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## NEWSLETTER

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### From the President's Desk

Following an extended refurbishment, Moss Vale railway station threw a party the other week to show off its upgraded disabled access and facilities. Will the

Governor's platform and vice-regal waiting rooms also be refurbished when cash is available? Enthusiasts ask.

A couple of weeks ago Linda Emery and I met up with a representative of the King's Trust to chat about its plans for Hillview at Sutton Forest. What a project that promises to be.

Morning Tea on last Tuesday hosted by Council to welcome our Society to the Civic Centre Moss Vale was an occasion to be savoured. Philip's article on page 4 describes it well and our proposed collaboration with the Library Service to promote local history is enough to make enthusiasts dance naked in the rain.

Our General Meeting takes on a different hue this month as we give tradition a day off and instead of inviting a speaker to share their specialist knowledge with us, we have Blue Sox, the recent owners of Berrima Gaol, to share their vision of how they intend to develop that old and imposing resident of that historic village. A long sentence, worth reading.

Any proposed development of this heritage listed institution which has played many roles since its

completion in 1839, including a period as a camp for German internees during WWI, is of deep interest to many more than its near neighbours.

Also on the bill for that afternoon is the launching of two newly published books written or compiled by two of our more established authors, Linda Emery and Philip Morton. What is their link to one of Australia's most historic 'residences'? See page 3 for answers.

As Michel de Montaigne said 'Let us permit nature to have her way. She understands her business better than we do'. Perhaps, just maybe, Mark Morton was encouraged by that sixteenth century philosopher when he threw himself into the creation of what we now know as Morton National Park. A universally enjoyed outcome of an unselfish man's use of power and influence. Thank you, Mr Morton, and your fellow trustees. See page 4.

Who would ever have envisaged our beloved koala, famous the world over, would become an endangered species? Of all our Southern Highlands' landmarks, historic buildings and visitor attractions, arguably these homes and sanctuaries of the flora and fauna of our region such as Bundanoon Gullies described in last month's edition and the wider spread of Morton National Park deserve our greatest respect.

Stuart Handley

### GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS 2025

**AUGUST 2025:** **Thursday 28 August at 2:00pm, Civic Centre, Moss Vale**  
**Redevelopment of Berrima Gaol:** Representatives from Blue Sox will give a presentation on their plans for the future of the gaol.

**SEPTEMBER 2025:** **Thursday 25 September at 2:00pm, Civic Centre, Moss Vale**  
Frank Mitchell will give a talk on Israel 'Izzy' Chapman, 'Prince of Thieves'. Izzy was a convict granted a conditional pardon who joined the Sydney police force and became known as NSW's first detective.  
**AFTERNOON TEA** is served following the speaker



## Moore Memorable Musings



### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO AUTOGRAPH BOOKS?

The now long-forgotten autograph book was popular when I was in primary school. Mostly we collected signatures from any kid that was willing to sign their name.

There were words penned, some unprintable today, alongside a few clever quotes and funny caricatures drawn.

It seems today's generation still collect signatures from mostly their idol sportsperson, scribbled on hats, clothing or tennis balls.

Now there is a growing niche market for rich and famous signatures such as QE2, Winston Churchill, George Washington, the Beatles, JFK etc.

My book didn't quite make the cut.

Some notable autographs I remember salvaging still remain in my mind, although my book is long gone missing. Tidied up and discarded after I left home, along with other items of teen sentiment.

One was from the famous Frank Sedgman, my hero tennis player at the time, after a grass court match in Strathfield. He scribbled:

"Bruce, keep working on your backhand, Frank S."

The next day I drew a chalk line net-high on our back brick wall. I think my score was 3 broken windows, one smashed and denuded elk-horn plus a plethora of lost balls over the roof and next door.

Uncle Fred was next in line and on the front cover it read:

"By hook or by crook, I'm first in this book. Fred."

Mum had her go which was her standard of the day:

"Never trouble Trouble 'til Trouble troubles you. Mum."

My young sister couldn't help herself with:

"Roses are red, violets are blue, I love my dog, much more than you! Lyn."

Thanks a lot Sis.

One mate I sat next to at school left a memorable note:

"You're a good friend to sit alongside, especially at exam times. Bill."

Another Uncle left this one:

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, arthritis may set in any day. Dudley."

By Jove, he was right!

Aunty Lena had a favourite:

"Be yourself always. Everyone else is taken."

