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Presidents Report: September 2019

Well, hello again, we've had very little rain in the region, however, a significant snowfall has provided some valuable moisture.

Visitations to the Museum have been reasonable, with book sales being the main revenue generator.

Mary Chalker has produced a book in excess of two hundred pages of text and photos detailing the history of the Chalker families in the Taralga District. It is a great read and can be purchased at the Museum.

At the last meeting the need for additional display and storage areas was discussed. I am pleased to advise that for a very good price we purchased sufficient materials to allow us to extend the shed adjacent to the Fernbank School, rearwards 5m x 13m and fit roller doors to the front.

To assist with this extension we have received a grant totalling \$5,800 to pour concrete slabs for the extension and the existing internal structure. At this stage and depending on availability of helpers, work will commence soon.

As noted in our last newsletter, we were continuing to pursue Upper Lachlan Council in regard to the narrow pathway leading to the toilets at Masonic Hall. Council has recently extended the width of the pathway. (It pays to be persistent) Thank you to the Council.

Thanks to Lee Corby we have a significant new exhibit to add to our cultural heritage exhibits - an axe discovered by Lee's late father Geoff McIntosh on his property at Myrtleville. We encourage members who have other significant cultural artefacts to consider adding to the Museum's collection.

As stated in the previous newsletter, we will need much help to ensure that the Historical Society's contribution to the 200 YEARS celebration is successful.

If you are able to assist in any way, please call Mick on 4843 5975.

Please see attached brochure outlining the weekend events - not listed is the Irish band Mountain Dew, who will be playing in the Museum grounds on Saturday from 12 till 3pm. There will be a coffee van, scones, damper etc.

Cheers

Mick

TASTE OF TARALGA FESTIVAL OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND







The annual TASTE OF TARALGA FESTIVAL showcases the Taralga township through a multitude of events featuring Music, Food, Culture and Fun. The theme for this year is celebrating the 200 year anniversary of the first Europeans to pass through the area now known as Taralga.

Schedule of Events

Saturday am

Plaque Laying Ceremony at Burra Lake
Taralga Fun Run
Classic Cars Muster
Street Markets with music by Jamie Agius

Saturday pm

Official Ceremony @ Historical Society
Mountain Dew Band
Saturday Night Dance with music from
Ian Baxter Band, Terry Gordon and
THE CORBYS

Sunday

Street Parade
Country Fair with old time sports
Market Stalls
Live Music
Camp Ovens
Rugby League Grand Final Televised

All Weekend

Historical Society will be open
Shearing and spinning demonstrations
Historical Photo Exhibition
Commercial Stores Spring Pop-up
Taralga Wildlife Park
Richlands Homestead
HOP ON/ HOP OFF BUSES

Visit www.tasteoftaralga.com for more information about the event. For inquiries call 0498 717 856 or email admin@tasteoftaralga.com.

ALLMEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

THAT THE OCTOBER WEEKEND OF THE 5^{TH} & 6^{TH}

is the celebration of 200 years since Charles Throsby's party including Aboriginal Guides passed through the district.

I therefore seek the support of all those members who are able to assist in ensuring that we have a successful weekend.

Please let us know of your availability - MICK 4843 5975 GRAHAM 4843 8187

Vale



Doris (Kit) Cosgrove
6.1.1925 - 17.4.2019 - 94 years
Wife of Cecil (dec)
Mother of
Peta, Trevor, Stephen



Patrick Corkhill

18.6.2019 age 81 years

Husband of Helen (Connor)

Stepfather of

Alex, Adrienne, Tom



John Divall
29.6.2019 age 81 years
Husband of Rose (Wright)
Father of
Jacki, Mick, Kim, Andy



Denise Keatley
nee Cunningham
29.6.2019 age 71 years
Sister of Carmelle, Terry,
John(all dec) Margaret, Joan

Pat (Una Grace) Woods

Edward (Ted) McAlister

nee Blay

2.7.2019 age 92 years

Wife of Dick Woods (dec)

Sister of Bob and Mary, and

Letty, Rose.Beattie & Esme - all dec

2.7.2019 age 86 years

Husband of Dulcie

Father of

Shane and Bernadette

Gwen Anderson died 2 July 2019 in Canberra aged 89 years

Gwen was the wife of Stuart (dec) and formerly lived in Goulburn

and Crookwell.

