



## Taralga Historical Society Inc

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**Aim: To preserve history of Taralga & District for future generations**

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### **Presidents AGM Report February 2019:**

Well another year has come and gone and it's time to elect office bearers for another year.

The complex is in good shape as are the finances, all due to yourselves, the hard working members and volunteer non-members.

Throughout the year we continued to reorganise and upgrade in small ways the interior of the Church which included additional display cabinets and displays including labelling.

We constructed a picnic shelter in memory of the late Patricia Blay and the late Lorraine and Ian Ross, suitable plaques/signage is yet to be attached.

**Grant Funding** The (wombi van) which is used for storage and doubles as a temporary Archives room has been tastefully clad in timber and now fits more sympathically within the complex.

The Heritage shed in December suffered hail damage, twelve sheets of transparent laserlite were damaged allowing water ingress, these sheets have now been replaced.

The issue of overhanging pine trees/limbs over the Nissen Hut has been satisfactorily addressed.

New exhibits in the shed include ( 'on loan' basis'), a Model T Ford, courtesy of member Peter Davies, and an early model Grey Ferguson Tractor courtesy of Robert and Gwen Handley. Charles Bradbury has donated a church pew from St Johns Church Curraweela together with other significant items. Malcolm Ross has donated a table beautifully crafted out of white stringy bark by his late father Ian. These exhibits and others do much to enhance the visitor experience.

The October long weekend saw a well attended open day and over seventies photo shoot.

Graham Lambert has set up in the hall many early district photos, all of which can be purchased, framed, from the Society.

Members in conjunction with the Golf Club and RFS members catered BBQ style for the Heritage Machinery Weekend, this function was financially successful. Members also assisted with the BBQ over two days of the Rodeo weekend.

Arrangements for the Charles Throsby and party's 200 year celebrations in October are progressing well.

I am sure that I have missed many who have contributed in many ways. Thank you to all who have contributed in so many other ways over the past year to the Taralga Historical Society's infrastructure and the maintenance of the districts valuable history.

The AGM was well attended.

Ken Fleming took the chair and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-

President	Michael Chalker
Secretary	Graham Lambert
Treasurer	Judith Matthews
Bulletin Editor	Maureen Long
Public Officer	Bob Blay

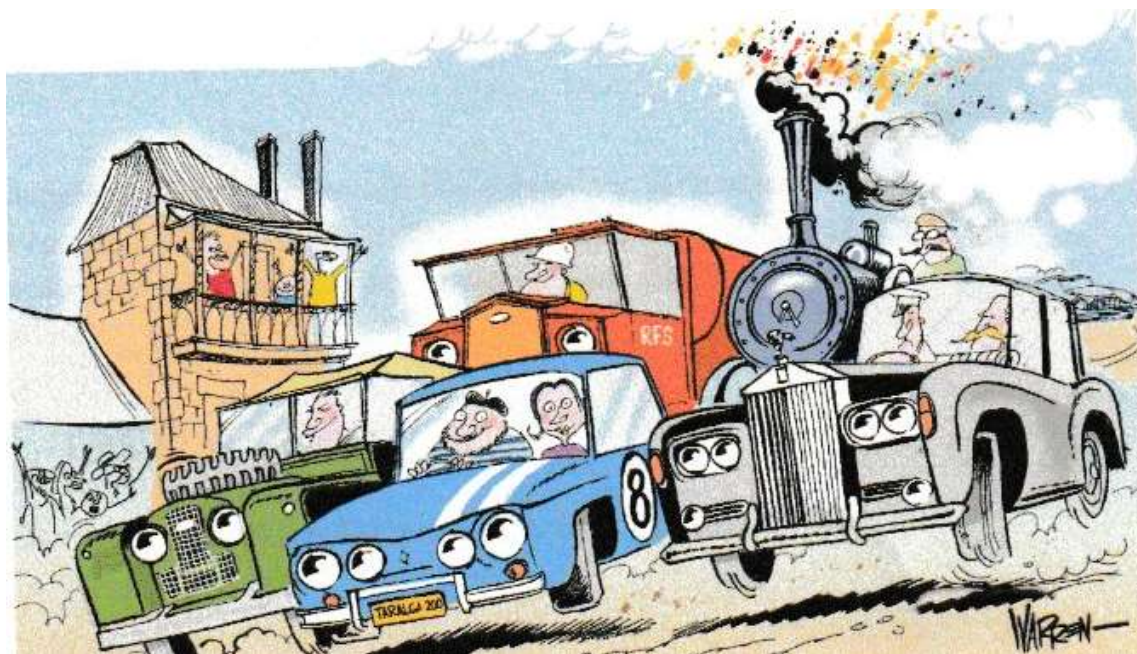
At the following general meeting, a welcome was extended to two new members, Mr Pat Keough and Mr Chris Ainsworth. Pat is a long term Golspie resident. Pat presented the Society with a completed history of the Keough family. Chris is a Horticulturist who has a keen interest in local history.

