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Points of Interest:

- Museum, 20 Riddell Street,
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- Opening Hours and workdays
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CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Museum will be closed
from
Tuesday December 17th
till
Tuesday January 21st .

This will enable workers and
supporters to recharge for a
busy 2020.

The Museum may be open by
appointment. Please text Sue on
0400425015 or
suemilne@colourcity.com .
_No appointment Christmas week



Molong Historical Society members participating in a
local parade. Are you or a family member involved?

RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

Enquires to the Society should be written,
then posted or emailed to :-

PO BOX 119 MOLONG NSW 2866
molongmuseum@hotmail.com

Please include :-

- Your Name, contact number
- Reason for enquiry (family research, writing
book etc)
- Relevant information

No phone enquires accepted.
Fees on request

FACEBOOK PAGE

Have a look at our FACEBOOK page. This
will keep you up to date with activities. It is an
opportunity for you to ask questions and add
information.

Take the opportunity to post an enquiry or
event that members may be interested in.

<https://www.facebook.com/MolongMuseum/>



BOOKS PLANTS & JUMBLE SALE

A chance to enjoy the Museum and grab a bargain

AT MOLONG MUSEUM
CNR RIDDELL & GIDLEY STREET

Saturday 30th November 9am Till 4pm
Sunday 1st December 9am till 12noon

The Museum will be open

Goods for sale needed, please leave at the Museum or contact below.
Assistance before and at the sale needed
contact

Coordinator
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Lynne Robertson
Sue Milne

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Come and celebrate with us

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday 7th December from
3.30pm
AT

BOREE NYRANG (Peabody Road)

Members, supporters, friends and families
Come along and join in

Members a plate please
BYO Alcohol

Tea, coffee and soft drinks supplied.
RSVP by Saturday 30th November

Sue 0400425015 or suemilne@colourcity.com
Or contact the Museum (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Members, to help with catering, if you are bringing a plate, can you let us know if will be sweet, savoury or nibbles, please

COPPER HILL

Contributed by Elizabeth Griffin

During my research on Copper Hill, I have found references to the different periods that the mine was functioning and different accounts of the men and their families that lived at Copper Hill.

The following is an extract from the Molong Historian, Vol. 1. No 24, p 91

"The Molong Mining Company was formed about 1847 and a Government Gazette in that year stated:- "The Molong Mining Co. has commenced operations. The directors of the Company in Sydney are J.B. Darvall Esq. M.L.C., T.H.Hood Esq., F.H. Castille Esq., Henry Rickards Esq., J.L. Montefiore Esq. The Committee of Management at the Mine: Henry Rickards Esq., C.W. Finch Esq., A.C. Hood Esq. The present Superintendent of the Mine at Molong is Mr Benjamin White. Managing Director is Mr Saul Samuel."

My question is WHO were these men? Where did they come from and where did they live? What other enterprises were they involved with?

I do have some answers but I need to expand on this information. So I will tell you that no information is too trivial, it is all important and sometimes someone from left field will provide an important piece of information to make up the jigsaw of the past.

If you can help could you write it down and send to me. egriffin8@bigpond.com

MUSEUM REPORT

Welcome to new President, Bob and members Julie and Kate who have joined the Committee. Everyone has been busy preparing for a new era of the museum. Susan has been appointed Collection Manager, Julie and John will be managing the photographs, Elizabeth is updating policies and researching for future exhibits, while Lynne is in charge of fundraising. Kate is continuing with her book and assisting with research. Catherine is our Research Officer and our expert on Molong History. I will be concentrating on the Fairbridge Collection as well as assisting visitors with their research.

Several changes are happening including more display areas (meeting room and veranda), development of administration and collection manager's areas. Outside work is continuing to reorganise the sheds. Work on repairing the front room and veranda will start soon, as we have been approved for several grants and donations.

Susan, Michael, Elizabeth, Julie and I have been working with Hayley Lavers and the Orange Regional Museum on stage 3 of the "Sustainable Collection Project" to complete several "Significant Object Files" to enhance our collection and research skills. Hayley visits regularly to assist with Collection Management.

The month of October has been busy with more open days and visitors research. We opened on the long weekend holiday and several people visited and all had connections with Molong, were able to add to their research. The museum opened on two weekends for personal research from visitors (Central Coast and Melbourne) with family connections. As well we have had people come on Tuesdays and Thursdays for research.

