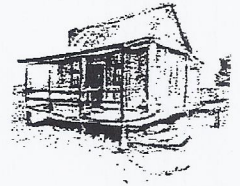




**Taralga Historical Society Inc**  
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***Aim: To preserve history of Taralga & District for future generations***

**Newsletter No 1, 2016**

**\*\*MEMBERSHIPS DUE:\*\***

**Working members \$10, members who just want to receive newsletter \$15  
new members \$20 joining fee plus membership \$10**

**Presidents Report :**

Well another year has come and gone. The organisation throughout the year has again progressed thanks to the efforts of many.

The Society depends on grant funding, membership, sales e.g., books, entry fees, catering, coach groups and functions to help develop and maintain our valuable resource.

During the year we were successful in completing the ablutions facility to a good standard.

Replaced a leadlight window in the church and repaired another.

The June long weekend saw the closing of the community time capsule followed by afternoon tea and guest speaker Terry Ross who spoke on her experiences as a nurse in Vietnam.

For the October long weekend Mac Patterson was our guest speaker, Mac spoke on his centenary Gallipoli experience.

In November a group of us journeyed to the National War Memorial in Canberra.

The Society was awarded the Taralga event of the year award (this award was for honouring the women and men who served in WW1), the award was presented by Australia Day ambassador Graham Ross on Australia Day.

New items and exhibits are continually arriving and are most appreciated. To house, better display, preserve and protect many of our special exhibits, additional glass cabinets have been procured.

Thank you to all who throughout the year contributed to the ongoing administration, development, running and maintenance of this very special resource.

Michael President  
President

**OUR PRESIDENT**



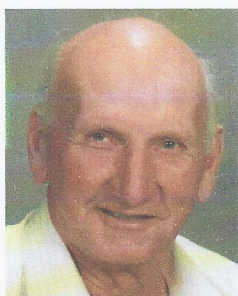
Mayor John Shaw looks on as Graham Ross congratulates Michael Chalker on being chosen Upper Lachlan Shire Citizen of the Year.

**(For those who don't know Cheryl is married to Michael's brother Colin)**



Taralga's Australia Day Ambassador Graham Ross presents Cheryl Chalker with her Taralga Citizen of the Year Award.

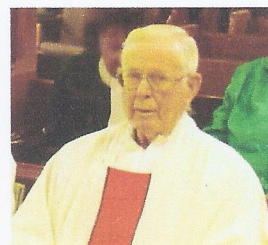
## Vale



Wyn Swan  
11.12.1926 - 15.11.2015  
husband of Daphne



Tahlia Peden  
12.6.1998 - 28.11.2015  
daughter of Tim & Tanya



Fr Frank Keough  
11.12.2015 aged 95  
brother of Bernie Pat Mary



Ken Mooney  
8.12.2015 aged 80 years  
husband of Shirley  
(with his mother  
Amy Hannaford)



Myra Gillespie  
19.10.1927 - 18.12.2015  
daughter of  
Bertie & Lillian Chalker  
wife of Graham  
Sister of  
Norman, Nick, Laurence



Patricia Johns  
12.11.1938 - 20.12.2015  
wife of Len



Les Baxter  
2.10.1945 - 14.1.2016  
son of Donald Baxter  
husband of Elizabeth

Edward (Ted) Cronin Tamsett  
28.10.1923 - 1.12.2015  
Husband of June  
Member of T.H.S.



Margaret O'Connor  
6.2.2016 aged 75  
wife of Leo  
daughter of  
Lindsay and Mary Kelly

Ted Tamsett's maternal family were Cronins - he spent a lot of his young days at "Tallygang".

## FEDERAL HALL



Many people give photos, books and other items of historical information to the Society - these are very much appreciated, and most are placed on display or in the family history folders.

Recently Laurence Chalker gave many photos and information to the T.H.S., these items belonged to his late sister Myra Gillespie.

This photos was among the items - taken in 1918. The Federal Hall was burnt down in 1947.

