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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in the Exhibition Lounge, Civic Centre, Belgrave Street, Kogarah. (Take lift to 2nd Floor and turn right).

Activities - To promote interest in the history of the Kogarah Municipality and Australia in general.

Membership - Enquiries to the Hon. Secretary. Visitors welcome.

Subscriptions - Ordinary Members ..... $2.00 p.a.
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Carss Cottage Museum, Carss Park, Blakehurst, is the official headquarters of the Society. Museum opens for inspection each Sunday and public holiday from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Admission Charges - Adults: 30c; Children: 10c
Family of 5: 80c. maximum
Group (up to 30): $2.00

Donations for Museum - Items of historical interest suitable for inclusion in the Museum may be left with the Attendant when the museum is open. Donor's name, address and details of item/s donated are requested for due acknowledgment and Society's records.

Newsletter is the Society's official journal (11 issues per year) and is free to members. Contributions of articles and information of local interest for publication are welcomed. They should be forwarded to the Publications Officer, Miss G. Coxhead, 61 Carwar Avenue, Carss' Park, Blakehurst. 2221

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The Kogarah Historical Society Newsletter

Next meeting: Thursday, 9th November, 1978. Time: 8.00 p.m.
Place: Exhibition Lounge, 2nd Fl., Kogarah Civic Centre, Belgrave Street.
Guest Speaker: Mr. Kevin Plunner
Topic: An introduction to the Days of the Bushrangers.

LADIES ON SUPPER ROSTER: Mrs. Schweikert, Mrs. Smith

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - There was a good attendance at this annual Open Night. The President opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and new members. After apologies were received the minutes of last meeting were read and received.

Correspondence included journals from the R.A.H.S., St. George and Bankstown Historical Societies; notice from the Gwen Cavanough Fellowship inviting interested members to join a river tour of historic Hawkesbury on 4th November (unfortunately conflicting with our own tour to Jenolan on that date).

The Treasurer's report disclosed a present bank balance of slightly over $1,000 but some accounts were still to be paid.

Social Secretary, Joyce Sheehan, being ill Mrs. Kelly kindly filled the breach and reminded members that support was needed for the annual Stall Day on Friday, 3rd November. She also circulated a list for the next production of the Illawarra Theatre Guild, "Waters on the Moon". Val Burghart has donated a Bessemer frypan (value approx. $20) for the Christmas raffle and was pleased to report that the Bessemer party held at her home produced $13.00.

Gwen Lean's museum report indicated that all is going well there. On 17th October a party from Sylvania Heights School was to visit.

The President reported that the list of historic places in the Kogarah district is now being reduced to a reasonable number for forwarding to the Council. The Mayor, Ald. Burghart, suggested that the number was less important than the listing of places worthy of preservation. Mr. Lean has been taking many photographs to accompany the list.

Mr. A. Ellis, President of St. George Historical Society, was among the visitors. He pointed out that there are still the remains of an ancient aboriginal midden very near to Carss Cottage and that this should be preserved.

It was learned that Mr. Paul Sheehan has been appointed as the new Ranger of Carss Park and the Society's good wishes were expressed for his success.

Mrs. Austen, Principal Librarian, Kogarah Library, also visiting, was invited to address the meeting. On behalf of the Library Mrs. Austen presented the Society with an indexed set of cards, with case and stand, detailing contents of the Society's Newsletters. These are for use at the museum, especially for the parties of schoolchildren who go through and duplicate similar data at the Library. Mrs. E. Howard's vote of thanks expressed the Society's gratitude for this generous and co-operative gesture (carried by acclamation).

A diorama on display that night was one of a number acquired for the Society through Mrs. Butters and the generosity of Mr. Francis, father of Mrs. Howard. She pointed out that the background for each had been made by an eleven-year old boy who was a pupil at Oatley School.

Several articles donated by Mr. E. Upton were acknowledged as well as some historically valuable photographs of the Kogarah area from Mrs. Smith. These dealt with houses and buildings, some already lost.

Mr. Veness mentioned the availability of an orchestral group and chamber choir, which was a branch of Musica Viva. They had a repertoire from mediaeval times to the present day. He also said that the Society had been invited by the Catley Lions Club to present a display at its fete on 11th November.

