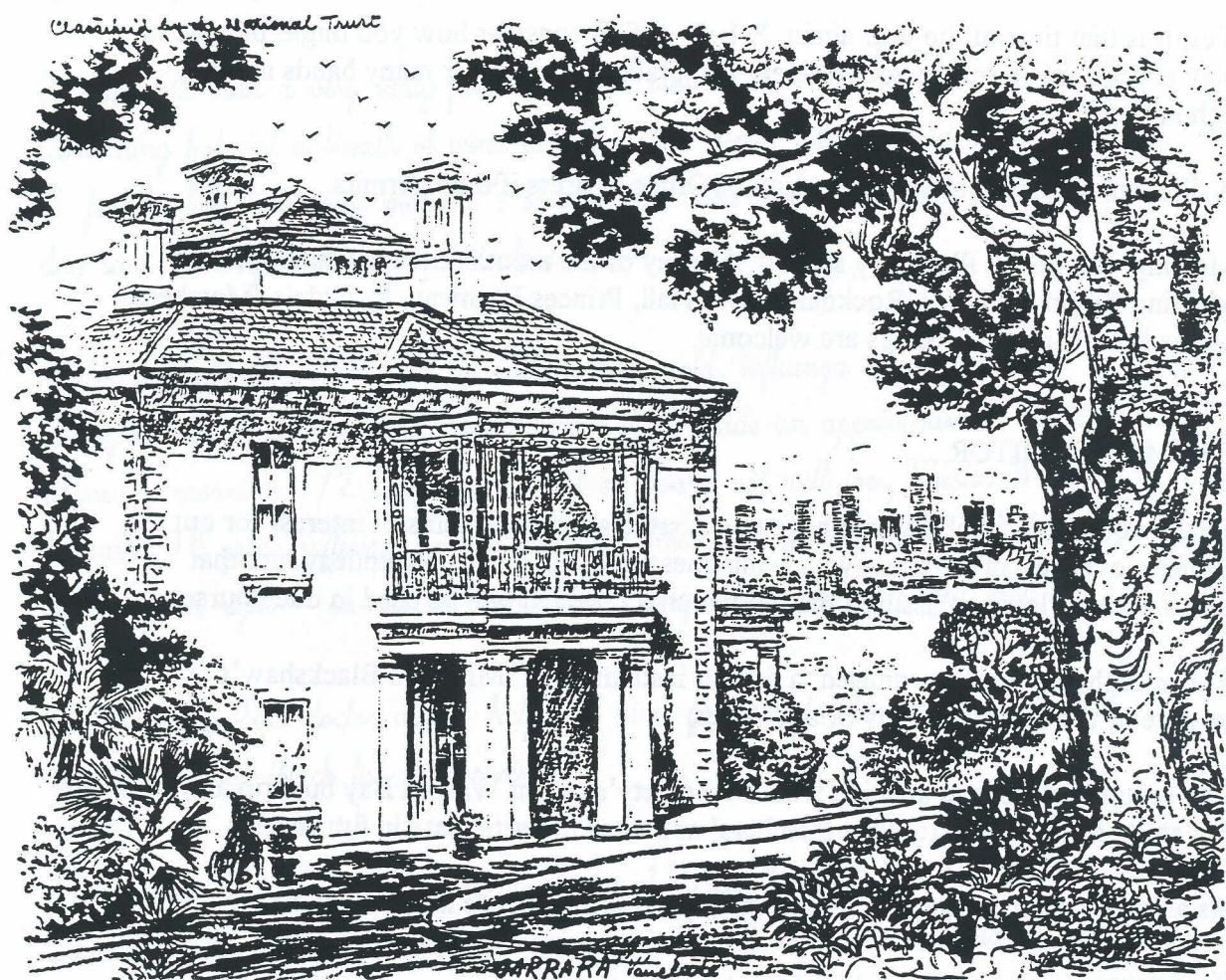


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STRICKLAND HOUSE (CARRARA)

MAY 12 A Cornish Affair.

Ms. Maxine Gray will talk about the "Cornish Society" to which she belongs. The Cornish were characteristically industrious and hard working people who added greatly to pre and post Colonial life and national prosperity.

As will be evidenced on the night, our Cornish heritage warrants rather greater recognition than that traditionally afforded by Australian historians and popular folklore.

JUNE 9 A River Somewhere.

Mr. Peter Sage, one of the Society's more widely travelled members, will present a slide show on the Hawkesbury River. As always, we are guaranteed to enjoy an informative and beautifully compiled presentation. Come early or you will most definitely not get front row seats!

JULY 14 Annual General Meeting.

Yes, it is that time of the year again. **P-L-E-A-S-E** consider how you might be able to play a more active role in your Society's operation. Remember many hands make lighter work!

