



Taralga Historical Society Inc

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

Newsletter No 4, 2020

Presidents Report:

As we are all so aware - this year has been an absolute NO GO - very disappointing!!

Hopefully as we slowly get back into some sort of norm, we can pick up where we left off and enjoy all our Society has to offer members and visitors and progress our displays even further.

Because a lot of members cannot attend meetings, their suggestions and ideas are not heard - so please contact us with anything you would like the Society to do,- displays, research open day themes, projects etc. We know a lot of you do come up with some great ideas

Congratulations and thanks to Graham Lambert. His latest Grant application to Pacific Hydro was for dining tables for masonic hall and display boards that are very useful. Application was successful - dining tables have been purchased so far.

THANK YOU :

1. Pacific Hydro, we have had ongoing support from them, which we do so appreciate. Their generosity helps us to progress the Society to greater heights!
2. so much to members who contribute with monetary donations - your generosity is very much appreciated.
3. again to Mat Chalker for maintaining the grounds and Mick and Annette Chalker for the pruning and weeding.

In this, our last Newsletter of the dreaded 2020 year, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a much better 2021 .

Christmas arrangement will be subject to ever changing Health advice.



**We are having an AFTERNOON TEA Christmas get together
on Saturday 5th December, 2pm at Masonic Hall.**

Everyone welcome - please bring a plate.

Maureen Long

MOORE'S AUSTRALIAN ALMANAC - 1927

TARALGA

Wollondilly Electorate. Police District - Goulburn

This township, the centre of a rich dairying, pastoral and agricultural district is situated 28 miles north of Goulburn, and 162 miles from Sydney.

Population: town 670, district 2,700

Daily train services connecting with Goulburn-Crookwell line at Roslyn. Motor

passenger service daily to Goulburn, leaving Taralga 10am, arriving Goulburn 11.30am. Return to Taralga 4pm, arrive 5.30pm. Fare 10/-.

The famed Wombeyan Caves are distant 21 miles by splendid road, and afford a great attraction for tourists, especially during the summer months. The Caves, which are unrivalled for their beauty, magnificence, and delicacy of their wonderful formations, contain treasure houses which no dream of Eastern Art can equal. They are situated among romantic surroundings, and the roads to them are remarkable for the grandeur of the scenery through which they pass. These Caves may also be reached road from Bowral, but tourists generally prefer to make the trip via Goulburn and Taralga. Special trips from Goulburn to Caves may be arranged at any time

Magistrates: G.R. Williams, P.M., Goulburn attends;

J. J. Walsh, Ch. S. Bradbury, H.B. Whiting, G. Cameron, H. Twynam, G.E. Connor, D. Mullaney, E. Hughes, G.C. Goodhew

Court of Petty Sessions held Tuesday (P.M. from Goulburn visiting) after fourth Monday in month.

Acting C.P.S., Ward Clerk, Reg. S. D. Court, Elec & Mining, C.L. Baliff:

Sergrt: Brodie **Coroner:** E. Lee

Inspector Early Closing, Licensing (sub) Shearers Accom, and Slaughter H; Sergrt .
A. Riordan **Guardian of Minors** _____ **Com. for affid:** _____

Banks: Government Savings of NSW - Chas S Bradbury - Agent

(Bank of) N.S.W. H. L Allnut Mgr; **Commonwealth** - at Post Office

Post & Teleg. Master M.T. Stewart; Postal Assistant: H. Merrifield, Two

PROFESSIONAL: - **Medical:** Dr E. Lyons **Licensed Surveyor:** V. R. Alldis, J.E. Fitzgerald, **Dentist:** E. Hamilton

SCHOOLS - Public: C. R Nissen, Headmaster, Mrs Jupp Assistant

Convent: Sisters of St. Joseph

SOCIETIES, CLUBS, Etc, - Taralga A. P & H. Assn.: S C Goodhew Sec.

School of Arts: E. Capon, Sec. **Progress Assn,** : _____ Sec.

