



Bathurst District Historical Society Inc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to number 97 Member's Newsletter to mark the New Year. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a prosperous and happy New Year and 2014. This year leads up to Bathurst's special Bicentenary celebrations in 2015 and will prove to include a great deal of planning and groundwork to prepare for the event. The committee will be asking for members to assist in getting ready for the memorable celebrations which will take place.

Incidentally the Bathurst District Historical Society was the first to register some of our activities and events for endorsement with the Bathurst Regional Council for the 2015 official Bathurst 200 – 1815 – 2015 Programme.

Our annual Christmas Party was a great success despite the heavy downfall of rain and accompanying storm within half an hour or so of the event. There were a large number of last minute apologies. Thanks to all who brought food or did the various jobs to make the event so successful. Rob McLaughlin's punch was as usual a great success.

I would like to thank our two new 'Costume Curators' in Pixie Lincoln and Beryl Harvey who will be working on the Society's textiles and costumes collection over the coming year.

Col Sharp, Director, Planning and Audit and Head of Campus at Charles Sturt University has thanked the Society for the interactions we have had with Charles Sturt University over the past year. This applies specifically to the Theo Barker Memorial Lecture. The next lecture will take place in 2015.

I assume some members either attended the Official Opening of the George Evans display in BMEC in early December or had a look at it the week after. It comprised a display of photos, information and some interesting equipment. Surveyor Evans's journey to Bathurst in 1813 was well documented around the walls along with some early equipment of the type that Evans and his team would have used.

On 10th December I attended the Bathurst Regional Council's corroboree in the morning at Abercrombie House. This morning event was mainly for local Aboriginal children who could bring along a non-

aboriginal friend. There were also adults invited by the Mayor, Councillor Gary Rush. The Wiradjuri Waganha Dance Group from Cowra did a great job and had the young school pupils up participating and dancing. The event started with a Welcome to Country and an impressive smoking ceremony.

In the evening on the same day, another but in the evening, a Wiradjuri Dance and Corroboree Gathering took place in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant in the grounds of Abercrombie House. The Wiradjuri Elders of the Bathurst Plains together with Bathurst District Historical Society and the Morgan Family invited BDHS members, volunteers and others to attend.

Both events acknowledged the 200 year anniversary of first contact between the Wiradjuri People and the arriving European explorers which took place near the site on 21st December, 1813. The event also acknowledged the naming of the Bathurst Plains and Mount Pleasant by Surveyor George Evans on 10th December, 1813, over two hundred years ago. The gathering also acknowledged the last Wiradjuri Corroboree in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant which took place 165 years ago in 1849. The aim of the day was to come together to celebrate the endurance and renewal of Wiradjuri culture and customs on the Bathurst Plains since those days. Thanks to Christopher and Xanthe who provided the venue and served tea and coffee on the verandah of Abercrombie House afterwards. It is great to see Xanthe looking so well after her accident.

As I prepare this newsletter plans for the annual Autumn Colours Festival for 2014 is being compiled for the printing of the programme, copies of which will be available at the Museum, Old Government Collage and Bathurst Visitors Centre in February. The Society has included our musters, activities and a special Colonial Day at Old Government Cottage on Sunday 6th April.

The Society will also take part in Heritage Week from 9th to 18th May. Lots of activities, talks, tours, book sales and several activities are being planned thus allowing the programme to appear in our next newsletter. Samantha Friend is co-ordinating this event and will be approaching a number of members to assist during the special 'week'.

Museum and a chair! Tim Sargeant's talk on Mr. Pedrotta was well received near the ANZ Bank though Tim was having knee problems but he took his own chair.

Carol Churches once again swung into action when things got hectic and managed to keep her cool while those around her (Samantha particularly!) were losing theirs! Carol's calm kept everyone on track and even after a very busy Friday lending a hand in the Museum and an even busier Saturday running the very popular Court House tours, popped in again on Sunday to see if she could assist. Those of us who are married to husbands or wives who are happy to be involved in Society events are very lucky people and to all those spouses who were part of the weekend, and in particular Sandy Bathgate, our very heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to you.