How many visitors are we missing by not opening weekends?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Society held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday September 14th at the Museum. Thank you to the members who attended and those who apologized due to other commitments .

Outgoing President Lyn Robertson presented her report (See page 5) and Susan Grinpukel gave the Treasurers Report. We are in a very healthy position financially, which has helped to apply for several grants to repair the museum and to purchase equipment for the collection.

A Presentation was made to Marie & John Hammond (in their absence) for their long service and commitment to the Museum and Historical Society. Marie & John were given Life Membership of the Society as well as being inducted as Patrons.

The chair was vacated for the election and Catherine Mackenzie conducted the proceedings.

THE 2019/20 COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Robert Sullivan
VICE PRESIDENT	Elizabeth Griffin
SECRETARY	Sue Milne
TREASURER	Susan Grinpukel
COMMITTEE	Lynne Robertson
	Julie Lawrie
	Kate Gadsby

NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

PATRONS	Des Sullivan, Jean Bennett, Maureen Kirkwood, Marie & John Hammond
RESEARCHER	Catherine Mackenzie
PUBLIC OFFICER	Elizabeth Griffin
EDITOR	Sue Milne

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln

OUTGOING PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Molong Historical Society has had a busy year. We have had several working bees. A major one in the top shed and several minor ones in the museum. These were aimed at knowing what we have and where it is and eventually cataloguing all our collection.

Several members have attended workshops on cataloguing items of significance, and all have been involved with Orange Regional Network meetings and workshops.

There have been several fund-raising events this year, including street stalls, book sales and a big event at Boree Nyrang as part of the Banjo Paterson Festival. These events have raised over \$9000.00.

We have been delighted to welcome Susan Grinpukel (Boree Nyrang) as a member. Her energy has been wonderful to see, she has volunteered as Treasurer and working with other volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the museum. Bob Sullivan has been very supportive as vice president, helping at street stalls, working bees etc.

Sue has continued to do an excellent job as secretary and newsletter editor, while Elizabeth has accompanied and supported me in researching sheds, cabinets and appliances for the kitchen. Marie Hammond had successfully applied for a grant last year so we could update the kitchen. Catherine continues to do a fantastic job as Research Officer-a position she has held for many years.

We were sad to lose John Austin earlier in the year after a long battle with illness. John had been an active member of the Society for many years, he had a wealth of local knowledge. He is sadly missed by all. He has left a legacy to the Society to assist with repairing the veranda. This will help us apply for Grants where we need to match the amount.

We have been moving ahead building on the foundation that Marie and John Hammond have built over the last 12 years and we certainly appreciate their efforts.

I would like to thank those who have been so supportive over the last year. This includes street stalls, museum working bees, general duties, welcoming visitors. It has been invaluable for the smooth running of the museum. I really appreciate your efforts as I have made many great friends.

Best Wishes to all

Lynne Robertson

HELP WANTED

The present Museum was officially opened 1st November 1970.

Next year we will celebrate 50 years of operating. Several functions will be through out the year.

We are looking for any photographs, documents and stories to mark this exciting date.

FAIRBRIDGE NEWS

FAIRBRIDGE CHILDRENS PARK

As many of you are aware the Old Fairbridgians Association (OFA) have planned to extend the Memorial Park on the Mitchell Highway with the construction of "The Fairbridge Children's Park"

The construction due to commence on Monday November 4th and will take about sixteen weeks, and is expected to be open on March 15th, 2020 at the Biannual Reunion.

A copy of the plans and artists designs are on display at the Museum during opening hours .

There will be four stages that will be sign posted and include stories, artefacts (replicas) and a floor plan of one of the cottages.

1. Children's origins in England
2. The journey from England
3. Life at Fairbridge (The largest section)
4. Outcomes of the children

The park will be large, more than five times bigger than the current rest area at the bottom of Amaroo Hill. It will run along Molong Creek in what was called the "Lucerne Paddock", opposite the row of poplar trees on the Mitchell Highway. The park will have four parts.



