



ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

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24 Duff Street,
Arncliffe. 2205.
August 1984.

Dear Friend and Member:

The August Meeting will be held as follows:-

Date: Friday Evening, August 17th, 1984.

Place: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Princes Highway, Rockdale.

Business: General.

Syllabus Item: Mr. Peter Orlovich, who is one of our early Members, will tell us of "The Commemoration of the Landing of Captain Cook at Kurnell".
(Illustrated)

Supper Roster: Captain, Miss Dunsmore, together with Mesdames Loring & Mendoza and Miss Wilding.

Ladies please bring a plate.

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PASSWORDS.

According to an Islamic proverb, each word we utter should have to pass through three gates before we say it. At the first gate the gatekeeper asks, "Is it true"? At the second gate he asks, "Is it necessary"? and at the third gate, "Is it kind"?

-Eknath Easwaran, The Mantram Handbook.
(Readers Digest 6/84.)

A cheerio call to Members who may not be so well. We do hope you will soon join us at our meetings once again.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The St. George Historical Society is pleased to announce that the following books, Nos. 1 - 7, written and illustrated by the late Gifford H. Eardley for the Society, have been reprinted and are now available. Books Nos. 8 and 9 have been compiled by Mrs. Bronwyn Perkins.

No. 1.	"The Wollie Creek Valley" (Reprint now available))	Books Nos.
No. 2.	"Kogarah to Sans Souci Tramway")	1 - 8
No. 3.	"Saywells Tramway - Rockdale to Lady Robinson's Beach")	\$2.50 each.
No. 4.	"Arncliffe to Bexley Tramway")	<u>Plus Postage</u>
No. 5.	"Our Heritage in Stone")	
No. 6.	"All Stations to Como")	
No. 7.	"Tempe and the Black Creek Valley")	
No. 8.	"Early Churches of the St. George District")	
No. 9.	"Early Settlers of the St. George District")	No. 9
	Price \$4.00 <u>plus postage.</u>		\$4.00.

For your copy of the above books, please contact one of the following:-

Mrs. E. Wright - Phone 599 4884, Miss B. Otton - Phone 59 4259 (after 8 p.m.)
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SOCIAL.

A BUS TRIP TO WINDSOR & THEREABOUTS - INTERESTED ???

DATE: Saturday, 22nd September, 1984.

TIME: 9.00 a.m.

PLACE: Usual meeting place (western side of Rockdale Station)

COST: \$7.00 approx.

NOTE: Attend to the needs of the "Inner Man" well.

This cold weather, the needs are greater.

DETAILS..... MISS ROW - Phone 50 9300.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1983-1984.

20th July, 1984.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is again my pleasure to report to an Annual General Meeting of the St. George Historical Society. Four years have now past since you first allowed me the privilege of being President of the Society. Whilst I have enjoyed the honour of this position and am mindful of the experience gained, the most valued memories will be of the exceptional support and encouragement received from so many members. For this I extend my very sincere thanks. My greatest regret, which I know you share, has been the passing of a number of our very esteemed members, including very recent losses.

It is now time for me to step down. Some change is necessary in a Society such as ours, in order to ensure the advent of new and fresh ideas.

The year under review has again been one of continued activity for the Society. New members have joined our ranks and visitors frequently attend our meetings, all of whom are most welcome. During the year some of our members have been ill and on your behalf, I extend to them, the wish for an early recovery.

The Society has continued to be addressed at its monthly meetings, by many learned and entertaining guest speakers. They contribute freely of their time, for the enlightenment and entertainment of people such as ourselves. Their efforts are to be acknowledged and commended.

Once again, on behalf of members of the Society, I extend thanks and appreciation to the Vice Presidents and other Officers, including members of the Management Committee, for their support and assistance throughout the year. Special acknowledgements are due to our Hon. Secretary - Mrs. Eardley and to our Hon. Treasurer - Mrs. Wright. As in previous reports, I repeat that their efforts, on our behalf, are more extensive and onerous than we tend to realise. I acknowledge also the support and assistance, willingly given to Mrs. Eardley and to Mrs. Wright, by various members of the Society. They assist anonymously, but their efforts are not unnoticed.

Rockdale Municipal Council: On your behalf, I acknowledge the support given to the Society by its sponsor - Rockdale Municipal Council. The continued assistance and courtesy extended to the Society by the Council, its Officers and Staff is appreciated. Further, the personal support of our Patrons, the Mayor and the Town Clerk, is highly esteemed.

Management Committee: The Committee has again met at intervals throughout the year. The meetings have been well attended and matters under consideration, discussed with enthusiasm. Recommendations resolved at these meetings, were duly submitted to the Society for its consideration.

Royal Australian Historical Society: The St. George Historical Society continues to be affiliated with the Royal Australian Historical Society. This connection is considered valuable as a link with an esteemed and learned organisation, also with our kindred local societies.

Heritage Week 1984: The Society again participated in this statewide celebration, albeit on a smaller scale than in previous years. The guest speaker at our Heritage Week meeting, Mr. Noel Thorpe - a Society member - chose as the subject of his address "The Genesis of a Railway" (the beginning and progress of the Illawarra Railway, from Sydney to Hurstville). This was most appropriate - 1984 being the centenary year of the opening of the railway.

