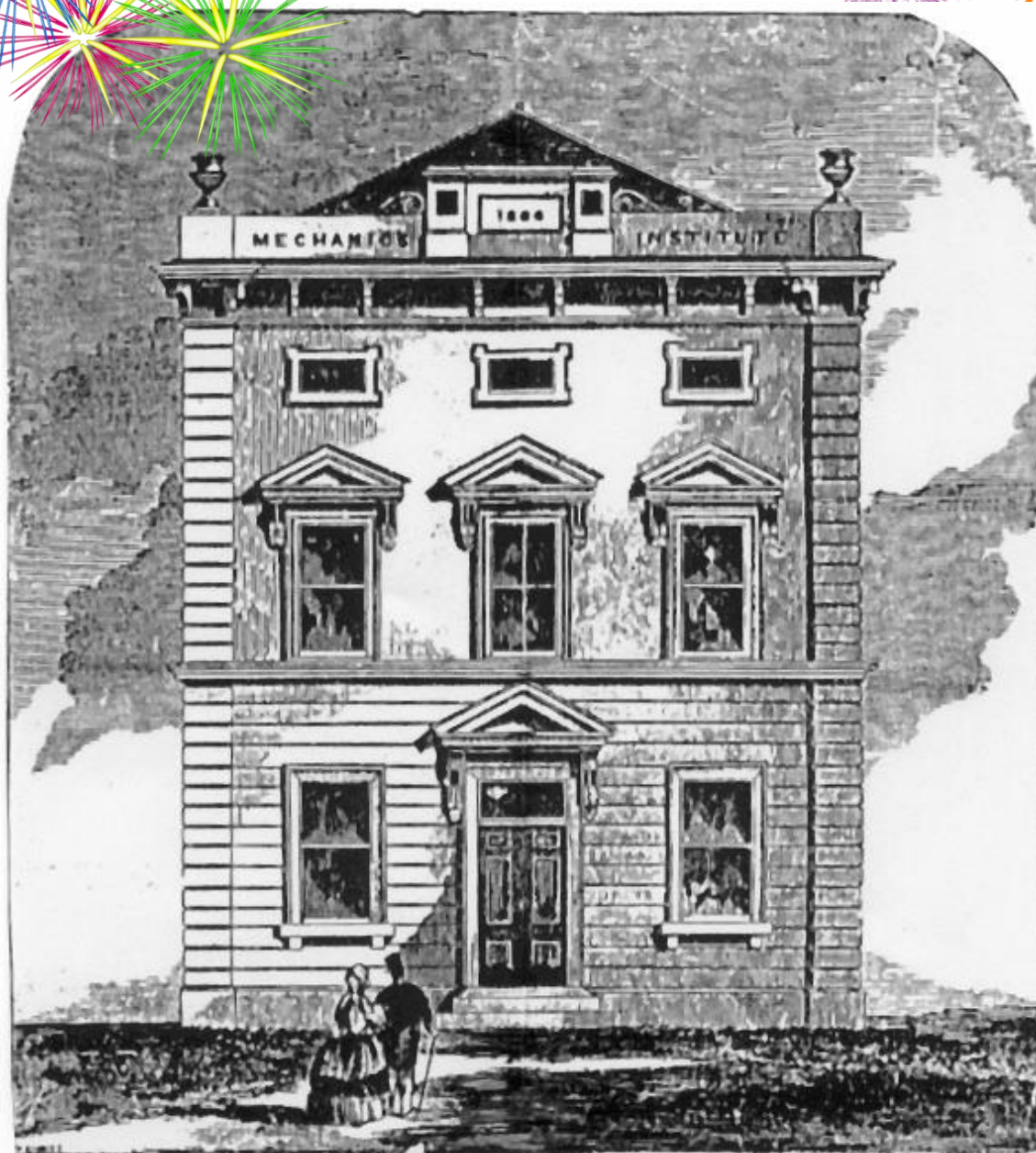


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Front Cover Mechanics' Institute Singleton, Built 1866. Woodblock c1880.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Ian McDougall we wish you every success with your research.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure I congratulate two of our members Dot Clayworth and Peg Moore on their recent entry to Singleton's Hall of Fame. Dot received her award for her contribution to Singleton's rich history and Peg for her contribution to Singleton Netball Association. Both these ladies have served the Singleton Community in various ways and the acknowledgement of their contribution is justly deserved. Awarded posthumously was Augustine Campbell Marshall known as Campbell or Cam for his Public Service; his award was accepted by his son Geoff and daughter in law Jenny.



The Committee and Duty Librarians work hard to sustain our Society for the future, without them we would be lost so I am sure you would join me in expressing our sincere thanks once again.

The AGM will be held on February 17th at 3pm, keep this in mind please. There is always the opportunity to assisting the Society in some way, you just have to let us know your willing.

In saying goodbye to 2017 I am hopeful that all our members will experience a wonderful, healthy and happy 2018 and that your support to our Society continues.

Best Regards

Lyn MacBain

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL FIND THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM ATTACHED. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DIRECT BANK BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO REFERENCE YOUR NAME AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO US. IT CAN BE POSTED OR EMAILED TO THE SOCIETY.

YOU WILL ALSO FIND "A WRITE IT DOWN BEFORE ITS TOO LATE": HAVE YOU FILLED ONE OUT AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE SAFE FOR YOUR FAMILY?

CITATIONS FOR THE WAMBO COAL SINGLETON HALL OF FAME 2017

While much more could be written about the 2017 recipients, below are the official citations.

***DOROTHY (DOT) CLAYWORTH* Category: COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

As a researcher, educator and custodian of our heritage and history, Dot Clayworth has dedicated 50 years to recording the history of the Singleton local government area. She has been an active member of the Family History Society of Singleton Inc and Singleton Historical Social and Museum and her achievements include the publication of Singleton, Municipality and Shire: 125 Years on 1866-1991.