The meeting discussed how best to market the complex, and how best to cope with the ever growing 'cashless' society. Hopefully by the next meeting, we will have recommendations to discuss.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Michael Chalker

President



Warren Brown donated this fabulous cartoon to advertise the Classic Car Muster for 200 celebrations

## *Congratulations Graham*



**RECOGNITION:** Australia Day Ambassador Lindey Milan, Taralga's Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Graham Lambert, and Upper Lachlan Mayor, John Stafford.

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## *Vale*



Kathleen Hartley

23/1/2019 aged 83 years

Wife of Ian

Long time member of

Taralga Historical Society



Fergine (Cameron) Croker

24/1/2019 aged 93 years

Wife of Fred (dec)

Mother of::

Bernard, Barbara, Martin,

Grace, Marie, Frances, Geoff

Elizabeth, Ted, Greg, Kevin

Juanita, Andrew, Richard



Gloria (Lang) McAlister

20/2/2019 aged 86 years

Wife of Digger (dec)

Mother of John (dec), Chris and Robyn (dec)

*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Monday 14 November 1938*

## **BACK TO TARALGA**

### ***Queen Contest Inaugurated***

#### **TARALGA**

**The Queen Competition forming part of the Back to Taralga Week was inaugurated when Miss Edna Offley held a most successful dance in the Masonic Hall.**

During the evening Mr T. Fitzgibbon, Diggers' Patron introduced Miss Offley to the gathering. He said he hoped that while they would support the Diggers' nomination the main thing was to help the cause by supporting all of the candidates.

A friendly gesture was the introduction of Miss Saville, the A.P.&H. candidate by Mr A Kook.

Mr Ernie Stephenson, President of the Returned Soldiers was MC. Miss Offley has a strong committee working in her interests,

Good music was dispensed by D.V. Clarke, A. Corby, L Stirinitz (?) and Miss Thrower. Refreshments were provided by the ladies.



Edna Offley of Myrtleville  
later Mrs John Knowlman



*Crookwell Gazette, Wednesday 8 March 1939*

## **COLOURFUL PAGEANT**

### **BIG CROWD DELIGHTED History of Taralga in Floats**

#### TARALGA TUESDAY

The streets were lined with people today for the Pageant of Taralga's history, postponed from Monday. It was a colourful procession which wended its way to the showground from the western end of Orchard Street, the spot regarded as the centre of the old Richlands Estate. Messrs Mick Chalker, senr.(pipes), H.Lang (drum), and Mick Chalker, junr, carrying the sword presented to his grandfather for valour in capturing the bushranger, Lynch, headed the procession.

They were followed by the school children, each school wearing the colours chosen to distinguish them at the inter-district sports in the afternoon. First came the Taralga Convent school children, then the Taralga Public school children, Myrtleville, Burra Lake, Richlands, Wowagin and Golspie in that order, then Sid Croke driving his bullock team.

