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Post World War One Nurses of the St George Area
The women, the hospitals and the children

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To the dedicated women, who in the first decades of last century, provided a safe and supported environment for the mothers and babies of the St George region.
Background

The need for a viable maternity scheme

Ever since Lucy Osburn’s arrival in the colony in on the 5 March 1868, via Florence Nightingale’s nursing school (1), there had been a need for women in Australia to give birth in a safe and clean environment, with trained staff to help them through the birth process. Even local literary great Miles Franklin tried her hand at a nursing career, around the time she was trying to organise the publication of “My Brilliant Career” in 1901. She joined the Sydney Hospital as a trainee, which meant she could live away from home, as nursing would provide her with an occupation and some money while she waited to see if anyone would publish her first novel. However, after only a few weeks as a trainee probationary nurse, Miles had to return home, after the tragic death of her brother from typhoid fever. (2)

Previously, during the 19th century, the fertility rate was equivalent to six babies for every woman. At the same time, the infant mortality rate was 125 deaths for every 1000 births, which is twenty-seven times higher than today's rate of around 4.63 deaths. By 1901, the fertility rate had dropped to 3.9 births, but infant mortality rates were still as high as 103.6 deaths for every 1000 live births. (3)

The Crown Street Women’s Hospital opened in 1893 and each hospital eventually conducted its own nursing examinations. The first external formal nursing examinations were held in 1906 under the auspices of the Australasian Trained Nurses’ Association. The Women’s Hospital also provided instruction to women who
had previously acted as midwives without any medical certification to help raise standards of maternity care.

As Federation occurred, politicians and the general public began to realise the severity of the problem of maternal health and infant mortality. However, it was not until 1911 that the Commonwealth government began to address maternity concerns. A maternity allowance was designed to allow women to be able to afford a doctor or midwife to deliver their infant. The Maternity Allowance Act 1912 came into effect on 10 October 1912, with each mother being given a lump sum cash payment of £5 ($10) on the birth of a child. This allowance was the equivalent to two weeks’ wages for an unskilled worker at the time. Not subject to tax, the maternity bonus was not means-tested or dependent on a character test and the mother of the child did not have to be married to receive the payment. There were limitations; if a mother gave birth to a stillborn baby, she was not entitled to receive the payment, with only one payment in cases of multiple births and sadly, there was a disclaimer…

“ Asiatics, Aborigines, Papuans and Pacific Islanders excluded. £100 Penalty for misrepresentation.” (4)

In order to receive the maternity payment, the mother needed to make the claim within three months of the child's birth.

The first Baby Health Centre was opened at Alexandria in Sydney in 1914 and a Baby Clinics, Pre-maternity and Home Nursing Board was established in July on the same year. This non-statutory body was to oversee the running of the Baby Health Clinics. Sir Charles Clubbe was the chairman of the Board and went on to be the
president of the Royal Society for the Welfare of Mothers and Babies; he was a major pioneer of baby health centres and the first Tresillian mothercraft homes. (5)

A Midwives Registration Bill was passed by parliament in 1915, with the support of the State, despite being frowned upon by both the medical and nursing fraternities. This ensured the establishment of a Midwives Board to govern practice and to register midwives, with both vocational midwives and nurses with formal midwifery qualifications entered on the register. The next year a government inquiry set recommendations that only trained and supervised staff be able to look after post-partum patients. (6)

The Nurses Registration Act of 1924 brought about government regulation of the profession in New South Wales, with nurses banned from providing childbirth care unless they were a registered midwife. In 1928, a further Nurse’s Act was passed which formally abolished the Midwives Board and brought midwifery under the control of nursing. This ended midwifery as an independent occupation in the state. This Nurses Registration Board dealt with the administration and regulation of exams and certification, as well maintaining registers of qualified nurses. (7)

Sydney women have served as nurses in all the wars which involved Australia from the Boer War onwards. One indication of their enormous contribution is the war service of all Sydney Hospital matrons from 1891 to 1956. (8) After first-hand experience of death in war, the idea of birth and new lives would have been found
attractive by such women. Threaded throughout the oral and written histories of the locality are tantalising but fragmented references to the practice of local midwives---Kitty Bain in Bexley and the other women who served local communities throughout the local St George area. Some had military training and experience which they brought to their private hospitals, buildings that were often existing large homes.

