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| <b>AFFILIATIONS:</b> | Royal Australian Historical Society, NSW Association of Family History Societies, Museums Australia Inc & Regional Chapter.   |

## GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

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| <b>JUNE MEETING:</b>       | <b>Thursday, 25 June 2009 at 12:00 noon for 12:30 pm</b>           |
| <b>VENUE:</b>              | Summerlees, Illawarra Highway, Sutton Forest                       |
| <b>COST:</b>               | \$20.00 per head   |
| <b>RSVP &amp; PAYMENT:</b> | No later than <b>Tuesday 16 June 2009</b> on 4872 2169             |
| <b>GUEST SPEAKER:</b>      | Elizabeth Burness  |
| <b>TOPIC:</b>              | There's history in the bottom drawers, or Secret Women's Business. |

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| <b>JULY MEETING:</b> | <b>Thursday, 23 July 2009 at 2:00pm</b>   |
| <b>VENUE:</b>        | Society Research Centre, Old Council Chambers Building,<br>Bowral Road, Mittagong |

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## EVENTS CALENDER 2009

### JUNE

11 Management Committee Meeting  
25 Monthly General Meeting -  
**Luncheon** - Talk by Elizabeth Burness  
on *There's history in the bottom  
drawers*, or *Secret Women's Business*

### JULY

9 Management Committee Meeting  
11 School holidays commence  
23 Monthly General Meeting  
27 School holidays conclude

### AUGUST

13 Management Committee Meeting  
27 Monthly General Meeting

## JUNE LUNCHEON

Our June luncheon at *Sumerlees* is fully booked with a waiting list. If you have booked for this function and have not yet paid, would you please do so prior to 16 June, otherwise you may lose your booking.

**When:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Time:** 12.00 for 12.30 pm

**Where:** *Summerlees*, Illawarra Highway, Sutton Forest.

**Cost:** \$20 per person, which includes a 3-course lunch

**Guest Speaker:** Elizabeth Burness - *There's history in the bottom drawers*, or *Secret Women's Business*.

## OFFICE BEARERS

The two positions, Publicity Officer and Minutes Secretary, within the society that have been vacant since our last AGM have now been filled. Thank you to the following members who have volunteered their time in these roles.

Publicity Officer: Phillip MORTON  
Minutes Secretary: Fran TURLAND

## NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Deadline is **1st** of every month. It may be necessary to hold submissions after this date till the following month.

## Tour To The AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

We have organised a visit to the ANMM on Wednesday 22 July 2009 to view their latest exhibition, *Charles Darwin - Voyages and ideas that shook the world*. Curator Dr Nigel Erskine, will give us a guided tour around the exhibition gallery, after which we will do the self-guided tour of the replica of James Cook's *Endeavour*. The vessel is at present undergoing repairs and refurbishment and will re-open on 27 June.

Arrangements for the trip are as follows:

- Depart the Southern Highlands by train - from Moss Vale at 8:21am arriving Sydney at 10:09am. We will travel from Central to the museum using the Light Rail.
- Meet in the foyer of the museum at 11:00am after morning tea.
- Walk through the exhibition with Dr. Erskine
- Inspection of HMB Endeavour
- Return to the Southern Highlands on the afternoon train departing Central at 3:46pm.

**COST:** \$15.00 per person includes museum tour and entry to HMB Endeavour. The cost **DOES NOT** include transport - you will need to purchase your own train ticket and return trip on the light rail.

**RSVP:** Book at the Archives at Mittagong, in person or by phone.

This will be a great opportunity to visit one of Sydney's premier museums, as well as getting together with fellow members of the Society.

**Bookings essential** - phone 48 722 169 to reserve your place.

## RESEARCH FEES

The research fee for non-members:

\$15.00 per hour or part thereof for telephone and postal enquiries.  
\$5.00 per hour or part thereof for enquirers who attend the archives and carry out their own research.

## FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

*Contributed by Carol Nolan*

The Scrutineer Wednesday 2 October 1895 page 2 col 5

### Wanted

TO SELL, privately, about 70 head good store Bullocks.