The Ben Hall Raid Weekend Festival commenced with a "Chasing Ben Hall" bus tour which took in such places as visiting Grenfell, Forbes Museum,



Ben Hall's grave, Escort Rock, Eugowra Museum, Ben Hall's cave and Canowindra Museum. A great day was had by all, especially with Valda's cooking.

The Friday of the weekend was pretty busy with people from all over the country arriving in town and coming

into the Museum to book tours, collect tickets and generally find out about what was on. Alan McRae's booking system worked well with little or no confusion and the Bookings Folder was kept in high rotation as people selected trips and tours to go on. The Museum shop was also a popular destination and many local history books were sold over the weekend.

After a very long day, about 85 invited guests gathered on the ground floor of the Museum for the Mayoral Reception to officially open the Penzig Room upstairs. Bathurst Mayor, Cr Gary Rush paid

tribute to ex-Mayor Cr Monica Morse who had been the Council driving force behind the Penzig Room and the Mayoral Reception. Everyone in the crowd agreed and a very warm round of applause thanked Monica for her support and efforts. We were very honoured to have Megan Penzig with us and she spoke about her life with Edgar and their collecting, performing and travelling together.



Robert Crossie and Alan Cochrane working with the Penzig Collection

For those who may not know, Edgar Penzig was a very keen collector of bushranger memorabilia, published more than 20 books on colonial and bushranging history, performed in many television and stage roles, was influential in establishing several re-enactment societies, and he and Megan ran a museum in Katoomba for some years. When the Penzigs left the district, Edgar donated a mass of



material to the Bathurst Regional Council who, in turn, made the Historical Society the custodians of it. The Penzig Room houses just a small part of the collection, the bulk of which is awaiting cataloguing.



Saturday morning bought another very busy day and the Museum was not ever empty! We had three 'stations' – the Front Desk dealing with tour bookings and book sales, a small side table to take Museum entry money (over 350 people went through the Museum over the three day weekend!) and a card table to deal with raffle tickets and tour enquiries etc. The system worked well and there were few hiccoughs but a lot of

noise! The tour buses arrived and left regularly, transporting people out to the cemetery to look at graves, out to Macquarie to look at the historic homestead, and round the sites of the gang's raid on Bathurst, each with a running commentary. Most people were very pleased with the tours – the raid sites ones being the most popular.

were a Cobb and Co coach and memorabilia, wagonette and other horsedrawn vehicles. Many on the day decided that if they had penny farthings today they wouldn't be riding them. An original example on display created a good deal of interest. There were some 300 feet of displays all round the verandahs of the Court House, Museum and



Russell Street was closed to traffic all day and it was full of people from dawn till dusk. The Lithgow Living History Group had set up in the corner of the Court House courtyard and periodically let off a volley of black powder gun shots, startling the crowd every time! They also provided the guard for the official opening.

Conservatorium with a myriad of wonderful things to look at.



Members of the Lachlan Living History group - Richard Evans, Ian McLeod, Ian Rufus, Chris Johnson, Matt Allan, - Front row - Tony Ang, Dave Stenson, Vicki Hartley.



Collectors travelled from throughout the State and ACT to put their bushranging, colonial, rural and other displays on exhibition for a very appreciative public to look at.

Mark Thurtell with his very impressive Ben Hall display much of which was on display in Bathurst for the first time.



Sing Australia Bathurst sang a selection of bushranger oriented songs throughout the day. There



Colin Moss from the Lachlan Living History group.



Joan Boyle looked the part in her Victorian costume and parasol with Bob O'Keefe and his display.



Ron Pearce displayed his goldfields and other colonial memorabilia.



John Lehoczky with Society members Rick and Beryl Rutherford.

Freemantle Bush Fire Brigade handled the sausage sizzle with snags provided by Farm Gate Meats, and the soft serve ice cream and coffee van had a queue most of the day.

A restored World War Two merry-go-round entertained the younger children.



