

# ***BULLETIN***

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## **MUSEUM HOURS**

Wednesday, Friday: 10am—2pm

Sundays or other days by appointment. Group bookings welcome.

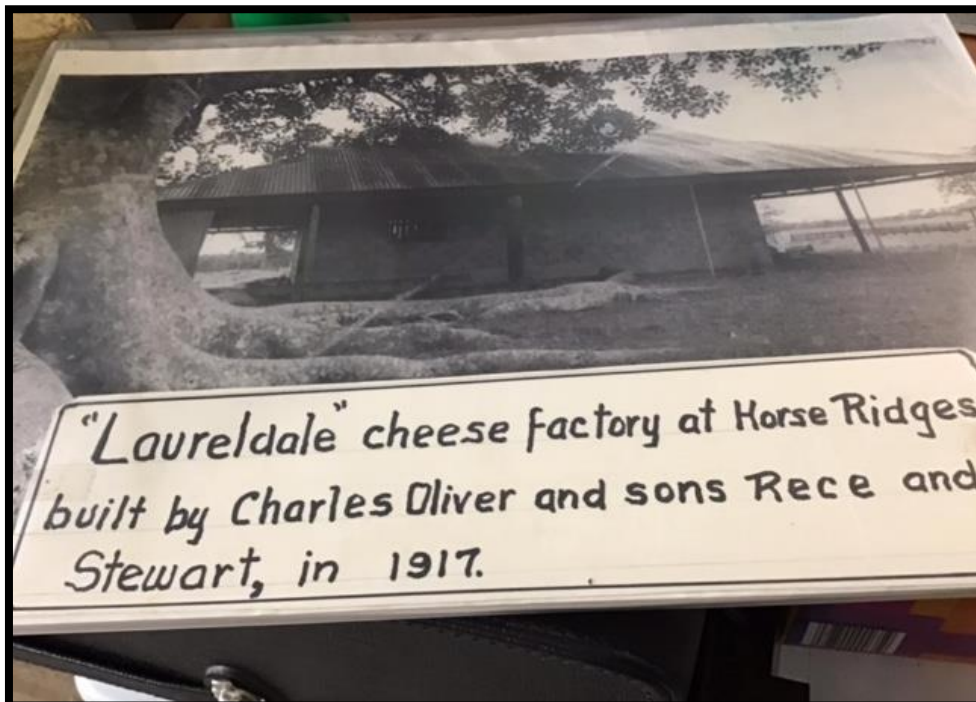
Admission: Adults \$5, Children and students free.

Membership: Single \$20, Couples \$30, Junior \$5.

**BULLETIN ISSUED:** February, May, August, November.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – March, June, September, November 10am at Museum.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 9.45am at Museum.



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT.**

Welcome all to the New Year 2024. Hope all had a Merry Christmas and now we look forward to a Happy New Year. Now we are looking anxiously to getting back to the Museum for another progressive year, I hope exciting and busy time, after our short break.

We have been fortunate to have had good takings at our DIY monthly BBQ's . Thanks for all our helpers. Great job by all. We had great response from the Casino Public School over 100 students attended with their teachers over two days. Great response from our dedicated volunteers to give out puzzles, books for the students to find various items. Also to escort and show students through our great and most interesting Museum. We are hoping these visits will encourage the children to become interested and bring other people along.

We are most fortunate to be gifted two rather beautiful Wall Units 8x3 and 8x4 all glass fronted, a massive pair of display units. Many thanks to you Peter Clarke for your generosity. We are looking for an appropriate area to place these units filled with many of our items which will be beautifully displayed.

Our Christmas Raffle proved to be a huge success, many thanks to our raffle ticket sellers and our volunteers who also contributed to our sales enormously. We had seven prizes all generously donated by many business houses, even though we are all going through hard times, sincere thanks to you all. Our raffle draw took place at the museum with Mayor Robert Mustow doing the honours of Friday 15/12/2023. Thanks Robert for your participation. The seven lucky winners were thrilled.

Our Christmas party held in the Windara function room went off without a glitch. Lots of door and small raffle, prizes gratefully accepted. Even a few guests took part in some of the unusual games. Question sheets were also placed on the tables most participated, fun for all. Great to observe so many members and guests mingling and catching up with their many friends. The beautiful hot meal was served on time with the most pleasant staff. Many thanks to Windara for your huge effort. My sincere thanks to all for the huge effort each played to make our Christmas party such a great success.

