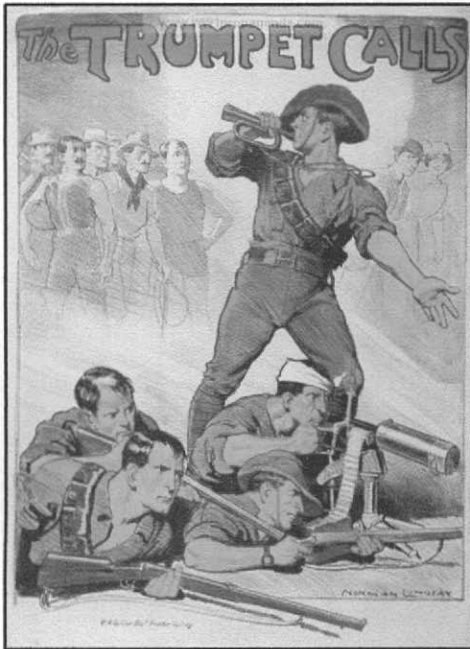
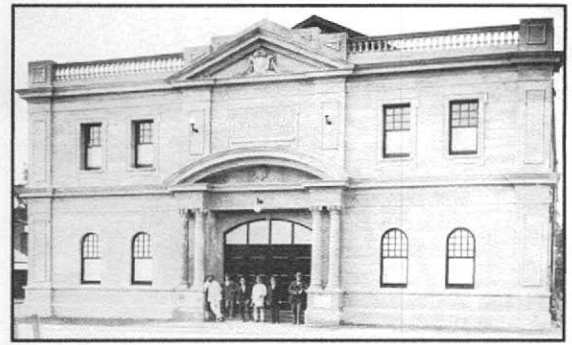


CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2014-2015



COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS SINCE GALLIPOLI

To acknowledge this significant anniversary, a committee of representatives of Clare Regional History Group, Auburn & Clare Districts RSL Sub-branch members and Army Reservists is working hard to develop a display in the foyer and front rooms of the Clare Town Hall. The display will be opened on Monday 20th April and will be on view until Sat 2nd May. It will include photographs, uniforms, artillery, medals and other artefacts, with one room dedicated to a trench warfare recreation including light and sound effects. It is expected that the second week of the display, falling in the first week of Term 2, will be visited by many school groups.

A number of themes are being developed for the large display including life on the home front, circumstances leading up to the declaration of war, its aftermath, and the role of local people in specific theatres of

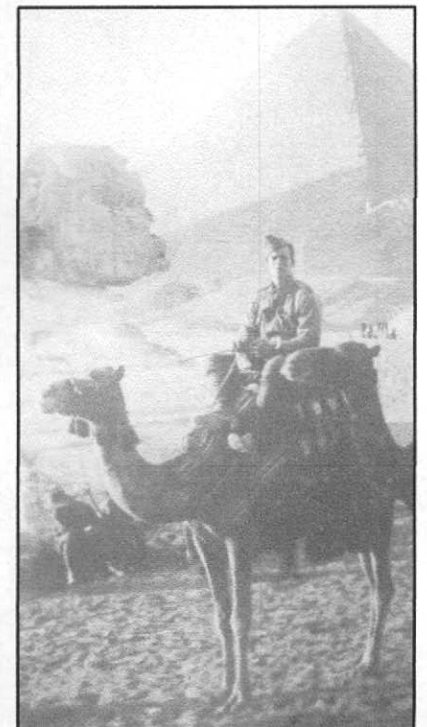
war. Communication between Europe and Australia will also be explored.

There will also be details and photos of the servicemen remembered on the Memorial Arch at the Clare Oval. Three of these men received fatal wounds on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The first of these men was Jack Adams (1891-1915) who enlisted in 1914 in the 10th Infantry Battalion and was killed while attempting to rescue the wounded. He was the son of Mrs Elizabeth Adams (nee Cheney) of Clare, and his brother Leo left for the front in 1916. Private Jack Adams is depicted in the photo on the right, while on leave in Egypt.

A Literary Competition has also been announced for entrants from Year 3 to adult. Selected entries will be on display and cash prizes awarded. Full details are given on page 4.

Local businesses are encouraged to become involved by arranging Anzac displays in their shop windows, and the History Group has a number of larger artefacts, such as framed portraits of servicemen, available on loan for incorporation in window displays. First choice will be offered to our Corporate members who support the work of the Group through their annual subscription. More details are given on Page 4.