Left – Carlo Jensen dressed as an early marine in NSW.

We were very pleased to have two N.S.W. Mounted Police for the weekend and the girls and their horses were always surrounded by a crowd of adoring fans patting the very well-behaved and very tall horses! At one stage, though, one of the police horses started to fidget and toss his head round – Jen,

his rider, explained that police horses are trained to only wee on the grass when on duty and as he was standing on the road, was busting! She took him onto the grass where he became much happier!



Paul Toole, local member for Bathurst and Cr. Gary Rush opened the proceedings and raised the flag before an honour guard of troopers and bushrangers in period costume, and the Lithgow Living History Group gave a very noisy salute!

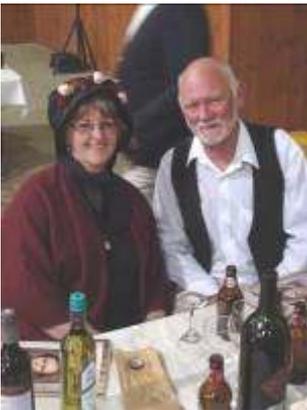


But the highlight of the day was the re-enactment down William Street. The crowd started to gravitate and gather between Russell and Howick Streets at about 2pm before the local police stopped traffic. In

a palpable air of excitement from the crowd, Rob Crossie and his band of bushrangers were miked up and much photographed in front of the Museum before taking their lively horses down William Street to re-enact Ben Hall's Raid on Bathurst, complete with a running commentary at various points in the street, Miss McMinn screaming (thanks Georgia!), and Johnny Gilbert's dropped oranges. Approximately 5,000 people were in the street to watch the event – in some places 8 to 10 deep, including Prime Television and the Bathurst Advocate photographer. The Mounted Police were also part of the show in Colonial police uniforms and everyone agreed that it was a splendid affair! Both the bushrangers and the Mounted Police horses came back to Kings Parade and once again were surrounded by mobs of adoring fans all wanting a photo! (below.)



Both committees would like to thank the local Police for their assistance in the re-enactment, and Prime, WIN, Stereo 2BS and the Western Advocate for their extensive media coverage.



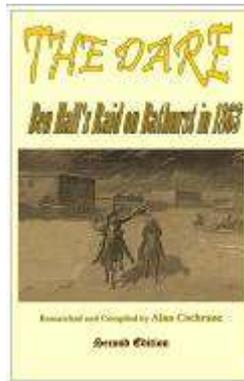
It was a bit of a scramble to get down to the Beau Brown Pavilion after the Museum closed in time to welcome 300 guests for the gala Ben Hall Dinner. Samantha had to finish dressing in the office at the Showground and was greeting people while putting on her lipstick!

Lots of people dressed up – Kerry McRae looked lovely in a new colonial style frock, as did Marlena Welch and Christine Hurford, just to name a few.

The bushrangers all stayed in costume as did the troopers, but the mounted police girls came in civvies and in their ute, rather than on their horses! The Top Table of invited guests and Bathurst Regional Council guests (including the Mayor and General Manager of Forbes Council) enjoyed wines donated by Tony Marsh of Winooka Park Wines at Gemala, Peter and Robin McGrath of McGrath Wines at Brewongle, and a specially brewed dark

beer from Mick Hoban at Fish River Valley Brewing. The food was provided by Food for Functions and was a good selection of carvery meats and very tasty salads. We had a bracket of songs from Dave Tonkin who had been a member of popular group the Nodding Thistles, a very lively auction run by Martin King of King's Antiques at Crago Mill, and four lucky raffle prize winners including Cr Monica Morse and Chris Stewart were awarded, before a very entertaining and interesting address from bushranging historian Peter Smith.

Prizes for best dressed woman – the 'Biddy Hall Award' went to Marlena Welch (and very well deserved it was too – she looked great!), best dressed man 'The Johnny Gilbert Award' which went to a very stylish young man called Adrian Billiau (who had also looked very smart during the day), and the most authentic looking bushranger 'The John Fagan Hole in the Hat Award' went to Rob Crossie!



