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4th Wednesday of month
at 7:30 pm in the
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(all members welcome)

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EDUCATION: The First Twenty Years (Part 2)

This is part 2 of an article tracing the formation and development of the system over the first twenty years in the life of the colony in NSW. Written by Desmond Mulcahy, Research Officer of the Division of Research & Planning in the NSW Department of Education in 1969. The concluding Part 3 will be published in the next Nurungi



Philip Gidney King

On Norfolk Island, Lieutenant-Governor King was faced with similar problems, although on a much reduced scale. He already had one teacher, Thomas McQueen, who had been appointed in 1791. Even before the arrival of Hunter in NSW, King, of his own volition, had undertaken a project which was to bring both education and welfare to those children who needed it.

King was responsible for the construction of an edifice which was to be used solely for school purposes. He assigned twenty men to erect a stone building, fifty-six feet by eighteen. The cost of rations and clothing for these men came to £204 and this, together with the cost of the materials used, was met by the British Government. A second teacher, Susannah Hunt, was appointed to the island.

King also established an orphan institution, a need brought about by the departure from the island of fathers of illegitimate children. To pay for this institution, King established a system of customs revenue collection to which he added quit rents, fines and personal donations. When the Reverend Marsden, in his capacity as assistant chaplain, visited the island in 1796, he wrote to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel complimenting Governor King on the social stability of life there and informing that body that on Norfolk he had found seventy-five children receiving an education in two separate schools.

It was King who was appointed successor to Governor Hunter. In the interim period between his arrival in Sydney and the departure of the former Governor, King assumed many of the functions of office.

He commenced by correcting the laxity of the Reverend Johnson in allocating to individual teachers the funds made available by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Although payment to a

maximum of £40 per annum had been passed back to March 1793, Johnson had only distributed £70 between the inception of the scheme and 1800. King made a total joint payment of £80 to Mr McQueen and Miss Hunt and sent the account to the Society in London, where it was honoured.

King then turned his attention to the problem of orphaned and needy children in Sydney. He estimated that institutional education was necessary for three hundred and ninety-eight of the nine hundred and fifty-eight children in the Colony. Perhaps this figure may have been slightly exaggerated; however, there can be little doubt as to King's powers of observation.

In December 1801, he wrote; "*Soon after I arrived here the sight of so many girls between the age of eight and twelve, verging on the brink of ruin and prostitution which several had fallen into, induced me to set about rescuing the elder girls from the snares laid for them, and which the horrible example and treatment of many of their parents hurried them into.*"

In seeking a solution, King offered, on 23 May, 1800, to purchase conditionally for £1,539 the house and grounds of Lieutenant Kent, who was about to return to England. Kent accepted King's terms and plans were made to modify this house to make it suitable for the reception of females requiring institutional care. Subject to approval, the capital cost of this acquisition was to be paid by His Majesty's Government in London.

Food would be provided from the stores of the Colonial Government but all other expenses in running the institution would be paid from a fund created from a new means of revenue which was about to be inaugurated by King,

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 3: General Meeting at 2:00 pm
(no guest speaker due to Yaralla mini-tours)
DECEMBER 1: Our Christmas Party, 2:00 pm

The affairs of the Female Orphan Institution would be administered by a Special Committee made up of the chaplain, three other officers, Mrs King and Mrs Paterson. Mr Marsden would be its treasurer.

This Committee had its first meeting on 9 September, 1800. It soon received all the monetary and material assets of Governor Hunter's Orphan Fund, which was then dissolved. It announced that its sources of revenue were to be donations, a regulated duty on the entrance and clearance of vessels landing articles for sale, charges for the supply of water to ships, the commission resulting from the issue, among the residents of the colony, of blank forms for promissory notes of payment, and the appropriation of quit rents, fines and penalties.

