



BULOKE BULLETIN NO. 201, MAY, 2012

Research Requests since last meeting have been for –

- Roderick Price's - Cabinetmaker & Woodturning Business
- Photos of Laen for Ivan Landwehr
- Enquiry for the "Watchem History Book"
- Foster Family of Donald
- List of local soldiers recommended or awarded medals
- Chris Proctor Builder of Donald
- George Mitchell Family
- Thomas Connellan - Laen

Thank you to Ann for attending to the enquiries while I was away.

Help Wanted

For some years Lesley Pendlebury (and Joan Smith before her) has produced scrap books of articles from the local newspaper. She is getting behind and would appreciate anyone that is able to help her "catch up" with this important work.

Piano Storage

Storage is needed for the History Group Piano.
If anyone can help please see our Secretary Brian

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

The Donald Times May 3 1912: Work in connection with the Lake Buloke pumping scheme has been proceeding during the week and it is expected that pumping operations will commence shortly. The pumping plant has a capacity of 6000 gallons a minute and is under the supervision of Mr. W. L. Cooper of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

The Donald Times May 7, 1912 : An announcement appears in this issue that the Misses Freeman are prepared to receive pupils for pianoforte and singing at "The Parsonage" Donald

The Donald Times May 10, 1912: Farmers throughout the Donald district are hard at work sowing and there is ample time for rainfall to ensure good crops. The early lambing is suffering seriously through the want of grass but an inch or more of rain would ensure good feed. A number of farmers are taking advantage of the dry weather to clean out dams which they have been unable to do for some years past.

The Donald Times May 14, 1912: Mr. P. Brennan of Corack, met with a serious accident while riding after a fox on Thursday. Mr. Brennan's mount fell and the rider who was carrying a loaded gun, was thrown heavily and sustained a slight fracture of the skull and a compound fracture of the left arm. The gun was broken, but did not explode. Mr. Brennan is now an inmate of a private hospital at Charlton.

The Donald Times May 17, 1912: Another dance and social is to be held by the Donald Croquet Club on Wednesday evening next in the St. George's Hall. This popular event is sure of being well patronised.

Something of a sensation was caused in Donald on Tuesday evening by the erratic behaviour of a cab running between the town and the railway station. With a load of passengers on board the vehicle was bowling merrily around the Railway Coffee Palace corner when with much clatter and grating the spokes of one of the wheels came out. Passengers sprung out with a whoop, but no bones were broken and the cab is now undergoing repairs.

The Donald Times May 21, 1912: While shoeing horses at Woomelang Mr. Len Harrison formerly of Donald and son of Mr. John Harrison of Jeffcott was kicked in the chest and had two ribs broken.

Various additions are to be made shortly to the Court House at Donald. Tenders will be received by the Public Works Department up until twelve noon Thursday May 30

The Donald Times May 24, 1912: Mr. B. Costa invites the residents of Donald to inspect the establishment opened by him in Woods Street under the name of the Vienna Café. The premises were recently occupied by Mr. A. D. Muir and have been lavishly fitted up with every regard for the comfort of patrons. There is a well equipped refreshment room and a special room for diners. Suppers are a popular feature at the Vienna, and fish, oysters and pies are always available.

The Donald Times May 28, 1912: The Donald Flour Milling business has been sold as a going concern on account of the executors of the late E. Richardson to Mr..L. Diffey, of Wangaratta.