The President then reported on the last Committee meeting, planning for the local celebration of Australia Day, 1979. He regretted that the fireworks had been excluded from the programme in the final proposal forwarded. There was now some indecision as to what may be happening.

Mr. Arthur Ellis of the St. George Society informed our Society that he was researching the life of Mr. H. B. Primrose, a former Town Clerk of the Kogarah Municipality and had been to the School of Arts several times for material. He was very disappointed at the forlorn state of this old building with its historic links. Mr. Jack Lean had been with him on most of the visits and he reinforced Mr. Ellis's plea for the retention of the School of Arts for continued public use.

This ended the formal part of the meeting. The drawing of the raffle preceded a quiz conducted by Mr. Charles Gilbert, assisted by Mr. J. Lean, followed by an inspection of the exhibits on display and supper.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My thanks go to the following members: SYLVIA KELLY for stepping in at short notice and so capably carrying out my duties for me while I was ill. MARY ARMSTRONG and GWEN COXHEAD for rallying with support when other members have let us down in our social arrangements. VAL BURGHART for the delightful day at her Bessemer party and the donation of the frypan.

ANNUAL STALL DAY, Friday, 3rd November: I hope this Newletter will be in time to attract donations and volunteers. Both are urgently needed.

ILLAWARRA THEATRE GUILD, Walz Street, Rockdale - Friday, 17th November: Seats are still available for "Waters on the Moon", the group's new production.

RAFFLES: October winner - the Mayor! November donor: His wife! As we now have three good raffle prizes for our Christmas party, the usual hampers of groceries are not being assembled this year.

Two last-minute cancellations nearly wrecked arrangements for our Jenolan Caves week-end - there could still be one vacant seat for which the Society may have to bear the expense; and of course a booking at Caves House.

Mrs. James has been on the sick list and Gertie Johns' mother at Forbes is still suffering from the effects of a recent illness.

Thought for the Month of November

LIFE'S A GAMBLE! God gave us two ends -
One to sit on and the other to think with.
Our success depends on which end we use most;
HEADS we WIN! TAILS we LOSE!

Joyce Sheehan

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting held on Monday, 25th September, 1978; J. Veness in the chair. Apologies received. Minutes of last meeting read and received.

Ald. and Mrs. Burghart were offered the Society's congratulations on becoming Kogarah's new Mayor and Mayoress. Ald. Burghart spoke and mentioned that this year the Kogarah Municipal Band will have existed for 50 years. It is one of the oldest municipal bands in Australia and, fittingly, won an award in recent open competition at Bebbo, being close third.

Correspondence included a letter from the Dept. of Tourism, in response to which it was decided to send a monthly copy of Newsletter and the museum's hand-out sheet. Mr. Crabtree's reply to our letter re suitability of the Woolshed storehouse as a repository for exhibits from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, was reassuring. It stated that a new modern building at Castle Hill will be a workshop for restoration and the old Power House at Ultimo will house the museum's collected exhibits.

The accounts from the N.S.W.S.L.S. Bd. were tabled. A request was received from Mr. Orange, Freeman Ave., Cutley, for a copy of a photograph of Kogarah Bay. There was another request for return of two historical pictures which had come to the museum via the late Mr. V. Smith. The President suggested their return should be through Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Bowers had forwarded suggestions for historical walks in the Kogarah area. It was disclosed that four guide copies made out at one time for a visiting Society were not returned. An effort is to be made to recover them.

Mrs. Butters referred to the display of the doll's house (numerous exhibits) at an Oatley church Art Show, then at Oatley School and later at St. Mark's School. An independent display of dolls dressed in period costume was set around it. About 10-12 of these dolls, with backgrounds, were purchased and donated to the Society by Mr. Francis. This acquisition was gratefully noted.

Listing of places of historic significance in the Kogarah Municipality again came under discussion. Two natural environments, one a tract of virgin bush near Shipwright Bay, the other bushland containing aboriginal carvings near Penshurst Park, were recommended. A list of eleven places was compiled, including St. Paul's Church, Kogarah; "Ellesmere", home of Sir Jos. Carruthers; Elioth Gruner's cottage; and Carss Park. To consider the final list a committee of five was elected.

