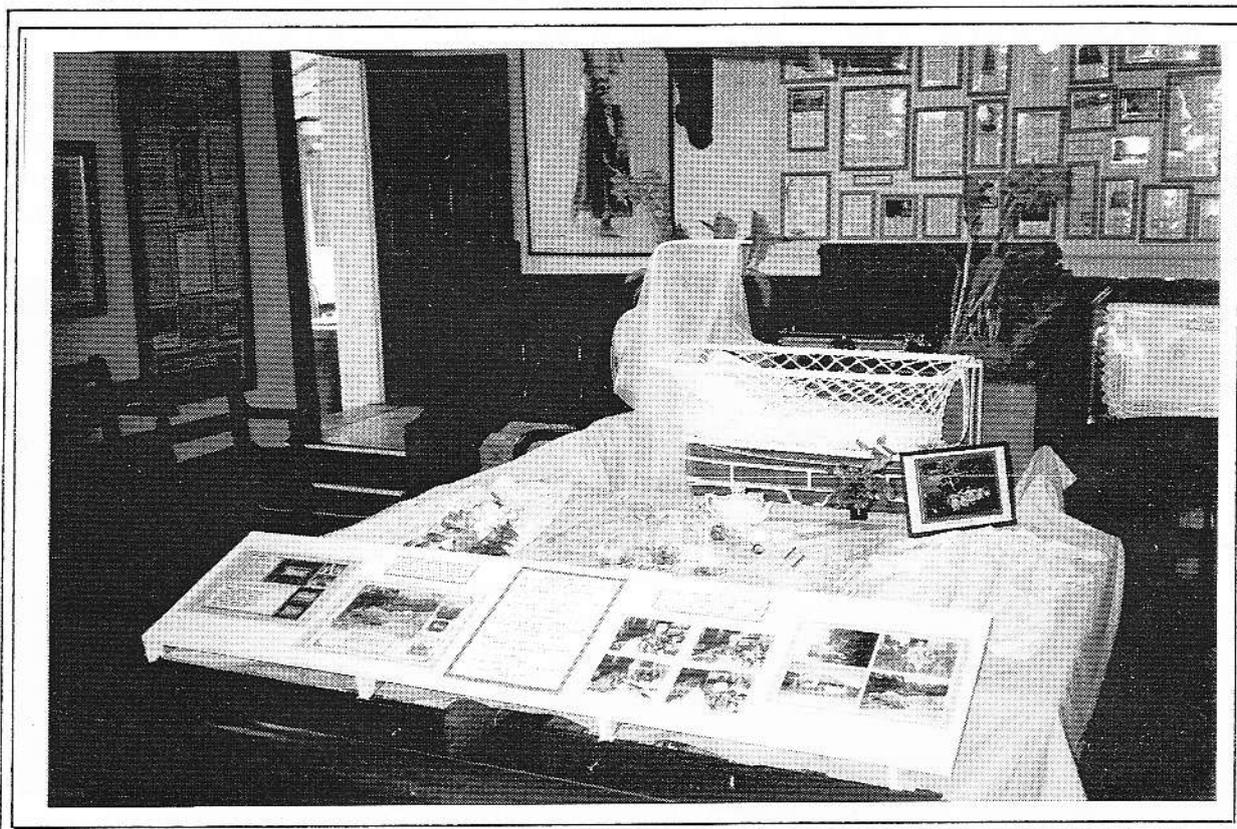




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**MUSEUM NEWS**



The Hallinan Family Bassinet

Photo: Bill Anderson.

Hallinan Family Bassinet, came to Australia from Ireland with Thomas & Honnor Hallinan in 1863 and each generation has used it since, it rocks and folds for easy storage, the netting is one of man's oldest crafts.