D. CLIFFORD,  
Auctioneer and Stock Agent,  
Moss Vale and Bowral.

The Scrutineer Wednesday 2 October 1895 page 2 col 5

### For Private Sale

BLOCK of LAND (known as the old football ground) with frontage to Waite's Creek; also 5 allotments with frontage to Argyle and Elizabeth Streets. Very low price for each of the above.

D. CLIFFORD,  
Auctioneer and Stock Agent,  
Moss Vale.

## ARCHIVES OPENING HOURS

Opening hours are as follows:

|          |                    |
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| Monday   | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday  | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Saturday | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm |

## BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

Market Place, Berrima.  
Near the bridge.

### OPENING HOURS

10 am - 4 pm.  
Weekends, Public Holidays and  
NSW School Holidays.  
Closed Good Friday, Christmas  
Day and Boxing Day.  
Groups also welcome at other  
times by arrangement.  
Please telephone Bob or Gloria  
on 4889 4405

# DR. JOHN SIMONS

## Commemorative Service

Annesley Hall, Bowral

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Allan Beavis and I am privileged to have been asked by the family to lead this commemoration this afternoon.

We are here to celebrate as well as commemorate the extraordinary life of an extraordinary man.... a rare individual who contributed much to all of our lives, and to the world around us.

Naturally, today and always, any and every mention of his name will bring to each of our minds different aspects of the life and times of John Ronald Simons.

But it is fitting that in responding to the invitation to help celebrate his life among us, we collectively seek a bigger picture than most of us personally bring here today...one that comes both from those closest to him - Jennifer his wife of 61 years, his daughters Frances and Olivia - and memories recounted by John himself, recalling aspects of his life.

Often light-hearted, these are remembrances that some of us will perhaps have heard in part, thanks to his preparedness to share tales of his schoolboy years- like persuading the milkman to break the rules in giving him a lift in a milk float up the steep hill of Arden Street, Coogee, on his way to school; memories of his youthful travels with his track & bridges inspector father who instilled in him a lifelong passion for railways and introduced him to the peace and beauty of the Southern Highlands where he returned in retirement, if not to rest, to complete his extraordinary existence.

His was a fascinating life from the outset. Born in Sydney in 1922, the son of George Ronald and Marjorie Jane Simons, he moved around a lot as his father took railway postings all over the State.

Exciting excursions on a railway trike featured among John's favourite childhood memories, which also included holidays in the Southern Highlands, from Aylmerton to Penrose, with his grandparents and many cousins.

Inconceivable now, these trips away with his father—ranging from three weeks to three months, and meaning that he attended many different primary schools for sometimes a few weeks or months—were formative in his belief that, rather than buildings or the way classrooms operated, it was the quality of teachers that was the important thing in education, with interaction between teacher and pupil encouraging learning, or not.

On one three month stay at Casino, he was sent lessons through the post by a kind teacher, Mr James, from the Junction School at Newcastle, who then corrected his work and sent him more ... helping implant what was to become an academic mindset.

The risks of taking a child out and about on a railway trike were clearly not seen as such at the time: Once when riding behind his father on the trike, they were surprised to be confronted with an unscheduled loco bearing down on them. There was just enough time to get themselves off the track before the loco thundered by, but the trike rolled down the embankment and father & son had to haul it back up and onto the track to continue their journey. It left the father with a hernia, and the son with the story of yet another adventure.

It was following in his father's footsteps that, in 1939, he enrolled in an engineering course at Sydney Technical College, studying

by night, while working during the day as a junior drafting assistant at the Sydney Water Board. That would have been enough for many, but not our John Simons. He took up weekend study at the Sydney Conservatorium, revealing a hitherto hidden gift for music, particularly composition.

He was soon offered a scholarship, and although his mother and father bitterly opposed his abandoning Tech college studies, he turned his principal focus to composition, along with the bassoon.

War interrupted his studies, but his interest and pleasure in music remained deep.