Thanks to all for the huge contribution for another great three months. We can be very proud of that we have achieved. It proves what a small band of dedicated volunteers can accomplish. Thanks again.

Please continue to encourage more people to join. We have varied tasks for any interested person.

May we all enjoy 2024.

As President thanks all for making my position such a privilege.

Warren Armfield.

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## **REMINDER – Memberships are due for 2024.**

Membership Year is from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

If you could renew your membership ASAP it would help with the running of the Society. All details are on the renewal membership form enclosed with the Bulletin or can be obtained from the website.

## MR CHARLES OLIVER-CHEESE FACTORY

Horseridges, the pretty locality behind Tatham, looks a picture these days, and should be better known, if only because of the model farm owned by Mr Charles Oliver. This is a large and splendidly improved property, and an object lesson to the whole district. A sawmill, a cheese factory, a dairy, a stud piggery, a poultry run, and acres of cultivation are some of the activities, and yet no labor is employed outside the family circle.

Labor saving devices are in evidence everywhere, while steam is employed to pump the water (as much as 5000 gallons a day) for the stock, and for the various activities, the water being drawn from a large well. All the water containers in the paddocks are of solid concrete and are most ingeniously regulated. The piggery is the most up to date of its kind in the district, with every comfort and convenience possible for the well-bred occupants. The appearance of the place is certainly a credit to the owner and his energetic co-workers.

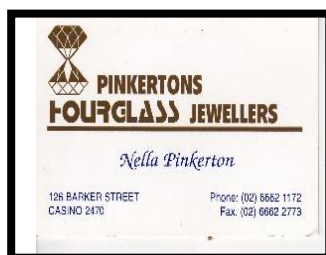
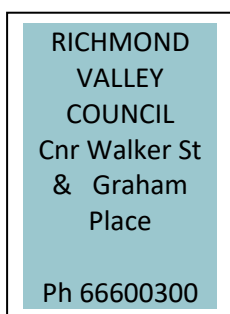


## OBITUARY.

### MR. CHAS. OLIVER.

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday afternoon, at Horseridges, of Mr. Charles Oliver, one of the most prominent men on the land in the Casino district. Mr. Oliver had been to Casino in the morning, where he had attended a meeting of the R.R A.H. and P. Society.

Apparently in his usual state of health joined in the debates arising thereat. Returning home in the afternoon he had gone to the milking yards with other members of the family, and when driving a heifer into the bails collapsed and passed away in the brief space of five minutes. The deceased, who was a native of Cornwall (Eng.) was 50 years of age, and had resided in Australia for 17 years, for the greater part of the latter term being engaged in farming pursuits at Horseridges. By applying considerable energy and practical methods in his labor on the land there, he transformed his property from a virgin area to one of the model farms of the district. Not only did he run stud cattle, but stud pigs, and stud horses, while in addition to maize growing and dairying he ran a small sawmill on his property, and a very up-to-date cheese factory. A fine water supply system was installed, while labour saving appliances were in evidence everywhere. Always ready to adopt new methods tending to increase production, experiments under the supervision of agricultural experts were carried out frequently on his property, with the result that farmers throughout the district benefited materially by being educated in the type of crops best adapted to the district. He always lent a willing hand in the success of Casino shows, as in addition to being a live member of the committee he took a leading part in the organising of district farm exhibits, as well as staging displays for his own property that invariably carried winning honours. He was also closely identified in the organisation of bigger displays for the Sydney and Brisbane exhibitions, and the assistance of his handiwork in the layout of these courts helped materially in the success achieved by the North Coast and Tablelands. The deceased energies did not cease at the practical side of farming, for due to his efforts was established at Horseridges a live body in the Agricultural Bureau which he had secretaried since its inception. The late Mr. Oliver was also a prominent church man, being secretary of the parochial council at Yorklea, while he was prominently identified with the movement that resulted in a Church of England being built there. The deceased is survived by a family of seven daughters and two sons, the former being Misses May, Irene, Ivy and Lorna Oliver (Horseridges), and Mrs. Cameron (Ellangowan), Mrs. Craig (South Casino), and Mrs. J Munro (Ellangowan), and the sons, Messrs. Stuart and Reece Oliver (Horseridges). He is also survived by four grandchildren . Mrs. Oliver predeceased her husband about four years ago.



