



The Newsletter of the
**CLARENCE RIVER
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC**
 Established in Grafton City in 1931

Issue No 178

ISSN 1036-5656

31st August 2023



Opening of the Grafton Dairy & Ice Factory on the northern bank of the Clarence River between Mary and Queen Streets, Grafton NSW in 1884. Credit Regal Studios/CRHS Collection 160-001

CONTENTS

Office Bearers	2	In the Garden with Pat James	9
Jottings from the House	2	District Names	10
Research Enquiries	3	Rose Selwyn & Mary Tindal	11
The Dairy Industry	4	Bill's Column: Donald Bradman	12
The Dairy Industry/Horseshoes	5	Bill's Column: Continued	13
Iron Lung	6	From the President/ Diary Dates	14
Albion Hotel	7	100 Years Ago	15
Interesting Items in the House	8	Books for Sale	16

OFFICE BEARERS

<p>President: Steve Tranter Vice Presidents: Nita Child & Patricia James Secretary: Robyn Schaeffer Treasurer: Anne Ellem Committee members: Vickie Beith, Cheryl Barnes, Suzanne Gibson, Judy Johnson and Rosemary Marshall</p>	<p>Public Officer: Bill Dougherty Research Officer: Hazel Lawson Recorder/Librarian: Vacant Roster Clerk: Suzanne Gibson Newsletter: Steve Tranter/Rosemary Marshall Hon. Solicitor: Joe Fahey</p>
---	---

Principal Patrons: The Duke and Duchess of Grafton

Patrons: Kevin Hogan MP, Ritchie Williamson MP, Mayor Ian Tiley, Bill & Dot Dougherty.

Schaeffer House is open from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays. Other days by appointment, please contact the Secretary on (02) 66425212. Research Room is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm.

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

Repairs & Renovations

By the time you read this newsletter our roof repairs will have hopefully been completed and the carpet in the main museum room, research room and two storerooms will have been replaced.

This has been a very large job involving five parties including Clarence Valley Council, the builders, removalist, carpet layers and of course us volunteers.

The roof over the additions (tin) is to be raised slightly to create a more pronounced fall as in the past heavy rain has not been deflected properly causing a buildup and subsequent leaking for some years.

The carpet has served its purpose for a very long time and now is thread bare in some areas. New carpet squares will replace the old carpet and will add a more modern look to the Museum and Research Room.

Contributions

We welcome articles/contributions to our newsletter from our members. If you have an item of interest, please contact our Secretary, Robyn.

Blue Plaques

Unfortunately we received advice recently that the nominations for Henry Kendall and Thomas Bawden were unsuccessful. We will work on a new nomination for the next round of plaques.

Correction.

Member Robyn contacted us recently to clarify information contained in our article on "Androssan"-the house and surgery of the dentist Mr. J.H. Brodie. She has provided us with information from the book, "Cathedral of the Clarence" by John Moorehead that confirms the location of this house as being on the corner of Duke and Fitzroy Streets where the Woolworths garage now stands.

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

(Compiled by our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson)

PERSONAL VISITS.

JOHN; Researching George Richardson.

LYN; William Ernest Nicholas Born 31/3/1878 and Eliza Redmond Born Ulmarra 24/6/1873. **VICKEY:** Henry Booth and Mary Ann Booth (Nee Clark)

KERRIE: Federal Match Factory, Malcolm Smythe and Thomas Howlett.

KATHERINE Percival Eldershaw and family of Leo Eldershaw.

ANNETTE: Photo of E.S.&A Bank Ulmarra. Henry Frape, Bootmaker Maclean.

KATHY: Information on O'Keefe Family.

ARCANNA: House 199 Fitzroy Street, Grafton.

RODNEY & LINDA: Brown and Layton Families.

MONICA: Minnie Elizabeth McMahan & Thomas Joseph McMahan. Looking for "Rosebank" Ulmarra.

BOB: Researching Haynes and Wilson Families. Haynes family were saddlers in Prince Street, Wilson family had store 80 Crown Street Grafton ...

HELEN: Angela Howard, 1987 Daily Examiner.

JENNIFER: Mary Grace Godwin (nee McPhail) Born 8/7/1911 Died Sydney 20/1/1975. Archibald McPhail and Mary Isabella Cramp, Tucabia and Pillar Valley.