Note the houses in Orchard Street - house next to the hall, then house now owned and restored by Melinda Corby - further on the home where Popeye Speers, a Blacksmith lived, then Andy Cunningham.

Ernie Stephenson is another member who has just donated his historic documents comprising invoices, receipts, travelling stock permits and much more. Thank you Ernie you do so much for the preservation of our history.

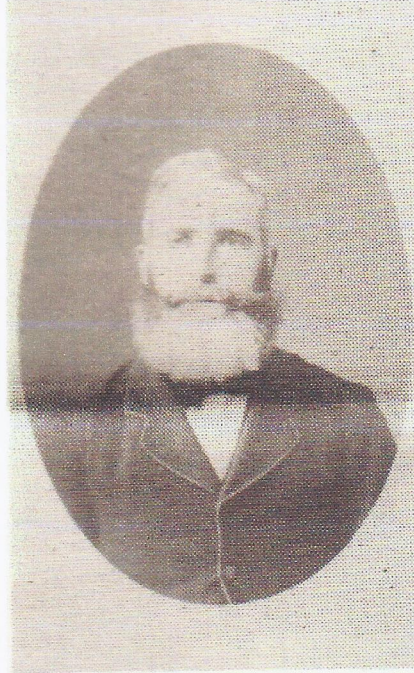
## TARALGA SHOW

*From Town and Country Magazine February 3, 1986*

### **FIRST SHOW IN 1880**

From small beginnings, the Taralga Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Association has grown into a successful organisation which will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> show on February 15 and 16.

Formed in 1879, the committee was led by the late Mr. Lachlan Ross senior.



*The Society's first president Mr  
Lachlan Ross Snr.*

Although the first show was held on April 14, 1880, several annual displays were cancelled during the intervening war years and rural recession.

The site of the first showground was then known as the "Racecourse Paddock".

In that year, more than 270 entries were received and about 500 people reported to have attended.

After the show, the association moved its ground to the area known as "The Tip" and from there to its present location, east of the main street in Taralga.

Much of the hand crafted timber used in the pavilion construction and other buildings was manufactured at Bannaby by the late Mr Arthur Whipp and transported and re-erected on each of the former showground sites.

### **PRIZEMONEY 'PAID OVER' PUB DRINKS**

Payment of prize money at the first Taralga Show of April 17, 1880 was extremely high if not unusual compared to modern trends.

Even taking into account the rate of inflation which continued to rise over the following 100 years, the winnings of a pound (\$2) for first and 10 shillings (\$1) for second place seems exceptional.

After the show, prize money was distributed by the then president Mr Lachlan Ross senior assisted by secretary Mr J.W. Voller at a meeting over drinks at Cliftons Hotel. (This is the building in Macarthur Street which John and Colleen Pymble have beautifully restored)

However, a number of prize winners returned their money for the future benefit of the society.

Apart from these donations and less expenses, the treasurer had about 50 pounds (\$100) in hand. This profit classed the first show a financial success

Held in a paddock loaned for the occasion by Mr John Mooney of "The Meadows", the temporary showground comprised cattle pens and sheep sheds and areas for farm produce.

Mr Tynan of **Richlands Hotel** operated a booth and lunches were also provided.

The horse stock was classed as remarkably good and in many instances gave the judges difficulty in deciding a winner. After deliberation, Mr P. Mooney's "Ace of Trumps" won first place followed by Mr J. Miller's "Uranus". Mr George Winterman won the section for the best blood stallion two years and under with a colt by "Traveller" out of "Miss Clifton". The class for blood mares, three years and over, was also keenly contested and from the seven entries Mr A. Duncan's aged mare won first place while Mr S. Ross' two year old by "Arterxes" won its section.

In the cattle section, Mr J. Miller and Mr J. Barry showed three animals which could not be surpassed for quality. Mr Miller's bullock won first place and was a large framed aged beast rolling in fat.