There were also book awards and the four nominees were 'The Dare – Ben Hall's Raid on Bathurst in 1863' (second edition) by Alan Cochrane, 'Ten Dead Men – A Speculative History of the Ribbon Gang' by Henry Bialowas, 'Locksley – the First 200 Years' by Sandy Bathgate and 'Ben Hall, Stories from the Hard Road' by Peter

Bradley. The prize of four bottles of Fish River Valley Brewing Dirty Swamp beer was won by Alan Cochrane. Marlena Welch decorated the Beau Brown pavilion to suit the fitting occasion. Finally, it was time to go home to a very welcome bed - it was a very long day, but a very enjoyable one!

There were a couple of sore heads on Sunday morning so it was lucky it was a bit quieter! There were still a surprising number of people who stayed overnight in Bathurst to continue attending more activities and tours.



There were more volunteers on deck to open up Old Government Cottage had guided tours (above) and Devonshire teas.



Visitors to Old Government Cottage

Walking tours and tours out to Macquarie, the Ben Hall Raid Tour and Cemetery Tour ran all day and were very popular again, but it was with a great sense of relief that the doors of the Museum were closed at 2 o'clock! All the hard work had paid off, everyone had gone home happy, the Ben Hall Raid had been remembered, and a fantastic time was had by all!

Report by Samantha Friend



Kevin Foden, FAIHA and Les Carlisle, FAIHA both put on display.



Sandy Bathgate lowering the flag after a successful weekend.

SOCIETY MONTHLY MUSTERS & ACTIVITIES

Monthly Musters are held at the Museum with a 7.30pm start. Musters are free and open to the public. There is a tradition of having supper afterwards and people are requested to bring a plate of goodies for supper. For information please contact Chris Stewart, Monthly Muster Master on 0408084450

2nd February (Sunday) - Twilight Picnic at historic "Delaware" from 5pm. Hear the tales from the past as our hosts Stuart and Josephine Driver relate the story behind this stately home during the tour. Members bring your friends, picnic tea and rugs/chairs etc. There is a magnificent view to be had from this venue.

20th February (Thursday) – Muster – Lin's Story – hear Lin Boswell's story from Falkirk Farm at Oberon, her story, her early career and how she came to Falkirk Farm Oberon and her plans for the future. A must for garden lovers and people interested in family stories. (This is a precursor to a visit to "Falkirk" later this year.)

20th March (Thursday) – Muster – Sandy Bathgate will talk about historic Locksley in the Fish River Valley. The locality was described by Surveyor George Evans in 1813, on his way to discover Bathurst. Sandy then follows the history of some of the characters over the ensuing 200 years. True tales abound of discovery and hardship, horse stealing, fisticuffs, robbery, murder and worse, bushrangers, extortion, gold, copper, molybdenite, the railway, law suits, politicians, snake bites and other fatal accidents, plagues and diseases, alcohol abuse, wife beating, sunstroke, floods, droughts and fires. Oh, the drama of it all. Sandy's book will be available for purchase and signing.

6th April (Sunday) - Old Government Cottage Colonial Day - the Society will be holding a special event as part of the Autumn Colours Festival at OGC at 16 Stanley Street. Join us for Devonshire tea and a look into Bathurst's Colonial past. There will be tours and extra displays of Colonial ladies and gentlemen's memorabilia. There will also be extra activities which will be confirmed later. The cottage will be open from 11am to 4pm on this day. The Tour and Devonshire tea cost is \$14. Bookings preferred to the Society (call or phone 63308455) to get an idea of numbers.

17th April (Thursday) – Muster – "A Day in the Life of 1870s Bathurst, as told by Rex." Chris Stewart, a local historian and family history buff will tell the somewhat whimsical story. Chris has re-imagined a day in the life of Bathurst in the 1870s from a series of historical photos, using some factual

and some imagined stories and people in Bathurst's history. A must for lovers of historical fiction.