DEBRAH: Beverly June O'Brien, parents Edward James and Adeline Doris O'Brien. **KERBY**

EMAIL.

ANNETTE: Photo of first ANZ Bank in Ulmarra.

KERRIE: Trying to locate a copy of the book "The Rogan Story"

MARK: Info on the Aspinall Family, Arthur William Aspinall.

JAMES: Information on Christian Koatz, Fiddlers Creek.

SUE: Image of Grafton Fire Brigade horse drawn fire wagon.

PETER: History of Ramornie Station.

JUSTIN: Edward Gibb Heron, managed a seaman's/Ex-Servicemen's Club on the river In Grafton 1930-1940.

WENDY: George Robinson and properties Lanock Lodge Lawrence and Runnymede Station. **PAUL:** Researching Burrows, Hutchings and McGrath families.

SUSAN: Researching Daphne Austen, Father Noel Oscar Mother Daphne Pearl, Died 20/7/1956

KERRY: Burial plot at Ramornie Cemetery of Joseph and Sophia Austen.

BARBARA: Photos in the Robert Craigie Law collection.

RAY: Count Gabriel De Milhau, his wife Marion Alcock, her 2 sisters Sarah and Rose. Rose had an interest in Ramornie Station.



1885 Sam Cohen Stores Calendar

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

Grafton Co-Operative Dairy Company, one of the first dairy co-operatives on the Clarence River, was set up in 1892 in response to the growing need for factories to process the large quantities of local milk supplies.

A small group of local men set up the co-operative to manage the production of raw milk and cream into butter and other milk products. Producers' co-operatives were beneficial to dairymen as it gave them the opportunity to get a consistent price and market for their milk.

Dairying was one of the earliest rural activities in the Clarence Valley and the 1920s to 1940s were some of the years of greatest expansion in the Dairy Industry. The industry flourished all along the Clarence River due to the wealth of the soil and generous average rainfall and there were many small creameries and factories in the Clarence Valley. Many farmers around this time had turned to dairying when maize and other crops attracted low returns and floods ruined crops and by 1931 dairying had challenged sugar as the main agricultural industry in the Clarence Valley.

In earlier times, river steamers and droghers were used to pick up cans of cream at hundreds of small jetties along the waterway and many of these jetties were of very flimsy construction. At the larger wharves many consignments of cream awaited transportation to the butter factories. (Droghers were robust flat bottomed shallow draught river boats with plenty of deck space used to carry goods and foodstuffs to sometimes isolated communities.)

The dairy company was also responsible at times for deliveries of mail, papers and parcel deliveries along the riv-

er. In later years, trucks and milk tankers were used.

In 1908, the Grafton Co-operative Dairy Company purchased a company called Fresh Food and Ice Company and moved the premises from Butter factory Lane to premises in Victoria Street in the vicinity of Blackwood Close.

This enormous structure of the Fresh Food Company was located on the banks of the Clarence River for easy access to water transport. At the peak of production, the company had about 750 suppliers with cream transported from Copmanhurst, Baryulgil, Newbold, Ramornie and Whiporie. Up to 45 tons of butter would be produced in a week, some being for export and some headed for the Sydney market.

The Company buildings were purpose designed to receive and process the cream with additions and alterations to the structure made over the years as technology and manufacturing methods improved.

The Dairy Company employed many local men and women in various section 'D' of the factory such as the office, butter room, receiving room, weighing and packing rooms as well as offering apprenticeships in various areas to young people which included three years of study at Hawksbury Agricultural College as part of their apprenticeship.

Many employees enjoyed Company local events such as the annual company picnic day and gala balls.

Eventually, an amalgamation of the Grafton Dairy Company and the Ulmarra Pioneer Co-operative took place in the 1970s. This was partly due to the fact that after each flood, there was an exodus of farmers and suppliers from the land and movement of people from farms to towns

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY (CONT)

so the supply of the raw materials dwindled.

The competition from the newly opened Foley Bros Factory, (later Peters) which began production of powdered milks and ice cream, all contributed to the slow decline in production. The export market also dropped off when England joined the European Common Market in 1960. Operations and some employees were moved to Ulmarra.

The Dairy Company served Grafton and surrounds well for 82 years. The site is now occupied by residential housing.

Horse Shoes

Horse shoes are designed to protect a horse's hoof from wear. They are attached on the palmar surface (ground side) of the hooves, usually nailed through the insensitive hoof wall that is anatomically akin to human toenails, although much larger and thicker. Some can also be glued.

