



Braidwood & District Historical Society

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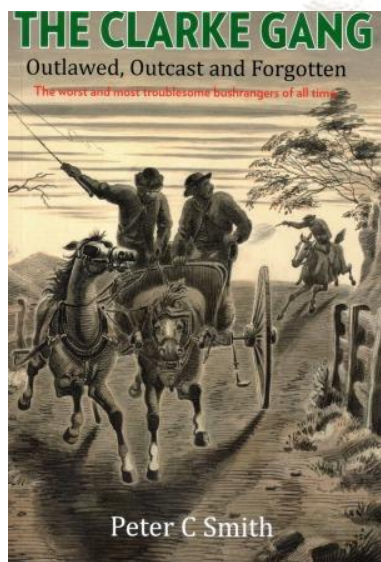
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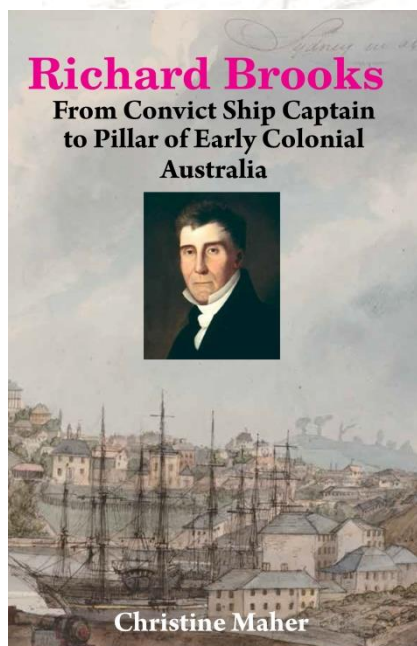
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This is the first newsletter of the Braidwood & District Historical Society which we will email every quarter. We will keep you informed of events in Braidwood or in the Museum, and interesting items of local history or family history.

This year has brought a new committee to the Historical Society. Our new President, Peter Smith launched his latest book *“The Clarke Gang: Outlawed, Outcast and Forgotten”* last year.



This book covers the gold rush and bushranging era of Braidwood's history. It can be bought in town or from the publisher at www.rosenbergpub.com.au



Another book just launched is *“Richard Brooks: From Convict Ship Captain to Pillar of Early Colonial Australia”* by Christine Maher. He was the first white settler south of Lake George at Bungendore. His daughter Charlotte married Nathaniel Powell of “Turalla”. It also can be acquired from Rosenberg publishing or from the National Library of Australia.

The Annual Dinner will be held on **18th June 2016** at the Garan Vale Woolshed at 248 Little River Road Braidwood. Our wonderful speaker will be **Jeff Brownrigg**, cultural historian, on the subject of "Owning your own History".



It promises to be a wonderful night



Our wonderful researcher Ros had a very interesting customer this month. He was following up the history of the late 31st President of America, Herbert Hoover, who had spent some time in Australia as a mining engineer and in establishing his fortune. Who would have suspected that he visited Braidwood.

Everyone please keep the weekend of **30 April 2017** free for a commemorative



re-enactment of the **"Capture of the Clarke brothers, Bushrangers"**. The weekend will be exciting with street stalls, parades, and at the Court House, a re-enactment of the trial of the Clarke brothers, according to the actual trial transcripts.

On the 9th April members travelled to the old town of Nerrigundah for the ***150th Commemoration of the Nerrigundah Raid*** by the Clarke Gang. A flag bearing ceremony was conducted by Acting Commander Far South Coast Southern Region Kevin McNeil to honour Constable Miles O'Grady who was killed in the skirmish whilst defending the town. Our President Peter Smith also gave a talk on the raid and the perpetrators. Film footage was shown with sound of the Centenary Re-enactment made in 1966.



Check out our website

www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au

The website contains a selection from our Image Library, and a list of local publications.

The Museum has a wonderful display showing the Chinese families who settled in Braidwood as well as the magnificently restored Gold Escort coach.

Check us out on Facebook

www.facebook.com/BraidwoodMuseum

There you will find more pictures, interesting old newspaper articles and the latest events in Braidwood.

**Secretary
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