



ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this newsletter contains images and names of deceased persons

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2023!

2023 is a milestone for the Orange Family History Group. The Orange Family History Group was formed forty years ago, in 1983. See page 3 for an old newsletter with the story of how the group was formed, written by OFHG Patron Bruce Walkden Thomas, a local historian and genealogist. We are planning a special 40-year lunch celebration for the July OFHG meeting on Tuesday 18th July, at Duntryleague. If you have any anecdotes or photos about OFHG you would like to share, please send to our email.

Do you have relatives who fought in WW2 soldiers, the navy or the air force, or medical staff? A list of those who served from Orange is being compiled. Love to hear from you if you have family stories to share. One such Orange soldier was Jonathon Matthews who went missing in 1945 on his way to Australia from New Guinea. His body was not found until 1970. His story starts on page 6 of this issue.

The newsletter is bursting with interesting articles. I hope you enjoy your reading!

Julie Sykes

Local Studies Librarian

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OUR STORY by the Patron of the Orange Family History Group B W Thomas

I have been asked to tell you something of the early days of the Orange Family History Group and this I do with great pleasure. The group was formed by me after a meeting of the Ladies' Evening View Club. In June, 1983, my old friend, Nick Vine Hall, Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists, told me he was coming to Orange on 28th July, to address a meeting of the View Club in the Ex-Services Auditorium and, of course, I invited him to be my house guest. He also asked me to accompany him to the meeting, to give him support among two hundred women and be able to pass on to me questions he could not answer. His talk was very well received and after the talk Nick and I were besieged by many interested ladies requesting further information on tracing Family History. Later that night, as we sat drinking coffee before a blazing log fire, Nick asked me to found a Family History Group in Orange. This I did. The Group was, at first, a Private Group, meeting in a private home and supper was served. We will always be grateful to Mrs Meredith in Seymour Street and Mrs Robyn Smyth of Green West Lane for their help in this direction. Because we were meeting in a private home, attendance was by invitation. In the complete absence of anyone with the slightest knowledge of genealogy, all letters of enquiry and research were directed to me. It began with about three letters a week and I began spending two days a week researching and writing replies on behalf of the Group. It was never our intention to collect and hold a lot of unique research material and become a research organization for the General Public. But it was our policy to answer all research organisation for the General Public. But it was our policy to answer all research enquiries (a) by research and answering their enquiries or (b) by pointing out that we could not help and that professional researchers were available. It was our intention to help Orange people...by getting them to join our Group where they were pointed in the right with such books as Nancy Gray's "Compiling your Family History" and Johnson and Sainty's "Genealogical Research Directories" and further help from the Society of Australian Genealogists. Interest in the Group grew and we decided to "go public"! An advertisement was placed in the local paper and because we were inviting members of the General Public of Orange, we commenced meeting in a public place....that is, the Ex-Services Club Rooms in Anson Street. My name and address appeared in the S.A.G. Journal "Descent" and letters of enquiry averaged 10 to 15 per week! And I was spending seven days a week on research for the Group! A lot of early enthusiasm began to evaporate! And we were forced to draft a standard letter of reply. We pointed out that ours was not a research organization and that almost all the records held in Orange were available in Sydney and elsewhere. And that we had not and did not intend to have and hold any elaborate research facilities. But every letter received by me was answered. (I do not ever remember receiving a letter with a donation towards our funds!) It was further resolved by the Group that we would do our best to build up the research material in the Orange Library and that we direct all future enquiries to the Library. This relieved me of a great burden. I am happy to say that the Orange Library has acquired an immense amount of material from the State Archives, publications from the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record and from Keith Johnson and Malcolm Sainty publications. They also have micro-film and micro-fiche available and are proving a great centre for genealogical research.

LIONS CLUB TIME CAPSULE IN ROBERTSON PARK TO BE UNEARTHED IN JUNE 2023

The Orange Lions Club Time Capsule will have been in the ground 49 years in June 2023. The time capsule was organised as a way of funding a ladies restroom and bus shelter in Robertson Park.

The capsule is reported to be 6ft 6in tall and made of copper and was constructed by TAFE students.

Envelopes were sold for \$1.00 as a way to raise the funds. People were asked to contribute photos and letters to the capsule. Contributors of items were issued a card authorising them (or the card holder) to access the envelope in 50 years' time.

A report in the CWD 21 July 1973 suggested that *'some unusual items have been placed inside the capsule, including a record and cassette tape. Officials were also surprised at the number of visitors who bought envelopes.'*

However, due to several factors, a suitable site had not been chosen and by February 1974, only 800 of the 1,000 envelopes had been received to be included in the time capsule.

The Parks and Trees Advisory Committee Minutes at the meeting held on 25 February 1974 recommended that permission be granted to the Lions Club to bury the time capsule in Robertson Park at a location to be recommended by the Council by the City Engineer. Although the capsule was scheduled to be buried in Robertson Park in 1973, it was not until 29 June 1974 that the capsule was buried.



The time capsule is located under a rock on the eastern side of the park and is marked with a simple brass plaque. It will be opened by the Lions Club on 29th June 2023. Members of the Lion's Club are currently working through the logistics of unearthing the capsule.

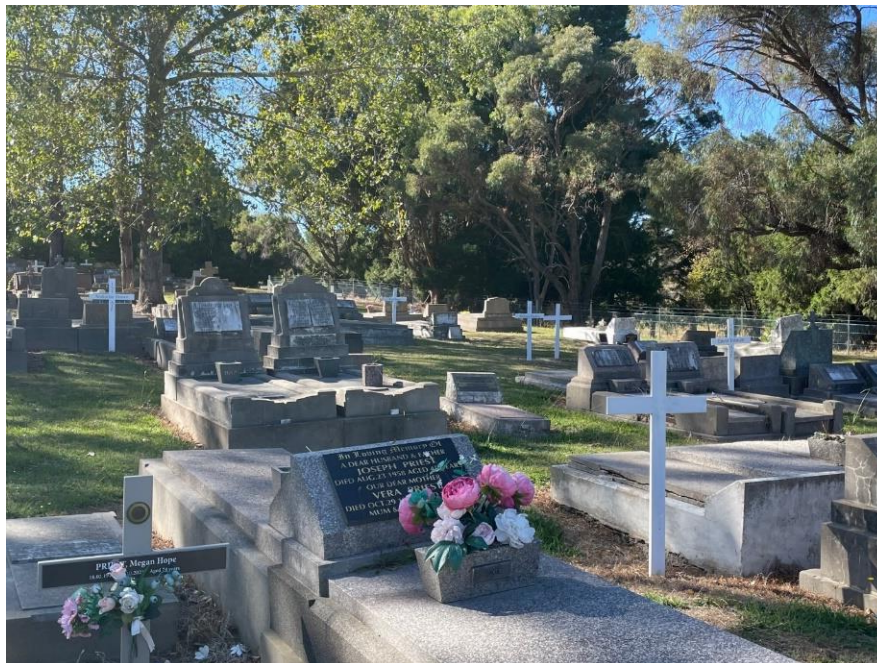
Alison Russell
Community Museum and Heritage Manager

WHITE CROSSES ... LIKE POPPIES IN THE FIELD

On the 2nd November 2022 the RSL Sub Branch held a Remembrance Service at the Orange Cemetery particularly for those soldiers who had been located in unmarked graves. Then it was 97 men with 20+ war graves being allocated.