Horse shoes are usually made of steel but can be made in a wide variety of materials and styles developed for different types of horse and the work they do.

Working horses were often exposed to many conditions which created breakage or excessive hoof wear on animals. And so it was recognized that horses hooves needed to have additional protection over and above any natural hardness. A range of "shoes" were used over the years to counteract wear, including leather 'mules' and wrapped rawhide.

Sometimes horses' hooves wear out when subjected to the added weight of a

rider, pack load or wagon. Also horses with a gait or leg problem might have to have remedial shoes fitted to help adjust their gait. Performance horses such as polo ponies and show jumpers sometimes require traction devices to improve their footing.

The fitting of horse shoes is a professional occupation, conducted by a farrier who specializes in the preparation of feet, assessing potential lameness issues and fitting appropriate shoes.

The large horse shoes, pictured below weighing about 10lb, were made about 1880 in Lawrence by the brothers Philip and George Bale, Blacksmiths. Philip Bale and his father came to Australia from Devonshire England in 1846. He was apprenticed to Billy Noud, blacksmith and he became a very fine master tradesman. After marrying Miss Kempnich of Palmer's Island, he started his own blacksmith's shop first at Palmer's Island, then Lawrence and later Woodburn. The horse shoes were presented to the Society by Mr. T. Eggins of Ashby.

Horse shoes are sometimes considered a symbol of good luck and protection.



Horse shoe collection in Schaeffer House

THE MUSEUMS IRON LUNG MACHINE

Iron lung therapy is a type of non-invasive therapy that mimics the physiological action of breathing. The Iron Lung is a large horizontal cylinder designed to stimulate breathing in patients who have lost control of their respiratory muscles. The patient's head is exposed outside the cylinder while the body is sealed inside.

It is a type of negative pressure ventilator and varies the air pressure in the enclosed place to stimulate breathing. It assists breathing when muscle control is lost, due to diseases including polio and botulism.

Polio outbreaks occurred in the 1940s and 1950s and iron lungs were very common in hospital wards assisting patients with paralysed diaphragms in their recovery. It was intended to be used for 2 weeks at most to give the body a chance to recover.

The iron lung at Schaeffer House was originally supplied to the Grafton Base Hospital by Lord Nuffield in 1939. He provided these respirators to any hospital throughout the British Empire, primarily as a gift for children. After seeing a film about a child whose life was saved in one of these newly invented "lungs", he offered to manufacture and supply them free of charge.

The Sydney Morning Herald of Tuesday March 2000 published the obituary of Dr. Robert Henderson, aged 97, who died in England. When he was a young doctor in Aberdeen in the 1930's, he became interested in the intensive care of patients with respiratory difficulties. He concentrated on the problem so completely that he went on, in 1933, to

invent a breathing machine that became the iron lung. He called his machine the Henderson Respirator. It was essentially an air-tight container mounted on a cot, with the patient lying inside and a vacuum pump which enabled a doctor to expand and contract the patient's lungs by using a vacuum pump. Portholes allowed the doctor to check the patient's breathing. Fortunately, four weeks after its construction it saved the life of a 10-year-old boy suffering from polio.

Although some patients were confined to the iron lung for extended periods of time, others were put into them for 2 weeks to give their lungs a rest whilst they recovered.

The use of iron lungs is largely obsolete in modern medicine as more modern breathing therapies have been developed and polio vaccination programs have nearly eradicated the need for the use of iron lungs in the developed world.



THE ALBION HOTEL

The first publican was Richard Arnold 1876-77, who was followed by at least 28 publicans that called the Albion home before its sale in 2017.

Charles Southion 1878- known as "Charlie", was "mine host" at the Albion (1878) and Court House (1900-01) Hotels. He was associated with his father, William, in the first cordial manufacturing business in Queens St. near the Dobie St. bridge in the seventies, with branches at Chatsworth and South Grafton. It was with William, that Harry Zietsch, founder of the firm of Zietsch Bros., learnt his trade as an employee. Charlie, in his early days was a popular athlete and won many titles. In the 1890's Charlie conducted a cordial manufacturing business at Maclean.