So much for old autograph books, now where did I put my lead soldiers or were they thrown out?

**Bruce Moore**

## BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

1a Marketplace cnr Bryan St, Berrima

### OPEN: FRIDAY to SUNDAY

10.00am to 3.00pm

throughout the year including school and public holiday periods. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.

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Museum: Phone 4877 1130 or email [bdmuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:bdmuseum@bigpond.com)

Managed and operated by members of our Society who volunteer their time and expertise.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Society's **Family History Group** meets on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm.

Convenor: Denise Mackey.

The Society's **DNA Interest Group** meets at the archives on the third Thursday each month at 1pm.

Convenor: Robyn McKinnon

## Our new address and PO Box

The location of the Society's archives: Civic Centre 68 Elizabeth St Moss Vale

New Postal address:  
PO Box 188 Moss Vale NSW 2577



**Arrival of heritage 'Picnic Train' at Moss Vale for the opening dedication of renewed station disabled access provisions. Locomotive 5917, made in the U.S.A. circa 1952. Photo: Frank Mitchell**



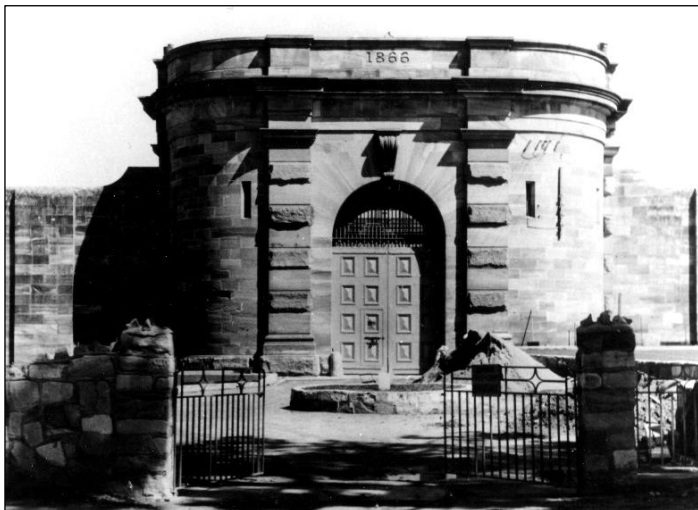
## Our August meeting: Berrima Gaol's future and launch of two new books

Thursday 24 August, 2:00pm, Moss Vale Civic Centre

### THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BERRIMA GAOL

**Guest Speakers:** Jonathan Thompson, Blue Sox Group and Chris Downy from Primary Comms Group

Berrima Gaol, built in 1839, was sold to the Blue Sox Group in 2022. *The Berrima Quarter* is their proposed adaptive reuse project which will transform the former Berrima Correctional Centre.



**Berrima Gaol's entrance gate of 1866 and an aerial view of the precinct when it was a Correctional Centre, 1960s**

Jonathan and his team will give a presentation on the proposal and the vision for the future of this important heritage site.

### LAUNCH OF TWO THEME-RELATED BOOKS

After their talk, there will be a launching of two new books that the BDHS now has available for purchase.

Both books, described in the next column, have strong connections to the history of Berrima Gaol and add significantly to the published material about it.

## Berrima Gaol theme-related books

### Reminiscences of Gaol Life at Berrima

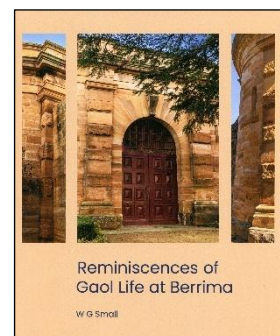
Author: W G Small with introduction by Linda Emery

In 1923 Walter George Small, the son of William Small, Governor of Berrima Gaol from 1863 until 1886, published a small booklet, *Reminiscences of Gaol Life at Berrima*, drawing on his memories and the stories told to him by his father. Walter grew up within the walls of the gaol and had first-hand knowledge of many of the most notorious bushrangers and criminals of the time. His lively stories paint a vivid picture of life in prison, which at the time, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, was a greatly feared place of confinement.

The original publication is reproduced in the book in facsimile, with the addition of extensive notes and photographs provided by Linda Emery.

Published 2025 by Linda Emery.

Soft cover, A4, 59 pp, b&w illustrated. Cost **\$25.00**



### By the River at Berrima:

German mariners interned at Berrima in World War I.