It was a moving service, the day was cold and wet, wreaths were laid by various organisations. Some of the crosses were in place for the family members who attended.

On the 17th March the last remaining crosses were placed on the soldiers' graves. With ongoing research there are now a few more to be done, but the majority are complete. To date we now have 104 soldiers, 25 of whom will be receiving a war grave and some applications are still pending.



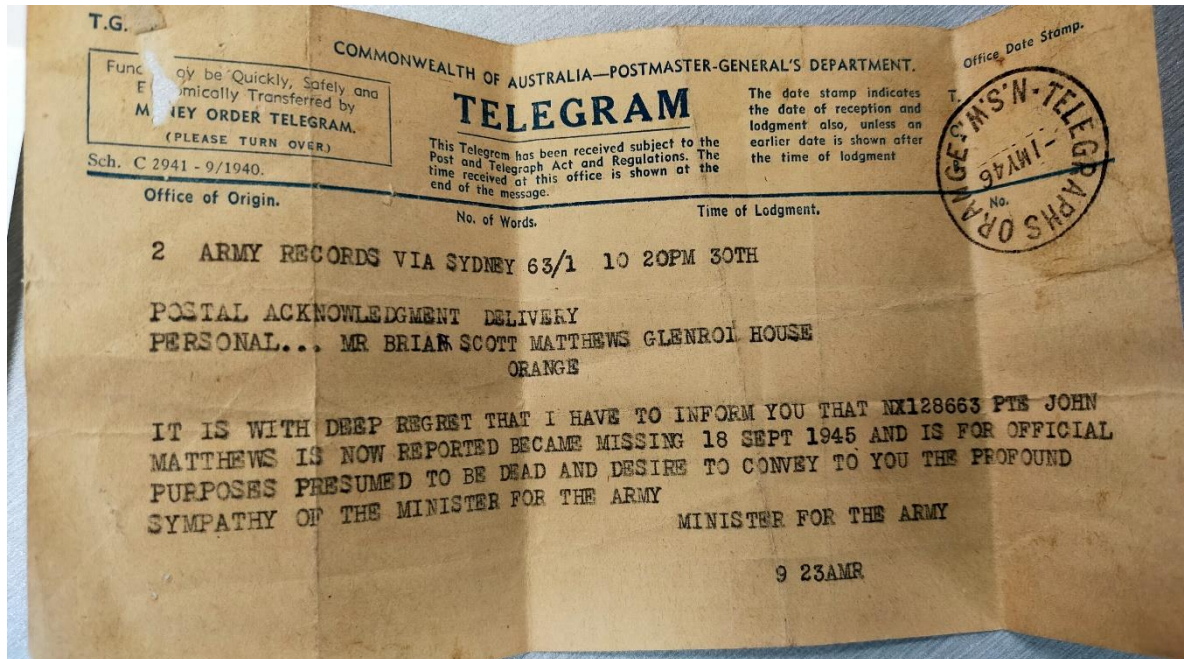
Some of these soldier's names were obtained from the Bathurst Parish Registers. They were laid to rest in the Catholic Section of Orange Cemetery but no location was given. The RSL Sub Branch of Orange are intending to put a plaque of some description in Orange cemetery with their names inscribed on it.

Walking up the main drive one can now see the white crosses above the headstones and know that resting there is a veteran of the First World War who was long forgotten but is now found. Still there is ongoing work checking names in Orange Cemetery for those who have been missed. Lest We Forget.

Sharon Jamieson
Researcher - Orange Family History Group

MISSING

On 18 September 1945 an RAAF Dakota plane carrying 27 men and a nursing sister disappeared over West Irian mountains on a flight returning injured personnel to Biak.



Jonathon (known as Jack) Matthews was born on 11 September 1923 at Molong, the fifth child to Brier Scotts and Ida Florrie (nee Whiley) Matthews. They purchased Glenroi Guest House on Bathurst Road in 1929 and ran it for thirty years. In 1930's people travelled by train and Orange was a great destination. Glenroi House entertained families, soldiers, visitors from overseas and parents visiting their children boarding at Kinross. The family grew their own food and vegetables, milked their own cow and offered a plentiful supply of fresh tank water.

He worked in a sawmill at Wallerawang before enlisting in the AIF. He joined the 54th Battalion and then Signals; served with Beach Signal Commandos. He also worked on the North South Telephone Line through Central Australia. Both his older brothers Cecil Brier and Donald Arthur Matthews joined the AIF. Jonathan, while working as a Despatch Rider, crashed his bike at 60 m.p.h. when he hit a road barricade and broke his elbow. On the request of Jonathan, Donald "claimed" him. But when he joined Donald in the tropics his elbow injury would not heal. A week after his 21st birthday, he boarded a medical RAAF plane at Tarakan.

An American missionary pilot accidentally spotted sun shining on the silver fuselage of the ill-fated RAAF plane in the West Irian mountains. This sparked a recovery mission with Indonesian government permission. The remains were recovered in very rough

terrain at height of 14000 feet with the recovery team using oxygen. The remains were then buried in mass grave at Bomana. Relatives of deceased personnel were invited to the burial on February 17, 1971. Donald and his wife attended the ceremony.



Jonathan Matthew's grave
at Bomana War Cemetery Port Moresby



Jonathan Matthews in Central Australia



One of Jonathan's letter's home

Sydney Morning Herald: 12 December 1970, *Central Western Daily*: 25 March 1971, *Thomas and Mary Ann Mathews and Family* compiled by Beth Marriott, 1992

CHRISTINE STEWART AUTHOR TALK ON *COLLITS' INN: UNCOVERING THE PAST*

Author Christine Stewart said restoring an historic inn and writing about it was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life. She spoke about her book *Collits' Inn: Uncovering the past* at an afternoon tea presented by Orange and District Historical Society at Orange City Library during February.

Christine talked about the surprises and mysteries found in restoring this 1823 Australian icon. The inn sits at the foot of Mount York, in Hartley Vale, just on the western side of the Blue Mountains. The Inn was built by Pierce Collits, an ex-convict in 1823.



