



## BULLETIN OF THE HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

No. 5, November 2020

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everybody,

**I hope you are all looking forward to the Hawkesbury Historical Society's 'Picnic in the Park' on Saturday, 28 November** in McQuade Park opposite St Matthew's Anglican Church Windsor, as much as I am and are determined to come. We thank Heather for organizing it. Please bring your family and friends if you wish.

**Morning Tea will be provided** at 10.00am along with good company, in a COVID-19 appropriate manner (that is, hand sanitizer will be available and everyone is asked to remain aware of keeping to distancing rules whilst enjoying the opportunity finally as members to socialize personally out of doors together). **Lunch is a bring your own affair**, along with your own refreshments and picnic rug, table and chair or other comforts.

**I will be providing a tour of St Matthew's Burial Ground for those interested** in seeing the very early 1820 grave marker of Elizabeth and William Freeman, recently damaged by vandalism in the cemetery. A peek into their lives and those of their friends who farmed and conducted business in the Hawkesbury as their neighbours prior to 1820 can be glimpsed along with the wider context of their lives within the society of the time, explored through the cemetery's grave markers. The tour will begin at 11.15 am and we will be back well in time for lunch. It will be repeated after lunch if required. Please remember to bring a hat and sun cream.

It has certainly been an unforgettably distanced year and yet I am proud of everyone's attempts to learn new skills that have allowed us to still meet together virtually, particularly allowing us to conduct a successful Annual and a General Meeting with fascinating speaker, Oonagh Sherrard, discussing her exciting project recording river history.

The decision on the form that meetings will take next year will be decided progressively by the Committee using the most social approach available at each meeting time. I wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and 2021.

Cheers, Jan Barkley-Jack.

Australian sub-tropical rainforest species such as hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) and bunya pine (*A. bidwillii*) were amongst those supplied in the 1870s. The bunyaes were removed in 1946.



Some trees presently in Richmond Park were supplied by the Sydney Botanic Gardens in 1870-1873

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageltem>

HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2020-2021

President: Jan Barkley-Jack  
Sr Vice-President: Ted Brill  
Jr Vice-President: Richard Gillard  
Secretary: Peta Sharpley  
Treasurer and Book Sales organiser: Heather Gillard  
Public Officer: Neville Dehn  
Newsletter Editor: Jan Readford

Committee: Rebecca Turnbull,  
Sean Flavin, Cathy McHardy,  
Ellen Jordan.

**A very sincere vote of thanks** was given to retiring Secretary Neville Dehn, for his eight years of unstinting effort in that position. A gift of a voucher redeemable at our book shop was given to Neville to show the gratitude of us all for his work in keeping us all informed about Society happenings.



**A  
BIG THANK  
-YOU  
NEVILLE!**

We are very happy to have Peta Sharpley as our new Secretary. Thank you Peta.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OUR OCTOBER ANNUAL & OUR GENERAL MEETING**

\*\*Thanks to Cathy McHardy for joining our Committee

\*\*Welcome to new Member Oonagh Sherrard

\*\* Crowd funding was discussed. Dick Gillard has now prepared a very helpful report on the various means of raising money available through crowd funding, to enable us to look at ways to raise money to help with the restoration expense of the 1816-1820 grave marker of Elizabeth and William Freeman, damaged recently by vandals in St Matthew's Anglican Cemetery. The marker is one of the oldest in the burial ground. It will be discussed further at the Committee meeting.

From the Secretary, Peta Sharpley.

\*Inquiries to Secretary at [secretaryhawkesburyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhawkesburyhistory@gmail.com)

Hawksbury Historical Society has decided to sell raffle tickets for Kurrajong/North Richmond Rotary again this year at Richmond Marketplace on Thursday 10 December 2020 from 9.00am to 6.00pm. If you are available to help, please contact me on the email address above.



This man was the minister at the Anglican church at Mulgrave Place (Hawkesbury) when Elizabeth Freeman was buried on her farm or in the cemetery on the site of the planned but not yet constructed St Matthew's Anglican Church. His church services were held in part of the 1804-built Schoolhouse/temporary chapel just north of the intersection of George and Bridge Streets. By the time William was buried in the churchyard John Cross was the new Minister in the district. Who is this man who buried Elizabeth Freeman?

Answer on back page.

### FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jan Readford.

A **huge thank you** to the authors of the many articles and features that have appeared in our newsletter over the last 12 months. Our lives are often transformed by the wealth of information published about individuals, places and events long associated with the history of the Hawkesbury. We are so lucky.

The next issue of the Society's newsletter will be out in February 2021. If you have an article, perhaps even a small snippet of information or picture of interest to the members, please forward to me via the Secretary.

### From Heather Gillard.

#### As our treasurer:

Total income to 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	\$5286.47
Less Expenses	<u>\$3851.72</u>
Surplus	\$1434.75

#### Note as our Book Sales Organiser:

HHS owes Lake Macquarie FHG	Approx \$1500
Books Sold to the 18 <sup>th</sup> November	\$ 156

**THIS DAY**  
 AT  
**RICHMOND!**  
**BUILDING ALLOTMENTS**  
**MR. LABAN WHITE,**  
**WOULD** in an impressive manner call the attention of the Public generally, to the Sale of the above Property, its locality and situation being first-rate, commanding the whole thoroughfare of RICHMOND, and being directly opposite the celebrated INN kept by Mrs. SEYMOUR.  
 In fact, the Proprietor has received so many applications for the purchase of the whole by private contract, that in consequence of such desire, he has resolved to Sell the same in such portions, by  
**Public Auction,**  
 so as to give the Public an opportunity of possessing a share in this  
**VALUABLE PROPERTY,**  
 which is so advantageously situated.  
 The Sale will take place on the ground, ON **THURSDAY, THE 15TH** instant, at 12 for 1 o'clock.

*Windsor Express and Richmond Advertiser,*  
 14 June 1843.



The Inn of Mrs Seymour is the *Black Horse Inn*, the sign of which is part of Hawkesbury Historical Society's collection.  
 The Inn was built in 1819, and still exists on the corner of Bosworth and Windsor Streets, Richmond but it is not accessible to the public. All that remains visible from the street is the roofline and chimney.  
 Photo: Jan Barkley-Jack, October 2020.

WORDS:

'on every description of principle'

**WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER.**  
**COOPER BRODERICK,** Watch and Clock Maker, begs leave to acquaint the Inhabitants of Windsor and its vicinity, he has commenced Business in the above Line.—Watches and Clocks in every description of principle carefully repaired, with every possible despatch.  
 Bridge street,

From *Windsor Express and Richmond Advertiser*, Thursday 21 March, 1844.





Painting of the Everingham homestead, c.1830 at Sackville, part of the Collection of Hawkesbury Historical Society now held at Hawkesbury Regional Museum. Photograph Jan Barkley-Jack.

ANSWER TO THE QUIZ ON PAGE 3:  
The Reverend Robert Cartwright.

He was appointed resident chaplain at Mulgrave Place (Hawkesbury) in March 1810, when he was almost 40 years old. He was well-educated, had travelled in Eastern Europe and was comfortably off and well-respected in his English parish after 14 years as an evangelical curate. When he met Samuel Marsden in 1808, he needed persuasion to come to the penal colony on the other side of the world. He travelled to New South Wales on a convict transport with his wife, Mary, and their six children and Governor Macquarie sent Cartwright straight to the Hawkesbury area on his arrival. Pressure from Magistrate William Cox when Cartwright could not in conscience support all Cox's decisions on the Bench, seems to be the reason Cartwright applied to leave the district and went to St Lukes' at Liverpool in December 1819.

Reference: Ian Jack and Jan Barkley-Jack, in conjunction with St Matthew's Anglican Church Windsor, *St Matthew's Windsor: an Anglican Landmark celebrating 200 years*, Rosenberg Publishing, Dural, 2016, pp. 23, 40, 61-66.

## Our next meeting:

**HAWKESBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**will be held**

**25 February 2021**

**PLEASE JOIN US**

**\*\*New members welcome, so bring a friend.**

**Venue to be advised.**

Yesterday was the first day of the Hawkesbury Subscription Races. The weather was fine, but the Roads and Course were very dusty, none of the rain which we hear has been plentiful in Sydney having reached us. The visitors did not muster so strong as usual.

Windsor Express and Richmond Advertiser, 11 April 1844.

**Unlike at the 1844 local Races, we hope you all will:**

**MUSTER STRONGLY at our picnic on Saturday. See you there!**