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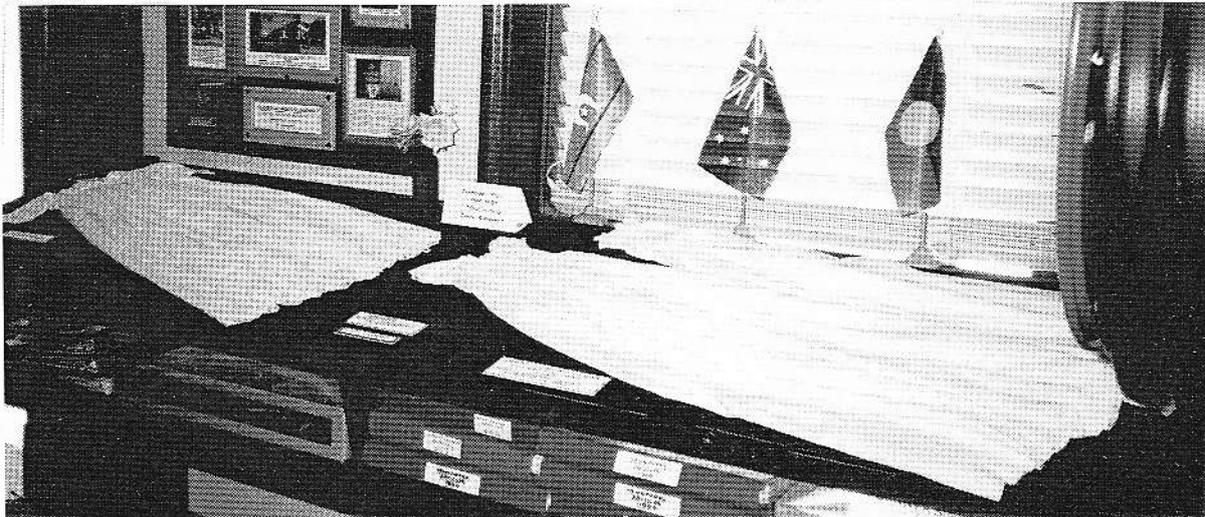
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**MEETINGS** PHSI meets the first Thursday of each month – 7.30 pm. – at the Paterson Court House Museum (Recess December/January)

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Annual subscriptions due February each year. \$5. single \$10. family.



**HERITAGE WALK — 2005.** The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annual Heritage Walk for 2005 was well attended — over 100 visitors went on the walk and through the museum. The Rowcliffe family once again invited the walk participants to view their on-going restoration of “Hayward” on Commercial Road, one of the few remaining buildings left in this flood prone area of Paterson which was devastated by the 1875 flood. The beautifully restored Hallinan Family Bassinet was the centre of the annual special Court Room display along with recently donated baby christening attire.



