



## ORANGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



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### **CULTURAL SENSITIVITY WARNING**

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

Welcome to the April 2025 Newsletter of the Orange Family History Group.

This issue contains details of the Commemorative service which was held recently to honour the soldiers laid to rest in unmarked graves in the Orange Cemetery, the Forgotten Diggers. These individuals now have headstones, or their names engraved on the commemorative wall. Special mention must go to Sharon Jameson for her tireless work over many years on this project to ensure these individuals will never be forgotten.

The digitisation and addition to TROVE of the *Central Western Daily* from 1945-1954 is an exciting event for researchers who are searching for articles and information between these years. The *Central Western Daily* began publication on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1945, incorporating the *Orange Leader* and the *Orange Advocate*.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this newsletter and if you have something you have found during your research journey that you would like to share, please get in touch.

Ruth Bingham  
Local Studies Librarian Central West Libraries

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## FORGOTTEN DIGGERS PROJECT

On Saturday 22 March 2025 there was a Commemorative Service held at Orange Cemetery on the completion of the final headstones for our Forgotten Diggers. Finally, these gentlemen received the sendoff they deserved. Each gentleman was accorded a headstone, whether it be a war grave from Office of Australian War Graves, a smaller headstone paid for by contributions from the Orange Community, or had his name engraved on a wall where there was no record of his burial plot. Those attending laid wreaths, and the silence in the cemetery was shattered with the gun salute – poignant to say the least!

I would like to thank those who contributed to the completion of this project – Cadia Newmont, Orange Ex-Services Club, Orange City Council, John Thomas from Forgotten Diggers, Orange RSL Sub-Branch and McMurtries Monumental Masons who installed the headstones free of charge. I am sure all McMurtries' employees are pleased to see the end of those 50 headstones.

After the Service there was a small luncheon at the Ex-Services Club. It was also lovely to see family members there!



It really does seem that this was a “whole of Orange” project. Students from Canobolas Rural Technology High School made the crosses, and Orange High School students provided the musical pieces for the Service. Special thanks to our Piper for learning the music to *Hector the Hero*!! I thought this so appropriate since all those men in the cemetery were heroes in their own right.

Orange can now stand proud when we say “Lest We Forget”

## Orange Forgotten Diggers Recipients

LT Langslow Bishop  
PTE Frederick Brierty  
SPR John Buchan  
Gunner Thomas Burgess  
PTE James Byrne  
Driver Donald Campbell  
PTE Sidney Chesterton  
PTE Reginald Collinson  
Driver Garfield Cotton  
Gunner Daniel Denahy  
PTE William Dudley  
PTE George Dunster  
PTE James Ellen  
Gunner John Fargie  
CPL Robert Fraser  
PTE James Geary  
PTE Arthur Gray  
PTE William Haigh  
PTE George Hardy  
A/CPL Leslie Henderson  
PTE William Homer  
PTE George Johns  
PTE Ernest Johnson  
Driver William Johnson  
PTE Harold Kerr  
Gunner Herbert Kidd  
PTE Frederick Langham  
PTE Sidney Last  
L/CPL John Lewington  
Driver Charles Lockwood  
CQMS Daniel Madden DCM  
Driver Frederick Marstella  
SPR Robert Maxwell  
PTE George O'Brien  
PTE Charles Ogilby  
PTE Patrick O'Hehir  
PTE Ole Olsen  
Driver Leslie O'Regan  
Gunner Thomas Oswald

PTE Axel Quist  
PTE Affez Rahn  
PTE Frederick Reed  
PTE George Reid  
PTE Reginald Richards  
PTE William Robertson  
PTE Austin Roe  
PTE George Simons  
Driver Patrick Smith  
PTE Robert Tombs  
CAPT William Tomlinson  
PTE Ivar Willgren

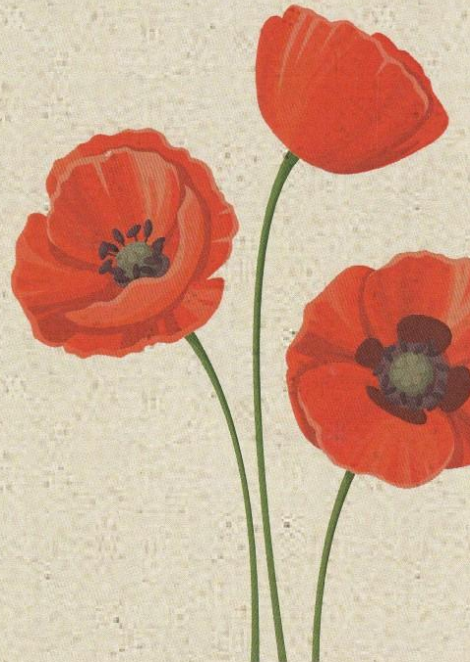


### **Australian War Grave Recipients**

CAPT Francis Adams  
PTE Frank Akers  
LT Frederick Baxter  
PTE Malcolm Brown  
PTE Samuel Brown  
PTE George Brownlow  
PTE William Crumpler  
PTE Arthur Cummings  
PTE Robert Daley  
PTE Rowland Evans  
PTE Charles Gallagher  
PTE John Gillett  
PTE Jack Grant  
PTE William Ham  
PTE Thomas Hearn  
PTE William Horner  
Driver Augustus Lipman  
PTE John Keating  
Sapper Arthur McCormick  
PTE Henry Manning  
PTE Walter McLean  
PTE Neville Mitchell  
PTE John Morris  
PTE Albert Owen  
PTE Charles Roach  
PTE John Roydhouse  
PTE Frederick Smith  
Sapper Edwin Stafford  
PTE George St John  
PTE James Thorpe  
PTE Henry Twort  
PTE Stanley Walsh  
PTE William White  
PTE Walter Woodburn  
PTE William Wrangham

### **Orange Cemetery Memorial**

Driver Arthur Bromley  
LT Cyril Clayton  
Gunner Arthur Everard  
PTE Micheal Comins  
PTE Samuel Corbett  
Driver Joseph Donnelly  
PTE Kenneth Finlayson  
PTE John Haworth  
Nurse Mary Keenan  
Gunner Christopher Kelly  
PTE John Lawson  
Sargent Albert Meehan  
PTE Joseph Murphy DCM MID  
PTE Frederick Peasley  
PTE Robert Williams  
PTE Fabian Leonard  
Farrier CPL John Parker



**Orange Cemetery – 22 March 2025  
Forgotten Diggers Pr**



## **SHE'S HAPPY IN HER JOB AS MAYORESS OF ORANGE**

Combining the duties of Mayoress of Orange, wife of the National President of Apex Clubs of Australia and being a mother of four young children in a strenuous job, but Mrs EWF White, who is entering on her second term as Mayoress is happy in the job she is doing so well.

Mrs White is fundamentally a home maker: one only has to visit her home in Sale Street to feel instantly that it is a home which is really lived in.

