The water wheel was still in Fairley good order up to 1862. For the School Children often made a swinging Cradel by getting in side of the Wheel. The Old Mill shed was then still standing but falling into decay . . .

The Seda that was cut at the Mill was most of it brought over the Kangaroo Mountain Farm a place called Brokers Creek. The Head of the Kangaroo River Right up to 1875 their was still hundreds of thousands of ft of Seda still in the valley and many The Thousands of feet was burnt up while clearing the land I have seen as many a Fine large Seda Trees lying one across the other that all Had to be turned into Ashes Them same Fine Seda Trees Today Sawn into Timbers would be worth over Two Thousand pounds, at the time they where Burnt The Value of good sawn bords in the Sydney market was 18/- per hundred & Seda drawn from Berry to Braidwood generally brought up to 25/- per 100 ft. It generaly took a bulick dray about a Fortnight to do the trip to Braidwood and a good deal longer to Goldbourne 1845 my Father had his residence almost completely built of Seda Flooring wether Bords doors windows sashes even the battons for Shringling on where Seda Iron was not know not even whire nails all nails where square cut nails No Brace in bits only a gimblet to Bore for the nails & every nail had to be Bored for . . .

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With regret we announce the sudden passing on June 9th of Mrs. A. L. Prosser. Our late member joined the Society in 1964 and was a regular attender at the excursions and day functions.

She was with us on the Dapto outing and was keenly looking forward to the St. Helen's Park trip. A widow, condolences are sincerely extended to her relatives.