Collits' Inn – Photo credit Rob Shaw Gourmet Traveller

However, the building and its history were nearly lost. When Christine Stewart and her husband Russell bought the Inn in 1998 it was severely run down and almost on the point of collapse – its history forgotten, distorted or dispersed.

Over the next 4 years she researched, recorded and collated its history and painstakingly restored the inn and its outbuildings, saving them from being destroyed completely.

This book is Christine's personal story of restoring one of Australia's earliest Inns. All travellers crossing the Blue Mountains in 1823 had to come down the notoriously dangerous Cox's Pass past the Inn on their way to the settlement of Bathurst and other lands to the west. It is one of Australia's earliest surviving buildings and is rich in history.

Christine talked about the Collits' Inn Operetta, the early nearby cemetery, the story of a murder, the many beautiful linoleums and the discovery of two strange mediaeval customs where "superstitious" items were incorporated into the building.

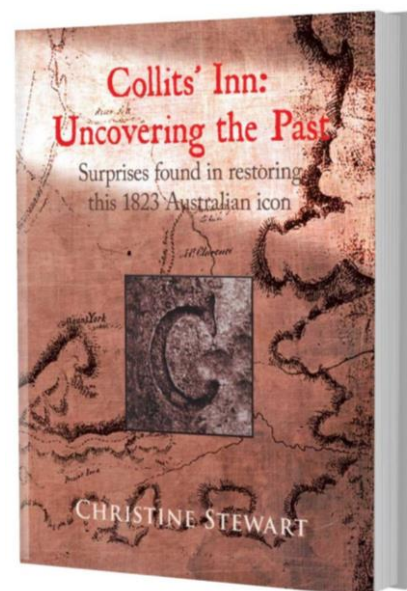
When the Inn was acquired in 1998, it was derelict. By 2002 several awards had been received both for restoration and for the Collits' Inn restaurant.

Her book *Collits' Inn: Uncovering the past* can be found in Orange City Library.

Alternatively copies of her book may be purchased by visiting the website: collitsinnbook.com/



Christine Stewart at Orange City Library



HISTORY OF THE BANJO PATERSON WRITING AWARDS

This year we celebrate 32 years of the Annual Banjo Paterson Writing Awards.

[Banjo Paterson](#) was born on February 17, 1864 at Narrambla, near Orange in Central West NSW.

Beginning in 1991 each year, the city has held the Banjo Paterson Writing Awards to honour this great Australian writer (1864 – 1941). He is most famous for penning the words to *Waltzing Matilda* and *The Man From Snowy River*.

The Banjo Paterson Writing Awards are launched each year on the anniversary of Banjo's birth (17 February) and close in early May. Winners are formally announced in August at the annual Orange Readers and Writers Festival. These awards were established by the Banjo Paterson Committee and Orange City Council, the awards are now supported by [Central West Libraries](#).



Image courtesy Orange City Library

The overall winner in the first year was Mrs Heather Bird of Roseville, New South Wales, who travelled to Orange for the Awards presentation. Mrs Bird's story, entitled '*A Sash with Tassels*', was about a city woman who travelled to the country to receive second prize in a writing competition – so she would have been very pleased to have actually gone home with first prize.

These writing awards attract interest from all over Australia and overseas and are of a consistently high standard. They are held in conjunction with the [ABC Central West Banjo Paterson Children's Writing Awards](#).

Over the years the entry categories for the competition have varied:

- Poetry: 1991 – 2022
- Prose: 1991 – 2003 (Changed to Short Story 2004)
- Short Story: 2004 - current
- Comic Poetry: 1997 to 2002

- Open Poetry: 1991 – 2017 (changed to Contemporary Poetry 2018)
- Contemporary Poetry: 2018 - current
- Bush Poetry: 2003 – 2017 (changed to Contemporary Poetry 2018)
- ABC Children's Writing Awards: 1993 – current
- Yvonne Zola Encouragement Award: 2008 to 2015
This award was presented to a local entrant in the Children's Awards. It was dedicated to the memory of the late Yvonne Zola, a local Orange teacher and champion of children's writing.

The Banjo Paterson Writing awards are currently administered from Central West Libraries with entry categories and prize monies as follows:

- Short Story: Entries \$15 with first prize \$2,000
- Contemporary Poetry: Entries \$15 with first prize \$2,000
- ABC Children's Writing Awards: Entries \$5 with first prize \$200, second prize \$100, third prize \$100

Banjo Paterson passed away on 5 February 1941 (aged 76)

Recent copies of winning entries can be viewed on the [Orange Wiki](#) or [Recollect Central West](#).



CentralWestLibraries

Why not enter this year's Banjo Paterson Writing Awards.
Entries close Friday 5 May 2023.

[Download your entry form](#) from the Central West Libraries website cwl.nsw.gov.au

We are excited to announce that The *Orange Star* has recently been digitised and is now available to view online. Many newspapers that cover the Central West region of New South Wales have been digitised. You can access via the central west libraries website cwl.nsw.gov.au or TROVE, or click on the links below:

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The image displays three distinct historical newspaper mastheads side-by-side. On the left is the masthead for 'Forbes', featuring a large, ornate, blackletter-style font. Below the title is a small, illegible line of text. In the center is the masthead for 'The Illustrated London News', which includes a detailed woodcut illustration of a steam locomotive crossing a bridge over a river, with figures and buildings in the background. The title is in a large, serif font. On the right is the masthead for 'The Times', with the title in a large, elegant serif font. Below the title is a small line of text, and to the right of the title is a circular emblem or seal.

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CHAMPION OF COUNTRY INTERESTS

Orange Star

FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1932. Price: Tenpence.

BIRTH OF ORANGE "STAR."

To-day a new star is born in the West. It is the Orange "Star." To many thousands in and around Orange and in outlying districts it will be introduced this week-end. As years roll on, and the scope, size, power and influence of this journal expands, the cheery forecast is that it will be a welcome organ to many thousands more in the West as the reliable recorder of the doings of the capital city of the western plains, and the true voice of the aims and aspirations of the people in the West.

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The "Star" is to be a vigorous, virile Australian paper, with clean motives and clean columns. Its object will be to help the advancement of Orange and district in every possible way; at the same time to champion the West, and espouse country interests generally. At present the country is not getting anything like fairplay from the powers that control the destinies of this State. The Government—be it Nationalist or Labor—places city first, and the country a poor second. So do the private banks and other financial institutions; likewise the Railway Commissioners. The "Star" aims to create a unity in the country of all residents, employers and employees, that will find expression in one volume to demand and secure better treatment from those powers, to which they so richly contribute.