Gwen and Stuart were noted Historians and often worked with our Society.

They recorded the graves in local and district cemeteries and on rural properties among many other notable history recordings.

Vale

Valerie Lang

July 2019 age 88 years

Wife of Neville (dec)

Formerly of "Bendook"

Buried at Oberon

Nola Helmers (Utting)

nee Lang

25.7.2019 age 92 years

Sister of Albert Lang

Buried at Gungahlin ACT



Margaret Keg (nee Lang)

July 2019

Daughter of Hugh & Violet

Sister of Warwick, Barry,

Prue and Jim



Norma Berry

19.8.2019 age 95 years

Wife of Norman (dec)

Mother of

Annemarie, John, Susan

Argyle Hotel 1955 onwards

Bill O'Keefe

21.8.2019 aged 83 years

Husband of Pat (Cummins)

Burial at Crookwell

THE STONEQUARRY CEMETERY 355 COMMITTEE

Invite you to visit sometime, perhaps over the long weekend in October to see the massive renovations that have been made at the Cemetery

It started many years ago with Margaret Lang and her team removing the 'section fences' and cleaning up the grounds.

Laurence Chalker who we all know renovated the Bannaby Cemetery was 'conned' in some 4 years ago to do a 'small job' out there, he has been there ever since with his band of willing helpers.

The graves were all covered in that awful moss type leichen, and most lettering was impossible to read, some headstones broken, some non existent.

Work that has been done

- Grave structures have been cleaned and repaired
- Lettering has been replaced a few marble headstones still to go
- · Repairs have been carried out on broken headstones a few more to go
- Re-sheeting graves
- We have researched and found nearly 190 unmarked graves that we have placed cement headstones on soon to have a plaques fitted with personal details
- Grounds have been improved

We have been successful obtaining a Grant from the Windfarm which is fantastic - this will pay for half the plaques, and we have submitted another grant application to another benefactor for approval.

Stonequarry Cemetery has been listed on internet for many years - it was done by Barry Stephenson who put a lot of hard work into it. After our research, Barry is adding grave nos and row nos to make it easier to find who you are researching.

<u>Editor</u>

LEIGHWOOD

(From our Correspondent)

A RELIC OF THE DARK AGES - Mr T. Grundy, of Boree Creek, has discovered an interesting relic,once a treasured prize of an Aboriginal King, viz., a breastplate of bronze bearing the following inscription: -

"King John Manggamo, Chief of the Guranganlow Tribe, Argyle".

The plate is in the usual half-moon shape, and in the left hand corner is a blackfellow taking aim with a gun at a kangaroo that is sitting in the opposite corner. The plate is of excellent workmanship, and the engraving shows as plain as ever after being cleaned. It was found in a mound raised by white ants, but some portions of rotten wood show plainly that a large tree once stood on the spot, and it is probable that sixty years have passed since the plate was made, as the oldest resident here has no recollection of a king bearing the above name. The last king that inhabited this part of the district was Miranda, chief of the Burra Burra tribe, and he has been dead 38 years.

A great many places in Argyle still bear the names given them by the aboriginals, but Guranganlow I have never heard of.

In the same place with the plate, was found a tinder box, a short clay pipe, and several pieces of tin. The tin articles are in a fair state of preservation, and this leads one to the conclusion that the plate was originally in the cavity of a tree. It is possible that the bones of this sable monarch are resting near this spot.

This part of the district was once a favourite resort of the blacks, owing to the great numbers of fish that were once in the rivers and creeks. It was almost an every day sight 40 years ago to see a tribe of from 40 to 60 blacks of all ages and sexes, but today we have not one left of any age.

The last of the Burra tribe seen in this district were two gins - Charlotte and Jemima. Jemima died at Boree Creek 18 years ago, and Charlotte left soon after and I have not heard of her since. Jemima was married to George, the only son of Miranda, but he (George) never bore the title of king for the reason, I presume that there was so few of his tribe left to govern.

Goulburn Evening Penny Post 1902

The breastplate of 'Mulwaree Tommy' also known as "King of Cookmai" was found on a property at Taralga.



Example of a Breastplate

Pioneering Days in the Sunny South - by Charles McAlister

The three Tribes of Argyle were:

1. Mulwaree 2. Tarlo 3. Burra Burra

Burra Burra were most warlike. Their country included the Abercrombie district, Taralga and Carrabungla.

