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**(This covers
the period
from 1st July
to 30th June
the following
year)**



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Trove's government funding sits within the funding for the NLA in the Arts portfolio. The Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, has indicated that funding will be considered as part of budget deliberations. The Government is currently working on the Federal Budget which is due to be handed down in May 2023.

Letters or emails in support of Trove can be sent to :
Tony Burke, MP, Federal Arts Minister
tony.burke.mp@aph.gov.au

You can also sign an e-petition to save Trove on the Parliament of Australia's website. The direct link to the petition is :

<https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN4747>

More information can be found at :

<https://www.alia.org.au/Web/News/Articles/2023/1-January-2023/Speak up for Trove.aspx>

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RESEARCH ROOM

The Forbes Family History Group research room is situated in Harold Street, at the back of the Forbes Shire Library. It is open each Wednesday, from 10am to 12 noon and also each Saturday from 11am to 3pm.

Research Fees are as follows: -

- 1) Free to members attending in person, except photocopying.
- 2) Written enquiries: \$20.00 payable upon enquiry—photocopying, postage and handling additional.
- 3) Non-Members: \$10.00 per day for the use of the facility, plus photocopying.

MEETINGS

- 1) Meetings are held in the Group's rooms, at 3pm on the third Saturday of the month.
- 2) The Annual General Meeting of the Forbes Family History Group Inc. is held at 3pm on the third Saturday in September each year.

The Secretary
 Forbes Family History Group Inc.
 PO Box 574
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Welcome to our first Journal for 2023.

We would like to thank the members who have contributed items for this month's Journal or helped in any way with its publication and hope our readers enjoy the read.

If any of our readers have articles they would like to be included in our Journals, please let us know.

All contributions are most welcome.

THE FORBES SWIMMING POOL

Forbes Advocate, 1987

In the early thirties the Forbes Amateur Swimming Club was still conducting its activities in the Lachlan River at Apex Park near the Iron Bridge. Part of the stone-work for this swimming facility can still be seen at the Caravan Park today.

In 1937 the Forbes Olympic Pool was constructed under the supervision of the then Council Engineer, Mr T.N. Stephens. The contractors for the work were Messrs Wallace & McGee of Dubbo. It was officially opened on November 9th, 1937, by Mr E.S. Spooner, who was Minister for Works and Local Government. If memory serves correctly, it was Mr Spooner who also became famous for his rather archaic attitude towards acceptable swimwear in public pools and beaches.

The first Pool Manager was Mr Fred Bartlett who retained the position until 1944 when he left to become Manager of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

In 1943, probably due to the usual wartime shortages, the opening of the pool was delayed due to the lack of liquid chlorine to purify the water. However, this did not stop an exhibition swim by the Australian 100, 200 and 400 metre Champion, Robin Biddulph, who visited Forbes in February of that year. Needless to say he managed to break the existing Forbes Pool Record!

*The Forbes College for Seniors Inc.
Memories of Forbes :The Thirties and Forties*



***Tom Barton, Alec Mylecharane and Mr Gillespie building the Forbes Olympic Pool
1937***

The floods experienced in Forbes in November 2022 have been compared to the events of 1952. The following is taken from the Forbes Advocate and sounds very similar to last year in many ways:

**Forbes Advocate—Tuesday, 24th
June 1952**

TRAGIC TRAIL OF RUIN IN FORBES

DAMAGE AROUND THE TOWN

When our representative looked over the town yesterday morning, he noticed the severe nature of the damage done to homes, store premises, etc. in the heart of Forbes.

Bates' bridge fortunately stood up to the hammering it received and traffic to Camp Hill and the Spooner Oval area, as well as to beyond Fitzgerald's Bridge was again open.

Fences on the eastern and western sides of Spooner Oval were partly washed away and a big portion of the showground fencing seemed to be damaged.

Greens at the Bowling Club were still carrying water, although the flood had drained away.

At Mathias' shop, corner of Rankin and Browne Streets, some old wooden steps were washed away and places from there on to Mr Artie Foster's old home were carrying all sorts of debris in their midst.