This year also marks 100 years since the opening of the Clare Drill Hall in Beare Street, and an interpretive plaque is planned for the site. Some history of the opening is reproduced from the pages of *The Northern Arhus*, on page 3.



We are building a Collection of written and photographic items of historic value to Clare and region

NEWS FROM THE GROUP

HISTORY OF CLARE SHOWS

Congratulations to CRHG member David Bond on his publication "CLARE SHOW A fine all round display for 150 years", which was launched at the Clare Show in October. The book thoroughly documents the history of the agricultural and horticultural shows which have been held in Clare under various names, since 1864. Applause also to David and the committee who were awarded Community Event of the Year at the Australia Day awards held in Maynard Pioneer Park.

David's book is available from our History Group (refer Page 7).

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLARE.

Fire Control Officers.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Clare and District Fire Fighting Association, held on 27th September, 1944, all previous appointments of fire controllers were cancelled and the following fire controllers duly appointed:—Sgt. A. G. Ewens (supervisor and intelligence officer), Messrs. C. M. Hay, M. Thomas, H. W. Brooks, R. O. Knappstein, V. T. Duke, J. B. Stephenson, A. E. Crossing, T. R. Secker, A. J. Melrose, John Hawker, A. H. Wedding, T. Pearson, R. K. Hogarth, H. Michael, G. Pink, W. P. Ness, W. H. T. Hart, H. R. Sanders, B. J. Knappstein, I. N. Eldridge, A. Whiteman, W. F. Meyer, W. H. Penna, R. G. Hawker, J. Taylor, W. E. Hawker, and E. Day (deputy supervisor and intelligence officer). Clare, 27th September, 1944.

[6s.]

ESSINGTON DAY, District Clerk.

From SA Govt Gazette 5 Oct 1944, p440

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all our loyal members who have promptly renewed their membership for the current financial year.

We also welcome two new Corporate members, the Rotary Club of Clare and Clare Financial Services.

Our History Group derives most of its income from membership fees, book sales and research fees. These steady sources of income enable us to get on with the work of preserving and recording our heritage, instead of selling raffle tickets.

Thanks EVERYONE for your very practical support!

Meetings and Events

CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP COMMITTEE

Thurs 12 Feb 7pm In the History Collection, all welcome.

There will be local events in History Month – watch out for the associated publicity.

POSITION VACANT

Newsletter Editor (voluntary) for this newsletter

Currently 4 issues of 8 pages per year

Some of the content will be supplied to you by members of the Committee and volunteers, and support will be given in deciding on the theme.

This role can be performed by email.

A sense of satisfaction guaranteed.

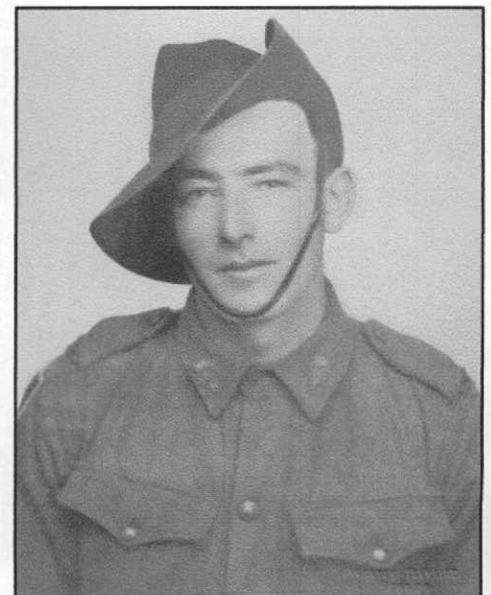
Please contact the chairman or curator at

clarehistory@internode.on.net

This photo of Sapper Les Dack arrived by email from his relatives this week. They read of our interest on the Internet, responding to a plea for photos in an earlier newsletter.

Acting Corporal Dack enlisted in

1941 on the day Japan entered the war. The son of Edith & Ernest Dack of Armagh, Les was killed in action at El Alamein.



SCHOOLS IN THE BLYTH AREA

Work continues to gather photos and research information relating to former schools close to Blyth. The schools in focus include Blyth Plains, Hart, Bowillia, Everard Central, Boucaut and Harmerville. While a number of photos have been obtained, there is still a lot to be unearthed to enable interpretive signs to be created to record the history and location of each of these sites.

