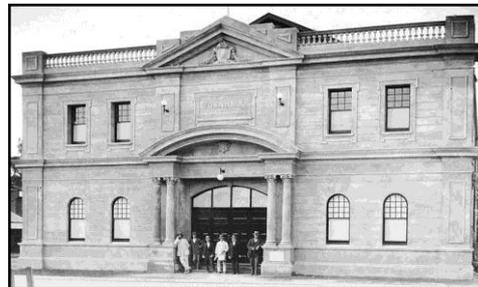


# CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER 2011-2012

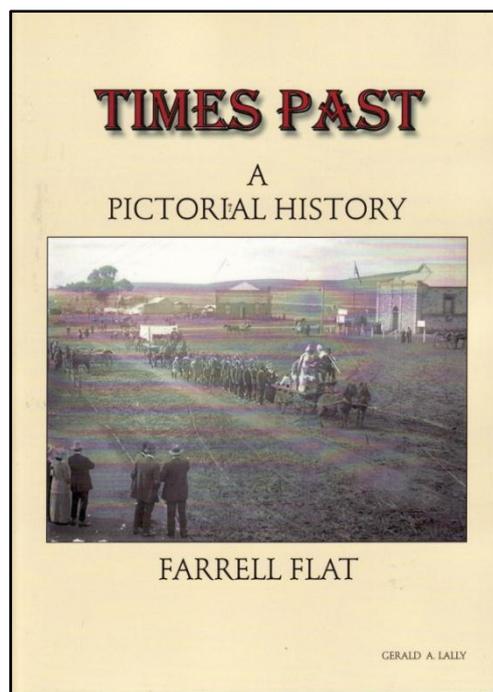


## RECALLING TIMES PAST AT FARRELL FLAT

On the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of January this year, past and present members of the Farrell Flat community came together for the town's reunion to celebrate the centenary of the local Hall which was officially opened on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1912 by the then Premier of South Australia, Hon. A.H. Peake.

Over 600 people attended the two days of celebrations, several coming from interstate. Some of the activities over the weekend included the unveiling of a plaque by 92 year old past resident, Mr. Clyde Atkins, the launch of a pictorial history book, launch of the town's history walk, an old style dance, fly over by Clare Valley Flying Group and a street parade. On Sunday former resident, 99 year old, Mrs. Marie Abbott cut the centenary cake of the hall.

For the past eighteen months a hard working committee had been meeting regularly to organise the smooth running of the weekend and since then have received many accolades.



### "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 Neill (nee Mickel)



Laurel spent many Sunday afternoons in 2011 walking and reliving her childhood whilst scribing this walking trail. She had a few remaining sites to 'check her memory', before she put thoughts to paper.

Sadly, she passed away on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, aged 91 with heart failure, after a short illness. This was her second only visit to a hospital as an adult - the first time to give birth to twins. Her old friend Clyde Atkins from primary school days, and Ian Denton, son of J.O. Denton, has helped put in the finishing touches for her.

The Farrell Flat community has named this walk in her honour. She hoped others would also enjoy and experience some glimpses of her life and the working and social activities in the late 1920's and 1930's.

"Times past - a pictorial history of Farrell Flat" by Gerald Lally retails for \$30. Another publication launched on the weekend is "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) which is for sale for \$5.

Both books are available from Gally's Meeting House at Farrell Flat, Burra Community School and Clare Regional History Collection.

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## **Who do you think you are?!!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Australian series of the SBS television program, *Who do you think you are?* will commence in late March. Filming for one episode, featuring former AFL footballer, Michael O'Loughlin, was conducted by a Western Australian film crew last May at locations in Clare and Auburn. As part of the research, Michael visited our History Collection and made some exciting discoveries about his forebears, assisted by Curator, Helen Perry. Watch it on National TV – possibly as Episode 6 on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## **Historic Month events**

### **Make a note of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

At 3pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we will meet in Ennis Park to unveil another series of historic markers on buildings in the town. The format will follow that of last May, with a gaggle of sightseers following the procession around the streets, with a solemn unveiling and reading of the plaque at each site. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the History Collection. At 6pm those who wish can join us for tea at the Bentley Hotel.

At 7.30pm a lecture about Lawyers of Clare will be held in the Dining Room of the Bentley Hotel, delivered by author and former lawyer, Peter Moore (refer page 6 for more details).