Railway League: _____Sec **Rifle Club:** S. Goodhew Sec.

M. U.I.O.O.F.,Lodge: W.M. Fitzgibbon Sec. **H.A.C.B Society:** G.Gordon Sec

Taralga and District Band: J. Dale, Bandmaster

HOTELS - L.C. Knelle's RICHLANDS, McDonnells ARGYLE,

R. A. Gordon's CHATSBURY HOTEL

COMMERCIAL. - Auctioneers: Chas. S. Bradbury, W.M. Fitzgibbon, W. Bradbury,

J.S. Corby, V. Chalker

Boarding Houses: Mrs Thorburn, Miss Baker, Mrs Thorley

Butchers: T. Wakefielf, J. Baxter, A. Conley **Baker:** J. Chesher

Blacksmiths: Kelly & Fitzgibbon, Fitzgibbon Bros., Lawson & Klein

Bootmaker: H.P. Bullman **Dressmaker:** Mrs North

Fruiterers: Comino Bros, C. S. Alders

Hairdressers and Tobacconists: W. Pollock, C. V. Dawson

Motor Service: R. Croke, W. Kaufline, S. Thorburn

Motor Lorry Carriers: W. Webb & Son , Country Carrying Co

Motor Garage: S. Thorburn,

Produce Stores: E.S Alders, J. Maloney, W. Webb

Restaurants: Comino Bros, C.S. Alders **Saddler:** W. White

Stores: Goodhew Bros, Walsh & Webb, M.A. Hughes, M.S. Viles

H. Whiting, J.H. Dale,

Tea Rooms: Mrs Thorley, Mrs Baker

Wheelwrights: J. & P.J. Fitzgibbon, Kelly & Fitzgibbon, Lawson & Klein

Undertaker: P.J. Fitzgibbon

Music Teachers: Convent School, M. Finlayson

Tailor: C. D. Stephenson

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A regular Taralga Band who played at many Balls and functions

Back: Nelson Summerfield and??Williams

Front: Hilary Connor, Warwick Lang, Laurie Mathews, Kevin Corby

CAN SOMEONE IDENTIFY THE MISSING NAME

Vale



Debra (Collis) Boardman

23.9.2020 aged 63 years

Wife of John (dec)

Mother of: Sarah, Rebecca,
James, George, Christopher

Grandmother of Annie

Sister in law of Dot



Doreen Duesbury

21.10.2020 aged 84 years

Wife of George (dec)

Mother of :
Narelle, Ruth and Peter

Formerly of Tarlo



Beth (McKenzie) McPaul

3.11.2020 aged 82 years

Wife of Ted (dec)

Mother and Grandmother

Members of the Stonequarry 355 Committee

are thrilled to announce that we too have secured a Grant from Pacific Hydro to complete gravel works at the Cemetery. Works have commenced.

This Committee is a 355 attached to ULSC, headed by Laurie Chalker. A few members belong to this Committee and the Historical Society, but it is a separate entity.

Columbarium wall is in place - 36 Niches on either side for a total of 72



From last Newsletter

No one can yet identify the lady in the photo with Sylvia Holt, Francie Craig and Clarice Foster from last newsletter..... but we are still trying!!

BUT



The Model "A" Ford shown above belonged to Mr Charles Keith,
Grandfather of Max



Charles and Barbara Keith pictured about 1947. Charles died in 1949

Goulburn Herald and Chronicle, Saturday 23 February 1867

TARALGA

CAPTURE OF A BUSHRANGER AND WOUNDING OF ANOTHER

Yesterday morning about nine o'clock our quiet little township was aroused from its usual equanimity into great excitement by a report reaching us that a party of bushrangers had stuck-up Mr McAlister's public-house at Strathaird, five miles from here, on the Goulburn road. Subsequently, however, it came out that they had only called there for breakfast.