**Plant 3 rows peas,** - Peace of mind, Peace of heart, Peace of Soul.

**Plant 4 rows squash-** Squash gossip, Squash indifference, Squash grumbling, Squash selfishness.

**Plant 4 rows lettuce-**Lettuce be faithful, Lettuce be kind, Lettuce be patient, Lettuce love one another.

**To conclude our garden we must have thyme,** Thyme for each other, thyme for family, thyme for friends.



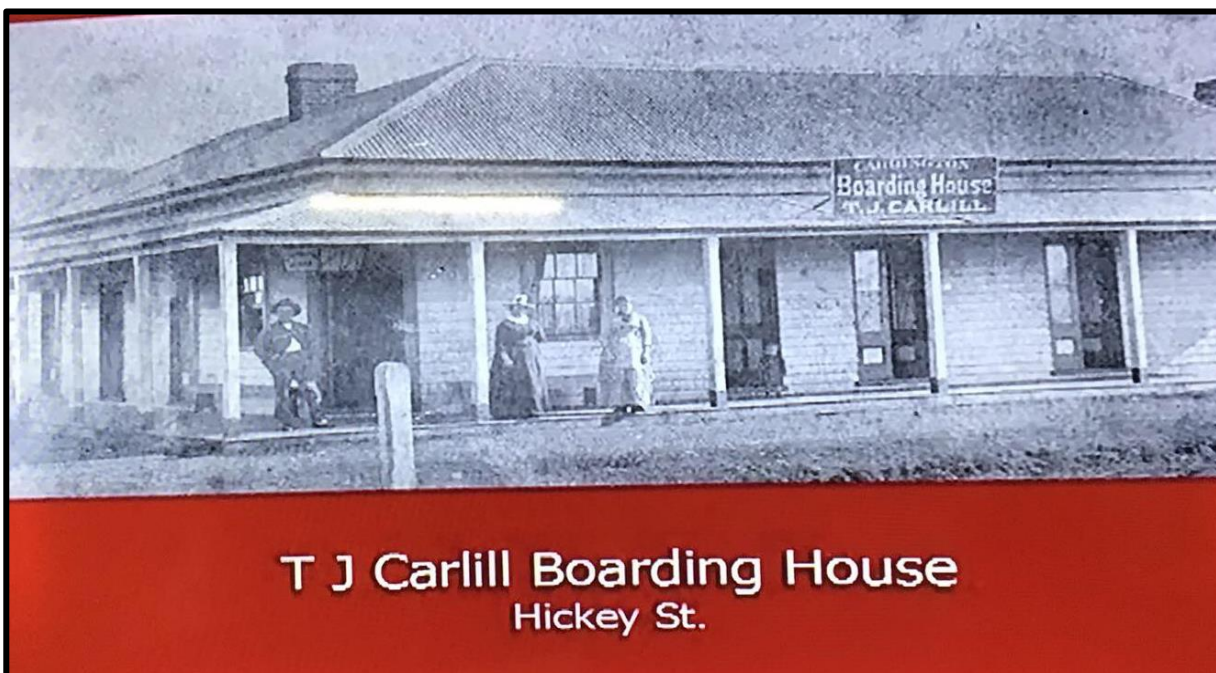
## MR T J CARLILL

In 1876 Mr Thomas J Carlill purchased the Grime property of 520 acres at Spring Grove and he and sons selected a further four portions of land a Spring Grove consisting of five hundred acres. He was born in 1822 at Malbor Yorkshire England, and became a mariner before coming to Australia. He and his wife came to the Casino district where he was overseer at Woram Station in 1853 and later moved to Casino township. He opened a butcher's shop in Casino in Centre St near the Irving Bridge.

They had 12 children. He leased a boarding house, corner of Canterbury and Hickey Street between 1886-1913, beside the Odd Fellows Hall. He also used it for family as a residence. It was a wooden building and he called it "Carrington Boarding House." He was running the boarding house from 1886 until 1890 when it was destroyed by fire.



After the fire a new home was built by Michael Torpy and in 1892 Mrs Shanley was again running a boarding house in the new building. J L Puxty was running the boarding house in 1893.