In Rankin Street, all the shops along to the Commercial Hotel carried water, but fortunately those on the other side of the street between McDade's and Meagher's escaped water on their floors but the two establishments referred to did not, and their cellars at both ends of this block overflowed and in each case did damage to the outside tarred pavements.

For the first time, water flowed onto the floors of Meagher & Co. on all except their hardware and grocery departments, doing severe damage to the cellars, which partly caved in.

Messrs Alan Breaden Pty. Ltd. were the heaviest losers in Rankin Street.

In addition to the flooding received by the old cycle and motor shop, where three of the four windows were smashed and stock lost, the firm's new brick garage between the Club House Hotel and Webb's butchery collapsed and will have to be rebuilt, while hundreds of pounds' worth of tyres and other goods were washed away and will probably never be recovered.

At the rear of the Rankin Street garage, four 500-gallon petrol tanks bobbed to the surface like corks during the height of the flood and were washed away.

The Royal Hotel had a couple of glass doors smashed in by floating logs, etc. and when the office premises of Hardie & Co., produce dealers, was washed away from the other side of Dowling Street, it carried with it the fence of the Royal Hotel.

To the rear of the Royal Hotel, the Olympic pool buildings present a sorry sight. The ladies' dressing rooms and the grandstands at the rear have been washed downstream and other structural damage done.

Some of the houses at the lower end of Cross Street are still under water, but Spring Street homes are clear, although water was still surrounding the home of Mr Alan Breaden in Sheriff Street.

Homes across the lake in Hill Street are still deeply submerged and those at the lower end of Templar Street received a battering.

The concrete bridge in Camp Street suffered some damage to the approaches, but yesterday some motor vehicles crossed this thoroughfare.

All the school and other premises from Sheriff Street to Lachlan Street were under water.

Neither the Municipal nor Shire Council officers have yet attempted to assess the damage to roads, bridges and other public utilities in their areas.

RAFFLES

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners of our Christmas raffle:

*1st: Vicki Miller
2nd: Ollie Willis
3rd: Jan Martin
4th: Jan Downey*



Thank you to everyone who either bought or sold tickets or donated items for the raffle.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We have decided to hold a Mother's Day Raffle again this year, as it has been two years since our last one.

Tickets are \$1.00 and the draw will be held on Wednesday, 10th May.

If you receive your Journal by email and would like to buy or sell tickets, please call into our Rooms during our opening hours to collect these.

Any donations towards our Mother's Day raffle may be left at our Rooms and we thank everyone for your support.



SENIORS FESTIVAL

The NSW Seniors Festival was held from 1st-12th February when visitors were encouraged to “Give It A Go” in Forbes as part of the celebrations.

We held Open Days in our rooms on the 1st, 4th, 8th and 11th February, and had a number of interested members of the public visit during our opening hours.

Forbes Shire Council supplied morning tea for our visitors on both Wednesdays which was very much appreciated.



Some of our members and visitors enjoying the delicious morning tea prepared by Peter Ashcroft and provided by Forbes Shire Council

**Aging seems to be the only available
way to live a long time.
- *Daniel Francois Esprit Auber***

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!



Last November, Jill Peasley, one of our founding members, celebrated her 90th birthday.

At our Christmas lunch, we acknowledged the tremendous amount of time and effort Jill has contributed to our group over the years and wished her all the best for her special birthday.



**The only place where success comes
before work is in the dictionary!**

- Vidal Sassoon

FORBES HISTORY BOOK ONLINE

In 1985, Forbes Shire Council announced that after 35 years, they would finance the publication of a new book on the history of Forbes.

In 1986 the Forbes Advocate wrote *“for four years Cr Dianne Decker has collected information for the book on gold mining history, the establishment of the rural area, the irrigation systems and historic buildings”*.

Research was assisted by members of the Commonwealth Employment Program. Prior to this, the last such book was printed in 1951, sponsored by Forbes Municipal Council and Jemalong Shire Council.

