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Newsletter

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Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum

## Tahmoor's 100 year old landmark

Another wonderful local story by  
author and historian Clare Bell

# The Monkey Puzzle Tree

I am very old. Ancient as eucalypts along a watercourse which was later named the Murray River. Captain Cook discovered my species during this second voyage to Australia and New Zealand in 1772/1775. I can trace my roots back thousands of years to Chilli, Argentina. I am of the Araucariaceae family.

A pretty girl with dark ringlets planted me when she and her mother first began the Government Post Office in the small village of Tahmoor in the Southern Highlands of New South Wales. Her brother William prepared my garden bed carefully. I was the first and only tree of my genus for a hundred miles around and I am still the lone true Monkey Puzzle Tree in this district.

I believe I was given to the founder of Tahmoor as a five year old seedling by a Macarthur family descendent. There is a small plot of Monkey Puzzle Trees in the Parramatta district.

I was tended lovingly in my sapling years. As I grew taller the landscape expanded. From small orchards, poultry farms and goat herds, rough tracks appeared. First oxen were used, then horse and carriages made their appearance. Foot traffic rested beneath my sparse shade. Cabbage tree hats, mole-skin trousers and colourful neckerchiefs mingled with troopers while some Irish orphan lasses made their way south to settlements in need of dairy maids and housekeepers.

I heard many stories of the potholed roads; carts overturned and bogged whilst climbing the rugged banks of Bargo River two miles distant. Tales of bushrangers and bolters in the thick Bargo Brush; horror yarns and good deeds to melt your heart.

As time passed I saw the Great Southern Railway line slowly creep through. Inns and stores appeared. Population doubled. Before long a Gentlemen's College sprang up, also a part-time school for settlers children. The little post office and adjoining weather board cottage were replaced by modern shops and buildings.

I survived droughts, concrete footpaths. The dirt roads were gravelled and later tarred. I continued to grow and saw much. My large seeds, roasted, pounded, mixed with water and cooked, provided succour to black and white folk alike.

Bare portions show among my branches. The Wollondilly Shire Council has placed a Heritage Order on me. A fence surrounds me so my seed pods as big as pineapples cannot fall and harm anyone. When my time comes, my timber will be valued for the magnificence of my grain. I am very old.



100 years old in 2015

*The young girl who planted the Monkey Puzzle Tree, (Araucaria Araucaniana) in 1915 was my mother, Frances Alicia Maud Emmett. Grandfather Samuel Emmett purchased vacant land enough to divide into 600 blocks soon after the railway was deviated from its original course through Thirlmere onto Hill Top and*

*Mittagong. He advertised land at Tahmoor as 'The Pick of the Southern Highlands' also 'The Katoomba of the South' boasting of 'clean healthy air and fertile soil.' On receipt of a deposit on a farmlet he offered to refund the 2 shillings and 6 pence train fare from Sydney.*

*The Monkey Puzzle Tree still stands proudly. I think of mum and her entrepreneurial father each time I see this ancient tree which saw so much progress along the road that became the Hume Highway. ■*

# President's Report

by Trish Hill



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We are very blessed to have such caring people in our community. Keith Polsen from CPE at Mt Hunter made a very generous donation to us because he said 'we do a wonderful job'. Keith, a very big thank you from us all. We also have a vigilant neighbour in the form of Ian Booth who notices anything out of the ordinary and he sometimes rings if he thinks it is warranted—we would rather investigate and know all is well.

Despite the extreme cold weather bus groups have kept us busy and visitors are appreciative of our morning teas on arrival. Our café blinds have certainly enhanced visitor comfort.

John Keaton has donated a 'Box Bike' to our collection. With three wheels, two of those at the front with a box mounted in front it was used by Boardman's Butcher's in Camden for town deliveries and then by Keaton brothers to deliver newspapers for Funnell's Newsagency (now Robert Campbell's shop).