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The wide West is now awakening and advancing. Right through, from Orange to Coonamble, cheery optimism has replaced the belief of past years that the West was a spot to live in for a few years, and then vacate. Now the West is growing into a self-reliant province, assured of its wealth, convinced of its bright future, and determined to make of its glorious opportunities the greatest use. Nestling on the edge of that wide stretch of plain in this wonderfully gifted centre, Orange, provided by Nature as a delightful spot for a true capital, and a centre for learning and national advancement.

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The main plank of the "Star's" platform is fairplay to all. This journal will criticise, when occasion demands, public bodies and men in their public capacity, but it will not seek to force its beliefs down the throats of those who hold different views. Only by healthy differences of opinion can the true solution of many difficulties and problems be brought to the surface. Whilst this journal may at times differ with some of its readers on public questions, the "Star" only asks those dissentients to accord to this paper what it will readily accord to them—credit for honesty of opinion and purpose.

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Many rumors have been current in Orange as to the reason for the appearance of the "Star"—some of them mean, some petty, and a few decidedly humorous. The reason for the "Star's" appearance can be briefly given: The proprietor of this journal, with over thirty years' experience of country journalism, picked on Orange as an ideal place for his home, and a promising field for a paper such as the "Star" aspires to be. No sect, section or class is in any way connected or responsible for the appearance of this paper, nor is any individual, except the proprietor. The "Star" is a free lance, to be run in the interests of the people, to fight for the advancement of country interests, to help the men on the land, and to push Orange and district, and the West generally, along the high road of success.

Ourselfs.

In this, the first issue of the Orange "Star," many imperfections can be noted. They will in time be righted. The everyday job of running a newspaper is hard and constant work. The task of starting a new one is a severe trial.

Two thousand copies of this issue will be circulated in Orange and Western districts. District readers who desire to subscribe are invited to forward their names and addresses to this office.

The distribution of the "Star" in Orange has been entrusted to Messrs. Milligan and Patterson, local newsagents, and town residents will please order copies of this paper from either agency, or sub-agencies. Copies can always be obtained at the "Star" Office, 24 Lord's Place.

The "Star" will be pleased to hear from persons who will act as correspondents in the various different centres.

The "Star" proprietor wants to warmly thank the business people of Orange for many cordial welcomes and generous support. The response for our initial effort has far exceeded anticipations.

To-day the "Star" consists of eight pages. Next week it will increase to ten pages. In a few weeks an issue on Tuesday afternoons will be added. And the "Star" will keep on growing.

That this issue is published on time is due to the "Star's" good fortune in securing two of the best men at their trade in this State—Mr. G. Lawson, one of the smartest linotype mechanic-operators in Australia, and Mr. G. Clancy, a young Orangeite, who has charge of the printing machine and general work.

With the exception of less than half-a-dozen lines, the whole of this issue—type, rules, borders, etc.—of the "Star" has been set on a linotype—a No. 14 Mergenthaler fresh from the factory in New York, America.

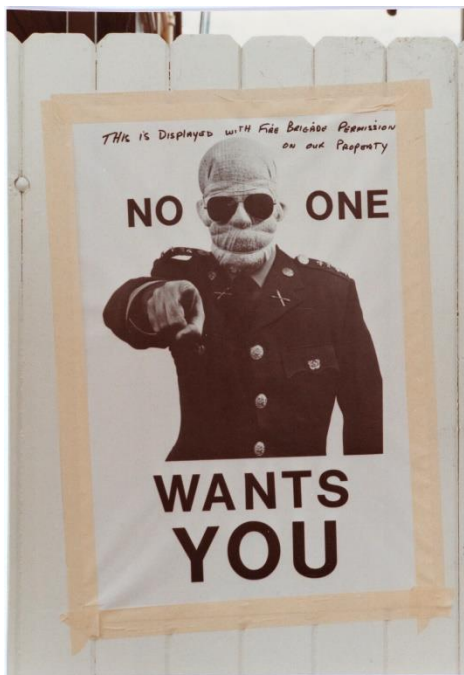
ORANGE FESTIVAL OF ARTS COLLECTION NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE

Deputy Mayor Gerald Power and Fem Hawke from Orange Regional Arts Foundation launched the significant Orange Festival of Arts Collection with 1300 items including photographs, programs and posters online via Recollect at Orange City Library on Thursday 16 March 2023 evening.



Orange Deputy Mayor Cr Gerald Power with Fem Hawke from the Orange Regional Arts Foundation launch the Orange Festival of Arts Collection online with Recollect at Orange City Library

Orange City Library received funding of \$10,000 from the Orange Regional Arts Foundation to digitise The Orange Festival of Arts Collection on Recollect Central West. Fem Hawke gave an address to the audience on behalf of the Orange Regional Arts Foundation and recalled several examples of avant-garde events. Orange Deputy Mayor Cr Gerald Power officially launched the online collection.



"This collection is a significant addition to the Recollect website and gives a valuable insight into a unique festival and a unique period in Orange's history."

The Orange Festival of Arts was first held in February 1965 and became one of the largest festivals of its kind to take place outside of an Australian capital city. Eileen Watts MBE founded the Orange Festival of Arts with a small group of supporters to bring high quality culture to the country at a level that promoted interest and participation by people of all walks of life and engaged arts professionals from across Australia.

No-One Project Poster at Orange Fire Station
Orange Festival of Arts Collection

"Orange these days is a very exciting place where community festivals happen throughout the year, but back in the 1960s, 70s and 80s, it was very different," Cr Power said.

The Festival of Arts ran for about 20 years between 1965 and 1985 and brought creative arts and cultural events to the region including experimental theatre, ballet, recitals, one-act plays and opera, and was sometimes controversial in its social commentary

Recollect Central West, launched about one year ago, is a place to capture and share the history, heritage and stories of Central West NSW. It provides easy online access to a rich store of heritage material relating to Central West NSW, its people, places and events.



Mona Hessing Wall Hanging
Orange Festival of Arts Collection



Peter Kircher With Original Stained Glass Window
Design - Orange Festival of Arts Collection



View the material in the Orange Festival of Arts Collection as well as other Central West Collections at www.centralwest.recollect.net.au

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Central Western Daily - 17/4/1946: Mrs Rose Winch.

Mrs Rose R. Winch died at the Base Hospital on Friday night at the age of 80 years. She was a native of Cowra but had lived at Sydney for 15 years. Mrs Winch came to Orange a few months ago. She leaves a sorrowing husband and a family of three Alfred (Sydney); Mrs G. Buttle (Forbes); Mrs Fraser (Belmore) and 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs Egan of Orange is a sister. Her funeral left Holy Trinity Church at Orange on Saturday for the Church of England Portion of the Canowindra cemetery.