A Forbes History Book Committee was formed in 1994. The office bearers for the committee were Chairperson, Dianne Decker; Vice-President, Graham Falconer; Minute Secretary, Ed Munro; Publicity Officer, Jack Elliott, with monthly committee meetings held at the Family History Rooms. There was much publicity for Shire residents to share old district photographs and memorabilia.

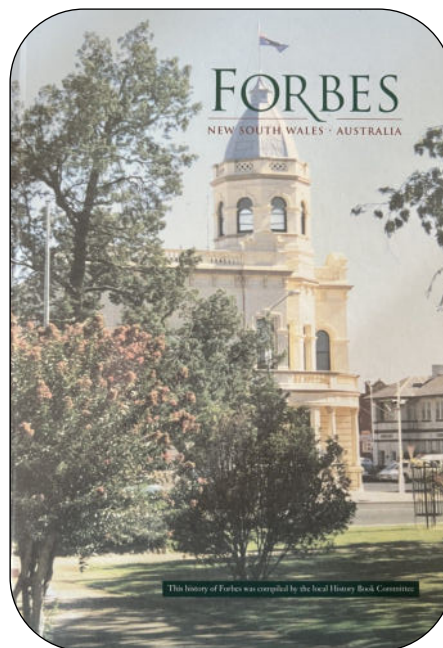
In May 1997, the History Book Committee chairperson, Jeannette Hildred, announced *“after years of gathering information and photos, the book was in the hands of the publisher”*. Prepaid books would cost \$45.00, with copies bought after the official release costing \$50.00.

One hundred special leather bound limited edition copies were available on a prepaid basis for \$100.00.

The official launch was held in February 1998. The Premier of NSW, Mr Bob Carr, launched the Forbes History Book and opened the extended Forbes Family History Room during his visit to town. Premier Carr in his speech announced *“the Forbes Family History Group and the Forbes History Book are excellent examples of what can be achieved by local historians”*.

The history book went on to be one of the entries in the 1998 Premier’s History Awards.

The book has remained a healthy resource for many researchers over the years.



In 2022, the Forbes Shire Council Heritage Advisory Committee began discussing options to reprint the book.

FORBES HISTORY BOOK ONLINE

However, it was unfortunately discovered that the printing business responsible for the original print-run was no longer in operation and the soft copy of the book was lost. After lengthy investigations, the Heritage Advisory Committee met in July 2022 and a resolution was passed to investigate the digitalisation of the Forbes History Book.

A digital flip book was created which can be searched, zoomed into and read on different devices (such as tablets).

Original materials gathered for the project are retained at the Forbes Family History Room.

The Forbes History Book is now on the Forbes Shire Council website, and available for the public to download:

www.forbes.nsw.gov.au/community/history-of-forbes

(Please note that it is a large file—835MB)

The digital flip book is also available at the Family History Room for members to view and search, along with a hard copy of the original book.

(Contributed by Monica Wren)

Forbes Times—26th December 1908

WIT AND HUMOR (sic)

A little girl who attends a London Boarding School has quite an idea of nobility, as was evidenced by her reply to her teacher.

The class had been reading about the King's family.

The teacher, wishing to inculcate the correct idea of royal descent, said: "Now, children, if the King and Queen had a son, what would he be?"

"The Jack", was the quick response.



A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY GONE ...



Many locals will remember Henry Jones' shed in Camp Street where he has carried out his mechanical business for the last 70 years.

The building has had an interesting history—over the years it has been a cordial factory and a laundry as well as a mechanical business. In the 1930s, the shed was purchased by Charles Raymond Astley who had opened a cordial manufacturing business there, which he operated from 1918 until he moved to the cordial factory in Dowling Street in 1935. In 1937 the building housed the “Sunshine” Laundry operated by Reg Astley (the son of Charles Raymond Astley). In December 1952, Henry Jones purchased the shed from Ellis Miller and began his mechanical business there.

The first owner of the property was John Thomas, who purchased the land in 1865. Other owners through the years included Thomas and Jemima Emerson (1893-1896), John Wood (1902), William Kinglake (1908), agents Thomas Garnsey, Reginald Dowling and John Edgar (1930), followed by C.R. Astley (1930), Ellis Miller, builder (1948) and finally Henry William Jones in 1952.