The President outlined plans proposed for Australia Day celebrations in the municipality in 1979.

It was learned that the Mayor's first public function would be a naturalisation ceremony on 7th October in the Civic Centre forecourt.

The October Open Night programme was discussed and it was decided to ask Mr. Chas. Gilbert to act as Quizmaster. The President reported that, as a result of Mr. Gilbert's writing to the Railways Dept. an anvil weighing about 3cwt (with base) has been purchased for approx. $16 - a good buy.

Ald. Burghart suggested the district's tourist information stand at Blakehurst be updated and relocated more conveniently near Dover Park.

Finally discussion turned to the purpose of cultural grants and how the Society should use such a grant if received. Meeting ended about 10.30 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Need for History Museums

(The following is an extract from an article in "Environs", April 1978, a magazine published by the Dept. of Environment, Housing & Community Development. Author, Eva Rosander, M.A., was curator of history at the Nordic Museum, Stockholm, and is at present working as a museum consultant in Victoria.)

The first museum collections in Australia were developed around the strange and remarkable things the early settlers and visitors found: the flora, the fauna and Aboriginal life. A second wave of collection created the science, mining and technology museums, considered at that time essential tools for scientific and technological education. It is understandable that interest in the history of European settlement developed much later. But even today artefacts play little part in the teaching of Australian history. The universities train no experts on artefacts and pay no attention to the history museums.

In other countries there are chairs in regional ethnology and history dealing with artefacts, folklore and traditions. Work in history museums has the same academic standards and status as work in natural history museums or universities. Only now are Australians beginning to realise that a science of museology does exist and that, despite the efforts and idealism of local historical societies, professional knowledge and expertise are vital to the existence of any museum.

The problems Australian history museums face are twofold; there is urgent need for scholarship, research, documentation and conservation of the material on the one hand, and a lack of communication skills at all levels on the other. Many communication possibilities are neglected. Current issues such as unemployment, environment and conservation could be treated in museums: many people uninterested in history as such may be intrigued to have a present-day problem presented in its historical perspective. Museums should also be concerned with the future.

Comparisons with Canada

Australian and Canadian museum experience makes an interesting comparison. In 1972 Canada announced a National Museum Policy with the intention of bringing Canada's heritage to the Canadian people. One of the most astonishing achievements of the Canadian National Museums Corporation is the first National Inventory of Collections in operation in the world. It is a national documentation program involving museums from coast to coast. National standards had to be developed for the documentation of various types of artefacts. The history cataloguing standards contain no fewer than 61 items of information for each artefact.

In Canada the Provincial Governments have also been active in helping local museums. There is a massive cataloguing project run by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation whereby some 100 students are sent out to the local museums each main university vacation to help document their collection

The museum advisory service is very careful to maintain the integrity and autonomy of the local museums. Decision making is left in the hands of the local committee. The advisory service makes recommendations only. The Canadian experience shows us how much can be achieved.

Australia is still a long way behind most other countries in its attitude to the preservation of history artefacts. At present people are not sufficiently concerned about the heritage of history objects.

On the State Government level, Western Australia has taken more positive action than other states. The Western Australian Museum has for some years had an historical collection. A present aim of ours for local museums is to be affiliated with and to receive aid from the Western Australian Museum.

In conclusion, although documentation is a necessary first step to be carried out and all publications available, a total program is needed for heritage conservation, documentation and communication of Australian activities. There is a pressing urgency for comprehensive National and State programs to carry out this work across Australia.

(Mrs. Young, our Librarian, knows that future issues of "Smiles-ana" will be available for members at Canada Bay Museum, as there are many 'Museum' interests, especially in the section "Heritage Newsletter").

Apologies - Joyce Cheetham has been quite ill. She is now recovering and hopes to be at the next meeting. Narelle Degman is also back in circulation.

It is nice to see Mr. Ellis Upton returning to our meetings. To this welcome back Mrs. Smith to whom thanks must go for much useful publicity material she has passed over that Mr. Since Smith was holding.

Another face not often seen in recent years at our meetings is that of Miss Ella Phelps now retired and able to attend again. Ella often helps as a museum attendant.