This project has been proposed by Mr Jeff Pratt of Clare who believes it is crucial that this history is recorded while former students can contribute their knowledge. An excursion was conducted last spring to visit each site and determine the best place for each sign to be placed. A marker will also be placed adjacent to the Gleeson's Well water reserve as this was a crucial point of water supply in the early days.

Over the next few months the project will be publicised, offering an opportunity for former students to donate towards the cost of each sign. If you can help in this way or have history to share,



please contact Helen Perry (hrperry@bigpond.net.au) or Ian Roberts (medika@adam.com.au).

Photo : Mrs Marlene Pratt indicating where the interpretive marker for Harmerville School should be placed – Sep 2014

We have received two views of Harmerville School circa 1939. The following students are named: Ross & Gerald Pratt, Roma, Margaret & Vilma Hentschke and Gwenda Sparkes. (Photos from Walton family, courtesy of Ian Roberts)

CLARE ARMY DRILL HALL

The Northern Argus, 25 Sep 1914, p2

DRILL HALL FOR CLARE

The Commonwealth Defence Department recently called tenders for a drill hall for Clare. Mr. P. McDougall was the successful tenderer, and will commence the work very shortly. The hall will be erected on land south of the Recreation Ground.

The Northern Argus, Fri 30th April 1915 (Advert.)

OPENING OF DRILL HALL, CONCERT AND DANCE

Clare Drill Hall and Town Hall

Wed 5th May

Opening of the Clare Drill Hall (News feature)

The newly erected drill hall at Clare will be officially opened on Wednesday afternoon next by the State Commandant, Colonel Irving, who will be accompanied to Clare by members of his staff. The Light Horse, infantry, and cadets of the Clare training area will be inspected by the Commandant, who will be given an official welcome by the Mayor (Mr. JW Ohlmeyer). Afternoon tea will be provided by Clare ladies, the proceeds of which will be given to the gymnasium fund for the hall. The drum and fife band of the Clare Public School will assist in the proceedings during the afternoon. In the evening an entertainment will be given at the Town Hall, under the patronage of Colonel Irving, by the Clare Vagabonds, assisted by a tableaux company from The Burra, and the Clare Orchestra, the proceeds of which will be given to a fund in aid of the Wattle Day Ambulance. Afterwards a dance will be held, the proceeds of which will be given to the gymnasium fund.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS SINCE GALLIPOLI

SHOP WINDOW DISPLAYS

Making history more visible

The History Group can help you plan an Anzac display by loaning large artefacts which are not usually on view. An example is the Roll of Honour of the Clare Independent Order of Oddfellows, listing those of their members who were serving overseas. This is in a wooden frame and takes the form of an illustrated address, popular at the time. Please contact Helen Perry on 0417 714 151 to have a look at what is available for loan.

ANZACS REMEMBERED

Entries are invited for a Literary competition for poetry and prose that captures the spirit of ANZAC.

Categories are Years 3-5; 6-8; 9-12 and Open.

Entry is free. Cash prizes for all winners. Selected entries will be displayed at the ANZAC exhibition at Clare Town Hall foyer, April 2015.

All work must be original. Entries must not exceed 2000 words.

Children's entries must be signed on the back by parent or carer verifying that it is their own work.

Entries including name, age/category, address and contact details, to be e-mailed or posted in hard copy to Sue Wurst, 12, Henry Street, Clare, 5453 – email ronwurst@tpg.com.au by April 3, 2015. For further details, contact Sue Wurst 88422798

Winners will be notified by April 13.

This competition is supported by the Clare/Auburn Branch of the RSL, Clare Regional History Group and Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council

THE WHITES OF STANLEY FLAT

There were many families in the Clare area who had more than one member serving in World War I. The story of the children of Mrs Louisa White (nee Hart) of Stanley Flat) is of particular interest. Edward and Louisa White lived at Hallett during the years 1875 to 1892 when their thirteen children were born. Edward was the local school teacher. Three children died in infancy and are buried in the Hallett Cemetery.

