



NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2023



“Lest We Forget”

On 11th November 2022 a Remembrance Service was held at the Soldiers’ Memorial Park in Watervale. Included in the service was the rededication of the Memorial Arch and Gates which were removed during the construction of ‘The Vale’. Amongst those in attendance were RSL representatives, members of MHHS and students from Watervale School.



David Spackman beneath the Memorial Arch



Tiles depicting the history of the Soldiers Memorial Park



Mal Paterson relating the history of the area



Students from Watervale Primary School



MHHS Christmas Lunch at UPPSIDE, Penwortham



Beneath the walnut tree at Horrocks’ Cottage celebrating ‘Penwortham Day’ 5th November 2022

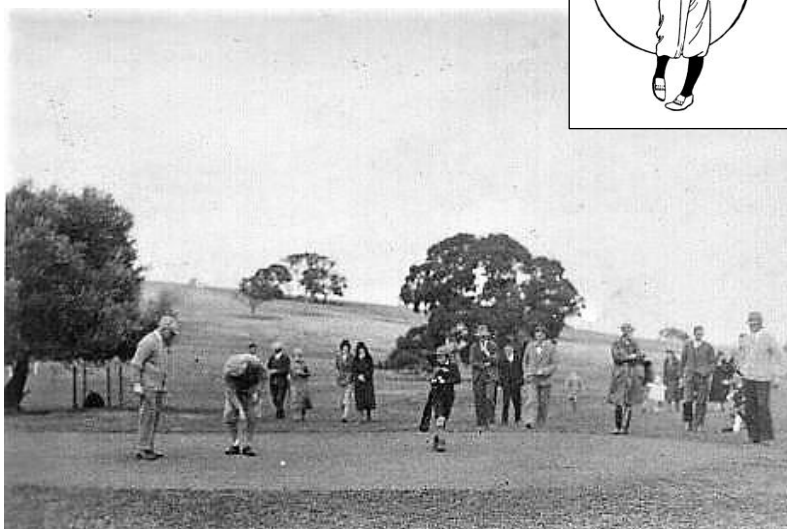
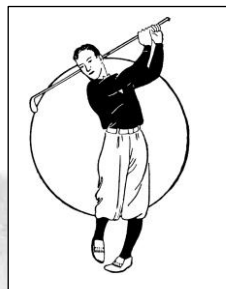
Back-in-the Day 100 years ago - 1923

Stanley Association – Watervale Football Club - Premiers 1923



(Inset) H Pugsley, CR Ireland, V Sobels (V-Capt.), V Jenner, D Smith, S Bennett, (Inset) V McDonnell
 D Tavender, (Delegate), AH Smith, A Buderick, J Smith (Capt.), P Smith, J Allen, LC Hunter (Delegate)
 H Beck (Trainer), I Grace, N Grace (Sec.), TW Luck (President), R Burgess, J Scovell (Trainer)
 L Baker, JA Grace, AJ Halls, EL Grace, (A. Smith Absent)

9th Hole at Watervale Golf Links 1923



SH Ayres and EW Castine on the green

Penwortham Wedding - 1923



Albert & Laurel (*nee Baker*) Burgess
 Married in St Mark's Church 15-08-1923

Stanley Flat Soldiers' Memorial Hall Centenary

On 6th November 2022 an event was held at the Stanley Flat Soldiers' Memorial Hall to celebrate the Hall's centenary. The foundation stone for this hall was laid on 5th July 1922



The laying of the foundation stone was reported in the Northern Argus – 14th July 1922. Mr. W Pattullo, President of the Hall Committee presided over the proceedings and here is an extract from his speech *“I hope the Hall will remind locals of the brave 26 lads who left the district 8 of whom paid the supreme sacrifice”*.



Acknowledgment was paid to Arthur Hill for the site on which the Hall stands and Miss Hill proceeded to lay the foundation stone.

Among the attendees and guest speakers at the Centenary celebration, was MHHS President, Wendy Spackman whose family lived at Stanley Flat and it is where she spent her childhood.



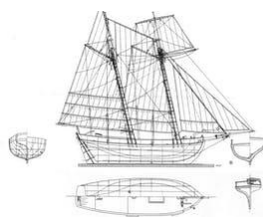
U.S. Schooner “Independence”

In the winter of 1803, on the banks of what is now American River on Kangaroo Island in South Australia, a crew of the US Brig ‘Union’, under Cpt. Isaac Pendleton, constructed the first vessel to be built in what was to be proclaimed (33 years later) the State of South Australia.

‘Independence’ was born. The vessel was used for sealing operations around Kangaroo Island and as far afield as the Antipodes Islands, south of New Zealand. She was presumed lost with all hands when making her second voyage south in 1805.



A full scale replica of this 45ft historic vessel is being constructed in a purpose built shed at American River by a group of dedicated volunteers. As with all volunteer manned projects, funding is a major issue and although the group works hard to raise funds they have limited resources. Find out more at: <http://rebuildindependence.org>



New Patron for Mt Horrocks Historical Society

MHHS would like to introduce their new Patron

Our previous Patron of many years, Mrs. Katherine Murray (nee Horrocks), has stepped down from the role due to ill health. We thank Katherine for her continuous and valued support of MHHS during her tenure and send her our very best wishes.

Our new Patron is Adrienne Pearse, also a Horrocks descendant and a firm supporter of MHHS. We thank Adrienne for taking on the role and look forward to having her as our Patron.



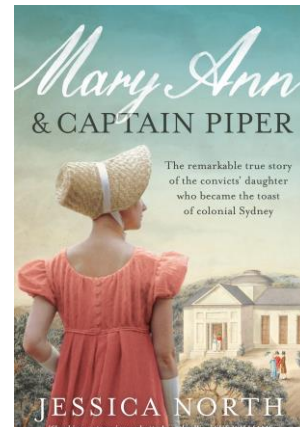
Book Review

“*Mary Ann & Captain Piper*” by Jessica North

The fascinating story of the daughter of First Fleet convicts, who overcame her humble origins to become the mistress of the grandest home in colonial Sydney. ‘*Point Piper*’



Read and recommended
by Janet & Meredith



Diary Dates

Sunday 19th March: MHHS 40th Birthday. An afternoon tea will be held at Horrocks Cottage at 2pm. Please check our website and Facebook page for details nearer the time or phone the Secretary on 8843 4123.

Sunday 7th May: SA History Festival “*The Wonders of Watervale*” – Tea & Scones at the Watervale Institute will be followed by a self-guided walk of Watervale. More details in our Autumn Newsletter (April 2023).

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