Arthur Bancroft 1881-1896, 1902-1904-Arthur and his wife Sarah (nee Jones) came to the Clarence as newly-weds, where, in the districts of Lionsville and Yulgilbar, Arthur followed mining pursuits with sufficient success to enable him and his wife to go into business as hotelkeepers. Their first venture as landlord being in the Junction Inn, Grafton (1870). Arthur was the licensee of the Albion Hotel for many years.

Michael Quinn 1913-1935 - Michael, a native of the district, being a son of John Quinn, farmer of Alumny Creek. He was a noted footrunner of the district and had a

deep interest in horse-breeding and training, noteworthy charges being Cool Boy, Odd Socks, Sweet Ellen, Ben Bolt and others. He was a member of the C.R.J.C. and of South Grafton Jockey Club. Richard O'Donohue 1951-1973 - On the 24th Sept. 1951 the transfer of the Albion Hotel licence from Sid Ulrick (1949 -1951) to Richard Joseph O'Donohue, of Ryan St., South Grafton was granted. The new licensee, who has been a Grafton taxi proprietor in recent years, formerly held the licence of the Commercial Hotel Ulmarra and the Locomotive Hotel Tamworth .



Albion Hotel at the corner of Queen & Arthur Streets Grafton.
Date Unknown

In February 2017 the Albion Hotel, cnr of Queen & Arthur Sts., was sold to a local doctor and orthopedic surgeon Dr Sam Martin, to be transformed into a specialist centre and private hospital, thus ending any liquor licenses that had been held on this historic building since 1867.

INTERESTING ITEMS IN THE HOUSE

Antique Baby Glass Feeding bottles

A baby bottle is a bottle either glass, plastic, metal or clay with a teat attached so that the baby can drink directly from it by sucking on the teat so gaining its nourishment. They are typically used by mothers when they can't or don't breastfeed.

Before the invention of bottles, wet nursing was the safest and most common alternative to the natural mother's breastmilk. However, society's negative view of wet nursing, combined with improvements in the feeding bottle, the availability of animal's milk and advancements in safety and formula development gradually led to the substitution of artificial feeding for wet nursing.

Glass baby feeding bottles were a significant advancement in childcare in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They replaced materials like clay or metal offering a safer and more hygienic option for feeding infants. The craftsmanship and design of these bottles showcased the care and attention that parents bestowed upon their little ones.

Antique baby feeding bottles are a collector's item today, cherished by enthusiasts who appreciate the historical significance they carry. They are more than just artefacts, they are windows into the past allowing us to keep history alive.

These antique feeding bottles were donated to the Society and have their place in the children's room. The interesting feature on one of them is the inclusion of the thermometer on the side of the bottle which measures the ideal and appropriate temperature of the milk inside the bottle. It was manufactured by the KUWA company in Germany, date

unknown. Perhaps some of our readers could suggest a date.



Visits from Schools.

Schaeffer House has been fortunate to have some visits from Clarence Valley schools over the last few months. Students from Nymboida, Baryulgil, Lawrence, Cowper and Grafton High Schools visited the museum for the first time armed with their assignments and work to be done while they were in the House.

Volunteers were kept very busy during the visits, explaining items of interest and the uses of the many objects in the collection.

Perhaps some of the most popular exhibits in the House were the typewriter, the Iron Lung, the whipping block (and cat-a-nine-tails) and Diver Dan's suit. The students were kept busy asking lots of questions of the volunteers and putting their new-found history knowledge on paper.

Many teachers and students were surprised to learn that this Historical Society is the oldest in regional Australia, being 92 years old. We are certainly a story House.

Pat James.

IN THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY WITH PAT JAMES

Although our winter garden is "resting", the volunteers are still busy weeding and "liberating" overgrown shrubs by pruning carefully into manageable shapes.

The volunteers are concentrating on the weeding, especially digging up the onion grass and carrot weed before they go to seed. Luckily there is a flock of chickens nearby who benefit from this green waste.

A good watering plus organic fertiliser is planned to feed the new Spring growth.

Some of our volunteers have been busy raising seedlings and cuttings at their homes in readiness for the Spring showing, so in go the Alyssium and Candytuft! Look for Pansies, Snapdragons, Dianthus, Delphiniums, Larkspurs and Foxgloves just to name a few seedlings growing in our garden among the Geraniums when you come for a visit.

We have just planted 3 more natives too. "Little Caroline" bottle brush, a dainty Baurer and a Melaleuca Cotton Candy.