The party turned out to be the celebrated Larry Cummings, a lad named William Johnson, and another called by his co-partners in trade "Jim". In less than five minutes after the report reached the police-station the two worthy policemen - Wiles and Chalker - were galloping out of town towards the scene of action, and on arriving at Strathaird, were informed that the objects of their pursuit had gone on the road towards Goulburn.

Nothing daunted, they with all speed pursued the chase, and shortly after passing Chatsbury gate, about ten miles from here, they came in sight of the above-named party. Fortunately, at that place there is a small piece of bush between the road and the fence, under cover of which one of the police rose unperceived by the "game". the other keeping pace with him on the opposite side of the road, until they closed upon the astonished bushrangers. The police covering them with their revolvers, demanded them to surrender - a compliment which was warmly acknowledged by a volley of revolver-bullets two of which passed very near Chalker's head. This commencement of hostilities was instantly responded to by the police who cheered each other on to the conflict - pushing into closed contact every shot they fired - when a shot was soon to take effect in Jim's side, who cried out "I'm shot," and so discomfited the other two bushrangers that they took to flight, hotly pursued by their valiant foes in different directions, Chalker after Johnson and Wiles after Cummings. Chalker knowing his horse was nearly winded by his previous gallop, deemed it proper not to trust to a chase, and therefore aimed a shot at the bushranger's horse, which entered his shoulder and down he went, toppling his rider over his head. By this time Chalker could pull up his own horse Johnson was making his escape through the fence. Chalker's horse would not take the fence, so he instantly dismounted and gave chase on foot. Johnson, finding Chalker was gaining ground on him, yielded to Chalker's call to surrender, and in token thereof threw up his arms and sued for mercy, Chalker taking him into custody.

In the meantime Wiles observing Chalker's horse cantering off, very naturally thought Chalker had been knocked off, and concern for his mate took off his attention for a few moments from the other two; and Cummings and the other, who it appears was not so badly wounded as was at first believed, made their escape. The bush being very thick in that neighbourhood, an escape out of sight is easily effected. They now took their captured one back to the lock-up, and shortly after made a fresh start back to the place to scour the bush in the direction the bushrangers took, and spent the remaining part of the day and all night without having the pleasure of another passage of arms in a more equal contest of two to two instead of two to three.

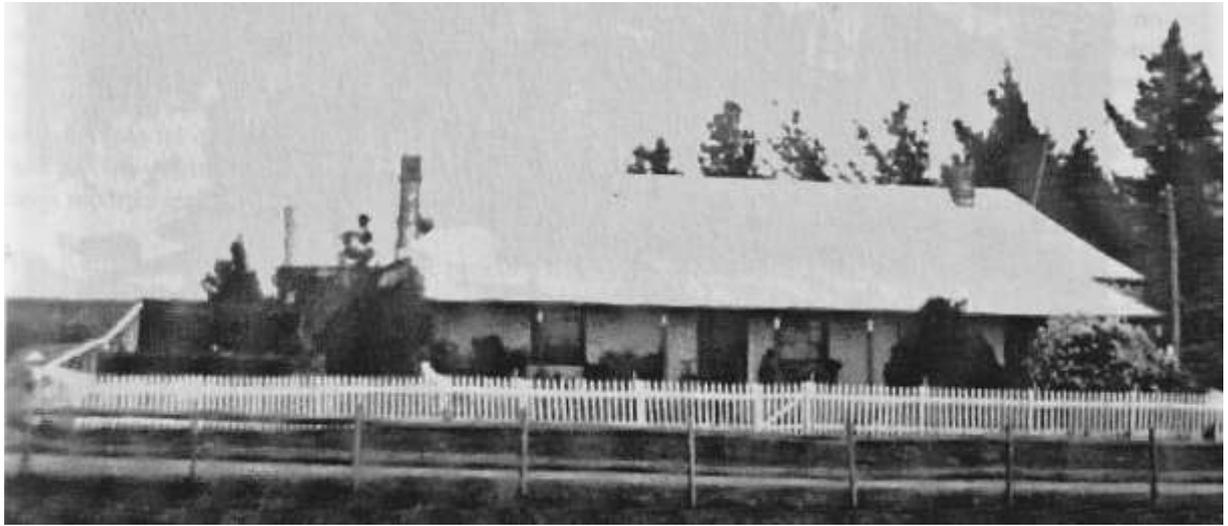
We are happy to say that these two valiant policemen received not the slightest injury in their daring attack on the three scoundrels who were all armed to the teeth. They have taken from the one captured a splendid double-barrelled gun, a large horse pistol and a small revolver. Great praise is due to the police for their prompt and noble conduct in this transaction. Whatever may be said against the police or the operation of the present police regulations in other places, (which we are not in a position to defend), we must say to their credit here that whatever system of police regulations men could be governed by, nothing could exceed the promptitude and bravery of Wiles and Chalker on this occasion, and we most heartily regret that more success did not attend the enterprise their courage and toil so justly merited.