In Mr Bing's utility truck sat Granny O'Keefe, one of the oldest residents of Taralga, at 99 years of age, and her son Mr. A. O'Keefe, and her daughter Mrs T Whittaker "Lachy" Lang and his horses laden with wool and his son, with greyhound in tow, were next in line. "Mother Gamp" (Mrs Kelly) was drawn along on a bullock slide in care of Mr Bill Chalker. An early blacksmith was represented by Mr Ted Mooney who "repaired" an old hoe while travelling on the back of a lorry. The modern version of the rotary hoe was driven by a representative of Main Southern Motors. On foot "Lady McArthur" (Miss Joan Twynam) walked all the way to the grounds. The buckboard was driven by Mr H. Twynam, with Miss Twynam as passenger. Miss Muriel McAlister and Barry Butcher, in period costume, represented the children of 1831 going to school, while the 1939 version worn by Allan and Don McKenzie, and Jeff and C. Boys, mounted on horses. The first "foot" mailman was colourfully represented by Mr Jim McAlister. Mr K. McIntosh drove the "Potato" float, on which were a number of cups won in State and district competitions. The "Eucalyptus" burners were represented by Mr and Mrs Krutalzcli and Mr R Lee. Twins were the motif of the "Morn of Plenty" float, driven by Mr C.J.Bell. There were twin sheep, twin calves, twin applies and twin babies (well- a doll and a baby - anyway). Every type of

sport known to, and played in the district was represented on the “Sports Queen” float by Miss Rose.

Miss E. Offley, the Diggers’ Queen, occupied pride of place on the RSSILA float. The Taralga Light Horse made a brave showing as they marched near the rear of the procession, under Lieutenant Holloway. Mr Howlett and his “Butter” float, bearing two pretty dairymaids churning the cream and making butter also attracted a lot of attention. The Judges had a difficult task in making the awards, their choice for the first prize, the beautiful Tooth Cup, going to the “Eucalyptus” float. Special prizes were awarded to “Mother Gamp” and Miss Joan Twynam (“Lady McArthur). Cr J.J. Walsh officially opened the proceedings at 11.30am, Colonel Twynam describing the floats through amplifiers as it progressed down Orchard Street.

*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Saturday 9 February, 1907*

## **TARALGA**

**(From Our Correspondent)**

**Discovery of Copper at Bannaby** - There is a good deal of excitement locally over the discovery at Bannaby of a copper lode which it is said gives abundant promise of turning out a really good thing. The find was made on the properties of Messrs G. Whipp and G. Connor by two men Messrs Potter and Tully, and the lode or reef can be traced for two miles. People who profess a knowledge of copper mining say that as far as appearances go on the surface the find is a remarkably good one, while some have given very payable results. About a dozen claims have been taken up, but the owners and prospectors show no disposition to rush their find on the market. They are confident that they have struck a good thing, and intend to keep it among themselves. The present intention is, I understand, to have a bulk survey made from a pretty large parcel of the stuff before finally getting to work on the main lode.

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*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Saturday 15 June 1907*

## **TARALGA**

**(From our Correspondent)**

**Mining** - Owing to the inflow of water at the Bannaby Copper Mine, sinking operations have had to be suspended, as there is no hope of dealing with the water unless machinery is erected. The shaft is down about forty-five feet, and the lode has been traced some distance into an adjacent hill. The owners of this claim reside, I believe, at The Peaks, and the men who have been working expect on an early date to recommence driving into the hill. Other claims in the vicinity are carrying out the labour conditions and awaiting definite assays before commencing work in earnest on their property.

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*Sydney Morning Herald Friday 5 July, 1907*

## **MINING IN THE STATE**

### **GOULBURN**

A local syndicate has taken up a mining lease near Bubalahla in the Taralga district, with the intention of mining for copper, should assays prove favourable

Claims at Bannaby have been temporarily abandoned.

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*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Saturday 9 February, 1907*

**Picnic** - At the kind invitation of Mr and Mrs F.A. McArthur-Onslow, a large number of people, comprising children in charge of their parents and most of the employees on the station, met for a picnic near the homestead on Saturday afternoon. Everything that could tend to make the outing enjoyable was in evidence, and those who were present describe the picnic as the most enjoyable they had been to.