The Leader of the Burra Burra Tribe was King Miranda who died in 1849.

Large antheaps as old bushmen will remember were the favourite "cemeteries" of the blacks, and in such a cemetery old Miranda was buried.

It is about one and a half miles from Paling Yards, Abercrombie.

The blacks made a round hole in the antbed, and put Miranda's body into this grave in a sitting position. This practice is best explained in their own words: "sit down blackfellow, jump up white fellow". This idea or superstition being apparently a spiritual impression of ancient origin.

The dead King's body was wrapped in his possum-rug, and his weapons (spears) etc were buried with him.

We were often cautioned by old aborigines not to go near the blacks when they were burying their dead, as they objected to the attendance either of strangers of their own race or of whites as those solemn rites.

The Burras fenced old Miranda's grave in roughly with forks and long saplings for rails, and then on all the big trees around they cut the old fellow's native "coat of arms", and some of them marked the trees with a representation of the tattoo marks they bore on their arms and breasts. This, I suppose was to proclaim the fact that they were present at the (to them) historic burial.

The last time the Author saw this grave it was nearby level with the surrounding country, but it was originally a "sugar-loaf" shaped antbed.

Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser Saturday 3 September 1887

THE TOURIST

Concerning Taralga and District

By The Scout

The district of Taralga, traversed by the five roads, is about 600,000 acres in extent, of which nearly 200,000 acres are either freehold or conditionally purchased - the 400,000 acres being Crown lands, much of which, Taralga says, would be taken up and turned to good account if it could obtain a railway into the district.

A considerable portion of course of the 200,000 acres is used for grazing purposes, there being over 100,000 sheep in the district mainly to be round in connection with agricultural holdings. Besides these there are some 15,000 head of cattle, 3,500 horses, and about 1,000 swine. Though much of the land is necessarily used for this large quantity of stock, the area under cultivation exceeds now, I believe, 10,000 acres, and that this is turned to good account will be acknowledged when I state that the figures supplied to me show that the cereal production of the district is about 50,000 bushels of wheat,5,000

bushels of oats, some 2,000 bushels of barley, besides about 2,000 tons of hay and any quantity of straw - or, as one informant says, "an unlimited quantity", which unfortunately, however, appears to be generally habitually wasted.

In the rich red soil of the district, potatoes do remarkably well, nearly 15,000 tons being yearly grown, and there are instances of 10 tons being grown to the acre; while in favourable seasons there are paddocks which have produced 60 bushels of wheat to the acre.

In the heart of this district is the McArthur property, exceeding 20,000 acres, and original grant to James McArthur in 1853. A good proportion of this land is under cultivation, and upon it are settled 50 families. Most of these tenants became so from 10 to 20 years ago, obtaining, I understand, a 20 years' lease at 1s. per acre. I can imagine the eyes of some of my coast friends opening at the idea of good, cleared agricultural land being rented at 1s.(shilling) per acre.

As the leases fall in, now, however, 4s., and I think in some instances 5s., per acre, is being fixed as the rental. The farms of the tenants and settlers generally average about 500 acres, though there are some considerably larger, and others much smaller. The rents on the estate being so moderate there is contentment and good work done on the soil, but there appears, perhaps naturally, to be a disposition in regard to buildings to make what exist suffice, though I must in fairness state this is a disposition I often find in the C.P. (conditionally pardoned) settlers and freeholders throughout the bush. The home of the McArthurs was at Richlands, a station about five and a half miles north of Taralga, where now Mr. Jamieson lives, and runs 10,000 sheep, renting the portion of the estate that is attached to the old homestead. The house is a fine type of the old style of stone building, having many rooms, a stone paved quadrangle, numerous outbuildings, all mellow with age, and built for a large family and an army of servants. Around the fine old orchard and prolific gardens is the most splendid hawthorn hedge I have seen out of Devonshire, while all the old English fruits, flowers and vegetables flourish at Richlands.

