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MUSEUM HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am—2pm
or by appointment. Group bookings welcome.

Admission: Adults \$5, Children and students free.

Membership: Single \$15, Couples \$25, Junior \$5.

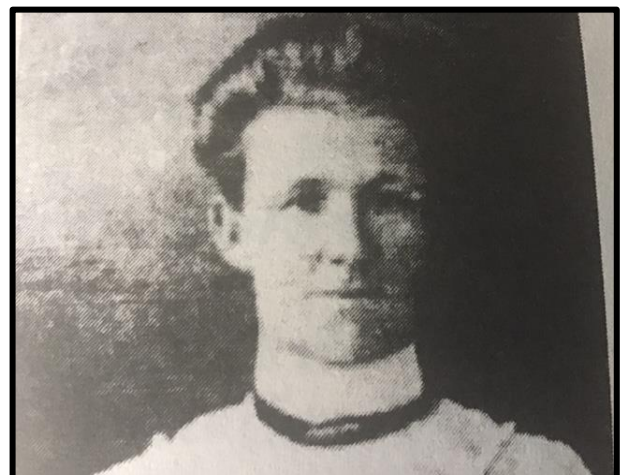
BULLETIN ISSUED: February, May, August, November.

GENERAL MEETINGS: 2nd Saturday – March, June, September, November 10am at Museum.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 1st Monday of month at 9.45am at Museum.



MAYOR E RUSSELL



IDA PITTENDRIGH- 1870-1957

First Teacher at Yorklea

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to all our members for our last Bulletin for this year 2024.

I hope you all read, digest and appreciate all the work that goes into compiling this important and full of many interesting items in the Bulletin.

Our BBQ'S have been going along rather well. Many thanks DIY Management and staff for allowing us the space and time. We have had a great BBQ at Coles, many thanks for the time slot, your huge donations and the management for all you do for us.

Visitors once again have been rather average being open on Thursday has also been a huge help. Our Fathers Day raffle went rather well, could have had more ticket sellers, but due to circumstances beyond our control, a little light on sellers. Thanks to all who contributed to our raffle our Casino people are extremely generous. Thanks to raffle sellers.

Our Christmas party has been booked at Casino R.S.M so please keep Saturday 30th Nov free. We would appreciate as many as possible to come along, great food, fun and games. Remember we are never too old to join in.

Special thanks to Roz and Lyn at Higgins Newsagency who have decided to retire. Thank you both for being part of our Museum. All the best in retirement.

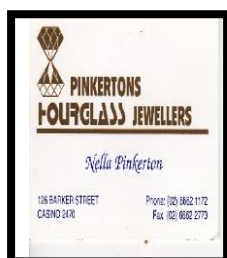
Please keep looking for new members to volunteer if only for a day or so, whenever possible

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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EDWARD DAVID RUSSELL- MAYOR 1916-1917

Edward Russell was born in Duneden, New Zealand in 1880. He was one of six sons and three daughters. The family had moved to NSW and were living in Tamworth in 1884. Edward was a bookkeeper for Mr McCann at the Trade Palace in Casino 1903. He married Clarenza Donovan (who was born in Tabulam) in Casino on 18th November 1903. She passed away in 1918 and left two sons and a daughter.

In 1912 E D Russell and F L Rae opened their own business in the former shop owned by Mr T Streathorn in Barker St opposite the Drill Hall. Both men had been working at the Trade Palace where Mr Russell had been for 10 years and had become manager of the establishment. The business was called Russell and Rae. In 1914 Mr Russell bought out the interests of Mr Rae and eventually the business was known as E D Russell's.

He was elected an alderman in 1912 and in July 1916 elected to the position of mayor which he held until August 1917. A quarter of an hour after his election as mayor on 31st July 1916 Mayor Russell was unveiling the Roll of Honour, having a list of names of the districts men who had enlisted. The roll is on display at the Casino Historical Society. He was Deputy Mayor in 1920-1922.

He served on the original board of directors for the Friendly Society Hospital from 1913 and was chairman in 1921 resigning from the board when he left the district in 1925. He was on the School of Arts Committee and on the Hospital Board as a director in 1913. Mr Russell served as secretary for the Catholic Church for twenty years. As mayor he opened the new sale yards which had been built on the Market Reserve in 1916 and opened a two day event organised by the Casino War Chest Committee and the evening carnival which was part of the event held in the Drill Hall grounds in Barker Street.

Mr Russell was very prominent on the cricket field. In 1924 when he was leaving to reside in Sydney he was given a farewell social in the Maasonic Hall. The Casino Fire Station also held a farewell at the station. Mr Russell spent 25 years in Casino. He passed away 16th May 1949 in Tamworth.

TRIBUTE TO OUR PIONEER WOMEN

Pioneer women didn't separate themselves or tuck away in cottonwool,
And sit up on their shelves, they put on boots and breaches and rode stock
Horses hard and chopped up wood, and washed clothes in a copper in the yard.

They worked outside together, pioneer man and wife,
No talk of equal pay was ever mentioned in their life, they fed the kids and
stock,
A pioneer woman was as solid as a rock.

At night they'd sit together, around a blazing log, the only other presence, a
weary sleeping dog,
And after, they would plot and plan, well into the night, but always they were on
the job
At early morning light.

