



## **BULOKE BULLETIN NO. 293 JULY 2021**

### Donald History Enquiries for June:

Alison Arundell-Manfreda wrote a letter to the archives addressed to R.P.Falla and requesting evidence of land selection of the Postich family in Teddywaddy and Charlton West. One of Ron's books and a map of Teddywaddy were duly posted and we also advised that Ron had died in 2019, aged 98. It has been suggested that a small blurb "about the author" should be included in each copy of Ron's remarkable "Selectors in the Parish of ....." Booklets so that his wonderful work in researching and compiling these booklets will not be forgotten.

Kerrie Watson requested information on the Huddleston family from Corack East.

Adam McNicol paid us a visit. He has sold over 6000 copies of his wonderful "Mallee" photographic History and is currently finishing his follow up book, which is about the Wimmera. Donald will feature and Adam called in to get some early streetscape photos of our town. It was an entertaining visit for us from the Manangatang native. Volunteer, Colleen Raynes, repeated her father's saying "They're Racing at Manangatang!" at which Adam explained the origin of the saying, which was from an early comedy radio show, and how it eventually became the warning to alert the SP bookie that the police were approaching the Hotel. Such stories and hilarity continued throughout the day as more volunteers arrived.

Mary Archbold placed a copy of "Railway To Donald" by Lilian Kirk and George Stebbins in the Community House and this generated a lot of interest. We have been informed of one error. On page 41 there is a photo of the opening of the VRI Bowling Green in 1939. Charles Morrison Snr and his wife are both incorrectly named as D. Morrison and Mrs. D. Morrison Snr. If you have a copy of the book, please correct it as this is how "fake news" starts

Ken Peverill wrote for information on the Peverill and McIntosh families. His email had bounced and it is worth noting that since Donald went on the NBN last year we have changed our email address. The new address, [donaldhistory@tpg.com.au](mailto:donaldhistory@tpg.com.au) is on the Donald History and Natural History Website. We had plenty of information to send Ken on the Peverill family from Jeffcott and the McIntoshes from Corack.

Jill Steer and her husband visited Donald and the archives. She is a descendant of Gus Meyer, who was J.A Meyer's son.

Lisa Apfel is doing her family history and paid us a visit to find out what we knew of her Great Great Grandmother, Elizabeth Falloon Lane, who died at Donald in 1904. Elizabeth came to Donald with her daughter, Ethleen. Ethleen married Thomas Rogers O'Brien in 1892. T.R. O'Brien was a Law Clerk at Oakley Thompson before getting his real estate licence in 1922 and setting up his own business until his death in 1926. T R O'Brien's office was in the old MUIOOF building in McCulloch St now occupied by Kerry Duncan's "Ask for Art". The O'Briens lived at 26 Walker St in an older house than the one that is there today.

### **Blasts from, the Past: July 1921**

**July 1. Latest Howlers.** Recent school examination papers have added much to the gaiety of natives. Here are some recent examples: A parallelogram has all its sides parallel. The Anzacs are a South American tribe. An heirloom is something like a carpet loom but is used to make hair nets. Simon de Montfort formed what was known as the Mad Parliament – it was something the same as it is at the present day.

**July 5 Accident in Woods Street.** Mr Jas. Letcher had an exciting experience in Woods Street about 4.30 pm on Saturday afternoon. While driving past the Mechanic's Institute, one of the pair of horses took fright at a passing motor cycle and commenced to play up. Mr Letcher succeeded in getting his little daughter out of the buggy safely, when the pole snapped and the horse was secured and quietened.

**July 8 Donald Police Court.** At the local Court yesterday before Messrs Hepworth and Cantwell Js.Ps., Francis Coats was fined one pound for failing to have his child vaccinated.

**July 12 Donald P & A Society.** A meeting of the committee appointed to deal with the proposed Farm Competition was held at the Royal George Hotel on Saturday afternoon, with president ( Mr Geo. Pope) occupying the chair. It was decided to hold a crop and fallow competition. Points will be awarded for the best fallow land not less than 50 acres in one piece and, later on, for the best growing crop of wheat upon the whole of the fallow shown. The prize will be awarded for the highest aggregate of points, the competition being restricted to farms within a radius of 20 miles from Donald.

**July 15 Schools Football.** Watchem State School boys will visit Donald tomorrow (Saturday) and engage in a match with the local boys. A close contest is anticipated, as that on the last occasion Watchem won at Watchem by one point. The girls will engage in a basketball match. A welcome is extended to all parents and townspeople generally to attend the match. *(Donald won both matches comfortably)*

**July 19 International Pacific Air Flight.** On Saturday last Lieutenant Parer, the distinguished airman, who engaged in the successful flight from England to Australia with the late Lieutenant McIntosh, visited Donald with Messrs M. Parer and M. Kane. The object of their visit was in connection with the mapping of a tour of the northern districts in connection of their trip around Australia. This tour is to raise money to enable Lieutenant Parer to compete in the great International Pacific Flight.