In addition, Dot has had hearing loss since the late 1950s, and as a member of the Better Hearing Group promoted awareness that being deaf does not restrict you from doing activities you love.

***PEGGY MOORE* Category: COMMUNITY SERVICE**

As the first specialist girls' Physical Education teacher appointed to Singleton High School in 1958, Peggy took a lead role in encouraging girls to get involved in sport. She was instrumental in the formation of a Netball Association in Singleton and personally involved in securing Victoria Square in the cricket off-season for netball, assisting with the marking of courts and construction of posts and hoops. She has been honoured as the Patron of Singleton Netball and the clubhouse is known as the Peggy Moore Pavilion.

In addition, Peggy is the current President of the Singleton Historical Society and Museum as well as a member of the Family History Society Singleton.

***AUGUSTINE CAMPBELL MARSHALL (Decd)* Category: PUBLIC SERVICE**

Trooper Marshall served with the AIF during WWI for four years in the Middle East, and served for almost four years in the RAAF during WWII.

His public duties included 50 years as a Justice of the Peace in NSW, member of the NSW State Council and one of two representatives of NSW at the Federal Congress of the League.

In addition, Trooper Marshall served 34 years as a Councillor on Patrick Plains Shire Council, including 26 years as President, was the president of the Singleton Branch of the United Australia Party and later the Liberal Party, and involved in a number of agricultural committees in the Singleton area.



Geoff and Jenny Marshall, Dot Clayworth and Peg Moore.

AUGUSTINE CAMPBELL MARSHALL



Augustine Campbell Marshall better known to most as Campbell or Cam was born on September 20th, 1891 in Cooma in the Monaro district. He was the son of Presbyterian Minister, the Reverend James Marshall and his wife Agnes nee Quinn. Campbell was one of five sons and three daughters. It would appear Campbell's first name Augustine was his father's younger brother's name who died in 1876 aged 14 years old. Campbell lived in various places due to his father's Ministries.