What happened to the pioneers. The ranks are sadly thinned, the 'sterner' stuff' has powdered, and
Vanished with the wind, A softer breed is walking the tracks so firmly laid, By a sturdy
band of people, who shared and weren't afraid.
No one asks that we turn back and live in hardship days, Or live the lifestyle that was part of
Pioneer ways. But could we take one thing they had, which we don't have today - the ability to share
together, all along the way.



ON TOMKI RUN (Northern Star 1921)

It was the cutting up of the river frontages of Tomki run that started the farming and dairying rush to the Richmond River NSW says a writer in the Sydney paper.

At first, blocks of scrub were let free to maize growers on condition that they cleared the scrub. Then the whole riverside was surveyed for sale. John Irving, who died in Sydney, was manager, his brother Sid a surveyor. It was hot weather and pretty often when John rode out to inspect the surveying, he found Sid and his assistants enjoying themselves in a waterhole. There were a lot of waterholes in Tomki Bight, besides a winding river and they were surveying there a long time.

One day when farmer Harry Beckford and his wife came home to dinner they were astonished to find the gang in possession, half of them dressed in the farmer's clothes and half of them in his wife's, and finishing the last bit of tucker in the house. A grass fire had broken out and burnt their clothes while they were cooling in a waterhole.

YORKLEA SCHOOL

The first School was a slab structure built, by voluntary labour. Mr W Junor and Mr Baskerville snr were largely responsible.

Second School five years later was built by the Education Department and remained until 1966.

Third School, was a modern brick with septic system and all modern accommodation. In 1894 the teacher was Miss Pittendrigh, who drove from Casino with horse and sulky. The roads were in a very bad state but she rarely missed a day. Many years later she married and resided in Sydney. After her husband's death she resumed teaching duties.

On the 50th anniversary of Yorklea School a celebration was arranged and Miss Pittendrigh came from Sydney to it. They had the Mayor and Shire President Mr D Bond, in attendances also a very large number of former pupils. An amount of money was subscribed by former pupils and a presentation was made to Miss Pittendrigh. Yorklea was formerly known as Deep Creek but was changed to Yorklea.

When the local sawmill closed down some children travelled to Casino and Yorklea decreased. In 1972 the Department closed the school .

YORKLEA CREAMERY

The Yorklea Creamery was opened in 1896, Mr Charlie Junor was the first manager. A few years later the farm cream separator came into use. The cream was then taken to Casino and manufactured into butter.

YORKLEA BRIDGE

The present bridge was built in 1930's and a new bridge was to be constructed in 1966.

"History is the cement that bind today with tomorrow and yesterday."

YORKLEA HALL The important part played by a public hall in a small community was outlined by Mr Ian Robinson MLA in officially opening the new Yorklea Hall 10th August 1954. They had been without a hall since 1941 when the original hall was destroyed by fire.. The school had been used as a substitute. Mr Robinson warmly congratulated the committee who had worked hard to bring the building to fruition.

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DIY BBQ



COLES BBQ



Our Christmas Raffle \$1 ticket.
Drawn Friday 13th December 2024.

If you would like to drop in a gift or donate to our raffle basket it would be very much appreciated. Please drop it to the museum by 5 November.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RSM CLUB SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 12PM, COST \$30 EACH PLEASE PAY TO THE MUSEUM BY 20TH NOVEMBER 2024. PLEASE SIGN THE SHEET WHEN PAYING.

Please find a renewal membership form for 2025 year attached. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support during the year and hope to see you all in 2025.

CDHS ROSTER	NOV-DEC-JAN		
FRI 1 ST NOVEMBER	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT	R LANE
WED 7	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
FRI 8	D SULLIVAN	R LANE	
WED 13	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON	
THUR 14TH	G AUSTIN	M ANDERSON	D JAMES
FRI 15	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT	R LANE
WED 20	W ARMFIELD	G ROONEY	
THUR 21	G AUSTIN	R LANE	
FRID 22	D SULLIVAN	S GIBSON	M ANDERSON
WED 27	J HEDISON	G ROONEY	DARYL
THUR 28	S GIBSON	B DENNIS	M ANDERSON
FRI 29TH	G AUSTIN	R LANE	
WED 4 DECEMBER	W ARMFIELD	S GIBSON	
THUR 5	D SULLIVAN	R LANE	
FRI 6	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT	M ANDERSON
WED 11	J HEDISON	B KEEP	
THUR 12TH	G AUSTIN	M ANDERSON	
FRI 13	D SULLIVAN	W ARMFIELD	R LANE
WED 25	XMAS DAY		
THUR 26	BOXING DAY		
WED 1 JANUARY	NEW YEARS DAY		
WED 15	JOHN HEDISON	B KEEP	J NEWMAN
THUR 16	G AUSTIN	M ANDERSON	
FRI 17	B DENNIS	R PHILPOTT	D SULLIVAN
WED 22	R LANE	G ROONEY	
THUR 23	S GIBSON	R LANE	
FRI 24	D SULLIVAN	G AUSTIN	
WED 29	J HEDISON	G ROONEY	
THUR 30	B DENNIS	R LANE	M ANDERSON
FRI 31	G AUSTIN	W ARMFIELD	
PLEASE WE ARE WANTING VOLUNTEERS FOR DOOR DUTY. IF ABLE TO HELP IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.	PH WAYNE 0414241512 DOROTHY 0418660276 ONE DAY PER MONTH WILL HELP	Closing 13th December back on 15th January 2025.	