Bowls of flowers, photos of the family and all those other possessions dear to the mistress of the house, are placed in such a way as to reveal the artistic taste and sense of comfort which Mrs White so obviously possesses.

Mrs White loves her job of work and feels that she is doing a lot to help her husband in the many duties he has to undertake and in sharing with him the public life which is his lot as Mayor of Orange.

“When I was first married, it was furtherest from my wildest dreams that I would one day be mayoress of any town, let alone the City of Orange,” she said.

People have helped her immensely, and she has been delighted with the assistance and moral support given her from so man.

### **SPEECH-MAKING**

Her only aversion to public life is speech-making. Mrs White's main worry is that she quite often has to leave the children at home while she attends dinner parties and other functions; but her position was accepted after a family discussion in which the assistance of her family of four was enlisted and promised.

“I feel sometimes, that whereas other mothers are helping their children, my children are helping me.”

The coming year will be a big one for two of her girls, as Jennifer, the eldest, will be studying for her Intermediate Certificate.

Her three daughters, Jennifer, Rosemary and Alison attend the Presbyterian Ladies' College, and small son Murray is a pupil at the Rural School.

Mrs White loves meeting people; not only the important and interesting ones she meets from time to time, but people generally. She likes discussing with them their day to day problems, their pleasures, comparing them with her own.

The one big moment which she will never forget, was when she was presented to the Queen during the Royal Visit to Bathurst early this year.

“Meeting the Queen was the most unbelievable place of good fortune; it just seemed too fantastic to be really true.” She said, almost reliving every moment of the occasion.

The joint duties of Mayor and National President of Apex, were quite coincidental, and when the two-fold task was presented to both Mr White and his wife, they at first thought it too colossal a task to be accomplished.

However, with the appointment of Mr Alan Ridley as deputy-mayor, Mr White was able to continue in his capacity as National President of Apex, which entailed travelling long distances and quite often, lengthy absences from Orange.

### **AS SECRETARY**

Mrs White also acts in the capacity of secretary to her husband, and when he comes home after Apex meetings, is usually up until very late helping him attend to correspondence and meeting work generally.

Another way she has found of filling in time has been to help out in her husband's pharmacy in Summer Street. Early this year Mr White bought a small farm at Springside, with the result that the White family spends most weekends ‘out on the farm’ relaxing from civic duties and the incessant mental strain that naturally go with them.

The children all love it. All like driving the tractor, even Murray, the youngest and only son, is to be seen performing a most capable and seasoned job of ploughing and tractor-handling generally!

So long as her husband remains interested in civic affairs, and it is an interest his wife cannot foresee fading in any way, she will continue to be at his side as the constant and gracious helpmate she has proved herself to be.

In Mrs White's own words “The people of Orange have always appeared to be pleased, and accepted so nicely the small amount I have been able to do, so I shall continue this year to endeavour to do as much as I possibly can, both for them and for my husband – but I still, definitely, do not like speech making!”



## LYNDA PAUL, AN ORANGE GIRL

This is Lynda Paul, an Orange girl – that’s her birthplace, not the color of her politics – who is a reincarnation of the hand-printing and book illuminating monks of old. She can copy any sort of script, and is capable of forging Tutankhamen’s signature if any modern wants to send a brickbat in his name. Some exquisite specimens of her work have been on view in the loan exhibition for the Carillon Fund; a whole book of poems, handprinted and decorated by her, was one of the most fascinating things in the show. The more intricate the lettering the better she likes it. And the curious part is she has never studied drawing and doesn’t know whether the script she is using is Roman or Double Dutch; but following some innate law of righteousness she never mixes her lettering. She is already widely known among connoisseurs who want “something different” on their book shelves.



*The bulletin. Volume. 45 No. 2333 (30 Oct 1924) Page 47*

## 2025 BANJO PATERSON WRITING AWARDS – NO ENTRY FEE



**NO  
ENTRY FEE  
in 2025**

### **Announcing the 2025 call for entries in the Banjo Paterson Writing Awards**

These awards established in 1991, aim to honour Banjo Paterson, a great Australian writer and favourite son of Orange, with a competition to foster writing with Australian content.

Download your entry form today - [cwl.nsw.gov.au](http://cwl.nsw.gov.au)

## CHRISTOPHER HOBART MCKIVAT (1879–1941)

Christopher Hobart McKivat (1879-1941), footballer, was born on 27 November 1879 at Burrawang, New South Wales, fifth surviving of ten children of Edward McKivat, Irish-born farmer, and his Tasmanian wife Susan, née Bellette. By 1897 McKivat was playing senior grade Rugby Union with Bowen Bros Tannery's team at Orange. He performed well for country against city in 1901 and was selected to tour New Zealand, but had to decline. Moving to Sydney in 1905, he joined Glebe (called the 'Dirty Reds' for their maroon guernseys) which won the premiership in 1906 and 1907. McKivat played either as scrum-half or five-eighth.

He represented New South Wales against New Zealand in 1907 and next year captained Glebe. In August 1908, selected for the first Wallaby tour of Britain and the United States of America, he was presented by fellow workers at the Farmers' & Dairymen's Milk Co. Ltd with an inscribed gold watch. An unselfish player, he scored eight tries on tour. As captain H. M. Moran and vice-captain Freddy Woods were frequently injured, McKivat led the Wallabies seventeen times, including the match against Cornwall at the London Olympic Games when the Australians won gold medals.

