OPENING OF THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL, BULLI

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On Sunday, 7th May new Wesleyan Chapel opened first time for public worship. Two sermons — forenoon by Rev. G. Hurst, and evening — chapel "almost crowded".

On Monday tea and public meeting held in booth of saplings interwoven with bows and evergreens 80' by 35' — 350 present.

John Graham and Robert Somerville selected site.

Twenty years ago no place for Methodist worship from Bulli to Shoalhaven (1845). Sunday school connected with church.

Cost £900. Seat 150.

Gothic architecture — only ¼ original plan erected — built stone in foot courses outside and rubble inside. Length 46½', width 36'; ornamental porch in front. 21 Gothic headed windows — 7 in front; 12 in sides; 2 in front. Roof open, lined with cedar, covered with oak shingles. Stained glass diamond shaped leaded windows.

Rostrum instead of pulpit, 2½' above floor. Inside walls plastered match door and window dressings imitation of stone.

"Sittings" simply formes with back rails at present. Height floor to ridge 38'. Belfry and spire front on north side. Plan provides for vestry standing off on north side and apse in back gable.

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