**PORTION** of Heritage Walk Museum Display

**Two Baby Christening Gowns**

Left: - Donor Unknown - PHS 01.E.58 - Provenance unknown

Right – Brooker Estate Christening Gown – PHS 05.G.60

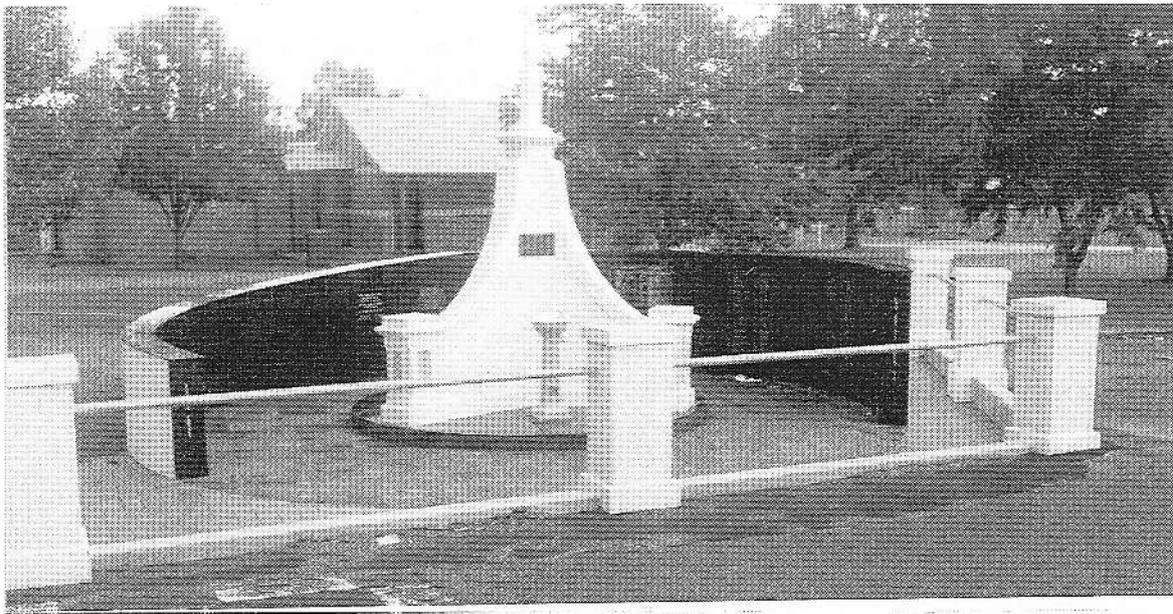
Photo: Bill Anderson



Thanks to Pam Sivyer for making the court room dock pillows and to Harry Boyle OAM and Barry Chapman for their hospitality and ‘crowd control’ when Wendy Cox and many other descendents of the Robinson family joined us to hear Wendy’s family history address.



**THE GOOD NEWS!** Aware that not all Sunday museum roster members avail themselves of a cuppa as per our large hot water urn in the office, treasurer Shirley has advocated that the Society purchase an electric jug for our convenience (that’s fine – Shirley does control our finances)  
**THE SAD NEWS** is that President Cameron has just replaced his old faithful thermos flask!



Boer War Memorial, Maitland Park

Photos Pauline Clements

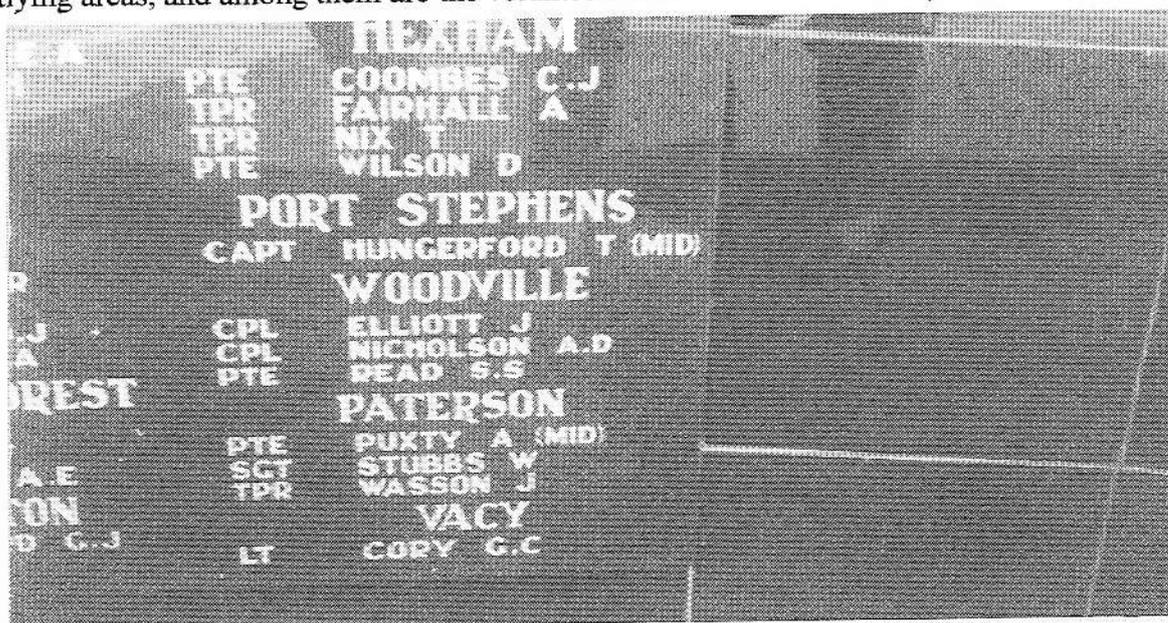
### PATERSON'S CONNECTION WITH THE BOER WAR – 1899-1902

Pauline Clements

On Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2004, a devoted group of R.S.L. Members and other interested residents of Maitland met at Maitland Park for a dedication service in honour of those men from the district who answered the call from the Mother Country (England) to serve in the Boer War. The War took place in South Africa from 1899 until hostilities ceased with the signing of the Peace Treaty by Lord Kitchener and General Botha at Pretoria on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1902.

