

PIPIRIKI

A recent letter from Bob Taylor, one of our four surviving foundation members, who has been living at Harden for 30 years, restored Frank's faith in our Bulletin by proving that somebody actually reads it.. Bob had read about Mrs Mackreth's slides and wondered if they had included his former home Pipiriki, the site of which is now occupied by a block of home units of the same name in Corrimal Street.

Bob went on to give some history of the house and the derivation of its name: "At the time she [Mrs Mackreth] took her photographs we lived at 'Pipiriki,' 10 Corrimal Street [now 18-20]. This was our home from 1950-1968 when I moved to Harden. It was purchased by Dr Marsden, a Wollongong surgeon. 'Pipiriki' was a two-storey bungalow. Previous owner prior to Taylors was Norm Donnelly, a pastry cook in the town. He purchased from a senior executive at A. I. & S. (I think an electrical engineer) who had built the home with an architect's backing in the 1950s. It was next door to Dr Kerr's substantial residence (one storey). On 'Pipiriki' property now is the multi-storey block 'Pipiriki.' Pipiriki is a small town on the Wanganui River in N. Z. It means shell fish."

Unfortunately we could not oblige Bob with a photo of his former home. Neither could the library. Mrs Mackreth had photographed mainly aged houses in danger of demolition, whereas Pipiriki was then in fine fettle and seemingly in no danger. At least it didn't suffer the same fate as half a dozen houses nearby, which were pulled down just before the development bubble burst and the land is still vacant. Thanks, Bob, for your continued interest in the Society and for that information which we felt should be placed on record.