The premises have now been sold and the shed demolished. We wait to see what the next chapter for this site will be.



A PIECE OF LOCAL HISTORY GONE ...

Time for Cool Drinks!

Say: "Astley's Please"

INSIST ON HAVING ASTLEY'S PURE
CORDIALS.

PURE, WHOLESOME, DELICIOUS

C.R. Astley

CAMP ST.

'PHONE 396

Forbes Advocate—11th January 1928

The Sunshine Laundry

Under the proprietorship of Mr. Reg. Astley, the Sunshine Laundry has commenced operations in the old cordials factory of Astley and Sons, Camp Street, Forbes. A call to 'phone 396 will elicit the information that a "same day service" can be guaranteed, that a van will call for and deliver parcels, and that the processes involved are not in the least likely to injure the flimsiest fabric.

Forbes Advocate—Tuesday, 9th March 1937

C. R. ASTLEY & SONS
Forbes' Leading Cordial
Makers

CAMP STREET, FORBES

As far back as 1890 the foundation on which the high reputation of this Firm was built, was laid by Mr. C. Astley, father of Mr. C. R. Astley. Between 1900 and 1918 a break occurred, but the business was re-established in 1918, and has been carried on by Mr. C. R. Astley since then.

*"Back to Forbes Week" booklet,
October-November 1931*



*November 2022 floods in
Camp Street
Henry Jones with his former
shed in the background.
(Photo courtesy of Sharon
Denyer)*

THE KOOLAH OR NATIVE BEAR

An Excerpt from "The Explorers",
edited by Tim Flannery:

FIRST KOALA—1802

Francis Barrallier
Portions of a Monkey, 1802

In November 1802, Francis Barrallier, French-speaking ensign of the New South Wales Corps, came within a whisker of crossing the Blue Mountains. Although Barrallier turned back too soon, he brought with him the first evidence of the koala, an animal which the colonists knew about only by rumour. The creature's feet, pickled in rum, at first confused and then amazed Europe's savants. Was it a monkey—or an arboreal wombat?

KOALA OR NATIVE BEAR—

Sydney Gazette, August 21, 1803

An animal whose species was never before found in the Colony, is in His Excellency's possession. When taken it had two Pups, one of which died a few days since. This creature is somewhat larger than the Waumbat (sic), and although it might at first appearance be thought much to resemble it, nevertheless differs from that animal. The fore and hind legs are about of an equal length, having five sharp talons at each of the extremities, with which it must have climbed the highest trees with much facility.

The fur that covers it is soft and fine, and of a mixed grey colour; the ears are short and open; the graveness of the visage, which differs a little in colour from the back, would seem to indicate a more than ordinary portion of animal sagacity; and the teeth resemble those of a rabbit.

The surviving Pup generally clings to the back of the mother, or is caressed with a serenity that appears peculiarly characteristic; it has a false belly like the possum and its food consists solely of gum leaves, in the choice of which it is excessively nice.

Sydney Gazette, October 9, 1803

Serjeant (sic) Packer of Pitt's Row, has in his possession a native animal some time since described in our paper, and called by the natives a Koolah: It has two young, has been caught more than a month and feeds chiefly on gum leaves, but also eats bread soaked in milk or water.