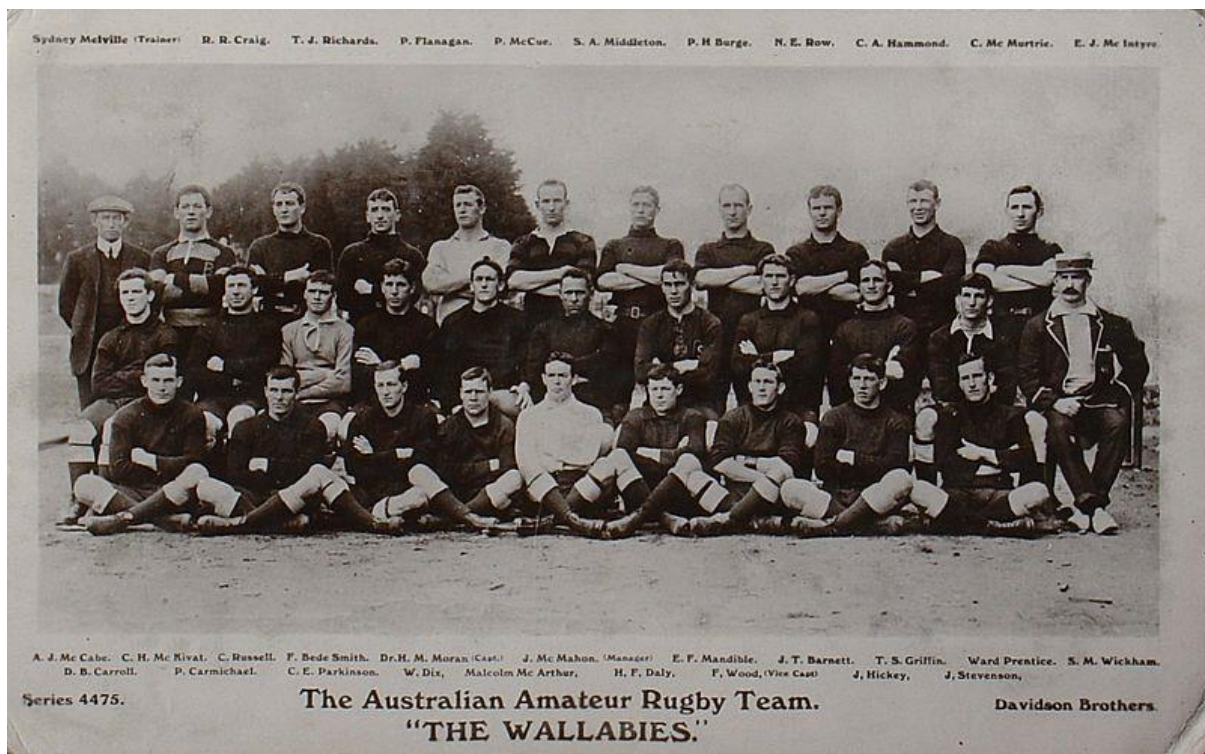
On returning to Sydney in September 1909, fourteen of the Wallabies played a series against the Rugby League Kangaroos. McKivat, allegedly paid £150, was expelled with the others from the amateur code. In 1910 he played for Australasia in all three Tests against the touring British (Rugby League) team.

In 1911-12 he led the second Kangaroos' tour of Britain; although older than his colleagues, he played in 32 of the 36 matches, scoring 41 points from 13 tries and 1 goal. The Australasians won all three Tests. McKivat played no more representative matches, but continued to captain Glebe Rugby League team until 1914.

At St Benedict's Catholic Church on 6 February 1915 he married Ada Glynn, a tailoress. His occupation then was storeman; earlier he had been a labourer and engine driver, later a weigh-clerk. He was also a successful football coach, taking North Sydney to premierships in 1921 and 1922.



Sturdily built, 5 ft 8 ½ in (174 cm) tall, weighing about 12 stone (76 kg), McKivat had thick, dark, curly hair, rugged features and a wide mouth. Reputedly Australia's finest half-back in either Rugby code, to G. V. Portus he gave 'the impression of strength rather than agility. But his feet and hands worked in perfect combination with his eyes, and behind them all was a quick-thinking brain ... His passes were accurate, well-timed and ... he was a deadly tackler'. Adept at stealing from the scrum-base, he was very quick off the mark without straightening up and was master of the high short kick. His screw-punting was handy in defence. 'A born captain ... of equable temperament—never rattled', according to Claude Corbett, he constantly snapped out orders to his players on the field; off it he was a quiet humorist.



All his life he enjoyed going to the football on Saturdays and having a few beers with mates after the game. He was not a churchgoer. McKivat died on 4 May 1941, survived by his wife and son, and was buried in the Catholic section of Botany cemetery.

[Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 10 , 1986](#)



## COLLECTIONS ON TOUR



### Making Home: A Short History of Houses, Interiors and Gardens in NSW

Learn about the history of houses, interiors and gardens in NSW and explore material relevant to your locality. Drawing on MHNSW's rich collections at the Caroline Simpson Library, the State Archives and our museums, experts will deliver illustrated presentations followed by a Q&A. There will also be an opportunity for you to view original collection material.

#### ORANGE CITY LIBRARY

Where: 147 Byng Street, Orange

When: Tuesday 17 June 2025

Time: 5.30pm–7pm

Bookings are essential - telephone 6393 8132

Or book online [mhnsw.au/collections-on-tour](http://mhnsw.au/collections-on-tour)

Image: Yoho & Merritt, Craftsman bungalows: a collection of the latest designs, dedicated to "the lover of a convenient home", Seattle Washington, 1919. Caroline Simpson Library, Museums of History NSW.





## VISIT WENTWORTH MINE – A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT

The Lucknow goldfield was discovered in 1851, soon after Australia's first payable gold was found at nearby Ophir. The Wentworth Main Mine, located on the eastern side of the village, relates to the 1890s and 1930s mining booms.

The entire mining area was situated on land initially owned by William Charles Wentworth; the gold field was known as the Wentworth Field until the name Lucknow was adopted in 1863. It is said the name 'Lucknow' derived from good prosperity the town offered ie luck now.

The Wentworth Main Mine tells the story of goldmining in the Central West, from its early stages in the 1850s, through three stages, until its closure in the 1950s. It has been estimated that the fields yielded around 14,000 kg of gold in all.

One hundred and sixty years on, the landscape around Lucknow is still dominated by its gold mining heritage. Poppet heads, mine buildings, mullock heaps and bluestone dam walls are still plainly visible in and around the village. Lucknow, near Orange, which was worked extensively from 1862 to 1867, yielding 504 474 oz to 1923.

Lucknow is a small village located 9 km south-east of Orange on the Mitchell Highway and 250 km north-west of Sydney.

### OPENING TIMES

Wentworth Mine is open the first Saturday and Sunday of each month 10.00am – 2.30 pm.

Group and bus bookings are available on request, contact 02 6393 8170 or email [museum@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:museum@orange.nsw.gov.au)

It is recommended to wear closed-in shoes, bring along a hat, sunscreen and water.

Find out more information about the Wentworth Main Mine by following this link: [wentworthmine.orangemuseum.com.au/](http://wentworthmine.orangemuseum.com.au/)

### **BEER DROUGHT AVERTED**

The chance of a beer drought in Orange was prevented yesterday by a consignment of Toohey's beer, which was rushed from Sydney by the railways.

By late afternoon yesterday most Tooheys hotels had been supplied as well as freeholds. The manager of the Hotel Orange, Mr Bill Houlahan said that, he now had plenty of draught beer but no bottled beer.

"My beer arrived – thanks to the railways – at 8.30am this morning" he said.

I don't expect any Sydney bottled beer until January 21."

### **PULLED HIS LAST**

Mr Clive Morrissey, of the Gladstone Hotel, said that he had just pulled his last beer from the last of his stock when his new consignment arrived.

"At the moment I'm pretty happy but I will be cut by Monday." He said.

"What has caused the shortage in Orange is that Spring only finished a few days ago."

"Orange hotels have sent in orders to meet the demand of the past weeks but were not prepared for the sudden heat."

"The fact that the heat was in non-working days increased the demand" he added.

"From the way things are going the beer position over the New Year looks hopeless." Mr Morrissey declared.

### **BIG NEWS!!! CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY 1945 -1954: AVAILABLE ON TROVE**

Did you know that a limited number of editions of *Central Western Daily* are now available for you to view on TROVE?