Canowindra Cemetery - headstone: Rose Rosetta Winch died 14/6/1946 - aged 80 years.

Central Western Daily - 6/6/1946: Obituary - Mrs Ada Olds.

At Albury on May 19 the death occurred of Mrs Ada Olds at the age of 80 years. Mrs Olds was an old resident of Cargo. Her husband Mr John Olds who died 22 years ago was manager of one of the old Lucknow gold mines and was well known in this district. He was buried at Canowindra. After leaving Cargo, Mrs Olds conducted a nursing home at Albury where she was friendship and high regard because of her lovable disposition and keen sense of humanity. She is survived by three son John (Cowra), King (New Zealand) and Ted (Melbourne). Another son Cyril was killed in the 1914 -1918 war. Surviving daughters are Mrs Budge (Tottenham), Mrs Sutcliffe (Cowra); Agnes (New Zealand) and Mrs Appleyard (Albury).

Central Western Daily - 1/2/1947: Obituary - Mr John W. Fisher.

Mr John William Fisher passed away at the residence of his daughter Mrs Reg Wells, Hampton Avenue, Orange, yesterday at the age of 69 years. Mr Fisher was a native of Frederick's Valley and had lived at Blayney for many years where he had been an employee of the railway for many years. At one time he was a prominent footballer and was a member of the well-known Shadforth team. In addition he was active in other sports. His wife predeceased him by 31 years. He leaves two daughters and one son: Mrs Hunt (Captains Flat); Mrs Wells (Orange); Dudley (Sandringham); also three sisters and two brothers Mrs Kingham (Parkes); Mrs Steel (Liverpool), Mrs Sheehy (Randwick); George (Gladesville) Hurtle (Guyong). His funeral will take place at Rookwood and the cremation service will be on Sunday morning.

*****Book - Dear Mother - South African (Boer) War 1899-1902 published by Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group Inc. Page 30 - John William Winston Fisher.

*****Blayney Diggings - journal Blayney Family History Group - November 2022 - page 7 - With the Coronation contingent - William Fisher.

Central Western Daily - 8/7/1953: Obituary - Mrs Jean Cusworth.

The death occurred at Orange Base Hospital yesterday afternoon of Mrs Jean Cusworth a resident of March Street, at the age of 39 years. A native of Country Durham, England, Mrs Cusworth was a war widow and came to Orange about three years ago because of the illness of her son. Her husband Richard Cusworth, was a member of the Royal Navy and was killed in action off Normandy in 1944. Since coming to Orange Mrs Cusworth had been an employee at Emmco and latterly at the Rural School, Kite Street. She was well liked by all who knew her. She is survived by her son Brian of Orange and a sister Mrs Dallas of South Shields, England. Members of Orange Legacy Club are specially requested to attend her funeral which will leave the chapel of Mr L.L. Fox Funeral director, Anson Street, following a brief service today for the Methodist portion of the Orange Cemetery.

Central Western Daily - 7/8/1953: Death of Mr P.J. McManus.

One of the oldest journalists of the West and a former noted Hansard reporter, Mr Patrick Joseph McManus died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Dudley Serisier, Gilgandra, on Wednesday night at the age of 84 years. Mr McManus, who spent the early years of his long and successful journalistic career in Sydney, where he was connected with the literary staff of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and also as a Parliamentary reporter, came to Orange more than half a century ago to join the editorial staff of the old *Orange Leader*. The leader, which was first published in 1871, was long recognised as one of the leading newspapers of the west. That reputation was gained principally because of the outstanding contributions included in its columns from the pen of P.J. McManus and the late W.T. Goodge, one, who, because of his unique writings of clever verses, was freely regarded by learned men as a genius of literature. At that time W.T. Goodge was the editor and P.J. McManus senior reporter. He was an extraordinary gatherer of news. Often he would be seen at the old Club Hotel corner in Summer Street, with note book in hand and long lead pencil behind his right ear, with which he quietly jotted down personalities. These were always features of the next day's issue. When Mr McManus left the Leader, he purchased the paper business at Gilgandra, then known as "*The Castlereagh*" which he controlled for some years. The newspaper office was eventually destroyed by fire and he disposed of the business and what was left of it to the well-known western newspaper proprietor, Mr Harold Campbell. Mr McManus then returned to Sydney, where he was engaged on several daily newspapers and eventually accepted the position of editor of the Dubbo "*Dispatch*" offered him by the proprietor. Mr George Mallphant. He remained there until a few years ago, when he retired from newspapers to live in retirement with his daughter at Gilgandra. Formerly Miss Isobel McManus, Mrs Serisier was his only daughter and spent her girlhood days in Orange. She married Mr L.D Serisier solicitor of Gilgandra, father of Mr L.D. Serisier solicitor of Orange. The remains of P.J. McManus

will be laid to rest alongside those of his wife who died in 1941, in the Church of England portion of the Dubbo cemetery this morning.

****Dubbo Family History Group - Facebook -photo - Can anyone identify any of these men or suggest what group they might have belonged to?

Richard Serisier's great grandfather, Patrick Joseph McManus, is standing in the back row, on the left.

As a clue to date the photo, Patrick McManus was born in 1869 in County Cavan, Ireland, arriving in Australia with his family in 1875. He was a journalist and editor of the *Dubbo Dispatch* and died in Gilgandra in August, 1953.

Molong Express - 22/10/1954: Erstwhile resident writes to old friends.

An old Molong resident Mr John Stuart Hamey spent a few days in Molong last week and on his departure addressed the following letter to the public. During my stay I would have liked to visit more old friends and to those I have not contacted, I pay my best respects. I have long memories of Molong and lived here with my parents during my school days. Late I drove a sulky carrying the mail to Gumble Post Office, when Miss Delaney Post Mistress used to deliver it to Garra. I have recollections of the start of the Parkes line being built by Baxter about ... years ago and as a boy I watched with interest the building of the bridge over Molong Creek (near railway station -Ed). In my youth I rode a bicycle many times to Orange, Millthorpe, Wellington and many other places. I also rode quite often in racing and have a medal for same. Swimming we enjoyed in many places where the pools were five to six feet deep in the creek. We also caught slipperies and crayfish about three or four inches long. We also were keen on finding caves and I had the unpleasant experience of being locked in one opposite the silos by some boys who rolled a stone over the entrance. This happened over 55 years ago and I know nobody has been in it since. It is 30 to 40 feet long, 10 to 12 feet from floor to ceiling and 25 feet wide. There was another room just off the main one about 10 to 12 feet with a narrow entrance just big enough to squeeze through. After the boys rolled the stone over the entrance, men and chains had to be brought from the blacksmith shop and the stone was lifted whilst we got out. It was then let fall back and has not been shifted since. Well, here I am safe and sound. I have reached the 70 mark and feel like I am good for another 20 years or more. I visited Mr J. Hull and was thrilled to see a man of his age with alert memory. I hope to see you all again in 10 to 20 years and my best wishes to all my old acquaintances. Yours Etc. Stewart Hamey.