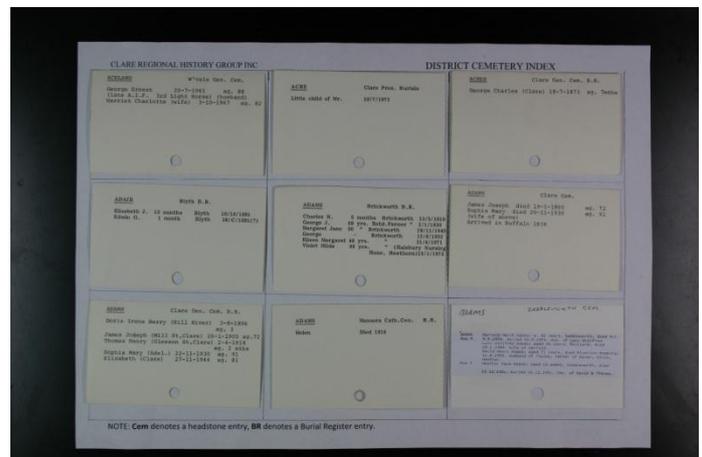
Please let the secretary, Val Tilbrook, know if you are coming for tea – ph 8842 2376 or [clarehistory@internode.on.net](mailto:clarehistory@internode.on.net)

## **Current Projects**

Accessioning of the collection continues. All the books and microforms are now on Spydus, the Clare Public Library's cataloguing system, which is shared with many other libraries. In addition, many other boxed resources are being added each week. The system allows considerable detail to be included with an entry. Have a look at <http://cgvc.spydus.com/>

Late last year a number of early Council volumes, currently held in the Saddleworth Library, were

photographed. Now work has started on the District Cemetery card index. The photographing of this will make it available in other locations, such as at the Public Library and to help Council staff.



## **Where do you think this is?**



Former Church of Christ, built by the McGregor and Greenshields families when the area was settled. A few kms south east of Lochiel.

## **Meetings and Events**

Thurs 23 Feb @ 4pm      Committee meeting  
Thurs 19 April @ 4pm      Committee meeting  
May is History Month      Look out for programs listing all State activities.  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 3pm      Unveiling of plaques  
   @ 6pm      Dinner at Bentley Hotel  
   @ 7.30pm      Public meeting & Historic Lecture – ***“Lawyers in Clare 1851 – 1945”***

This is the earliest known volume of minutes for the former Clare District Council. It includes meetings from 8/12/1862 to 1/05/1871. General meetings of Council were held fortnightly. There were 5 councillors. An annual meeting of ratepayers was held in early July each year and nominations were called for three positions. The top two on the poll were elected for a two year term, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> placed, for one year. A chairman was elected from the five (two continuing from previous year) at the next Council meeting. The following notes contain random interesting items. It is hoped to photograph this and other volumes shortly, as part of the History Group's continuing Copy Camera Project.

Volume 2 contains Clare District Council minutes for the period 30/09/1867 to 25/11/1867. It appears that there might have been some difficulty at this time in getting the minute book from the Clerk, who was dismissed shortly after. The records for the same period are missing in Volume 1. Volume 2 also contains the minutes of the Clare District Board of Health from 1/03/1890 to 5/12/1914.

Volume 3 contains Council minutes for the period 15/05/1871 to 05/03/1881.