After Edward's death in 1893, Louisa moved to 'Sutton Lea', Stanley Flat. At the time her youngest children, twins, were under one year. The family were reared to value education and travel very highly and this is evident in their chosen pursuits. Louisa's second youngest son, Gordon, attended school at Stanley Flat and as a young man moved to Western Australia. He was managing a store at Westonia when he enlisted in a machine gun corps. His younger brother, Ray, was living in Canada when he enlisted and served as a stretcher-bearer with the Canadian Rifles. Both sons were killed in action in France, Ray aged 22 in 1916, and Gordon aged 27 in 1917.



Soon after his death, Ray's twin sister Virginia also enlisted, serving in the Middle East with the Australian Army Nursing Service. She had been Acting Sister at Kalgoorlie Hospital prior to enlisting, Virginia returned to Australia in 1919 and later worked as Matron of Streaky Bay Hospital for many years.



She chose to donate her body to medical science and it is still providing education at the Flinders Medical Centre.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT CLARE HOTEL, 21st AUGUST 2014**

I have pleasure in presenting to you the 30th Annual Chairman's Report of the Clare Regional History Group.

As a small and active group you have once again given your time and energy freely over the past twelve months, accumulating some 1700 volunteer hours. 260 visitors came through our doors over the past 12 months attending to research. I would like to outline just some of the activities we have been associated with these past months.

Last October saw the final Historic Church Plaques unveiled at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which was stage three of our History Markers project. Our thanks go to the Churches who contributed financially to this project.

In November, Robert Parker once again allowed us to use his historic home, 'Wolta Wolta' as a venue. This time we hosted members, corporate and life, to refreshments and later presented them with their certificates, followed by Robert conducting tours through this beautiful home and garden. Special thanks to Robert.

In April we celebrated the Clare Regional History Groups 30th birthday with another successful Show & Tell Dinner, following on from our successful 29th birthday celebrations. Once again a varied assortment of historical items came to the fore, allowing members to talk briefly about why the item was important to them.

A project also completed in April, was the research and collation, carried out by Helen, on the fallen WWII soldiers who enlisted from Clare. As always Helen put a lot of her time and energy into this project and was rewarded in seeing her work shown as a power point project at this year's ANZAC dawn service. As I said, Helen puts a lot of her time into the Group, as curator, treasurer, newsletter editor and numerous other tasks behind the scenes. On behalf of the Group, our thanks again to you Helen for all that you do.

As part of our input into History Month of May, the Group, in collaboration with the Clare/Auburn RSL, a plaque was unveiled at the Clare cemetery, detailing a brief history of the cemetery and the newly refurbished WW2 memorial Gates, which were relocated from the oval. Our opening times of the Collection were added into the History Month magazine and Helen ran a Master Class Workshop on the History Collection on all the Fridays during May.

We assisted Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council with suggestions about naming the car park in Mill Street and the small reserve in Berwick Street. This is valued collaboration between Council and the History Group.

One of our great resources is our photographic collection. We continue to receive requests from various individuals and organisations throughout the year seeking photos as well as information on a particular topic or person. Over the next 12 month period we will be assisting the Blyth and Stanley Flat communities with their specific projects.

Carol has been working away quietly at an index to The Northern Argus volumes since 1998, covering the period from 1937 to 1990. The Simple Index contains some 35,000 entries, arranged by surname. Proof-reading is now being undertaken on some of the four reference volumes. Carol hasn't quite finished with the Northern Argus yet, as she is now going through the card entries of the paper from 1990 and entering those on the computer which will be added to her index in due course. Well done Carol.

Jill continues to shut herself away in the back room, spending many hours, filming a variety of documents, books and official papers we are able to borrow from various community organisations throughout the mid-north. I'm sure this has been an onerous and at times a tiring task for Jill, turning pages and clicking the camera. Jill has shown great patience with this job which is a very important part of the Group's resources and we thank you Jill.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CLARE HOTEL, 21st AUGUST 2014

Val is another valued member, as she undertakes many of the research enquiries, with the assistance of Lyn, a capable researcher. Val is an efficient secretary and is great asset with her memory of people and connections with Clare.

Thanks also to Bill, our cataloguing expert, as he continues in this task with the ongoing acquisitions we gratefully receive. Thank you to Sue for contributions at meetings and if any publicity is required Sue is always at hand. Thank you also goes to Paul, as he is often able to resolve any issues or problems we have with the computers. To Win, who assists where she can and to Allison, who has audited our books for many years, thank you to you both.

