EXCURSIONS

MILTON/ULLADULLA, 2nd & 3rd November

Arrangements complete. This excursion should be over by the time this Bulletin is delivered.

ONE-DAY EXCURSION, March 1986

The Committee is considering an excursion to visit the Aircraft Museum at H.M.A.S. Albatross and also the Lady Denman at Huskisson. Tentative date is Sunday, 9th March.

MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

On Sunday, 20th October five of our members, including President, Secretary and Curator, attended a meeting of the Southern Highlands and Illawarra Chapter of the M.A.A. at Berrima/Mittagong.

At Berrima, we enjoyed a preview of the National Trust’s newly-restored Harper’s House which is now being called ‘Harper’s Mansion’.

After lunch at Mittagong, we had the usual business meeting, followed by two addresses, the first by Julie O’Dean on the art of hiring a professional designer for museum displays, and the second by Ben Meek on Kiama’s experience in raising funds for their Pilot’s Cottage.

One resolution from the meeting affects us: the Chapter proposes that its next gathering be a two-day seminar at Wollongong during Heritage Week in April, exact date yet to be decided.

MORE ON TULLIMBAR – A Member responds

Dear Miss McDonald,

Following our telephone conversation on 30th September regarding a map showing Tullimbar as being about ½ mile south of Albion Park on the Jamberoo Road.

I lived the first 25 years of my life at Albion Park, my father spent all his life there, and in turn his father quite a number of years.

They both knew the district well and always referred to Tullimbar as being west of the town.

My grandfather, during the late 1800’s, farmed ‘Mayfield’ located about ½ a mile south of Albion Park on the eastern side of the Jamberoo Road.

I have not sighted any reference, in his papers, to the locality being called Tullimbar nor do I recollect any mention of the name in conversation.
I discussed the matter with Mrs. Ivy Hazelton and Mr. Jack Joliffe, both of whom were born at Tongarra and attended Tullimbar School a number of years ago. Both were emphatic they had not heard of Tullimbar being south of the town but only to the west adjoining Tongarra.

Neither could define where Tullimbar started and ended, but on checking the 1900-1901 Electoral Roll, I examined all those residing at Tullimbar and I list the names of those known to me as living to the west of Albion Park at that time, and my informant.

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Michael Condon
George Gear
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Samuel Hazelton

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A. J. Condon
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Ilawarra Mercury
Ivy Hazelton

During the 1930’s, Tullimbar Cricket Club had its home ground at the northern boundary of ‘Toongla’ fronting the Tongarra Road.

All this proves, however, is that Tullimbar adjoining Tongarra to the west of Albion Park did and still does exist and that the other Tullimbar may have been wrongly sited on your map.

The best of luck in your research. Yours, J.A. Condon

OCTOBER MEETING

Mr. Bert Howard from Robertson kept us enthralled with his story of the Voyage of the Coromandel (1802) and later experiences of the Hall family who were among the paying passengers. Mr. Howard’s magnificent model of the ship, built carefully to scale from a copy of the original plans, served to highlight the organisation required to sustain 234 people on a ship 125 feet long for a non-stop voyage of 121 days, covering more than 15,000 nautical miles.

Mr. Howard also generously presented to the Society copies of the following:
1. The list of convicts aboard two ships, Coromandel and Perseus, which left Portsmouth on the same day;
2. The list of free passengers aboard the Coromandel;
3. Extracts from the log of the Coromandel and the journal kept by George Hall.

These will be duly lodged with the City Library, along with a copy of the Berrima District Historical Society’s Newsletter, April 1985, which contains the text of Mr. Howard’s address.