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- **President**: Patricia James
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- **Secretary**: Ruth Heawood
- **Treasurer**: Anne Ellem
- **Committee members**: Cheryl Barnes, Nita Child, Suzanne Gibson, Judy Johnson, Bruce Wicks

**Patrons**: Mavis Robertson, Bill & Dot Dougherty

Schaeffer House is open from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. The Research Room is open from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only.

Please note that donations to Clarence River Historical Society of $2 or more are tax deductible.

**Membership fees** are due in **January** each year. Be sure to pay fees prior to the **AGM** in **March** if voting rights are to be retained. New members who join between 1 September and 31 December are deemed to be members up to 31 December of the following year.

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**JOTTINGS FROM THE HOUSE**

The Annual General Meeting held in March was a great success with an excellent attendance and election of the Office-bearers resulting as above. Our very wise choice of Trevor Green talking of his extensive experience as Paramedic was vindicated—excerpts from his talk elsewhere in the Newsletter

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This is a **final request** for those members yet to pay the membership fees to do so as soon as possible. Electronic payment of $25 to BSB 637000 A/C 718374995 with your name as reference and confirm by phone or email.

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This is my first Newsletter after taking over from Ruth Heawood and I wish to pay tribute to Ruth for the rather remarkable job she has done over the years. The publication has carried a host of varied and interesting articles, photos and stories of our great valley and I am hoping to be able to keep the high standard set going forward. I am deeply appreciative of the great work contributed by members and look forward to that also flowing in. I trust that all members will continue to contribute whatever they consider to be of interest.

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Ruth and President Pat suggested I should start my editorship with a story about Gerards where I spent most of my working life with this iconic business which also touched the life of so many people of the Valley. I trust I can do justice to the Story and look forward to hearing from members of their own connections there.

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RESEARCH ENQUIRIES
(Compiled by our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson)

PERSONAL VISITS.

ALAN     Date last 2 chimneys were pulled down at Cangai copper mine.
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NEVE     Looking for grave site of Valentine Pfingst, lived at Banyabba from 1908-1909 before dying in Grafton in 1921.
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BARRY    Information on the Old Glen Innes Road early 1800’s.
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SUE      Searching for photos George of James Battersby and Isabella (McAlpine) Battersby
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KEIRAN   Photos of old Peters Factory in Grafton, taken inside when it was a working factory.
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BY E MAIL

BOB      Birth Records of Great Grandfather Charles Bacon, born 1846 wife Hannah Kathleen
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IAN      Eversley Guesthouse, date demolished.
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Rivers know this - there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.
I thank the Society Members for their faith in giving me the opportunity to serve for another year as President. I congratulate the other Office Bearers on their election.

We are moving forward with plans to improve the Museum and Research Area. Our recent meeting with the Mayor, General Manager and others from Clarence Valley Council has resulted in important repair work to be done, plus the preparation of an application for a grant for off-site storage for documents and other items.

This is an important conservation initiative and we thank Steve Tranter for his great input and help. We are continuing to present interesting historical facts in the Daily Examiner and The Independent newspapers resulting in responses from the public. Many valuable items are being donated. The most recent is a collection of frocks, hats, gloves and jewellery from the 1950s and 60s. Among the jewellery are a cross, and a fish, made from horseshoe nails fashioned in World War One. We will try to find out the origin and previous ownership of these unusual objects.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the ceilings in two of our rooms, the kitchen and a store room, damaged by termites, will have been replaced. Hopefully, the recent very thorough termite treatment throughout Schaeffer House will prevent further damage. Some of our guttering will also be replaced because of rust damage. We hope, too, to have our flagpole repaired so that we can fly our flag when the Museum is open.

Our publications are selling well. Frank Mack has produced a book called “I Remain Your Loving Son” in which he has written the letters sent by his Uncle Frank when he was a soldier in World War I. He died of wounds in July 1918 in France. The book is available from the Society for $25.

We have had a request from Evans Head Memorial Heritage Aviation Museum for copies of “Bombers Over Grafton” to sell at their Museum. We are having some copies printed.