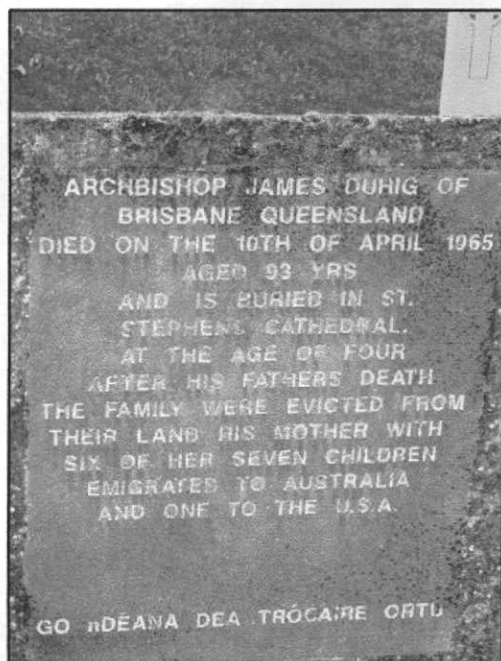
I believe the location of the Clare Regional History Group will continue to be a challenge for us into the future. We are in the difficult position of having our Collection housed upstairs and this continues to be an access problem for some of the aged in our community as well as visitors and researchers to the Collection. Being located in an old stone building, temperature controlled and the size of our space is an ideal environment for our resources, but its location upstairs is a major issue. The possibility of installing a lift or perhaps relocate to the library precinct again would solve this problem. However, we are grateful to Council for the use of the Town Hall.

We are a small group of interested and dedicated volunteers and we should be justly proud of what we achieve throughout the year. We are an added attraction to Clare, bringing in many tourists who in turn stay and spend quality time in our district.

My thanks goes to you all, whether you help at the Collection, attend our meetings, assist at home, your opinions and suggestions are valued, you all play an important part of the History Group as we try to keep history alive in the Care Valley.

Thank you., Gerald Lally, Chairman

DUHIG THE BUILDER



While visiting cousins in Limerick last July, my sister and I noticed this headstone with an Australian connection. On closer examination, we learned the story of The Most Reverend Sir James Duhig, Archbishop of Brisbane for 48 years.

After his father's death in the 1870's the family were evicted from their land in Killeedy Parish, County Limerick. His mother, with six of her seven children emigrated to Australia.

Educated at St Joseph's College, Brisbane, James spent some time at the Cooperative Butchering Company before studying for the priesthood in Rome. He was ordained in 1896 at the age of 25 and his profile grew rapidly. In 1905 he became the youngest archbishop in the Catholic Church when he was ordained Bishop of Rockhampton. He was transferred to Brisbane in 1912 and became Archbishop of Brisbane in 1917, a position he held until his death in 1965.

In the early years his archdiocese took on an extensive building program, including churches, hospitals and schools, erecting more than 400 buildings and earning him the nickname "Duhig the builder". He played an active role in public life, favouring cooperation with the (largely Protestant) established order, and also contributed to the development of the University of Queensland, being a member of the University Senate from 1916 until his death. The Duhig Library was named after him. James Duhig was knighted (KCMG) in 1959. [Ed.]

BOOKS & CDs FOR SALE

CLARE - A DISTRICT HISTORY by R. J. Noye (1998).

Definitive history of the town and district. Includes photographs, sketches & maps. Essential starting point in Clare research. 231pp. 4th edition, with new index.

\$20.00 (\$15 - members)

CLARE VALLEY, SA by Coralie Jones (2014) **\$20** (A pictorial souvenir)

CLARE SHOW "A fine all round display" for 150 years by David Bond (2014) **(\$33)**

A History of Ngadjuri Lodge Trust by Win Johnson (2011) **\$10**

The story of Bungaree Station by Rob Linn (2011) illus. **\$17**

TIMES PAST – a pictorial history of Farrell Flat by Gerald A. Lally (2012) **\$30 194pp.**

"A walk with Laurel" a walking tour of the buildings and families of Farrell flat from the memories of the period 1929 – 1939 by Laurel Mickel (nee Mickel) (2012) **\$5.**

THE PATHS OF GLORY LEAD BUT TO THE GRAVE a history of Clare Cemeteries by EHH 'Clarion' Tilbrook and Miss M Tilbrook (originally published in *The Northern Argus* in 1939) **Re-released with updated index \$20.00**