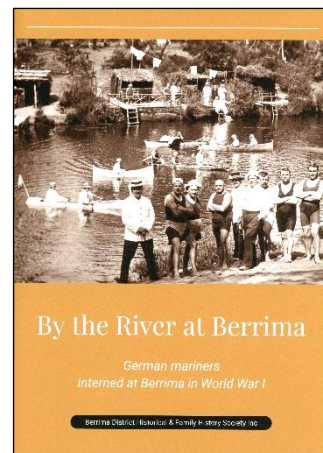
Compiled by Philip Morton

This book is a synthesis of several publications and exhibitions that have appeared over time describing the detention during World War I of several hundred mariners, mostly German, who were interned at Berrima Gaol and who took advantage of the Wingecarribee River and surrounding bush for activities such as sport and recreation, including with watercraft, horticulture and quiet contemplation.

The book aims to help keep alive this unique and fascinating story. It quotes extensively from John Simon's book *Prisoners in Arcady* and from *An Illustrated Diary of Australian Internment Camps, Berrima* (1983 reprint edition), from Chapter 14 of *The Archaeology of Watercraft Abandonment* (2004) and from *The Enemy at Home* (2012).

Published 2025 by the BDH&FHS.

Soft cover, A4, 60 pp, b&w illustrated. Cost **\$20.00**



## 'Welcome to Moss Vale' Morning Tea

To welcome the Society to its new home in the Moss Vale Civic Centre, a morning tea was organised by Wingecarribee Shire Council for Tuesday 5 August.

An invitation to attend was emailed to all members and those who accepted began to arrive on the day for the 10:30am function, soon swelling to a crowd of about 60 attendees in the Theatre where a large table of most delectable edibles looked enticing.

Shelley Jones, WSC Director of Corporate Strategy and Resources, welcomed our Society members to the morning tea function, and then Lisa Miscamble, WSC General Manager, gave a speech of introduction and welcome to the BDH&FHS, being in lieu of the Mayor who had to attend to a more pressing matter.

Ms Miscamble spoke of the synergy that was already apparent between the activities of our Society and Council services, particularly the Library, and more generally all history and heritage matters. It was truly appreciated by Council that our Society's volunteers were so dedicated to preserving, disseminating and keeping alive the local district's history, she said.

The Society's President, Stuart Handley, then took to the floor to 'say a few words'. He began by noting how helpful and considerate had been the various members of Council staff who helped facilitate the move. He was deeply grateful for the way all went so smoothly. Stuart then acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the Society's 50 regular volunteers who kept the Society's museum and archives up and running. He concluded by extending thanks to the mayor, Councillor Jesse Fitzpatrick, for his help and was surprised to hear him respond. He had managed to get back just in time and so concluded the event.



**A group shot (top); Council staff members (left), Mayor Jesse just arrived (right, in centre).** Photos: Penny Webb

## Mark Morton's efforts led to the existence of Morton National Park

Last month's article on Bundanoon Gullies Recreation Reserve concluded by stating that its beauty spots, although the most accessible, were not the only local natural wonders to attract much early interest.

Fitzroy Falls was the first to gain popularity, followed by Belmore Falls – both spectacular enough to rival any other sights in NSW and to prompt local efforts to preserve their beauty and surroundings.

Fitzroy Falls was initially known by early settlers as Throsby's Waterfall. Aborigines had pointed it out to explorer Dr Charles Throsby in 1818 and the magnificent site on Yarrunga Creek was for a time part of the Throsby estate that extended eastward from Moss Vale. The waterfall was renamed Fitzroy Falls in 1850 in honour of the Governor who visited the site. It had become a popular spot for visitors who made the trip by horse and buggy and in 1883 the surrounding area was dedicated by the NSW Government as a 'Reserve for Public Recreation'.

Also that year, lands around the Belmore Falls escarpment overlooking Kangaroo Valley were reserved for 'Public Recreation and Preservation of Timber' and in 1887 the dedication of Barrengarry Park, Belmore Falls took place. The creek that feeds Belmore Falls from the top bears an Aboriginal name, Wallagunda, and plunges approximately 120 metres in several spectacular drops that merge lower down with falls fed by the Barrengarry Creek. The drop is altogether about 330 metres to the valley floor and the combined waters flow into the Kangaroo River. The site being 550 metres above sea level, several lookouts were established. One is Hindmarsh's Lookout that provides views over Kangaroo Valley.