DONATIONS

Recently I received an email from Wendy Barrett (Daughter of Tom Barrett who bought Fairbridge in 1974). Wendy donated a bedspread, towel and bathmat from the Fairbridge era as well as a aerial photo of the property taken in 1988. It was interesting to compare this photo with the one we have taken in the 1960's.

Recently a windvane that they found while cleaning a rental home in Molong was donated to the museum..

It has been identified as the windvane that was above Nuffield Hall during the Fairbridge era.



A box of electrical items was left at the museum recently by Ivan Pine. He found it in the grass at Fairbridge and believes it was in the process of being stolen. The box included a bell hop and refrigeration power unit. Can anyone identify these objects. They could be from the Fairbridge or Barrett eras or more recent.



MUSEUM RE-OPENED AFTER RENOVATION".

Report from the "Molong Express", April 20, 1988.

"Molong Museum was re-opened after renovation on Saturday by former Historical Society president, Mr David Rutherford. Renovations to the building were made possible by a N.S.W. Government Bicentennial grant.

A representative crowd, including Member for Orange, Mr Garry West, was welcomed to the opening by recently elected president, Mr Bill Broadsmith, who listed apologies and introduced Mr Rutherford.

Mr Rutherford said he had been associated with the Historical Society and Museum for a period of ten years, but also had a family interest in the museum building.

He said the building was originally built by a Mr James Mortal, Jnr. who established an hotel. Mr Rutherford said his grandfather, Mr John Smith of "Gamboola" had later purchased the mortgage.

Mr Rutherford added that during the 39 years the hotel operated, it was conducted by such Molong stalwarts as Wynne, McGroder, Burgess, Thomas, Lawson, Moon and Coomber. They traded at various times under the name of Tattersall's, Golden Fleece, Club House and Royal Hotel.

Mr Rutherford said during the years he had been associated with the Historical Society, some restoration work had been done, as funds and time permitted, but what had happened in the past four years was quite remarkable.

The roof has been repaired and in parts, replaced, guttering completely replaced, storm drainage provided where none existed before, sections of the walls which lacked proper footings were excavated and concrete foundations poured. The rear veranda has been completely replaced, and brick paving laid underneath.

The unsightly fibro and Masonite enclosure at the eastern end of the front veranda had been removed and replaced by a new smaller room in keeping with the style of the building.

New fencing on the boundary and a new picket fence in Riddell Street have been erected, and just about everything paintable has been painted, Mr Rutherford said.

He said exhibits had had to be moved about and replaced during these renovations, but a new storage shed had made the process easier.

Mr Rutherford paid tribute to the architect, John Blackwood, builder, Henry Thompson and members of the Historical Society for their enthusiasm and work.

Apex had also given invaluable assistance, he added.

Mr Rutherford said the whole project had been made possible through a grant from the Bicentenary Authority, and as a result the old building had been saved from the elements and ravages of time, so that an example of 19th century building would remain to be seen by future generations."

(The Historian Volume 4, Number 10 December 1988, The 100th edition)

REDBANK CORRIEDALE STUD CENTENARY 2020

In January 1920 at the age of 21, Alf Carroll set up **Redbank Corriedale stud at Molong** in central western NSW. Trading under M Carroll and Sons - Alf, his father Michael, and brothers Charles and Ray also ran Corriedales at Beulah stud, Trangie and Old Redbank, Molong.



LEFT Alf Carroll, Bill's father and founder of Redbank stud in 1920, holding the Redbank ram champion in multiple big sheep shows, 1959,
RIGHT Modern Redbank Corriedale ram lambs ready for ram buyers, 2017



Alf wrote in his marvelous memoirs, **Gullible's Travels** - 'The first sheep from the Stud were shown at Sydney Sheep Show in 1923. In 1924, we won the Ram Championship at Sydney Sheep Show.' He commented that this success was a highlight that set the ball rolling with many championships and prizes, although he never set great store by that.

Recognized as a great sheep judge, he gained more satisfaction from consistently high sales of Redbank rams, including in 1959 the Australian record for a Corriedale ram, sold to a Uruguayan buyer, at 1,600 guineas. Clients across Australia, and from every country breeding Corriedales, including North America and many South American nations, India, China, Romania, South Africa and Japan ensured the spread of Redbank blood.

Only six outside rams have been introduced in that century of breeding.