We are fortunate to have working with us Edmund Shillam who is taking some time from university studies. He represented us on an archaeological exercise set up by the Maritime Museum to search for shipwrecks along the Clarence. The wrecks of 27 barges were noted near Harwood Bridge.

I have met briefly the new curator at the Regional Art Gallery and hope to work with her for the benefit of both the Gallery and the Museum.

We have very little information about Peter’s Factory in Grafton. We would like to hear from anyone who has information about the factory and photos of the inside when it was in full production.

Clarence Native Bees Landcare group wish to bring a log with native bees in it to place in our side garden. We are preparing a place and planting suitable native plants.
RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT
Our Volunteers have had a very busy year researching the many requests for information on a variety of topics. We had a total of 266 requests being 136 personal visits and 130 email enquiries.

Amongst the more interesting enquiries related to the Ramornie Meat Works, Newton Boyd Township, History of Gordonbrook Station, Grafton Show Office, “The Lodge built 1882”, Greek Cafes in Grafton, who built the Grafton Rowing Club, Historical Maps of Ulmarra and Iluka.

Requests for Historical Photos of Jacaranda Avenue, Albion Hotel, Cowper Orphanage, Lairds Family Hotel, The SS Agnes Irving, Angourie Quarry, Old Brewery, Lindt, Grafton Bridge and Train Ferries.

There were 13 requests from families looking for grave sites of a family member in Old Grafton and South Grafton Cemeteries, with the intention of placing a plaque or some sort of a memorial. Without a headstone we have no record of the lot and plot numbers.

We have approached the Clarence Valley Council with regards to erecting a memorial wall or gate at the cemeteries where a plaque may be placed by loved ones where there is no record of a burial site, to date we have not received a reply.

I would like to thank the volunteers who give their time in the research section, it is much appreciated.
Hazel Lawson – Research Officer.

PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT EXCERPTS
We are grateful for all those who have worked to develop our Society for the full benefit of the community. Here we have a valuable collection of the history of the Valley ready for anyone to dive into from near and far, of course, this is only available because volunteers “get up, dress up and turn up” to do the necessary work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Sundays, and sometimes on other days when required. Some days it is rather like George Street, when enquiries come by email, through the back door, and the front—and then the phone rings! It can get quite crowded and noisy. During the last 12 months hundreds of enquiries were dealt with, thanks to our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson, helped by Robyn Schaeffer, Cheryl Norton and Nita Child, who use the collected information we hold as reference material. The knowledge of our volunteers is also of great value, and freely give. The Historical Societies are really giant memory banks!

Moving on to the Schaeffer House building, here we have a beautiful house which is one of the Clarence Valley’s Treasures, recognized by Clarence Valley Council over 60 years as worth restoring and maintaining it to hold its large,
I would like to thank Ted and Helen Johnson for their service to this Society over many years and especially those years served as Patrons of the Society. They have signified their wish to retire from the position so that other people can be given the honour. As a result we have asked Mavis Robertson, a Life Member, and volunteer for many years, as well as Bill and Dorothy Dougherty, to be Patrons. We are so pleased that they have accepted the positions of Patrons and thank them for their continuing support. The care of the collection is in the hands of our volunteers, who realize the importance of displaying a collective memory of “the way we were” for future generations. We are grateful for each carer who comes to dust, clean, polish and arrange all objects here. A lot of thought goes into the way items are displayed in various areas for the benefit of viewers. We thank those who work in the house to improve visibility and signage, and who are responsible for the special themes and displays. We change themes regularly to fit in with Anniversaries of past events throughout the year. This year, the special theme for all Museums in the Valley, life displays. We change themes regularly to fit in with Anniversaries of past events throughout the year. This year, the special theme for all Museums in the Valley, is life in the 1950s and 60s. Twice a year a meeting of representatives of all Valley Museums is held to update information and consolidate experiences which help us all to function as well as possible. I thank Hazel Lawson for accompanying me to those events.

LIBRARIANS REPORT – MARCH 2018

Well, here we are again – another AGM and it seems no time since the last one and as usual, an interesting and busy year gone by.

