

Brickworks at Coniston

When I first moved to Wollongong in 1952 I am sure I saw the remains of a brickworks on the eastern side of the South Coast Railway and just north of where the Port Kembla line branches off.

A photograph taken from Mt Drummond in 1929 is on the Illawarra Images CD as \LOC HIST\jpeg\P01781.jpg. It clearly shows the chimney and what looks like buildings associated with the brickworks.

There is an aerial photograph taken in 1921 from behind the back of where Metal Manufacturers is now located looking over MM, ERS and Port Kembla harbour with Mt Keira in the background. In this photograph a plume of smoke can be seen at the foot of Mt Drummond where the brickworks was thought to be located.

Another aerial photograph taken in 1936 indicates that there was some form of industrial activity going on in that area. The brickworks was situated on the north western side of old Springhill Road, opposite from the present Logo shop. In those days the old Springhill Road ran past the Integral Energy building crossing Bridge Street on its way through Coniston Public school grounds. It then joined what is now Fox Road and then on to Kenny Street.

If anyone of our members or readers has any knowledge of these brickworks I would appreciate you contacting me so that the information can be placed in the files of Wollongong Local Studies Library.

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