CLARE CAMEOS by Win Johnson (1986). 2nd ed. Includes oral histories of our older Clare residents as interviewed by Win in the State's Sesquicentennial year. **\$15.00**

TALKING HISTORY – Tales of Clare S.A. by R.J. (Bob) Noye (2003). 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*. **\$15.00 (\$12.00 members)**

THE CLARE I REMEMBER by J.J. 'Boss' Simons. 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons' boyhood in the 1880's and 1890's. Fully indexed. **\$15.00**

THE LAND HISTORY OF POLISH HILL RIVER 1842 - 1990 by William Pattullo (1991). Details the ownership history of 120 sections of land in Polish Hill River, to the edge of Mintaro township. **\$25.00**

CARINYA 1956 - 1989 A Peaceful and happy home Compiled by Marj. Ashby. **\$5.00**

THE METHODISTS OF CLARE 1851 - 1977 by Win Johnson (1994). 124pp. Indexed. **\$12.00**

CLARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - a history 1856 - 1988 by Helen Dickeson (1993). 120pp. Includes baptisms, marriages, burials, and extensive index. **\$14**

HARD-YACKA - The story of a Mid-North town in South Australia by Julie-Ann Ellis (1995). **\$40.00**

MAGPIE CREEK JUNCTION a history of Brinkworth and district 1892 - 1992 (1992). Compiled by Brinkworth Centenary Book Committee. 233pp. **\$40.00**

JUST AS IT WAS by Winifred Johnson (2001) Tells the story of Win's life with humour & affection. 96pp including photos **\$18.00**

BLYTH - a silo of stories 1860 - 1990 by Win Johnson (1991). A comprehensive history of the town and district of Blyth, including family stories, farming, community and sporting activities. Excellent photographs, many in colour. **\$45.00**

BUNGAREE – Land, Stock & People: History of Hawker family and Bungaree Station (1992). 230pp **\$45.00**

SADDLEWORTH - Hub of the Wheel by Elinor A. Bellman (1995) **\$35.00**

CLARE – A BACKWARD GLANCE – by J. Haynes & E.J. Schmaal (1980) **\$8.00 (Recently reprinted)**

HEAD OF THE RIVERS – Black Springs, Manoora, Waterloo (1992) **\$25.00**

MARRABEL AND DISTRICT – The Legend of Curio – a history of Marrabel & district **\$25.00**

MARRABEL & DISTRICT REVISITED – additional material of the 'early days' at Marrabel **\$25.00**

HILL RIVER A Valley of History by Gerald Lally (2004) **\$30**

A LANDMARK OF FAITH Church of the Immaculate Conception Mintaro and its parishioners 1856–2006 by Gerald Lally (2006) **\$30.00**

FROM WHERE I SIT A Collection of articles on chosen themes written over past times by Win Johnson **\$16.00**

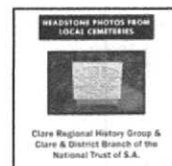
South Clare Sports Club – Celebrating 50 years of success 1960 – 2010 by Gerald Lally et. Al. (2010) **\$20**

THE INCHIQUIN STORY by Jean Schmaal. **\$5**

A QUIANT COURTHOUSE by Jean Schmaal, **\$5**

CD-ROMS

HEADSTONE PHOTOS FROM LOCAL CEMETERIES (CD Rom) (2005) **\$10.00**



THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF CLARE 1964 – 2011 (DVD) **\$20** Limited release

FEDERATION CD ROM - history of the Clare & Gilbert Valley District for all computer buffs and their friends - a great gift idea! (2002) Special price \$10.00 (\$15 for 2)



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OPENING HOURS
Thursdays & Fridays – 1.00– 4.00pm
(If travelling some distance it is wise to ring and check.)
Out of Hours Opening Fee - \$20.00

ACQUISITIONS Summer 2015

BOOKS

Lally, Philip *The Football History of Clare & It's Various Associations*, 1990

Reardon, Wayne *Wayne Reardon's Family History*, 2014

Donovan & Assoc. *Clare Training Depot Conservation Plan*, 1992

Australian Heritage Commission *Management of Historical Towns*, 1979

Ordnance Survey Ireland *Official Road Atlas Ireland*, 2013

Octopus Publishing Group Ltd *Philip's Complete Road Atlas Britain and Ireland*, 2013