The number of sheep exhibits was poor, but Mr A.S. Burcher entered two cross-bred rams which won prizes. There were some excellent entries in the fat sheep of which Mr Miller's six were considered the best.

The show of pigs was very small and only one prize was awarded which went to Mr H. Blay for the best sow.

The entries in the dairy and farm produce were not good but it was said that all exhibits were good examples of their respective kinds. The same was reported for the fruits and flowers.

Specimens of drawing and needlework by children at the public school was a highlight of the pavilion exhibits and the judge of the day paid tribute to the skills and work done by the students.

Being the first show, arrangements were not as complete as they should have been because wet weather the previous day caused delays.

A reported for the Goulburn Evening Post, Mr Martin described the road from

Goulburn to Taralga as being in 'a frightful state and almost impassable in places'. "It is a wonder how the mailman keeps up his time in the wet weather, he must have first-class horses and plenty of them".

"The township is increasing and should develop into a thriving locality. If the surrounding land for some miles were cut into various sized farms and sold, the township would go ahead," Mr Martin reported.

President, Mr Lachlan Ross, said that the day had been a success in more ways than one. "There was no quarrelling, accident or unpleasantness which could have marred the show day and the experience gained at organizing this show would be an advantage for future shows", he said.

Mr C.D. Hay, representing the Crookwell Show Society congratulated the local committee on the show's success and said this augered well for the future of the association.

In returning his thanks, secretary Mr Voller said the society was one of his "children" and although local opposition to the association's formation had been strong, the 50 pounds in hand should quell any objections.

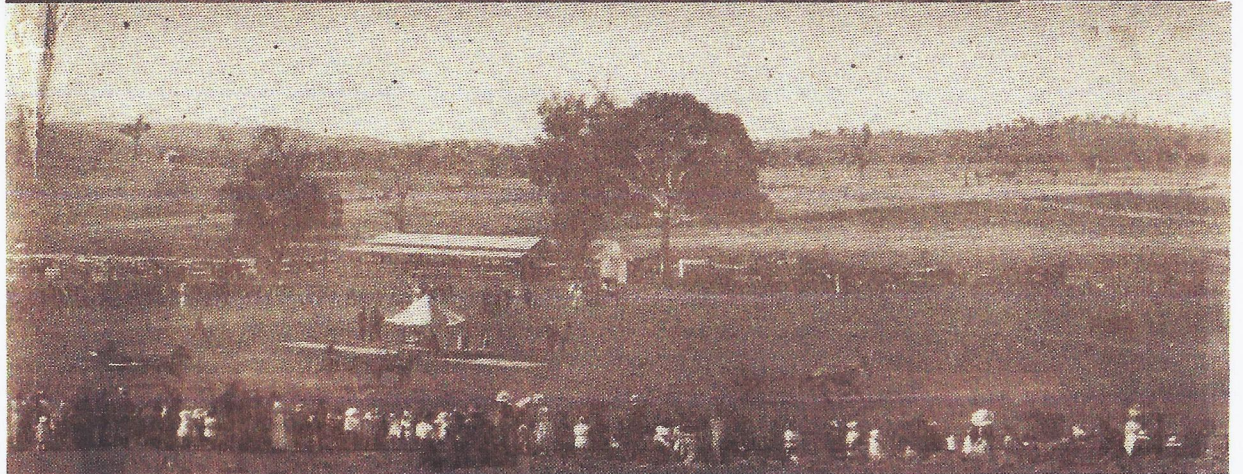
Toasts were proposed to the committee, exhibitors, judges, visitors and members of the press accompanied at intervals by Mr Richard's Concordia Band.

Representatives from the press included Mr Robertson (Goulburn Herald), Mr Kenane (Southern Argus) and Mr Martin (Goulburn Evening Penny Post).

Mr Martin had not visited Taralga for about seven years and spoke of the progress the township had made. "To see good buildings with places of business thriving where single wooden huts once stood is most gratifying", he said.