A new addition to our garden will be a trellis of fragrant Sweet Peas. We are also trialling some new plants too- Dahlias and one of Mr Schaeffer's favourite flowers, Asters.

At the time of writing, the Clarence Valley is in desperate need of rain and bushfires are threatening. Our garden is surviving through careful hand watering and mulching. Following pruning and weeding, many new plants are now in the gardens ready for Spring flowering. The poppies

and pansies along the front beds promise to be beautiful.



Writer's Week at St Mary's Primary School. (August 4-11)

A volunteer from Schaeffer House was invited to the school to bring some historical objects to show to children in Years 3 to 6. I, being an ex-teacher, put my hand up to attend.

I chose several items; an old-fashioned telephone, a 100 year old diary and some stamped addressed envelopes; items that would show how we communicate in many different ways.

The bell from the Induna Ferry, built in 1891 was also on show to be handled and rung. After children had handled the objects, they wrote a story each, guided of course by their lovely teachers.

It was such an enjoyable time at school and I loved the interest and enthusiasm shown by these inspiring children and their teachers. Thank you for the invitation, St Mary's.

Pat James

DISTRICT NAMES

Bawden Bridge by which the Glen Innes road crosses the Orara River, was named after Thomas Bawden who was member of Parliament for the Clarence and Richmond in 1876 when the bridge was completed.

Bligh Street South Grafton is evidently called after Richard Bligh who became police magistrate of the Clarence district 1856 about the time that the streets of South Grafton were named.

Carr's Creek and Carr's Island. The late Thomas Bawden stated in a lecture in 1836 that Carr's Island was named after a cedar-getter whom he knew of that name. On January 5, 1845 Isaac Carr married Ann Osborne, a widow on the Clarence. He might have been that man.

Copmanhurst is a name supposedly invented by Sir Walter Scott and, in his novel 'Ivanhoe' was given to the ruined chapel in which the genial Friar Tuck lived and where he was often visited by Robin Hood and his merry men.

Eatonville. A village opposite to Mylneford, was originally called "First Falls". The post office stuck to the name long after the village name had been changed to Eastonville. This was a confusing situation as the settlement Eatonswill was across the river.

Hawthorneville on the Armidale Road, adjoining South Grafton took its name from from the late Timothy Hawthorne who, in 1885, subdivided eighty two acres, part of James Aitkin's grant, and sold it in allotments.

Grafton was named by Governor Fitzroy, who was a grandson of the Duke of Grafton. The Duke who held the title gave permission to the Grafton Council for the adoption by the City of his Coat of Arms.

Cowan Street and Cowan's Creek, South Grafton are, no doubt, named after

William Cowan, the elder who settled there in 1843, long before the town was laid out. He bought several allotments and suburban portions about there from the Crown.

Lawrence. The late W.A.B Greaves left a note that the town of Lawrence and Parish of Lawrence were named by him after Sir Henry Montgomery Lawrence, the hero of the Indian Mutiny and of the siege of Lucknow where he was killed in 1857.

McPherson's Crossing on the Orara led to old Levenstrath Station. The name came from Alexander McPherson who selected there in 1862.

Solferino was the name of the goldfield opened in 1870. When the Solferino reef was first discovered by Paulo Marcolino, the Garibaldi and Lombardy and The Lion followed. Solferino is the name of a village west of Milan in the province of Lombardy in Northern Italy.

Uloom is the old name for Wilson's Hill, South Grafton, where W.C.B. Wilson lived. He spelt it Youloubah, from an aboriginal "youloum" word meaning safety and "bah" meaning place. This signified a place of safety from floods. The "bah" has since been dropped and the word simplified to Uloom.

Ryan Street, South Grafton led to the Waterview Station owned by Thomas Ryan, formerly chief clerk of the Prison's department.

Alipou Creek. The earliest mention of this name is on a surveyor-general's map of November 27, 1845, compiled from the surveys of W.C.B. Greaves. The map contains other place names suggestive of Greek origin. It was thought that alipou means "fox" in the Greek language. There may not have been any foxes there in Wilson's time but flying foxes very likely had a camp in the scrub near this creek.

ROSE SELWYN AND MARY TINDAL

Coincidence brought these two young ladies together in Grafton in the early days of settlement. When they first arrived by ship in the 1850s, there were only 20 wooden buildings in the first settlement and thick rainforest surrounded the homes.

