



BULOKE BULLETIN NO, 199. MARCH 2012

Research request since last meeting have been for:-

- Dennis Ryan – Jeffcott
- Dr Lewis home in Woods Street
- McCormack Family
- William Blair / Belleville Families
- John Thomas Giles
- Barber Family of Corack
- Richard & Martha Parker
- Thomas Connellan - Laen

We had another visit from Ray Scilley, he will be the speaker at our September Meeting.

Another visitor was Des Mortlock who is looking forward to the Back to Donald.

Cleaning at the Archives

Leonie McConville has commenced the cleaning of the two archive buildings which will be a great help to the volunteers.

We would like to acknowledge the cleaning of the Archives over many years by Lois Davidson and thank her most sincerely.

Also thank you to Kevin Warner for the tidying up the backyard of the Archives, his efforts make it look very neat.

Termite Damage

White ant damage has again been discovered in the floor boards of Archive 1. The Buloke Shire have been notified and inspections have been carried out.

Lil is away until sometime in April.

Items making news in the "Donald Times" 100 years ago

February 27, 1912: Donald Elementary High School Opened

Without any flourish of trumpets the Donald Elementary High School was opened in the Fire Brigade Hall which building has been secured as temporary premises till the erection of the two rooms required by the Department.

Twenty three pupils were in attendance and the classes were conducted by Miss Hunter and Mr. Hebbard. The pupils will be provided with modern conveniences in the shape of desks for seating two. Mr. Hebbard will conduct a swimming class for boys.

March 1, 1912: More central and commodious offices have been secured by Messers Morgan and Pitty auctioneers land, stock commission agents in St. George's Hall, Donald where they will be pleased to meet clients

March 5, 1912: The old order changeth giving place to new so far as Donald Hotels are concerned. Mr. John Ford made his exit from the Mt. Jeffcott and Messers W. Bourke and F. Scarce are now welcoming old and new friends.

Mr. Ackland said farewell to the Royal George and Mr. Dan Byrne enters into possession.

March 8, 1912: The advisability of obtaining an improved water supply at Watchem is to be considered at a public meeting. The matter is one of importance to residents and property owners, as the people of Watchem have to pay water rates and also 3s per 100 gallons to have water carted from the Lake which is open to pollution and is used as a common bathing place.

March 12, 1912: At the Methodist Church Conference in Melbourne the Rev. Joseph C. Freeman was appointed to Donald Methodist Church.

Bees are very plentiful in the district at present particularly at Banyena. A party that recently went out on a hive despoiling expedition returned with about 60 lbs of honey and many bulging eyes and swollen faces. One active worker who received a vigorous prod in the rear from a lady's hat pin declared that the bees stinging power had increased 100%.

March 19, 1912: Mount Jeffcott Hospital Sunday.

Mount Jeffcott was enlivened by the melodies of the Donald Brass Band. There was a cavalcade of horsemen and moderate number of buggies. The band was in splendid form under the leadership of Mr. P. Prentice. The result of the appeal amounted to 8 pound. Afternoon tea was held at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Tonkin.

March 22, 1912: Tregs are making a beautiful display of the new Autumn goods in their windows which are filled with the latest novelties and pretty millinery.

March 26, 1912: The new Grand Central Hotel is nearing completion and is one of the handsomest and most substantial buildings in the district. The structure comprises 20 rooms, including single and double bedrooms, commercial and sitting rooms, fitted with electric lights and furnished in a modern and stylish manner. Mrs. Swanson is the licensee.

March 29, 1912: A pleasant social evening was spent at Watchem Hall being a farewell to Mrs. Grace and Miss Grace from the Coffee Palace Watchem. Mrs. Grace has recently sold her business to Mr. W. Baird.