He loved opera from early in his life ... and for *all* of his life was a font of knowledge on things musical, including the orchestration techniques of Holst and Berlioz—a great help to daughter Frances when she herself studied at the Conservatorium. He enjoyed rousing marches and large symphonic sounds equally with delicate works by Debussy or Mendelssohn. From time to time he would present friends or family with a piece of music written just for them ... like "*Pastorale*," a simple piece written for a friend learning the piano, today played by Robert Smith.

### *"Pastorale" J.R Simons (1968)*

A pacifist by nature, it is a twist of fate that compulsory military service should open the door to the distinguished academic career of Dr John Simons.

Discharged from the army at the end of the Second World War, and deeply affected by the experience, he decided to take the opportunity offered under the Commonwealth Repatriation Training Scheme to go to University.

Interested in Science, he enrolled in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Zoology, this latter subject - he recounted - simply because the course description captured his interest, and which proved to set the course of his distinguished career.

His inquiring mind also led him to attend courses he wasn't enrolled in at all, including Anthropology and Philosophy, so he could understand what his friends found so interesting. As well as acquiring a good deal of knowledge in these areas of study, he found enjoyment in an intellectual argument—whatever the subject ... something many of us have experienced first hand!

For what we would now call his extra-curricular activities, he wrote music reviews for the student newspaper, *Honi Soit*, soon becoming its Features Editor.

Over and above the call of editorial duty, however, he spent a lot of time at the newspaper office, and in the company of co-editor Jennifer Paykel, the young woman whom he was to court, marry, and to remain in the closest of company for what, in his words, were *six blissful decades*.

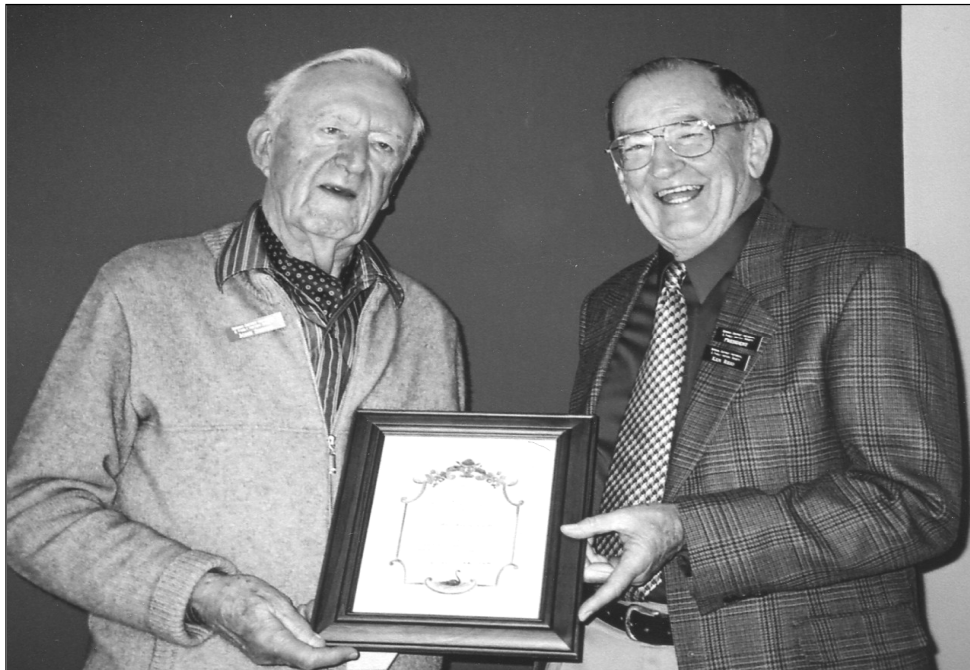
The circumstances of his first encounter with what he referred to as "*this wonder woman*" were described eloquently by John in a speech some of you will recall his writing at the end of last year for Jenny's 80th birthday. And it's clear that he remembered being quite overwhelmed.