Quite a mixed bag of items donated to and purchased by the Society including a Tilly Lamp, Kerosene Lamp and a Primus all in good condition which is nice.

The Ulmarra Public School donated a small cabinet containing 16 volumes of dictionaries, with the Honour Roll of Gillett’s Ridge Students who served in WW1 and WW2 engraved on it.

Two Honour Boards from the Oddfellows Hall, WW! and WW2.

Two lovely timber display cabinets purpose built by Brian D’Arcy McGuren out of mahogany and red cedar to hold Schaeffer Memorabilia.

A leadlight door cabinet from Scott Baker in memory of his mother, very nice.

Rita Foley donated a lovely 45 piece Dinner Set (cream with gold stripe) belonging to her mum and dad circa 1930’s.

Two Masonic Lodge brief cases containing regalia – one from Bruce Wicks and the other from Hazel Lawson.

A collection of items belonging to Maisie McLean including a very old (1910’s) chain mesh evening bag.

Some very old brooches belonging to Dulcie James.

Quite a few books also: Canoeing the Nymboida, I Remain your Loving Son, Copmanhurst, Coutts Crossing Cemeteries. Early Midwives in Grafton and South Grafton, From Glen Innes to South Grafton.

Family Histories of the O’Brien’s of Cowper, and of the Powell and Reid
Since March last year Suzanne Gibson has been re-printing the signs on all the items in the Museum so that they are more legible and uniform. Suzanne is our Roster Clerk and also writes interesting items for printing in the Independent Newspaper fortnightly. She also writes articles for Bill Dougherty to send to the Daily Examiner. We thank Suzanne and Bill for their efforts in keeping Schaeffer House in the public eye.

Leoné Roberts and Suzanne Gibson are still working through our collection of clothing and embroidery to identify and preserve, in the best way possible, the collection we have. We are hoping to arrange for more storage space for our clothing.

This room where we are meeting has been re-organized so that items in the same categories are placed together and so make better use of the available space. We thank Nita Child, Bruce Wicks and Grant Cassie who made the necessary changes.

We thank all the volunteers who work in the Museum. keeping everything clean and sparkling, washing the china and glassware and polishing the huge amount of silverware. These volunteers also welcome and help the visitors who come to look over the Museum. During each month the regular cheerful helpers are: Cheryl Barnes, Grant Cassie, Nita Child, Cathy Eggins, Anne Ellem, Toni Ensbey, Suzanne Gibson, Greg Godfrey, Carol Inmon, Judy Johnson, Roz Palmer, Leoné Roberts, Mavis Robertson, Kaye Strong, Amy White. Bruce Wicks and me. Sometimes when busloads of people are here, Hazel Lawson, Cheryl Norton, Julie Beasley and Patricia McGarrigle and Robyn Schaeffer also help.

We hope you have noticed and approve of the new signs outside the Museum.

Earlier this month, at our request, we received a visit from Clarence Valley Council General Manager, Ashley Lyndsay, The Mayor, Councillor Jim Simmons and the Heritage Consultant, Debra Wray. This visit was needed so that the Council could be made aware of the special needs of the Clarence River Historical Society, and of the repairs that need to be attended to. After having a lengthy tour of Schaeffer House, the special visitors complimented the volunteers on the condition of the Museum and the obvious care taken by the volunteers.

The items needed were listed, and the General Manager and the Mayor indicated that action would be taken as soon as possible. As a result of the visit, spraying for white ants will be carried out on April 13 and 16 and possibly 17. After that repairs to the kitchen ceiling, windows, guttering and other areas will be carried out. Also, the Council will seek a grant of $50,000 to build a storage facility at Koolkhan, where selected items can be stored in a controlled environment, thus freeing up space at the Museum.

During the year we have helped the Iluka Museum, the Port of Yamba Museum, the Lawrence Museum and the Sir Earle Page Library by lending items for displays. We are in touch with the Fulton Hogan team working on the new bridge and find information when asked. We thank David Hicks and Nikki Voss for arranging a recent bus tour of the bridge sites, north and south, for Schaeffer House volunteers, a very informative and appreciated trip.

