

GEORGE WIGRAM ALLEN AND ILLAWARRA

Readers may have been following Allen's diaries, extracts of which have been published daily in the SMH during May as part of the Sydney City Council Sesqui-centenary.

George Wigram Allen was the first solicitor to receive his legal training in the colony. He owned three houses in Sydney, including a 30 acre estate at Botany Bay and Toxeth Park on its 96 acres at Glebe, designed by John Verge and completed in 1831. He was a member of the Legislative Council from 1845 to 1873 and mayor of Sydney for a year from November 1884.

Readers may be interested to know that this very wealthy colonial figure had a local connection.

He owned the Allen estate at Austinmer. Allen Street, Toxeth Avenue and Wigram Road, Austinmer, are his memorials.

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