Rose had married Arthur Selwyn in 1852 in Tamworth where Arthur was teaching and also studying to become an Anglican priest. He was ordained and moved to Grafton. Rose did not have a family and had to occupy herself staying at settlement properties when Arthur was travelling away on horseback to visit parishioners.

It was inevitable that Rose would meet Mary, who had been invited from England to stay with her brother. Mary Tindal was born in Sandgate, Kent England the tenth child of Commander Charles Tindal, Governor of the Birmingham Branch of the Bank of England and Sarah, nee Grant his wife. Charles had settled in the Clarence River District by 1851 and it was proposed that Mary should join them.

The ladies were both keen artists and wanted to record what was being built and the general landscapes which were so different from the areas where they grew up; Rose in Surrey and Mary in 1833 in Kent. Rose sometimes copied the works of Mary's that she admired.

Rose sketched scenes of Grafton's first commercial buildings and interiors of the wooden church and other civic buildings. These were sent to her mother in Surrey. When the Selwyns left Grafton for Newcastle, she continued sketching some of the scenes of the area where her husband Arthur was Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

Her brother lived in Brighton Victoria and when Rose visited, she also sketched the landscapes around that area and sent them home to her mother.

Schaeffer House is fortunate to have a number of original sketches by Rose Selwyn and a beautiful set of watercolours of Mary Tindal depicting buildings and life at Ramornie and other large stations such as Newbold and Yulgilbar.

Mary eventually returned to England and it is believed that she entered a religious order. She died at Parkston, Dorset on 9th June 1916.

Rose lived in Newcastle until her death. The Rev. Selwyn had eventually become a Bishop and was much respected by all.

Years later, Caroline Tindal married the son of the previous Charles and also began painting. She studied the botanical names of her subjects as well. A few years ago a leather roll containing many of her botanical paintings was found and these are now in the Mitchell Library. Schaeffer House has one copy and would love to have more. I think Rose and Mary would be very interested in Caroline Tindal's contribution to our collection.



Rose Selwyn c1900

BILL'S COLUMN

Below is an article by Bill that was published in a previous newsletter. We have reprinted it here on account of the recent major events in cricket.

I have been turning the pages of the Grafton City Council Visitor's Book again.

Nearly all of the pages have several names listed – BUT there are two pages with only one name. Let's talk about the first of these.

Would anyone dare to write their name beneath – DON BRADMAN? There he stands all on his own – 2 May 1929.

Despite many champion cricketers since Bradman, old timers like yours truly, recognise him as out on his own. Indeed kids like me, born 1929 in this district, learnt three names after Mum and Dad – Bradman, Phar Lap and the Grafton Bridge.

We couldn't get Phar Lap to sign the Visitor's Book, but we did get Bradman—although horse sense is highly developed in some horses! I well remember the old travelling showman, Tom, who used to stay with us at the old Royal Hotel, corner of Pound and Duke Streets back in the 1940's and 50's. Tom's pony was very good at simple arithmetic but his star turn was his ability at Euchre. The pony would amaze our Euchre players with his ability at the game, never once did I see him renege – but that is another story.

Thanks to ***The Daily Examiner*** we have a detailed record of Bradman's visit. He is described as '*modest and unassuming and typically Australian, one who well understands why our cricketing crowds have taken him to their hearts*'. The story

continues, '*It is not only that he has spanked the best bowling in the world to the boundaries and done more than his share to re-establish Australia's shaken faith in the prowess of its cricketers, but he has done these things without turning a hair, and , when one meets him, he is just Don Bradman.*'

During his visit, Bradman concentrated on our Schools – 11am Convent School, 12 noon, District School, 3pm Grafton High School. It was at the High School that a large crowd gathered to watch Bradman in his white flannels give a display of batting that thrilled the crowd as he belted all kinds of bowlers – students and teachers- all over the ground, finishing off with two huge sixes.

The Examiner correspondent continues, '*his exhibition knock should prove of immense value to young enthusiasts who have not previously had an opportunity of seeing a first class batsman at the wickets.*' That's how it was before TV.

Bradman made his headquarters at R T Cox's sport depot and there met many devotees of the game. The bat with which he made 123 in the last test was on display in the shop window. He also autographed a school bat. I wonder if it is still around?

Cricket was not the only sport that caught up with 'The Don' whilst he was with us. He was called to umpire the tennis matches on the City Courts between Hopman and Crawford, and Moon and Thurlow. Gee! Bradman, Hopman, Crawford – all here at the same time. What a treat for Graftonians!

