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The collection is available to non-members at a fee of \$10.00 + per visit, plus photocopying.

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Any published material on local families is available in the Research Room. In addition, the Museum holds files on local families. Access to these is through the Research Team Leader. Research can be carried out for you for a fee of \$25.00 - \$40.00 Plus photocopying.

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Police Matters in Moruya 1899

Extracts from the NSW Police Gazette

1st February 1899

Goulburn. A warrant has been issued by the Goulburn Bench for the arrest of Charles Lloyd, charged with embezzling the sum of £1 17s 11d., the money of Elizabeth Stephenson, at Goulburn, on or about the 9th ultimo. Lloyd is about 24 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, medium build, dark complexion, clean shaved except dark moustache, good looking; dressed in light sac suit, light brown soft felt hat, button boots; a butcher. Said to be a native of Moruya. May go to Sydney.

3rd May 1899

Moruya. A warrant has been issued by the Moruya Bench for the arrest of Charles Taylor, charged with unlawfully using a bay mare, branded H over B near shoulder, the property of Frederick John Moon, of Coila, near Moruya, on the 19th ultimo. Taylor is 20 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build: an American half-caste said follows horse racing; dressed in gray tweed clothes and brown California hat. Supposed gone to Sydney via Milton and Nowra.

26th July 1899

Thomas Coxon, summoned by Senior-sergeant Maguire Moruya Police, for suffering gaming on his licensed premises, has been fined £5 and costs. Paid. Moiety to Police Reward Fund.

6th September 1899

Horses and Cattle Stolen

31st August Pale-yellow Jersey cow. WA off rump, small turned-in horns, 6 years old. Taken from Jerramadra. Owner William Aitkenhead, Jerramadra, Mogo near Moruya.

1st November 1899

Moruya. Stolen, between the 21st last and the 19th ultimo, from the dwelling of Samuel R. Smart at Turlingah – A lady's mourning ring, gold band with dark hair and shield on top, "CP" on shield; a gold ring with shield "NP" on shield, ring enlarged with different coloured gold; a five franc coin brooch, pin broken off; a shell brooch, about 1½ inches long; a pair opera glasses, black morocco, dent in small end of tube, leather case, and sundries; total value £5. Identifiable.

8th November 1899

John Fenwick Young, summoned by Senior-sergeant Maguire, Moruya Police, for supplying milk to the New South Wales Creamery and Butter Company (Limited), on the 12th ultimo, his name not being entered on the register for the Moruya District, has been fined £10, and 8s 10d costs. Paid. Moiety of fine to Police reward fund.

15th November 1899

Nelligen. Stolen, on the 25th ultimo, at Brimbrinalla, near Nelligen, the property of James Condon, about 125 bear skins; sixteen dingo skins; about four dozen opossum skins (dingo skins mostly black ones, two black ones tanned). Some of the skins could be identified. Value, £5 10s. Complainant's bark hut was totally destroyed by fire at the time stated, and there is no trace in the ruins of the large number of skins. It is thought that the skins were stolen and the house burned to cover the loss. The skins may probably be traced to some Indian or Syrian hawker, or else shipped to Sydney by steamer.

(Spelling as used in Government Gazette)

MDHS Newsletter

President's Report

The recent River of Art activities was the perfect opportunity to showcase our recently renovated Museum. The new Exhibition Room in the museum was used to present the Mardi Gras Mayhem photographic exhibition along with some 60's memorabilia. Photographs of camels, marching girls, life savers and huge Moruya crowds drew over 150 visitors to the museum. Many visitors were surprised to find family members either in the photo crowds, riding on floats or as marching girls. I heard many interesting discussions from visitors trying to identify forgotten local identities and reliving old memories. The historical society received many comments of praise on how bright and cheery the renovations made the museum look. We raised over \$1100 from plant sales, photograph sales, door takings and donations and set a new benchmark for museum exhibition success. I want to say a big thank you to Brian Harris, the Collection Team and the Genealogy Group who all contributed to make this event a huge success both financially and as a wonderful way of preserving and presenting Moruya's history.

By the time you receive this June issue of the journal the final piece of our museum renovation, the entry hallway timeline display, will be installed and ready for viewing. I encourage you to come in and see this innovative and informative wall display of Moruya's history.

The next Historical Society meeting will be the AGM at 2pm on August 11th. I encourage members to nominate members for vacant committee positions and come along to the meeting for voting. *Rob Lees*

Obituary

Wallace Ferguson (Kerry) Reid
22/7/1939 to 2/4/2018

We are saddened to have to report that the Society has lost one of its oldest members with the death of Kerry Reid in April. Kerry and Phyllis are member number 24. Kerry's great interest was the bush and the bridle trails, and most particularly Bendethera which he had been regularly visiting since a young man. He gave talks on Bendethera to the Society and wrote an article with Phyllis back in 1992 on the subject. We will be featuring some of the work of Kerry and Phyllis on Bendethera in the September issue of this Journal.

The image to left shows Kerry at one of his favourite locations Bendethera. Kerry led the Historical Society on a camping trip to visit Bendethera and the caves in 1987.



Annual General Meeting Saturday 11th August 2pm

The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea.

Nomination forms for executive positions are enclosed with this Journal or can be downloaded from mdhs.org.au/pdfs/Nomination_Form.pdf. Your membership renewal notice is also included in this journal or will be sent by email if you receive the Journal digitally

Editors Note: A special thankyou to Janene Love and Dianne Blessington for stepping in and proof reading this issue.

Historical Society Members have been invited to a weekend event at Mallacoota, Victoria, 25/26 August 2018

The Restoring Cook's Legacy Project 2020 invites you to join them for the weekend of 25/26 August 2018 at Mallacoota, East Gippsland, to commemorate Cook's departure from Plymouth, and to see and learn more about Australia's Ram Head, a remarkably overlooked point. On Saturday afternoon, courtesy of U3A Mallacoota, there will be an illustrated talk 'Lt James Cook on the coast of Victoria – a comedy of errors' which will explain why today's Point Hicks is not what Cook named, and why today's Rame Head is not Cook's Ram Head, as is popularly supposed.

On Sunday you will get to see remote Little Rame Head (Cook's Ram Head) at a distance, and there will also be a walk to stand on the 'round hillick'. This is a really beautiful coastal walk of 12kms for the round trip, and one well worth the effort. Please register your interest now with Trevor Lipscombe at restoringcookslegacy2020@gmail.com to receive more information as it becomes available.