Thanks also to members of the Men’s Shed who have built new shelving for the Museum,
When Mr. W. B. Campbell started the shop that was to become Gerards in 1855 he would not have known of the English convict Judah Solomon, Merchant from Sheerness at the mouth of the Thames who had been sent with his brother Joseph in 1820 to penury in Hobart.

Judah became a very successful merchant there, building Temple House which had commanding views of the Derwent then, now headquarters of the Hobart Police.

His daughter married John Davis and their daughter Elizabeth married Louis Abrahams (Draper of Hobart Town) in 1855. Leo Abrahams born 1899 their grandson - his father, Joseph (1864 - 1924) with retail experience working with a brother - law in Mossgiel, marrying there where Leo was born - moving to Petersham owning a small corner store there and then team up with Vic Herman who was to marry Queenie Lipman - a name to come! They purchased a small general store at Pambula and this was successful but not big enough to support 2 families so Joe sold his share and moved to Coolah in 1916 where they stayed until 1921 when health issues forced Joe to sell the very successful general country store and move to Sydney—dying there in 1924. Leo had purchased a menswear store, The Kollar King near Grace Brothers which was a busy menswear store. He married Alma Plowright - the girl next door in Bellevue Hill and John came along in 1926.

Then came the offer to come to Grafton and join his brothers In law. In 1925. Percy, Carr, Cecil and Arthur Lipman had bought the large general store of McKittricks at South Grafton. In 1927 the general store of Gerard & Co. of Grafton was for sale and Carr Lipman, who was then married to Leo’s sister Lesley wrote to Leo suggesting he raise 5000 pounds, come to Grafton and join the company to buy the business.

This background is the story leading to his arrival in Grafton aged 27, immediately becoming immersed in activities of the town as it was then. He rented “Bloomfield” in Dobie Street, Judy was born there in 1928 and David in 1930 (both with the assistance of Nurse Brown from Sydney who attended Alma with John) and Marion in 1932 (at Runnymede).

I now move to my perspective of this story and refer back to W.B. Campbell and the genesis of Gerards. When the cedar cutters came to the Clarence in the early1800’s’ hard on their heels were traders with essential supplies. The inventory of those days was very restricted. Flour, salt, pepper, vinegar, rolled oats, rice, golden syrup (cocky’s

Red sky at night, shepherd's delight. Blue sky at night, day!
dungaree trousers and blucher boots, their women folk in simple hand made flocks of Italian cloth and cotton prints. If they were lucky each had a best frock and suit for church and the odd wedding or funeral. Rum was the staple drink and lots of it was made later in the bush stills. Tools of trade were limited to axes and cross cut saws, a shingling hammer and some snigging chains.

As the land was cleared, the farmer came and his needs were a little greater - fencing wire, nails bolts and blacksmiths tools, mattocks squaring axes, adzes and scythes, blinkers, collars, hames, backbands and plough chains and plough lines. Galvanised iron and tanks were required as were the simple farm implements - single furrow plow and harrows, corn shellers and hand operated cream separators.

Mr. Campbell commenced the business appropriately then known as The Clarence River Store and established links with the early settlers and townsfolk, over the many years extending credit as required, bought their maize and their spuds and eggs and shipped them to Sydney.

When my father came in 1927 he soon became acquainted with many of the dozens of families that stretched back to the first settlers - the Rogans, the Waghorns, the Klenks, the Austens, the Winters, the Lollbacks, the Hamiltons, the Goldings, old Johnny Brown from Fineflower whose Grandson Reg Roberts went from being an orderman at Gerards riding his horse down the Southgate Road and back through Great Marlow collecting orders to managing the grocery department and subsequent very big Supermarket.

He was also a valuable director of the Company. And there were the Hoartys and Marshes, Hammonds and Collis and others from Iluka. Jack Ensbey from Lawrence was one of many. And there were closer families - the Tarrants and the Gearys, Paines, Barniers and Bultitudes - the Sees, the Crispins, the Parnells and the Eggins.
Creek, Eatonsville, Seelands, from Nana Glen and Coramba and the Orara Valley, Coutts Crossing, Cowper Brushgrove and Winegrove.