As in previous years, Lydham Hall was manned by members of the Society for special Heritage Week openings, such being well attended by the public.

Lydham Hall: continues under the direction of the Lydham Hall Local Committee and is successfully administered by the Curator, Miss Otton. The building and the grounds have now reached a stage of almost complete development, although no doubt it will be further adapted to changing circumstances in the future.

The number of visitors to Lydham Hall, which each year is being more than maintained, is indicative of its success as an historical restoration.

To those members who assist at "Lydham", I extend thanks and appreciation. I submit to members that the Society's involvement with Lydham Hall is an important commitment, particularly with regard to the sponsorship which it receives and enjoys from Rockdale Municipal Council. I commend to you that every support be given to this involvement.

Community Access Radio - Local History Talks. Participation by the Society in presenting short talks related to local history, over radio station 2NBC-FM, by courtesy of Mr. Ian Ryan, the Manager, has continued successfully over the twelve months under review.

The number of tapes listed in the Society's June "Bulletin", is evidence of the enthusiasm of those members who have participated in this venture. Much of its success is due to the preparation and organising undertaken by our Publicity Officer, Mrs. Perkins, whom I thank.

Tours and Outings: During the latter part of 1983, some difficulties were encountered with organised trips, due largely to rising costs.

However, I am pleased to report that during recent months renewed interest in one day trips has become evident. Miss Row, our Social Secretary, has recently organised two very successful outings for which acknowledgement and thanks are tendered. It is hoped that future proposals will result in continued interest and success.

In conclusion, I again pay tribute to all members, who have so willingly contributed to the success and progress of the Society, during the past twelve months.

To the ladies who provide and prepare supper after our meetings, I express appreciation on behalf of all members.

I again acknowledge with sincere thanks the kindness and assistance, which members have extended to me, during my term as President.

I trust that the incoming twelve months will be a period of increased progress and achievement for the Society and of happiness for each member.

R. F. Lee - President.

2NBC-FM STEREO 90.1 - ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY -
Tuesday Evenings 6.30 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.

- ~~Tape 64 - 24th July 1984 - St. Davids Church of England, Arncliffe - C. Wilding.~~
- Tape 65 - 31st July 1984 - ~~The Napoleon Street Tram Stop, Sans~~
Souci. - D. Row.
- ~~Tape 66 - 7th August - An Old Time Journey to the Cooks~~
~~River Settlement.~~ - M. Callister.
- Tape 67 - 14th August - Samuel Schofield - A Pioneer of
Rockdale. - C. Wilding.
- Tape 68 - 21st August - Paddy's Market Hay Street, Sydney,
1920 - 1971. - M.D. Fleming.
- Tape 69 - 28th August - The Colonial Medical Service Part 1, The
General Hospital Sydney 1788-1848. - M.D. Fleming.
- Tape 70 - 4th September - Our Heritage in Stone - Book 5. - M. Cumming.
- Tape 71 - 11th September - Early Settlers of the St. George
District. Vol. 1, Book 9. - M. Cumming.
- Tape 72 - 18th September - The Colonial Medical Service Part 11. - M.D. Fleming.
- Tape 73 - 25th September, 1984 - The Environs & Ecology of Nanny
Goat Hill at Turrella - M.D. Fleming.
- Tape 74 - 2nd October, 1984 - The Rosevale Nurseries, Rocky
Point Road, Cooks River. - M. Cumming.
- Tape 75 - 9th October, 1984 - Rockdale Methodist Church -
Jubilee - 1858-1908. - M. Cumming.
- Tape 76 - 16th October, 1984 - The "Echo", October 16th, 1890. - S. Richter.
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ST. GEORGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1984

INCOME

Members' Subscriptions	
K.A.H.S. Cultural Grant	
Members' Donations	
Badge Sales	
Sale Society Books	
Bus Trips	
Raffles	
Sundries	
Bank Interest	
balance in bank 30/6/63	\$773.46
Less unrepresented cheque	<u>21.62</u>

827.10
125.00
57.00
3.00
649.10
651.00
35.80
15.50
<u>35.13</u>
2398.63
<u>751.84</u>
\$3150.47

EXPENDITURE

Mrs. Eardley - postage	231.89
Mrs. Eardley - petty cash	<u>31.73</u>
Mrs. Wright - petty cash	50.00
Mrs. Perkins - typewriter ribbons etc.	79.28
Nu Print - book No. 1	411.00
K.A.H.S. 2 Delegates & Dinner	60.00
K.A.H.S. Conference - Mr. Ellis	80.00
K.A.H.S. Annual Subscription	40.00
National Trust Annual Subscription	27.00
Australia Post	30.00
Miss Row - Christmas Party	29.18
Blytheways Bus Co.	565.00
Repayment loan money	1100.00
Cheque book	5.00
F.D.I. & F.I.D.	<u>6.20</u>

2746.28
404.19

Balance in bank 30/6/84

\$3150.47

I certify that I have examined the books of account vouchers, cheque butts and bank statements presented by Mrs. E. Wright as treasurer of the above society and in my opinion this represents a true statement of its financial affairs as at 30th June, 1984.