Bill Carroll took over from his father in 1970 in the tradition of breeding top dual-purpose sheep, but focused on commercial production. He and wife Marg are proud of their quality stud and flock rams, good-milking ewes and large lean lambs, which have kept 'the wolf from the door' for a further 50 years. **Redbank Corriedales** are recognized for lustrous, 25-27 micron wool that has fetched good returns for 100 years.



**Join Bill and Marg Carroll
in mid-October 2020
at 'Redbank', Molong NSW
to celebrate 100 years
of their family's Corriedale Stud.
Ph. 02 6366 8580,
maggibillcarroll8@gmail.com**

Contributed by Margaret & Bill Carroll



Trooper William Joseph CAHILL
3084 – 1st Light Horse Regiment, 23rd Reinforcements
1st Machine Gun Squadron

Born: 1881, Cumnock, NSW.

Parents: William Patrick & Bridget Cahill

Occupation: Grazier

District Connection: Molong, Cumnock.

Enlistment Date: 15 Mar 1916,

Enlistment Age: 35 yrs 3 mths

Embarkation: 3 Feb 1917, Sydney, *RMS Karmala*

Served: Egypt, Palestine

Fate: RTA 21 Jul 1917

Honour Boards: Cumnock War Memorial Gates; Molong WW1 honour board.



Biography:

William Joseph Cahill was born in 1881, registered at Molong, NSW. He was a son of William Patrick and Bridget Cahill.

William Patrick Cahill immigrated from Tipperary, Ireland with his sister, Sarah, and arrived per the ship *Hornet* at Sydney, Australia on 25 January 1865. His stated age was 28 years. William married Bridget Durack at Young in 1870. They had eleven children, 3 sons and 8 daughters.

Bridget's parents, Margaret and Darby Durack, had immigrated from Ireland on the ship, *Duke of Roxborough*, in 1849. Their first child, Bridget, was born during the voyage, one of 18 children. Darby's eldest brother, Michael Durack, his wife Bridget and seven children arrived at Sydney in May 1853. Michael joined Darby to work at Kippilaw, near Goulburn, for James Chisholm. Unfortunately, Michael, aged 44yrs, was killed in an accident when a horse and cart ran over him in August 1853. Michael's eldest son, 18-year-old Patrick Durack was now the head of the family and responsible for his mother Bridget and seven siblings, another son having been born since arriving in Australia. (Patrick - known as Patsy - Durack was the grandfather of Mary Durack who wrote "Kings in Grass Castles," the history of the Durack family in Australia)

Patsy and his uncle Darby Durack obtained land on Dixon's Creek in the county of Argyle, near Goulburn in the 1855. Darby and his family moved to a property near Boorowa in 1867. Darby Durack died as the result of sunstroke in 1872 at Binalong, near Yass. He left a widow and family of thirteen children with very little to survive on after a period of drought. By 1878 Margaret Durack had moved to Molong and was the publican of the Courthouse Hotel, on Hill and Edward Street, Molong. Margaret Durack died at Sydney in 1905.

William Patrick and his wife Bridget (eldest child of Margaret Durack) Cahill had bought land at 'Burgoon,' Cumnock around the late 1870s. *The Australian Town & Country Journal* – 18 Aug 1877, p19, The Molong District, reported on a reporter's journey to Burgoon: "I crossed the Burrawang Creek, and in a little more than a quarter of a mile I reached Tipperary Flat, the residence of Mr William Cahill. This is also a selection of 600 acres, a good stock-yard, a cattle pasture and a nice cottage... Mr Cahill is only in possession about twelve months..." William Patrick Cahill took over as publican of the Courthouse Hotel in 1889 and later became the publican of the Royal Hotel in Molong in 1897.

Local newspaper reports showed that William Joseph Cahill enjoyed debating and lecturing. He was a member of the Cumnock P. A. & H. Association and the *Molong Argus* – 20 Sep 1907, p9, reported on "An interesting lecture was delivered by Mr WJ Cahill upon 'Wool v Wheat,' at Cumnock on Thursday, September 12th. The *Farmer and Settler*, Sydney – 3 Jul 1908, p11, published a long, illustrated article about "Flocks and Herds", by W.J. Cahill, 'Burgoon,' Cumnock.