Campbell enlisted in WW1 aged 24 years on October 12th 1915, SERV No.1636. Serving in the Middle East in the 6th Squadron 2nd Australian Remount Unit he did not return until the end of the war in 1919. His Remount Unit was a highly specialised unit responsible for the horses that were used to replace horses wounded or killed in action. The Unit helped break the horses in, train and look after them; getting them ready for war.

Having served in WW1 Campbell applied for the 'Ravensthorpe Homestead' and 820 acres under the Soldier Re-settlement Scheme operating in the 1920s. The 'Ravensthorpe' property had a succession of previous owners and is a historically significant part of our history. It was first established by Dr. James Bowman in the early 1820s by grant and additional purchases. A dowry of some 2,000 Merino sheep from his marriage to Mary Isabella Macarthur; second daughter of John and Elizabeth established the estate but in later years the Marshall's property was well known for its Red Poll Cattle Stud.

On September 15th 1924 at St Stephens in Sydney, Campbell married local girl Enid Raby Moore who was born on October 16th 1900. Enid was the daughter of Edgar Raby Moore and Margaret Alice nee Briggs. Enid grew up on 'Bayswater' property and near where the Baywater Power Station is now located. Campbell and Enid had three children Ruth, Jane and Geoffrey who all received Campbell as their middle name.

In December 1938 Campbell was first elected to the former Patrick Plains Shire Council serving some 34 years in total. Receiving a leave of absence from his Council duties during WW2 Campbell joined the RAAF on January 23rd 1942, SERV No. 264468 and served in the capacity of Flight Lieutenant until July 1945 when he returned to life at Ravensthorpe and his family.

With the Electricity Commission requisitioning more than half of the Marshall holding for the Liddell Power Station in the 1960s early 70s; Campbell secured the remainder outright and received clear title from the Crown. Running 'Ravensthorpe' was no mean feat in itself but add family life and Campbell's public service and endeavours for our community shows the commitment and work ethic of the man. It also highlights the significant contribution of Enid; Geoff explained that his Mum ran everything when his father was away.

It was son Geoff and his wife Jenny who would later run 'Ravensthorpe' which remained in the Marshall family until 1997. Geoff relayed that Campbell maintained a strong interest in all aspects of the property until his death at age 92 years. Campbell and Enid are interred at St Clements Camberwell having passed away on May 1st 1983 and March 27th 1993 respectively.

Compiled Lyn MacBain, Contribution by Geoff and Jenny Marshall.

The Singleton Argus
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th.

CHRISTMAS.

When Christmastide was ushered in last year the world was filled with a spirit of hopefulness that the next recurrence of the great Christian festival would see the nations once more at peace. That hope, alas, was a vain one, and the terrible conflict is now raging more fiercely than ever. Since last Christmas more homes and families, in countless numbers, have been plunged into mourning, and in many a family gathering to-day "the vacant chair" at the annual reunion will cause fresh heart aches. Those casualty lists that appear with such dreadful frequency each leave in their wake reasons for grief, and sadness, and anxiety, and suspense, and so widespread and so general is the shadow of gloom that it is veritable mockery to use the old-time cheery greeting, "A Merry Christmas." Indeed, there will seem an irony in the Christmas message, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men," for many a man at the front. Our own brave troops and those of our gallant Allies are engaged in a strife which has for its aim the ensurance of a universal and lasting peace, but the sacrifices have been appalling and the prospect of being able to sheath the sword is apparently a remote one at present. It is rather a remarkable coincidence that just at this time our Australian troops and their British comrades are actually occupying Jerusalem, that historic place in which so much of the life of the Prince of Peace was passed, and only lately we saw in the cables that British troops had occupied Bethlehem, where our Saviour was born, that place which is inseparably bound up with the celebration of Christmas. It may be that the occupation of "those holy fields" is an augury of brighter days ahead, and it is a consummation devoutly to be prayed for. Here in Australia, though we have been spared the clash of arms on our shores, we have played a splendid part in the great battle of right against an infamous despotism, and much more will yet

be required before the end is reached. To wish our readers "a Merry Christmas" would, under ordinary conditions, have been a very pleasant duty for us, but it will be more appropriate now to convey to them "The Compliments of the Season" and most sincere wishes that victory and an honorable and lasting peace will be attained in the coming year of grace.