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Th. X. Linsmore
 Auditor 16/7/84

LYDHAM HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1984

INCOME

Lydham Hall Admittances	321.75
Cake Sales	2.60
Raffles	108.80
Donations	46.20
Century of Progress Sales	33.00
St. George Historical Society Books sold	207.50
Lydham Hall Teaspoons	82.00
Hurstville Historical Society Books sold	4.80
Bank interest	41.68
Cash in bank 30/6/83	1207.63
Less unrepresented cheque	<u>27.00</u>
Grand Total	\$2028.96
Capital Investment in St. George Building Society A/c No. 11 973 702 at 30/6/83	1823.78
Interest	148.02
Less F.I.D.	<u>.04</u>
Balance to credit	<u>\$1971.76</u>
Value of teaspoons on hand	\$6.00

LYDHAM HALL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1984

EXPENDITURE

ALAN Rockdale - outdoor furniture	175.00
Petty Cash	30.00
St. George Historical Society books	121.70
Christmas raffle prize	30.00
Rockdale Council - purchase books	20.00
Leader Advertisement	126.00
St. George Historical Society books	109.80
F.D.T. & F.I.D.	2.46
Cash in hand (banked 4/7/84)	70.40
Cash in bank	<u>1343.60</u>
Grand Total	\$2028.96

I certify that I have examined the books of account, vouchers, cheque butts, bank statements and building society passbook presented by Miss B. Utton as treasurer of the above committee and in my opinion this represents a true statement of its financial affairs as at 30th June, 1984.

John Lawrence
Auditor 16/7/84

THE COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE. - (continued part iii)

11. The Administration of the Convict
Hospitals of New South Wales.

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Modern Medicine of Australia
Vol. 17, No. 2, 1974.

Admissions and Discharges.

Governor King laid down the authority and scope of admissions of patients to hospitals: "All persons of the civil department, prisoners, and others employed by the Government are received into the hospitals, where they are supported by the Crown during their illness and convalescence, having and advantage of fresh meat from the Government stock and other necessities that the surgeon requires and the stores can afford the latter of which are at times very confined on account of the difficulty of obtaining regular supplies...(39)

An arrangement also existed to admit invalid sailors of the warships when in port.(40).....

The discretion of the Surgeons to admit patients into their hospitals was challenged during Bligh's term as Governor(41-42).

Patients' Fees and Maintenance.

Essentially the convict hospitals rendered a free service to those persons in the Colony who were dependent on the Government for supportive service or assistance. The majority of patients who were received into these hospitals were convicts and civilian paupers. Likewise members of the military forces were treated at the Colony's expense and were admitted where there was no alternative military hospital to accomodate them.

A distinction was drawn between convicts assigned to individuals and those assigned to the State. Until 1839 convicts assigned to individuals were victualled in the hospital free for the first fourteen days. Thereafter the master was responsible for victualling or as an alternative, he had to surrender his assigned convict to the State.(43) The formula for payment for treatment of invalid sailors from the warships in port was curiously cumbersome. It was at "a cost of 13s.6d for each cure performed on His Majesty's seamen".(44).....

In 1839, as a result of a Board of Inquiry presided over by the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, charges were imposed for patient care. Only those convicts at Government labour and military personnel were admitted free, otherwise there was a sliding scale from 3/- per day for free persons to 1/- a day for assigned servants. Free paupers were also admitted at a

1/9 per day, the cost to be borne from the Colonial Government funds. (45)..... Seamen were charged 3/- per day (under guarantee from the Agent of the Vessel) for as long as the vessel remained in harbour and for fourteen days thereafter, from which period they were classified as paupers, and became a charge on the Colonial Government. Reimbursement for paupers (from civil funds) was 1/9 per day and a certificate from a parish clergyman was sufficient declaration of indigency for this purpose.

The daily cost per patient was progressively reduced at hospital until it was about 9.d. per day in 1844. Fees from civilian patients and reimbursements from colonial funds were now more than adequate to cover the cost of free treatment of the convicts and Service personnel. Following a report by William Dawson the rate for private patients and those supported by the local administration was reduced to 1/3 per day.(46) Although the financial dissections and calculations were made on the General Hospital, the fees determined applied generally to all the convict hospitals and the Lunatic Asylum.

The first convict hospitals were established in desperate circumstances to cope with the almost insurmountable burden of mortality and morbidity in the new Colony. If conditions in the early years were harsh and medical care and nursing primitive this was but a reflection of the social environment of the Colony and its neglect by the Mother Country. As conditions changed so did a system of hospital care evolve, tied to the State and adequate only to its needs as a penal settlement. There was no pretence to extend its function beyond these boundaries. It was inevitable that, as an organisation of Government the system would become redundant after transportation ceased. It is interesting to conjecture what would have been the resultant pattern of medical care and services in this State, if the Colonial Government had accepted the responsibility to continue the system under its control for civilian purposes, as it did with the Asylums at Tarban Creek and Parramatta. Certainly the conflict between welfare and medicine would not be so apparent today..

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