A film will be played after the election of Office Bearers if time permits.

Meetings are held 8 PM every second Tuesday of the month (except January) in the Meeting Room 1st Floor, Rockdale Town Hall, Princes Highway, Rockdale. Members, please bring a plate. Visitors are welcome.

FROM THE EDITOR...

Thank you to all members who have contributed articles or items of interest for our Bulletin over recent months - your willingness to assist makes my endeavours that much easier. Please be assured that **all** material received will be used in due course!

This month features as promised, a further instalment of Mr. John Blackshaw's voyage to the colony of New South Wales.

The second article is in keeping with the Society's recent Watson Bay bus trip and hopefully should serve to whet members' appetites to participate in future trips.

As always, your contributions, suggestions and feedback are most welcome.

Kind regards,

Wesley Fairhall

The JOURNAL - A MEMORABLE VOYAGE continued

Saturday August 1st 1874. Set to & washed my duty clothes in the Morning. Fished off the jib boom for Skip Jack & (Beneaters), caught a flying fish preserved the wings.

Sunday August 2nd No Service. Glorious Weather every one who has been this journey before say they never knew such a passage as the present one, had a glorious plum pudding which the Cook made us, about 9 fed off it saw a fish called a "Thrasher" very like a whale.

Monday August 3rd Sited French Brigantine white hull, homeward bound did not signal her fished for Benito near here a dead calm about 11p.m.

Tuesday 4th Had a very early fall of rain or mist which lasted an hour cleared off, scorching hot not a breath of wind lay in perfect calm - Legacy bad ship, caught a B. for the first time must make a ? of it, had a very severe head ache best part of day saw a blackfish & several boneaters.

Wednesday Aug 5th 1874 Got up with a severe cold, influenza which continued throughout the day saw doctor about 1/2 past 3 made an appointment to see him Thursday morning 1/2 past nine, several on board not well too. Master William Edwards 18 years suffering from Rheumatism Miss Bell severe cold Mr Hook ditto, leg far from right - several on board saw a very large shark 13 feet long

6th Thursday Saw doctor about half past nine, got a bad cold, excessively hot all day saw several Black fish & porpoises.

Friday Aug 7th Cold no better no wind Log 116 South North 23 Lat West Edwards much better slept very stiff can only walk with some one each side of him, got "Scotty" to make me some porridge took it about eight had a good serving.

Saturday 15th Aug 1874 Crossed the line in the evening no shaving allowed. Argument of jollification not only the Crew but Passengers as well singing & dancing & skipper ordered the third passages below at 10 O'clock he did not seem to appreciate the singing etc Duwell Hadley & Meredith had their grog (stopped) Chips sent below. Spent a very jolly evening a regular party with Crawford Hadley Meredith Duwell "Chips", Bosun, Doctor Gladstone & myself. Grog etc

Sunday 16th August 1874 No Service. Got every thing ready for a pudding which Doctor kindly made us; begin to seem a little dull as much of a mutchness, no great change.

Monday 17th Aug Very squally weather had to about ship cannot get on the right course, sea dashing over the sides wetting every one, the decks constantly swamped in fact never dry.

Tuesday 18th Still very squally & sea running very high shipped a sea which came clean over the bulwarks and right into my cabin & then into berth swamped blanket pillow Gladstone & Chips happened to be inside they got a first rate soaking.

Wednesday 19th Aug 1874 Saw some large porpoises ahead the sailors tried to harpoon some of them but without success, a great change much better weather, than yesterday. Getting accustomed to seeing nothing but sea & sky from morning to night & night till morning not even a sail on the horizon for a Week, nothing of any excitement except (abouting) ship which has taken place several times, fresh grog toward our destination & returning (back) to England.

Wednesday Aug 26th 1874 Still very fine weather sited the coast of Peru was about 6 p.m. saw several whales also an American barque homeward bound did not speak with her turned in at 4 Bells.

Thursday Aug 27th 1874 Turned to & washed several of my things saves expense & helps to pass away the time, had a long yarn with Crawford in the afternoon about the climate.

Friday Aug 28th 1874 Nothing of any note

Saturday Aug 29th 1874 Frightful weather during the night. Could not sleep or wink the sea dashing clean over the bulwarks against our cabin the Forecastle was flooded out several of the sailors washed out of their bunks it was as much as I could do to keep in my bunk for the rolling of the ship one of the sailors Moore was washed by a sea from the main mast to the Post harness a distance of some twenty yards or more, we shipped a sea over the forecastle, which smashed the skylight & bent an iron beam they say ? ? ? ? ? quantity of water in the deck every few minutes this continued all day more or less turned in about 3 Bells.