Sydney Gazette, September 4, 1804

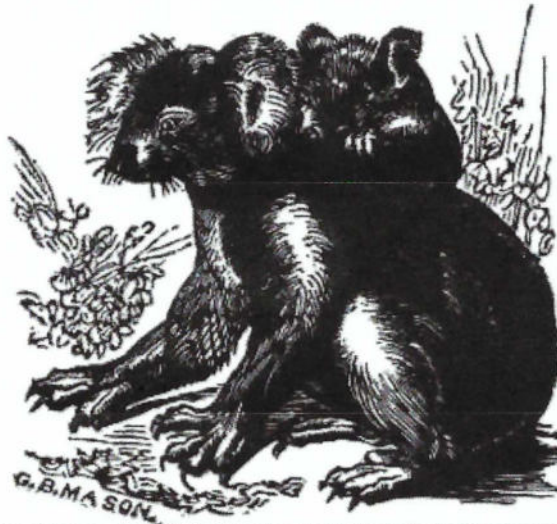
Two men who some days since crossed a part of the Mountains in quest of birds and native animals, were by chance presented with the appearance of a living substance on one of the extreme branches of a very lofty tree; which being it accessible, reduced them to the necessity of shaking the creature off, and killed it by the fall. It proved to be a very large and handsome Koolah (in appearance resembling the Sloth), of which they preserved the skin. They were out almost a fortnight and met with no other prize whatever.

The indications of these accounts of the rarity of the koala on the coastal plain and the very rare existence of them in remote places creates a belief that they were nearly extinct, as it would have been relatively easy for the aborigines to capture and kill them.

It was stated in a newspaper dated September 1859 that even then the koalas were not very abundant but were found in many parts of NSW.

Australian Home Companion and Band of Hope Journal, Sydney
Saturday, 24 September 1859

AUSTRALIAN NATURAL HISTORY.



THE NATIVE BEAR, OR KOALA.

(PHASCOLARCTOS CINEREUS.)¹

THIS extraordinary animal is thick and stoutly made, with robust limbs and powerful claws: there is no tail. The head is large, the muzzle blunt, and the naked space in which the nostrils are situated, is continued along the nasal bones till it nearly attains the level of the eyes. The ears are very large, standing out from the sides of the head, and tufted with long full fur; the eyes are small. The fore feet have each five toes, armed with sharp claws; these toes are divided into two sets: the first, or inner, two forming a pair by themselves. The hind feet have also five toes, consisting of a large and powerful thumb, without a nail, and four strongly clawed toes, of which the two first are united together as far as the last joint.

The Koala is not very abundant, but is found in many parts of New South Wales. In its habits, it is nocturnal and arboreal; it climbs with great

facility, and in passing along the branches, suspends itself like a sloth by its claws, which, in adults, are very powerful.

The Koala does not live exclusively on trees: it visits the ground, and there burrows with facility.

In the cold season it is said to make a nest in its underground retreat, and retiring to it there to lie dormant. Its food is entirely vegetable, and consists, in part, at least, of the young leaves of the gum tree. It laps, like a dog, when drinking, and uses its fore paws in laying hold of the branches while it feeds. Its voice is a soft barking sound. On the ground its gait is very peculiar, resembling that of a bear. The length of body and head is about twenty-six inches. The fur is compact, woolly, and of an ashen grey colour. The blacks call this animal *Goribun*.

DENTISTRY ON A HORSE

Forbes Times—May 1906

A Remarkable Horse Cure

A somewhat remarkable tale concerning a horse comes from Mr George Aplett's place near Grudgery Mountain. Some months ago a very fine draught animal owned by Mr Aplett met with an accident in his paddock by which the bottom jaw was completely broken. In fact the lower jaw was split in the centre, so that the horse had no control over it.

Deeming the injury to be past remedy, the owner gave it away to a fencer, who fastened the injured parts together by placing some fine wire around the teeth. Word now comes to hand that the animal has completely recovered and has been sold by its last owner for a high figure.



IN THE LANDS OFFICE

Forbes Advocate, 22nd October 1918

A western parent (a man with a political pull) was giving his son hurry-up over his laziness and general incapacity for energy.

"Then I put you into the Lands Department", he said.

"You did", admitted the son.

"And what happened?" rasped the dad.

"Oh yes", echoed the son complacently. "Yes. What happened there?"

"I'll tell you what happened", almost shouted the old man in rising wrath. "I'll soon tell you what happened in the Lands Department."

"Yes, do tell us", said the exasperatingly cool cub.

"When I put you into the Lands Department", apoplected the sire of the snoozer, "you not only went to sleep, but you snored, and woke all the others up."



