

HISTORY

DURAL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC NEWS FROM HISTORY COTTAGE

BY MICHAEL BELL

Last month the Society invited representatives of longtime resident families to help in a survey of local history.

What a revelation their combined knowledge gave to local history! "Uncle Bob built that", "That's where the General lived", "Remember the plane crash at eleven o'clock". And so it went on as they remembered events, places and people, that make our community unique. They were eager to make sure this history is passed down to future owners and generations.

Because this knowledge is fast being lost to us, Hornsby Shire Council is updating its heritage records for the whole shire. It is a huge task when the size of the Shire is considered. It is the same for your Historical Society and here is its plea, "Come join us". Age, Covid and the pace of modern life, make it difficult to devote time to what may seem an indulgence. If a community is proud of itself and its members are proud of themselves, then maybe all can work together to solve many of the problems revealed over the past two and a half years; solved within the community using its own initiative. How often has it been heard, "How lucky you are to live where you do!"



A Lost Gem

In May we heard Ken Bradley's interesting and well researched story of, the Bevan Brothers of Bevans Road, who contributed much to our community.

On **11th June** at 2.00pm we again accept the kind hospitality of the Uniting Church Galston, School Rd Galston when, with a change of flavour, we hear Stuart Read speak on Colonial Wine Production.

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As your Federal Member, I am here to:

- Assist with accessing Federal Government services
- Attend your local community event
- Arrange congratulatory messages

Please contact my office if I can be of assistance.

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STILL CREEK LANDCARE FREE LOCAL NATIVE PLANTS



BY NICK CHARTORISKY

"Trees for Weeds" is on again in 2022!

We're proud to announce our Trees for Weeds program is on again for 2022. For each year since 2018 we've run programs to distribute free local providence native plants to the community in and around the Still Creek Catchment.



So if you're in need of some Native Plants for a project that involves Weed removal, Shade, Windbreaks, Creek Stabilisation, Erosion Management, Native Regeneration or property improvement, contact us.

We know our local area well with its transitional soils and weather conditions. Our Horticulturalists are long term local residents and know their plants. All in all, we can advise on what plants would suit your particular situation and suggest plants that give you what you'd like.

There are plenty of opportunities to enhance your projects and add value, wouldn't it be good to know the shade tree you'd like has the added benefit of being a food tree for endangered birds or it's great for honey production!

We can help with advice on how to plant and maintain your plants and even provide some Native Plant Soil conditioner to give the seedling a good start (while stocks last).

Since our first free plants project, 'Helping Landholders' in 2018, we've had support from the same generous benefactor, without who we couldn't supply these plants. Thank You.

We also need to acknowledge our Local Community Nurseries from Hornsby, The Hawkesbury and The Hills councils who supplied the bulk of the plants over the years. Without these nurseries, local providence plants would be impossible to source.

So join us in the 2022 Trees for Weeds program. Add value add to your land improvement project with the right plants and advise.

For more information, contact Nick on 9653 2056, www.stillcreeklandcare.com.au email Stillcreeklandcare@inet.net.au or Facebook.

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