Early this month Friends of Yerranderie with the support of Wollondilly Shire Council erected a monument

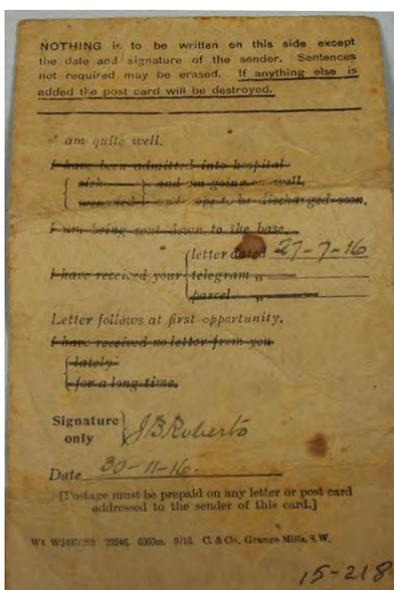
at the Yerranderie cemetery listing the names of the 70 people interred there. Peter Raksts organised and installed the granite stone which weighed over 300 kgs. The names are listed alphabetically and in denominational order. ■

Photo: Bob Pozza, Brian Phippen with Maria Pozza



# Acquisitions Report

by Allen Seymour



This month we have some material which has been in our collection for a while but was in among the Boer War material. It is from the Roberts family of Glenmore, who ran a flour mill there. One of Elsie Roberts sons, J. B. Roberts had enlisted during World War I and among the items is a number of letters from him to his sister Elsie Marden at Werombi. Among these is a Field Service postcard. This is a standard item which was issued by the army. On one side you wrote the name and address, on the other you signed and dated it, and crossed out the parts that weren't relevant. On this one the bits that are not crossed out are: "I am quite well" and "letter follows at first opportunity". The date is November 30<sup>th</sup> 1916, and is signed J. B. Roberts.

Pat Woods of Caloola (Marden descendant) donated several letters, postcards and memorabilia relating to WWI. ■



# Family History & Local Archive Research

by Sue Davis Family Historian/Archivist



I couldn't resist sharing this gem with our members. It was found on the 'My Heritage' blog (with one exception!). I wonder how many of us can identify with it? Enjoy a laugh!

## **13 ways to know you're a genealogist:**

Whether you are a family historian or just someone interested in learning about their family's heritage, there are certain things only a genealogist will understand.

You've been hit with the genealogy bug if.....

1. When introducing someone you say, "this is my sister's grandmother's father's son."
2. You are more interested in what happened in 1815 than in 2015.
3. A perfect vacation includes trips to cemeteries, archives and libraries.
4. A family vacation is going to visit an ancestor's hometown.
5. Your doctor asks about your family background and you reply, "how many generations back?"
6. Many family albums are filled with photos of ancestors.
7. You explore unusual, non-related family names for fun,

as well as your own family names.

8. You know more about your ancestors than your oldest relatives who knew them.
9. You thrive on finding an old family heirloom and learning about its history.
10. If you could have any tech gadget, it would be a time machine to go back and meet your ancestors.
11. You've called in sick because you woke up late after a research all-nighter.
12. You named your kids in alphabetical order to make indexing easier.
13. You regularly visit Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum to see what is new to help your research!



Happy researching  
Sue Davis

## Marketing Report

### July Bus Tours

After a quiet start to the month due to the school holidays, business picked up in the latter half with nine bus tours booked in. The first was Hunters Hill Probus Club who brought along 55 visitors who were hosted by Maureen, Jim, Trish and Pam.

Friday 17th was such a dreadful day weather wise with one of our groups cancelling but the other group braved the cold weather to enjoy a lovely morning tea prepared by Vivian, Kathy and Louisa. Our usual helper Bob has been a bit off colour lately so we wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be back on deck soon.

June, Allen and I greeted two groups on Sunday 19th, the South Coast Vintage Car Club and Revesby Probus Club who

by Louisa Singleman



had spent three days in the Southern Highlands. Trish and Robyn hosted a small group from Windsor on Monday 29th while Vivian, Pam and I looked after the Blacktown Probus Club on Wednesday, 22nd.

The Stroke Recovery Group from Fairfield/Liverpool area also enjoyed themselves at the museum on Friday 27th while Ben, Doreen and Robyn are hosting a group from the Hawkesbury region and the Koshigaya Japanese students who visit Campbelltown on a yearly basis. So you can see we have been flat out this month.