Illustrated Sydney News,
Saturday 15 April 1854

A humorous old man fell in with an ignorant and rather impertinent young minister, who proceeded to inform the old gentleman in very positive terms that he would never reach heaven unless he was born again; and added, "I have experienced that change, and now feel no anxiety".

"And have you been born again?" asked his companion musingly.

"Yes, I trust I have."



"Well", said the gentleman eyeing him attentively, "I don't think it would hurt you, young man, to be born once more".

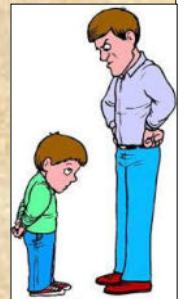
Forbes Times—26th December
1908

WIT AND HUMOR (sic)

"Now look here Tommy", said papa sternly, "didn't you promise me that you wouldn't go bathing without permission?" "Yes papa", replied Tommy.

"And didn't I promise to thrash you if you did?"

"Yes papa", said Tommy, "but as I broke my promise, suppose we call yours off too?"



MEMBERSHIP FEES ...!

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership fees for 2022/2023 which fell due on 1st July 2022. The fees are \$25.00 per year.

Anyone wishing to pay their membership may send a cheque to us at P.O. Box 574, Forbes, 2871 or pay the fees directly into our bank account, details of which are as follows:

Bank: Westpac Bank, Lachlan Street, Forbes
BSB: 032-822
Account No. 123487
Account Name: Forbes Family History Group Inc.

(Please also include your name if making a direct deposit to our account)

Our opening hours are as follows:

Wednesdays: 10.00am to 12.00 noon
Saturdays: 11.00am to 3.00pm

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist in our Rooms during these times, so any assistance would be very gratefully received.

As always, your continued support is very much appreciated.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Forbes Advocate—24th July 1923

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Following the recent persistent showery weather, the Lachlan has been a full river during the last few days. On Sunday afternoon the gauge reading was 31 feet 6 inches and at 5.00 pm yesterday had only receded to 31 feet 4 ins. This sustained high level shows what an immense body of water is endeavouring to get away. The town lagoon began to rise on Saturday afternoon, and by Sunday the various crossings were inundated.

A magnificent sheet of water now runs past the town, and the pity is the present level could not be maintained during the summer months. Nearly all the swamps and lagoons down the river are filled and all the low-lying country about Moobong is flooded, Caragatel Bridge being covered by about a foot of water. Countless millions of gallons of water are flowing past Forbes at present—flowing to waste—and as yet the hand of man has not been raised to conserve it. But as sure as the sun rises tomorrow, droughts and water shortage will visit us again, and then thoughts will go back to the floods of July 1923. But perhaps by then the Wyangala Dam will be under construction—we wonder!

(Note):

According to Government Records, in 1923 the months of June, July and September received the following rainfall:

June: 386 points

July: 251 points

September: 246 points

(100 points = 1 inch = 25ml)



Forbes Advocate—16th May 1923

WILD AUSTRALIA

The forthcoming visit to Forbes next Monday and Tuesday of Thorpe McConville's famous buckjumping show, Wild Australia, will be welcomed by all admirers of good horsemanship. Sixty head of wild horses, donkeys, mules, bucking bullocks and ponies and champion riders, with specialty acts including whip cracking, lassoing, rope spinning and sharp shooting will arrive by special train.

Full particulars are announced in our advertising columns.



Forbes Advocate—5th October 1923

Two Forbes girls were discussing the eternal question the other day.

"My ideal man", gushed Verbose Vera, "must be handsome, brave, clever, strong, musical, a good horseman, fond of poetry, tall, and fond of children. What must your ideal man be?"

"Ready to marry me", answered Practical Phoebe.



MEMORY OF THE ELEPHANT

Bathurst Free Press, 27th March,
1861

(Possibly from the 1780s)

A female elephant, belonging to a gentleman at Calcutta, who was ordered from the upper country to Chittagong, in the route thither broke loose from her keeper and, making her way to the woods, was lost. The keeper made every excuse to vindicate himself, which the master of the animal would not listen to, but branded it carelessness, or something worse : for it was instantly supposed that he sold the elephant. He was tried for it, and condemned to work on the roads for life, and his wife and children were sold for slaves.