Today, we have a tribute to John by his wife Jenny: She writes: "*You accepted enthusiastically the fact that this 18-year-old girl wanted to marry you, married her in the summer vacation even though we were both penniless, and began a marriage that lasted 61 years. You persuaded me of the desirability of having children—how absolutely right you were—and encouraged me to follow my own career ...I am a fortunate person to have spent three quarters of my life in your company.*"

Someone who shared the company of John and Jenny Simons around that time, a lifelong friend from their first meeting at Sydney University, is Peter Shrubbs.

**Peter Shrubbs (speaker)**

Now married, and having graduated with Honours in Zoology, John became a Teaching Fellow at the University, was engaged as a Science communicator for the ABC's schools biology broadcasts, and commenced work for his Masters Degree. When his Masters was completed in 1953, encouraged by English friend Anthony Michaelis to pursue studies further a field,



*Dr John Simons (left) being presented with his Certificate of Honorary Life Membership by President Ken Reid (right) on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007*

John and Jenny Simons set sail for England to do just that.

John took a job as a scientific advisor to the British War Office where he worked in "The Small Back Room" the place later to give its name to the famous novel by Nigel Balchin - and later still a film - before accepting a research fellowship at Guy's Hospital Medical School, to work on his PhD, duly awarded by London University in 1956.

With his PhD completed, he was appointed Scientific Talks Producer at the BBC, honing his skills as science communicator, contributing to the output of Science programs at all levels, and was particularly proud of introducing panels of scientists discussing scientific research issues on the BBC's specialist 'Third Program'. As if this didn't keep him busy enough, he also wrote radio plays for the BBC- as he had done here for the ABC while an undergraduate- which were well received by audiences on either side of the world. And he wrote a stage play, filled with nostalgia for Australia called "Mimosa for Wattle".

With the arrival of their first daughter Frances, the family returned to Australia, and John to Sydney University as a Lecturer in Zoology, feeling strongly that despite the excitement and allure of working for the BBC and the possibility of settling permanently in London, they wanted to bring up their family here.

Back in Sydney, in a household now joined by baby Olivia, John was very much a family man. He was resourceful, making furniture, landscaping the front and back yard of their family

home. He could mend anything. He was the family photographer. He was in charge of kerosene lamps, hot water, firewood and trout on the family's annual camping holidays in the Snowy Mountains. Venturing miles along rushing creeks of the upper Snowies, often with friend Max Thompson, he was an intrepid trout man, for whom time could stop. He stayed out late, usually until 9 in the evening, catching the family dinner. Once, not returned by 11pm, the Jindabyne police were summoned by Jennifer convinced he was lost in the bush, or worse. Finding where to start searching was not easy, as his car was cleverly hidden so as not to give clues to rival fishermen. Eventually they found it, and just as the rescue team prepared to set out, he emerged safely from the bush, with a quizzical "Hullo...it's late is it?"

He encouraged his growing daughters in their interests, even building a stable in the backyard to accommodate Olivia's horse-and uncomplainingly taking it down again when the backyard turned to a sea of mud and the horse had to be relocated. And at a time when wives usually didn't work, and husbands usually forbade it, he actively supported Jenny's career, even when it was inconvenient for him.

He is remembered by his daughters for instilling in them the attitude that ... while the world may not be a perfect place, the right choice, *always*, was to act kindly, justly and fairly ... to act in ways that would help make the world a little bit better.

Around the neighbourhood he was a colourful character: the font of knowledge

about ailing pets of all breeds, shapes and sizes, the one who identified unknown spiders, lizards and frogs. He taught a granddaughter, over the phone, how to dissect an octopus when her class teacher was unsure. He waged a running battle with the cockatoos stealing his passionfruit, as Turramurra neighbour Stuart Inder remembers.

**Stuart Inder (speaker)**

In 1965 John worked again in London, researching and writing at Guy's Hospital, and upon his return to Sydney University, became Senior Lecturer, then Associate Professor of Biology.

Colleagues recall him as a dedicated and enthusiastic teacher, a fine lecturer to both large and small classes: his lectures being clear, concise, laced with dry humour and always seeking to offer new and exciting aspects of his subject.

