



DONALD HISTORY
& NATURAL HISTORY GROUP



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Enquiries for September: Alan Jarrad sought information on Arthur and Annie Cornelia Moore (nee Picken). Alan was a relative of Annie but was thrilled to receive photos and history of the Moore family.

John Johnston wanted information on William Joseph McAllister who was born in Donald in 1880 and died in 1957. William does not appear to be part of the local McAllister Family. He worked for W H Gray before enlisting for the Boer War.

Gwenda Riley wanted information on Alf and Ivy Thomas and their three daughters. Ann Dunstan was able to oblige as her mother, Jean Baker, was one of the three daughters.

John and Angela Piercy called at the archives. John's grandfather, Reginald William Chandler Piercy was the National Bank Manager from 1931-38. John wanted to see the bank and evidence of the family's time in Donald. He was thrilled to get the many entries on the Donald Times Index for several family members. We also learnt to spell the name properly, Piercy_ not Piercey.

Glen Constable wanted information on the McLeod, McSwain and McQuinn families. He rang ahead to request the information to collect later. He was pleased with what Mary Archbold managed to find.

Julie Phillips wanted information on Henry William Baynes Ralph who died in Donald pre 1917. We have not been able to find anything for her.

Sally and Andrew Eaton made an appointment to call at the archives to find information on G F Oakley, Sally's grandfather. Robin Letts showed them around the town and Mary Archbold was able to give them plenty of information for which they were very grateful and donated accordingly.

Denis Paulin wanted information on the Paulin family. Robert Paulin, his great grandfather owned the general store at Wooroonook in the early 1880s. Robert died in Donald in 1884, aged 60, but the family remained in the area until the 1900s.

Blasts from the Past – Donald Times October 1918.

October 1st. Mr & Mrs J. Tierney of Watchem have been advised that their son, Private A.F. Tierney, has been killed in France on 1st September, also that another son, Cpl. L.H. Tierney has been wounded for the third time. The late Pte. A.F. Tierney was the fourth son in this family to enlist and has seen two and a half years of active service in France. The eldest son Pte. J.H. Tierney, was at the landing at Gallipoli, is still at the front, whilst Pte. H.H. Tierney, 6th Light Horse, was invalided home after service at Gallipoli.

In the near future the Chief Secretary hopes to have the whole of the aborigines in the State at the Lake Tyres settlement.

A splendid 5- roomed house, with large piece of land, in Wood Street; also two tanks and outbuildings. 190 pounds cash. A great opportunity.

October 4th. A vessel arrived in Melbourne on Tuesday with a large number of English wives of Australian soldiers. There were six births during the voyage.

October 8th. Mr H.G. Bath, Swanwater, was again a successful exhibitor in draught stock at the St Arnaud Show.

Snakes are reported to be very plentiful about the district this season. Mr T. Doyle, who is in the employ of Mr W. Tyson Laen, informs us that five monstrous reptiles were despatched last week.

October 18th. The Minister for Lands, Mr Frank Clarke, has arranged with the Railway Commissioners that when strips of land alongside railway lines are being tendered for, that preference be given to returned soldiers. These lands do not provide living allotments, but in some cases they will be suitable for returned soldiers in country towns.

October 22nd. An inquest on the body of Michael John Bourke on Thursday last was conducted by Mr Elligett PM at the Shamrock Hotel on the evening of that day. Senior-Constable Mahoney testified as to having found the body, assisted by Constable Morrison, in a hole in the river about 20 feet deep opposite Blair Street. The body was fully dressed, with the exception of a hat which was missing. ...

October 25th. Mr & Mrs John Gilchrist have been notified by the Defence Department that their son Pte. Bert Gilchrist has been seriously wounded in the face. He is at present in North Birmingham Hospital .England.

October 29th. Last week the children of the Whirilly State School paid a tribute to the late Private Roger Hogan when a tree was planted in the grounds to perpetuate his memory.