**John Stewart Hamey - died 14/12/1973 89 years.

Central Western Daily - 7/12/1956 - Mr J. Garrood.

A well-known identity of Orange, Mr Jesse Garrood, died in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, last Monday at the age of 63. Mr Garrood was born in England and after coming to Australia he lived on his property at Tallwood for many years. He served with the Army in World War I. Several years ago Mr Garrood retired from the land and had been living in Byng Street, Orange. His wife predeceased him by two years. He leaves a family of two sons and one daughter, Ron (Cudal), Alan (Tallwood) and Mrs Meyer (Spring Hill). There are eight grandchildren. His funeral left A. McGrath's funeral parlours on Wednesday for Holy Trinity Church, thence the Canobolas Crematorium. Mr A.O. MacGullycuddy represented the returned soldiers and the Rev. A.J. Cutts officiated at the church and the Crematorium.

Molong Express - 8/11/1957: Obituary - David Hamilton Bailey.

The death occurred in Sydney on October 26 of Mr David Hamilton Bailey aged 83 years. He had been in ill health for some time past and had resided at Manildra with his wife, son and daughter-in-law, Mr & Mrs W. Bailey on a property at Gregra. Mr Bailey was a native of Oberon and in his early days followed the calling of blade shearer and general rural worker in the western districts. Of tall stature and fine physique he joined the police force and was a member of the mounted police in Far Western areas for some ten years before resigning to take up farming. He retired in 1930 and settled in Sydney where he took an interest in civic affairs at one stage being an alderman on the Homebush Municipal Council. When his son Mr Wif Bailey purchased a property in this district in 1950 the late Mr Bailey and his wife made their home here. Sympathy will be extended to his widow Mrs Mabel Bailey and his two sons Wilfred (Manildra) and Leslie of Nerwcastle. Also surviving are a sister Mrs Edith Kissell of Gunning and two brothers Ernest of Bathurst and Leonard of Sydney. The funeral leaving the parlors of T.J. Andrews Funeral Directors Newtown for Rookwood crematorium.

Central Western Dail - 28/1/1960 :Obituary. Mr Ernest Lucas.

The death occurred in Sydney on Tuesday night of Mr Ernest Lucas a former resident of Orange. Before retiring from the P.MG Department and making his home at Penrith Mr Lucas was a linesman attached to the Orange Post Office. A returned soldier from World War I. Mr Lucas is survived by his widow formerly Miss Clarice Hamilton a daughter and two sons. His funeral will take place at Penrith today.

Central Western Daily - 25/3/1961:- Obituary. Mrs H.H. Lee.

The death occurred yesterday of a well known resident of Towac Road, Orange, Mrs Mary Nora Lee at the age of 70. Mrs Lee was born at Clare South Australia and for a number of years she and her husband Horatio Henwood Lee lived in Adelaide. They later lived in the Cowra and Bathurst districts and in 1925 made their home in Sydney.

They came to Orange in 1954 when they bought the orchard property "Cambourne" on Towac Road. Besides her husband Mrs Lee is survived by one son Cecil Henwood Lee (Orange) and one daughter Reta Noble Mrs Parsons of Sylvania). There are four grandchildren and two greatgrandchild and one brother Mr W.J. Noble (South Australia). The funeral will leave the Methodist Church today for the Methodist portion of the Orange cemetery.

Central Western Daily: 5/12/1962: Sports Star's death fall.

Lithgow. Tuesday. State basketballer Robert Quinn was killed in a fall at the Lithgow Small Arms Factory today. Quinn 23, married was working on a building at the factory when he apparently slipped after touching an electric wire. He fell backwards about 6ft on to a concrete floor. He was working for a private contractor at his trade plumbing when the accident occurred.

Central Western Daily - 20/8/1962: Mourners stone horses in cemetery.

A number of Orange people yesterday complained that horse-owners were grazing their animals at night on grass in Orange cemetery. They said the horses were trampling on new graves, smashing headstones and vases and eating flowers from vases on the graves. One man said he had seen horses running wild in the cemetery in the daytime and had seen them being stoned by mourners. All the people interviewed agreed the horses were coming from near the cemetery, but were at a loss over action they should take. Several indicated they would report the matter to the police and others said they were considering writing to trustees of the cemetery. Mr George Barnes of Byng St., East Orange said he had visited the cemetery a number of time to prepare his father's grave for a headstone. "Hoofmarks. But it's not much use putting one up tonight and finding it gone tomorrow" he said. "I have seen hoofmarks and other evidence proving that horses are regularly grazing in the cemetery. "Other people have seen the same. Graves are being trampled on and nothing seems to be done about it". "Anyone who cares to go there can see the same". Mr Barnes said Orange City Councils impounding officer should take into custody any animals found within the cemetery boundary. "That might teach people a little respect" he said. Mr Barnes said he knew that on at least one occasion several mourners driven to despair by the constant sight of horses loose in the cemetery had thrown stones at them and chased them out of the grounds.

Central Western Daily - 17/7/1964: Obituary - Mr M.R. Byrne.

The death occurred at Orange Base Hospital on July 6 of a well known and highly respected resident of Kerrs Creek. He was Mr Morris Reginald "Tex" Byrne who died at the age of 33 years. Mr Byrne was born at Mandurama and is the second eldest son of Mr & Mrs P. Byrne of Kerrs Creek. He was educated at the Brigidine Convent,

Woodstock and Kerrs Creek Public School. He lived most of his life at Kerrs Creek and was employed by the Railways department. He was in the Army for nine years serving overseas for a number of years. He was keen sportsman and was very popular with those who knew him. He is survived by his father and mother three brothers Kevin, Michael and Patrick and a sister Mrs Irene Radburn of Kerrs Creek. He was predeceased by a younger sister Iris. Mr Byrne's funeral left St Jospeh's Church on July 8 and he was buried in the Catholic portion of Orange cemetery.

****Orange Cemetery - - headstone: Corporal M. R. Byrne, 27569. 3rd Battalion R.A.R. died 6 July 1964 aged 33 years, Loved in life also in death beautiful memories are all that are left.**

Central Western Daily - 26/11/1969: Page 4 - Obituary.