NEXT PLANT, CAKE AND PRESERVES SALES DAY



Saturday 9th June 2018
8.30am—1pm

At the Museum

- ❖ plants, bulbs, seedlings, bonsai
- ❖ preserves, jams, pickles
- ❖ cakes, slices, biscuits

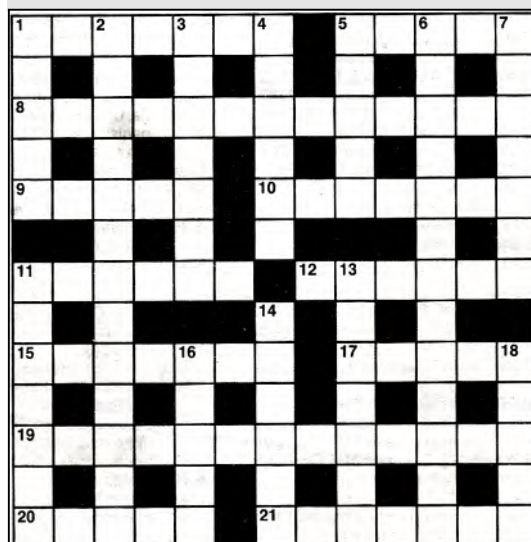


Across

1. A white cockatoo (7)
5. Our arboreal Marsupial (5)
8. Our booklet about the local dairy industry(4.3.6)
9. Made of wood (5)
10. The level above (7)
11. Ludicrous (6)
12. Robert Menzies (6)
15. Loyal, dependable (7)
17. Celtic writing system (5)
19. Without distraction (13)
20. Woods, golfer (5)
23. Dairy town to our south (7)

CROSSWORD - answers are on Page 12.

The answer to 2 down appears elsewhere in this Journal.



Down

1. Fast moving celestial body (5)
2. Pastime of a one time Moruya Club (6.7)
3. Displayer of 'L' plates (7)
4. Fervour (6)
5. Cosmetic powders for Muslim eyes (5)
6. Moruya hostelry since 1865 (8.5)
7. Bevan, introduced UK National Health Service 1948 (7)
11. Violent attack (7)
13. Bombastic, pompous (7)
14. Winged child angel (6)
16. He jots down summaries (5)
18. TV, newspapers, radio etc (5)

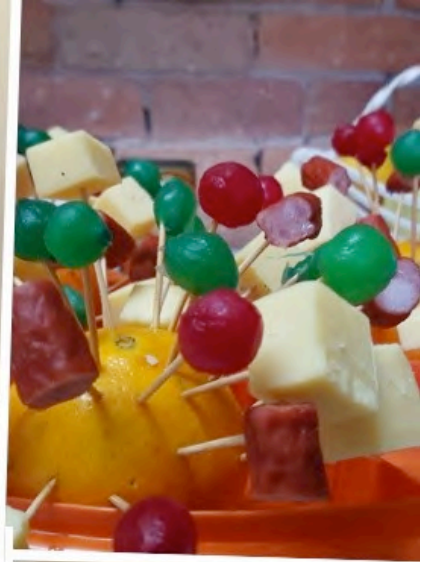
MORUYA MUSEUM NEWS

Mardi Gras Mayhem in pictures

What an incredible exhibition!
While visitor numbers and profit are important, perhaps a better measure of the exhibition's real success was the real pleasure felt by visitors when looking at photos that obviously brought back so many wonderful memories of past parades.

We now know that the quickest way to befriend a camel is through packets of Arnott's Milk Arrowroot biscuits. This was just one of the tales told by Michel Nader when he, along with John Nader, Dawn Daken and Lauris McCauley (Lady Godiva 1959), officially opened the exhibition -part of the 2018 River of Art festival.

Many thanks must go to a wonderful band of volunteers who worked together to help create this truly beautiful exhibition : Leonie and Faye Beers, Maureen Keating, Jenny Gerrey, Janene Love, Annie Fitzgerald, Tonique Bolt and Jesse Rowan.



Mosaic 1 (clockwise from top left)

1. Mick & Lauris McCauley
2. A colourful delight from the 60s kitchen
3. Gary Norman with daughter Melinda
4. Keith & Sue Coleman
5. Frank Ross & Bernie O'Neil
6. Kevin Murphy's 1962 EK Holden similar to one used in the 1962 Mardi Gras parade



Mosaic 2 (clockwise from top left): 1. Lauris McCauley; 2. Phyllis Ivanoff & Shirley Dragasic ; 3.Jo Pollock; 4 Annie Fitzgerald & Dawn Daken; 5. Jenny Gerrey, Chris Murray & Maureen Keating

Brian Harris, Curator

Cricket in the Eurobodalla

by John Byrne



Cricket, like many pastimes that originated in what is now the United Kingdom arrived in the “Colony” with the early settlers, and so we can presume that Cricket arrived in the Eurobodalla in the middle of the 1800’s with the growth of settlement.

It appears that cricket in the Eurobodalla was commencing to be formalised into duly constituted clubs in the 1860’s, many of whom still exist today.

Prior to this time, Cricket matches were played on an ad-hoc basis and arranged between towns and villages in the district and even large properties that had a substantial workforce.

The following article from the Moruya Examiner, dated Friday March 2 1866 describes the formation of one such club.

MORUYA ALBERT CRICKET CLUB.

Under this name many of the cricketers about Moruya have agreed to concentrate their forces; we trust that all who care for the game, when they have knowledge of the existence of the club, will also contribute their share to the local strength. The contributions, as may be seen in another column, are low, purposely to induce everyone, whether players or not, to patronise this, one of the most healthy, genuine and innocent of out-door sports that is leagued to the memory of our loved father land or that has an existence in the world. This is saying much, but we believe it to be not the least exaggeration. A meeting was held at the Adelaide, on Saturday evening last, W. S. Caswell, Esq., in the chair, when the club was formally established. A code of rules was agreed to; officers chosen, and a considerable number of members’ names enrolled. W. S. Caswell, Esq., was chosen to hold the office of President of the club; W. C. Fell, Esq., to be vice president; D. Francis, Esq., treasurer; and W. J. Clements, Secretary. The rules can be seen at any time on application to the Secretary. The meeting passed off most harmoniously, and was eminently successful in carrying out the objects for which it was convened.



William Caswell



Adelaide Hotel

Cricket in the last third of the 1800’s and into the early decades of the 1900’s was played in most towns, villages and hamlets throughout the Eurobodalla with teams being drawn from these places as both individual teams and

combines of close by places. From the larger population areas such as Batemans Bay, Bodalla, Mogo, Moruya, Narooma and Tilba and the smaller hamlets and localised areas of Bergalia, Buckenboursa, Coila, Deua River, Dwyer’s Creek, Eurobodalla, Gundarry, Kiora, Nelligen, Nerrigundah (Cadgee) and Wagonga, teams were generated that played other teams listed and also a wider area beyond the Eurobodalla. i.e. Bega, Braidwood, Wollongong.

CRICKET. CRICKET.
Just Imported.
CLAPSHAW'S CRICKET BATS
Page's Cricket Bats
Caldecourt's Cricket Bats
Dark's Cricket Bats
Thompson's Cricket Bats
SPRING HANDLE Cricket Bats.

Duke's and Dark's Double and Single Seam
CRICKET BALLS
STUMPS, Plain and Polished.
GEORGE JOHN CROUCH,
Importer,
5406 377, late 336, George-street, Sydney.

Advertisement from Empire 19th December 1854

Examples of teams that represented their towns, districts etc, can be seen in the following photographs:



Tilba Tilba Ladies Cricket - c1906. (Corkhill Collection) – Photo taken at the Tilba Sports Ground.



Moruya Black and White Cricket Team - c1907. (MDHS Collection)



Nerrigundah/Cadgee Cricket Team (MDHS Collection)



Cricket Match, Bodalla V's Eurobodalla at Eurobodalla – early 1900. (MDHS Collection)



Dwyer's Creek & Bergalia Cricketers 1928. (MDHS Collection)

Articles were written about Cricket in the local press virtually from the time games commenced to be played in the district and covered the whole gambit of the day's activities, including the actual games and the ensuing social functions that invariably took place after the game and often on into evening. The following is an article extracted from the Moruya Times and South Coast Journal, 9 Jan 1889.