1929 was not the only time we enjoyed a

BILL'S COLUMN (CONTINUED)

Bradman visit. He was here again in September 1933 on a Goodwill Tour with Stan McCabe. The tour included 198, yes, 198 schoolboys, representing almost every metropolitan and suburban school and numerous country schools in New South Wales. The object of the 'Goodwill' Tour was to promote a spirit of goodwill between city and country.

The tour was sponsored by Palmer and Sons, and Mick Simmons together with the NSW Department of Railways.

The Examiner reported that the trip was both educational and recreational, enabling the city born boy to see for himself almost every form of country life, and the country born boy to see more of the great country districts in the State. The party travelled by special train with sleeping compartments and arrived in Grafton at 10 am, 7 September 1933.

A visit to the Experiment Farm was followed by a game of cricket in the afternoon in Fisher Park, now Ellem Oval. Honours went to Bradman's team who scored 193 declared to McCabe's team who could only manage 110. Bradman made 83 in half an hour, including three sixes and fourteen fours. He didn't run much did he?

One should remember that at this time Bradman and McCabe were Australia's best two cricketers; Bradman's average for the season was 93.88. What a pleasure to have these two greats in Grafton! But we didn't get them to sign the Visitor's Book this time. Perhaps 198 schoolboys would have filled the book. To my good fortune I did have the privilege of seeing Bradman in action in the 5th Test against England Feb/March 1947. He scored 12 and 63.

His 63 in the 2nd Innings was masterful. When the field spread out he would hit singles, when they closed in he would hit the ball over their heads. Australia won the Test and the series.

Bill Dougherty



Donald Bradman. (The Don) was born in 1908 in Cootamundra, the son of Emily and George Bradman, a carpenter. When he was 2 years old, the family moved to Bowral. He began his cricket career when he was just 13 years old playing in senior grades for Bowral against Moss Vale. When he moved to Sydney in 1927 to take up a job with a Sydney Real Estate agency, he began his long and amazing career with Shield cricket.

He was a superb right-handed batsman with an extremely high batting average of 99.94. Considered to be one of the greatest sportsmen in History over his 20 year playing career, he was given the title of "Sir" in the 1949 New Year's Honours List - the only Australian cricketer ever to be knighted. He passed away in February 2001 aged 92.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As mentioned in the Jottings on page 2 of this newsletter, this month sees some repairs being conducted on Schaeffer House. It is easy to forget that this house is nearly 125 years old and maintenance is a highly important issue for the Society. It has much value to the Clarence Valley in many ways. Firstly forming a part of the rich collection of late 19th and early 20th Century buildings for which Grafton is well known, but also it is the repository of a major collection of artefacts, historical documents and family research covering several centuries. Excluding the Roman Denarius coin from around 27 BC and the Chinese Treasure Chest from the 1600s, most of the collection relates to the mid 1800s to the present and covers the whole of the Clarence Valley.

With such a rich and varied collection it is imperative that the house be maintained to a high degree. Also when considering the number of tourists that visit the house from many quarters, intrastate, interstate and international, visitors look to the condition and quality of the house as an indicator of the value placed in it.

Without hesitation I must thank our dedicated teams of volunteers who do not miss a moment to undertake all kinds of work that surface during the repairs. All kinds of challenges have faced them during the moving of major (and minor) items around or out of the house.

Kind Regards,
Steve Tranter

DIARY DATES 2023 & ON THIS YEAR

Committee Meetings (10am)

Sept 27,
Oct 25,
Nov 22.

Major Displays

Nil

In House Displays

Remembrance
Day Display — 11 November 2023

Open Days

Jacaranda Week 30 Oct—5 November
19 November 2023

Christmas Party

TBA November 2023

Anniversaries 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 August, 1923

TENDERS. Tenders will be received up until Saturday September for additions to the Public Grandstand, Grafton Racecourse. Plans and specifications to be had on application to the Secretary to whom tenders are to be addressed and endorsed "Tenders for Grandstand". R. Hynes Secretary.

TO CONTRACTORS FARMERS AND OTHERS. The Grafton City Council, not having any further use for a Double Sanitary Wagon will dispose of it by tender. The carriage and wheels are in good order and suitable for a wagon or lorry. The highest tender not necessarily accepted. J W EVERY-BURNS Town Clerk.