During the first few years after his appointment, he lectured in Vertebrate Zoology in both first and third year courses, his research field being in amphibian biology. After the formation of the School of Biological Sciences, the scope of courses was expanded and John took the opportunity to introduce a new course in Comparative Physiology which was very popular.

And indeed, throughout his life, chance meetings with dentists, doctors, chemists and others who'd taken his courses would generate warm compliments about the impact of his classes, many years on.

It would not surprise you to know that his broader talents were also recognized in the Department. A former student, later a colleague recalls: *"I always thought of John as a renaissance man as I would often hum a piece of music I had heard on the radio, and John would always know the composer, and the piece."*

In these teaching and research years he joined the team of specialist editors working on the First Edition of the Macquarie Dictionary, researched how fish swim, how sharks fly, whether dinosaurs might have been warm-blooded, and why sponges should be considered the first republicans. He wrote, well before others in Australia took up the idea, that humans generally, and overpopulation in particular, might prove the cancer to ultimately kill the earth. He joined the Board of the Sydney University Press when it was founded, reviewed books on a variety of scientific topics for the Sydney Morning Herald, and spent time in Fiji assisting the establishment of the University of the South Pacific.

He served as a Fellow of the University Senate, and was elected by his colleagues as Dean of Science ... a position he held for 10 years, until retirement. Distinguished colleague Don Anderson, Challis Professor of Biological Sciences recalls:

*"In this role, which occupied the latter part of his career, John excelled. His leadership, wisdom and broad knowledge of science were greatly appreciated by those, like myself, who needed the support of the Faculty in the maintaining the operations of our departments".*

*To me John was a true academic, a wise colleague and a cherished friend who shall not be forgotten."*

As he approached retirement, He gave it some typically considered thought. Noting that, on the whole, those who stopped working on the early side of 65 seemed to enjoy a longer retirement than those who stayed beyond it, he took the option of an early exit from academia at the age of 62, got himself a new-fangled computer, and began his earliest steps towards becoming the inquiring historian that marks the legacy of his later years.

Moving to the Southern Highlands in 1990, he became an active member of the Berrima District Historical & Family History Society, becoming its archivist in 1992, and President in 2002. He was honoured with Life Membership in 2007.

He became intrigued by the puzzle of Berrima Gaol's First World War internees. Who were they? Why were they there? What did they do? Why were there no details? His simple curiosity set him

off and running on a project that resulted in a wealth of information that is now a major contribution to the history of this area, and a legacy for future generations.

To describe his work as industrious is hardly adequate. Within just five years he uncovered a mass of primary research material, translated much of this material into English from its German source, and wrote the book on those internees, now memorialised as *Prisoners in Arcady*.

His work is honoured by the outstanding exhibition *Prisoners in Arcady*, at the Berrima Museum. But let the curator of that exhibition, Lyn Hall, tell you about this work.

**Lynn Hall (speaker)**

***Mendelssohn "Songs without words", Op. 19, No. 1***

John's inspirations were many, and it is fitting to close this

commemoration today with a passage from his favourite author, P.G. Wodehouse, whose works he collected and re-read time and time again ... his gusts of laughter making all those in earshot laugh too.

The passage comes from *A Damsel in Distress*:

*"Trouble sharpens the vision. In our moments of distress we can see clearly that what is wrong with this world of ours is the fact that Misery loves company and seldom gets it.*

*"Toothache is an unpleasant ailment; but, if toothache were a natural condition of life, if all mankind were afflicted with toothache at birth, we should not notice it.*