### Marketing Report

All quiet on the western front, Nothing to report for the month of July. ■

### Why is rainwater soft?

Hard water is "hard" because it has dissolved a certain proportion of minerals salts between the time when it fell from the sky as rain and the time it reaches our houses. The hardness, in fact, comes from the ground, chalky water being notoriously hard. Now rainwater is really distilled water, which as we know, is specially pure. It has been evaporated from the surface of seas, lakes and rivers. When it is evaporated, it takes no mineral salts with it, so that unless it has been polluted by falling through a town fog, it is very nearly pure. It has had no chance to become "hard".

From *THE WONDER BOOK OF TELL ME WHY? Sixth Edit.*

### Why does smoke rising straight up indicate fine weather?

Many of the countryman's weather signs have a solid foundation. Smoke rising straight up, for example, is often an indication that the observer is near the middle of an anticyclone that is, a region of piled-up air, which is quiet in the middle, with winds circulating round it outside. An anticyclone is often very stable and therefore corresponds with settled weather. In summer this means a fine, hot spell; in winter, an anticyclone may produce great cold and perhaps, fog. But if by fine weather we mean absence of rain, then the omen generally works.

# The HORDERN STUD FARM at WILTON PARK

By historian and author Betty Villy

Scandals have long been a feature of the racing scene. The famous stud farm known as Wilton Park, was born from a scandal that rocked the Sydney racing community. Samuel Hordern, a man of prodigious wealth and the sole owner of the department store, Anthony Hordern & Sons, was pilloried by the owner of *The Truth*, John Norton. Norton accused Hordern of using his money and influence to buy advertising so the press would be favourable to his 'questionable activities' as well as 'buttering up' members of the AJC. Despite the AJC exonerating Hordern after an enquiry, the affair, and the notoriety, soured his enthusiasm for racing.

Hordern had been a racing enthusiast for many years but in 1890 he closed his stables at Randwick. He decided to raise thoroughbreds and spared no expense in setting up a stud farm between Picton and the village of Wilton. He bought nearly 2000 acres from George Badham who bred heavy horses. Badham had consolidated a number of grants given in Governor Macquarie's time to ex-convicts. Most of the holdings were small – 30, 40 or 60 acres, one exception the 600 acres to Charles Thompson. He is of interest as his son, also named Charles, gained some fame as an early Australian poet. He lived in Camden for a number of years where he was a correspondent for *The Sydney Morning Herald* as well as being the Clerk of Petty Sessions.

Hordern's new property was partially encircled by a loop of the Nepean River - the causeway at Maldon giving access to Picton and to Maldon train station. His land was on the main road, which in 1890 led to Appin and the south coast. Much of the credit for the Maldon swing [suspension] bridge was attributed to Samuel Hordern's influence.

Wilton Park was a showcase and became famous for the quality of its thoroughbred horses. The homestead, modest compared to Hordern's Darling Point home or the Italianate Retford Park at Bowral, was of brick and spacious enough for the manager and his family. There was additional accommodation for Sam Hordern, his racing friends and family members when they visited. The entire complex was believed to be designed by architect Albert Bond, who planned the new department store in Haymarket in 1903.

Near the house was the main stable building that had 12 large stables with yards to the rear. This was of sandstone bricks, made on the property, as was the nearby harness room. This was at right angles to the stables and housed the grooms, feed shed and coach house. Behind the harness room were two 15 gallon coppers where twice weekly a mixture of barley with linseed, oats, lucerne chaff and bran were boiled. Nearby was the weatherboard round house with its conical iron roof. This and the yard attached, allowed horses to be trained and lunged in all weathers. The whole complex

was of the highest quality and still stands today in good order.

The property was a network of lanes that bordered 14 paddocks. These had a number of outbuildings and cottages built by the previous owners. Hordern added more stables in these paddocks for yearlings and mares as well as haysheds. Much of the fodder was grown on the property.

Water, so vital an element in Australia, was plentiful. Near the main stables and house were two large underground storage wells that held 100,000 gallons. There were four ships' tanks and a dam constructed on one of the creeks. The stables had tanks to collect rainwater from the roofs and troughs of water were in all the paddocks.