8/12/1862	Mr Ninnes, Chairman, Councillors Webb, Gleeson [Note: John William Gleeson], Isaac Roach, Clerk. Slaughtering house licence applications – H. March Senior, John Wallis.
15/12/1862	Chairman Ninnes, Councillors Moyses, Webb, Gleeson, Hannaford. Pompurnie Pound. Mr JW Gleeson to confer with Mr Kingston regarding a grant. Confirmation of the annual assessment.
29/12/1862	Inspection of Mr Gibson's new slaughter yards at Mintaro Clerk's half yearly salary approved £55/-/- Opening of new deviation of road through sections 1969 – 1974 (inclusive)
12/01/1863	Office rent of £4/10/- to be continued. Paid to Mr Jarman Sumner's contract at Seven Hill Subscription paid to Associated District Chairmen of £1/1/- pa Central Road Board – Messrs. Duffield, Hallett, Ferguson, Bowman nominated for the coming year. Mr Gregg, poundkeeper at Bomburney, instructed to carry out repairs and put in troughs for water. 2 (or 3?) orphaned children named Roberts to be supplied with funds to defray their expenses to the Destitute Asylum.
26/01/1863	Pay Mr Jarman's bill of £3/10/- maintenance for taking 2 destitute children to the Destitute Asylum. New road and reserves in Section 40 – give in exchange with EB Gleeson the old reserve in Section 43. Mrs Hickey's bill of 15/- for 3 weeks board and lodging to a destitute child named Roberts at Armagh. Specifications to be drawn for making a ford and footbridge at Donnybrook.
9/02/1863	Tenders for ford too high. New tenders to be called. The Inspector of Nuisances to be asked to visit all Slaughter Yards and any other nuisances in the village of Clare.
23/02/1868	Clerk to wait one day each at Penworthan and Mintaro to collect rates and to advertise same.
09/03/1863	Renewal of slaughter licences – T Gibson, Mintaro, H Wells, Penwortham, E. Beckmann, Donnybrook.
23/03/1863	Mrs Mary Jeffery with 5 children – application made to Destitute Board for rations. Clerk to make application to Government for a grant of 10 acres of land for a public cemetery to be invested in the lands of the District Council. Discussion that all cemeteries situated within the limits of any District should be under the control and management of the District Council. Hand-rail to be affixed to the bridge at Clare. Ruts to be filled in near the corner of the Wesleyan Chapel Acre, Clare.
6/04/1863	Council to apply for one acre of present police paddock for a public slaughter yard . Work on ford at deep creek near Woodlands. Also cutting Cox's Hill, Mintaro. Grubbing stumps in the road, Spring Farm district.
1/06/1863	Mr Ninnes and Dr Webb to retire by rotation, Mr John W. Gleeson by lot. Nominations to be called – advertisements to be placed in the weekly papers [Observer, Chronicle] <b>continued page 4</b>

1/06/1863	Complaint by Mrs Jeffries, a destitute woman, against Dr Davies, the Surgeon to the Destitute Poor of the District regarding neglect of one of her children.
15/06/1863	Application for renewal of rations for John Smith, invalid.
	Work requested for Dog Trap Gully – done by Donald McPhail.
29/06/1863	Renewal of rations for Mrs Jefferies, Mrs McGuiness.
	Clare Pound – resignation of J.W. Leopold. Office of keeper of the Clare Pound to be advertised.
6/07/1863	Annual meeting of ratepayers – 11 nominations for councilors, 4 for auditors.
	Elected T. Ninnes [re-elected as chairman at next general meeting], JW Gleeson, Paul Roach. [Moyses and Hannaford continuing as councilors].
	Clerk to ask Mr Beare if Mr Hawker will grant a lease for 7 years for 4 acres of land on which stands the present Pomburney Pound.
	Clerk to check if Council is required to keep a public pound in the township under the Police Act.
	Present Council office to retained at the present rental. Clerk's services to be retained for another year at his former salary. Messrs. Bagot & Labatt to be retained as Council's solicitors.
3/08/1863	Clare Pound to be gazetted as closed.
	Renewal of rations to Mr John Smith.
	Appointment of constables for the District
	Dr Webb appointed Surgeon to the Destitute Poor of the District.
17/08/1863	Memorial from 6 ratepayers at the Head of the Hill River to close the road between Sections 310 & 311.
	Enforcement of the Scotch Thistles Act.
31/08/1863	Clerk to ask Dr Webb, Surgeon of the Destitute Poor of the District, as to the advisability of sending John Smith to the Hospital, instead of applying for an increase of rations.
14/09/1863	Mr Hanson, Colonial architect, be asked to provide specifications for a drain to protect Government buildings in Clare. Clerk advised the main sewer from the creek should be 6 feet deep.
28/09/1863	W. Kelly to be paid £5/16/6 for taking a destitute invalid to the Hospital named J. Smith.
12/10/1863	All butchers to be requested to pay the arrears on their slaughtering accounts.
26/10/1863	Mr H. Wells applied to remove his slaughter yards from Penwortham to Botley (?) Farm – granted.
	Proposed to apply to EB Gleeson Esq. for a lease of 1 acre in NW corner of Section 136 for the purpose of erecting a slaughter yard thereon.
23/11/1863	Clare Pound, CJ Webb, keeper, to be gazetted.
	Letter received from Mr Descent asking if Council will give a Grant with which to purchase prizes for his school at Mintaro. Clerk to reply saying that there is no money available for such a purpose.
	Clerk was instructed to placard the usual yearly Caution to Travellers Farmers &c to be careful about Bush Fires.
	Councillors to meet to inspect and select a site on Section 136 for slaughter yard.
1/12/1863	Meetings times to change from 2.00pm to 7.00 pm.
	EB Gleeson Esq. had responded with the proposal that he swap 1 acre in the NW corner for the old road between Sections 136 and 3024.
21/12/1863	Clerk to ascertain the price of one of Chubbs Iron Safes and also a Copying Press.
	Jumped ahead a few years ...
Late 1867	Problems with Clerk ongoing
20/01/1868	Document received in favour of a District Council at Mintaro to be consented to by this Council [District Council of Stanley formed 30 Apr 1868]
Early 1868	Meetings adjourned – no quorum – only Chapman & Priest attending meetings. Registration of dogs.
27/04/1868	Resolved that Mr Geo McLeish have permission to cut down a few trees near Trillian's Gap, say 5 trees, provided he grubs up the stumps and fills up the holes with stones.
	Resolved that as the Council are not in funds, Mr McLeish's agreement for Contract No. 11 be at an end, and Mr McLeish be allowed to withdraw from it.