Noorooma Cricket Club. - By advertisement in another column it will be noticed that the energetic committee of the Noorooma Cricket Club are holding their customary annual Concert at Tilba Tilba on the 17th instant, and we have no doubt but that as usual, it will be a huge success. We admire the energy which characterises the members of the Club, and our Moruya cricketers might with profit take a lesson from them. The phenomenal success of the N. C. C. against all opponents due to constant systematic practice, and temperate behavior.

The following articles are extracted from the Moruya Examiner.

December 12th 1902. - A Cricket Club has been organized recently on the river. The members of the Deua River Cricket Club journeyed to Kiora on the 6th inst. To try conclusions with the local team, whose prowess, however proved superior to their visitors on the first innings, further play being prevented by rain. Excellent refreshments were provided by the good ladies of Kiora, to which the Deua boys responded a grade above their exploits in the field. Owing to rain, the wicket was unfit for continuing the match after 4 p.m., so the players withdrew to the residence of Mr. C Russell where a musical evening was spent. And again the visitors were invited to do justice to the refreshments provided by the able assistance of the ladies. Deua River team then bid farewell to Kiora, much impressed by the kind treatment they had received from the local team.

27th March 1909. - The Wagonga Cricketers journey to Nerrigundah today to try conclusions with that team. They also played Bodalla on the return match on the 13th of March at Bodalla, and as the weather was all that could be desired a very enjoyable day was spent. The visiting team won by 8 wickets.

9th April 1910. - A PLEASANT FUNCTION – On Friday night last the hall near the Criterion Hotel was gaily decorated with bunting, mirrors, and greenery, the occasion being a presentation by Mrs. Milton to Mr. Herb Carleton for the best batting average of the Gundary Cricket Club. After a few hours dancing the M.C., Mr. Arthur Lynch, called upon Mrs. Milton to make the presentation. Mrs. Milton then came forward, and amidst cheers presented Mr. Carleton with a handsome gold medal suitably inscribed, at the same time congratulating the winner on his success. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Carleton sincerely thanked Mrs. Milton and said he felt proud to think he had the honor of gaining the batting average for the season. Mr. H. Parberry on behalf of the Gundary C. C. thanked Mrs. Milton for her generous action in donating the trophy for competition by the members. After three ringing cheers had been given the donor, the company sang “For She’s a Jolly Good fellow”. Refreshments of the choicest description, especially the ham sandwiches, were handed round by Lynch Brothers and their staff of fair waitresses. The Terpsichorean pastime was then renewed to the excellent music of Miss Kurz, Messrs. Buckley, H. Carleton and many others.

29th April 1911. - The Kiora cricketers journeyed to Deua River on Saturday 22nd inst., for the purpose of playing a return match against a team from that place. The day was an ideal one for cricket and the game played against such true sports as the Riverites proved themselves to be was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. The Kiora players speak in glowing terms of the hospitality extended to them by the residents of Deua River, the ladies especially being deserving of a volume of praise for the manner in which they attended to the wants of the inner man. Another pleasing feature was the coach journey to and from Deua River. The genial “Dick” Knight had charge of the ribbons, and spared no pains to make the outing a memorable one for all concerned. This resulted in a win for Kiora on the first innings by 28 runs.

30th November 1912. - A match between Moruya and Dwyer’s Creek teams eventuated on the latter’s wicket on Saturday last, resulting in a win by one run for Moruya. Dwyer’s Creek had only nine men but for which fact the Creekites must have come off victorious, more especially as Moruya’s best player broke down in the back tendons of his right hind leg. Fact. A feature of the game was the safe batting of Mr. F. Hutchings, who carried his piece of willow right through scoring 40 to the rest of the teams 19. The Mayor of Moruya was the only player for the visitors to reach double figures. – Good boy, Tom!

CHALLENGE CUP. – Emmott Brothers have on view in their shop window the handsome silver cricket Challenge Cup on an oak plinth. On the Cup is inscribed “Moruya District Cricket Association Challenge Cup,” and on the plinth “Won by Bateman’s Bay, 1913-14” This beautiful trophy will be held by the Bay club until a rival district team proves a prior right to it, when another shield will be affixed to the plinth with the name of the winning club and date.

As previously stated most of the articles appeared to be have been written in the manner of social reporting but there were also some written in a more sporting article vein with scores, good players, overseeing officials, etc, as the following shows,

Coila V. Bodalla.

A MATCH, arranged between the above Clubs eventuated at Bodalla on Boxing Day. Rain setting in during the afternoon, only one innings a side could be played, and the match was decided in favor of the "Estate". The event was well patronized by pleasure seekers and the play of several engaged was very fair, A. Fletcher making the "big" score of the occasion. Coila team enlisted the services of B. J. Buckley, who, it will be seen on reference to the bowling success, proved a sort of triton among the minnows in the use of the "sphere". Mr. H. Goodwin performed the duties of umpire for the visiting team, and a Sydney gent did similar service for Bodalla. R. S. Mort, Esq., with his usual generous consideration, provided a good lunch for the players. The day was acknowledged by all to have been a pleasantly spent one, and at night the inevitable ball held sway, whereat the Bodalla maidens in great number and full bloom joined in the graceful motion.

BODALLA.

K. Fletcher, b Buckley	24
W. Kelly, b Buckley	1
R. Mort, b Buckley	7
C. Upton, b Buckley	2
P. Leonard, c Davis, b Buckley	0
W. Vagg, c and b Davis	3
J. Broek, b Buckley	0
R. Vagg, c Davis, b J. Davis	1
J. Emery, b Buckley	0
G. Ryan, b J. Davis	3
J. Vagg, not out	2
Byes, wides, &c	16

