



# Braidwood & District Historical Society

PO Box 145 Braidwood NSW 2622

## Newsletter

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### Vale

#### Robert Arthur George Maddrell

Passed away on 27th September, 2016 in Cairns. Robert was the first President of the Braidwood & District Historical Society.



### Monaro Pioneers

A wonderful database for local historians is the Monaro Pioneers website.

[www.monaropioneers.com](http://www.monaropioneers.com)

### Goulburn Exhibition

The St Clair Villa Museum & Archive in Goulburn has a new display 'Convicts, Crime & Correction: Goulburn's criminal & judicial history in the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

Opening

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016 - 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

Ph: 4823 4448. Free entry.

### Bushranger Tour

A very successful bus tour of the various bushranger sites was conducted by Peter Smith, President, on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Despite the inclement weather, access to most sites was accomplished. Morning tea at Tin Huts and lunch at Gundillion Hall, catered by the Gundillion Ladies was fully appreciated by all.

### Mystery Photograph



This mystery photo was probably taken on a Braidwood Court sitting day, being 10<sup>th</sup> September 1864. Supt Orridge's family donated the photo.

Click on the photo to enlarge

Any family resemblances here? Any suggestions? All thoughts welcome.



## Museum Volunteers Luncheon

Our museum could not function without a wonderful team of volunteers. Sometimes they work unseen in the background, and sometimes you will meet them at the front desk, but they all deserve a big thank you.



**THE CAPTURE OF THE CLARKES**  
**150TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**SPECTACULAR RE-ENACTMENT**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW** [www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au](http://www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au)

<b>Saturday 29 April Braidwood showground</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS</b>
<b>Official Dinner</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	
<b>Sunday 30 April - Re-Enactment Of Trial</b>	<b>TBA</b>	

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Keep **29<sup>th</sup> April 2017** free for this big weekend in Braidwood. On the Saturday, the re-enactment of the capture will be held in the showground at 2.30pm. On Sunday, the Clarkes will be tried in the Court House, using the original court transcript.

See our website for booking online for the Saturday re-enactment.

[www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au/events.php](http://www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au/events.php)

So book your accommodation early and have an exciting weekend.

### **Grazier Wants to Enlist Braidwood Dispatch 1916**

“Mr David Strang, a grazier of Charleys Forest is inspired by the most intense loyalty for the cause of the Allies. Though 75 years of age he is as intense and active as many men 20 years younger. He claimed reluctance displayed by young men of the district in rallying to the colours has exasperated him beyond expression. Believing the Empire really requires his services he has offered £100 to the Government for the chance, which was turned down to the intense disgust of the septuagenarian patriot”.

### **An Echo of the Past Braidwood Dispatch**

In 1916 the oldest Braidwood resident “was James Burke of Jinglemoney born 1843 at The Gardens, where Parnells now live, and moved when 5 years old to Burke’s Crossing Mongarlowe. Here you could walk for a week and never see a white man. The country was inhabited solely by tribes of blacks who used to come to the pub and ask for the empty rum casks. ‘Bulling’ they called it. That night a corroboree would be held. I remember my father and Mr McRae setting out with 3 horses and a dray laden with butter and bacon for Sydney, where the goods would be traded for provisions. This trip occupied over 3 months. My parents were in the employ of Dr Wilson. The family wage was £20 pounds a year and one ration (10-10-2¼). I shall never forget the sight of a convict who had been flogged for some offence. The unfortunate man came to my mother with his shirt hanging across his arm and blood streaming. He begged for some white cloths to dress his back. My parents dragged out a mere existence only by farming until

the diggings broke out. Then they opened a pub and store and did a roaring business until the February 1860 flood swept the whole caboose clean away. Not a stick was left standing. Many will remember the old brick windmill that stood on the eminence near Mr Maddrell’s Mona. Mr J. Jeffrey’s father was specially engaged from Sydney to attend to the placing of the machinery. The mill never worked as it was struck by lightning before it was completed. The lightning was attracted by a flag pole placed on top of it by Dr Wilson’s daughter to welcome her father home from Sydney.”

### **Braidwood’s First Mail Man**

The name James Malone has been long remembered in Braidwood history. He came to our town from Ireland in 1841 per the ship ‘Glenswilly’, engaged as the driver on the first mail service between Braidwood and Sydney, using a cart and one horse. He contracted to



### **Dr Braidwood Wilson,**

and later for Andrew Badgery, when it ran twice per week. It was then contracted to Thomas Rutledge of Carwoola, when the mails also went to Goulburn. During the gold rushes, it was contracted to J.J. Roberts who then kept the Royal Hotel, now known as the Museum. Malone and Roberts became business partners until they sold to Cobb and Co in 1878. Malone

lived on the corner of Duncan and Ryrie Streets. His obituary concluded that he led a life of sobriety, industry, and plodding perseverance, guided by rectitude and honesty. He died in 1888.

### Police Memorial Ceremony

The Monaro Local Area Command will host a commemorative service on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2017** for Special Constables John Carroll, Patrick Kennagh, Eneas McDonnell and John Phegan who were ambushed and murdered on 9 January 1867. To date, the deaths represent the largest mass murder of police in Australian history. A plaque will be unveiled to these four constables at Jinden to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their deaths.

Our committee invites you to come and we will arrange transport. Please contact the Society on 0427 915 959

### Queanbeyan-Palerang Grants

This quarter we applied for a grant through the Stronger Communities Fund for urgently needed archival materials to maintain and protect our extensive collection. We have now had funding approved. Many thanks go to our local council.



### Museum Opening Hours Friday-Sunday 11am-2pm

**Address:** 186 Wallace Street, Braidwood  
**Telephone:** 4842 2310  
**Admission:** \$5.00 adults \$1.00 children  
**Email:** [help@braidwoodmuseum.org.au](mailto:help@braidwoodmuseum.org.au)

See our new website at  
[www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au](http://www.braidwoodmuseum.org.au)