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NEW YEAR HONORS.

Mr C. G. Wade Knighted.

Mr C. G. Wade, Agent-General for New South Wales, has been created a Knight Bachelor in the list of New Year honours.

Sir Charles Gregory Wade is in his 55th year, having been born at Singleton on January 28, 1863.

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NB *Transcribed as written but we believe the word should be augury.

Irish Toasts

Here are some Irish toasts and salutations to raise your glasses. Here's to a great year!

1. May your giving hand never fail you.
2. May we all be alive at this same time next year.
3. May the Lord keep you in the palm of His hand, and never close His fist too tight!
4. May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live!
5. May the best day of your past be the worst day of your future.

6. Here's to a long life and a merry one.
A quick death and an easy one.

See: <https://www.irishcentral.com>

A pretty girl and an honest one.
A cold beer - and another one!

7. May your troubles be less,
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness come through your door.

8. May your neighbors respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.

9. Merry met and merry part, I drink to thee with all my heart.

10. Dung hills rise and castles fall, we are all equal one and all.

FROM HOTEL DYNASTY TO A TEETOTALLER

Discoveries in my family had revealed convict William Watts and his convict wife Ann O'Brien had, by their deaths in the 1870's, become very wealthy. My husband and I travelled to Warkworth in the Hunter Valley, now almost a ghost town due to mining. We discovered their graves and connection to St. Phillips Anglican Church. They held very prominent positions in the community for two ex-convicts. Turns out their farm was nearby and it is believed William donated the land for the church to be built.

With help from the Family History Society Singleton, we located William's Will which shows him to have vast acres, homes, businesses and hotels in the Warkworth and Singleton areas at the time of his death. William ran 'The Cock Inn' (on Cockfighters Creek) later the 'Gold Diggers Arms' and he owned the 'Tradesman's Arms' in John Street, Singleton up to 1881. It appears English William was able to overcome his criminal circumstance and raised a huge family with the help of Irish Ann, his wife who was originally his assigned convict servant.

Surprisingly two other branches of my family were also hoteliers at times, Richard Hobden of Jerrys Plains owned the 'Talbot Inn', George Street, Sydney, this is where his wife Albania Walker died. I have learnt that the Hobdens' of 'Great Lodge' Jerrys Plains were among the first to grow grapes for wine and even built a flour mill. The Hobdens' of Sussex, England were farmers through history.

The other ancestor was Richard Cheers; great name for a publican. He was such a brave convict, when his ship 'The Guardian' was holed by an iceberg in 1790, he saved many lives. Thus he was the first man in the colony to be granted a pardon by Lieut. Gov. Foveaux. But that is another story, horse thief or not, I am very proud of him. Richard Cheers, ran the 'Black Bull' in George Street, Sydney, as he established the first butchering business in the colony the name seems appropriate. He is also synonymous with Manly being the first land grantee in 1810.

All three ancestors went on to raise very large families and were obviously very enterprising men; helping to found businesses that flourished. Whether by doing so, they contributed to the detriment of some others, I leave you to determine. Perhaps their donations to church and schools, and efforts in establishing farms and shops balanced the ledger in a positive direction. No matter their chosen jobs, they seized their opportunity and help found a new country.

Oh! if you're wondering who is the Teetotaler ...why me of course.