The new Ranger of Canada Bay, Mr. Paul Sheehan, with wife Judith and family, brought friends to see over the Museum on Sunday, 14th October. Made good contributions on what was a poor day financially and weatherwise and we appreciated as he also purchased some view folders. Paul is a keen young man with a very real interest in the natural environment and local history.

Val and Dick Burghart have a magnificent view of the Cooper's River from their new home at Connells Point, as well as a lovely colourful garden to further enhance the spacious dwelling.

The Museum Committee has been meeting regularly and is busy behind the scenes making its contribution in the form of new displays.

How many of us have heard of William Micholmes? His name is certainly interesting. Very little seems to be known of him except that he was a settler in Sydney's earliest years and possibly the first informer in Australian history.

The slide-illustrated talk on the history of Concord has been "on air" again - this time to a group of ladies at Concord Presbyterian Church. Our representatives, Mrs. Grieve and Greg Cockroft, were kindly invited to share in the beautifully laid out afternoon tea and air with the ladies.

A three-volume history of local Government has been written by Marrickville historian, Dr. Fred Larcombe (Sydney University Press). Periods covered are 1861-88; 1888-1906; 1906-1977. The history has been hailed as "an essential reference for all councils".

BLAKEHURST HISTORICAL SERIES - Article No. 18

The Appointment of the Park's first Ranger

To have acquired Carss' Park at last was undoubtedly a crowning achievement by Kogarah Council in 1924 but there were responsibilities attaching to the acquisition which could not be put aside.

One of these was the protection, care and maintenance of the new park - a job requiring someone's full-time attention. Hence it came about that a park ranger's position was created. The appointment of J. H. Coxhead as the first Ranger of Carss' Park took place in unusual circumstances. Final selection was between two applicants, one a returned soldier, H. Grose, who, in accordance with prescribed practice, qualified for preference in consideration of his military service; and the other, a non-soldier, Coxhead, whose essential war contribution at Cockatoo Is. Dockyard had precluded him from active service.

These circumstances are worth recording and are reprinted from a Press report of the time.

"Other things being equal"

A case concerning preference to returned soldiers which occupied the courts for a considerable time was where certain happenings occurred in committee of a council when dealing with the appointment of a park ranger. On a prosecution for breach of the preference clause of the Local Government Act, it appeared that the council, when considering in committee the qualifications of candidates (one of whom was a returned soldier) for the position of a park ranger, were equally divided, and without deciding as to qualifications, selected one who was not a returned soldier.

The magistrate rejected evidence of what took place in committee, being of opinion that it was inadmissable under the Local Government Ordinances. (All discussions of the council in committee, or of any committee of the council, shall, save as regards members, be strictly confidential, except in cases where the public have been present by permission of the council, and information with regard thereto shall not, unless the committee transacting the business, or the council on reference thereto by such committee otherwise determines, be disclosed to any person outside the council).

After hearing evidence as to the candidates' qualifications, the magistrate found that the qualifications of the returned soldier were not equal to those of the other candidate, and dismissed the information.

The Supreme Court, on an appeal by special case, held that the evidence rejected was material and relevant and should have been admitted, as the clause of the ordinances (quoted above) did not apply to involuntary disclosures in a court of justice. The appeal was allowed and the case remitted to the magistrate.

On the rehearing, further evidence disclosed that at the meeting of the committee of the council to deal with the applications, five members favoured a returned soldier and five a non-soldier. The names were placed in a hat, and that of the non-soldier drawn, and he was appointed. The magistrate again heard evidence, and again expressing the opinion that the qualifications of the returned man were not equal to those of the non-soldier, dismissed the information.

On appeal the court held that it was for the council and not for the magistrate to deal with the candidates' qualifications; that the fact that the members of a committee were equally divided as to the merits of two candidates did not amount to a finding that "other things were equal", and that without such finding by the council there could be no contravention of this sub-section concerning preference.

The non-soldier eventually was appointed and so it was that in mid 1924 the Coxhead family of three moved out of their small weatherboard house on Prince's Highway, Blakehurst, to begin a new life as tenants of Kogarah Council in Carss Cottage which had been earmarked for a ranger's residence.

The following article, taken from a 1927 copy of "The Regent", has been contributed by Mr. J. Lean.

