As there are many located in remote and isolated parts of this district who have not an opportunity of hearing, except through the medium of your journal, even many things which are interesting to themselves, I would on this occasion refer to a few matters of great importance and much public benefit which are quietly going forward.

The first and most notable is our harbour improvement. Our worthy member has been exerting himself on our behalf, and by his powerful influence in governmental circles, has succeeded, it is said, in obtaining a promise that there shall be placed on the estimates a sum of money sufficient to form the approaches to and erect a jetty in the harbour, for the reception and shipping of goods and produce.

The licensed surveyor, Mr. Taylor, has been actively employed this last week, making a trigonometrical survey of the harbour, taking the depths and soundings of the inner basin, the total cost of which, together with the erection of a receiving shed will be made public as soon as possible.

The new store, which is intended to be a general one and butcher’s shop, erected by Mr. Cook, is now nearly completed, so that in a short time we may have the satisfaction of procuring many necessaries, and at the same time advantageously disposing of produce, which heretofore we were obliged to carry six or seven miles farther.

The new cemetery is now open for the reception of the remains of our dear departed ones. It will be a great public convenience, as there were some who were obliged to beg of others a place to bury their dead. Our respected and much lamented friend and neighbour, Mr. Campbell, was the first laid within its precincts.

Those who are obliged to travel Shoalhavenward will now find (thanks to Mr. Berry) a good road towards and a safe and comfortable means of crossing that dangerous Crooked stream, by applying to Mr. Tobin at the river.

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