15th May (Thursday) – Muster – The Crago Mill – A Bathurst Landmark – Bernard Vance, a local entrepreneur has undertaken the mammoth task of restoring Bathurst landmark, Crago Mill. Bernard will tell the fascinating story of the flour mill in lower Piper Street, its history and characters, and the ongoing restoration of the mill. The Crago family were very involved with the Bathurst community in the late 1800s and 1900s. Mr. F. Crago was Mayor in 1891 and the family often sponsored and donated prizes for sporting events and children's activities.

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HISTORIC FIRE BELL TO BE CLASSIFIED

The Society recently received a letter from the Heritage Council of N.S.W. indicating that they intend to list the No. 470 Fire Bell on the State Heritage Register. For a number of years the bell was hanging in the garden at Old Government Cottage.



The bell is presently installed in its original housing at the current Fire Station at Windradyne and the Heritage Council believe "... it is an historically important, rare and representative example of early attempts to centralise the fire alarm system prior to the development of telecommunications and prior to statutory fire control in New South Wales."

Gary Boyce, an historian from the Museum of Fire at Penrith, has done a lot of research about the bell and has provided a copy of this research to the Society. The provenance of the bell is very interesting – it was manufactured in 1855 in Glasgow by a bellfounder (a man who makes cast iron bells) John C. Wilson. Mr. Wilson's company "Gorbals Brass and Bell Foundry" supplied numerous bells to the colonies including Sydney and Melbourne.

The 'Turret Bell' weighed 350lb, 12 oz or 159kg and was cast on 20th January, 1855. It came to Australia and was erected at a fire station in George Street in

Sydney in 1860. In 1887 the bell was still in use at the fire station in Bathurst Street in Sydney, having been moved there in 1864. It was later sold to the Bathurst Fire Brigade Board which was in the process of forming a volunteer fire brigade in the town. It was first used here in Bathurst on 17th August, 1887. The bell remained at the William Street location until 1963 when it was removed and the old historic fire station demolished. The fire brigade moved into new premises in George Street. More recently a new Fire Station was constructed at Windradyne where the newly restored bell and original tower were officially opened by Commissioner Greg Mullins in 2010.

The Society is very pleased that the bell has been recognised by the Heritage Council as being important and worth listing on the Register in acknowledgement of its significance to the people of New South Wales. The Heritage Council also felt that the bell was important because it has been associated with one town for so long and it was still hanging in its original bell tower.

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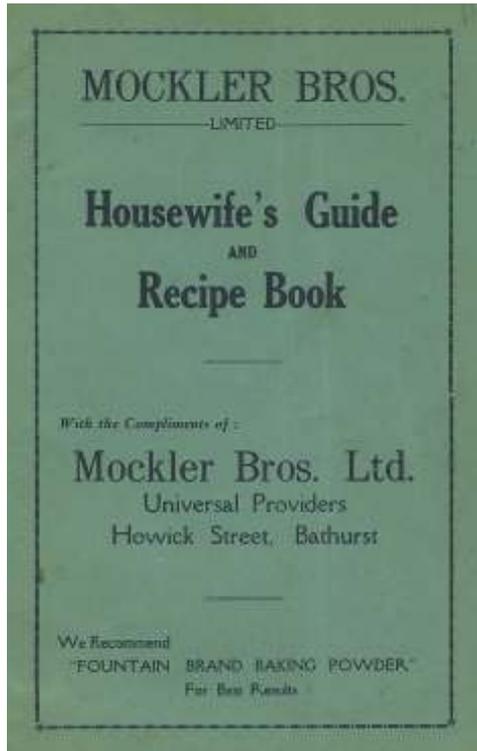


Curators have installed the framed compilation of Percy Gresser's Aboriginal stone tools on loan from the Bathurst District Historical Society and the Jackey Lewis breastplate into the Blue Mountains exhibit in the National Museum in Canberra in May last year.

If you are in Canberra in the next few months you will find it worthwhile to have a look.