There was a rapid rise in tourism with the coming of the railway in 1867 and this increased further in the 1880s when bicycling became popular. The two local Falls, along with the Bundanoon Gullies Reserve, were constantly featured in State tourist promotions through into the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In September 1938 the NSW Government passed legislation to amalgamate the Trusts that looked after the two Falls into a new, large Primitive Reserve that stretched southwest from their vicinity to also include Kangaroo Valley and the wilderness areas bounded by the Shoalhaven River and Bundanoon Creek. An official notice of this was published in the NSW Government Gazette, the permanent public record of official notices issued by the Government.



This Primitive Reserve came into existence largely through the efforts of Mark Morton, (pictured) who was then in NSW Parliament as the local member for Wollondilly, an electorate that included the Southern Highlands. It was the culmination of his tireless efforts during the 1920s and 1930s to gain support for his proposal to amalgamate the existing Trusts with some adjoining Crown lands to create the new large Trust. His original proposal encompassed about 60,000 acres, but initially the Primitive Reserve gazetted in 1938 was 45,000 acres.



Morton's Primitive Reserve was enlarged in 1961 and renamed Morton National Park by the Government and, in 1967, stewardship was handed over to the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Although the Park did not at first include Bundanoon Gullies Reserve, located on the town side of Bundanoon Creek, that Trust was added into the Park in 1970.

Stretching southeast from the Wingecarribee Shire, Morton National Park now adjoins the Budawang National Park that extends to Braidwood and beyond. This huge reserve area preserves a diverse habitat in a rugged and scenically magnificent landscape.

A brief biography of Mark Morton follows here and then an overview is provided of what his proposal entailed and how it gained support and eventuated, after his death, in a National Park named after him.

### **Mark Morton biography**

The following is taken in part from the book *Fitzroy Falls and Beyond* by Mark Morton Jnr.

MARK FAIRLES MORTON was the third son of Henry Gordon Morton, a Scottish engineer who managed the Berry Estate near Nowra from the mid-1800s. His mother, Jane, who came from Durham in the north of England, was a member of the Fairles family, long-established in that County.

Mark was born at Numbaa, a small village within the Berry estate at Shoalhaven, on 28 September 1865, and educated at Numbaa Public School. Upon leaving school he was apprenticed to the Edgemoor Iron Company, an American company building the bridge over the Shoalhaven River at Nowra. Upon completion of the project, the company offered him a position with their company in America. His father, however, refused and sent him back to school, this time to Hurstville College in Goulburn. His brother, Henry Douglas, later the parliamentary Member for Kempsey, accompanied him.

The boys rode ponies from Nowra to Goulburn by way of the Meryla Pass Road which wound through Kangaroo Valley and up to near Moss Vale. Thus from a young age Mark had an intimate knowledge of the bushland that eventually became his nature reserve.

Mark subsequently worked as a stock agent with woolbrokers and stock and station agents at various places and returned to Nowra in 1888 as a stock and station agent and auctioneer.

He served as an alderman on Nowra Council from 1896, with a period as mayor in 1901. He was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in 1897 and from 1906 to 1916 was a member of the Aborigines Protection Board. He was also secretary of the Local Federal League, active in the Agricultural Society and School of Arts, chairman of directors of a local dairy company and a member of the Australia Club.

Mark was first elected to Parliament in 1901 as the member for Shoalhaven and, following electoral changes, became in turn the member for Allowrie and then for Wollondilly. He served for 36 years and was known as the 'Father of the House'.

In 1907 he married Minnie Fuller and, after her death, in 1919 he married her sister Sarah Fuller. They were sisters to (Sir) George Fuller who became Premier of NSW. Two of Mark's brothers, Henry Douglas (already mentioned) and Philip Henry also became members of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

Mark interested himself in multitudinous minor and major affairs as the representative of all classes in Parliament. He was prominent in the Southern Highlands/Berrima District, forming as it did a major part of his electorate. He was often on hand as the local member to perform official ceremonies. Such occasions include the switching on of electricity at Bundanoon in 1929; the opening of the new hospital building at Bowral in 1935; and the opening of Moss Vale's new sewerage treatment works in 1937.

Apart from two short breaks, he sat in the House for 36 years, a record that was unequalled at the time of his death by any surviving member. On more than one occasion he was offered ministerial rank but, though occupying every other position in the legislature excepting that of Premier, he preferred to devote his time to the representation of his electorate and the advancement of his native district.