TWO VISITORS

Memories of a School - Early Kogarah

It was in 1870, the year when Prussia was pounding France, that the writer's old dad took charge of the Kogarah Public School, which was held in the only decent building in the district. a small Church of England stone structure, occasionally used for worship.

Somewhere about 36 pupils daily attended the place set aside to teach the three "R's", for they taught little else then. What a difference between the crowded Kogarah School of 1929 and the little stone church of 1870! In the "seventies" all around was bush and the dusty road was only stirred by an occasional wood cart carrying fuel to Sydney or a market gardener homeward-bound. Today the noise of the train and the motor car in the bustling streets vies with the shrill shouts of the children, who are now like ants on a disturbed ant-bed.

No trains, no motor cars then; and often the writer has trotted the dreary road from Kogarah to Cook's River, where a four-horse 'bus, at long intervals, used to ply to Wynyard Square, Sydney.

But there were two historic visitors to Kogarah 55 years ago, and both remained vividly fixed in the mind of the boy grown to an old man.

One day the school was sent to gather flowers from the surrounding bush, and then, having stripped the adjacent lands of their native beauty, boys and girls were lined on opposite sides of the seldom travelled road. By and by a four-horse carriage, attended by orderlies, drove down the centre. It was the Duke of Edinburgh, on his way to Sans Souci.

The other visit was less pretentious. There was a knock one day at the church door, when lessons were in progress. Its opening let in a man who was the leading figure in the Council of Education, which then controlled what public instruction there was in N.S.W. The writer can see the figure now, through more than half a century of years. Solidly built, a big head, a strong face, with a flattened nose and a large beard growing white.

The visitor was a man without a title, but with a name whose fame has never diminished. For the man who came to the insignificant school well back in last century was Henry Parkes.

The dust has long since covered him and the grass grows green over many parents and pupils of Kogarah's first school.

"Hugh Stone"

Mrs. Maisie Grieve reports on the

CONFERENCE of the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY and AFFILIATED SOCIETIES at GOULBURN, 8th-10th September

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO HISTORICAL SITES

"Riversdale" (shown in our cover illustration), a National Trust property, was the first place of historic interest we saw as we began our sightseeing coach tour around Goulburn on 10th September. Next was the gaol, built in 1883 by Jas. Barnett who was also the architect for Goulburn's magnificent Court House. The gaol was a very, very solid building with a somewhat ornate facade.

A little farther on was the old Church of England Rectory - a two-storeyed sandstone construction with windows and doors having the stone-work outlined in white, a touch which made it very attractive. A cemetery lay behind the gaol and the Hume Highway enters Goulburn past the old general cemetery which is now in a very neglected state. At this point we crossed the highway on our way to Rocky Hill. Yet another cemetery, an old Jewish one was barely discernible in the valley on our left. To our right was North Goulburn Railway Station, disused for many years past.

Goulburn's landmark, Rocky Hill War Memorial crowns the hill above the city. Funds for it came from public subscriptions resulting in its erection in 1923. This imposing edifice is built from local stone, a type of quartz, white and glistening - the base being 50 ft. sqare and the tower 65 ft. high. Floodlit at night, with a rotating beacon, it can be seen from any approach.

From the memorial an unparalleled panorama of the city may be seen, which at night is a most spectacular sight. The base of the tower houses a military museum.

As we descended Memorial Drive, the Gundary Plains stretching out on the left were still partly flooded.

The Bradley family were early Goulburn settlers and owned most of the land there in the middle of last century. Landsdowne Homestead still stands.

Entering the city proper, our coach proceeded past the brewery, then the Deanery - an old dilapidated house today. Sloane Street was the border of an area known as the Glebe, owned by the C. of E. The railway station was on our right and almost opposite were three hotels in close proximity, depicting various styles of architecture - Mulwarrie Private Hotel, the Railway Hotel and the Goulburn Hotel. The latter carries some nice wrought iron lace about its upstairs verandah. These three hotels were built in 1847 by Mr. Sinclair, the one-time owner of "St. Clair", now the headquarters of Goulburn Historical Society. In this area also was once the house in which explorer Hovell lived but it has been demolished.