On 11 October, 1800, Mr Marsden reported to the Committee that the sum of £170 had been spent on twelve casks of salt meat, seven and a half

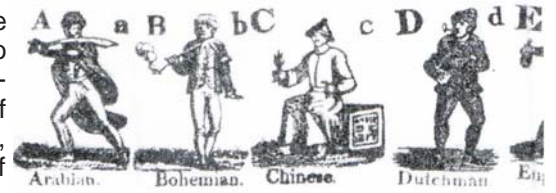
casks of manufactured tobacco and one hundred and nine gallons of rum. These supplies had been used for payment to artificers. The treasurer notified the Committee that he had received from the clerk assessor the fees for the entry of *John Jay*, an American ship. Mr Marsden made known that Governor King had directed that all such future fees and the fees for grants on leases of land due to the Governor personally were to be paid into the Orphan Fund.

In the Orphan institution the girls were taught needlework, reading and spinning; several were taught writing. Forty-nine girls from seven to fourteen years had been admitted by 31 December 1801. On 30 January 1802, Lord Hobart, the Secretary of the State for the Colonies, wrote to King to confirm his approval of the Governor's measures for the support of the Orphan institution; in doing so, he requested the submission of regular accounts.

By March, 1803, fifty-four girls were being assisted in this Institution. Governor King was then making major additions to the original building and, when these were completed later in the same year, the Committee was able to accept one hundred and four girls.

In his Report to Lord Hobart in May 1803, the Governor expressed satisfaction with the progress of the girls in reading, writing, plain work and spinning but stated that the funds were getting low; three months later he was to describe them as very low,

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Above: ABC from Charles Vyse's Spelling-Book, in use in early 1800s, and still available in its seventh Edition!

	Wellbank to Clermont	Harry's Grocer	Bowes Chemist	Clegg's Ham & Beef	Paine's Butcher	Jack & Mick Green-grocers	Steers Milk Bar	?? Ladies Millinery	Kay's Grocer	Mr. Sams Sport & Tobacco & Jack Munn's Barber	Bullies Grocer	Bowyer's Cake Shop	Bowen's Draper	Mr. Pook ... Boot Repairer	Moran & Calo Grocer	
	Clermont to Davidson	Ernie ? Greengrocer	Miss Clarke Haberdashery Commonwealth Bank Butcher	Bellamy's Shoe Shop	Pillman's Hair Salon	Kirkham's ... Newsagent ANZ Bank Fish Shop	?? Home Drapery	Morgan's Radio & Electrical Repairs (also office Concord Recorder)	Misses Ruffhaberdashery	Hatter's Ham & Beef (later Post Office)	Mr & Mrs Kelly Milk Bar
	Davidson to Correys	Batty's Hair Salon	Miss Seers Shoe Shop	Ottway's Hardware	Hanson's Cake Shop Fruit Shop	Thompsons Dairy Shop (also local milkman)	Rourke's Chemist Barber	Mr. Butt Jeweller Butcher	(some names are missing) Produce Store	Warrnart's Grocer		

Council's North Strathfield Shopping Centre Place Plan

The objective of the plan is to create a place of meaning and connection for residents, business owners and visitors. As part of the implementation of this plan Council wants to collect stories to document the past and present of the neighbourhood surrounding this area. They would like to know about the people and places that have made this community.

Do you have a special memory, story or experience you would like to share about your local neighbourhood (in and around North Strathfield Village)? Is there a local personality, past or present, whose story deserves preserving.

To help jog your memory we have reproduced (on the previous page) a list of shops that were there in the 1930-40s as provided by one of our members; also a story about the shopping area. What can you add?

Shops in the North Strathfield Area - Approximately 1934-39

Queen Street - between Shipley & Wellbank

Two small shops - one was a Plumber - one nearest to Wellbank used as a Dance Studio. Mr & Mrs Desmond, teachers. My mother and father went to sharpen up their dancing skills. North of shop was a vacant allotment where horses grazed.

Cnr. Wellbank & Queen Street - south side

Cherry Correy, an Estate Agency which later became a Laundry. South attached - two ladies ran a cake shop - were in business in December 1937 as my mother thought of cakes she'd ordered for Christmas eve and hadn't picked up - rushed around about 11:00 pm. We lived in Napier Street.

In Napier Street - in mid 20's - Patemans ran a garage at their home - No. 14 Napier Street. They later moved to the corner of Concord Road and operated a garage after Bramley, the corner grocer, moved to Concord Road and 3 shops from Parramatta Road. Opposite Bramleys, Percival ran a bakery which was still there in the early 40's, with horses kept at the back of the premises.