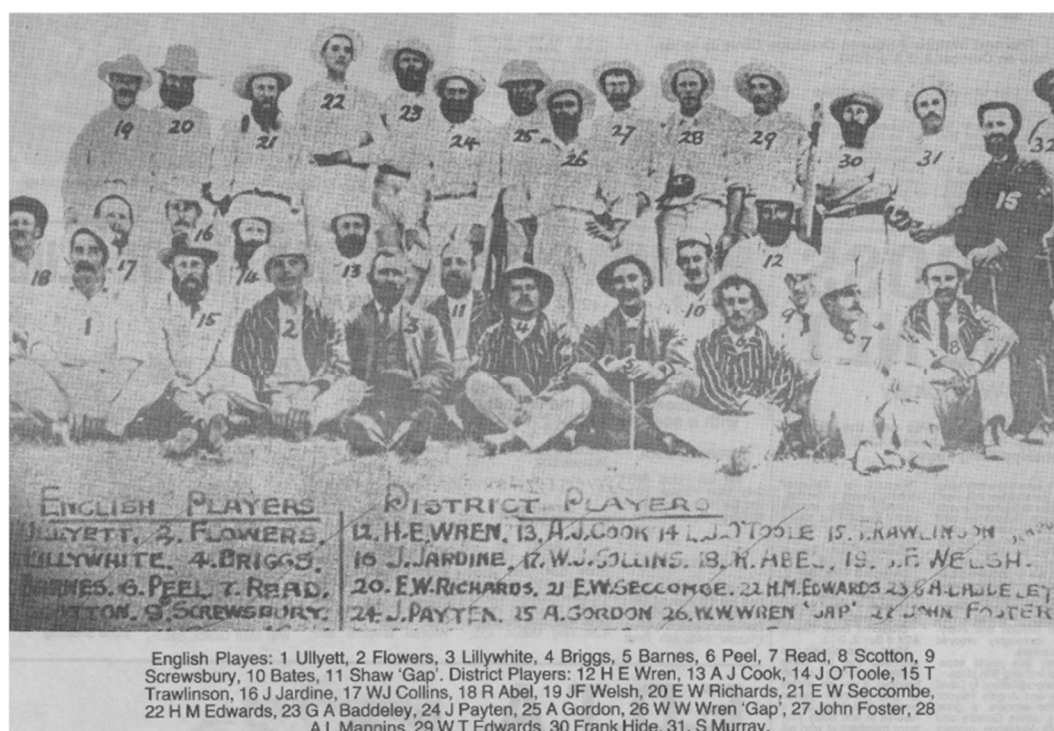
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COILA.

G. Gibbs, b Leonard	3
R. Grey, b, Hupton	1
J. Davis, b Leonard	4
K. Rose, st W. Vagg	1
R. J. Buckley, b W. Vagg	8
J. Breton, run out	0
J. Goodin, b Leonard	5
W. Davis, b J. Vagg	3
P. Davis, not out	5
G. Fuller, b J. Vagg	0
K. Bowen, b J. Vagg	0
Wides	2

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In conclusion the following photo gives credence to the standing that cricket was held in by the 1880's, as the photo is of a touring English Team that was in Australia to play five tests against the Australians. Unlike current touring sides they spent a great deal of time playing District Teams right across the length and breadth of Australia. (It is believed that in excess of 30 matches were played during the tour of 1884/85) The English team in the photo can be distinguished by their striped MCC blazers and are sitting predominantly in the front row of the photo. The "District Team" which is my belief were selected from cricketers mainly living in the Far South Coast with a couple from the southern portion of the Eurobodalla area.





From our Archives

Roller Skating

by Wendy Simes



Moruya like many other country towns in the late 19th and early 20th century had its skating club. They used the Mechanics Institute Hall in Page Street as their skating rink. The Australian Town and Country Journal had reported back in 1885 that the School of Arts (Mechanics Institute) had decided to have skating in the Hall twice a week.¹

Skating had first become popular in Australia in 1866 in Melbourne, where the Apollo Hall was converted to a skating rink. The Argus of 8th June 1866 was very much in favour of the new pastime stating “*it enables the inhabitants of countries where Jack Frost cannot be acclimatised, to enjoy the exhilarating exercise and fascinating amusements which has hitherto been confined to the denizens of colder latitudes.*”

The roller skate became popular with the modification done to the previous designs by Mr Plimpton of New York. “*Previous versions of a roller skate only allowed a straight line slide but Mr Plimpton wanted to achieve a similar action to ice skating. He introduced an iron pivot, working in an India rubber socket between the shoe and the roller, thus conferring on the skate the slight rocking motion required to render each stroke a curve in place of a straight one.*”²



Pair of women's roller-skates consisting of dark brown leather lace-up boots with pointed toes and ankle straps mounted onto metal frames with wooden wheels. Circa. 1913. The rollerskates were owned by Elsie White of Saumarez Homestead in Armidale, New South Wales. There were two roller skating rinks in Armidale at the time.

<https://collection.maas.museum/object/197118#&gid=1&pid=5>

The craze appears to have died down for a while. According to Horrie Polkinhorne³ the rise of the bicycle accounted for the decline. However it rose in popularity again, and in 1907 the Cobargo Chronicle reported “*a skating rink is to be started in Moruya*”⁴. There were also reports of the School of Arts at Tilba Tilba being converted for roller skating⁵ and the Moruya Examiner's correspondent from Eurobodalla reported in May 1915 that the *Eurobodalla School of Arts Committee had a very successful skating carnival during the week, and all the prizes were keenly contested.*⁶

There were many rinks in Sydney early in the 20th century, with many competitions and events organized by and between clubs. In June 1910 the Prince Alfred Skating Club were going to the Kogarah Club's open half

¹ Australian town and Country Journal 18th July 1885

² Argus 8th June 1866

³ <http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2008/06/13/2274106.htm>

⁴ Cobargo Chronicle 24th May 1907

⁵ Southern Star Bega 11th February 1911

⁶ Moruya Examiner 22nd May 1915

mile handicap event.⁷ Back in 1909 Frank Field had established a record by skating for 57 hours 5 minutes at the Bondi Rink.

Returning to Moruya skating, Doris Walter writes in her school letter dated 5th August 1909 that -

Myra, Ilma and Dad all belong to the skating rink. I try sometimes on Dad's at home in the dining room, it must be great fun if you know how. The greatest fun is watching the beginners they look more than comical. There are close to fifty members who belong to the rink so it is going ahead fine. But I suppose a new broom always sweeps clean, when the novelty wears off I suppose they will find it hard work to keep it going.

Writing about skating again in July 1910 she says -

The chief amusement of this writer is skating, it is all the rage. Father, Myra, Ilma and I all can skate, the other three are very fond of it, but I don't care for it, fancy skating is not too bad.

At the time of writing these letters Doris was 15 and Myra and Ilma 22/23 and Ilma 18/19. The second letter was to her eldest sister Daisy who was married and living in Tamworth.

A.F. Emmott in the Life of Old Moruya also writes of roller skating every winter in the Centennial Hall.

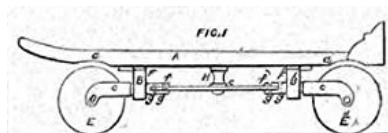
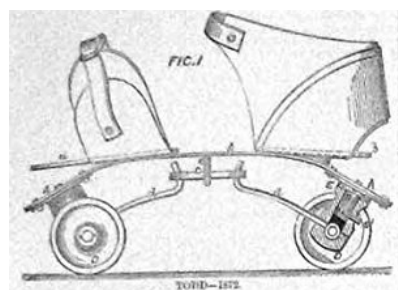
"Some of us were excellent skaters, some not so good, but all enjoyed the fun. Sometimes we skated singly, racing around at our utmost speed. Sometimes we skated in pairs, the boys and girls, whirling round together in a spirit of merriment and fun. Sometimes we had busters but no one minded, they were part of the fun. Up again and round again. Simple sport but we enjoyed it."

We have in our records a listing of the members of Moruya skating club in 1910 which has 30 members recorded, the Walter family among them.

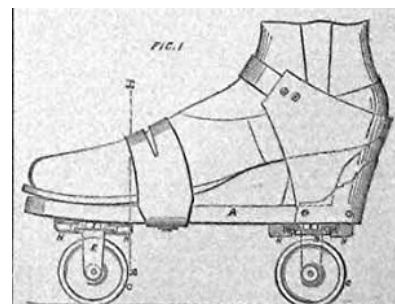
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Early skate designs



Answers to the Crossword

Across 1.Corella. 5.Koala. 8.Milk and Cheese. 9.Treen. 10.Upstair. 11.Absurd. 12.Gordon. 15.Staunch. 17.Ogham. 19.Uninterrupted. 20.Tiger. 21.Bodalla.