Orange master builder Mr Hal Whiteley dies. Numerous Orange buildings both commercial and residential are examples of the skill and craftsmanship of former Orange master builder, Mr William England Joseph (Hal) Whiteley, whose sudden death yesterday shocked his family and friends. Mr Whiteley was admitted to Dudley Private Hospital on Sunday night and left by ambulance early yesterday for treatment at Royal North Shore Hospital. He died about 12 noon before the ambulance reached Sydney. It is understood that he will be brought back to Orange for burial in the Orange Cemetery. Mr Whiteley was the master builder responsible for such buildings as the old *Central Western Daily* office in Lord's Place, Radio Station 2GZ in Sale St., Glasdon Court in Lord's Place and many of the housing commission homes built in Orange towards the end of World War II. He left the building trade some years ago and went to live on his property "Narambon" Four Mile Creek, where he lived until he entered hospital on Sunday. Mr Whiteley leaves his widow Mrs Mabel Whitley and two sons Pat (Lord's Place, Solicitor) and Bill of "Narambon" Four Mile Creek. He is a brother of Mr T.A. Whiteley, Orange Jockey Club president of Moad St and formerly of Borenore.

Central Western Daily - 2/12/1983: Death of former Orange priest.

The death occurred in Ireland on November 5 of Fr Jeremiah Foley who had worked for 45 years in the Diocese of Bathurst. Fr Foley had retired to Ireland in 1980 after becoming an invalid after a serious motor accident. His last years of active ministry were spent in Orange, principally in East Orange, where he was appointed in 1968. In this time he was chaplain to Bloomfield Hospital, where his work was greatly appreciated by patients, relatives and staff. His gentle patient and kindly nature endeared him to parishioners, young and old. Bishop Patrick Dougherty will celebrate a requiem mass with priests of the Bathurst Diocese for Fr Foley at St Mary's Church, East Orange.

LORD CARRINGTON ARCHIVES ON TOUR ORANGE CITY LIBRARY

One of the jewels of the State Archives Collection, a selection of volumes of the exquisitely handcrafted Carrington Albums, toured regional NSW in March - offering visitors a chance to step back in time to an era full of pomp and ceremony.



Guests at Orange City Library thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the NSW State Archives Collection and Museums of History NSW team Fiona Sullivan and Joanna Nicholas for *Archives on Tour*.

They viewed precious albums of addresses presented to Lord and Lady Carrington at the end of his tenure as Governor of NSW.

Expert Fiona Sullivan gave a talk conveying the enormous regard the public held for the Carrington's, and the incredible details of calligraphy, miniatures, artwork, drawings, illuminated borders, and paintings and signatories on the unique addresses - including a special one signed by Orange Magistrates.

Dated from 1885, The Carrington Albums are a series of 14 leather bound volumes of illuminated addresses, each one gifted to Lord and Lady Carrington from the regional communities they visited throughout their five year term as Vice Regals.

The addresses, representing hundreds of residents, towns and associations, were later bound together into the Carrington Albums and presented to Lord Carrington at the end of his term in 1890. He took the Albums back to the England where they remained with the Carrington family for many years.

Given the significance of the albums to the state of NSW, the volumes were repatriated to the NSW Government in 2014 to be cared for in the State Archives Collection.

The NSW State Archives Collection documents the daily work of the NSW Government and its agencies from 1788 to today. This vast collection records history as it happens, providing valuable and at times, life-changing evidence of events and decisions that have shaped and continue to shape our history, communities, and lives.

[Lord Carrington is coming to town \(mhnsw.au\)](https://mhnsw.au)

View more of the Lord Carrington addresses on the Museums of History NSW website or by [clicking this link](#).



Orange City Librarian Sean Brady inspects the Carrington collection

THE BLACKMAN FAMILY

Recollect Central West is now one year old and contains more than 11,000 items. The majority of these items are photographs from the *Central Western Daily* dating back to 1955.

While preparing the next batch of photographs for upload we came across this wonderful image of Constable Ron Blackman, taken in Lords Place in May 1963.



Constable Ron Blackman
Image courtesy Orange & District Historical Society

Ron's great-great-great grandfather was also a policeman: Chief Constable John Blackman of Bathurst. In 1823 John Blackman accompanied Lieutenant Percy Simpson on his journey from Bathurst to Wellington to establish a convict station, creating the first track westward. Constable Blackman selected the route, which traversed what is now the location of the city of Orange. The area became known as Blackman's Swamp.

In 1829 the Department of the Surveyor-General directed James Byrn Richards to retrace and map Blackman's and Simpson's route west. Richards produced a parish map which included a reserve for a village at Blackman's Swamp. 'Orange' appears on the same map as a parish name.

Surveyor-General Sir Thomas Mitchell later adopted the name 'Orange' for the village at Blackman's Swamp in honour of William, Prince of Orange (later King of the Netherlands), a

fellow aide-de-camp to the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsular War in Spain. The name Orange was officially applied to the village by the Executive Council in November 1846, and notified in the Government Gazette of 20 December 1846.



John Blackman
Image courtesy ancestry.com

John Blackman was born in Kent, England, in 1795, the fourth of 13 children born to James William Blackman and Elizabeth Harley. In 1801 six-year-old John emigrated to Australia with his family, including his nine-year-old brother James. The family settled at Windsor.

In 1818 John and James were two of ten men to receive land grants at Bathurst issued by Governor Macquarie. John was assigned 60 acres at what is now Kelso. Later that year he accompanied Oxley on his 1818 expedition along the Macquarie River to the Castlereagh and Liverpool Plains. The party crossed over what is now the city of Orange - the first recorded visit of a non-indigenous person to the region.

In November 1824 John married 16-year-old Elizabeth Morris at Christ Church of England at Castlereagh, Sydney. John died in Coonamble in 1860, the year that Orange was incorporated as a municipality. He is buried at Rosedale Cemetery, Hartley. Eliza outlived her husband by 41 years; she died in 1901, aged 93.



James Blackman
Image courtesy ancestry.com

James Blackman was also a policeman. He was appointed superintendent of convicts at Bathurst in September 1819, at a salary of £50, an office that he held until 1821. He resigned from the constabulary in November 1831. James was credited with discovering large limestone deposits north of Bathurst. He also discovered some fine grazing country in the area later known as Mudjee, where he remained until his death in March 1868.

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CENTENARY OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL AVENUE BATHURST ROAD ORANGE

Anzac Day 2023 marks 100 years since the planting of the Soldiers' Memorial Avenue of trees along Bathurst Road. On 25 April 1923 a total of 112 Himalayan Cedars (*Cedrus deodara*) were planted in memory of the town's soldiers who had died in the First World War. Commencing at McLachlan Street, the avenue extended eastwards to Cemetery Lane (now Lone Pine Avenue).