Gerards was an integral part of the Valley.

**TRANSITION**

Mr. Campbell transferred the business to his brother-in-law Mr. Gregory, who sold out to Henderson and Mansfield in 1873. In 1895 the business was purchased by Messrs. D Colls and Hy. Gerard and traded as Colls and Gerard’ - but still The Clarence River Stores! Joe Spencer joined the firm in 1908 and the name changed to Hy Gerard and Company and when Pro Elworthy bought Hy. Gerard’s interest the name Gerard and Co. first appeared. Spencer died and Elworthy was called back from active service in WW1 to carry on. In 1924 he sold out to Hannigan and Cummins who continued until 1927.

JT McKittrick had a big and successful store at South Grafton - very

Above painting was done by well known South Grafton identity Ernie Short circa 1958. It shows “Iolanthe” (McKittricks) and “Woolwich” (Gerards) loading passengers and goods at the end of Prince Street with the Crown Hotel on the right and Susan Island (much shorter!) in background. Gerards have 2 carts there and McKittricks 1. Difficult to see in the photo just above the McKittrick cart is a blue one with the name Walshams on the
THE GERARDS STORY CONTINUED

Until 1935, the Clarence River Stores (photo page 8) was still located on the original site at the corner of Prince and Bacon Streets, but with the railway viaduct cutting the town in half business wise, it was decided to move to the centre of the main block. The old Grafton Hotel was acquired, demolished and modern premises (front page photo) were erected at 43 Prince Street. I digress to relate how years later I was working in my office and this nice old fellow came in to tell me of his experience working on the demolishing. He had happily cleaned and stacked the old bricks for the princely sum of threepence a hundred for re-use!

The business was trading well although the great depression made its mark - the company was charged with supplying groceries and needs to registered dole recipients - tobacco was not on the schedule but managed to sneak into a few baskets!

My father had enlisted in the Army from Coolah in 1918, went to training camp and shipped overseas - the armistice was signed whilst his ship was sailing up the English Channel. He joined the 41st Battalion in Grafton in the 30's and attained the rank of Captain. When WW2 came he was actually in camp in Singleton and transferred to the Army, returned home for short time to sort business and family affairs before taking up posts at training camps in Dubbo and then Tamworth. His last posting was in command of the perimeter guard at Williamtown Airport before contracting illness which forced his discharge in 1944. The businesses had prospered during the war years to a degree given the fairly stringent rationing applying. Carr Lipman had died in 1932 and his widow Lesley was cared for by the families.

Floor space was more than doubled in 1955 with the building of a new supermarket and hardware section plus carpark fronting Fitzroy Street. This also was the trigger for the realignment of Dellows Lane to exit into King

People who live in glass houses have to answer the bell!
In 1958 the Lipman brothers retired and Dad was able to gain control of the business -McKittricks was downsized to a successful supermarket including household hardware supplies.- we bought another 24ft Prince Street frontage and built over the area for modern Electrical and Homewares departments. In 1965 we covered the Fitzroy Street carpark with a 2 storey building with bright new supermarket on the ground floor and first floor for bulk stock. In 1969 we bought Henry’s shop and 1972 Bradleys shop in Fitzroy Street which gave a total area over 4200 square metres. We were very confident in our endeavours to provide the Valley with all the best possible facilities - building and expanding a business, giving good service to the public, having a contented and hardworking staff, knowing many people as customers and friends, and entering into the community life of Grafton and its lovely district.

The business at that time was amongst the premier Country Department Stores and belonged to buying groups which brought many advantages to our customers as well as the business. There had been a loose knit consortium of stores in Southern NSW and Victoria known as the Southern Group which met twice a year to compare performances and swap ideas. Co-operating with Treloar and Co. of Tamworth, we set about establishing a similar group and within a couple of years the Northern Group comprised members from Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, Lismore, Bundaberg, Mudgee, Rockhampton and Toowoomba. That and Membership of the Retail Traders Association of NSW Council with major city retailers gave a wide experience which was beneficial in bringing the best operation of the company to the fore.