The completion of the Memorial was a great compliment to the members of the Maitland Sub-Branch of the Returned Servicemen's League who had worked for a long time to see those young men of the district honoured. Surprising as it may sound, there had not been a memorial erected in the Maitland District before. The names of the many young men who enlisted in the district are inscribed in gold letters on a black marble base in a fitting memorial amongst all the other memorials in Maitland Park.

On the Memorial are the names of the young men from Maitland, the Coalfields and from outlying areas, and among them are the volunteers from Paterson and Vacy.



FROM PATERSON — PTE. PUKTY ...(MID)  
SGT. W. STUBBS  
TPR. G. WASSON.

FROM VACY — LIET. G.C. CORY

All returned from the war, and their names are recorded for all to see.

**THE BOER WAR.** The war broke out between Britain and the two Dutch South African Republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State in October 1899, and immediately young men from the Colony of New South Wales began offering their services to fight for the Empire. At first the War Office in London accepted these offers more as a courtesy, never believing these young men from the Colony could have equal value to the Imperial Forces in any conflict. However, these notions were quickly dispelled when the troops went into action and it was found “the Colonials were very intelligent, and had more individuality than their English counterparts, and they could find their way around the country far better than the English cavalryman could do”

During the early stage of the War, 2900 regular troops were sent from Australia and they were accompanied by 6771 horses. Following action upon their arrival in South Africa it was realised how much more efficient the mounted soldier was, and from then on all Australian Infantry was a mounted division. Overall the Australian contribution to the War was 848 officers; 15,327 other ranks, and 16,414 horses. Total casualties for the War were 120 officers and 1280 other ranks. Six Victoria Crosses were awarded to Australians during the Campaign.

One part of the uniform issued to these soldiers of so long ago remains with us today in the form of the “Digger’s Brown Slouch Hat” so familiar in wars of recent times. Photographs of the soldiers of the Boer War show the hat with the right side of the brim turned up. (Perhaps so it would not impede the firing of the rifle over the right shoulder?) The original hat was further adapted as Australia’s own when the first World War broke out (1914) and the Light-horse Division was formed. The hat was adorned with the feathers of the Light Horse Division to distinguish it from all others, and so it remains today. (Ref. Grolier Soc. of Aust. Encyclopedia)

Pauline Clements



#### **CONTINUING LOCAL RESEARCH:**

Following the success of the History of Vacy, Secretary Pauline Clements is attempting the mammoth task of collating the History of Paterson.

At the Society’s AGM, Shirley Threlfo tabled her research on “Kalimna”, Maitland Road, Paterson. “Kalimna” consists of several blocks of land all of which were part of the 1855 subdivision of “Bona Vista”. (Shirley’s extensive history of James Phillips “Bona Vista” Estate was published in 1999 as one of the society’s Annual Heritage Lectures). Also tabled this year by Shirley are works on the Keppie Family land holdings and the Tinklers of “Portnahinch”, Paterson. Currently, Shirley has tabled her draft research to date on land in Commercial Road, Paterson which will be the subject of the society’s Annual Heritage Address in 2006.

Jack Sullivan, Harry Boyle OAM and Val Anderson are collaborating with David Brouwer, Senior Lecturer at Tocal College, to publish the history of the fascinating and unsolved Tocal murder of 1874 which will form one of the well accepted “All About Tocal” series.