Down 1.Comet. 2.Roller Skating. 3.Learner. 4.Ardour. 5.Kohls. 6.Adelaide Hotel. 7.Aneurin. 11.Assault. 13.Orotund. 14.Cherub. 16.Noter. 18.Media.

⁷ The Star 20th June 1910

Prize winning essay by Aubrey Verner (Bob) Colefax in 1915. Bob was then aged 11.



Bob Colefax submitted the following essay for a regular monthly competition run by the Leader newspaper in Melbourne.

“The competition rules stated that “all essays are to be neatly written on one side of the paper only. No help to be received from other people. Children are expected to honourably observe this rule.”

“If in letters enclosed in open envelopes marked ‘MSS for publication’. They can be sent for one penny up to 2 oz.”

After admonishing the children to ensure the correctness and neatness of their manuscripts, the editors managed to spell Bob’s name wrong calling him A.V. Colefat.

Prize Essay – “B Division, A.V. Colefat, Fitzroy Street, Gundary, Moruya.” Bob’s prize was 5/- which according to the Reserve Bank inflation calculator <https://www.rba.gov.au/calculator/annualPreDecimal.html> would be \$25.25 in today’s money.

Dear Cinderella

This is the third time I have written to you, and I am interested in the “Children’s Column.” According to your rules in “The Leader” I am going to compete. I am choosing my subject “My Favourite Game.”

There are many games I like playing; among these my favourite game is football, the reason being that much excitement and enjoyment may be had while playing. Also there is exercise to be obtained in this game. I shall describe one of the matches in which I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Now Moruya although a small place, is divided into two particular parts, viz. – Gundary and “The Town”. Well, these are the two sides which played last winter. I am among the “Gundaryites”. We played on the principal football ground. The Town side had first kick-off. The ball was marked by one of our side who is a good player. Putting his engines to work he went at top speed but was collared whilst about 3 yards from the goal line. He threw the ball out and it was kicked by one of our men. It was caught by the captain of The Town boys and he dodged or handed off anyone who ventured to collar him; he ran over the goal line and planted the ball down on the ground. They also got the kick over the posts. We kicked off grimly for we had 5 marks against us and almost immediately secured a goal but not the kick. We got 6 goals after that and we beat Town by 16 marks being 21 to 5.

I suppose you know we get arranged before starting the game. I will give you the meaning of the other things. “Out of Bounce” means that if the ball goes off the boundary of the ground it has to be thrown in again. “Offside” means “a free kick” if the ball kicked by somebody hits somebody of the same side. “Mark” means “a free kick” for anyone who catches the ball when kicked to somebody.

Well Cinderella I must close now, with love from A.V. Colefax Aged 11¹

¹ Leader (Melbourne) 13 February 1915 p, 55



PING PONG or Gossima or Wiff Waff or Tennis de Salon or Table Tennis to name just a few of the names for this game by Wendy Simes



In July 1902 the members of the Moruya Ping Pong Club challenged any club (4 aside) on the South coast to a tournament for the Championship of the South Coast. Date, place and conditions to be arranged. They stated that if they had no replies in two weeks they would declare themselves champions.

What was Moruya thinking of? The Milton club was certainly not impressed particularly as Moruya was not offering to pay travelling costs.¹

1902 was a year of proliferation of Ping Pong clubs throughout the country. It saw the conditions drawn up for the New South Wales Amateur Ping Pong championships. Each small community seems to have had its club. Our Archival records show us that Moruya also joined the fad.

Although the game had been around for a few years the surge in popularity was in part attributable to the introduction of the celluloid balls.



The idea of the game is said to have originated in the British Military who had a very make shift game they brought back to England. Victorian households quickly improvised with whatever was handy and took to the new parlour game. The dining table of course served as the ping pong table, books placed across the centre of the table served as the net (a later idea), a book, cigar box lid or whatever was handy served as a bat and if you didn't have a suitable ball then a modified champagne cork served just as well.

In Queensland a group of miners seem to have taken the improvisation to extreme levels as illustrated in the photograph on the following page. Shovels and panning dishes making great bats it would seem.

¹ Ulladulla and Milton Times, 23rd August 1902



From Queensland State Library Collection

As with most new ideas there were those who saw a chance for making money and quickly they made improvements to the equipment and patented and boxed their ideas to an enthusiastic public.



The first 'physical' parlour Table Tennis turned up in 1890 as part of a compendium of similar Table games patented by an Englishman called David Foster. The game was a beautiful example of the detail of such parlour games featuring miniature strung racquets, a rubber ball covered in cloth, a net strung across the centre of the court and two much larger nets on either side to prevent the ball straying off the table. The set would have originally been laid out on the family dining table.



A similar idea was first produced one year later in 1891 by John Jaques, the venerable games maker, best known for Croquet and Chess. They produced a game called 'Gossima' (trademark registered in 1890) which featured a net strung between 2 brass posts that clamped to a table, a cork ball and 2 battledores of a similar type to those used for Shuttlecock. Around 1900, Jaques re-released the game with the title 'Gossima or Ping Pong'.

From <http://www.tradgames.org.uk/games/Table-Tennis.htm>



Whiff-Waff (presumably based on the sound of the game at the time), just another version of the same game.

The marketing of the game of course produced official rules to follow. One correspondent to Australian Town and Country Journal of the 10th May 1902 had his own suggestion of rules.

1. Knocking the ball through the window counts as 3.
2. Breaking plate glass mirror counts 2.
3. Striking next player with racket takes 8 off your score.
4. Lodging ball in ear of fussy old gentleman who is looking on counts 6 all round.
5. Hitting self under chin with handle of racket entitles you to another shot.
6. Knocking ball into opponent's eye is game.

Easter Monday.
Sports at Coila.
A DAY'S SPORT, consisting of Hack Races, Pony Races, Foot Racing, &c., will be held on the Coila Course on **EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 31**, when an attractive programme will be submitted.
 Proceeds in aid of the Building Fund of the Coila-Turlinjah School of Arts.

PROGRAMME :

- Pony Race, prize 15s
- Hack Race, prize £1 10s
- Hack Race, prize £1
- Tilting at the Ring, prize £1
- Hack Race, prize £1
- High Jump for boys under 14, 5s and 2/6
- Foot Race for boys under 14, 5s and 2/6
- Race for girls under 14, 5s and 2s 6d
- Guessing Competition, prize 15s.

All events in either horse or foot section to be handicapped. Other events to be arranged on the ground.
 Entrance to the ground:—Adults 1s; children 6d.

BALL at Night—Tickets 2/6 & 1/6.
 Further particulars in future issue.
JOSEPH KAY,
 Hon. Sec.

Coila Sports Moruya Examiner 21st March 1902

Many racing events were held at this time. They were often a mixture of events, with of course horse racing but also including running races. In the case of the Coila event the running and jumping events were aimed at the children. Naturally the event was followed by the inevitable ball or dance. The dancing and merriment afterwards was usually reported as going on to the small hours. After which we can only assume a number of them had to ride their horses home.

