

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

RAILWAY PLATFORM AT FAIRY MEADOW

(Illawarra Mercury 25.9.1885)

The I.M. of that date carried a lengthy report of a public meeting held in the Council Chambers at Cabbage Tree, chaired by the Mayor, Mr. K.W. Bate. The following resolution was carried unanimously:

'That this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable for the convenience of the residence (sic) of the thickly populated localities of Mount Pleasant, Fairy Meadow, Balgownie and surrounding neighbourhood that a platform should be placed on the Illawarra railway line at a point convenient to all the said localities, and would recommend as a suitable position the site immediately adjoining the municipal road known as Elliott's Lane, at 46 miles 50 chains, as shown on the railway plans.'

Alternative sites being pressed at the time were Towrodgi Lane (Yes, two o's) and Bode's (North Wollongong). Reference was also made to Corrimal: 'A platform had already been granted for Corrimal, where there were no houses and no people, whilst there was a large number of residents in and around Fairy Meadow'.