### **Morton's proposal to create a large nature reserve**

What motivated him to strive so tirelessly for the nature reserve? It is told that after taking part in a sporting gentlemen's 'koala shoot' while a lad, he resolved to stop such inhumane pursuits.

He came to realise that, if the numerous small reserves were amalgamated, far better protection of flora and fauna could be afforded by a single Trust.

The numerous reserves that dated back to the early days of settlement were distributed in wilderness areas surrounding the Kangaroo and Shoalhaven Rivers and their tributaries: Yarrunga, Barrangarry and Bundanoon Creeks. As already mentioned, an area of 1,200 acres in the Bundanoon Gullies had been reserved in 1824 and was gazetted in 1877 as a Recreation Reserve, and from 1883 areas at both Fitzroy Falls and Belmore Falls were dedicated as reserves for recreation and preservation of timber.

Further south, around the upper reaches of the Shoalhaven River at Bungonia (Parish of Caoura), one of the first public reserves for 'Recreation and Water Supply' in NSW was gazetted in October 1872.

In 1898, a further 4,050 acres of Yarrunga Valley encompassing the Parishes of Moollattoo and Yarrunga were reserved for 'Public Recreation' and added to the Fitzroy Falls Reserve.

In 1934 the Tallowa Primitive Reserve (7,700 acres) was gazetted, including parts of the Shoalhaven River and Bundanoon Creek – this being the first primitive reserve or wilderness area gazetted in Australia. It resulted from agitation by conservationist Myles Dunphy and like-minded individuals who formed a National Parks and Primitive Areas Council in 1932. As one of their wilderness proposals covered the Shoalhaven-Bundanoon-Fitzroy Falls area, they supported Morton's amalgamation plan.

In December 1937 Morton called a public meeting at Moss Vale to gain support for his plan to amalgamate the existing Trusts of Tallowa and Fitzroy and, by adding adjoining Crown lands and some small private holdings, to create a new Trust over the combined area. His proposal became known as Moollattoo Primitive Reserve, *Moollattoo* being an Aboriginal word meaning 'grassy mountain'. A towering volcanic extrusion within the Tallowa Reserve bears the name Mount Moollattoo and both it and nearby Mount Carrialoo rise up from the area, their peaks visible from lookouts at Fitzroy Falls, as seen below.



Moollattoo was also adopted as the Parish name for the Lower Kangaroo Valley and perhaps that is why Morton used it as the name for his proposed reserve.



In December 1937 the *Southern Mail* reported that the public meeting attracted a large and enthusiastic gathering of prominent townspeople and rural residents. The paper stated that Mark Morton's plan was to create Moollattoo Primitive Reserve, an amalgamated reserve of 60,000 acres to stretch from Fitzroy Falls to the Shoalhaven River. Prominent supporters included Moss Vale solicitor Haille Paine, *Southern Mail* proprietor Hector Lamond, and John Sharkey, Secretary of the Fitzroy Reserve.

Councillor Ellsmore, Wingecarribee Shire President, was in the Chair, Mr Buttershaw, Minister for Lands, was present and two hundred people attended.

Deeply interested in the proposal's success were representatives of the Wild Life Preservation Society, the Koala Society, the Federation of Bushwalkers' Clubs and letters of support were received from the Rangers' League, the Parks and Playgrounds Movement, the NSW League of Bird Lovers, the Australian Forest League and the Tallowa Primitive Reserve Trust.

The *Southern Mail's* coverage of the meeting also included the following: "There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of prominent townsmen and rural residents. Mr Morton, on rising to speak, was greeted with hearty applause. In convening the meeting, he had in mind the necessity of doing something to preserve for generations to come the wonderful specimens of our native animals, birds and flora which are in danger of total disappearance."

"Councillor Mack said the Wingecarribee Shire would be very definitely behind the scheme. Councillor Starkey said he had been on the Fitzroy Falls Trust for 15 years. He was quite willing to make way for any trust that would increase the protection of the wildlife of the locality. Mr Rumsey (Tallong) thought it a very good move. He knew the country well. It would compare with anything in Yellowstone Park."

"Mr Stead (Wild Life Preservation Society) said that the Shoalhaven gorge was quite unique in Australia. On this area were centred three or four geological

periods. At least 150 species of birds might be seen there. It also had great scenic value. He represented a hundred thousand persons who desired that this area should be made a permanent primitive reserve.”

