical Society is headquartered. The Schaeffers raised four children in this house designed by Mr. Schaeffer who was one of Grafton's most important architects.

BILL'S COLUMN

William James {Jim} Thompson, 1910-1995.

It is refreshing and encouraging when one meets a person who succeeds in business life, and as it wanes, devotes fulsome attention to Community affairs.

One such person was Jim Thompson.

Jim began his working life as a carpenter with the late Alan White, beginning a partnership that went on to become a major construction firm, White & Thompson.

Some of their prominent building works were, Yamba Surf Club, 1931, which has survived several cyclones, Peter's Factory, 1950's, Grafton Olympic Pool, 1950's, many of the district's well-known homes, including No. 10 Breimba St., Grafton for Dr. Wilson, and the 2 story cream brick residence, on the north west corner of Dobie & Alice Streets, Grafton, for Mr. C.S. Lipman. Jim also built a fine brick residence for himself, wife Evie & family, at what is now 52 Oliver Street, Grafton, in the late 1940's.

The partnership also bought one of the biggest dairy farms on Southgate Road, which was managed for them by Reg Ryder for many years.

Another business venture was the purchase of a pine sawmill at Banyabba with the late Jack Kelly of MacKellys. This same combination built several houses for sale in See Street, just behind the Railway line in the late 1940's.

Many were the projects to which they can claim credit.

On his retirement from the active building business Jim Thompson stood and was duly elected to the Maclean Shire Council in 1958. He had retired to Yamba and built a home there, corner of River & Coldstream Streets. Prior to this he owned a property in Ocean Street,

Yamba , just east of the Craigmore Units.

He went on to serve 29 years as a Councillor of Maclean Shire Council until 1987. In that time twice he was elected Chairman 1958-68 and 1972-80.



William James (Jim) Thompson

In his Local Government service he was also chosen as Chairman of the Shires Association of N.S.W. for a time.

Local people of the 50's-80's would be familiar with the Clarence River County Council, the Council formed by members of the different Clarence River Councils, to press for Government financial assistance for Flood Mitigation. This was duly successful in the 1960's when both Commonwealth and N.S.W. State Governments provided the finance to commence the Flood Mitigation work on the Clarence on the basis of 2,2,1.,

BILL'S COLUMN (CONTINUED)

finance. Federal and State both 40%, CRCC 20%. Gordon McCartney, manager of Peters Factory, and member of Grafton City Council at that time, was the driving force in the foundation of the CRCC and it's first Chairman. Jim Thompson was elected Chairman of that Council 1971-86. It was during this period that the Maclean levee banks were built. Jim Thompson was a driving force in the completion of this work.

One could safely state that Jim Thompson's contribution to Local Govt. was of the highest order.

As Jim's major interests in the second part of his life concentrated on the Lower Clarence, he also took a close interest in the Lower Clarence Agricultural Society, where his membership included some years of service, and then as President 1968-83.

No doubt, Jim Thompson shared his many qualities for the betterment of this

district. Most of all inspiration by his fine quality of leadership. A rare quality.

A quality much desired in these trying times.

There is a small remembrance of his contribution in the naming of the Jim Thompson Park in the centre of Coonawarra Court at Yamba.

Let's give thanks for Jim Thompson's time with us here on the Clarence, and may his contribution inspire others to give of themselves.

Bill Dougherty.

14.2.2023.

P.S. One of the reasons that the Author had access to some of this story is that he had the advantage and good fortune of living as a neighbour to Alan White for 25 years—the White of White & Thompson.



Jacaranda Official Party 2022 welcomed to Schaeffer House Museum by President Steve Tranter and Vice Presidents Pat James and Nita Child

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well here we are—another year ahead and already we have a full plate of activities on. Along with the regular displays we love putting up for the public, we are working on a couple of new ones to add to the interest in history that has increased from the days of lockdown with Covid. We are very keen to promote a number of new ways and means in order to get the 'history' message out there. Facebook, ebooks, QR codes and artificial intelligence are some of the avenues we are looking to reach a bigger audience.