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MOCKLER BROS HOUSEWIFE'S GUIDE & RECIPE BOOK



Mocklers Bros, Meagher & Co, Webb's Emporium and Western Stores amongst others produced booklets from time to time with handy hints for the home. Some of the contents and advertisements you may find of interest to compare with today!

Removing Stains - When possible, remove all stains while they are fresh. If a stain has been overlooked and washed in, it is difficult to remove and should be bleached on the grass.

Blood Stains: wash in cold water until the stain turns brown, then rub with naphtha soap and soak in warm water. A paste of cold raw starch applied several times will remove stain from thick goods.

Brass Stains: rub either lard or olive oil on the stain, then wash with warm water and soap.

Fruit and Coffee Stains: stretch the stained part over a bowl and pour boiling water through it from a height until the stain disappears. If stain remains, hang material in sun to dry.

Tea and Chocolate Stains: soak in cold water and borax and then apply the boiling water as for coffee stains.

Milk Stains: wash them out while fresh in cold water.

Glue Stains: apply vinegar with a cloth.

Grease Stains: place a blotter or unglazed brown paper under the greasy stain mark.

Grass Stains: apply ammonia and water at once, or wash with naphtha soap and water.

Ink Stains: soak in sweet or sour milk, or wet stains in oxalic acid.

Mildew Stains: if the stain is not too old it may be removed by applying soft soap and powdered chalk, keeping it moist and laying it in the sun.

Rust: soak spot with lemon juice, then cover with salt. Let stand in the sun for several hours, or until stain disappears. Rinse thoroughly. Should be used on white material only.

Old Tea and Coffee Stains: wet spot with cold water cover with glycerine, let stand two or three hours. Then wash with cold water and hard soap. Repeat if necessary.

Cleaning Old Carpets: sprinkle with pieces of newspaper, wrung out of water. Sweep thoroughly, wipe over with a cloth wrung out of water to which a few spoonfuls of ammonia have been added.

To Remove White Spots from Furniture: dip a cloth in hot water nearly to the boiling point. Place over spot, remove quickly and rub over spot with dry cloth. Repeat if spot is not removed.

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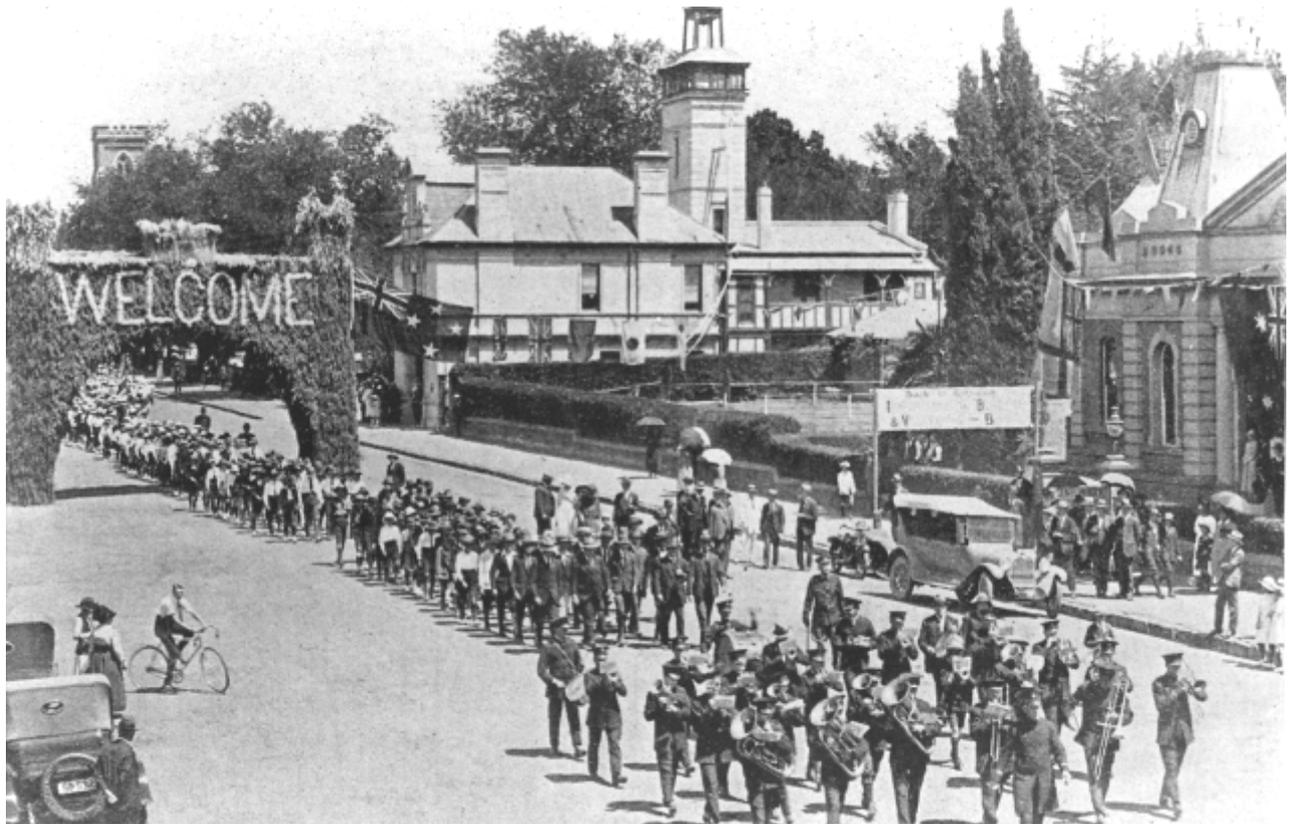
CREAMED TOMATO SOUP.