Until the Wesley Church moved to the corner of Sydney Street (late 20's) they had a small wooden church this side of Bramley's grocery shop. Mr. Bramley had a grey T-Model Ford in which he delivered the groceries after touring around to get the orders.

There were two small shops in Queen Street at north of garden at North Strathfield - these have only been demolished about 6 weeks ago (9/96). One was a pastry cook, Mr. Kelly by name. I hated having to buy the pies (a special treat of a Friday night) because Mr. Kelly called me "Sis".

Shop on corner of garden, I think an Estate Agent - later occupied by Laurie Symons as Hairdresser. He operated across the road for some years, the family lived over the shop. He later moved to Napier Street when Laurie went to smaller shop. This shop used by Mr. Sparrow, Estate Agent, during

the 60's.

During World War II volunteers worked on making camoflage netting in the shop used by Stylecraft Blinds.

In Wellbank Street, on the corner of lane, Pikes ran a Produce Store, up to war time, I think. Neville Smith employed there. His mother lived in Cross Street.

Beginning at the corner of Wellbank & Queen Streets, north side during late 20's, John Kay ran a grocery store, later moved to Concord Road. Also Kirkhams operated their newsagency there until moving to Concord Road. Three shops north of Commonwealth Bank in late 20's (more later on Bank). Three shops from Waratah Street, in Queen Street, Quinn & Westbrook had a Butchers Shop. There was also a small Library in that area - a tailor who advertised music lessons in the window for a daughter who taught.

During 30's Wilsons had a Business College. There was a small shop on the corner of Hill Street and McKenzie Street, ran by people by the name of Wall - Lorna and Ken were daughter and son in the family.

On corner of Wellbank Street and Concord Road, Harry's Grocery Shop. I think the name Harry is still shown in cement over the shop. Next was Bowe's, the Chemist, until bought out by Mary and Geoff Myers, followed by Peter & Robin Burt.

Next to Bowes, Cleggs had a Delicatessan. Were there for many years. In early 50's new owners took over.

W.R. Paine operated from 1929 - Best in the West. This family came from Homebush and I went to Homebush and Burwood Domestic Science with some of the family.

Next was a Hardware Store - I think it was a Greengrocers during late 30's/early 40's, run by Italians. Next a Greengrocers, owned by Steers. This was the shop John Kay and family moved into after leaving Queen Street. This much later became a Liquor Store until the Kays retired.

Next was Jim Sam's Sports Store and Mullins, Hairdresser. Lots of children in 30's and 40's had haircuts there.

Above shops in this area were rooms for North Strathfield Ex-Servicemen's Club. Lots of locals belonged and raised funds through their Association.

During 30's and 40's Buttles had a Grocery Store. They delivered.

Then Bowyers Cake Shop - later operated as a Milliners - Gosby's a double sided shop with centre shop window. Later occupied for many years by Mr. & Mrs. Wal Bowen, who were next door and took over early 30's. His small shop became a Bootmakers operated by Pook's. Later Mr. Pook's sister operated a Post Office - which at one time was in Kay's

On corner of Clermont Avenue and Concord Road was Moran & Cato Grocery. This site, together with Bowens, became Bank of N.S.W., later Westpac.

North side Clermont - Jo had a fruit shop.

Miss Clarke had a Haberdashery, then a vacant lot used by Commonwealth Bank when they opened - mid-forties, I think. This vacant ground was used by Ex-Servicemen's Association for carnivals one or two times a year.

A Butchers Shop was operated by ?????? Was there a long time. Then Kirkhams moved into a new shop from Queen Street. In the Queen Street shop they had a Commonwealth Bank Agency, which was moved over to the new Bank when built.

Mr. Morgan had a music shop - sheet music - I bought when I learnt piano. His sister also worked as Editor of a local newspaper.

The Misses Ruff were there in Haberdashery for many years, followed by Mr. & Mrs. McMahon and later Mrs. Caleo, until she closed the shop.