We have been featuring the garden in a number of recent editions and the stories have been well received. Perhaps it is something of a past era when there seemed to be more time, but at any rate we do know that the garden is a big attractor of people visiting the area and also people who have moved here and looking to see what they can do with their gardens! A big thank you therefore must go out to our gardening staff for their marvellous work.

Like in the garden there never seems to be a shortage of work, whether in the Museum or the Research Area, the number of hours a volunteer puts in during the week, whether it is one hour or many more—there is a guarantee that the volunteer will wonder where the time went!

Recording history is something of which I believe we do well. Despite our workload the small band of volunteers continue to excel each year.

Kind Regards, Steve Tranter

DIARY DATES 2023 & ON THIS YEAR

Committee Meetings

March 22,
April 26,
May 24.

Major Displays

Colonial Costumes 10 January —10
March 2023

In House Displays

Remembrance
Day Display — 11 November 2023

Open Days

Jacaranda Week 30Oct—5November
19 November 2023

Christmas Party

TBA November 2023

On this year

Grafton Gaslight Co formed 1883
Gaol (3rd) opened in Queen St. 1893
Grafton Telephone Exchange 1903
First Railway Line opened (north) 1903
Cenotaph dedicated 1923

100 YEARS AGO

Compiled by our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson

Extracts from the Daily Examiner of February, 1923

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GRAFTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

From Geo. Nesbitt MLA offering to take up with Lands Dept. the question of extending of the Memorial Park by the utilisation of the old Custom House site:-Received.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners, notifying the acceptance of a tender for 2364 pounds for the extension of the fireman's quarters at the Grafton Fire Station:-Received.

From the Cricket Association, applying for the sole use of Fisher Park Oval on March 10th, as on that day a match has been arranged which would begin at 10 o'clock in the morning. Permission Granted.

An application was received from G F Collins, South Grafton for permission to sell ice cream within the municipality. It was recommended the application be granted on the same terms as a former applicant, namely the payment of a fee of 6d. per month.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS. Tenders are invited for the construction of a Rifle Range at Maclean. Plans and, Specifications may be seen at the Police Station Maclean, Tenders close 10th proximo. JAMES R HANNA. Captain.

POSITIONS VACANT. Clarence River County Council. Applicants addressed to the chairman will be received up to noon on the 8th proximo, from qualified candidates for the position of County Clerk. Present salary, 104 pound per annum. The successful applicant to provide office accommodation. Preference will be given to sailors and

soldiers in accordance with section 95 of the Local Government Act 1919. D N MAXWELL -Chairman, CG McKEE -Acting County Clerk, Clarence River County Council, South Grafton February 20 1923.

GRAFTON RURAL SCHOOL Competitive Cookery Exhibit, shown in cooking school on Wednesday, February 28th at 3pm. Admission Adults 6d, children 3d. Send your entries to the school by Monday February 26th • Good Prizes.

Big fat hefty full size Kapok Mattresses, with sides 6" thick for Four Pound Seventeen & Sixpence usually Six Pound ten shillings at E G Powell, to February 28th•

Enamel saucepans, 2/-each; Aluminum saucepans 2/-each; 2 Large size enamel colanders, 3/-. All at H H Sanders, Furniture Warehouse, Grafton .

A BIT OF OLD GRAFTON -MAKING ROOM FOR NEW HALL. A building recently acquired by the Methodist Church Trustees from Mr. George Shonbein has a long and chequered career. It is to be demolished for removal and on the land where it stands is to be built a Methodist Hall. The old building, the front portion of which is of brick and the rear of wood has recently been occupied by the Grafton Dye Works and is situated at the corner of Prince and Bacon Streets. The building was erected in 1856 and has stood the march of time for 67 years, it was first built by Mc McAlpine but was used for 12 months as a National School after the school building was demolished by a cyclone The new Hall will be called "Clarence Hall".

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