Cook the tomatoes together with the sugar, garlic cloves, salt, pepper to taste for about 11 minutes. Rub through sieve, return to the saucepan, add the butter and keep hot. Just before serving mix the flour to the consistency of cream with a little of the water, add the milk diluted with the remainder of the water and stir into the soup, heat sufficiently to thicken, but do not boil.

1 lbs. Tomatoes.

1 teaspoonful Sugar.

1 small Onion, chopped finely.



CHILDREN'S PARADE DREW MANY SPECTATORS

The Bathurst City Council organised and promoted a number of Back to Bathurst promotions from the 1920s. The idea was to attract new residents as well as encourage former residents who were about to retire or had retired to return to Bathurst to live.

One such "Back to Bathurst" week" was held over eight days from Saturday 23rd February to Saturday 1st March, 1924. The photo above shows the parade of school children who were led by the Bathurst City Band, which had been formed some three years earlier, as the youngsters marched down William Street past the Bathurst Fire Station and Bathurst Town Hall and Council Chambers. This parade took place on Wednesday 27th February when all schools in Bathurst and those within a fifteen mile radius were given a full day holiday off school. The 'Children's Parade' had formed up at 11.30pm before marching down to the Showground.

Mockler Bros, "The Modern Shop" in Howick Street was just one of the sponsors and they donated £100 towards this event for school children. They also paid to have their own advertisement in the Programme and Official Lists of Engagements brochure, these being sold for sixpence during the week-long activities.

During the festivities Mockler's department store was illuminated with electric lights which were powered by a generator located in a shed at the rear of their premises. Small light bulbs had been put around the edge of the building, around windows,

along the awning and other features to illuminate the premises at night. This fact was pointed out in their advertisements and attracted large numbers of local and visiting sightseers at night.

I wouldn't expect that an occasion such as this could be organised these days because during the eight days there were two and a half days of extra public holidays and we have shopping centres nowadays. A "Back to Bathurst" Garden Competition was organised with some twenty seven homes around Bathurst competing in the three sections which were judged by Mr. A.A. Patterson. The winner was announced later in the week. Mr. J. Beddie, Mayor of Bathurst, was the President of the committee with Mr. F.S. Fraser and Mr. S. Beddie as Honorary Joint Treasurers. The Joint Secretaries were A.H. Dickins and F.H.W. Robinson, all of whom had been working on the project for almost two years.