The Grafton Council has received a letter from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Governors approval has been given to the raising of a loan of 8 thousand pounds for permanent improvements to the back streets of the municipality.

NYMBOIDA CHEESE FACTORY MEETING. Today a meeting of unusual interest to the district was held when a large and representative attendance of dairy farmers and others interested in cheese making came along to discuss the advisability of building a cheese factory at Nymboida. The convenor of the meeting Mr. D. N. Maxwell occupied the chair.

The Federal Postal Authorities have notified the Ulmarra Council that their Engineer, intends commencing operations on the laying of the new underground telephone cables at the early part of next week, about Two and a half miles of cable will be

installed

Mr. H Maxted of Grafton has received a letter from his sister, Dr Amy Bowman, who with her husband is practicing as a dentist at Los Angeles (California). Dr. Bowman writes on July 16th and mentions they had a visit from Aid. WT Robinson, Mayor of Grafton who spent the day with them. Many of the older residents of Grafton will remember Mrs. (DR) Bowman who is a native of the city and left here in 1885. She studied dentistry in San Francisco and gained the title of doctor of dentistry. She and her husband who is also a dentist, have been practicing for over 30 years in Los Angeles.

Miss. Eve Lillington of Yulgilbar Castle, was last Tuesday conveyed by Motor Ambulance to Runnymede Private Hospital where she is now an inmate, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

WANTED, Permanent Home for baby girl 3 weeks old. Apply Salvation Army.

WANTED 100 persons to try our three course Dinners (1/6) today. Clarence Tea Rooms.

WANTED KNOWN Umbrellas recovered and repaired, best work. Mrs. Richards, 113 Pound Street (opp. Willow Tree Hotel.)

Mrs. Barbara Schafer, relict (sic) of the late Mr. R Schafer, died at Grafton Hospital yesterday afternoon. She was 63 years of age and had spent the last part of her life on the Clarence River. She is survived by a grown up family of 6 sons and 4 daughters. The funeral will leave 52 Alice Street at 3 o'clock this afternoon for the Grafton Cemetery.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM

(**Bold** denotes new additions).

TITLE	PRICE
Across the Bar	\$20.00
A History of the Clarence River	\$35.00
A place by the River, 150 Years of Tabulum History, Part 1: 1839 to 1919 by <i>Isabel Wilkinson</i> .	\$35.00
A Place by the River, 150 Years of Tabulum History, Part 2, 1920 to 1989 by <i>Isabel Wilkinson</i> .	\$35.00
Bawden Lectures - with Notes [New Edition]	\$35.00
Bawden Lectures - without Notes	\$20.00
Bombers over Grafton	\$20.00
Corn Beef and Damper - <i>Isabel Wilkinson</i> .	\$35.00
Early Days On The Clarence	\$20.00
Early Midwives in Grafton and South Grafton by <i>Robyn Higham</i> .	\$25.00
Forgotten Country - <i>Isabel Wilkinson</i>	\$35.00
Four Legs But No Wheels	\$35.00
From Glen Innes to South Grafton: Early Days Along the Old Road by <i>Sheila McLennan</i>.	\$25.00
From Rivertree to the Sea	\$30.00
Grafton Floods to 2011	\$40.00
Heritage In Line	\$25.00
History of Grafton Hospital	\$40.00
Life and Times of Eatonsville by <i>Sheila McLennan</i>.	\$25.00
Memories of Southgate Village by <i>Nita Child</i>.	\$25.00
Men We Have Met	\$30.00
Old Grafton to Glen Innes Road: The Recollections by <i>Sheila McLennan</i> .	\$45.00
Pre 1900 Clarence River Pioneer Register published by CRHS Inc.	\$45.00
The Journal of Abner Gray A4	\$30.00
The Journal of Abner Gray A5	\$20.00
That's What They Taught Me (When I went to school) Part 1	\$35.00
That's What They Taught Me (When I went to school) Part 2	\$20.00
The Journal of George Abner Gray	\$20.00
The City of Grafton	\$20.00

Produced by the Clarence River Historical Society

190 Fitzroy Street (PO Box 396) GRAFTON NSW 2460 - Phone: 02 6642 5212

Email: clarencehistory@bigpond.com - Website: www.clarencehistory.org.au

[facebook/schaefferhouse](https://www.facebook.com/schaefferhouse)