## Revised Design Approved by King

A new coat of arms, drawn by a local artist on suggestions supplied by the Garter King at Arms, was approved by His Majesty King Edward VIII, on November 20.

After the return of the Premier (Mr. Butler) from Great Britain, the design submitted by the Garter King at Arms in 1921 was referred to the Director of the School of Fine Arts (Mr. F. Millward Grey) for suggestions, the original coat having been severely criticised when published.

The Garter King at Arms submitted a further suggestion in March 1936, which was much more acceptable, and Mr. Grey supplied a colored drawing better depicting the lion and the shield and making the figures stronger and more symbolic. He also inserted a golden fleece carried by a shearer, instead of the heraldic sheep suggested by the Garter King at Arms. Mr. Grey also improved the lettering and strengthened the display of wattle blossom.

A complete design was submitted, and the Imperial Government was asked to submit it to His Majesty the King with a request for the issue of the necessary warrant, conferring the coat on the State of South Australia. This was approved on November 20.

These references form part of a display currently in the foyer of State Records, Cavan Road, Gepps Cross. An entertaining insight into matters we now take for granted!



## DESIGNED CRITICISED

To the Editor

Sir – If any zoo holds a lion with any resemblance to the one depicted on the new coat of arms, I would like to have a look at it. The gentleman in the sports shirt seems to have picked up a pair of shears which do not possess a bow at the heel end or a strap for his knuckles; he holds them in the most cramped fashion: no shearer would hold a pair of shears like that, and within an ace of sticking them into his fingers! The fleece, apparently 4 or 5 ft. long, is carried in a way new to me. The sheaves are freaks. In the days of the old reaper, any man with the rake tipping off such giants for the binders could cause a strike, and today's reapers and binders never tie oats or wheat in such bundles. I have always understood that the wattle elected by this State was the Cootamundra, but there is no Cootamundra about this one, and it's not the *acacia longifolia*, black wattle, or silver wattle, but would pass for Sturt's Desert Pea. The woman with a neck too long and too thick for her stature has at least one better arm than the man; and compare the stars with any ever displayed on an American flag! The shearer with his trouser legs trailing on the ground is in keeping with the lion performing on the tight rope, and the look of regret on the woman's face that she ever saw South Australia – I am, Sir, &c.,

WILIAM AUSTIN

Woodside.