The country for 15 miles around Taralga is generally exceedingly good, that is, fit for cultivation or first class pasture. It is very irregular, being a constant succession of high land and low land. There are two singular instances of Nature's eccentric handiwork in the district - to one I have made reference (in previous article), viz., the Wombian Caves; the other is situated about two miles N.N.E., from the town, and is called Corrobborree. Having reached the vicinity of Corrobborree, you ascend a ridge of the range some two to three hundred feet above the beautiful neighbouring gullies. Traversing this ridge, all but denuded - and naturally so, apparently - of timber, though deep in splendid grass, you reach its abrupt termination to find, that at that termination, Nature has at some time or other apparently taken a contract for stone-breaking, there being myriads upon myriads of stones, from a small pebble size to many tons, but all having various faces, and sharp corners and edges. Just before reaching the end of the ridge, you come upon what I cannot conceive to be other than the double crater of an old volcano. Lining the sides and down into the the depths of these strange huge pits, are hundreds of thousands of these stones as sharp as though only broken last year. There appear to me to be two depressions, though there is not so defined a crater edge dividing the two - the one from the other - as there is enclosing and running around the two together. I did not measure the dimensions, but from memory I should say the combined depressions are about 400 feet long, 150 feet across, and 60 or 70 feet deep. The length runs transversely to the ridge. Descending the crater, and ascending the opposite side, you find yourself upon the summit of the outer wall of the volcano - if volcano it has been - and looking down a steep of several hundred feet that makes you for the moment hold back in case you are unwarily shot down upon, and roll to the bottom of, in places the all but perpendicular avalanche of millions of irregular stones. Mr. Loder, who was my cicerone when I visited Corrobborree, had not heard of any theory accounting for the existence of the depression and stones, the latter being entirely confined to this one spot. Neither could I ascertain why the spot was called Corrobborree. It should be a subject of considerable interest to the geologist.

(It was an Aborigine meeting place so named by them) Colonial visitors to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition found the name of Taralga to the front so far away from the little town, for Messrs Wearne and Whiting sent fruit, Mr Davey sent cereals, Mr Loder fur skins and Messrs Denning and Son leather as exhibits; and I believe the two latter exhibits are to be transferred to the Imperial Institute. It is only natural to find in a district of the character of Taralga an agricultural society, and I am glad to say it is vigorous and flourishing. The society was established in 1880, and has annually held shows since. At the show this year there were 630 exhibits, to see which there came 1500 visitors, and the sum of £145 was awarded in prizes. The president for the year is Mr J.J. Hughes, the secretary Mr T.J.Loder, and the treasurer Mr W.H. Whiting; the three offices being happily divided between agriculture, banking and

commerce. The previous president of the society was Mr P. Mooney, of the Meadows, an extensive farmer and stud owner. Amongst other valuable blood sires Mr. Mooney has Moonshee, a superb brown horse, standing 16 hands, which in 1885 won £1200 in Melbourne for Messrs Robertson Brothers. Giving in however, on the off fore leg, Mr Mooney became his purchaser for 200 guineas. No celebrated a horse as Lord Cleveland, the best horse ever got by Duke of Cleveland, imp., also stood in Mr Mooney's stables for three years, when he sold him for £350. Mr Mooney has a fine youngster now, with some Cleveland blood in him, in Young Lord John., by Lord John imp., out of first sister to Lord Cleveland, and other valuable bloods that make it a pleasure to visit his stables.

The showground is a pretty one, about a mile out of town, on the Goulburn side, and the society has erected a good building, and are planting young trees and flowering shrubs.

Plumbago (old fashioned name for Graphite) has been found in the ranges not far from the town, and there is gold in and around Werong Creek, some 10 miles distant; but there is no mining carried out in the district. It is probable that in a few years the grain bearing area of the Taralga district will be greatly increased, and it will become of increasing importance as a source of supply for the grain markets of the colony, and I hope before long of the old countries also.

Crookwell Gazette Wednesday 7 November 1951- extracts from the Sydney Mail 1887

TARALGA IN THE EIGHTIES - 1880's

Taralga is 29 miles north-east from Goulburn; the road for the most part, is good and broadons., though here and there badly requiring metal, and here and there having long and steep hills, which make the 29 miles 40 to a heavily loaded dray. Eleven miles on the road you pass through the pleasant pastoral and agricultural district of Chatsbury, a name formerly associated with that of Sir Charles Cowper, the father of our popular high sheriff and of our manhood suffrage who, a generation ago, had Chatsbury for a sheep and cattle run. Now a score or so of smaller graziers and agriculturists are prospering on the land. Approaching within eight miles of Taralga you enter the Strathaird estate, which comprises 9310 acres, and , like the Macarthur estate, consists of some of the best land in the colony.