The names of the streets suggest their past, e.g.,Glebe Avenue, Market Street, Goldsmith Street, Mulwarree Street - these are a few. A market place was once where Belmore Park is today. In Market Street there once resided a certain medical practitioner, Dr. Waugh, who not only attended the sick but also manufactured Dr. Waugh's Baking Powder. Some of my readers may remember the product in a tin with a chef in a king-sized chef's hat on the label.

David Waugh, the doctor's nephew, came to Australia and obtained work as a jackeroo. Our guide, Miss Chisholm, advised us to read a book entitled "The Letters of David Waugh". She said it described the way of life, the customs and conditions which prevailed in those days.

In Goldsmith Street, named after Rev. Goldsmith, we saw some interesting small stone cottages, one being attributed to Mr. Sinclair. The Methodist Church was built almost one hundred years ago by Thos. Rowe. Goulburn Base Hospital and the original building built by E.C. Manfred were next in view. He was one of two brothers who were Government Architects. A police station now stands on the site of the original hospital. A terrace of Victorian boarding-houses has been retained and the old City Tudor Baths dating from 1892 now serve another purpose.

Other buildings passed were the old P.L.C., St. Patrick's Church and its associated college and religious buildings, Goulburn Technical College (one of the oldest country technical colleges), and the lovely St. Saviour's Church with its mellow stonework. Then we headed away from the city on our way to historic "Kippilaw".

The Soley Dam lay in the distance. "Rossiville", once owned by a Corsican Count, was well off the road. Mr. Ellis Upton knows a great deal about the history of "Rossiville".

We were travelling on Gurrundah Road and with "Kippilaw" in sight, we stopped to inspect the small stone church facing it across the river where the Chisholm family and nearby residents were regular worshippers. Its graveyard tells its own story. Originally Presbyterians, the Chisholms later became Anglicans.

"Kippilaw" is now occupied by Mr. T. K. Chisholm and his sister, Miss Miriam Chisholm and we felt very favoured to have her as our guide. Their ancestor, James Chisholm, arrived in Sydney with a detachment of the N.S.W. Corps on 14th October, 1791, by the transport "Britannia". Electing to stay in Australia when the Corps was recalled to England in 1810, he obtained a licence to follow the calling of a wine and spirit merchant, later a general merchant. The Kippilaw Grant at Goulburn was promised in 1824 and selected by James Chisholm Jnr. in 1826 when he rode up from Sydney to "spy out the land". He recalled many years later that, at that time where the City of Goulburn now stands, the only habitation was a shepherd hut under Landsdowne.

"Kippilaw", the homestead he ultimately built on the property, was so named in nostalgic memory of his father's birth place, a Scottish border town.

James married twice. One of his brides was a Miss Kinghorne, one of a Goulburn pioneer family who owned a quarry just off Gurrundah Road. Cardross House on the Kinghorne estate is another historic home. The road to the quarry is clearly seen from the road. At one time James owned the block of land opposite Wynyard station extending to and including the present G.P.O.

As we came to "Kippilaw", Miss Chisholm pointed out a low, long white building facing the river, once accommodating shearers and farm-hands. She told us the Durack family lived there for a time.

"Kippilaw" is a solid two-storey house, built by convicts from stone quarried on Kinghorne Mountain. Sited on a rise among beautiful trees and gardens, the home consists of four wings around a courtyard. The first stage of the building was completed prior to 1834. Time and space do not allow me to elaborate on the furniture and furnishings of this beautiful home. Suffice

it is to say they are priceless items which display the craftsmanship and skill of a bygone era.

The Chisholms own another property, "Merilla". A relative, John Mark Currie, discovered the Monaro and was given land at Merilla.

On our way back to Goulburn for lunch there were reminders of other early settlers - Howey, Moore and Kinghorne. Maxton Mill was once the only one between Goulburn and Adelaide. Almost opposite "Rossiville" is a sad relic of the past, Bishopthorpe. The first Bishop of Goulburn, Bishop Thomas, had his home there. Fire razed it; it was restored but has become neglected.

In Sloane Street, almost opposite "St. Clair" where we were to have lunch, there stands an ecclesiastical building built from green porphyry. For this reason it is probably unique in N.S.W.

"St. Clair" is one of the oldest Colonial homes in Goulburn. Containing twenty rooms, it was built as his private residence by James Sinclair, an architect and builder. Special features are the lavish use of cedar, original hardwood floors, sandstone fluted front verandah columns, the bricked arches of the courtyard and the proportions of the building.