## S.A.'s Coat of Arms

From "Penna":- A close study of the proposed coat of arms for this State leads me to advise the holding of a competition for suggestions and designs for something more suitable. Why should the State be tied to the suggestions of the Garter King at Arms and Mr. Grey's drawings? Neither is an Australian, a fact abundantly evident in the design itself, which contains but one essentially Australian feature in a bunch of doubtful wattle. There is nothing particularly Australian in the arms proper, a rising sun with abbreviated rays and three sheaves that might be shaving brushes, nor in the crest with its lion "Passant guardant" which resembles a carelessly clipped French poodle expressing disapproval of a misused Southern Cross, nor in the supporters, who, by the way, unduly dominate the design. The lady, evidently inspired by a D.G. Rossetti model, certainly typifies "plenty", and quite justifiably "registers disapproval" at the state of the shearer's hair. He, in fairness also, is wise not to entrust the removal of his "quiff" to the vicious looking shears he holds – how he ever managed to get that fleece off is a mystery. Still, possibly, a man who shears in dancing pumps would wear his hair that way! However, despite his peculiarities, he is "modern" (more or less), and is completely out of place with the classically draped woman and the very heraldic lion (or lion-leopard). I find the design most disappointing, but if my criticism may be thought harsh, there are doubtless more experienced critics whose opinions would make good reading. Finally, what is wrong with a Latin motto?

Lawyers and courts followed the settlers to Clare and, like the courts, grew in number with the town. One or two lawyers practised at any one time from the 1870s, rising to three or four by the 1940s.

A group biography of this small cadre examines how 'country practice' played itself out in the town. Most were sole practitioners until 1945. Most started young, setting up offices soon after their admissions. A few took partners, one with a Kooringa lawyer in an early multi-office firm. Others took to 'visiting' Clare from other towns. Little high-level work came their way. Few earned high incomes. Few stayed long. To rise in their profession, they headed for Adelaide.

When Clare faltered as a hub for the north, business and lawyers shifted their sights. Lack of a railway meant that even Supreme Court Circuits sat at Gladstone. Practitioners suffered isolation from fellow professionals, giving high place to attendances by colleagues at periodic court sittings, trips to Adelaide on legal business, and bar dinners at the Gladstone Circuits. For training, they were usually assigned to city agents and special arrangements were made to attend law courses. For a few, country practice proved a negative experience.

However, in addition to enjoying sound reputations, most of Clare's lawyers filled roles outside their profession, as mayors and councillors, as pillars of church, school and institute, as promoters of companies and other causes, as soldiers in two wars and as sportsmen.

### About the presenter

Peter Moore is a former South Australian legal practitioner, admitted in 1977, and has worked as a lawyer and archivist, a publisher and editor, as well as an adult educator and tour guide. A member of the Historical Society of SA since its foundation, he has lectured and published in both local and legal history. This paper is part of a series he is delivering as he completes a full history of the SA legal profession, 1837 to 1945.

### List of SA Legal Practitioners who worked at Clare (in the order of admission to practice, 1851–1945)

William Wilfrid Wilson  
Erasmus Gower  
James Huggins  
Charles Lowe  
Thomas Hosier  
Thomas Robert Bright  
Henry Walter Uffindell  
Frederick Ernest Blakeney Carter  
Arthur Frederick Akhurst

Charles Clark  
Magnus Badger  
Harry Wainscot  
Lancelot Vivian Pellew  
Maurice William Bednall  
Keith Alexander Laught  
Arnold William Lemon  
Maxwell Sergeant  
Duncan Menzies  
William Arthur Scales

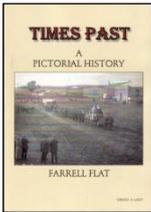
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Below is an excerpt from Peter Moore's biography of Thomas Bright who served as a solicitor in Clare from 1874 until he moved to Adelaide in 1888.

(Ref. *Thomas R. Bright – my first 25 years of the law* by Peter Moore p16)

Having passed the tests, Mr. Bright said he had the world before him, for he was engaged to be married at nothing a week, and in January 1874, decided to go to Clare. His first experience was a damp one, for he had not been there a fortnight when he witnessed flood waters rushing down the main street in a banker 2 ft. in height, and all the cellars were flooded. The newcomer viewed the scene from the roof of Ford's Hotel, where he was staying. Speaking of Mr. Ford—afterwards well-known at the York—Mr. Bright remembered an incident not connected with the legal portion of the narrative. "I possessed an even temperament," he said, "as I think this will prove. I was awakened one morning at 3 o'clock by Mr. Ford, who came to my room and said 'Mr. Bright, your horse is dead.' I asked: 'Quite dead?' and he replied, 'Yes.' I then turned over on my back and went off to sleep again. Next morning Mr. Ford said, in a puzzled tone, 'That was a very valuable horse, sir. You didn't take much notice of my information.' I replied, 'Don't you remember what I said to you, "Is the horse quite dead?" and when you replied in the affirmative I felt that even if I had lost a horse I prized there was no occasion to lose my sleep, too.'