Heinrich, Rhoda *Wide Sails & Wheat Stacks* (Pt Victoria), 1976

Turner, John S. *The Mollers of Carlsruhe*, 2009

Saunders, Pauline (Ed.) *Golfers to the Fore: Heritage and records of South Australian golf clubs*, 1988

Gibbs, R.M. *Under the Burning Sun: a history of colonial South Australia, 1836 – 1900*, 2013

Cronin, Jim *Grain Handling: the way it was!*, 2011

Cross, Jack *Great Central State: the foundation of the Northern Territory*, 2011

Shadiac, Kate *Sevenhill Hotel: history 1863 – 2014*, 2014

Correll, Trevor *A Century of Worship 1879 – 1979: Kulpura Uniting Church Centenary*, 1979

Penna, Rex *The South Hummocks Story: discovery to prosperity*, 1979

Fisher, Laurel *A Story of Louisa: Louisa Williams (1883-1975)*, 2014

Universal Business Directories *UBD 1961 South Australian Country Business & Trades Directory*, 1961

Bond, David *Clare Show "A fine all round display" for 150 years*, Oct. 2014

Cockburn, Stewart & Ellyard, David *Oliphant: the life and times of Sir Mark Oliphant*, 1992

Braddon, Russell *Thomas Baines and the North Australian Expedition*, 1986

Holland, C. E. (Ned) *A Man of Tall Ships & Small Wooden Boats*, c1985

O'Sullivan, Peter *Ancestry and Autobiography of the Boy O'Sullivan – affectionately known as Piccolo Pete*, 2006

Rohrlach, Shirley *The Second Daughter – a tomboy takes on the world*, 2008

Freeman, Ivy K. *The History of Tumby Bay and District*, 1981

McInnes, James *The Kuchenmeister Heritage – a history of Ludwig and Mariane Kuchenmeister and their descendants*, 2008

Savvas, Adrian *Sixty Nine Years of Events from the pages of The News*, 1992

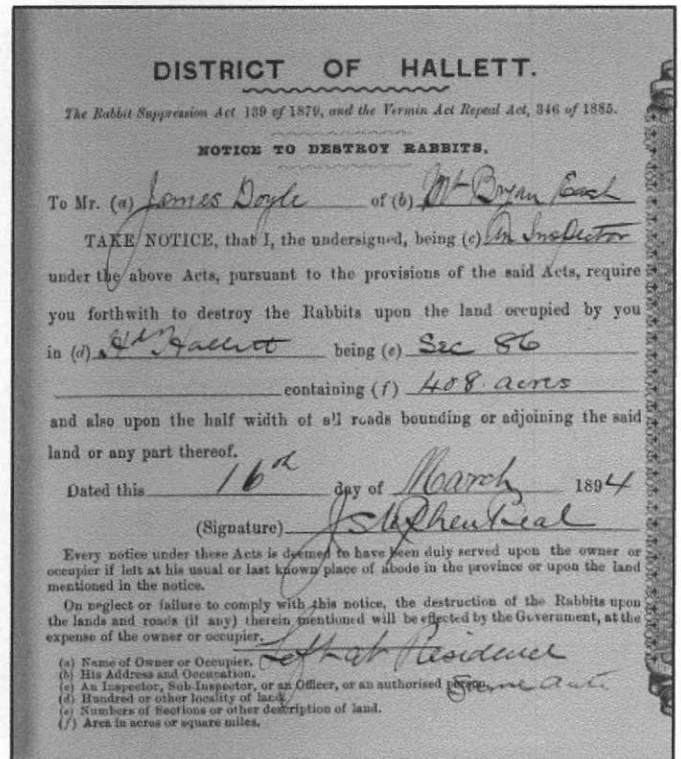
PAPERS & Other

Yorke Peninsula Club of Business & Professional Women *Yorke Peninsula Community Directory*, aft. 1982

Rogers, P.A. (Compiler) *Chowilla South Australia: 1:250000 geological series – explanatory notes*, 1978

CRHG *Clare Casualties of WW2*, 2014 (DVD)

Spackman, David *Penwortham & John Horrocks History 2014* (DVD)



Notice to destroy rabbits –

District Council of Hallett, 1897

Order to James Doyle of Mount Bryan East, to destroy rabbits on Section 86 (408 acres).