



Braidwood & District Historical Society

PO Box 145 Braidwood NSW 2622

Newsletter

Number 2 September 2016

In June, the Society held its annual dinner at Garan Vale Woodshed. Sixty-two guests attended. The Guest Speaker was Dr Jeff Brownrigg who gave a wide ranging talk including a singalong to jolly the evening along.



Good evening Mr President



Dr Jeff in full flight



A wonderful venue, Garan Vale Woolshed



Delicious food, thanks to
Vanilla Catering



Our committee member, John Stahel
has received a grant to undertake a
volunteer placement at the Australian
Museum. Congratulations John!

The Albion Hotel

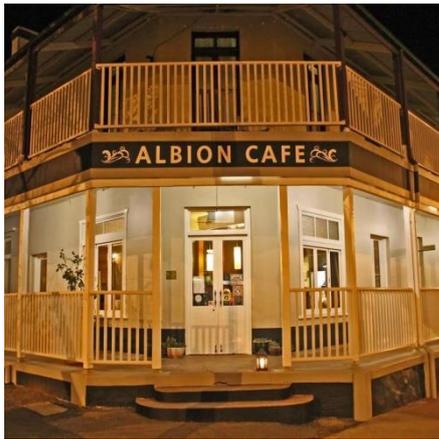
The Society is playing a role in questioning the use of public grant money to replace the railings on the Albion Hotel. The new railings are not in keeping with the heritage orders placed on the building.



How it should look.



Albion Hotel about 1920



How it looks now.
Modern pool fencing.

Bushrangers and Bank Notes

With the bushrangers causing an increased problem in the 1860s the various banks had domiciled notes designed such as the one below in the bottom centre for 'Sydney', however, the bank's location name was dropped along with the idea as it wasn't practical. The banks then decided to cut notes in half and despatch them to the required destination. After the bank manager or



accountant received and checked them they would notify the bank sending the notes who would send the other 'halves'. On their arrival a bank clerk would match the two halves and repair them using paper tape and glue.

The 'halves' idea worked in the 1860s and 1870s as one couldn't spend 'half' a bank note and accounts of holdups mention bushrangers going through mailbags and leaving the halved notes by the roadside. In Braidwood, Ellen Connell (nee Berryman) was arrested for passing two half notes joined together which were from different banks.

Bushranger Re-enactment 2017

The first cast meeting for the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the capture of the Clarke brothers, bushrangers, was held this month.



Tommy Clarke is Tommy Clarke

The cast was measured for police uniforms and general clothing. The event will involve 5 police on foot, 8 mounted police, 10 horses, Thomas and John Clarke, the Berry family, and over 300 blank shots to be fired during the spectacular event.



Braidwood Community Bank has generously donated \$15,000 toward the event.

John Appleyard of Braidwood

An English couple came into the museum and asked if we would be interested in a few old letters. They were written by a gold miner in Mongarlowe, Braidwood and were found in an English attic. The owner had friends coming to Australia who kindly agreed to deliver the letters. John Appleyard was born 1821 in Leeds, married Faith Calverley in 1838, and emigrated to Melbourne on the 'Great Britain' in 1873. They moved to Mongarlowe where John became a gold miner. Their son, William John, born 1840 Leeds, arrived in Brisbane in 1865 on the 'Queen of the Colonies'. He married Catherine Hohn in 1866 Braidwood and by 1878 had moved to Tumbarumba.

These letters can be viewed on display in the Braidwood and District Museum.

Braidwood & District Historical Society AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday **14th September 2016** at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club at 7pm. This is an open meeting that all members are welcome to attend.

Winter Fireside Reading for sale from the Museum

THE TENANT FARMERS ON MONKITTEE 1859-1930 by Roslyn Maddrell, 217 pages with photographs, published 2009 \$25.00 + p&h \$15.00

DIARY OF A BUSH TEACHER by Tom Bryant, published 2005 \$8.00 +p&h \$2.50

THE LAIRD OF BRAIDWOOD by Lance Wilson, The life and times of Thomas Braidwood Wilson, published 2006 \$25.00 + p&h \$10.00

BALLALLABA TO THE BADJA AND BEYOND compiled and written by Yvette Conaghan, Ricky Cooper, and Jenette Hindmarsh, coloured & b/w, 165 pages, Published 2011 \$25.00 + p&h \$15.00

Tour of Bushranger Country

The next tour to be conducted by Peter Smith, President, will be held on **Saturday 8th October 2016**.

Historical Society members will be given priority. Morning tea will be at the Tin Huts and lunch will be in the Gundillion Hall and catered by the Gundillion Ladies. More details coming soon.



Museum Opening Hours Friday-Sunday 11am-2pm

Address: 186 Wallace Street, Braidwood
Telephone: 4842 2310
Admission: \$5.00 adults \$1.00 children
Email: help@braidwoodmuseum.org.au