There are five main outlets for Taralga, along which roads are the settlers of the district - north towards Bathurst, south towards Goulburn, east to Bannaby and Moss Vale, west to Laggan, Crookwell or Burrowa, and north-west to Golspie, Tuena and Orange.

TARALGA - OLD VILLAGE

The town of Taralga itself has a very pretty, old-fashioned, village look, due to the existance of old stone brick houses, gardens, and poplar, pine, and other trees, and to the fact that in parts small cultivated paddocks project into the town itself.

The situation of the town is very fine, noble ranges of hills, in places cultivated to the summit and fruitful valleys surrounding the extensive slope upon which it stands, the Corrobborree Creek winding along through the lower portions. The town dates back about 35 years, and to aid in its formation the Macarthur family cut up into two acre blocks and sold publicly a section of land where part of the town now stands.

ORIGIN OF NAME

The origin of the name Taralga is not the clearest, but pretty as it is, it is generally believed to have originated from a slurred pronounciation of the words "Trial Gang", used in the earlier and not so good old times. The streets

are laid out at right angles, though the bulk of the inhabitants are to be found along the two which run north and south; and here of course are to be found the principal storekeepers Messrs W.H. Whiting, Joseph Whiting, T. Moloney and five others, and also the indispensable blacksmiths, baker and saddler. On the flat, on the east side are the flour mill and the tannery. Comparatively small though the tannery is Messrs Denning and Son are amongst the largest tanners of marsupial skins in the colony, over 10,000 skins having been purchased for tanning by them last year.

THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Public worship is provided for by three edifices, belonging respectively to the Church of England, the Roman Catholic and the Presbyterian bodies. The Rev W.M. Martyn, the Church of England clergyman, has a well-built parsonage on the side of one of the hills, with a superb outlook over the surrounding country, while Father O'Dwyer and the Rev James Gray visit Taralga from Crookwell and Goulburn. There is also a pretty convent school, which numbers some 70 children; and there is of course, a good public school, where Mr Roland Price trains 60 or 70 young Taralgians.

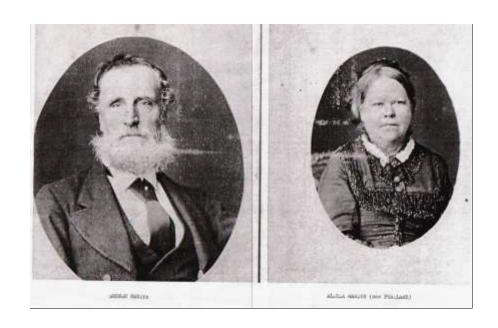
The banking requirements of the town and district are met by a branch of the N.S.W. Banking Company established in 1878, though the bank authorities have by no means sought to overawe the district by any display of architectural magnificence. "The Bank" consisting of a couple of most barely furnished offices at the end of a pretty rustic house, in a retired part of the town where resides Mr T.J. Loder, the active manager, whose interest in things Taralgian equals that of a native of the place. Mr Loder's assistant accountant is Mr Hancock.At the post and telegraph office Mr Thompson very efficiently and obligingly officiates, and there are well-built police quarters, lock-up and courthouse with a senior constable and trooper in charge.

TOURIST VISITORS

As besides the settlers who visit the town, and those from elsewhere who come on business, there are numbers of people yearly who pass through it to visit the remarkable Wombian Caves. It is of importance that Taralga should have hotel accommodation and the travelling public have choice of four hotels, the Richlands, the Royal, the Argyle and the Commercial - and there is an aerated-water manufactory

Note the difference in spelling then to now

GEORGE AND ALICIA (PENTLANDIN) MARTYR



3a.