**Social** - In order to provide funds for furnishing a stall at the coming basaar, Mrs Butler and Miss Barry gave a social in Sullivan's hall on Friday night last, which was largely patronised. The first part of the evening was devoted to a juvenile dance, and about 10.30 the youngsters were treated to refreshments and sent home, when dancing commenced for the adults present, and was continued till morning. As a result of the social a handsome sum will be available for the object in view. Refreshments were provided by Mrs Butler and Miss Barry and their friends.

*Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Saturday 9 February, 1907 Continued*

**Accidents -**

Mr Allan Robertson of Redbank, a son of Mr Neil Robertson, had the misfortune to have his ribs broken and his side much bruised by a horse kicking him on Sunday night last. Mr Robertson was putting a rug on the horse, when it was startled and lashed out striking Mr Robertson on the side and throwing him down, where he lay for some time till discovered by other members of the family. So far no serious results have shown themselves beyond the soreness and stiffness incidental to a broken rib.

A little girl named Byrnes, the youngest child of Mr and Mrs James Byrnes of the Richlands Hotel, was rather badly burnt yesterday (Wednesday). The little one while running about found a match and struck it, setting alight to her clothing. Luckily she was observed by Mr Donald Cameron of Yorkborough who was riding by, and he rushed to the spot and extinguished the flames. The child, however, is much burnt about the lower parts of the face and neck and under the arms. She was removed to Goulburn by her mother for medical treatment.

**Agricultural Society** - The rights for the coming show were submitted to public auction by Mr C. Ross on Saturday last, and realised very satisfactory prices, the purchasers being - Mr M. Maher of the Commercial, who bought the

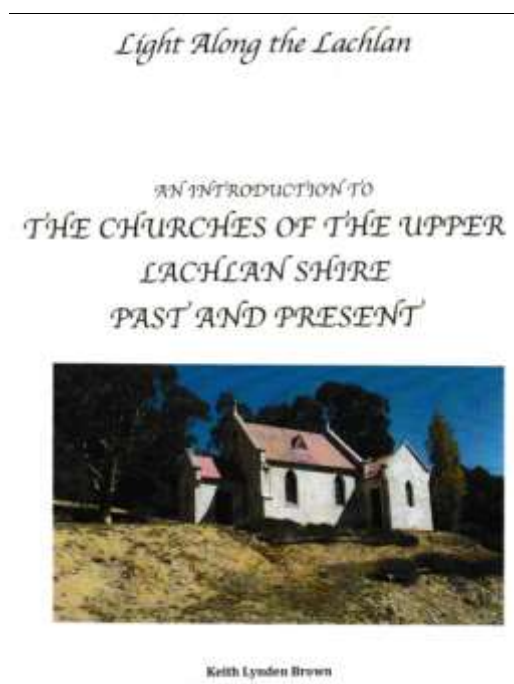
publican's booth; Mr E. Wicks, the refreshment stalls; and Mr T.M.Barry, the lease of the show-ground for one year.

**Cricket** - The Golspie team visited Taralga on Saturday and played a match with the local club, being defeated rather easily. The visitors were. However, not fully represented, while the local men had a strong team in the field, and Price and Smede put up a big score for Taralga.

**Good Rain** - We have had showers each day since Sunday, and although the falls were patchy practically the whole district benefited substantially. The totals ranged from about 76 to 130 points, and coming after the late falls will do a great deal of good to grass and potato crops.

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**Taralga Historical Society member and Gunning resident Keith Brown has published this very enlightening and interesting book. You can purchase a copy from the Society.**



## TARALGA

### Death of Mr Thomas Taylor (Jnr)

Mr Thomas Taylor, of Taralga died at his residence on Sunday after a short illness from senile decay. Mr Taylor was 86 years of age, and was born in Taralga district and was its oldest resident. His father was left here in charge of land taken up by the first settlers, the late Messrs Macarthur, McAlister and Hillas. For the greater part of his life Mr Taylor was a general carrier, and at times had a number of waggons plying between Goulburn and Taralga. He was also in charge of the pound yard here for nearly the whole time since it was established.