In the mid 80’s a small company came to Armidale from Victoria looking for space to open a furniture store and instead bought Richardson’s Store - they then went to Lismore and bought Glynns Stores and came to Grafton. I was not inclined to sell at that stage so they moved on to Queensland, Victoria and other NSW towns adding to the quite impressive stable of big stores. They came back to Grafton and this time, after talking to family and finding no interest from them in taking responsibility and recognising the direction retail was taking, we decided to sell the business. They slightly changed the modus operandi here but the crippling high interest rates and collapse of their principal finance source, “Pyramid” saw the receivers move in to liquidate the company and all its assets.

And so 130 years on, Gerards (Clarence River Stores ceased business in our

**AGM Guest Speaker**

Trevor Green, well known and highly respected Paramedic attached to Grafton Ambulance gave a most interesting review of his life pursuing the highest echelon of a career in service. He covered the many aspects of the changing skills required. Pictured here presenting memorabilia to Suzanne Gibson and President Pat James.

Diets are for people who are thick and tired of it.
BILL’S COLUMN

RUGBY LEAGUE—THE AMBULANCE CUP

When guest speaker, Trevor Green of Grafton Ambulance arrived at our AGM March 28, he brought a few gifts. One of these, the Ambulance Cup, is the subject of this story.

First let me explain that Challenge Cup football was the BIG news of Rugby League in the 1930’s and early 1940’s. When I spied the date of the year on which the Cup was played, I pulled out our copies of Daily Examiners-1932-searching for the story.

Turning the old pages, I found much more than I had anticipated. Not only the Ambulance Cup, but we had the Vincent Cup, Ryan & Simms Cup, Sports Challenge Cup, Jack Kelly Cup, and Banana Grower’s Cup. The D/Ex carried extensive details of the many games played through May and June of the above Cups, but it was July before I found the story of the Ambulance Cup.

The challenges for the above listed Cups were between towns of the local district, Grafton, South Grafton, Lower Clarence, Dorrigo, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Lismore, Casino, Glen Innes, even as far south as Kempsey. The games were all played on Saturday afternoons—no Sunday or night football in those days. How the players managed with Saturday morning work I don’t know. I suppose the importance of Cup football was such that employers were willing to give “time off”. Players selected in the Cup teams were not allowed to play in the local competition on the same day—Cup team or no game.

As I read through the pages of June and early July 1932, I began to sense the excitement building for the greatest local event of the century, so far, was about to happen—the opening of THE BRIDGE. It is in this atmosphere that The Grafton Ambulance donated a Cup to be played for annually between Grafton and South Grafton. My parents had told me of the bitter rivalry that existed between the 2 towns in those days especially in sporting events, so I read on in much anticipation, and I was not disappointed. The D/Ex, July 4 carries the full details of the July 2 game.

Here’s a little example—“In the first half, although hard pressed Grafton defended valiantly and at no stage looked “easy prey”. The home line was nearly crossed following a great South passing movement in which the ball went from Maughan, Durrington, Arndell, Worboys, Brien and to Midson, only to be grassed a few yards from the line by Dobbie. Next Durrington put in a brilliant run only to be tackled by 3 men just short of the chalk line. So half time and South lead 4 points to 2.

The second half was much the same – both teams battled, hard tackling being the order of the day. South frequently had the opposition penned in their own 25. Finally Grafton got onto the attack through strong forward play and their happy moment came when South were penalised 24 minutes after the restart. There was wild cheering as Bob Dobbie raised the flags. Score 4 all. Excitement ran high in the closing stages. Both sides had opportunities for winning by penalty kicks but missed. And the game finished in a draw.

“BUT - wait there’s more”.

Two opposing players got into holts on the final whistle. Other players took sides and joined in the fight. Then hundreds of spectators swarmed onto the ground joining in the melee. Oh boy! A “Donnybrook”. Fortunately Police were on hand and finally settled the situation. A beaut, full day!

Oh! The match. Yes. A Draw.

President of Grafton District Ambulance, Mr.