It is right to mention that Sergeant Simpson has not been removed from this station yet, though we believe he is not doing duty; nevertheless had there been another horse at command he would have accompanied the other two. Had he been enabled to do so, our opinion is that the whole of the bushrangers would have been taken, dead or alive.

Sergeant Simpson's past success in similiar cases justifies the opinion we have expressed. He succeeded in borrowing a horse after the others had gone; but he could not get near the battle-field before all was over.

This is the first time a gang of bushrangers has put in an appearance so near our township. We hope the reception they met with will induce them to keep their distance in the future.

The horse that was shot under Johnson is identified as a race-horse belonging to Mr. O'Brien of Laggan.



The Strathaird Arms Inn

as it was in the 1920's and even later in 40's and early 50's

when the Miskelly family lived there

Licensees of Strathaird Arms Inn were - **1864 Charles McAlister -**

1876 Alexander McGilvary - 1882 Catherine McGilvary - 1885 John
Patrick Stephenson - 1886 James Bates - 1888 Edward Confoy - 1888 to
1894 William Price

Goulburn Evening Penny Post 14 March, 1893

TARALGA

ILLNESS OF MR JOHN CHALKER

This gentleman, who was a member of the police force for nearly 20 years, and who in the early bushranging days did yeoman service to the country is, I regret to say, seriously ill, and but slight hopes are entertained of his ultimately pulling through. Mr Chalker is suffering from inflammation of the lungs the many hardships he had to contend with in the early days coming against him now. Considering the invaluable service Chalker has rendered to this country it does not say much for it's gratitude that though being a few months short of 20 years' service no pension was granted to him.

Another story on the Strathaird Arms

The Ghost Guide to Australia

MYRTLEVILLE

There's an old story dating back more than a century and a half, set in part at the humble inn that stood by Myrtle Creek near Myrtleville, south of Taralga. A wealthy grazier named Brown with properties at Camden and along the Murray was staying there alone one night. In the morning just after sunrise, Brown roused the landlord demanding to know where his wife was.

"Your wife, Sir? How should I know?" the sleepy innkeeper asked. "Would she not be at home?"