Mr Taylor was known far and wide as an upright, conscientious and reliable man, and commanded the respect of all classes. He is survived by a widow and three sons - Messrs Frank, Fred and Robert - and the daughters are Mesdames Milford, W. Fleming, Copp, J. Sieler, Paull and Rumble.

The remains were interred in the Church of England cemetery at Stonequarry on Monday, the funeral being largely attended.

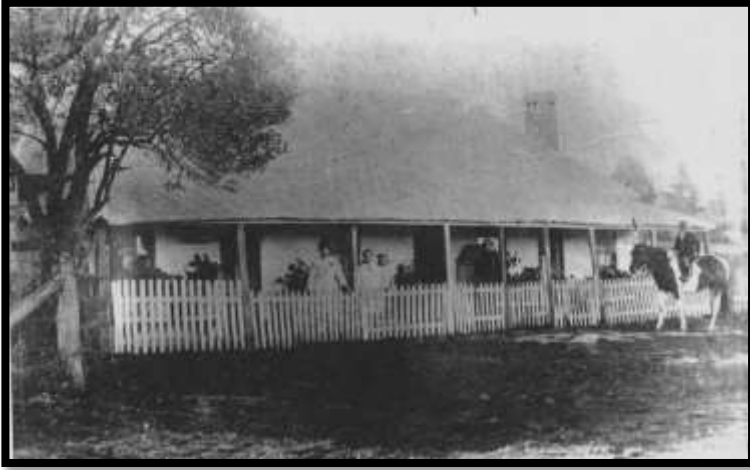
### Mr Thomas Taylor (Snr)

A correspondent, referring to the late Mr Taylor, states that his father, Mr Thomas Taylor, came to New South Wales in 1818, and entered into the employ of Mr Wm. MacArthur, of Camden.

**In the year 1822 he, in company with Jas. MacArthur, Captain McAlister, and John Hillas (grandfather of the present Messrs John and Stanley Hillas, of Bannaby) travelled towards Bathurst, seeking fresh country, eventually succeeding in the quest.** They made fresh homes in the Goulburn district. At this time the blacks were very troublesome, and at different times the lives of the party were threatened.



Mr Thomas Taylor was married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1827, and came to live at Taralga (then called Trialgang, a black's name). He was the first white child born in the district.



**Mr Thomas Taylor (Snr)**

**His residence at 42 MacArthur Street**

**(no longer there)**



## A TASTE OF TARALGA FESTIVAL Taralga 200 Celebrations Newsletter

### Planning is continuing

#### Points of Interest

- We are incorporated as an association and we have a bank account.
- Seed funding has been coming in and we now have funds to be able to set up the web site and cover postage etc.
- Council has formally agreed to provide electronic signage warning of the road closures for the Street Parade.

Our aim has always been to establish an annual event, with the 200 years being a catalyst to commence the event. A fairly critical requirement for the success of the celebrations next year will be the successful securing of funding. Destination NSW provide up to \$20,000 for new events with their incubator funding scheme. There is a comprehensive application process which involves following strict guidelines. One of those guidelines is that funding is provided for annual events and not for anniversaries. If we continue to call our event "Back to Taralga", it will be seen as purely an anniversary by

Destination NSW and we are unlikely to get funding. At our last committee meeting it was decided to change the name of our event to "A TASTE OF TARALGA FESTIVAL", so as to give us the best chance of securing funding.

The theme for next years event will be celebrating 200 years since Throsby first rode through the area. Of course it will encourage people to "Come back to Taralga". A Taste of Taralga will be appropriate in future years with Craft Beer, Bands and Food being one of the feature events. While we may not have a Street Parade every

year, it is likely that we will have a Country Fair, market stalls and the "Taralga Gift" running race, as well as the Craft Beer, Bands and Food.