“Mr Edwards (Koala Society) said that he hoped to save the koala from extinction. Public consciousness was awakening to the necessity for conserving unique wildlife. Mr Atkinson (Federation of Bushwalkers’ Clubs) said his society was most interested in the preservation of primitive areas and was wholeheartedly behind this proposal.”

“Mr Abernethy, who resides near the area, gave a moving description of its many beauties and of its animal life. The lyre birds had outwitted the fox and he had heard them imitate as many as fourteen different birds. The Wonga pigeon, the white cockatoo and the quaint little white squirrel were also to be seen there and only recently a fisherman had accidentally caught a platypus on his line, they being plentiful in parts of the reserve.”

Haille Paine then moved a formal motion endorsing the scheme, which was seconded by Hector Lamond and carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the meeting, an influential committee was appointed to carry the matter further. Mark Morton energetically pursued its progress through the NSW legislature, and within 12 months a reduced area was gazetted as a Primitive Reserve on 13 September 1938.

**‘Moollattoo Primitive Park: 45,000 Acres Reserved’** was the headline of an article in the *Southern Mail* on that day. It reported that “an area of about 45,000 acres has been reserved to constitute the Moollattoo National Park, for which our State member (Mr M F Morton) has been working assiduously for some time past. Trustees will be appointed at an early date.”

A detailed description of the reserve’s boundaries as set out in the Gazette were given. In essence, the reserve encompassed the Fitzroy Falls Trust, the trustees having resigned in order to facilitate the dedication of the extended reserve, and the Parishes of Burrawang, Yarrunga, Caoura, Meryla, Moollattoo, Talwal and Yallowal, within the Counties of Camden and St Vincent, totalling about 45,000 acres.

Two weeks later, at the age of 74 years and on his birthday, Mark Morton passed away in his sleep at his home in Nowra.

Although appointment of the Trustees had not been finalised at the time of his death, Morton had recommended to the Minister of Lands the names of suitable trustees, persons he had chosen with much time and thought, no doubt in appreciation of the difficulty of the tasks ahead of them.

Those whom he had recommended and who were appointed on 30 September 1938 to the Trust were: Lady Charlotte Horden (wife of Sir Samuel Horden and daughter of a NSW premier); Colonel Harold Johnson (Secretary of the NRMA); George Allman (Under-Secretary, Dept of Lands); Hector Lamond (proprietor *Southern Mail*); Haille Paine (solicitor); and John Starkey (erstwhile secretary of the Fitzroy Falls Trust). Henry Bate who succeeded Morton as the Member for Wollondilly was also appointed.

The first meeting of the Trust was held on 17 March 1939 with Starkey as Chairman and Lamond as Secretary. Discussion took place as to a suitable name for the Reserve. The name “Morton Primitive Reserve” was adopted unanimously, ‘in honour of the late Mark Morton and in recognition of his untiring efforts to establish it’.

The Aboriginal word ‘Moollattoo’ that had been used as the Reserve’s original name was quickly forgotten. It may, however, be presumed that if Mark Morton had lived a while longer, Moollattoo might well be the name of the National Park today, for he would not have wanted the Reserve named after himself.

No sooner had the Reserve been established than World War II commenced. Funds for its care and control were not forthcoming. Rather than press the issue, the Trustees, in response to the national emergency, decided to adopt a holding brief until the end of hostilities. Almost immediately from the time of the Reserve’s inception, timber interests began agitating for licences to remove timber, although no objections had been raised at the time of the public meeting nor at the time of its gazettal. Despite constant pressure during the war years, the Trustees were steadfast in their determination to protect the Reserve and faithful to the trust imposed upon them.

The commercial value of the timber and its variety may be appreciated through the tenacity of the timber industry in its efforts to exploit the timber resources – another serious attempt was made in 1944, and again in 1947, to open the area to logging. Eventually in 1954 the Forestry Committee indicated that it did not desire to proceed with action to revoke any part of the Reserve and this ended the agitation.

The Reserve became Morton National Park in 1961 and, after control passed to the National Parks & Wildlife Service in 1967, it expanded southward to now rank as the fifth largest National Park in NSW.

A diverse habitat of flora and fauna and a rugged, scenically magnificent landscape are preserved for their natural value and for our enjoyment.

*Compiled by Philip Morton (no relation)*

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