As a member of the Farmers and Settlers Association, William Joseph Cahill wrote a letter to the Editor of the *Molong Express & Western District Advertiser* – 11 Sep 1915, p2, which commenced: “*Sir, - I would like a little space in your columns to say a few words on what I call suicidal lack of interest taken by the farmers of Cumnock in matters that vitally concern them. On Wednesday, August 25, a meeting of farmers was called to hear an address from the recently appointed organiser of the F.S.A., and with the object of joining a branch of the F.S.A. at Cumnock. I left important work to be present, and to my surprise, I was the only farmer that turned up at the meeting...*”

William Joseph Cahill enlisted in the AIF on 15 Mar 1916. His medical examination on 3 May 1916 at Menangle Park, stated that he was 35 years old, 6 feet 1½ inches tall, had hazel eyes, light brown hair, a fair complexion and of the Roman Catholic religious denomination.

His youngest brother, Bede Durack Cahill, aged 20 years, enlisted in the AIF at Sydney on 22 April 1916. Private Bede Cahill – 2386 served with the 54th Btn, 5th Reinforcements. He embarked at Sydney on 30 September 1916 on *HMAT A60 Aeneas*. On 15 May 1917, Pte Bede Cahill was wounded in action in France with gun shot wounds to the right thigh, knee and ankle during the 2nd Battle of Bullecourt. He was permanently disabled and returned to Australia on 13 Dec 1917. He spent many months recovering from his injuries and was discharged from the AIF on 30 May 1918. He married Sarah MacLean, a member of the nursing staff of the Military Hospital, Randwick, in 1923 and they had 4 children. He died on 9 Nov 1941 at Sydney, aged 46 years.

The Molong Express & Western District Advertiser – 5 Aug 1916, p9, reported: *Trooper W.J.Cahill, late of 'Burgoon,' Cumnock, is the victim of a run of bad luck. He had been encamped at Menangle for some length of time when a tent mate contracted diphtheria, and he and all the other occupants of the tent were quarantined. The authorities then mislaid the papers relating to them, and they had to be re-examined, and though Trooper Cahill successfully passed the doctor when he volunteered, this time he was turned down owing to varicose veins, and had to enter a military hospital for the purpose of having them removed. Then while awaiting the operation, he developed an aggravated form of mumps, from which he is still suffering.*”

Trooper William Cahill eventually embarked at Sydney on the *Royal Mail Ship Kamala* on 3 Feb 1917 via South Africa to disembark at Port Suez on 11 Mar 1917. He was transferred straight to an Isolation Camp at Moascar, so most likely contracted an infectious disease during his voyage. He joined the 1st Light Horse Training Regiment (LHTR) at Moascar on 26 March and then attended a School of Instruction at Zeitoun, near Cairo, from 3 – 18 Apr 1917. In May he was transferred to the 1st Machine Gun Squadron (MGS) and attached to the 1st LHTR at Shellal.

On 27 Aug 1917, Trooper Cahill was sent to a Rest Camp at Maraket while recovering from treatment of an abscess. He re-joined the 1st MGS at Kilo 9 on 17 Sep 1917. The 1st LHR took part in the Battle of Beersheba on 31 Oct 1917.

The Molong Express & Western District Advertiser – 9 Feb 1918, p4, published a letter from Trooper Cahill written from Palestine on 6 Nov to his brother, Mr J Cahill, of Molong. Extracts from the very long letter:

“We have had a very strenuous time and have made an attack on Beersheba and are now in part of it. We (the Anzac Division) including the Zealanders worked round the right flank of the enemy by a series of night marches, and on the 31st October came on to the enemy about 7.30am. After putting up a big fight all day the enemy retreated just at dusk, and by 8 O'clock at night we were in full possession of the town...

We stayed at Beersheba for two days, and on the night of the 2nd we moved out to attack a position ten miles out. This proved to be a tougher fight than the Beersheba one; a terrible lot of men were lost and 'Jacko' got the best of the deal... The 1st Regiment were sent to attack this very formidable post and they had a terrible lot of casualties. Two of the 33 of our reinforcements were killed that day. Our section attached to the 1st, and we also had a lot of casualties. I was terrible lucky and had 'close shaves' to no end. Our guns got up to within 300 yards of their redoubt, and about midday their ammunition was spent, and I being No. 1 pack-leader had to take a load of ammunition across about half-a-mile of open country, right under the Turkish post on top of the ridge of hills. They were shooting at me all the way across, but I was going as fast as the horses could gallop, and got up and back safely... Every officer of the 1st was either killed or wounded, and there were dead men lying all over the place. We had three casualties in our little section...