The website has been created. It is currently [www.taralga200.com](http://www.taralga200.com). It is still under construction in many areas. It will be updated as each event is finalised. This is likely to change to [www.atasteoftaralga.com](http://www.atasteoftaralga.com)

Andrew Moore has begun to send out invitations to the various car clubs in Australia inviting them to showcase their cars at our festival. See below

### Floats for the parade

Quite a few organisations have indicated that they will be entering a float in the Street Parade. If you have not yet done so please call Max Keith the organizer of the parade on 48438163 and let him know your intentions.

### Andrew's invitation

#### Taralga Classic Car Parade 5 October 2019

As part of its 200th birthday celebrations and the Taste of Taralga Festival, the small car mad town of Taralga is holding a car parade and event in its famous poplar-lined main street.

You, your classic, sports, historic or veteran/vintage car and your club are warmly invited to attend!

Attractions over the long weekend involve two days of merriment and excitement, including:

- A Country Fair with local ukulele band
- A Craft Beer and Bands festival at the Taralga Showground, hop-on, hop off bus available around town.
- The Taralga Gift running race and fun run
- An old time street parade, bushies, bullockies, old tractors and bullock drays along Taralga's main street. (Sunday, 6 October)
- Bands and barbecues at the Showground till late.
- Grand final of NRL on big screen





## A TASTE OF TARALGA FESTIVAL

### Proposed Program

PROPOSED PROGRAM for A TASTESOF TARALGA FESTIVAL 2019

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF TARALGA

#### SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 2019

		Event Manager
10AM	PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY AT BURRA LAKE	Max Keith
10AM – 4PM	GOODHEW PARK/COURT STREET- MARKET STALLS, BUSKERS TARALGA UKULELE GROUP CLASSIC CARS ON DISPLAY IN TARALGA HISTORIC TARALGA PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY SHEARING DEMONSTRATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPINNING & WEAVING DEMONSTRATION BBQ FUN RUN OPEN MUSEUM, ART GALLERY, GIFT SHOPS, COFFEE SHOPS, PUBS“RICHLANDS” MACARTHURS COTTAGE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	Lions Club Taralga Ukulele Group Andrew Moore Historical Society Historical Society  Lions Club CWA Local Businesses
12 NOON	FOOD , CRAFT BEER & BANDS FESTIVAL AT SHOWGROUND	Stephen Horn
2PM	SPORTS CLUB FEATURING TERRY GORDON	Taralga Hotel, Argyle Hotel
2PM	BAREFOOT LAWN BOWLS	Sports Club
4-5PM	SALE OF PHOTOS FROM DISPLAY	Sports Club
6PM-8.30PM	SATURDAY NIGHT COUNTRY DANCE – MEMORIAL HALL Featuring OLD TIME DANCE BAND and “THE CORBYS”	Historical Society  Taralga 200 Committee

#### SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2019

10AM	STREET PARADE TO SHOWGROUND	Multiple organisations
10AM-4PM	PARADE FLOATS ON DISPLAY AT SHOWGROUND MARKET STALLS AT SHOWGROUND BBQ	Lions Club Show Committee Taralga Hotel, Argyle Hotel Taralga School P&C
12PM – 7PM	FOOD, CRAFT BEER & BANDS FESTIVAL AT SHOWGROUND	Taralga School P&C
12.30 PM	PICNIC RACES - EGG AND SPOON, SACK RACES, TUG A WAR 3 LEGGED RACE, PLANK RACES, TUNNEL BALL, AGE RACES SPIT ROAST	Taralga School P&C Taralga Hotel Mick Cummins
1.30PM	“TARALGA GIFT” FOOTRACE HEATS	
1.30PM	CAMP OVENS PREPARED	
2.30PM	“TARALGA GIFT” FOOTRACE FINAL MAX	
4PM-7PM	FANCY DRESS AWARD – THEME “TARALGA TWO HUNDRED YEARS”? BEST FLOAT AWARD? BBQ CAMP OVEN	Taralga 200 Committee Taralga 200 Committee Taralga Show Committee Mick Cummins
7PM-9.30PM	GRAND FINAL TELEVISED ON BIG SCREEN	

At this stage these are only indicative timings. As events are firmed up the program will be updated on the web site. One thing is for certain, we will need many volunteers to conduct the events. The website will soon have the facility for you to register your intention to be an active volunteer.