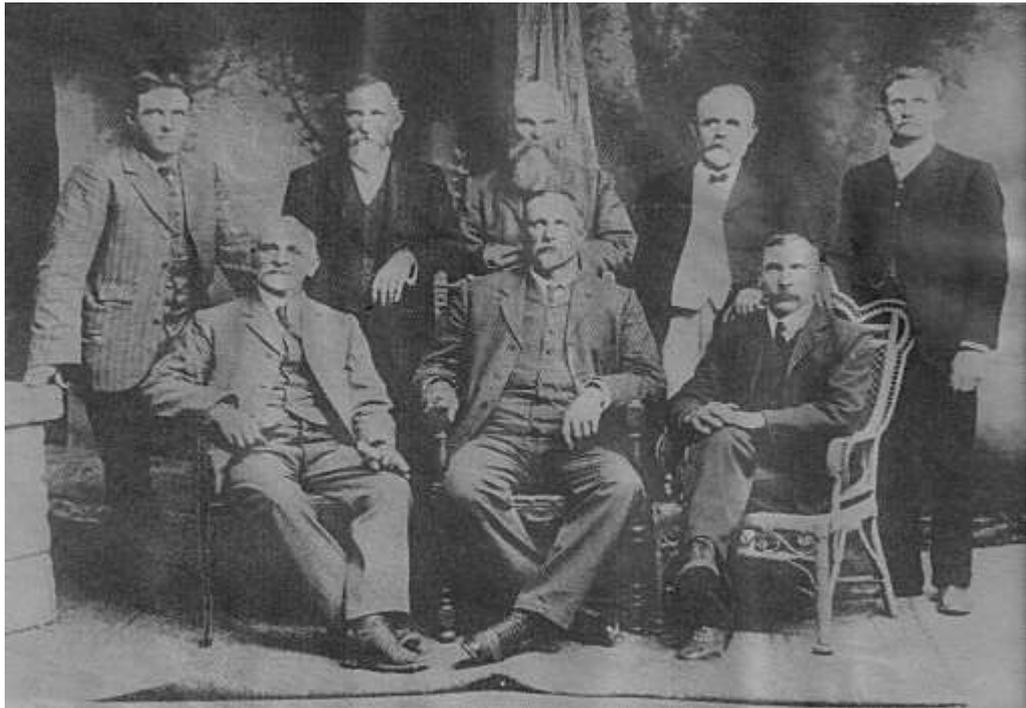
'No, she would not,' growled the grazier. 'She was in my room a few minutes ago, standing at the foot of my bed, and now she's gone.'

'Impossible, Sir,' said the innkeeper. 'The doors are all locked and there's only you and me here.'

It suddenly dawned on Brown that it must have been his wife's spirit he had seen. He threw his belongings together, paid his bill and galloped off in the direction of Camden. It took him until sunset, and two changes of mount, to reach home. As he rode up to the homestead a neighbour came out to meet him with the news that Mrs Brown was dead.

The story goes that Brown was kind to the convicts assigned to him but his wife was not. That morning she had found a convict slacking and threatened him with fifty lashes. The poor man had barely recovered from the last flogging she had ordered for him. In despair he screamed at Mrs Brown: 'I may get another "fifty" but you'll not live to see it!' With that he raised the axe he was using, swung it and struck her forehead, killing her instantly. All this had happened just after sunrise that morning.

The story of Mrs Brown's ghost appearing at the inn spread like wildfire. The innkeeper told travellers, employees at each of Brown's properties passed it on and in no time it was a favoured topic around camp fires across New South Wales, usually with a moral tag about 'doing unto others...' or 'cruelty begetting cruelty'. Coincidentally, long before Mrs Brown's ghost made lots solitary appearance there, the Aboriginal name for the area around Myrtleville was Mucki Winormbin, meaning 'place of a ghost'.



First Mulwaree Shire Council 1906

Elected Councillors Left to right:

Back Row: Leonard Collins Whiting, James John Walsh, - these are known

Other names listed:

John Cole, Patrick Ferdinand O'Brien, Joseph Roberts and Charles Reeves Styles,

And perhaps: A.W. Bullen and J. Knowlman - unable to be put names with faces.