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## ELLANGOWAN (Thematic History of Richmond Valley)

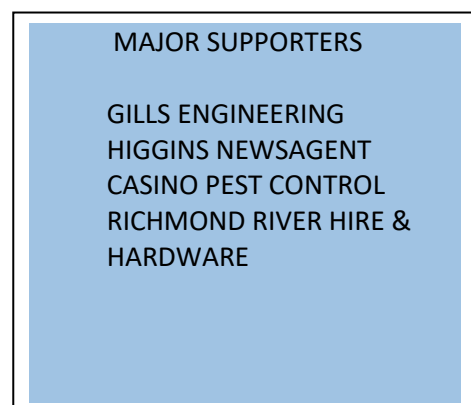
Ellangowan pastoral run was held by Clark Irving by 1848, but it had been established several years earlier by Alexander and William Busby of Cassills Station in the upper Hunter River district. In January 1842 the Busby's dispatched a party of men with 500 head of cattle and 3,000 sheep to establish a station on the newly settled Richmond River. After a journey lasting five months, what is now known as Busby's Flat was reached, and after staying there for about three months the move was made to the site of their permanent headquarters. This was on the eastern side of Rocky Mouth Creek about two kilometres (as the crow flies) south of its junction with the Richmond River at Woodburn.

There is some disagreement about when Ellangowan was first occupied, the preceding account suggests late in 1842, but if not so early it was certainly before April 1844 when Commissioner of Crown Lands, Oliver Fry, visited the place, finding three persons, four horses and 450 cattle. The Busby's were still in possession of this run in 1845 when it was visited again by Fry, but they subsequently sold it to Clark Irving of Cassino. When Irving leased this run in 1848, its northern and western boundaries were given as the Richmond River and the south arm of the Richmond River ( i.e. Bungawalbyn Creek) respectively. The run was later renamed Tuckombil.

## MONGOGARIE

Originally known as Busby's Flat, this run was first taken up by Alexander and William Busby, but they abandoned it, and it was licensed in 1845 to John Joseph Hunter who changed the name from Mongogary to Mongogarie, in 1846. Hunter took out the lease of this run in 1848. Like Camira and Wyandah runs, the western boundary of Mongogarie was the range dividing the waters of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers. It was bounded in the south by Hogarth's Wyandah run, in the east by Mrs Mackellar's York run, and in the north by Hamilton and Denison's Stilton run. Mongogarie later became part of Wooroowoolgen run.

As with Ellangowan there is some disagreement about the date of the first occupation, but on the evidence of George Olive, overseer for the Busby brothers, Busby Flat was first stocked in mid 1842 after a journey of five months from the Hunter Valley.



**Congratulations** to our 7 Christmas Raffle Winners:

Carol Reineker, Barry Dennis, Rita Philpott, Gwen Gray, Vicki Vout, Carol and D Reay.





Our Christmas Raffle and Christmas Party at Windara

Our last BBQ at DIY for 2023

	<b>CDH ROSTER – FEB, MARCH, APRIL.</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>		
Friday 2nd	G AUSTIN	M MACK/D SULLIVAN
Wednesday 7th	W ARMFIELD	G AUSTIN
Friday 9th	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
Wednesday 14th	D GREENSTREET	G ROONEY
Friday 16th	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON
Wednesday 21st	B KEEP	J HEDISON
Friday 23rd	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
Wednesday 28th	G ROONEY	D JAMES
<b>MARCH</b>		
Friday 1st	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
Wednesday 6th	J HEDISON	B KEEP
Friday 8th	G AUSTIN	M MACK/D SULLIVAN
Wednesday 13th	D GREENSTREET	G ROONEY
Friday 15th	G AUSTIN	D SULLIVAN
Wednesday 20th	J HEDISON	W ARMFIELD
Friday 22nd	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
Wednesday 27th	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON
Friday 29th	EASTER HOLIDAY	
<b>APRIL</b>		
Wednesday 3rd	D GREENSTREET	S GIBSON
Friday 5th	W ARMFIELD	D SULLIVAN
Wednesday 10th	G ROONEY	D JAMES
Friday 12th	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
Wednesday 17th	J HEDISON	B KEEP
Friday 19th	G AUSTIN	M MACK/ D SULLIVAN
Wednesday 24th	G AUSTIN	G ROONEY
Friday 26th	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT
PLEASE WE ARE WANTING VOLUNTEERS, FOR DOOR DUTY, IF ABLE TO HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.	Ph Wayne 0414241512 Dorothy 0418660276	



