



DONALD HISTORY
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The new system at the archives seems to be working well. Lil Kirk used to do all of the research with plenty of assistance from Mary Archbold. Now Anne Walsh, Ann Dunstan and Mary Archbold share the load. The responses are not quite as immediate as when Lil was here full time but most enquiries are dealt with within two weeks.

A current enquiry is from Tamazine Manion who has requested information about Alexander Cameron, his wife Emily McPherson and the Warren family. John Coats is attempting to organise his family history. We are still sifting through Ron Falla's boxes and finding lots of photos, documents and items for the archives. There will be plenty of filing done over the next few months if we are to save Ron's valuable research.

Anne spoke on Dave Lennon's 5.94 History Spot on Wednesday morning. The topic was the 1970 Victorian Cabinet Meeting at the Shamrock Hotel. Molly Quick had kept the menu and list of guests as she had cooked the meal. This is great publicity for our Society and any suggestions for future topics would be appreciated.

Items from the "Donald Times" a hundred years ago:

Feb 5, 1918: In a previous issue we announced that Mr. W. Chellew, jeweller of Woods St, was leaving Donald, having disposed of his business. By a business arrangement since that time Mr. Chellew has taken into partnership, Mr. Bicknell of Traralgon.

Mr Lou Carter, an enterprising motor expert from Melbourne has opened a branch of the Overland Car Agency at Donald and is located at the Donald Hotel. Telephone 12. Cars may be hired and satisfaction and efficiency is guaranteed.

A young man, a visitor to the town, who had been steadfastly worshipping at the shrine of Bacchus and whose exuberance of spirits did not appeal to all with whom he came in contact was arrested by Sr. Constable Mahoney yesterday morning.

Clearing Sale, near Donald, Wednesday February 11

W.H. Gray & Son have received instructions from MR ROBERT TUDER to sell by public auction on the farm at 1 p.m. the whole of his stock and plant as follows. 13 horses, 4 cattle, 130 sheep, Machinery etc.

As Mr. Tudor has leased his farm for 8 years, everything is for positive sale.

WHAT ABOUT THAT SOLDIERS LETTER

We are anxious to receive copies of soldier's letters for publication in the times and we cordially invite readers to correspond with our wishes and send the narratives as early as possible. THESE ARE WELCOMED.

Feb 8, 1918: All accounts owing to the Jeffcott North Sheep Dip Company are requested to be paid to the sec. (Mr. J. S. Brennan) within 14 days, otherwise they will be placed in solicitor's hands for collection.

Feb 22, 1918: Unfortunately recruiting is not going on at a rate sufficient to replace those who have perforce had to leave the fighting life... Certainly the men returning per month now far exceeds the number going into camp..."
Buy your share of victory__ War Loan Bonds.

March 1, 1918: At the Donald Shire Council meeting on Tuesday last, the committee recommended that the secretary's salary be increased by £15 a year and that of the assistant secretary be increased to £130 a year....

HEALTH OFFICE, Dr Lewis reported as follows__ I am pleased to report for the past year, 1917, your shire has been remarkably free of contagious diseases of a serious nature.

March 5, 1918:

On Friday last, Mr. Beggs, who is employed at Lewis's cordials factory placed his waist coat on a nail in the factory. Some hours later when he went for the article he found the watch chain hanging out and his watch gone. He reported the matter to the police and on Saturday morning, mounted Constable Morrison arrested a young man named William George James on a charge of having stolen the article.

"LARGE FURNITURE SALE. WOODS ST DONALD. Saturday, 9 March 1918

Young Bros have received instructions from MR CLAUDE SMITH who has sold his property and is leaving the district, to sell by Public Auction at his residence commencing at 1.30 p.m., 9 March". Huge list of items followed.

Friday March 8

Mr. F Clifford, of Banyena, has enlisted.

29 March. "Farewell to Joseph Litchfield. A large gathering".

A lengthy report on gathering and many speeches for Mr. Litchfield who was moving to Melbourne.



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Litchfield. Mrs. Litchfield died in 1917. Joseph retired to Melbourne in 1918.



Claude Turrell Smith who left Donald in 1918 had a cottage and allotment on the site of Simpson's Butchers shop, pictured (now 144 Woods St). This may have been the building that Claude used but in 1919 the current house, then owned by George Basset, was on the block. This may have been when the house was built. Claude sold to George Basset.