Leonard Collins Whiting

1881 - 1941

is the son of

William Henry Whiting

and

Catherine (Collins) Whiting

Leonard Collins Whiting

married Emily Alberta Whipp

7th April, 1909

at St. Matthews Bannaby

Emily Whipp

1890 - 1963

is the daughter of

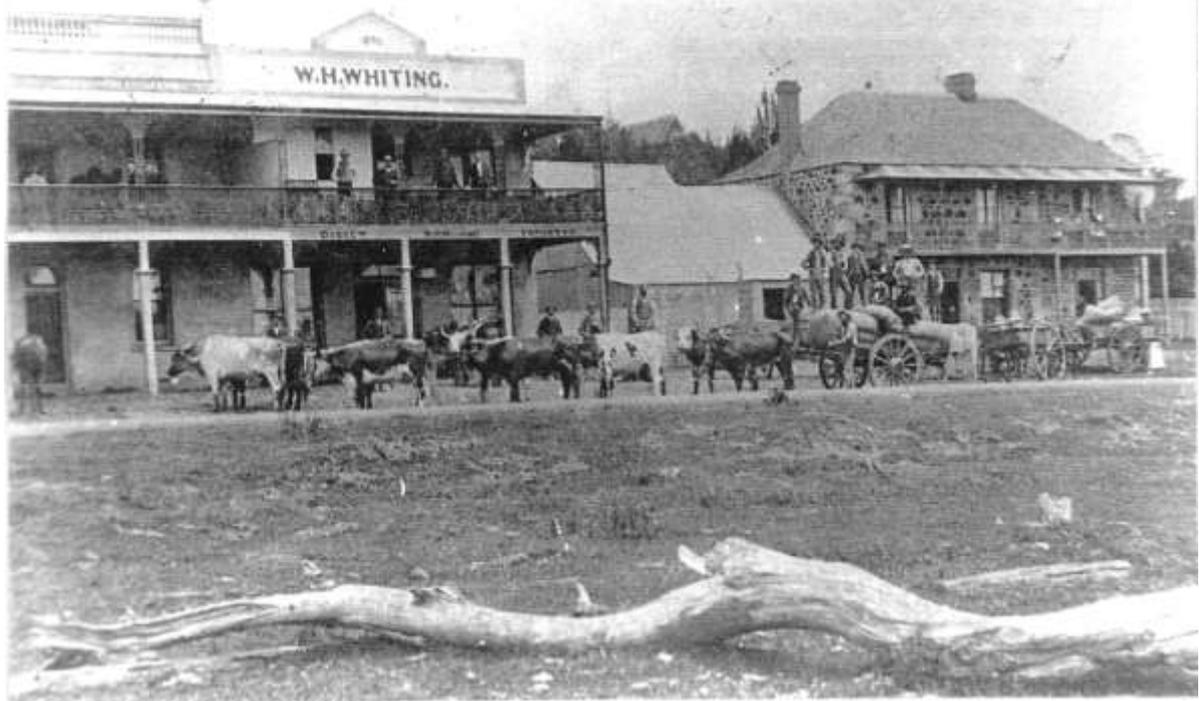
Alfred Whipp

and

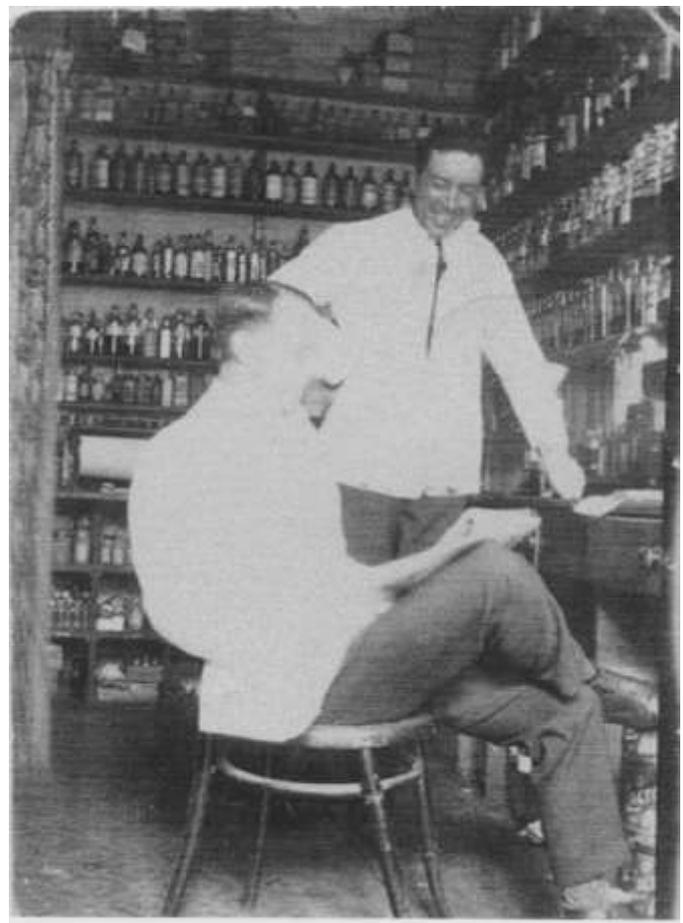
Ellen (Connor) Whipp

Their children:

- 1. Jean m Edward Thomas***
- 2. Leonard m Cora Florence***



Whitings Store 1890



In the Store

Standing: Roy Selby Whiting
son of W.H. Whiting

Goulburn Herald, Saturday 19 April 1884

GRANT OF LAND TO THE

TARALGA AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Lieutenant Colonel Holborow has received from the department of lands the subjoined communication approving of the dedication of a portion of land as a site for a showground at Taralga:-

Sydney 17th April 1884

Sir - In reference to your letter of 29th October last, requesting that ten acres of the Macarthur Estate at Taralga be resumed and granted to the Taralga Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Association as a site for a showground, I am directed to inform you that as it has been associated that the land situated between

J. Macarthur's 2500 acres and L. McAister's 800 acres in the parish of Guinecor, county of Argyle, is the property of the crown, the secretary for lands has approved of a portion thereof, containing 10 acres, being dedicated for the use of the association referred to, after measurement.

CHARLES OLIVER, UNDER SECRETARY

1. The original showground : turning into the Rubbish Tip Road directly left, paddock fronting Goulburn Road

2. Later a temporary showground was situated on "The Meadows" - the Mooney property on Bannaby Road

3. Showground then changed to existing grounds in 1914.