Digitisation has recently been finalised for newspapers over the period 1945 to 1954.

Funding for the digitisation of *Central Western Daily* 1945-1954 was proudly contributed by Central West Libraries.

[Central Western Daily \(Orange, NSW : 1945 - 1954\) - Trove](#)

# RAIN RECORDS AT ORANGE FOR 55 YEARS

Orange Star: Friday 21 May 1926 Page 8

## RAIN RECORDS AT ORANGE FOR 55 YEARS.

Supplied to "Star" by Commonwealth Meteorological Bureau.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
1871	331	133	120	43	248	584	384	208	188	186	217	92	2710
1872	305	870	494	88	331	167	206	163	211	208	229	173	3448
1873	345	219	102	58	388	757	445	181	287	492	708	579	4621
1874	228	439	155	301	104	751	138	579	242	135	499	90	3631
1875	495	877	479	217	485	477	464	474	526	262	212	37	5005
1876	261	614	153	220	631	748	375	238	230	166	135	50	3821
1877	176	110	108	43	21	91	324	385	381	221	283	155	3116
1878	233	103	244	150	548	—	—	52	358	248	20	237	—
1879	70	824	861	123	29	509	545	268	587	410	528	295	5049
1880	135	444	284	244	712	167	555	767	690	420	469	331	5227
1881	195	7	200	420	252	273	135	291	444	690	50	123	3098
1882	230	361	456	47	441	548	124	254	151	261	318	31	3222
1883	26	27	76	125	387	396	242	249	40	616	627	267	3078
1884	64	252	184	113	441	204	238	336	306	462	229	13	2842
1885	27	97	50	345	134	473	199	124	359	237	197	152	2391
1886	661	136	171	213	132	653	13	149	340	62	208	310	3049
1887	242	44	9	403	400	161	352	1108	218	423	583	590	4623
1888	757	313	655	228	146	771	443	561	296	294	363	581	5408
1889	162	405	20	43	243	231	255	18	310	29	65	231	2012
1890	135	219	134	648	359	786	139	408	285	520	309	237	4237
1891	243	670	840	108	336	720	484	341	391	430	187	253	5093
1892	655	109	186	376	328	696	802	427	497	249	433	167	4925
1893	341	119	82	349	492	247	367	488	742	522	155	323	4227
1894	444	202	378	203	620	496	315	323	240	248	617	386	4592
1895	436	203	771	412	357	612	645	307	461	312	110	447	5073
1896	561	347	21	52	151	456	192	254	258	232	151	474	3149
1897	213	686	310	225	294	376	66	568	94	136	348	306	3622
1898	204	31	24	13	119	485	387	366	303	196	35	336	2649
1899	410	343	107	6	252	374	178	293	262	427	92	286	3030
1900	247	104	112	433	81	472	103	364	152	239	406	14	2817
1901	476	138	622	570	452	506	401	166	329	87	141	168	4056
1902	166	30	585	475	98	231	207	524	129	429	148	25	3047
1903	111	4	278	4	10	137	147	112	212	245	231	613	2104
1904	134	94	193	538	177	277	312	143	518	220	48	249	2903
1905	274	182	167	209	252	198	464	246	111	306	79	311	2799
1906	65	177	226	393	433	315	407	139	234	507	57	44	2997
1907	69	37	362	123	223	408	155	410	541	553	328	321	3530
1908	374	191	303	154	3	319	286	434	179	127	429	153	2952
1909	185	343	54	116	196	275	175	195	376	107	220	122	2370
1910	412	286	118	284	275	746	159	481	249	250	99	316	3866
1911	356	—	362	30	208	516	298	144	320	248	76	245	2803
1912	345	296	210	53	298	361	268	78	301	108	499	558	3375
1913	114	157	9	14	10	391	772	399	72	175	106	58	2277
1914	141	232	492	157	304	278	116	152	161	516	44	130	2723
1915	338	220	374	191	285	104	343	4	119	294	303	423	2998
1916	103	72	218	52	340	478	308	373	273	315	11	227	2770
1917	338	142	147	374	76	1238	591	719	284	565	506	438	5418
1918	186	293	196	127	267	350	713	636	221	430	369	153	3911
1919	377	140	188	181	212	337	280	784	95	170	59	60	2883
1920	50	71	211	45	328	116	108	203	198	57	131	414	1932
1921	414	43	153	55	85	885	528	561	319	191	250	837	4321
1922	108	17	233	256	503	384	238	394	247	200	146	644	3370
1923	171	141	2	174	149	264	704	124	135	166	17	481	2531
1924	132	—	127	—	120	945	717	219	533	449	190	165	3606
1925	111	346	72	184	132	298	229	227	634	246	574	155	3208

## RESEARCH INQUIRIES

*I was reading the magazine Regional Lifestyle – Spring 2024- recently, and came across a mention of Sophia Jane Brown of “Pine Tree” Roma. She is the great-great-grandmother of Bec Beissel of “Pine Tree” Roma. Sophia originally settled in Millthorpe. Her first marriage was to William Blunt 1878 – he died 15/8/1892 aged 36 years buried Millthorpe Cemetery. Second marriage 1895 Robert Bowen he died 28/4/1905 aged 38 years buried Millthorpe Cemetery.*

*Sophia Jane Brown (nee Smith) – died 4/10/1951 Qld.*

**(Carol Sharp- Research Officer)**

*Springfield – Carcoar. 1850’s*

*I was trying to find people who had come from Springfield in the Carcoar district. Mary Ann Hathaway (Mingay) (nee Keating) the only record of her death is in the Bathurst Free Press 11/5/1859 and James Burfitt died 2/8/1854, his wife Frances Ann Burfitt died 25/6/1853.*

*Trove newspapers had information on their deaths, however, I could not find where Springfield was located. On checking maps of the Carcoar area, the only Springfield I found was near Forest Reefs. Trove Newspapers – Empire (Sydney) – 4/8/1859- Carcoar via Springfield.*

*Note: This is not Springfield (Byng)*

**(Carol Sharp – Research Officer)**

*We were contacted by Mr Betham of Western Australia regarding the location of Valentine Thomas O’Connell’s headstone. His mother had a letter from Val O’Connell’s wife after his death. Letter was dated 23/2/1970: In the letter she wrote: “Val was against all Christianity so I stipulated that his grave was not to be in a church section. I thought I had better check on this and went to the cemetery with the undertaker. They came to half way up the hill and I was told that he would be in this area (perpetual Care) but on looking at it I saw that the area was divided into different church sections. I was told there were only Church Sections in the cemetery. “Well” said I “He will have to be buried in another cemetery”. The Shire Clerk went with his Deputy and finally picked a spot at the top of the hill. This area was to be kept for such as Val. Then the Shire Clerk said to me “See these trees growing here – they are Himalayan Pines” He planted them himself months beforehand. His foreman got a piece of stone from the Bathurst area. This was taken to Sydney and cut and polished and the enclosed inscription engraved in raised letters. So now Val’s remains lie at the top of the hill in Orange Cemetery with a Himalayan Pine each side. From here can be seen Orange and the surrounding hills. A lovely spot.”*