RICHLANDS (ESTATE MANAGEMENT) - GEORGE MARTYR and reference to GOULBURN - TARALGA SURVEY ALICIA & MARIA PENTLAND - WILLIAM STEWART & CHARLES HENRY CASWELL - CATHOLIC
CHURCH (TARALGA)- REV. JAMES SAMUEL HASSALL' - JAMES RICHARD STYLES - JOSEPH MARTYR

Extracts from Family Research carried out by Alan Charles Bolton (unpublished)

George Martyr came to Australia in 1847 ... to take up the post of Superintendent of the Macarthur's Estate, 'Richlands', near Taralga. In Sydney he met and married Alicia Pentlandin 1848 and together they lived at 'Richlands' for 13 years or until 1860 (sic) when he moved in to Goulburn and began his practice as a surveyor and land agent While in Taralga , George Martyr is credited with having 'put into order the huddle of huts and work places' which was Taralga. 'He surveyed the area and set out town building blocks and streets' In 1860 George Martyr became first a surveyor and land agent and later, Goulburn Town Clerk in: 1868 (acting) and again in 1870. He was also, at one time, Reporter on the Goulburn Herald and Editor of the Goulburn Penny Post in 1879.... He was Secretary of the Volunteer Corps and an Alderman of the City for many years. The Goulburn Saleyards were planned by him. In 1857 when Governor Dennison visited Goulburn, there was a Ploughing Match as part of the entertainment, with 20 teams entered. The judges of the contest were George Martyr of 'Richlands' and James Richard Styles of 'Reevesdale', Bungonia Joan (Twynam) told me: I met a man at the Taralga Show (1986) who was investigating the history of the Roman Catholic Church in the Goulburn and surrounding district. He, Mr. Austen Mooney, said that in 1859 there was held a meeting of Regan Catholics to discuss the building of a church in Taralga. The man who acted as Chairman for this meeting was Mr. George Martyr. Manager of Richlands Estate. It was moved at the Meeting, that in appreciation of the way Mr. Martyr chaired the meeting that he be presented with a medal' George Martyr's life was distinguished for his service to Goulburn and District. George's only son Joseph (born at Richlands) also excelled, but in a very different way! ... Josephwas born .. on 5th August 1857 ... apparently ... a most colourful and resourceful bushman (Ref. 'Adelaide Register 6th July 1928). ""

Some Visitors to the Martyrs at Richlands during the 1850's

c. 1850 Rev. James Samuel Hassall visited the Martyrs at Richlands: "I found him and his wife very hospitable people" (Ref. Angela Lind, Killara)

22nd February 1853 The marriage took place at Richlands between William Stewart Caswell and Maria Anne Pentland, sister of George Martyr's wife, Alicia; Caswell Drive in Camberra is named after Charles Henry Caswell, the son of William and Maria Caswell; he was short-listed in the competition for the design of Camberra. (Ref. Angela Lind, Killara)

31st AUGUST

10AM WORKING BEE

2PM MEETING to organise October 200 celebration rosters

<u>Taralga Historical Society Members Duty Roster</u> <u>Please note opening hours (unless otherwise advised) are</u> <u>10am to 2.30pm inclusive</u>



<u>September</u>

Saturday 7th Judith Matthews, Matt & Vicki Chalker, Alan Robertson

Saturday 14th Mick & Annette Chalker, Peter Davies

Saturday 21st Annette Chalker, Judy Chalker, Pat Murray

Saturday 28th Peter & Margaret McAlister, Tim Dowsley

October

Saturday 5th We are looking for volunteers for shifts during the day

Sunday 6th Mick and Annette Chalker - and any volunteers please

Saturday 12th Ken and Joyce Fleming, Laurie Halpin, Brian Moloney

Saturday 19th Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray, Elaine Connor, Tim Dowsley

Saturday 26th Chris Ainsworth, Graham and Sue Lambert, Brian Kelly

November

Saturday 2nd Margaret and Peter McAlister, Brian Moloney

Saturday 9th Ernie Stephenson, Geoff Sieler, Judith Matthews, Laurie Halpin

Saturday 16th Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray, Elaine Connor, Tim Dowsley

Saturday 23rd Judy and Jeff Chalker, Brian Corby

Saturday 30 Glennis and Max Wright, Graham Lambert

December

Saturday 7th Judith Matthews, Matt and Vicki Chalker, Alan Robertson

Saturday 14th Mick and Annette Chalker, Peter Davies, Tim Dowsley

Saturday 21st Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Pat Murray, Elaine Connor, Tim Dowsley,

Saturday 28th Peter and Margaret McAlister, Jim Dean, Robert Rabjohns

Folks if your name hasn't been appearing on the roster or you would like to do more, or less, please let me know. Please feel free to come along at any time. As well as dealing with our visitors, we undertake research, cleaning of the exhibits and maintenance of the grounds and infrastructure - we all have skills to share

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