Population Figures 1903

Around the time the various Moruya sporting clubs were being formed the Police Returns gave the following population figures for the district. There is also a comparative figure for Milton Ulladulla.

Moruya town: 736 Europeans, 4 Chinese, 9 Half-castes, 8 Assyrians.

District: 1536 Europeans, 6 Chinese, 13 Half-castes, 3 Aborigines.

Nerrigundah: 680 Europeans, 40 Chinese

Central Tilba: 945 Europeans, 16 Chinese

Nelligen: 447 Europeans

Batemans Bay: 872 Europeans, 2 Chinese, 36 Aborigines.

Milton Ulladulla: 2296 Europeans, 3 Chinese, 36 Aborigines and Half-castes.

Sydney Morning Herald 13th March 1903



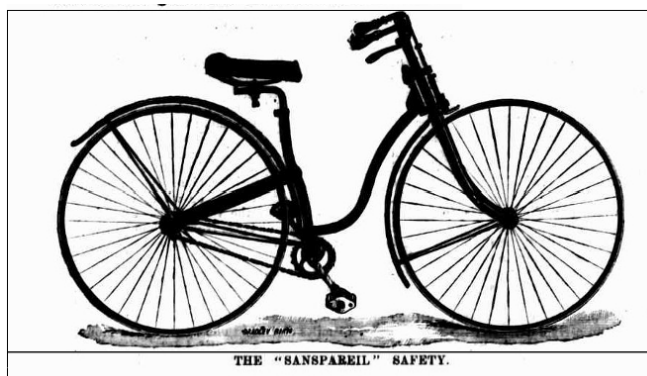
Cycling by Wendy Simes

As early as 1831 there was reference to a bicycle in Hyde Park Sydney. This bicycle was known as a “hobby horse” and did not have cranks or pedals. The forerunner of these “hobby horses” was the wooden “running machine” invented by Baron Karl Drais in 1817. The photograph to the left of his machine is from <https://www.crazyguyonabike.com>



With many developments and improvements, not least of all the use of cranks and pedals, cycling began to take off in Australia in the late 1870's and 1880's, with bicycle clubs appearing in Australian cities. By 1888 there were 23 clubs affiliated to the Cyclists Union which had been formed in 1883.

Cycles images from Illustrated Sydney News 26 July 1888



Left: The Humber Racer, a commonly used racing bike of the 1880's. The Sydney club held its first race meeting in August 1882. Most races were held at Moore Park on a grass track.

Cycling quickly became a popular recreation pastime. The image below from the Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser gives an idealised view of cycling in the 1890's. Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser (NSW : 1871 - 1912), Saturday 25 July 1896, page 17



ON THE NARRABEEN ROAD.

With the growing popularity of cycling also of course came the specialist clothing promotions.



From Cyclists Touring Guide of NSW



The popularity of cycling is evidenced by the publication of the “Cyclists touring guide of New South Wales” by Joseph Pearson, available for 1 shilling in 1896.¹

There are many trips described in the booklet a number of them include Moruya. They were not all cycling and frequently a rail or steamer trip to the start of the ride was part of the recommendations.

Tour no. 11 which was to take 5 days started by taking the steamer to Eden which is described as a pleasant one and a half day trip calling at a number of ports on the way and arriving in Eden in the morning. After lunch the tour then takes off for Bega via Pambula and Wolumla. Bega is the overnight stay, departing early the next morning for Bodalla. This will be a 63 mile ride. Lunch at Cobargo is recommended, “though it maybe a little early” the next place Tilba Tilba is not recommended “as it is not such a nice place.” The next day was a 71 mile ride to Milton. The riders were advised to get a snack before leaving Bodalla and then “stop for breakfast in Moruya which was just 14 miles away on a very good road.” From Milton the ride was 50 miles to Berry to catch the train back to Sydney.

Tour no 12 taking 5½ days starts with a train journey from Sydney to Goulburn. The first day they ride 52½ miles to Braidwood, with the second day 52 miles from Braidwood to Moruya. The guide states-

“From Braidwood to Araluen, 17 miles, is nearly all down grade, the last few miles being very steep. It is advisable that you should have dinner earlier than usual, not later than (say) 12 o’clock, as you have 35 miles to cover before reaching Moruya, about 28 of which is nearly all up grade. However, for about 24 miles the ascent is very gradual, but the 4 miles or so up Larry’s Mountain is very trying. The last 7 miles is a gradual fall.”

The third day of this trip was from Moruya to Milton, then Milton to Kiama and finally Kiama to Campbelltown and the 6th day a morning ride to Sydney.

There are a list of accommodation available in each town with the Kildare Hotel, M. Keating proprietor being recommended in Moruya.

Interspersed throughout the booklet are advertisements of various kinds, the one that appears below particularly takes my fancy.

A WARNING TO CYCLISTS!

Be very careful of your Tyres, and when “tyred,” be equally careful of your Stimulant. The greatest authority on HEALTH, *The Lancet*, says :—“When fagged, drink

GALLEY WHISKY.

It is an absolutely safe Stimulant.” Therefore, in wheel and whoa, stick to **GALLEY**, for it will never “scorch” you.

Put up in Flasks, Half Flasks, and Quarter Flasks for convenience of Cyclists when travelling. Please note.

¹ This report has been scanned by the National Library and available to download from their Library Catalogue

Local Cycling Clubs

Tilba Tilba and Corunna

The town of Tilba Tilba is mentioned disparagingly in Tour no 11, however the Tilba and Corunna area had many keen cyclists and strong cycling clubs with regular races being held.



Bicycle Club Corunna circa. 1895. Corkhill Collection



The Corunna Club even had a “velodrome” in the 1890’s which the community had developed themselves using horses and a scoop to level the ground.

The velodrome is still clearly visible today on the aerial photograph from Google Maps on the left.

More details about the velodrome site can be found in a report by the National Parks and Wildlife Service entitled Corunna Point, Eurobodalla National Park. Conservation Management Plan published in July 1998. This report is filed in our Mystery Bay file.

The Cobargo Chronicle of the 13th November 1903 gives a very detailed description of the Corunna Cycling Club’s Annual Carnival. There were 17 starters for the Corunna handicap, which was a 1 mile event. Unfortunately for Moruya F. Luck (from Kiora), Moruya’s favourite, broke his pedal strap while riding well in the second heat. E. Hennings and R. Zeigler from Moruya were also in the event.² The fastest time in the heats was 2 minutes 35 seconds. The winner of the event was C. Bown from Dignams Creek.

² Cobargo Chronicle 31st October 1902

Central Tilba Bicycle Club. Showing facilities at Corunna. National Library PIC/9171/916



Moruya Wheel Club

DON'T FORGET
THAT
D. W. HESPE
Queen Street,
is AGENT for the celebrated
Speedwell Bicycles,
THREE GRADES
£15, £18 10s, £23 10s
CASH OR EASY TERMS.
D. W. H. also stocks an up-to-date
ASSORTMENT OF CYCLEALITIES
which he is selling at
Sydney Prices.
Machines cleaned and repaired,
Second-hands for Sale or Hire.

