Industrial base of Wollongong.

And as Henry Lee points out in what I consider the best chapter in the recently published *A History of Wollongong* (WCC/WUP, 1997, p. 52) the decision to construct a "large safe and well equipped harbour...was already shifting the local economy onto an urban-industrial footing."

The *Mercury* (and its then editor, the MP Archibald Campbell) knew what he was on about and dutifully listed in his paper’s report of the Bill’s introduction into Parliament all the good guys who voted in favour (Campbell and Nicholson among them) and all the Satanists who voted against.

As Henry Lee so acidly remarks: "The town’s businessmen no longer controlled or needed to control the district’s destiny. Their contribution had been, through their committees and newspapers to fashion a population that equated progress with mines and smokestacks and prosperity with giving the district over to a single industry or even a single company." (p.52)

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WHERE IN CORRIMAL STREET DID SID HOSKINS LIVE?

I’ve been re-reading Sir Cecil Hoskins book *The Hoskins Saga* (privately published/printed by the Halstead press, 1969) and was taken by the following remark:

“Sid [A.S.... Hoskins] and his family...in 1930 all moved to the South Coast where for four years they lived at Dapto, about seven miles from the site of the new Steelworks. Here began a long and intimate connection with the South Coast, and Sid and Madge soon took an active part in its interests and activities.

Philip Sidney, their only living son, was born at Dapto. Another four years were spent living in a house in Corrimal Street, Wollongong until in 1938 there permanent home
'Glennifer-Brae' was built on 75 acres of land on the foothills of Mount Keira.” (p.114)

I have long been interested in the House at Kanahooka called Rhondella which I suspect was the house where the Hoskins stayed, although I have never found any reliable written evidence that this is so. I have also been unsuccessful in establishing an architect for this structure.

I'd still love to know but now I am also keen to learn in which Corrimal Street house the Hoskins resided.

My guess is that it’s the now derelict brick residence one building north of the Market Street intersection on the western side of Corrimal Street.

I have fond memories of some great parties held in this house in my University days and remember being continually staggered at the opulence of the bathroom.

Does any one know for sure?

SEEKING AN ANONYMOUS AUTHOR

In his book *The Ironmaster: The life of Charles Hoskins*, written by Donald G. Hoskins and published by Wollongong University Press (1995), the author reveals that the chapter entitled “Developments at Port Kembla” published in *The Hoskins Saga* (1968) “was added by an anonymous writer after Cecil [Hoskins] had completed the story of the Hoskins enterprises up to the end of the Lithgow period. This is a somewhat inhibited chapter and therefore is rather brief and uninformative.” (*The Ironmaster*, p. 102)

Surely there must be someone still alive in Wollongong who knows the name of the author?

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