*The silver medallion awarded at the Taralga Show of March 1885 to Mr W. Thompson for a brown gelding by Ourrang Morh. The medal was given to Mr Don McKenzie by Keith Peden in 1984 after it had been previously held by Mr Peden's mother.*



Taralga Show 1916



Among the most staunch supporters of the Taralga Show were the late Bill Emery and property manager the late Bill Sahaiewski of 'Glen William' Taralga.



## PROPERTY'S PAST RECALLED

Article featured in the Goulburn Post - circa 1980's?



Mr Bill Price



Mr Charlie Bradbury of "Grathawai" (left) reminisces with Mr Bob Bensley of "Girrahween" Dalton after Mr Price's Address.

Mr Bill Price, well known local identity of "The Glen", Richlands was guest speaker at the Taralga Historical Society's weekend display.

Mr Price's talk coincided with the society's exhibition featuring Richlands.

Born in 1894 at his father's property, Mr Price recalled his early life and said his parents first settled at "The Glen" in 1893.

With the exception of some years spent at Yalbraith following his marriage, Mr Price has lived at "The Glen" all his life.

He spoke of the problems which faced the early sheep graziers, "Macarthur-Onslow ran sheep but he was not successful and all the sheep died". he recalled.

Due to the early stock disease there were no sheep in the district in the 1900's and most graziers ran dairy cattle and farmed crops.

"In the first few years, the milk from "The Glen" was sold to the Yalbraith Butter Factory and although the building closed during the early 1900's, the ruins are still in existence", Mr Price said.

"A box of Yalbraith butter was entered for competition in the Sydney show but failed to gain a prize and it later sold for 4d (4c) per lb".

While under Harry Gordon's management, milk at the Richlands Butter Factory retailed at 3d. per gallon. With the opening of the Taralga Dairy Farmers Co-operative the factory fell into disuse and was eventually destroyed by fire in 1948.

Mr Price spoke of the Church at Curraweela being built about 1900 for the princely sum of 150 pounds (\$300). Both the Bradbury brothers and his father donated 50 pounds (\$100) each, and the furnishings were purchased from proceeds raised at stalls while the pews were made at Bannaby.

The church finally closed in 1954 and the property later sold.

"The church organ, once purchased for 12 pounds (\$24) is now used for Sunday School Services held in Miss Joan Twynam's home", the guest speaker pointed out.

Mail was received three days per week and the contract price of the run was 65 pounds (\$130) per year.

"It cost 2 pounds and 5 shillings (\$5) per week for horse feed and keep", Mr Price said.

There were two policemen in Taralga in the early days, four hotels, a chemist store and dispensary and also a dentist-cum-vet.

Mr Price spoke of the early droughts adding that the current dry spell was the worst he could remember.

Sheep were firmly established in later years and wool sold at 6d per lb. Harvesting was done by a double furrow plough and crops mainly consisted of oats and potatoes.

When Richlands Estate was divided for closer settlement the sale price was 3 pounds (\$6) per acre with 30 years to pay Mr Price said.

Fencing wire retailed at 34 pounds (\$68) for 5 ton in 1913.

The rail link opened in 1925 and Taralga was serviced once a day but lack of patronage due to road haulage, forced its closure in 1954.

Sports was a major source of entertainment in the early Richlands days and Mr Price spoke of the successful matches that starred school teacher, Andy Decius. "Any was a great sportsman, and was selected to play cricket against New Zealand", Mr Price recalled.

Taralga Historical Society's display featuring Richlands during the long weekend attracted a steady stream of visitors.

Among the exhibits were family photographs of well known identities, documents concerning the closer settlement of the Richlands Estate and historic relics of the

district's pioneer past

A tour of Miss Joan Twynam's home at Richlands was also included for the visitor.

Of particular interest were the names connected with the closer settlement of Richlands. Many of those descendants are still living in the area.