*Valentine Thomas O'Connell – died 15/5/1969 – death certificate states buried 17/5/1969 Independent Lawn Cemetery Orange. Central Western Daily – 16/5/1969-*

*\*\*\* Funeral Notice: O'Connell - The relatives and friends of the late Valentine Thomas O'Connell late of 28 Sampson St., Orange are kindly invited to attend his funeral to leave the Chapel of O'Brien and Parkes 31 William St., Orange, Tomorrow (Saturday) at 12 noon for the Independent portion of the Orange Lawn Cemetery.*

*It would appear Valentine Thomas O'Connell was the first person to be buried in an Independent section of the Orange Cemetery.*

**(Carol Sharp – Research Officer)**

## **A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY IN THE 1800'S**

By the 1830's, the idea that crime was the result of ignorance, ignorance was the result of a lack of education and, therefore, education would decrease crime, was seen as a means of forging the penal colony of Australia into an organised and orderly society. It was, therefore, imperative that the government set up schools so that all children could be taught, reading, writing and arithmetic and how to be good, moral, law-abiding citizens.

Boys and girls received instruction in the basic subjects. In addition, girls spent eighty minutes of the day sewing, knitting and darning while boys spent this time learning geometry, more geography and arithmetic.

The day commenced with the teacher inspecting the pupils to see that their face and hands had been washed, their hair combed and their clothes neat and tidy. Thirty minutes each day were also taken up singing. The teacher tried to instil into the children the advantages of being orderly, clean, punctual, decent and courteous and avoiding all things which would make them disagreeable to other people.

One way to achieve this was the use of discipline, Rules governed how children were to enter the room, bow to the teacher, sit down, sit when reading what was on the blackboard, sit when writing, hold their pens, the position of their writing pads, and making sure all students wrote with their right hand.

Pupils could be at school from about six years of age to over sixteen years. However, in the early years of schooling, absenteeism was high as most parents wanted their child out working to help pay for the bills. Compulsory education was established in the 1870's. Up until the early 1970's. students who attended high school had the option to leave by the age of fourteen, with many deciding to go to work. In 1972, the school leaving age rose to sixteen.

**McCreadie, Marion - *The Evolution of Education in Australia.***

[http://www/historyaustralia.org.au/ifhaa/schools/evolutio.htm](http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/ifhaa/schools/evolutio.htm)

## FIND MY PAST AND ANCESTRY - NEW RECORDS AVAILABLE

Below are some records that have recently been made available through FIND MY PAST.

Did you know that if you don't have a membership you are able to use FIND MY PAST for FREE on-site at one of our Central West Libraries (Blayney, Canowindra, Cowra, Forbes, Manildra, Molong or Orange)

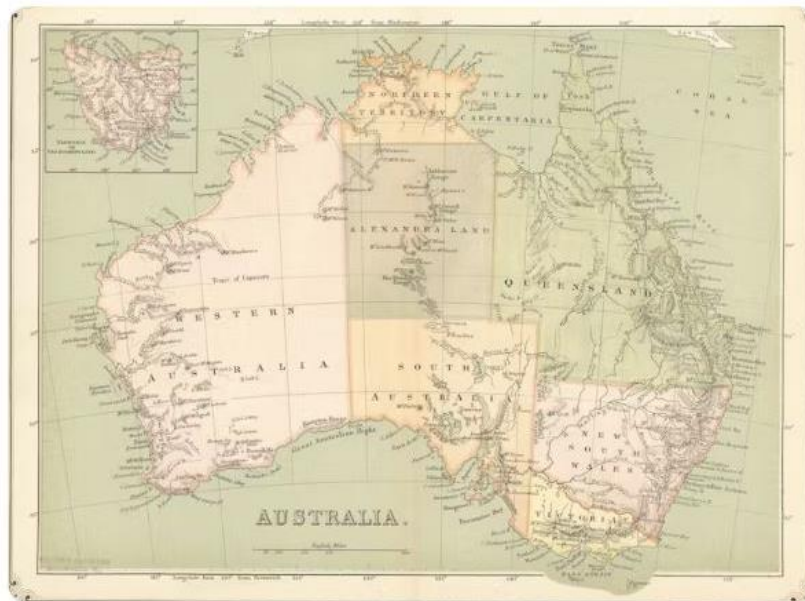
### NEW FIND MY PAST RECORDS ...

#### Queensland, Imperial pensions 1898-1912

This week's largest new Australian set consists of 35,749 Queensland pension records, covering the years 1898 to 1912.

#### Queensland, Criminal depositions 1861-1885

Did your Australian ancestor run into trouble with the law between 1861 and 1885? If they lived in the state of Queensland, their name may just appear within these 3,749 new court records.



Map of Australia, 1879.

These transcriptions contain key information like names and the date of the deposition, offering insight into Australia's criminal justice system at the end of the 19th century.

#### Queensland, Dentists 1903-1932

In this week's third new set, you'll find the names of over 400 dentists who worked in Queensland in the early 20th century.

## NEW ANCESTRY RECORDS ...

Title	Category	Records
<a href="#">Western Australia, Australia, Mines, Farms &amp; Stations 1899-1921</a>	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	4,340
<a href="#">South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria, Australia, Southern Baptist Series, 1895-1912</a>	Newspapers & Publications	171,921
<a href="#">New South Wales, Australia, Easts Rugby Club Team Photos 1882-2023</a>	Pictures	3,238
<a href="#">South Australia, Australia, Country Business Directory, 1952-1953</a>	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	15,281
<a href="#">Australia, Truth and Progress Publications, 1868-1894</a>	Newspapers & Publications	80,320
<a href="#">Australia, Telephone Directories, 1913-1959</a>	Newspapers & Publications	2,455,984
<a href="#">Sydney, Australia, Royal Easter Show Collection, 1869-2022</a>	Newspapers & Publications	2,081,041
<a href="#">New South Wales, Australia, Sydney Diocesan Directory, 1881-1920</a>	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	94,822
<a href="#">Queensland, Australia, Queensland Freeman: Baptist Monthly Journal, 1881-1888</a>	Newspapers & Publications	10,445
<a href="#">Australia, Records of Grants of Probate, 1832-1947</a>	Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills	158,138
<a href="#">Tasmania, Australia, Government Gazettes, 1885-1945</a>	Newspapers & Publications	1,594,100
<a href="#">Australia, Southern Cross and South Australian Catholic Herald, 1867-1869</a>	Newspapers & Publications	7,907
<a href="#">Australia, Australasian Methodist Ministerial Index, 1896</a>	Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs	148
<a href="#">Australia, Bibliography of Western Australia, 1923</a>	Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs	188
<a href="#">Western Australia, Australia, Letters of Administration, 1832-1947</a>	Convict, Criminal, Land & Wills	88,406
<a href="#">Australia, Victoria, Government Gazettes, 1851-1907</a>	Newspapers & Publications	4,808,550
<a href="#">Australia, Australian Lutheran Publications, 1850-1966</a>	Newspapers & Publications	277,099
<a href="#">First 100 Years of the Baptist Church of South Australia, Australia, 1937</a>	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	380
<a href="#">Victoria, Australia, Port Philip Government Gazettes, 1847</a>	Newspapers & Publications	7,524
<a href="#">Tasmania, Australia, Hobart Town Gazettes, 1844-1906</a>	Newspapers & Publications	508,018
<a href="#">Australia, Education Gazettes, 1893-1959</a>	Newspapers & Publications	182,878
<a href="#">Web: South Australia, Australia, Passenger Lists, 1627-2011</a>	Immigration & Travel	351,084
<a href="#">Australia, Government Honour Records, 1900-2023</a>	Military	284,032
<a href="#">U.K. and U.S., Blacksmiths and Related Trades Index, 1720-1940</a>	Schools, Directories & Church Histories	9,918
<a href="#">Australia and New Zealand, Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800's to current</a>	Newspapers & Publications	417,553,952

## NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

*Leader* – 13/10/1916: Mrs. Mary Ann Schmich.

The distressing illness from which Mrs. Mary Ann Schmich, of Borenore, had been suffering for a couple of months past, terminated fatally yesterday morning. The ailment was bronchial, at the commencement, but other internal troubles followed it, culminating in heart failure. By the death another honored pioneer enters into her rest, leaving a memory to be cherished by a highly-respected family and friends who have esteemed her for more than half a century.

The late Mrs. Schmich was the daughter of Mr. Edward Johnston, and was born at Narromine in 1841. With her parents, in her early childhood, she visited the Turon, Muckerawa, and Louisa diggings, settling with them in Orange 68 years ago. She was married here, and went with her husband, Mr. Valentine Schmich (who died over 20 years ago), to Borenore in 1863. Being of an observant disposition in her younger days, and having an excellent memory, she delighted to chat over the early history of these parts, and a pleasant hour could always be spent in her company when she was in a reminiscent mood. There was ever an open door and an amply-covered board at her home for traveler, neighbour and friend, and the call of the sick and needy found in her a ready sympathiser and help.

There are four sons and one daughter bereaved by her passing, viz, George (Molong), Edward (Sydney), William (Borenore), Val (Borenore), and Mrs. D. McGuinness, of Hill Street., Orange. Mr. R. Johnston, of Wellington, is a brother; Mr. John Johnston, of Moree, a step-brother, and Mesdames McLean and Nevins, of Hermindale and Grafton respectively, step-sisters.

The funeral is appointed to leave her late residence at 10 o'clock this morning, arriving at the R.C. Church at 12 noon, and departing thence to the Orange cemetery.

*Central Western Daily* - 1/6/1959: Obituary - Mr W.R. (Bill) Ryan.

The sudden death in Sydney last week of Mr William Rex (Bill) Ryan came as a great shock to his many friends in Orange, Coonamble and Forbes.

Mr Ryan who was 43 years of age was a son of Mrs E. Ryan of Prince Street and the late Mr W. Ryan of Coonamble. He was a brother of Mrs E. Yelland of Manildra and Miss Bubbles Ryan of Orange. Mr Ryan became suddenly ill at his mother's home last Thursday week and was transported to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for emergency specialist treatment where he died on Sunday, May 24. Well known in stock selling circles in the West, Mr Ryan was an auctioneer at Blayney. Educated at Orange he was returned soldier. Mr Ryan is also survived by his widow formerly Miss Betty Taylor of Orange Two daughters Wendy and Deborah and a son Kerry. Mr Ryan was cremated in Sydney on Tuesday

*Central Western Daily* - 26/3/1962: Paper owner dies.

Proprietor of the Dubbo Liberal newspaper, Mr Leo V. Armati died at his home in Dubbo on Saturday aged 79 years. He was cremated at the Canobolas Crematorium yesterday afternoon after a private service. Mr Armati, a well known N.S.W. newspaperman took over the Dubbo Liberal in 1949 and later founded three weekly papers the Nyngan Advocate Warren Advocate and Cobar Advocate. He was editor of the Sydney Sun from 1936 to 1942 and held other executive positions with Associated, newspapers including head of the company's New York bureau. Mr Armati spent a lifetime in journalism having started as a cadet in Queensland where he was appointed editor of the Bundaberg News at the age of 24.

*Central Western Daily* - 29/6/1962: Obituary - Mr T.C. Laide.

The death occurred in Sydney on Wednesday of a well known Orange man. Mr Thomas Carroll Laide of 7 Rosemary Lane at the age of 65.

Mr Laide came to Australia from England with his wife and family in 1949. They first went to Quandialla, then came to live in Orange where Mr Laide was a contract painter until forced by ill health to retire. His wife pre-deceased him by five years. He is survived by two sons Martin (Canberra) and Michael (Orange) and one daughter Noreen of the Orange High School teaching staff. The funeral will leave Holy Trinity Church Orange today for the Church of England Cemetery.

\*\*Orange Cemetery - unmarked grave -Y433- Church of England section. -died 27/6/1962.

*Central Western Daily* - 7/4/1964: Death of Mrs S. Garner.

The death occurred on March 11 of a well-known and highly respected Orange resident, Mrs Sarah Garner, of Molong Road, at the age of 86.

Mrs Garner was born at Bettws-y-Coed, North Wales and migrated to Canada in 1910 to marry James Garner, an Englishman who had joined the Canadian Mounted police. Mr and Mrs Garner came to Australia about 50 years ago and after about 10 years settled in the March district later moving into Orange. Mr Garner died in 1954. Mrs Garner is survived by six daughters, Eva (Mrs Jones, Orange); Violet (Mrs Bain, Sydney); Shan (Mrs Pratt, Orange); Lil (Mrs Grinrod, Orange); Vera (Mrs Priest, Orange) and Betty (Mrs Hurst, Newcastle). Her only son Thomas predeceased her 22 years ago. Mrs Garner also is survived by a sister in Manchester, England, Mrs H. Hughes and a brother Robert Jones, of New York. Mrs Garner was buried in the Church of England portion of Orange cemetery after a service at Holy Trinity Church.

*Central Western Daily* - 17/9/1964: Mrs E.M. White – Manildra.

An old and respected resident of the district Mrs Ethel May White of Derowie St., died in her sleep last week aged 81. She had recently been ill in Molong Hospital and had only returned on the Monday to the home of her son Mr W. White of Dederang Street.