Opening of Soldiers' Memorial Avenue, Bathurst Road, 25 April 1923
Image courtesy Orange City Library

In June 1917 *The Leader* commented:

Country towns in NSW are making efforts to perpetuate the name of our brave boys who fell at the front by constructive drives and avenues. Bathurst is the first western town to take the matter up, and we consider that it would be a good move on the part of the Orange people to fall into line and construct a Remembrance Avenue along one of the roads leading out of town.

Three years later, in February 1920, Senator Albert "Jupp" Gardiner suggested the creation of 15 mile (24 km) long Soldiers' Memorial Drive extending in a 2½ mile (4 km) radius from the intersection of Peisley and Summer streets. Senator Gardiner had strong ties with Orange: He was born there in 1867 and had been the local member from 1904 to 1907. He proposed that the roadway be planted with trees from Australia and the allied countries and that the cost be met by the town's wealthy patriots.

Senator Gardiner's proposal did not eventuate. In 1923 the Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees was planted along Bathurst Road to commemorate the town's fallen WWI soldiers. The people of Orange donated a total of £180 to provide a protective wire barrier for each tree as well as a metal plate inscribed with each soldier's name and the donor. The trees - Himalayan Cedars (*Cedrus deodara*) - were provided by Joseph Henry Maiden, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney.

In mid-April 1923 students from Orange High School, Orange Public School and East Orange School were employed to dig the holes for the trees under the supervision of the municipal gardener, James Bastick. The plots were excavated at 30 metre intervals, each hole one metre deep and one square metre wide. The local press noted:

The youthful post-hole sinkers for the trees in Memorial Avenue are of the opinion that a fall of rain would make the digging easier. The ground in the vicinity is as hard as adamant.

At 11.15am on Anzac Day 1923 a united church service was held in Robertson Park, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Council's memorial room. After the ceremony the mounted police led a procession headed by the Light Horse and the Orange Cadet and Town Bands down Summer Street to the Bathurst Road. Behind the bands marched returned soldiers, four abreast, followed by scouts and residents.

Some 4,000 townspeople attended the planting, representing about half of the town's population. At 3pm the Union Jack was lowered to half-mast and the Orange mayor, Major Arthur Edmund Colvin planted the first of 112 trees. Kipling's recession hymn, *Lest We Forget*, was played for the duration of the planting, followed by *The Last Post* at the conclusion. The *Leader* reported:

Handkerchiefs stole to mother's eyes, while a lump rose in the throats of the sterner sex, as the notes of the "Last Post" sounded along the line.



Planting of tree in memory of Major Redmond, 11 September 1923.

Image courtesy Orange City Library.

Interestingly, five months later another tree was added to the Memorial Avenue for a person who was not from Orange. On Tuesday, 11 September 1923, Apostolic Delegate Emeritus to Australia, Archbishop Cattaneo, planted a tree in memory of Major William Redmond, MP, an Irish politician and soldier who had died of wounds received at Messines Ridge, Belgium, in June 1917. Major Redmond was well-known and highly respected in Orange, he had married Eleanor Dalton in 1886 and was a regular visitor to the town. The tree planting was the last official act of the apostolic delegate and his entourage of 15 prelates who had spent two days in Orange.

By 1926 a further six trees had been planted in honour of Matron Kate Josephine Dooly and five nurses from Orange who had served during WWI. There had been suggestions that the Memorial Avenue be extended to Lucknow, and, on 3 June 1935, 12 chestnut trees were planted to this effect.

Less than two months after the first trees had been planted *The Leader* reported that vandals had stolen some of the name plates, declaring:

When anyone chooses to descend to such depths of depravity, nothing short of a horse-whipping and tar and feathering would meet the case. It is shocking to think that such a thing could obtain in a town like Orange.

Vandalism continued to be a problem. In May 1924 Council decided to remove the plaques from the wire guard and attach them to the trees. Warning notices were erected along the avenue and a reward of £5 offered for the conviction of the culprits.

In July 1933 Alderman Hector KW Mackenzie observed that the Memorial Avenue trees were growing rapidly and within a couple of years would reach overhead electrical wires and would require lopping. In February 1935 the decision was made to insulate the electricity wires, thereby avoiding the need to lop the trees. It was also decided to relocate overhead telephone wires underground.

Alkaline soil and faulty drainage affected the growth of at least 20 of the Memorial Avenue trees. In 1938 Orange Council replaced the soil at a cost of £22. The benefit of this was relatively short-lived. Most of the trees in the avenue became victims of vandalism and progress. During the 1950s several of the trees died and were removed. Others were removed as Bathurst Road was widened and footpaths upgraded. Very few of the trees remain today.

You can view the Mayoral invitation to the opening of Soldiers' Memorial Avenue on our new platform Recollect Central West. Follow the link below:

<https://centralwest.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/8061>

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANYBODY IN THESE PHOTOGRAPHS?

Kate from Woodford Academy Archives is looking for help to identify the location of these photographs, or possible names of people in these two photographs.



Photograph 1

This has a photographer's label of Geo. G. Murray, Photo. Arist. ORANGE printed down the left hand side of the photograph.

It is described as 'Orange Picnic Circa 1880'

If you have any information about the people in these photographs, or if you can identify the location of these photographs please send the details to

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Photograph 1 – Orange Picnic Circa 1880
Courtesy Woodford Academy Archives



Photograph 2 - 1887 Bartley's Creek - Parkes
Courtesy Woodford Academy Archives

Photograph 2

This photograph doesn't have a photographer's label. The image is slightly damaged and is not as clear as the first one. It is described as '1887 Bartley's Creek - Parkes'.

Both photographs are from the Nielsen / Nelson family collection that was donated to the Woodford Academy. They are part of a large collection of images from the Central West region that are held in a private collection

If you have any information about the possible location of either of these photographs, or can help identify any of the people in the photographs please contact library@cwlnsw.gov.au or telephone Julie-Anne Sykes at the Orange City Library on telephone (02) 6393 8105

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We are looking for new members to join the Orange Family History Group. Our group meets upstairs in the Orange City Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm, except December. Everyone is most welcome.

We publish a newsletter three times a year.

We encourage our members to help others in their family history discoveries – by assisting people undertake research; helping with indexing projects and many more initiatives that we have planned!

The Genealogy collection at the [Orange City Library](#). has some great resources! [Click here to search the catalogue.](#)

LATEST NEWS ON TROVE FUNDING

Exciting news hot off the press ...

To anybody who has been following with baited breath the ongoing issue of funding for TROVE, we have received advice TODAY....

The National Library of Australia's beloved online portal Trove has been saved from the threat of imminent closure after a cash injection of \$33 million from the Albanese government... You can read more in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper article announcement dated 3 April 2023 or by [following this link.](#)

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