Moruya also had its cycling enthusiasts. With leadership from Mr Hespe they formed their own club and by May 1902 were reported to be laying down an up-to-date racing track and joining the Cycling League.³ The first race under their auspice was held on Monday 31st March 1902. It was "a 4 mile race starting from the northern end of the river bridge two miles out and return." There were 11 starters in this handicap event with the winner

being C. Sladdin who started from scratch, 2nd C. Stubbs (40 seconds) and third F. Luck (6 seconds). After the racing 22 cyclists formed a procession through the streets.⁴ A similar race was held on the 26th of May, with an evening torchlight procession followed by a Cinderella Dance.⁵

Bicycle Race.
Bicycle Road Race
(HANDICAP)
under the auspices of the
MORUYA BICYCLE CLUB
will take place on
EASTER MONDAY
at 3 o'clock p.m.
on Mullenderree Lane, distance 4 miles, starting
from bridge, going out two miles and back.
First Prize, Acetylene Gas Lamp, 15s.
Second do., do. valued 10s
Third do., Cyclometer valued 5s
ENTRANCE FEE 1s.
Open to all comers.
Nominations close on Monday 24th inst.
D. W. HESPE, Hon. Sec.

With the completion of their track, which was a quarter mile round, the club was able to hold more regular events with C. Sladdin, who was not a local rider once again dominating along with his brother.

However all did not seem to going well for the Club the next year, with the Cobargo Chronicle of the 30th of January 1903 reporting only 4 members attended the AGM. The Club was however still going in December of that year when they accepted the offer of W. Douglas to appear at the local carnival of the 30th of December.⁶

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⁵ Moruya Examiner 30th May 1902

⁶ Cobargo Chronicle 18th December 1903.

Drowned – by Accident or Despair Part 2

By Shirley Jurmann

Benjamin KNAPPETT – drowned in river

Benjamin Knappett was for many years engaged as Pilot Assistant at the Heads. He later settled down in Queen Street as jeweller and tobacconist and was also District Bailiff. The family became concerned when he was found to be missing from his home late at night in February 1906. About 3.30 the next afternoon his body was discovered in the Moruya River near the cottage hospital. A message was sent to others who were searching down the river. A boat was brought to the scene and the body recovered. An enquiry was held but there was no evidence to show how the unfortunate man met his death.

-Moruya Examiner 24th February 1906

John Thomas and Kathleen BROGAN – drowned in the Moruya River

One day in December 1920, as was his usual custom at this time of year, John Thomas Brogan took his children down to the river for a swim in the late afternoon. When Jack, aged 13, and Ellie aged 11, were coming ashore the sand bank gave way throwing them back into deep water. Mr Brogan, sitting on the bank, saw that they were in difficulties and rushed to their aid, still in his clothes and boots. Daughter Mimi aged 16, also rushed into the water and succeeded in pulling her brother and sister to safety. Mr Brogan, hampered by his clothes and boots got into trouble. Daughter Kathleen aged 13, rushed to help him but both sank. The other children's screams attracted others who desperately dived but could not locate either one. After about 50 minutes the bodies were brought to the bank where Dr Quilter worked feverishly but was unable to revive the father or daughter.

-Moruya Examiner 1st January 1921

Eliza COLLETT – drowned after sulky accident

On 3rd January 1923 Eliza was being driven to Kiora by her daughter Pearl in a sulky with a flighty horse. Just after they had crossed the western end of the bridge Allen Innes came along on a motor cycle. The noise frightened the horse and it began to back towards the river. The vehicle went over the bank into 10 feet of water. Allen jumped into the water after the ladies and brought them to shore. Mrs Collett was still alive but unconscious and soon died. Pearl was unharmed. The horse was drowned.

-Braidwood Review and District Advocate 9th January 1923

Bertha, Mary, Amy, James and John BENSON, - drowned at Bateman's Bay Ferry

Reverend James Benson, Rector of All Saints Church Bodalla, along with his wife and four young children were returning to Bodalla after a camping holiday in 1928. At midnight they had rested for an hour but decided to press on as the children were all asleep. As the car approached the ferry on the northern side of the Clyde River, Reverend Benson mistook the red light for a Main Roads danger signal, many of which they had passed along the road. He did not realise he was so close to the crossing until he heard the splash of water under the car. He immediately applied the brakes but it was too late and the car plunged into the river. He opened his door and had his wife almost out of the car when it turned over and she was pulled from his grasp. He dived and dived again but could not locate his family. He called for help and many came but Mrs Benson and the children could not be found in time. At day break the car was raised with the bodies of the two little girls inside. A little later the body of the baby was found and then Mrs Benson and the other boy. They were buried in the Bodalla Cemetery. Reverend Benson later served as a missionary in New Guinea during which time he was captured and held prisoner by the Japanese. After the war he continued his work among the natives. He died in London.

-Moruya Examiner 13th October 1928

Albert Leslie GRAHAM – drowned at Cooper's Island

Albert died from drowning in 1930 at Cooper's Island in a tributary of the Tuross River about three or four miles from Bodalla. He had a farm there and took his horse and cart to the construction site of a bridge. Two men were working there. After he left there he went down to the creek and got into a boat used for carrying people across the stream. Somehow or other the boat began to fill with water. It appears he called for help but the men did not hear his first cries as they were using a crosscut saw. When they finally heard his cries they rushed to his assistance. The boat by this stage was about 40 yards out into the stream. One of the men could not swim and the other was a poor swimmer. He got into the water but by this time Graham had disappeared and did not surface again. He had been wearing Wellington boots and these probably hampered his efforts to save himself.

-Braidwood Review and District Advocate 3rd June 1930

Michael SKEHAN – drowned in a flood

Michael Skehan was born at Mullenderree in 1866, the son of John Skehan and Elizabeth nee Fox. On the 4th of January 1934 there had been heavy rain upstream and the river was rising. Michael had his boat moored in the river

just in front of his home and it was in danger of being washed away. He walked along the river bank and borrowed the police boat. He returned to his own boat and tried to lift the anchor. The police boat overturned and Michael was thrown into the water. Some men who were trying to save their own boats further up the river saw that he was in difficulties and rushed to his assistance. Before they were able to reach him he disappeared. His body was discovered some days later, on the sand below the Pilot Station at South Heads by two little boys, Jack and Ernie Squires.

-Moruya Examiner 13th January 1934

William MURPHY – drowned in the swollen Tuross River

William Murphy lived alone at his small dairy and mixed farm at Utopia near Cadgee, 40 miles from Bodalla in the ranges near the head of the Tuross River. William had been born there and spent his boyhood there. One day in 1934 he went for provisions and visited Michael McViety on his farm on the opposite side of the river at Wandella. When he was about to return home Michael warned him that the river might have risen since he crossed it to come over. The stream was small but ran in a deep gorge between high mountains. Heavy falls of rain had melted snow in the Great Dividing Range and the water was icy. Murphy said that if he could not get the horses across he would swim. He was noted in the district as an excellent swimmer and had often been known to cross flooded streams. Apparently when he reached the river William found that it was swirling far above the level earlier in the day and that it was rising rapidly. He unsaddled his horse and unharnessed his pack horse. He put them far out of the reach of flood waters then undressed and put his clothes under the saddle. He had then attempted to swim across the river. He either suffered cramp or was dashed against a rock by the swift current and his body was carried down stream. Nothing of the tragedy was known until a starving cat and dog made their way through the bush to a camp where William Davidge and Vincent Dixon had a gold mine. Although not a great distance between here and Murphy's farm, contact between these two men and William was infrequent because of the rough terrain in between. Davidge and Dixon notified the police at Bodalla and Cobargo. Search parties were organised. The horses were found grazing by the river and Murphy's clothes discovered. The search was continued downstream with the body eventually being found more than 20 miles from Wandella. It had been washed up onto a sandbank at Nerrigundah. William Murphy was an uncle of Councillor Murphy of Eurobodalla.