So what if I don’t know what “Armageddon means? It’s not the end of the world.
Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.

CO-INCIDENCE

Long time Member, Cathy Eggins and short time Editor of the Newsletter David Abrahams recently enjoyed the hospitality of the Governor of NSW General David Hurley AC, DSC and Mrs. Linda Hurley at Government House, Sydney shown at right just 3 weeks apart!

Cathy is also a very long time member of Parkinson’s Support Groups invited to recognise World Parkinson’s Day. The Governor is Patron of the Groups across NSW and the reception hosted more than 100 members of support Groups including carers, nurses and admin staff.

David, pictured with daughter Meg, was 2014 NSW Volunteer of the Year and was one of the Alumni invited by the Governor who is also Patron of that body.

Finally Mr. Roberts thanked the Referee, Linesmen, Gate Keepers, and the Grafton District Band who entertained during the interval.

Our hard working ladies have given the Cup a thorough “spit and polish” and we can now read the results engraved on the Cup.

1932---Grafton v South Grafton—Draw.
1933---Grafton.
1936---South Grafton.
1937---South Grafton Wanderers.
1938---South Grafton Wanderers.
1939---Lower River.
1943-- South

Bill Dougherty
100 YEARS AGO
Compiled by our Research Officer, Hazel Lawson
Extracts from the Daily Examiner of May, 1918

Welcome to returned soldiers, School of Arts, South Grafton this Thursday afternoon at 3.30pm. DR. Earl Page (Mayor) will preside. Returned Soldiers and public cordially invited. J. ROBERTS. hon Sec Red Cross.

FOR SALE: Cottage and Stables with 1 acre of land in Oliver Street. Cottage 6 rooms and kitchen, Stables 7 stalls with necessary outbuildings. LES PAINE, Dobie Street, Grafton.

Grafton Glenn Innes Daily Motor Service, by fast and luxurious cars, Fares 2 Pounds each way, passengers called for at any town address, cars arrive to catch Glenn Innes Mail Daily. Messrs. Lyn Bros, Proprietors, Motor Engineers Phone 73 South Grafton, further particulars from G H King Agent next to Walkers Hotel.

The scholars of Southgate Public School were addressed on the work and needs of the New South Wales home for incurables (Ryde), by the recruiting sergeant of the institution Miss Schardt. In response to her appeal the sum of Five pound seventeen shillings and six pence has been collected and forwarded to Sydney. The book prize for the collector of the largest amount was Gracie Paine.

Mrs H Donald, second daughter of Mr & Mrs Giovanelli, of Duke Street has received word that her husband, Private R Donald, was killed in action on May 4th.

Mrs F Hotchkiss of Pound Street, has received word from Base records, dated 24inst, that Private G F Hotchkiss is now reported as progressing favourably. He recently had his right leg amputated.

The Mayor has called a meeting for Town Hall tonight to consider what steps shall be taken to welcome his excellency Sir Walter And Lady Davidson on their forthcoming visit to Grafton. A full attendance of citizens is looked for.

The Secretary of the Grafton Chamber of Commerce, Mr D McFarlane has received a letter from the Secretary of the Casino Chamber, stating that body will be pleased to assist the Grafton Chamber in an endeavour to have tri-weekly mail carried by car between Grafton and Casino until the daily rail service is restored.

The South Grafton Council at its meeting last night considered a communication from Public Works, relative to filling in Cowans Creek.

The Grafton Dairy Company’s output for butter April was 58 tons. Suppliers were paid net cheques amounting seven thousand eight hundred pounds, being at the rate of one shilling two and a half pence per lb for choicest and one shilling one and a half pence per pound for second grade butter. The number of pigs slaughtered totalled 760, and the payment to pig suppliers amounted to Two thousand nine hundred and eighteen pounds.

The following applications were lodged with the Lands Office during the weekending Saturday. Norman John Cameron of Palmers Island for 300 acres, parish of Tyndale, County of Clarence,

All the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxis or cutting hair.
SOME OF THE BETTER KNOWN STAFF OF GERARDS AND MCKITTRICKS