A Committee of twenty nine men from a wide section of the community met regularly to organise the event. It comprised local businessmen, Bathurst Council staff, police, teachers, Government Departments and others. Mr. P.J. Moodie, local chemist, L.J. Mockler from Mockler Bros, W.H. Crago, local flour miller, Sam Lewins, bandmaster and Police Superintendent A. Branston were some on the large committee. Mrs. H.C. Suttor was the President of the Ladies' Committee which had fourteen local wives helping organise and assisting with various functions. Some included Mrs. J. Brook Moore and Mrs. H. Busby, local doctor's wives, Mrs W.H. Crago, wife of the flour miller and Mrs. J. Beddie, the wife of the Mayor.

The first day was a Saturday and many people arrived on the train with the daily programme commencing at 2pm. The Bathurst Turf Club held their first race meeting at the Bathurst Racecourse at 2pm with races held throughout the afternoon. Workers had started in the early hours of the morning to get preparations and decorations for the Grand Continental being held in Machattie Park that night at 8pm. The Combined School Choir was the highlight of the evening having been practicing for many months from the previous year and over the Christmas school holidays.

The District Band had also been practicing over the Christmas period. They had done the Christmas Night Concert as well as some other allotted programmes which helped them turn over some £520. This band did 107 public appearances for the year. The “Back to Bathurst” celebrations were considered a highlight for them due to the large numbers attending. The home-town song “Bathurst, My Old Home Town” was rendered by the District Band and the Bathurst High School Choir on the first night. The song was a result of a competition with a £5/5/0 prize.

At the same time, 8pm, “Ye Old-Time Ball” was taking place in the Masonic Hall in Keppel Street with the Mayor, official guests and a large crowd in attendance. During the afternoon and evening entertainment had been organised in King’s Parade. An open-air timber dancing floor, complete with a Jazz Band, had been set up and attracted a good crowd on the first night. A dance group from Lithgow travelled up to participate and give demonstrations.

The two picture theatres operating in Bathurst at the time, The Burlington and the City Theatre planned to make the most of the numbers in town with a different ‘show’ on most days. On the first day the Burlington in William Street had “Shooting for Love” with Hoot Gibson and “The Ragged Edge” from the novel by Harold McGrath featuring Alfred Lunt and Mimi Palmeri. The City Theatre in the School of Arts hall had organised the film “The White Desert” which featured a ship being crushed by an iceberg.

The large “WELCOME” arch that can be seen in the photo was constructed by local scouts and workmen from the Bathurst City Council. Australian flags

were flown each day, one at each end of this structure. Some of the timber for the frame was donated by E. Webb and Company in George Street. The sign on the front says “WELCOME”, whilst on the other side the sign says “WELCOME BACK TO BATHURST – The City of Health and Beauty”. The scouts who helped with the job had their photo



taken posing by the archway by J.J. Kelly.

Two band concerts, one being the **Bathurst City Band, seen left**, were organised in Machattie Park in the band rotunda, one at 3pm and the other at 8.30pm on Sunday 24th February. The earlier part of Sunday was taken up with special church services, these being at All Saints Anglican

Cathedral, S.S. Michael and John’s Catholic Cathedral, St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, both in William and South Bathurst, the Congregational Church in George Street, Baptist Church in Keppel Street, Salvation Army in Russell Street and Seventh Day Adventists in Lambert Street. Some churches had up to seven services on this day.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Museum and Archives:

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P.O. Box 237, Bathurst NSW 2795
Phone: (02) 63308455 (Museum Open Hours)
Email: info@bathursthistory.org.au

Annual Membership Subscription (due July 1st)
\$20 single and \$30 family
Corporate on request
Once only joining fee of \$25

Museum Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10am – 4pm. Sunday 11am-2pm

Archives Hours:

Tuesday 10.30am-12.30pm; 1.30-3.30pm
Subject to volunteers availability.

Old Government Cottage Hours:

Open each Sunday 12 noon to 4pm.

Information on the Society, as well as membership application forms, are available at the front desk during opening hours.