About twelve years afterwards, this man, who was known to be well acquainted with breaking elephants, was sent into the country with a party to assist in catching wild ones. They came upon a herd, and this man fancied he saw amongst the group his long-lost elephant for which he had been condemned. He resolved to approach it; nor could the strongest remonstrances of the party dissuade him from the attempt.

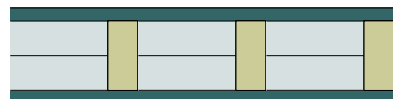
Having reached the animal he spoke to her, when she immediately recognised his voice.

She waved her trunk in the air as a token of salutation and spontaneously knelt down, allowing him to mount her neck. She afterwards assisted in taking other elephants, and decoyed three young ones to which she had given birth in her absence.



The keeper returned and the singular circumstances attending the recovery being told, he regained his character and, as a recompense for his unmerited sufferings, had a pension settled on him for life. The elephant was afterwards in possession of Warren Hastings when Governor-General of Hindostan.

Cassells Popular Natural History



NEWS FROM OTHER JOURNALS

"Murrumbidgee Ancestor", Wagga Wagga (October)

Convicts with Descendants in the Riverina Area; Introduction to Genealogy : Genealogy Software.

"Blayney Diggings" (November)

Death of Queen Victoria; Coronation of Edward VII (1841-1910); the Coronation Fountain.

"The South Australian Genealogist" (November)

Henry Goldsworthy (1840-1915) and his wife Jane (nee Jenkins) (1840-1915); Early South Australian 'Marriage' Arrangements.

"The Patrick Plains Gazette", Singleton (December)

Five Generations of Taggard, Taggart, Taggert, McIntaggart and McTaggarts; Esther Maria A. Sheehan (1868-1921).

"Descent", Sydney (December)

Sisters become Sisters (Bridget and Margaret Rausch); The Bushrangers' Priest (Rev. Denis McGuinn); A Methodist Minister's Life on Circuit (Rev. Charles McLelland Barker).

"Eagle Eye", Cowra (December)

The likely fate of Private Norman White of Woodstock; St. Catherine's Day—25th November in France (Old Maid's Day).

"Links 'N' Chains, Liverpool (February)

How Liverpool School Grew Up; Edward Dudley Cruwys (1914-1994); German Research; Not Quite A Bushranger in my Family Tree.

EMAILED JOURNALS

"Footsteps", Port Macquarie (May)

Battling the Elements; James Joseph McCue & Clara Ann Rowsell.

"Pioneer Press", Lithgow (October)

Yvonne Jenkins Memorial Award essays.

"The Argyle Bulletin", Goulburn (November)

Off to the War—Letters From the Front (WW1).

"Tree of Life", Wyong (November)

The Centennial Park Tragedy (Frederic William Wolgast).

"The Crossing Place", Casino (November)

German Naming Traditions; Extracting Articles from TROVE.

Dubbo & District Family History Society (November-December)

Brigadier General James Hearne (Part 2).

"The Mallee Stump", Wyalong (December)

Ungarie Celebrates 150 Years; Family Tracing; Christopher James Wyalong Cullen; The Gold Rush; The Featherstone Family.



NEWS FROM OTHER JOURNALS

The Cedar Log”, Ballina (December)

Captain John Whyte; James Doust (Snr.); A Tribute to a Rat of Tobruk—Robert James Collins; Voyages of “Black Eagle” and “Lord Ashburton”; NSW Central West Newspapers BDM Index.

“The Endeavour”, Botany Bay (December)

The Importance of Preserving Eulogies and Slide Presentations for Family History; the Laycock Family; Boer War Connections; Coogee in the 1900s.

Newcastle Family Historical Society (December)

Some Newcastle Photographers; An Amazing Legacy—Alexander Walker Scott & Harriet Scott (nee Calcott); The Tweed Factory—Stockton; The Floating World of Elizabeth Rose (1847-1888); Mary Ellis (nee Kramer) (1843-1907).

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