Mrs White was the daughter of the late Mr & Mrs W. Townsend pioneer residents of this district. She was born in this area and spent most of her life here. Despite advancing years she had enjoyed reasonably good health and up to a couple of weeks ago was a daily walker to the shopping centre of the town. Mrs White was very attached to her family and all were pleased that her son Mr W. White, who was badly burned when he fell at work onto an electricity transformer, was able to return home and see her once again restored to normal health. Mrs White is survived by three sons Cliff; Allan and Wally all of Manildra. Her husband Thomas White predeceased her by 13 years. Two sons died in early infancy. Three brothers predeceased her and surviving are a brother, two sister and 10 grandchildren. Burial took place in the Church of England portion of Meranburn Cemetery after a service at St Luke's Church. The casket was covered with many floral tributes and pallbearers were sons C. and A. White and grandsons B and R. White.

*Central Western Daily* - 25/2/1966: Mrs W. Coventry.

The death occurred in the St Lawrence Private Hospital, Summer Hill, recently of Mrs Irene Philomine Coventry wife of well known Orange Real estate agent, Mr William G. Coventry of Anson St., Mrs Coventry who had been ill for some time was 64.

Mrs Coventry was born in Orange the daughter of the late Mr & Mrs John Fahy who owned a district orchard for many years. She was educated at the Canobolas School and at schools in Orange. From 1921 she was living in Sydney where she worked at the Children's Hospital, Camperdown. After her marriage to Mr Coventry in Sydney in 1928, the couple remained there for two years before moving to Blackheath and later Katoomba. Mr & Mrs Coventry returned to Orange in 1935, where Mr Coventry established a hair dressing business in Summer Street. In 1959 Mr Coventry began a real estate business. Mrs Coventry is survived by her husband four children: John; Colin; Peter and Fay. Sisters Mrs J. Parker; Mrs M. Rosser and Miss M. Fahy (of Orange); Mrs V. Blake (of Cairns, Queensland) and Mrs B. Kelly (of Brighton-le-sands) and brothers Mich (of Arncliffe); Jack (of Bathurst) and Leo (of Merryland). Her funeral left the Catholic Cathedral at Bathurst for burial in the Catholic portion of the Bathurst cemetery.

*Central Western Daily* - 1/4/1970: Death of Dr S.R.Dawes.

The first doctor to start a pathology practice west of Sydney, Dr Sydney Robinson (Rufus) Dawes, of Orange died in Sydney on Monday night. Dr Dawes became ill at the weekend and was sent to Sydney for treatment. His death on Monday night was unexpected and came as a great shock to his family and friends. He was one of the oldest practising doctors in Orange and a man who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. The pathology practice started by Dr Dawes many years ago was of great benefit to

patients right throughout the Central West. His only son Dr Peter Dawes joined his father in the practice some years ago. Dr Dawes is survived by his wife Kate, his son Peter and daughter Helen. For many years he was secretary of the Western Medical Association and until recently was secretary of the medical board of Orange Base Hospital. Dr Dawes had many interests one of the most absorbing being Orange and District Horticultural Society of which he was president for many years. When he resigned from the position of president he was elected patron and life member. The funeral will be held in Sydney today and will be private.

*Central Western Daily* - 10/11/1994: Walgett loses prominent businessman.

Western Magazine. Walgett loses prominent businessman. The Walgett district has been saddened in recent weeks with two events that have taken five prominent business men from the community. The death of four men in an aircraft accident on Sunday October 8 was compounded six days later by the sudden death of one of the town's best known citizens.

Kerry Ryan a partner in the stock and station firm of Dalgety, Ryan, Wickman suffered a cerebral haemorrhage and died after being rushed to Dubbo Base Hospital. A man of immense energy Mr Ryan was 49 years of age. Reared at Orange he entered the stock agency world with Winchombs at Quirindi. In 1966 he entered national service training seeing service in Vietnam. On his discharge in 1968 he joined Elders at Walgett and in 1973 joined fellow agent Paul Wickman in starting the business of Ryan, Wickman. In 1976 the young men entered into partnership with Dalgety Farmers. Out-going at ease in any company, Kerry Ryan instinctively drew people to him. A strong personality with the Irish charm his name suggested he was immensely likeable. His outgoing nature won him friends everywhere not least in the sport of kings. He loved racing. In business he was respected for his integrity and astuteness in judging livestock and in valuations. His family was everything to him and with wife Sue, their four children Nick; Kirsty; Ben and Kate formed a caring union. His passing in the prime of life is a sad blow.

John Francis Dunn – married Irene Barbara Radnedge 8/12/1944 St Thomas Church, Brisbane Qld – died 11/7/1970.

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**\*\*Central Western Daily** - 16/7/1970: Mr John Francis Dunn.

Mr John Francis Dunn a former resident of Molong died in Glen Innes last Saturday at the age of 49 years. He had lived in Glen Innes for several years and was Mayor of the town at the time of his death. The late Mr Dunn was the eldest son of the late Mr & Mrs E.S. Dunn lifetime residents of Molong. He leaves his wife and a family of 10 children.

**\*\*Central Western Daily - 21/7/1970:** Sympathy is extended to Mrs Kevin Williams of Calarie, Manildra in the sudden death of her brother Mr John Francis Dunn, of Glen Innes. Mr Dunn who was aged 49, was the Mayor of Glen Innes at the time of his death. He is survived by a widow and a family of 10. Interment took place in Catholic portion of the Glen Innes Cemetery after Requiem Mass in St. Patick's Church.

**\*\*\*Central Western Daily - 31/7/1970:** Death of Mr J.F. Dunn.  
The death occurred in Glen Innes recently of a former Orange resident, Mr John Francis Dunn aged 49. Mr Dunn was a former AMP representative in Orange and married former Orange resident Irene Radnedge. He was a resident of Glen Innes for 14 years. Mr Dunn had been Mayor of Glen Innes since last December and before that was Deputy Mayor for eight years. He was also an AMP representative in Glen Innes.

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## THE REVEREND JOHN CLARK MCDONALD

Reverend John Clark McDonald was the minister at St John's Presbyterian Church in Kite Street, Orange, from 1901 to 1919. Indeed, as it was noted during the church's centenary in 1967, Rev McDonald was the longest-serving minister in the church's history.

John was born in Turriff, Scotland, in 1852. Always a keen student of theology, he graduated from Aberdeen University in 1876, then entered the Theological Hall at Aberdeen for a period of four years. On the completion of his studies John married, then travelled to Australia with his wife, Mary Margaret. He first joined the Presbyterian Church at Wagga Wagga, followed by Mudgee, then Coonabarabran and finally Orange, arriving in November 1901.

A man of high ideals, Rev McDonald took an active interest and played a prominent role in the advancement of Orange. Both he and Mary Margaret were involved with the Benevolent Society and were well-respected by the local community, including those outside their congregation.