As a nursery, Wilton Park had a worldwide reputation for breeding winners. Sam Hordern bought his first stallion *Nordenfeldt* in 1891 for 5,600 guineas. His pedigree was impeccable as his sire was *Muscat* from Great Britain, who fathered among other champions, *Carbine*, who won the Melbourne Cup in 1890. *Nordenfeldt* won the Victorian Derby in 1885. Four years after arriving at Wilton Park, *Nordenfeldt* injured his back and despite excellent care with vets brought from Sydney, died two weeks later. In the paddocks were his progeny – 52 promising youngsters and 24 mares in foal.

There were active exchanges of breeding stock throughout the world. *Carbonado*, also of *Musket* stock was sent to England to be sold under the care of the superintendent Michael Powers. He was instructed to buy thoroughbreds to introduce new blood at Wilton Park. Many famous mares were bred there, one such was *Sweet Nell*, named after the popular singer of the day, Nellie Stewart. While *Sweet Nell* of Old Drury trilled and thrilled ecstatic audiences, the four-legged *Sweet Nell* galloped to roaring crowds to win the Caulfield Cup in 1903. The horses from the stud farm were eagerly sought at the annual yearling sales at Easter with top prices paid. Even some local enthusiasts leased and reared promising yearlings from Sam Hordern.

Continued .....



The round house where many champion racers were trained. In the background is the harness room where the oats and other foods were boiled for the horses.

## Horden Stud Farm at Wilton Park *continued* .....

It was not only thoroughbred racers at the stud farm. Ponies, particularly Welsh Mountain ponies were bred there and won many prizes at the Royal Easter Show. Wilton Park carriage horses were of the highest standard and many vice-regal horses came from there. Plodding through Sydney streets in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century were hundreds of draught horses, often in teams, hauling great drays loaded with goods. Anthony Hordern & Sons was a huge consortium of retailing and manufacturing and all the draught horses used by the company were bred at Wilton Park.

Samuel Hordern died in 1909 and his son Anthony [the fourth of that name] ran Wilton Park very much as his father had. He had bought a large property out of Bowral, Milton Park and from that time, the two properties were worked together. Horses were brought from Bowral during the colder months to winter at Wilton. Staff were interchanged with many working at both farms. Anthony Hordern not only continued breeding champion horses, but imported from Britain cattle – Shorthorns, Herefords, Jerseys, Guenseys and Ayreshires, building up pedigree beef cattle and dairy herds.

Over time, changes occurred. Motorised transport replaced horses. The old ploughs and harvesters were redundant with new mechanised ploughs, reapers and binders in the paddocks. Anthony Hordern began sheep breeding and bought a property at Hay where he raised prized merinos. He moved his thoroughbreds there and sent the ponies to Bowral.

In 1938 Wilton Park was for sale. At one time it appeared it would remain a stud farm as Mr Allen of the AJC committee was interested in moving his thoroughbreds from Singleton. This fell through and the property was subdivided into five farms and sold and used by the new owners as dairy farms. One such farm was bought by the stud manager, Tom Scott.

Wilton Park for fifty years was a famous stud farm. The house and some stables and outbuildings remain and there are even horses grazing, but its glory days are long gone.

Elizabeth Villy

Welsh ponies



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## The Strip Show

Susan was feeling miserable. She'd run out of get up and go. Over the last several months, she just wasn't interested in going out. Her friend Jean and other workmates talked about the strip show in which they'd been involved, saying how much better they were feeling. They were certainly out dancing, playing netball and telling her how great they felt.

At last, Susan made the effort to approach a stripping organisation. The first one had no vacancies for twelve months. Susan was desperate. She hunted around until she found a company that would fit her in. The cost was inordinate, but Susan felt that it was the only way to go. She wasn't getting much enjoyment out of life the way things were.

In a matter of days, Susan was invited to attend a meeting. She filled in a long questionnaire including date of birth and her general health, then she was helped into a blue gown.

The main man knelt at her feet. His touch was firm but gentle as he stroked her legs. 'Hands like an artist', she thought as she gazed at him. Then ... 'he's drawing on my legs?' 'Won't be long now', he answered her unspoken query.

Two hours later Susan awoke with a very sore throat, an IV drip in the back of her hand and thick crepe bandages from toes to groin. The artist who had traced her varicose veins earlier, spoke to her.

'Your veins are stripped, the clots gone. I'll see you in my office in a fortnight. Meanwhile keep your pressure stocking on during the day and walk as much as you can'. He smiled at her 'Any questions?'

