



Watervale Hotel...Restoration and Transformation

The iconic Watervale Hotel may not initially appear too different from the outside, however once inside one could imagine that they are in a top-class city restaurant.

Current owners Warrick Duthy and Nicola Palmer have spared no expense in the extensive renovation of the 173-year-old hotel.

Using many local trade businesses, it has been totally transformed into a modern establishment whilst keeping lots of old-world charm.

The old original 'front bar' has had a facelift, along with the dining room, verandah bar and large beer garden. The 'Green' and 'Purple' rooms have been revamped as separate areas for private dining parties,

The 'Hell Hole', the old jail, built in 1868 has been restored and is set up for private degustation dining.



The large purpose-built modern kitchen can be viewed from the dining room and beer garden and offers all day dining from casual through to fine dining experiences.



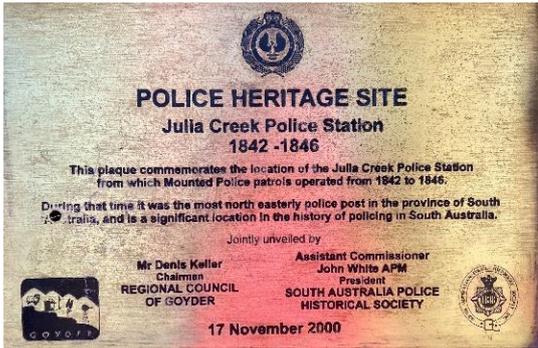
Nicola was interested in the history of the hotel and approached the Mt Horrocks Historical Society for assistance. Within the Watervale Institute she found lots of relevant information to complete a display of old photos of the Hotel at various times in its history including the time it was destroyed by a fire in 1912. Nicola is also now a member of the Society.

The Mt Horrocks Historical Society wishes Nicola and Warrick every success with the Watervale Hotel.



From Country Pub to Fine Dining experience

Julia Creek Police Station 1842-1846



Policing in South Australia began on 28th April 1838 with the swearing in of an inspector of Police with 10 mounted and 10 foot constables. This was the first centrally controlled police force in Australia.

The overlanding of sheep and cattle from New South Wales saw the expansion of the frontiers of settlements north and west of Adelaide. Police personnel were often at the forefront of that expansion, in some instances acting as explorers but also to protect pastoralists.

In the interests of settlers and travelers, the Commissioner of Police at the time established Police posts. Julia Creek Police Station was

established in late 1842 by Mounted Constable James McLean to provide protection for pastoralists, shepherds, and flocks.

The Julia Creek Police Station was the first permanent mounted police post north east of Gawler. It was established well before permanent police stations at Burra, Kapunda or Angaston and there was no other police presence further to the north east at the time. It is believed to have been a small stone building. Julia Creek Police Station was staffed by two mounted constables (troopers) with the personnel being rotated on a six-monthly deployment basis. A native constable was attached to the station for guide purposes during some of its existence. The Police Station was issued with 3 horses. The duties were to patrol the various pastoral stations on the River Light, Burra Creek and Mt Bryan. This police station was operating well before each of the now recognized towns of the district including Kapunda, Eudunda, Burra and Morgan were established, and at the time was quite isolated.

There were no recognized roads, and the only form of communication would have been by letter delivered by horse and rider.

In 1846 the SA Mining Association applied to the



Commissioner of Police to establish a police station at Burra Burra Mines. Nearly a year after the opening of the mines at Burra Burra, the Julia Creek Police Station was closed in October 1846 and the personnel and stores were removed to open a Police station at the rapidly expanding mines. The mounted constables of Julia Creek, some of whom were Troopers McLean, Dawson, Eastwood, Carter, Pow, Lamb and McMahon, kept journals. These journals were of their patrols and activities while at the station, which is of great importance to the early history of South Australia and the South Australian Police.



The above information was transcribed from the monument at the Julia Creek Police Station site, located on Boggy Road, Ngapla via Eudunda.



New Committee Member

Mt Horrocks Historical Association warmly welcomes
Nan Berret to the committee

Nan worked at the Northern Argus in Clare for 24 years
before leaving and starting her own local business,
specialising in media and marketing.

She lives in Armagh with her husband David, her dog
and one cat.

Nan has had a soft spot for John Ainsworth Horrocks
and is developing an interest in local history.

Mt Horrocks Historical Society
enjoyed lunch at the Magpie and
Stump Hotel in Mintaro.

Jim and Janet Morran are having
a sea change and moving to
Goolwa.

They will continue to be involved
in the society.

L to R

Malcolm and Anne Weddle, Janet
Morran, Meredith McInnis, Wendy
Spackman, Malcolm Paterson, David
Spackman, Jim Morran, Nan and David
Berret



New Website

A local Clare business *Honeycomb Design* was hired to design a new modern and interactive website for
Mt Horrocks Historical Society.

Some of the features include

- The story of Penwortham
- Information on John Ainsworth Horrocks
- Lots of photos in galleries
- Visual Stories in the form of short videos
- Information on visiting the John Horrocks Cottage
- Historic Walks in Penwortham and Watervale (downloadable brochures)
- Joining the Society (Online form to complete)
- About Us (Information about what the society does)
- Contact Information

The website can be viewed at www.mthorrocks.org.au

Christmas

Lunch

MHHS Christmas Lunch

Sunday December 7th 12.30pm

John Horrocks Cottage

Penwortham

Due to Covid restrictions, please bring your own individual food plate and drinks.

ALL WELCOME



Donations and Acquisitions

Bookcase donated by Jim and Janet Morran.

A compilation of land sections in Penwortham donated by Laurie Duke.

The Donkey Driver by Kath Burbridge donated by Malcolm Weddle.



MHHS Secretary Mal Paterson measuring up for path improvements in front of The John Horrocks Cottage

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