The annual gathering of the Taralga AP&H Association was held on Thursday and on Friday April 2 and 3 under ideal weather conditions and in the presence of a record attendance. A feature of this year's gathering was the new showground, which is within east distance of the town and very picturesquely situated.



Taralga Show 1916

MEMBERS MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER 10AM - 2PM

December

- Saturday 5** Tim Dowsley, Peter Davies, Chris Ainsworth, Judith Matthews
Saturday 12 Mick & Annette Chalker, Bob Blay, Matt Chalker
Saturday 19 Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Elaine Connor, Pat Murray
Saturday 26 BOXING DAY - MUSEUM CLOSED

January

- Saturday 2** Jeff & Judy Chalker, Bob Blay, Brian Corby
Saturday 9 Mary Chalker, Helena Hopkins, Margaret McIntosh, Graham Lambert
Saturday 16 Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Elaine Connor, Pat Murray
Saturday 23 Ernie Stephenson, Geoff Sieler, Chris Ainsworth, Danielle Thomson
Saturday 30 Matt Chalker, Tim Dowsley, Mick & Annette Chalker

February

- Saturday 6** Margaret and Peter McAlister, Graham & Sue Lambert
Saturday 13 Robert Rabjohns, Mary Chalker, Bob Blay, Andrew Moore
Saturday 20 Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Elaine Connor, Pat Murray
Saturday 27 Alan Robertson, Judith Matthews, Chris Ainsworth, Brian Moloney

March

- Saturday 6** Mick & Annette Chalker, Peter Davies, Jim Dean
Saturday 13 Jeff & Judy Chalker, Graham & Sue Lambert
Saturday 20 Maureen Long, Joan Scott, Elaine Connor, Pat Murray
Saturday 27 Glennis & Max Wright, Bob Blay, Brian Moloney, Tim Dowsley

Please - if you have any problem with the Roster please contact me

Editor:Maureen Long



EVERYBODY WELCOME TO

a small Christmas 'get together'

AFTERNOON TEA

PLEASE EVERYONE BRING A PLATE

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

2PM MASONIC HALL