Susan returned the smile. 'When can I go dancing doctor?'

**Thank you Clare for your wonderful stories. Ed**

Story from Clare Bell's book, *My Australia* available at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum

## NSW HISTORY MONTH

6, 13 and 20 Aug 2015

Publishing and Writing Workshop

Margaret Szalay's 3 part writing workshop: 6/8/15, 13/8/15, 20/8/15 (10.30 am-12.30 pm): Writing your research/ memoir; preparing for printing/publication; formatting; book styles; using photos, maps & charts; indexing; cover design; registration; print specifications & quotes; marketing and more.

Venue: 120 Kent Street Sydney

Group: Society of Australian Genealogists

Contact: Course bookings, email

Web: <http://www.sag.org.au/events.html>

# BEST MATES - WWI WALERS

by Robyn Gill



In 1804 the men of Governor Kings mounted convict bodyguard, already described as "light horsemen", played an increasingly important role and were fore-runners of a semi-military mounted police force.

In November 1914 a circular was sent out by the Commonwealth of Australia -

*"Sir, Having in view the possibility of the necessity arising whereby it would become imperative to acquire horses under Section 67 of the Defence Act. In order to meet the demands both of the Imperial and of the Commonwealth Government. I have the honour to solicit your co-operation with a view to obtaining a complete census of all horses throughout the Commonwealth suitable for military purposes, and the registration of the same.*

*It appears to my colleague, the Minister of Defence that this work could best be carried out by the police of several States, aided perhaps by local authority, and I shall be glad if you can see your way to direct that it be undertaken in New South Wales by the State officers suggested".*

Signed .... Inspector General of Police

## Recruiting the Light Horse

By 1914, when Australia joined the war against Germany, there were 23 Light Horse regiments of militia volunteers. Many men from these units joined the Light Horse regiments of Australia Imperial Force (AIF).

Initially Australia promised four regiments of Light Horse, 2000 men, to fight in the British cause. By the end of the war, 16 regiments would be in action.

The Light Horse were seen as the "national arm of Australia's defence" and young men, most from the country, flocked to join. Many brought their own horses.

Walers were used because they were a sturdy, hardy horse able to travel long distances in hot weather with little water. However during the campaign they often went up to 60 hours without water, while carrying a load up to 130 kilograms, comprising of rider, saddle, equipment, food and water. These horses were also used for transporting heavy machinery, and ambulance in the harsh conditions.

At the end of the First World War, the Australian Light horsemen learnt with dismay that their mounts would not return home with them. 13,000 surplus horses which could not be returned home for quarantine reasons, lack of shipping and high cost of transport. Of these, 11000 were sold to the British Army in India and used as re-mounts. 2000 were cast for age or infirmity.

**Robyn Gill**

*Thanks also to Aileen Davis for her input to the story.*

## SHELTER HUTS FOR WALKERS & SKIERS



**Pauline Downing** was our guest speaker last month and she is a member of the Kosciuszko National Park Huts Association. Pauline is also their newsletter editor and was the second female President of the Association. Many alpine club volunteers have been restoring the Snowy historic huts and she proudly showed before and after images of huts that were either damaged by graffiti, weathered or abandoned. Also bushfires and accidental chimney cooking fires damaged these little safe havens. Some were destroyed by vandals.

Following are descriptions of some of the fabulous photographs .... Oldfield's stockmen's hut built in 1925, Cootapatamba shelter (pictured red) on the Main Range, a shelter hut with a red chimney originally built for the Snowy Mountains Authority in the 1950s. Tin Mines huts area has been mined since 1873 for tin. In 1935 to 1936 the Mt Pilot Tin Mining Syndicate built several huts on the site, all were abandoned in 1938 and are used as stockmen's shelters. Teddy's hut (built in 1948) was repaired in the 80s and 2013. Davey's hut (pictured) was built in 1909 and photos showed us as it was in the 1970s and 1984 with a working party. Pretty Plain Hut was built in the 1930s and after a fire photos of it reconstructed in 2009. Oldfields Stockmen's hut of the high country and Vickary's Hut built in 1925. Also the

CSIRO rabbit research station (hut) on Snowy Plain. Coolamine Homestead was a village, a cluster of huts from 1880s and there is a Nissan hut—Hoggs Hut. The NPWS assists with the rebuilding of the huts with grants and tradies volunteering. There are 90 viable huts now. There were 115 however the burned huts have not been replaced.