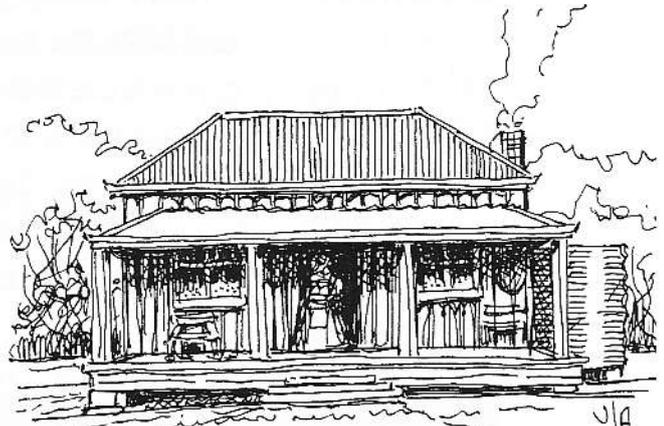
Member Pam Sivyer at the Mill Pond site on Tocal where the male torso was found in November 1874. The case was sensational in its day. Photo: Bill Anderson, 2003.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Jack Sullivan presented this year's Annual Heritage Address and was as usual awesome with his research. Jack's topic "Pioneer Wine Growing in the Gresford District from the 1840s". Wendy Cox gave a wonderful (and much appreciated by our members who were familiar with many names mentioned) and detailed history of the Robinson family of "Mountain Vale" early settlers of Martins Creek, a hamlet between Paterson and Vacy.



Harry Boyle OAM, Pauline Clements, Wendy Cox  
Photo: Bill Anderson.



"MOUNTAIN VALE" - (third cottage)  
(The Andersons have had the great pleasure of being on "MOUNTAIN VALE" since 1984)  
JA

**Hearse Shed Restoration Progress**

Funds made available to the society from Dungog Shire Council's Heritage Buildings Grants have made it possible to continue with the John Tucker Park, Fry's Hearse Shed restoration. Major brickwork has been completed and the security fence has been removed. The sandstock bricks from "Mountain Vale" were those selected to be used in the brickwork. The Robinson family had used the bricks in the grounds of the "bottom house" c.1926 having been taken from one of the second and third cottages built on the property. With distinctive  $\diamond$  and  $\heartsuit$  frogs it would be interesting to know of their provenance prior to their use in the cottages "over the back".



**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,**  
**PATERSON.**  
**TO UNDERTAKERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED.**

ALL PERSONS REQUIRING GRAVES in the CEMETERY ATTACHED TO THE ABOVE CHURCH are requested after this date to apply to the Sexton, RICHARD MARTIN, who alone is authorised to make the necessary preparations.

J. P. LUKE,  
J. G. SMITH,  
W. C. RODGERSON, } Church-wardens.

Paterson, 2nd June, 1884. 4847

Maitland Mercury 1884  
Harry Boyle, OAM

HOTELS & EARLY PUBLIC HOUSES

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23.6.1842	JOHN RAWLINS BURGESS	232	
5.1843	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	19	FEE $\times$ 30
18.5.1844	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	10	
28.6.1845	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	217	
13.6.1846	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	46	
30.6.1847	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	552	
28.6.1848	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	472	
1849-1852			
6.12.1853	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	1143	
18.4.1854	CHARLES DOUGLAS HAYLOCK	14	
1855-1857			
29.4.1858	ELANHAN PUXTY	276	

CRICKETER'S ARMS

1865	FRED WILSON
1866	
1867	FRED WILSON
1868-1871	
1872-1874	FRED WILSON
<u>COURT HOUSE HOTEL - KING ST</u>	
1876	FRED WILSON



Lee Geer, longtime resident of historic Cadell Cottage, Raymond Terrace was president of Raymond Terrace Historical Society from its inception in 1974 to 1977. Lee was Shire Engineer for Port Stephens Shire Council for many years, was a wonderful leader and greatly helped to lay the foundations of a dedicated society. A former Rat of Tobruk, Lee had not missed one Anzac Day march until last year. Now in his 94<sup>th</sup> year, Lee and wife Madge live in Sydney and enjoy touring for relaxation.

Moira Sanderson, R.T.H.S. May 2005.



June Meeting — Cyclone Tracy – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Cameron Archer  
 August Meeting — Tasmanian Heritage Buildings – Cameron Archer  
 September Meeting — Coal Mines under Newcastle Harbour – Ed Tonks.



Curator Val attended the recent M & G NSW Grants Seminar at Tocal and at its conclusion opened the museum for interested visitors.



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