Sunday Aug 30th Quite a change just a wee gentle Breeze, just the usual routine, sea change.

Monday Aug 31 Nothing of any note.

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CLONCORRICK

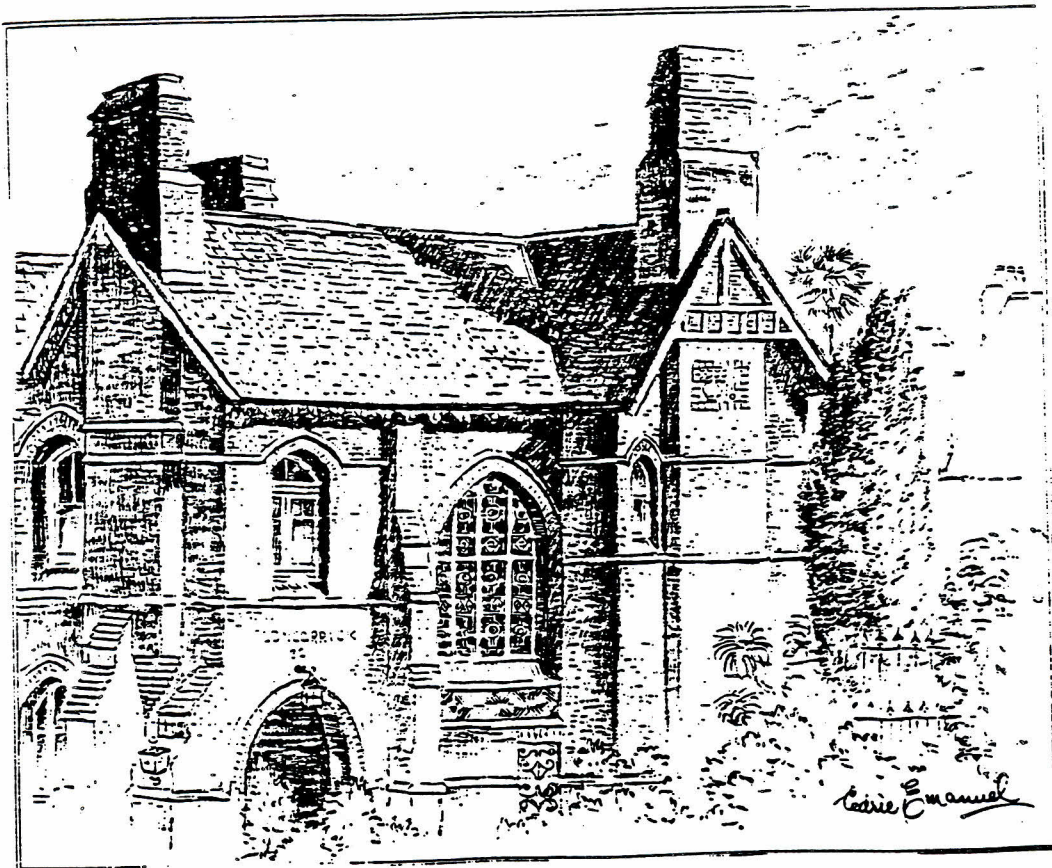
This privately owned Darling Point house was built in 1884 for George Bowen Simpson who was a leading lawyer & member of the Legislative Council. It was designed by the noted American architect John Horbury Hunt, whilst resident in Sydney. Hunt was quite a revolutionary rejecting the "frivolous" detailing of the then fashionable *Italianate* style.

It is believed that Cloncorrick pictured below, represents one of at most three surviving Horbury Hunt designed facebrick residences in Sydney. The three-storeyed house features red brickwork, chunky chimneys, false gable truss ends, unusual terracotta ornamentation & a beautifully executed stained glass window.

GLADSWOOD

Gladswood located at Double Bay was originally called Seaford House then Glenyarrah until receiving its current name in 1913. The house was constructed in 1856 from sandstone along picturesque *Gothic* lines, then the favoured style for the wealthy colonial clientele of whom the self-made man and Member of the Legislative Council, Samuel Deane Gordon would have been classed.

This house commanding highly esteemed water views was owned in recent times by the entrepreneur Alan Bond. It is currently being converted into seven "luxury" apartments although great care is being taken not to alter the superb facade. A drawing of the house appears on the back page of the Bulletin.



War Memorial & Australian Museum

DATE: Wednesday 25/03/98

TIME: Meet at 10.30 a.m. on the corner of Elizabeth & Liverpool Streets outside Museum Station.

How long since you last paid a visit to either of these places of interest? Well now is a chance to visit these well-known icons and learn a thing or two in the process. Bring a friend if you like, the more the merrier!

COST: Donation to Society

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