Pauline is the author of **Huts in the High Country (Adversity of the Vernacular in the High Country)** and **If I wake in the Middle of the Night ... A social history and the story of the reconstruction of an Australian High Country Hut.**

# Volunteer Weekend Roster

# News & Info

AUGUST	
Saturday, 1	Sue & Tina
Sunday, 2	Bob & Vivian
Saturday, 8	<b>WORKING BEE</b>
Sunday, 9	Ben & Doreen
Saturday, 15	Jim & Maureen
Sunday, 16	Trish & Kevin
Saturday, 22	Jan & Jenny
Sunday, 23	Maria & Betty
Saturday, 29	Phil & Laurette
Sunday, 30	Robyn & Ray

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August	Aileen & Pam
September	Shirley & Trish
October	Vivian & Pat
November	Jenny & Pacita
December	All to bring a plate

## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

AUGUST—No guest speaker however, a hidden gem **From our Collection**

SEPTEMBER— **Allen Seymour** with local heritage photograph

OCTOBER—**Mick Pearsall** from Narellan Local Area Command—TBC

## LIBRARY ACQUISITION

**Ten Years with the Palette, Shotgun & Rifle on the Blue Mountains NSW** by Sidney Bellingham (new edition of the 1899 classic, edited by Jim Smith, with a biography of Bellingham)

## Betty's next heritage bus tour

**18 November 2015**

**Parramatta Female Factory  
& Old Government House**



Enjoy a guided tour and add your name to the list on the front counter at the museum. Seats are limited—more information next month  
Contact Betty on 4677 2587 or Trish on 0432 689 034

## Camden News Thursday, 26 September 1895

### District News—The Oaks

Our worthy Road Superintendent Mr H D Cox is looking after our roads between The Oaks and Picton, especially between The Oaks and the top of Long Gully. There is now plenty of [blue] metal and The Oaks public are very thankful. Mr Alec Dunk, the contractor has carried out the work in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. Mr Cox has also further contracted for 215 yards of maintenance metal to be used on the road from Long Gully to Picton. Mr A Dunk's tender was accepted. Snow fell here and at Bobs Range on Monday night. This is the first fall of snow ever known here-about. Cattle are suffering most terribly and many deaths occur daily.

### Camden News Thursday, 25 June 1896 p. 5 The Oaks

We experienced on Monday one of the coldest days on record. At 4am the temperature was down to 48 degrees in the bakehouse before work commenced. About the dawn of day snow began falling, and shortly afterwards rain commenced falling very heavily. A very heavy snow storm reached as far as the Oakdale school (3 miles from The Oaks) where the snow was laying two inches deep, and further out at the top of the Burragorang Mountain it is said to be six inches deep. A carter arriving from Oakdale, brought in a snowball weighing 1 cwt 1 qr. 14lbs, which I send you to show your friends in Camden. The horses not being used to snow on the ground could scarce travel over it. Mr Grundy passed through this morning with about half an inch on his pack horse, and later on Master Philip Reilly landed with a spring cart which was literally loaded with snow. A youngster out at Marshend narrowly escaped being frozen to death. He started rolling up a huge snowball, which he rolled as far as his strength would allow and then stood until he was too stiff and cold to make his way home. Some friends went and helped him to a house and warmed him until he was alright again. I fear we shall hear of a heavy fall of snow between here and Crookwell the like of which has not been heard for years. Such extreme cold is much felt by stock especially where they have no shelter.

*You thought it was cold last week!!! Ed.*

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** The Oaks Historical Society Inc. holds its meetings on the first Monday of each month (except January) at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre, 43 Edward Street, The Oaks starting at 7.00pm. **Upcoming meetings will be held on 7 September & 5 October 2015.** Our patrons are Mr. Philip Costa and Mr. Richard Booth. The Oaks Historical Society Inc. takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the articles, papers or reviews that appear in this newsletter. The statements made or opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Oaks Historical Society Inc. Copies of the Minutes are available at the Heritage Centre.

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