Hear Peter Moore speak about Thomas Bright and other Clare lawyers -  
**Bentley Hotel (front Dining Room)**  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012**  
**7.30pm**



**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 EEH ‘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). 2<sup>nd</sup> 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). Comprising the 50 articles published weekly in *The Northern Argus*, prior to Bob’s death in August 2002. **\$15.00 (\$12.00 members)**

**THE CLARE I REMEMBER** by J.J. ‘Boss’ Simons. A series of 13 articles published in *The Northern Argus* in 1944, describing the Clare of Simons’ boyhood in the 1880’s and 1890’s. Fully indexed. Released Dec 1994. New print. **\$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**

**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)**

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

**CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL 1879–2004** by Ro Wood & 125<sup>TH</sup> Committee (2004) **\$10.00**

**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** Out of stock – available from author – **out of stock**

**FROM WHERE THE BROUGHTON FLOWS** by Maurice B. Keain (1976) A history of the Spalding district **\$15.00.**

**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 and others (2010) **\$20.00**

**THE INCHIQUIN STORY** by E. Jean Schmaal. **\$4**

**A QUIANT COURTHOUSE** by E. Jean Schmaal, **\$4.**

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**CD-ROMS**

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



**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 10-30 – 4.00pm

(if you are travelling some distance, it is wise to ring and check)

Out of Hours Opening Fee \$20

Please note that the Collection is closed  
from mid December to late January.

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## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Changes in the constitution were made last year to enable local businesses to support our activities by way of an annual membership. Through a direct mail membership drive, we are delighted to welcome the following corporate members to our Group and acknowledge their contribution and support of our ongoing activities:

SC HEINRICH & CO PTY LTD  
TAYLORS WINES PTY LTD  
NORTHERN ARGUS  
MACE ENGINEERING SERVICES PTY LTD  
JIM BEST FORD  
LIONS CLUB OF CLARE  
MID NORTH MOTOR COMPANY  
HR SANDERS  
BENNETT'S HAIR FASHIONS  
CLARE VALLEY RACING CLUB  
PINK'S MITRE 10  
SOUTH CLARE SPORTS CLUB  
TIM ADAMS WINES  
BUNGAREE STATION

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## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

### BOOKS

Duke, Laurie *Distant Shores – The Dukes of Penwortham*, 2011

Brougham, G.R. et al *Clare High School 1921-2011*, 2011

### PAPERS & Other

*The District Council of Angaston: 140 years of local government 1853-1993*, 1993

O'Malley, Pam *Emu Flat Reserve – Flora & fauna* 2011

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**Another transport photo - Thelma Bishop** (later Brooks) in a billy cart, William Street, Clare  
(Photo supplied by Gail Weckert, 2011)

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### Another excerpt from Thomas R. Bright

"My first case in Clare," continued the narrator, "was one about the ownership of a steer, and I acted for the late James Brown, of Montrose, Mintaro, father of Professor Jethro Brown. The case took all day, and a verdict was given against my client for the return of the steer or £10. Mr. Brown said, 'There's the £10, but I'll never hand over a steer that belongs to me.' In due course I sent in my account, and well remember the old gentleman walking into my office and saying, 'I am not satisfied.' My reply was 'I am sorry, but I did my best.' Mr. Brown immediately said, 'It's not that. You have not charged me enough, and handed an astonished lawyer a very generous fee for services which he felt had been well rendered in his service. I am happy to recollect the warm affection, which that fine old gentleman retained for me to the end of his life, and I continued to act for him after that memorable Court case."

Mr. Bright said he had a very youthful appearance, and well remembered an aged lady coming into his little office, saying, "I want to see the lyah." He answered, "Yes, madam, I am the lawyer." The astonished client ejaculated, "God bless you, my boy, and are you the lyah!"

(Ref. *Thomas R. Bright – my first 25 years of the law* by Peter Moore p17)

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**CONTRIBUTIONS (however small) are welcomed for our autumn newsletter.**

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by early April 2012. Thank you!