They include Twynam, Phipps, Wright, Keith, Bensley, Marmont, McPaul, Marshall, White, Croke, Cusack, Connor, Gardiner, Miskelly, Gordon, Fitzgibbon, Walsh, Emery, Gibson, McAlister, McKenzie, Howard, Fisher, Smith, Elliott, Shipp, Walker, Burge, Corby, Webb and Moloney.

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Pat Blay has pointed out to us that the fence in front of our complex was built in 2002 - how time flies!

### **Entry from THS Newsletter No 3, 2002**

#### Front Fence

Work on the new front fence has commenced, and this has involved many people. (1) Thank you to Geoff Sieler and Russell Chalker for removing the old fence, (2) to Ken and Simon Williamson, John Boardman, Russell Derwent, Bob Blay and Russell Chalker for clearing the area and laying the footings for the new fence, and for the use of their machinery (3) to Jim Beasley and Highlands Austral Bricks for supplying the bricks at a substantial discount, (4) to McIntyre Transport for delivering the bricks also at a discount price (5) to Goulburn Sand and Soil who donated the brickies sand (6) to Bill Hedley for donating the 1920's wrought iron gates, and to Rob Temple from R & B Abrasive Blasting who sandblasted and spray painted them at a discount (7) to Cosgrove and Baxter and their team of bricklayers who completed the work in a day at a very reasonable rate, Capping the bricks and posts is next on the programme and we hope this will be done shortly.

The fence now supports family plaques setting out the history of the early pioneering families of Taralga

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#### The AGM of the Historical Society was held Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The Executives remain the same as last year:

President	Michael Chalker	Vice Presidents	Ken Fleming & Bob Blay
Secretary	Graham Lambert	Treasurer	Glennis Wright
Archives	Mary Chalker & Graham Lambert with help from Pat Newman		
Committee	Executive and members as required		
Garden	Rose Garden: Pat Blay Annette Chalker		
Hon. Auditor	Judith Matthews		
Publicity	Mary Mooney		
Newsletter	Maureen Long		
Catering	Pat Blay, Pat Murray, Margaret McAlister, Annette Chalker Judy Chalker		
Public Officer	Bob Blay		

**NEXT YEAR - 2017 - SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL RISE TO \$20 PER MEMBER**

Costs are rising, postage stamps now \$1, Insurance, Electricity, etc are very costly, so we need to increase our income.

A lot of people pay early before our AGM when subscription prices are set - so if you could mark this down on your calendar we would be grateful.

Coming Soon

## Programme

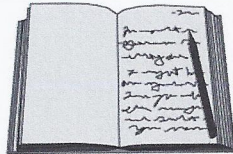
We have some buses booked in this year, but as yet not confirmed

### May or June

We will be discussing a proposed trip to the Forbes District for perhaps two nights stay over at our next meeting.

**Next Meeting - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2pm at the Masonic Hall**

**IF YOUR NAME ISN'T APPEARING ON THE MUSEUM ROSTER AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE, PLEASE CONTACT US ASAP**



## Museum Duty

- March 6** Mary Chalker, Margaret McAlister, Margaret Lang,  
**March 13** Mick Chalker, Ian Ross, Robert Rabjohns, Peter Davies  
**March 20** Joan Scott, Esma Faucett, Maureen Long  
**March 27** **EASTER**
- April 3** Mick & Annette Chalker, Pat Newman  
**April 10** Ken & Joyce Fleming, Pat & Adrian Davidson  
**April 17** Joan Scott, Esma Faucett, Maureen Long  
**April 24** Graham Lambert, Max & Sandra Keith, Andrew Moore
- May 1** Pat & Bob Blay, Carmel Offley, Pat Murray  
**May 8** Max & Glennis Wright, Jason Voorwinden, Jim Dean  
**May 15** Joan Scott, Esma Faucett, Maureen Long  
**May 22** Mick & Annette Chalker, Jeff & Judy Chalker  
**May 29** Graham & Sue Lambert, Kath & Ian Hartley
- June 5** Ken & Joyce Fleming, Marcus Hartstein & Nicola Young

*Editor: Maureen Long*