*Goulburn Evening Post, Wednesday 23 December 1953*

## **Property in Family 80 Years Sells at Taralga for £15,212**

**TARALGA, Tuesday: The 132 acre homestead block of "Summerhill" property sold for £22/10/- an acre yesterday.**

It was purchased by Mr. W.S.V.O'Connor.

Bidding for the block was spirited, opening at £10/10/- an acre, and rising rapidly.

"Summerhill" - well known district property of 2,527 acres - was sold in five blocks for a total of £15,212.

The property situated at Hanworth, near here, was formerly owned by Messrs D.J.and P.H.O'Connor.

The sale was conducted in the Masonic Hall by Farmers and Graziers.

The property was sold in parcels consisting of the 132 acre homestead block, "Jack's" block of 722 acres, "Paddy's" block of 389 acres, "Horseridge" block 570 acres, and "Stephenson" block 714 acres.

Each was bought by Taralga and district residents.

Main interest was displayed in the homestead block and bidding was quieter for the other four blocks.

"Jack's" block was bought by Messrs L.G.Handley and M.F. Kennedy for £3/10/- an acre.

“Paddy’s” block realised £5 an acre. Purchaser was Mr N.J. Chalker.

The “Horseridge” block was bought by Messrs P.R.H.and J.W.Chalker for £10/10/- an acre.

The “Stephenson” block realised £2/10/- an acre and went to Mr G.N.Chalker.

## **LONG HOLDING**

Prior to the sale “Summerhill” about 48 miles by road to Goulburn, had been in the hands of the O’Connor family for more than 30 years.

It is an outstanding wool growing property, and the whole area has been killed out and improved for many years.

Each block is well watered and the fences are in good repair.

A portion of the area has a frontage in the Wollondilly River.

On the homestead block is a five-bedroom weatherboard, brick and concrete home together with a woolshed, sheep yards, two garages and a 30,000 gallon underground tank.

# **MEETING 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2PM MASONIC HALL**

## **Taralga Historical Society Members Duty Roster**

**Please note opening hours (unless otherwise advised) are**

**10am to 2.30pm inclusive**

### **March**

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Blay, Marcus Harstein, Nicola Young, Jimmy Dean  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Judy Chalker, Brian Corby, Brian Kelly  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Peter Davies, Ernie Stephenson, Geoff Sieler, Brian Moloney  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Annette & Mick Chalker, Robert Rabjohns

### **April**

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Annette & Mick, Helena Keough, Margaret McIntosh **MEETING 2PM**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Glennis & Max Wright. Tim Dowsley, Peter Davies  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> **EASTER SATURDAY**,Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray,Brian Corby  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Judith Matthews, Ernie Stephenson, Geoff Sieler, Brian Kelly

### **May**

- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Margaret & Peter MCAlister, Brian Moloney  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Graham & Sue Lambert, Marcus Hartstein & Nicola Young  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray, Tim Dowsley  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Bob Blay, Jim Dean, Ken & Joyce Fleming

## **June**

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Matt & Vicki Chalker Alan Robertson
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Mick & Annette Chalker, Robert Rabjohns, Peter Davies
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray, Laurie Halpin
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Graham & Sue Lambert, Tim Dowsley
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Judith Matthews, Peter & Margaret McAlister

**Folks if your name hasn't been appearing on the roster or you would like to change days please let me know. Your attendance at the museum is always welcome, there is always something to do or research.**

**Please phone myself 4843 5975 or Graham 4843 8187 (Mick)**

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*Editor Maureen Long*