Contributed by Jan Neaves (Member)

Additional Contribution Miriam Knight & Lyn MacBain

Write It Down Before It Is Too Late

Full Name [even if you don't like it]

Born on [date]

Born at [where]

Daughter of [father first]

Granddaughter of [paternal side first]

Sibling of [full names and dates of birth]

Wife of [full name, date of birth, place of birth, parents]

We met at [also include date, feeling at the time]

Mother of [full name and date of birth]

Grandmother of [full name and date of birth]

As a child we lived at [all the places]

The house at [description]

My father was [occupation, qualities, war service, fondest memory]

My mother was [occupation, qualities, war service, fondest memory]

Circumstances were [lifestyle]

Church [Religion, if attending, where, baptised]

Transport [shank's pony, first car, trams, bus]

Our Neighbours were [who lived next to you,]

I was educated at [all schools & correspondence]

My teachers [You usually only remember the good ones or the nasty ones]

My best friend [Who were they, are they still life long friends]

Pets [any, special ones, names]

The nearest shop [where, owned by]

My favourite treats [description]

My favourite pastime [description]

The biggest event of the year [description]

First job [company, where, when, boss, workmates, description]

My special memories [your memories of people, places and events]

Family Medical History [heart, kidney, respiratory, cancer, genetic, anything]

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PAULINE'S PONDERINGS

INTERESTING VITAL STATISTICS

On the 5th of January 1918 a report from the Clerk of Petty Sessions informed the community that for the quarter period ending December 31st 1917 there were 36 Males and 29 Females born; 9 Males and 8 Females had died and 23 marriages took place. For the entire year of 1917 there were a total of 265 births, 74 deaths and 63 marriages. The amount of money passed through the office totalled £7,220/15/9 pence an increase of £1,800. Wonder what the statistics and cost for the equivalent fees would be for 2017.

See; *Singleton Argus*, 5th January 1918, p6

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RECIPE

Auntie Sheila's Fat Scones

At a recent MacBain family gathering Auntie Sheila Geddes' fat scones were remembered with fondness; this is the nearest recipe we found to replicate them. They are also called Puftaloons.

Ingredients: 1 cup self-raising flour, pinch of salt, 1/2 cup milk, clarified fat to fry [Superfry is good]

Method

1/Sift flour and salt. Add the milk near all at once and make into a soft dough.

2/Turn onto a floured board and knead slightly.

3/Press out one inch thick and cut with a small round cutter.

4/Place a small quantity of clarified fat in a small frying pan. When moderately hot put the fat scones in and fry gently until golden brown turning to cook till the other side is brown.

6/Drain on absorbent paper. Best served warm with butter, honey or golden syrup.

BY GOSH! BY GEE! BY GEORGE!

A customer sent an order to a distributor for a large amount of goods. Noticing the previous bill had not been paid, he rang and left a voice message for them saying he could not send the order until the last bill was paid. The next day the distributor received a collect call with the message "Please cancel our order. We can't wait that long"

MIRIAM'S FIND

BEYOND THE PALE

If a visitor turns out to be unacceptably coarse or rowdy, you might brand him as beyond the pale, and resolve never to invite him again. The pale in question was originally the English Pale (sometimes called the Irish Pale) in Ireland ---that is, those areas of Ireland that at some times or other during the 14th and 15th centuries were effectively as well as theoretically under English administration. These areas were regarded by the English as oases of civilisation. Beyond, according to the English view of things, stretched a land of barbarism, stubbornly resistant to the civilising influence of the English language and culture. (The Irish themselves no doubt saw things differently.) So anyone who regularly behaved in a socially improper way was considered beyond the pale and shunned accordingly.

One other well-known pale in history was the 'pale of Jewish settlement' in the Russian Empire. In the 19th century -- that is, the areas within in which Jews were permitted to reside. The word pale originally referred to a pointed stick or stake, hence a fence or boundary and hence the area enclosed by such a boundary. It goes back through the old French pal, 'a stake or picket', to the Latin palus, which is also the source of our words pole ('a shaft'), impale, palisade, and even travail and travel.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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