Classified by the National Trust, "St. Clair" is being restored as an Historical Exhibition and Research Centre.

After lunch as the guests of Goulburn and District Historical Society, we travelled to Montague Street to inspect the interior and grounds of the Court House. The contract to build it was let in 1884 for the sum of £24,593, later increased to £30,000, to a Mr. D. Jones of Bathurst. The work and design came under the Colonial Architect's Office, then controlled by James J. Barnett.

The design is of the Italian order and consists of a main building with two wings attached. The material is brick and stone upon massive concrete foundations. This Court House is in fact Goulburn's third Court House, the first being a wooden slab structure built in 1836 in the old township of North Goulburn. The second Court House was completed in 1847. It still stands in Sloane Street on ground adjoining the present Court House and served for many years as the Lands Department office.

The Montague Street main entrance is opposite the exact centre of Belmore Park. It is reached by a flight of slate steps, 18 ft. wide. The floor of the entrance is paved with black and white marble and at each side are colonnades 60 ft. long and 8 ft. wide.

Passing through the hall the vestibule is reached. This is octagonal in shape with eight circular windows above which is a dome covered with copper and surmounted by a crown and cross. The height from the floor to the top of the dome is about 70 ft.

There are two court rooms, the Magistrate's Court and the Circuit Court. They are both the same size - 54 ft. x 35 ft. The rooms abound in magnificent examples of carved cedar work, as is in all the joinery throughout the building.

One could write volumes about this building and we would have been happy to have stayed longer, but we had to keep to our schedule and visit one more home of great interest and significance to the people of Goulburn.

"Garroorigang" is now the private home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hume and as their guests we were invited to inspect the building and the treasure trove of items which it contains.

When it was built in 1857 by Chas. Thomas it was used as an inn. It was known as Mulwaree (Long water) or Garroorigang (Black Swan) the name it carries today.

In 1868, an old English schoolmaster, Harborne Belcher, bought the inn, closed it down and converted it into a private "School for Gentlemen's Sons". It closed in 1883 and is now finally the home of Mr. S. Hume, a direct descendant of Hamilton Hume, the explorer. Here are some of the main features of this century-old dwelling.

The exquisite Victorian Drawing Room, unaltered since 1868 is unique in Australia and gets full and generous use.

The Wing houses a collection of Victorian kitchenware etc. and was originally the stables of the Black Swan Inn.

The Study contains relics of the convict and bushranging eras, plus irreplaceable Australiana.

All the furniture and furnishings in the bedrooms remind us of the grandeur of a past age.

"Garroorigang" was our last stop ere returning to Goulburn C.A.E. to collect our bags and start our homeward journey.

In conclusion I should like to record our thanks to Miss Miriam Chisholm, who was our guide for most of the day. She is a fifth generation descendant of James Chisholm whose son pioneered the sheep industry in Goulburn.

MUSEUM ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER

Date	Attendants	To open museum
5th	Mrs. M. Kermond, Miss J. Nicholson	Mr. J. Lean
12th	Mrs. D. Maclean, Mrs. B. Butters	Mrs. B. Butters
19th	Mrs. L. Beaven, Mrs. J. Sheehan	Mrs. J. Sheehan
26th	Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard	Mrs. E. Howard

MUSEUM ROSTER FOR DECEMBER

Date	Attendants	To open Museum
3rd	Mrs. D. Hatton, Mrs. M. Grieve	Mrs. D. Hatton
10th	Mr. and Mrs. FitzHardinge	Mr. J. Lean
17th	Mr. J. Wright, Mr. M. Grieve	Mr. J. Veness
24th	Mrs. B. Dodd, Miss P. Harry	Mr. J. Lean
26th (Boxing Day)	Miss G. Coxhead and Friend	
31st (New Year's Eve)	- VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED	

NOTE: If anybody listed will be away on holiday, or the date given is inconvenient for any reason, will you please let me know as soon as possible. Tele. 57 5940.

GWEN LEAN

CHRISTMAS NIGHT will be on 14th December in lieu of the usual meeting night. Venue will again be at Carss Cottage. Full details will be announced at our November meeting.