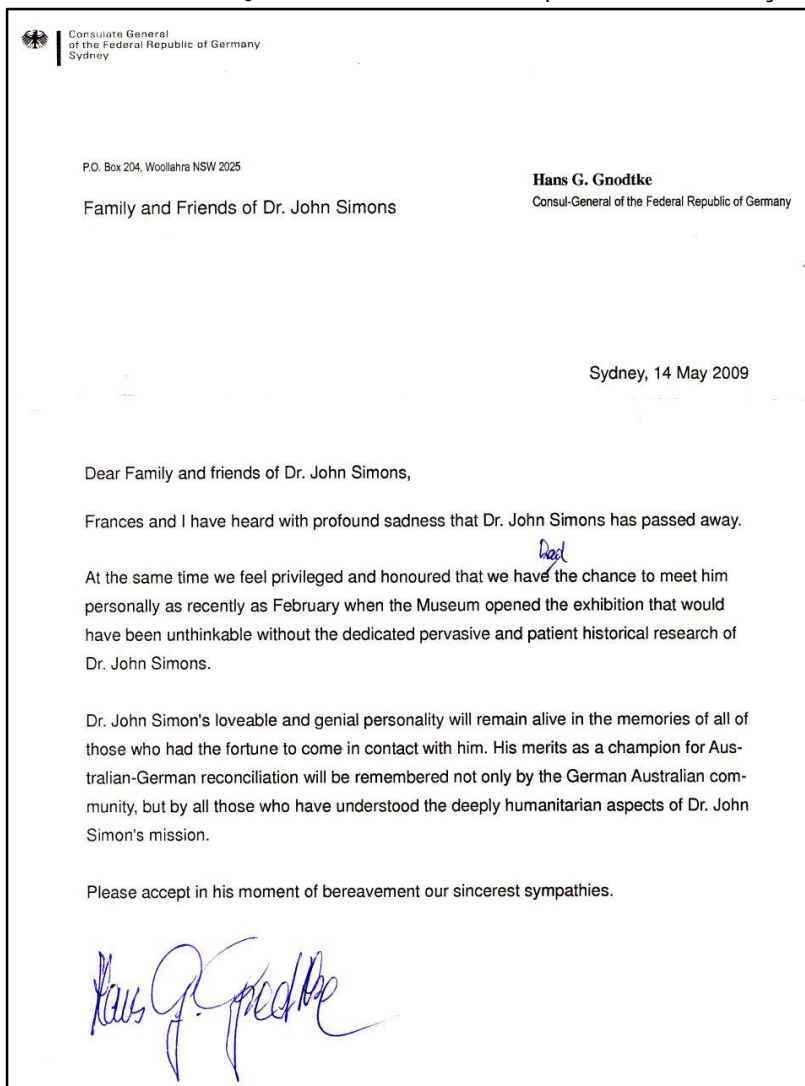
*"It is the freedom from aching teeth of all those with whom we come in contact that emphasizes the agony. And, as with toothache, so with trouble.*

*"Until our private affairs go wrong, we never realize how bubbling over with*

*happiness the bulk of mankind seems to be. Our aching heart is apparently nothing but a desert island in an ocean of joy."*

Today, however, each of our aching hearts is perhaps not a desert island after all: together we have shared comfort in the commemoration of the life of this fine man John Simons: a man of science ... a man of the arts ... a man of reason ... a man of love ... a man of conscience ... a man of intellect ... a man of industry ... a man of thought.

A husband, a brother, a father, a grandfather, an uncle, and a friend to many ... a *fine* man, who has left us the better for knowing him, whose contribution to the broader world will surely survive him, and for whose company in life we say *thank you*.



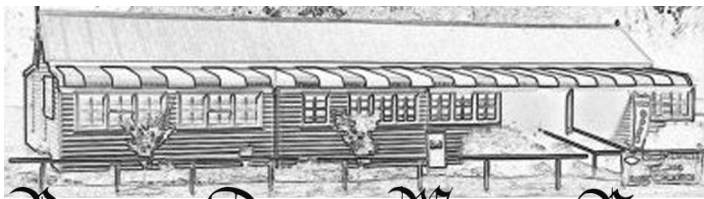


# Volunteers Week Morning Tea



To celebrate Volunteers Week, the Society held a volunteers morning tea on 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Archives. Both Museum and Archives volunteers joined together for a very enjoyable morning. President Ken thanked the volunteers for their valuable contribution to the Society by giving of their time and talents that keep the Society functioning in a very successful manner. All enjoyed the time together and the opportunity to catch-up.

