



**DONALD HISTORY**  
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**Buloke Bulletin No. 263. AUGUST 2018** Enquiries for July The Nullawil Catholic Church, celebrating 90 years, wished to find information on Rod Price, Cabinet maker, who built the altar for the church. Ann Dunstan dealt with this.

Gary & Carole Matthews visited the archives. Gary's grandfather, William Noblet, was a carpenter who worked on building the architecturally amazing Donald Shire Hall. Gary always calls at the archives when passing through.

Rod Billingham called in with an interesting collection, on his phone, of photos of Donald, taken by his late father. He will put them on a USB and send them.

One of our High School students who spent community week at the archives enjoyed it so much that she and her sister have offered to volunteer regularly.

Bruce Fletcher wanted information on the Morton Plains Hotel.

Brian and Melissa McCahon wanted information on their family selection in Swanwater. Mary Archbold and Peter Pendlebury were able to oblige with the help of Ron Falla's maps and books.

Julie Baker is the great granddaughter of Thomas Martin Williams, Donald policeman in 1903 and 1904. She called in asking for any newspaper articles or photographs. We were able to furnish a report of Thomas's death and to tell her where the family lived after he retired in 1905 (23 Hammill St). Thomas died in Donald in 1907, aged 54. We also sent a photo of DPS students in 1906 which is fully named and Julie's grandfather, Willie Williams, is in it.

Rick Olive wished to know where his Great Grandparents parents lived in McCulloch St in 1914 as he would like to see it. He will be thrilled when he does as it is 45 McCulloch St, which has been restored to its former glory by current owners, Pat and Owy Duncan.

A number of locals have looked up our "boxes" for sporting information.

## **Blasts from the Past – Donald Times August 1918.**

**August 6.** Mr T.O. Guthrie of Avon Plains was amongst the successful exhibitors at the Australian Sheep Breeders Association Show opened at Melbourne on Monday several, of his entries receiving first awards.

At the St Arnaud Police Court on Friday before Mr. P. H. V. Elliot P.M., Ferdinand Stanilaus was proceeded against by Detective F.W. Sickerdick on the charge of attempting to communicate with an enemy country without enclosing the letter in an outer envelope addressed to the Censor, and also failing to place on its face the words “for enemy country”. Defendant, who pleaded “Not guilty” was fined 5 pound with 3 pound 5s and 6d costs.

**August 9.** It was officially denied on Friday that the Victorian Railways Benefit Society picnic to Bendigo on September 14 would be “dry”. The usual facilities for obtaining refreshments, it was stated, will be afforded to those who attend the Sports meeting at the Upper Reserve.

**August 16.** POPE-PILGRIM On Wednesday, August 14, the Cope Cope Presbyterian Church presented an unusually animated appearance for a weekday. Local interest was aroused through the celebration of the marriage of Mr William G. Pope, son of Mr and Mrs W.E. Pope to Miss Evelyn Ruby Mclsaac Pilgrim, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.R. Pilgrim.....

OLIVE- Killed in action 5<sup>th</sup> August, Private Samuel, much loved son of Cr. L.S. Olive of Charlton and loving nephew of Mrs Olive, Donald.

**August 20.** The ceremony unveiling the Honour Roll of the Avon Plains school will be performed this Friday afternoon by the Chief Inspector Mr A. Furrell. Proceedings commence at 2p.m. sharp, afternoon tea will be provided, and all are cordially invited to attend.

**August 23.** At the Council meeting on Tuesday the secretary was asked what had been done regarding the public telephone at the railway station. The secretary stated that he had interviewed the stock agents as directed but they were not unanimous in guaranteeing the amount. One councillor remarked that as the total amount was only 4 pounds the stock agents must be getting a pretty hungry lot. Cr. McPherson, who had offered at the 1st meeting to guarantee half, renewed his offer and Cr. Wortley and Mr Pitty undertook to guarantee the remainder.

**August 27.** At the Donald Police court on Friday last, P. Sweeney, licensee of the Shamrock Hotel and Emily Rosewarne, licensee of the Racecourse Hotel were fined 2 pounds with one pound 2s and 6d costs for breaches of the licensing law. Inspector Brit prosecuted and Mr Oakley defended. Nine persons were prosecuted for being on licensed premises without legal excuse, seven being fined one pound each and two were dismissed. At the same court A.T.Herrick was fined 20s for failing to have his child vaccinated. Messrs Elligett P.M. and Hepworth, Sproat and McPherson J’s.P. presided.