Mr. & Mrs. Hatter had a Delicatessen, mid 20's to 30's, next to Misses Ruff.

Mr. & Mrs. Kelly had a Sweets Shop on corner of Davidson Avenue. It was

a Stationers before that and now an Indian Restaurant.

Mid 30's on north corner of Davidson Avenue, a Mini Golf Course operated. Next door Pilman's Hairdresser, followed by Lance Otway's Hardware Store.

In the last block was Thompson's Milk Shop and a Cake Shop.

Warwick Rourke ran the Pharmacy, later bought out by Peter Burt.

The second last store was a Produce Store, also a Butchers and lastly Warman's Grocery Store on corner Correys Avenue and Concord Road.

Beryl Law, 21 Cross Street, Concord (20/10/96)

Dates for the Diary

Saturday, 3rd November - General Meeting at 2:00 pm. No guest speaker

Saturday, 3rd November - Yaralla Mini-Tours from 10:00 am. Just turn up and pay at the gate.

Saturday, 10th November at 6:30 pm - Opera Night at Rivendell

Sunday, 11th November - 10:00 to 3:00 pm on Cockatoo Island. Drummoynes Bayside Fair. We will have an Information table there. Ferries leave regularly from Birkenhead Point

Friday, 23rd November - 6:00 for 6:30 pm - Civic Hall (next to Council Chambers). Meeting to be chaired by the Mayor to launch the new City of Canada Bay Heritage Society. Please come along to support your society. We need your presence.

Friday, 30th November, 3:00 pm at Concord RSL for the launch of Lerryn Mutton's book, "Lest I Forget". (details below).

Saturday, 1st December, 2:00 pm at the museum - our CHRISTMAS PARTY. EVERYONE WELCOME.

Working Bees

There are still many boxes of artefacts to be gone through. We need some help from the male members of our society as the boxes we now need are on the top shelves and too hard for us to get down.

We particularly need to see what we have in our collection to support our Nursery Rhyme Display which will be on from December to February.

The next working bee will be on **Wednesday, 7th November**, commencing at 10:00 am.

If you can't manage the whole day, then please come and spend what time you can manage.

We will supply lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Please let us know if you are coming so that we can organise the catering.



For all the Grandmas out there . . .



From the Secretary's Desk

WE NEED OUR MEMBERS TO HELP: We regularly prepare leaflets to advertise our speakers and any special displays but we only have a few volunteers to help distribute these. Would you be prepared to take some and drop them around your area to let more people know about what is happening?

We spend a lot of time arranging good speakers and organising interesting displays . . . but we need to let the locals know about these. *Please, will you offer?*

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: The next meeting of this Committee will be on **Wednesday, 12th December at 10:00 am**. This will be our final meeting to organise our Nursery Rhyme Display. If you will be bringing any objects to support the different rhymes (egg cups, teapots, or what you think would support the rhymes) please bring them along. This is our last chance to finalise this display.

If you would like to come along to the meeting, please do. The more the merrier.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: These are listed on this page, please make a note of them in your diary NOW.

We will particularly need help with catering for the launch of the new Heritage Society on 23rd November. Please let us know that you will be coming and what you will be able to provide.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Members are asked to bring a plate of "goodies" for this event. Please feel free to invite others who might be interested in the society, as well as family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

CABARITA - NOW & THEN: These photographs were on display at the event at Cabarita Park last Friday and proved so interesting we have arranged to have them on display at our museum. Please drop in and have a look - and see just how much the area has changed.

LERRYN'S BOOK - "Lest I Forget" can be purchased at our museum. For those who didn't know Lerryn, he was a well-known identity in Concord, having lived and worked there all his life. He was also a 93rd Squadron Beaufighter pilot during WWII; former Mayor of Concord; MLA for Yaralla (Lowe, now Reid) 1968-1979 and 50 years service in Rotary.

You're Invited!

Alan Jones, AO, will launch Lerryn Mutton's book, "Lest I Forget"

at 3:00 pm on Friday, 30th November, 2012 at the Concord RSL, Nirranda Street, Concord West.

RSVP by 23rd November to Patricia, 0414-434-172 or email: yaralla2137@yahoo.com.au



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