Jim Galloway and George Schofield were most insistent that we were not allowed to publish their photo without their express permission (which they readily gave).



## Berrima District Museum News

*Bob Williams, Museum Curator*

**Passing of Dr John Simons:** It was with much sadness that I learnt of the passing of John Simons on 7 May 2009. The memorial service held on 14 May at 'Annesley', Bowral, was a fitting tribute to this man who accomplished so much in his lifetime.

Just one aspect of John's life was his research into the German Internment Camp that was in Berrima from 1915 to 1919 and from that research he wrote the book 'Prisoners in Arcady.'

We are very fortunate to have the exhibition of the same name now in the museum. What a wonderful legacy John has left the society and its museum.

**Unannounced visit by German Ambassador:** Gloria and I were on duty at the museum recently when the German Ambassador and his wife called in while returning to Canberra following a trip to Sydney. They had heard about

the 'Prisoners in Arcady' exhibition and were keen to see it for themselves. They were very impressed with the exhibition's content and our museum's standard of presentation.

**SS Berrima display:** A recently donated photograph of SS Berrima in Sydney Harbour, c 1914, has been the catalyst for a small display created by Philip Morton.

**National Volunteers Week, May 2009:** Our museum was featured with a number of other community groups in a double page spread in the Southern Highland News on 13 May. Also on that day our society's volunteers celebrated this special week with a morning tea at the Mittagong archives.

**Ambassador Rewards:** Our museum has joined in this promotion by Tourism Southern Highlands. If a Southern Highlands couple visit the museum and bring two visitors, the local couple will receive a free copy of the 'Hillview' book. They need to show their Ambassadors Card to qualify.

**Museum Volunteers' morning tea:** As already advised, this will be held on Thursday 2 July at 10.30 am at the museum. This is a casual get together over a 'cuppa' to keep you informed of what's happening. Please advise me of your attendance by Monday 29 June.

# FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

*Contributed by Carol Nolan*

The Scrutineer Saturday 26 October 1895 page 2 col 2

## FARM AND OTHER LANDS.

At this season of the year enquiry is made as to farming and other land in this district, and with the view of—in some measure answering the enquiry we find that the undermentioned properties are in the market for disposal:—Sutton Forest—Farm about 118 acres next H. Ellsmore; grand paddock of 117 acres adjoining Hill View (Vice Regal residence); 52 acres with extensive views, suitable for gentleman's residence; and several farms of various acreage on the Vine Lodge estate. Exeter—About 44 acres magnificent soil. Wingello and Barber's Creek—Dairy run of 400 acres with two miles frontage to Paddy's River; farm Caoura 375 acres with buildings. Burrawang—320 acres freehold and 52 acres c.p. a good farm "Spurfield" with necessary buildings; several good farms with rich soil in the Robertson district. Kangaloon—Farm of 100 acres c.p. known as Johnston's. Yarrunga—225 acres splendid soil known as Fox's; 90½ acres with house orchard &c near Fitzroy Falls; farm known as Giddy's selection, and 120 acre farm with frontage to road leading past Mr. W. Bell's property. Meryla—Three farms of 202, 100, and 100 acres respectively. Manchester Square, convenient to Moss Vale and close to butter factory—4 splendid farms of 240, 260, 270, and 280 acres respectively. The above properties are in the hands of Mr. D. Clifford, auctioneer, and land estate agent, Moss Vale, and anyone in search of properties for residential, or investment purposes, cannot do better than call upon, or write to Mr. Clifford, whose knowledge of properties in the Berrima district cannot fail to serve the best interests of intending buyers.

The Scrutineer Saturday 7 March 1896 page 2 col 2

## TROT ROUND.

Visitors to the show in want of clothing for the horse, harness, whips, aprons, and any kind of stable requisites should not fail to call at the buggy and coach buildings works of Brownlow and Mirow and inspect their stock. If you want the buggy repaired and done up call and get a price to suit the times for making a reliable and good job.