"It is now several days later. Ever since we attacked Beersheba we have been constantly on the move and have been 'boxing on' nearly all the time. We are now up to 20 miles or so behind Gaza and have been having great victories... Both men and horses are just about done up. Don't think I ever so tired in my life as I was last night and we had nothing to eat for two days and have not been able to make a drop of tea for nearly a week.

Have had several more 'close squeaks' since writing the first portion of this letter... Had a horse standing alongside of me killed by a shell the other day when we were trying to water our horses at a Turkish watering place. One man and two horses just behind me were wounded. Another day while riding along a bullet from a sniper passed my face, hitting the bank on the other side of me. another day, when we were supposed to be under cover, a bullet went through the man's leg next to me and into the horse I was holding. You get quite used to these 'mere details' as they are called...

On 16 Nov 1917 Trooper Cahill wrote: *"We are constantly on the move and have been capturing the enemy in thousands. We are now up past Jerusalem and only about seven miles from Jaffa.... We are badly in need of reinforcements now, out of 33 men who started in our section only 21 remain; four of them wounded and the rest of them had to go away on account of sickness. In regard to horses, matters are about the same..."*

From 27 Nov 1917 – 20 Dec 1917 Trooper Cahill was hospitalised with diarrhoea and shortly after had leave at a Rest Camp in Port Said. He then spent from 12 Jan – 23 Feb 1918 at the School of Instruction, where he was classed as a 1st class gunner. He returned to the 1st MGS on 16 Mar 1918.

In February, the British front had advanced eastwards into the Jordan valley and to the western shore of the Dead Sea. The Anzac Mounted Division entered Jericho on the 21st. On 22 March, a bridge was built at Hijla and after twenty-four hours of fighting the main crossing at Ghoraniye was seized and bridged. Es Salt was taken on the evening of the 25th by the 3rd Light Horse Regiment (1st Light Horse Brigade). The raid to Amman began on 27 Mar – 2 April but was unsuccessful due to the arrival of more Turkish and German troops and the British forces was ordered to withdraw to the Jordan Valley.

The summer for the Anzac Mounted Division was spent in the Jordan Valley. In September the Division captured Amman and advanced to Damascus. Damascus was captured on 2nd October 1918. The Ottoman Empire signed the Armistice of Mudros on 30 Oct 1918, bringing the war to an end.

In six weeks between 19 Sep – 30 Oct, the Australian Light Horse was part of an army that captured 360 guns and 75,000 prisoners and moved the front forward 560 km. The only troops to fight in every major action from Romani to Damascus were three Australian Light Horse Brigades: the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade.

Trooper Cahill was admitted to hospital with conjunctivitis on 1 Aug 1918 and then later in August with Influenza before being sent to a Rest Camp at Port Said. He spent from 26 Sep – 5 Oct at the 1st AMG Training Squadron and re-joined his company in the field on 11 Oct 1918. He had leave in Cairo in Feb 1919 and on 16 May 1919 he embarked at Kantara on the Hospital Transport *Orari* and disembarked at Sydney on 4 Jul 1919.

The Molong Argus – 21 Nov 1919, p4, reported on a Welcome Home at Cumnock for 13 returned soldiers at Leary's Hall. The Shire President, Mr George Bowhay, thanked the soldiers for serving in the AIF for



their country, and said that he was pleased to see them back safe and sound. On behalf of the Cumnock residents he presented inscribed gold medals to Trps W Cahill, RG Bellamy, A Fox; Cpls WH Young, B Hart; L/Cpls C Weston, FT Meurant; Ptes L Lentz, Starr; Drivers TH Holman and CV Hodges.

