Stockmen's Hut Plaque — Corner Smith and Harbour Streets,

Wollongong:

Members will recall that on Saturday, 4th December, 1954, the plaque which was originally sited in Parkes St., Port Kembla, was at the instance of the Society, erected on a stone foundation at the corner of Smith and Harbour Streets.

Your Council arranged for a second or explanatory plaque to be cast and we are pleased to announce that this latter plaque has been now affixed, free of charge, by Mr. Frank Askew, the well-known monumental mason. Mr. Askew's action is deeply appreciated.
The wording on the two plaques is:

“Original” Plaque: “Here it was Surveyor-General Oxley by order of Governor Macquarie on the Second Day of Decbr. 1816 met the Grantees of and located the First Lands Settled on in Illawarra.”

“Society’s” Plaque: “The above plaque first erected in Parkes St., Port Kembla, was in the light of subsequent research re-erected here on 4-12-54 as being near the site of the hut of Mr. Throsby’s Stockmen. H.S.”

The Grantees, and their properties, were:

David Allan, 2200 acres (“Illawarra Farm”), between Tom Thumb Lagoon and Lake Illawarra, with a frontage to the sea at Port Kembla.

Robert Jenkins, 1000 acres (“Berkeley”), west of David Allan and stretching from Allan’s or Charcoal Creek to Lake Illawarra.

George Johnston (Major Johnston), 1500 acres (“Macquarie Gift”), on the west side of Macquarie Rivulet.

Richard Brooks, 1300 acres (“Exmouth”), facing Lake Illawarra, between Brooks’ and Mullet Creeks.

Andrew Allan, 700 acres (“Waterloo”), on the eastern side of Macquarie Rivulet, opposite to Johnston’s “Macquarie Gift.”