The Scrutineer Saturday 17 August 1895 page 3 col 3

## PROVISIONS IN A WILL

One of the most peculiar wills ever drawn up in Suffolk County has recently been filed. The property involved is on Longwood Avenue, at Longwood. By the terms of the document the widow is to receive the use and income of the real estate during her life. At her death the property is to go to the three children under the carefully drawn provisions. The whole property is to be divided into three equal parts by imaginary lines drawn from the front to the back boundary. One daughter is to receive the westerly third of the cellar and the attic and the three rooms on that end of the house. The second daughter is to have the centre third of the garret and cellar and the middle and easterly thirds of the first floor. The son will draw the

easterly third of the basement and loft and the middle and easterly thirds of the second floor. He is to be allowed the use of the steps inside the house until reasonable time has elapsed for him to build stairs on the outside of the house. The expense of keeping the house and yard in repair must be equally divided among the three. This seems to be a very pretty and exact way of regulating family affairs. These imaginary lines can be made to perform the same office as meridians and parallels. When the brother and sisters wish to locate their belongings they can take out a sextant and find out their latitude and longitude.

The Scrutineer Wednesday 13 June 1894 page 2 col 5

## ARISTOCRATIC DAIRY MAIDS.

The Duchess of Hamilton, besides being a devotee to sport, is one of the great ladies who is fond of playing dairymaid in a practical fashion. She has built herself a beautiful little private dairy at Easton Park. The walls are entirely of marble, the floors are terracotta, and the tables pure white alabaster. In the centre there is a marble fountain of the purest spring water. Her Grace often gets up soon after daybreak, and makes dainty little pats of butter ready to appear at the breakfast table. Sometimes she does the milking. The Duchess of Athol is a great milker also.

The Scrutineer Wednesday 11 March 1896 page 2 col 4

## CRICKET.

Moss Vale Alberts beat Mittagong Recreation Club on Saturday last at Mittagong by five wickets and 83 runs. Scores next issue.

The Bowral aldermen have accepted a challenge issued by the Moss Vale aldermen for a match next Wednesday.

A match was played at High Range on Saturday last between Mittagong and Wattle Hill Combined and Wollondilly Pioneers, the latter team consisting mostly of aboriginals. Scores—Combined 4 and 57 runs; Pioneers 53 and 63. The first innings of the former lasted only 12 minutes, Riley (an aboriginal) obtaining the 10 wickets with 14 balls at a cost of four runs.

The Bowral Free Press, December 1904

## A SCHOOLBOY'S ESSAY THE KANGAROO

The kangaroo is a quadruped, but two of his feet is only hands. He is closely related to the flea family, and jumps like him, an' has the same kind of resemblance. He is Australian by birth and has a watch pocket to carry his children in. There is two or more kinds of kangaroos, but they is mostly male and female, an' live on grass, cabbage and curfen' buns. The kang'roo's tail is his chief support, it is thick at one end and runs to the other end; it is good to jump with, and the kang'roo when its cut off don't know his way home, and has to walk on his hands. The kang'roo is good for making soup and bootlaces, and putting in Zoos, and sometimes he is presented to the roil family to represent Australia.

## DIARY DATES

|          |           |   |  |
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| THURSDAY | 11 JUN    | Management Committee Meeting              | 9:30 am at the Historical Society                  |
| THURSDAY | 25 JUN    | Monthly General Meeting - <b>Luncheon</b> | <b>12:00 pm</b> at <i>Summerlees</i> Sutton Forest |
| THURSDAY | 9 JUL     | Management Committee Meeting              | 9:30 am at the Historical Society                  |
| THURSDAY | 23 JUL    | Monthly General Meeting                   | <b>2:00 pm</b> at the Historical Society           |
|          | 11-27 JUL | School holidays                           |  |
| THURSDAY | 13 AUG    | Management Committee Meeting              | 9:30 am at the Historical Society                  |
| THURSDAY | 27 AUG    | Monthly General Meeting                   | <b>2:00 pm</b> at the Historical Society           |

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