William Joseph Cahill returned to farming at 'Burgoon,' Cumnock and to being involved with the Farmers and Settlers Association and the Cumnock P. A. & H. Association. In May 1924, he sailed for England with Mr JA Miller, of 'Loombah,' to visit the Empire Exhibition. While he was in England, his father William Patrick Cahill, died aged 90 years, at his home at Lavender Bay, Sydney, on 8 Sep 1924. His mother Bridget Cahill died in January 1935 aged 85 years at Lavender Bay.

In June 1927, William Joseph Cahill, aged 46yrs, married Pansy Mary Breen, daughter of Mr & Mrs TJ Breen, at Coogee, Sydney. They left by the *RMS Aorangi 11* for America for their honeymoon. The couple made their home at Manly but still retained the property 'Burgoon,' at Cumnock coming back periodically to manage it. They had two children, Tom and Patricia. Pansy Cahill died on 11 Feb 1940 at Manly, Sydney.

'Burgoon' was sold by William J Cahill around the end of 1945 to Frances and Richard Wootton, from Condobolin and Sydney. They renamed the property 'Wansey' after Wansey Road in Randwick where they lived.

William Joseph Cahill died, aged 65 years, at Sydney on 7 Apr 1946. He was buried beside his wife Pansy at the Manly cemetery.

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“THE MOLONG HISTORIAN”

The Museum has several original copies of the HISTORIAN available to members and friends.

“The Molong Historian” was published from March 1972, and the 150th and final edition published in April 1997. David Rutherford was the editor and Ruth Bigrigg, the typist (No computers then)

In the first edition, David Rutherford wrote:

The Molong Historical Society presents its first issue of “The Molong Historian”, in which are brief histories of the Society, and its Museum.

The object of this paper is to build a permanent record of the history of Molong and the surrounding district. In future issues we hope to include biographical notes of our early pioneers, histories of local properties, descriptions of some of the exhibits in our Museum, as well as other articles of an historical nature.

It is hoped that contributions will be forthcoming from the general public and residents of the district, as well as from members of the Society.

We trust our paper will be of interest to a wide section of the community, and will fulfil its purpose of recording the history of the district.

The Molong Historian achieved the objectives of publishing Molong history as a public record. Topics covered include families, Buildings, events, businesses and stories.

The Museum has original copies of most editions (printed on foolscap paper) for sale. They are available at the museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact Sue .

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

I remember the corned beef of my
Childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the Children helped with the
housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.
The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The Children were seldom unhappy.
And the Wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle.
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer: or shop.
The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the road.
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

...
I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Author Unknown



MUSEUM OPENING DAYS

The Museum Opening days have been increased.
The days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30am until
3.30pm.

Members are available for research enquiries. Everyone
welcome to drop in for a cuppa and chat to catch up on society happenings.
We would like to open the museum during the weekends. To do this we
need volunteers willing to be on a roster, once or twice a month to spend an after-
noon. All that is required is an interest in Molong history, training and help will be
available. Please contact Sue or Bob.

BOOKS FOR SALE

(updated 1/11/2019)

AUTHOR	TITLE	PRICE
Aileen Roberson	FAMILIES OF MOLONG & DISTRICT	\$35.00
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A QUESTION FROM ELIZABETH

Recently I came across what I considered to be an interesting story and as usual it left me asking questions.

The first part of the story was in the Orange and District Illustrated 1928 on page 21.

' In latter years as the settlement grew, a great deal of doubt and distrust faded from the native's minds, for they were treated very kindly by the whites. One old lady in particular, Mrs. Budge, of Bathurst Road, just opposite to where Icely Road turns off, was so generous to the blacks that they called her 'Budgery Mary' The word Budgery is aboriginal for "very good". She was proud of her appellation.'

The second part of the story now emerges from the book, "Families of Molong and District" by Aileen Roberson. 1993. Where she put in notes from Muriel Bowler. page26.

"Mary and her family continued to run the general store and butchery." (Her husband James Bowler died in 1889.) Mary reportedly told stories of the aborigines who were very treacherous when she first arrived in Molong. However her fair dealings with them earned their respect, and the name 'Budgeree Mary", meaning good. Each morning the tribe would queue up at the West End property and Mary would tend to their requirements."

Note: The site of the present Yarn Market is the site of James and Mary's home. It was built in 1860 by James Prior.

My question to you is , 'how many women were call 'Budgery or Budgeree' in this area? If you know of any others please let us know.