On Tuesday, 27 May 1913, the ladies of the congregation of St John's hosted an afternoon tea in the Oddfellows' Hall in honour of the Rev and Mrs McDonald. Not only was it Mary Margaret's birthday; it was also the couple's wedding anniversary. One of the hosts revealed that though they had all loved and admired Mrs McDonald since they had known her, they had never before given her any tangible token of their esteem.

Unfortunately, Mary Margaret suffered from ill-health, and passed away on 7 December 1913, aged 43. She is buried in the old Presbyterian section of Orange Cemetery.

In January 1916 Rev McDonald conducted the dedication of a memorial window at St John's. The window was presented by the ladies of the congregation in memory of the late Mrs McDonald and was placed above the seat she used to occupy. The window portrays Mary of Bethany at the feet of the Saviour and has a brass plate bearing the inscription:

*This window, in memory of Mary Margaret McDonald, who died on 7th December 1913, was erected by the women of the congregation.*

In late February 1919 Rev McDonald relocated to Blackheath, and in March married Emily Glasson, the daughter of the late Mr Robert and Mrs Glasson, of Yullundry, Cumnock. Many townspeople attended his farewell at the Australian Hall, including the mayor, Ald W E Bouffler, who presented the reverend with an album containing photographs of local vistas, a gift from the local community. The album contains a colourful handwritten inscription which reads:

*To the Rev. J. C. McDonald, M.A. Orange, 27th February, 1919.  
Reverend and Dear Sir, We have learned with feelings of very deep regret of your intended departure from Orange after a residence of almost twenty years. During the whole of this time you have taken an active and prominent part in all movements calculated to advance the town and district, and to promote the best*

*interests of the people. By your high ideals, your breadth of vision, and your high souled charity, you have earned the regard of all denominations. While faithfully discharging the duties of your sacred office, with regard to your own church, you have always evinced a tolerant, kind, and generous spirit to those of other religious beliefs. In all local patriotic movements inaugurated during the recent war, you have borne an honorable and distinguished part, for which we honor you both as a patriot and Christian gentleman. In appreciation of your manly and admirable qualities, the residents of our town and district gladly unite in mailing this public recognition of your worth as a citizen and as a minister of religion. In taking up your new sphere of pastoral duty at Black heath, you carry with you our heartiest wishes that you may enjoy many happy years of Christian and charitable labor, at that centre. Signed on behalf of the citizens,  
W E Bouffler, Mayor, F J Mulholland, Town Clerk.*

On rising to respond, the Rev J C McDonald was loudly applauded. He said it was overwhelming to sit there and hear all the kind remarks, and said if he had succeeded half as well as his good friends had said, he would be highly satisfied. He thanked them for the presents, which included a wallet filled with bank notes, and said he would leave Orange feeling that he had met with the approval of its people.

Rev McDonald returned to Orange four years later to lay the foundation stone for the Presbyterian Church Hall, which reads:

*"To the Glory of God this stone was laid by the Rev John C. McDonald M.A.  
29th Sept 1923"*

It was to be John's last visit to Orange. He died two years later at his residence, Balgownie, in Hornsby, on 3 October 1925, aged 73. He was buried at Macquarie Park.

On 12 August 1928, John's widow, Emily, attended St John's Church in Orange to witness the unveiling of a memorial window and a mural tablet dedicated to the memory of her late husband. The window depicts the aged Simeon in the temple, with the Infant Jesus in his arms, and uttering the words, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace." The tablet bears the following inscription:

*This Window, in Memory of the late Rev John Clark McDonald, M A, Minister of this Congregation, 1901/1918, who died October 3, 1925, was Erected by His Widow and Friends.*

The full album presented to the Rev J C McDonald on his departure from Orange has been digitised and is available to view on [Recollect Central West](https://centralwest.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/27054).

Follow this link to view the full album:

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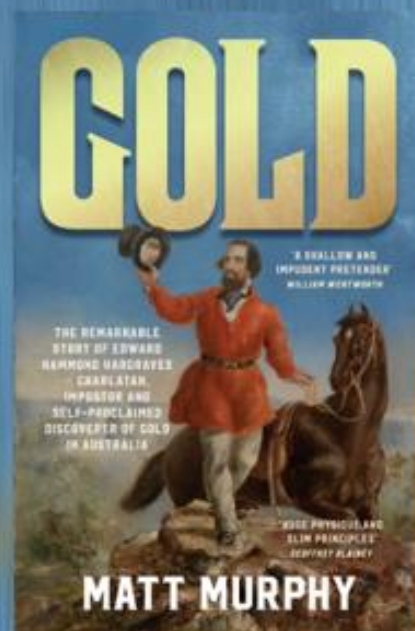
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This is the story of an oversized layabout who received years of accolades and free lunches, despite lumbering from one embarrassment to the next, and of those who spent decades trying to expose him and seek their share of the glory

## MEET MATT MURPHY

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## EDWARD PARKER ASHDOWN – SEARCHING FOR A PHOTOGRAPH

Edward was a resident of Mackay Qld between the years of 1873 – 1889. He was the manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. He married a local Mackay girl, Florence Eleanor Altereith in Sydney 15th November 1876. Edward served the bank in many branches in Sydney, Dalby Qld, Mackay Qld, Bega NSW and finally Orange NSW. He was heavily involved in community affairs wherever he was stationed and was very well respected everywhere.

He joined the Mackay Masonic Lodge in 1875 and was one of its first members. He was the Master of the Lodge in 1878 – 1880- 1882, and Treasurer for a number of years. When he died in 1909 the members of the Lodge sent to Mrs Ashdown a copy of book on the history of Freemasonry in Qld. It was inscribed on the front cover in gold gilt

*“From old Lodge associates in memory of Wor.Bro. E.P.Ashdown,  
Mackay Lodge No 1554 E.C.”*

In Response Florence sent to Mackay Lodge a “lifesized photographic enlargement of her late husband” which was beautifully framed in oak and was displayed in a prominent place in the Lodge room. The Lodge building along with the portrait was destroyed completely in a cyclone in 1918 in which 30 people lost their lives.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Masonic Lodge in Mackay, and also 100 years of the building that replaced the original one that was destroyed in 1918. There will be a rededication and reconsecration ceremonies held in May 2025 to acknowledge these milestones.

I would like to obtain a copy of a photo of Edward Parker Ashdown to be placed in the Lodge where it belongs, and to honour him for his service to everyone while in Mackay.

I have tried numerous outlets including historical branches, archives, libraries, and government agencies in Queensland and New South Wales and have run out of options. I am hoping that someone may be able to help me out of my dilemma.

Article submitted by Grace Hutchison – her contact details are as below:

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## JOIN OUR GROUP

Do you live locally and have a keen interest in family history research?

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. April, August and December.

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 our catalogue.](#) or head over to the Central West Libraries Website: [cwl.nsw.gov.au](http://cwl.nsw.gov.au)

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON YOUR ANCESTORS?

Are you looking for information on your ancestors who lived in or around the Orange area?

Why not contact our group to see what information we may be able to help you with.

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