-Sydney Morning Herald 17th August 1934

Henry BURBIDGE – drowned attempting to cross flooded area

Harry Burbidge was born in England and served in the Boer War and the Great War. He came to Australia in 1921 with his wife and three children. By 1934 he had the Bodalla Hotel, the Bodalla Butchery and other business interests in Bodalla. He was highly thought of in this and the Cobargo districts. That year saw huge floods in the area. One day in late February he took a boat down the flooded Tuross River to the boarding house at Tuross with some meat for people staying there. He had been warned of the danger but insisted on going. The trip out was fine. On the return journey he drove a horse and cart with young Manning Creighton as passenger. When nearing Trunkety (Trunketabella) cheese factory near Bodalla his horse was almost swept off its feet. He decided to take the horse out of the cart and endeavour to ride it across. It was risky so he left his young passenger on the bank. Almost immediately disaster overtook Harry and his steed. The force of the current swept both horse and rider to the fence alongside the road. The flood waters had undermined the posts of the fences and strewn the wires in a tangled mess. He became entangled in the wires. Shouting wildly for help, he threw up his arms and fell from the horse and was swept away rapidly. The horse swam to safety and galloped away. Spectators on a verandah a hundred yards away, were unable to assist Harry who could only swim a little but even a strong swimmer would have had difficulties in such conditions. Search parties were organised but his body was not found until the next morning.

-Cobargo Chronicle 2nd March 1934. - Braidwood Review and District Advocate 27th February 1934

Barry HINCHCLIFFE and Antonio (Anthony) RODEGHIERO – thrown from log

Barry Hinchcliffe and Anthony Rodeghiero both aged twelve, had been great mates for years. In December 1945 they went out to Kiora to enjoy themselves in the cool water near the bridge. They were having fun balancing on a floating log along with Jacqueline Horrex. The log floated downstream and rolled and the boys were thrown into a fifteen feet deep hole which had been scoured out by recent heavy rain. Jacqueline pushed the log out towards them and ran to give the alarm. Sergeant Royce Clark, a young soldier, recently returned from Borneo, dived fully clothed into the water but was unable to save the boys. The bodies were located three hours later.

-West Australian 19th December 1945

Karen IRWIN- trapped in car

Eileen Irwin and her four year old daughter Karen, were travelling across the Kiora bridge in January 1966. The car got out of control, hit the railings and plunged into the river. Eileen was thrown clear but little Karen was trapped under the dashboard. Witnesses rushed to the scene and searched frantically but could not locate Karen. Finally she was found wedged between the seat and dashboard but it was too late. She had drowned.

-Moruya Advertiser January 1966

Genealogy Report

From the Genealogy Room



Publications Combined Index

David and Dianne have been busy with the indexing program and more indexes have been added to the Publications Combined Index.

Just a reminder on searching this database. After opening click on the search prompt



Subject Search with Prompt

Then simply put your search word into the window that appears. You can use wildcards to ensure you get all variations. Eg type Aborig* to bring up Aboriginal, Aborigine or Aborigines.



Just reminder that we are a family search affiliate library and you are able to access the digitised parish records and much more from our computers or bring your own laptop into the Gene room. These original sources are vital if you wish to properly document your family tree and they are free.

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ask/landing>

Help Center

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The FamilySearch Help Center has dozens of great, free classes about Irish genealogy research. Learn about everything from emigration, to censuses, to church records. There are webinars, lectures and text documents to help you.



State Archives Webinars <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/webinars>

Asylum records in NSW. Date: Thursday, 14 Jun 2018 10am - 11am

NSW Professions and Occupations. Date: Tuesday, 14 Aug 2018 10am - 11am

NSW Colonial Secretary's Correspondence. Date: Thursday, 18 Oct 2018 10am - 11am

Sources for Marriage in NSW. Date: Wednesday, 07 Nov 2018 10am - 11am

If you have missed any of the previous webinars they are also available on the same webpage.

Another page on State Archives web site <https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/magazine/from-the-archives> contains films some from the 1940's which are fun to watch just for their political incorrectness. Another video on this page of interest is a video montage from the photo albums in their collection showing the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Books

The Andersons of Lake View. The genealogy of Robert Anderson and Sarah Hadden by Stephen Shaeffe
A:FAM And

This book was donated to us by the author and produced for an Anderson Family reunion. It is 402 pages and includes many photographs. Among the many other families mentioned in the book are the Bishop Family, the Duncan family and the Irving family.

A Chronological History of Mogo by Leah Burke.

A:LOC:EUR:MOG

This is an unpublished research project donated by Leah and a valuable addition to our collection.

We have also received two unpublished research works from Ricci Simpson which are filed in our Subject files.

1. *History of the historic corn trail.*
2. *Aboriginal place names of the Southern Highlands and South Coast of NSW.*

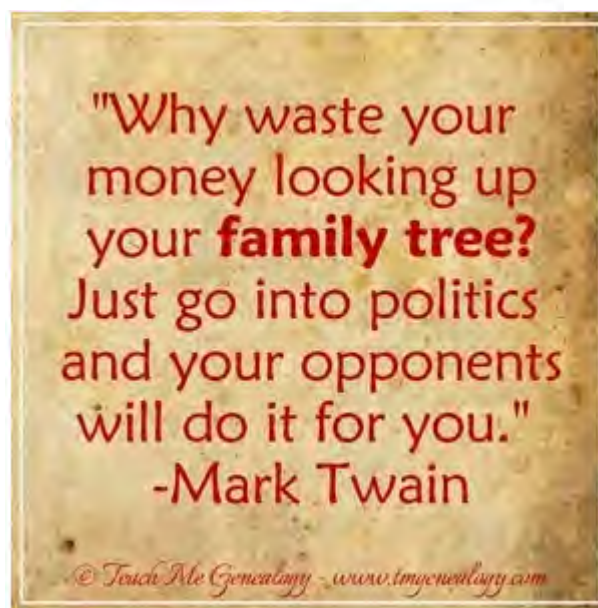
An addition to our Archives Collection is further unpublished material by Emeritus Professor John Holmes. This adds to his previous research held in the Archives.

2018 review of data. 3 sections. Dairy farming at Moruya and Copmanhurst. Path dependence in subtropical dairy farming and Tables. Loft Storage.

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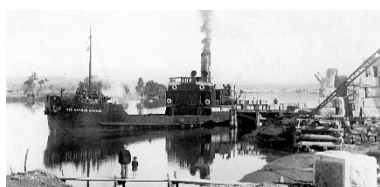
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