Their clientele were women with normal pregnancies who could afford to pay. Some private hospitals accommodated only lying-in cases, while others admitted medical and surgical patients as well. As mentioned earlier, post-natal hospitals such as the Tresillian Society were formed in 1921 in response to the high death rate of children under the age of five years. During the First World War about 63,000 Australian servicemen lost their lives fighting overseas, whilst in Australia about 70,000 children under the age of five lost their lives through poverty, disease and lack of hygiene. (9)

This was the world of the post war nurse in the St George region…
Nurse Catherine (Kitty) Bain

Nurse, Catherine ‘Kitty’ Bain – a midwife and a believer in herbal medicine – delivered hundreds of Bexley babies and nursed many patients through the flu epidemic after World War One. Hers is the story of ‘Montrose’, a Victorian sandstone cottage in Broadford Street, Bexley. She was the widow of a Scots stonemason, George Bain who had settled in Bexley in 1884 and built their family home. (10)

Unlike the nurses who were to follow in her footsteps, Kitty Bain delivered her charges in their own homes. The later nurse midwives worked in private hospitals, some of which they owned and named, providing a safe environment for the future mothers.
There were a few “Montrose” private hospitals in Sydney…one at Paddington in 1915 and one at Dulwich Hill in the early 1920’s.

In 1917, on a Saturday night; Kitty offered a reward for a lost bag containing a purse; that had been lost either at Clifton Gardens or on a boat. She had her address at the time as being 125 York Street, City. Nurse Bain was working at the Coast Hospital at the time of the loss. (11)

Kitty died on January 3, 1926, at her residence, 80 Broadford Street, Bexley, described as; Catherine (Nurse) Bain, relict of the late George Bain, at the age of seventy years. (12) Therefore, for over four decades, or really two generations,
Catherine was the local midwife who delivered local babies in a safe and loving environment.

However, there were many women who continued to deliver babies in the Rockdale area over the period during and after World War One. These amazing women included; Annie Blayden who worked and ran hospitals in various locations in Carlton. World War One nurse, Annie Constance Frost, who ran “Lyndhurst” at Rockdale before going to South Australia to work with Doctor P. W. Rice; eventually becoming the Matron of the CWA Hospital in Gulargambone in 1934. Another nurse, war veteran, Emily Mary Hutchison, ran her private hospital “Acacia”, at Gibbes Street Rockdale. She had served in both the Boer War and World War One and brought many years of experience to her maternal role. There was Nurse Mason at “The Towers”, Forest Road, Arncliffe and Nurse Matthews at Watkin Street, Rockdale. Finally, Ella Ada Fowler who ran multiple hospitals over her time; in Gibbes Street, Frederick Street and Cairo Street, Rockdale.

These incredible women brought literally hundreds of babies into the world and helped bring down the both the natal and maternal death rates in the area with their care. Most of these children grew to be successful adults leading fulfilling lives but sometimes, despite everything that was being done to improve natal care, some babies did not live long or were stillborn. Here are their stories and those of their amazing nurses.
Nurse Annie Blayden

Annie Blayden was born on the 28th January 1884 in Webimble, Bunnan, near Scone, New South Wales, one of eleven children to Charles Blayden and his second wife, Emily Archer. Emily had also been married before to Frederick Corling and brought three children of her own to the marriage. There ended up being thirteen siblings and step siblings in the family. Charles had arrived with his family aboard the “Phoebe Dunbar” in 1856, to experience a new life in New South Wales. There was much sadness in her family as her father’s first wife Catherine had been killed, as the coroner’s inquest found, by a falling tree. Also, one of Annie’s four elder stepbrothers, Matthew, had died in 1858, aged three, from the effects of being badly burnt. Her father then died when she also was only three years of age. (13)

Annie was heavily involved in her local community and in 1910 she attended a fancy dress ball and supper, in aid of the Bunnan School of Arts Building Fund and was reported as being dressed as “Spring”. (14). During her time at home her continuing philanthropic endeavours raised money for Scone Hospital and Scone Musical Society as well as making contributions to the National Belgium Relief Fund with her family in 1915:

“Miss A. Blayden, 2s .6d, Miss B M Blayden, 2s 6d, W. Blayden, 2s.6d, A
W: Blayden, 2s :6’d”(15)

This generous attitude towards community continued in her later life, when in 1942, she visited home to attend the Comforts Fund Ball at Scone Memorial Hall helping to raise nearly £40 and was listed amongst the dancers wearing “blue lace”.
By 1914, Annie was living at Webber's Road, West Kogarah and was based as a nurse at Willison Road, Carlton. Despite working hard, she was as all young things do, having fun as when she was reported as being the bridesmaid at a friend’s wedding in 1920. Work was important, as she was listed on the medical register at the Royal Hospital for Women 9th December 1926 (16) and was enrolled as a nurse on the Electoral Rolls between 1930-1936, at “Baroda” 7 Short Street, Carlton, on the corner of Carlton Parade. (17) A 1948 Gregory's still showed “Baroda” Private Hospital at that address.

Annie faced more family sadness in 1934 with the death of her respected step brother William Corling.

“A HIGHLY-ESTEEMED RESIDENT

It is with profound regret that we have to chronicle the death of one of our best, known and highly-respected residents in the person of Mr. William Corling. He was 64 years and 8 months old, and by his integrity, combined with a jovial disposition, won the esteem and respect of all sections of the community, who regret his demise and extend sympathy to the bereaved ones in the loss of a devoted husband and kind and affectionate father...He was a son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Frederick Corling, of Bunnan, where his mother, a grand old lady, still resides. In addition to a sorrowing widow, the deceased is survived by a family of four (three sons and a daughter), all of whom reside in the district, namely, Messrs. Ted and George Corling, Mrs. G. Dykes, and Mr. Reg. Corling. Mr. Fred Corling and Mrs. J. Newman (Bunnan) are brother and sister of the deceased, while Messrs.. J. Blayden (Merriwa), Alex. Blayden (Newcastle) and Geo. Blayden (Blandford) are step-brothers, and Mrs. T. Hayward (Bunnan), Mrs. W. Jennison (Owen's Gap) and Miss Annie Blayden (Sydney) step-sisters. This paper offers sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of trouble. The late Mr. Corling was one of the foundation members of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows, only three foundation members now surviving... A large number of wreaths and floral tributes were placed on the grave.” (18)
But it was not all grief and work for Annie as she found love late in life and married Reginald Brown in 1936, aged fifty two. Reginald had been born in Leichhardt in 1889 and was forty seven when he married Annie; he died in April 1968 in Ryde, followed by Annie on the 1\textsuperscript{st} December 1968 in Rosslyn Private Hospital, Arncliffe. (19)

There were many babies born under Annie Blayden’s care in her private hospitals; some remembered by just a note in the personal advertisements, and others who went on to become famous for various reasons.

**Olive Ida Smith**

Olive was born just before Christmas in 1916 with her parents living at “Towrie” Princes Street, Bexley, with her two older sisters Masie Rachel, born in London and Kathleen Ruth, born in 1913 in Sydney. Grey Israel Wilkins Smith and Marion Annie Cooper Glencross had married in London in 1906, after the birth of their first daughter. (20)

Olive loved sport, being the hundred yards record holder at her High School but she especially loved hockey and played at a very high representative level. In 1934 she was playing for the New South Wales team, showing great determination and grit:

“Olive Smith, the plucky little New South Wales right winger, who opened the carnival with a damaged head, played a very good game, although her injury has been causing her considerable discomfort. Her eyes had to be bathed for some time this morning before she could see, but she refused not to take the field.” (21)
In July 1936 she was in the team to play against the All-England Women's Hockey Association team, living in Goulburn.

She later made her home in Sydney and applied for and obtained a position with Lustre Hosiery, making her a valuable acquisition to The Lustre Hockey Club which was one of the keenest in the metropolitan competition. Olive wanted to be visible for team selectors for the English tour and she hoped that playing in the city would give her more experience and attention.
Olive was successful in her mission when she was selected to play right wing in the Australian women's hockey touring team. The team took part in the international tournament in England in 1939. In the 1950’s Goulburn High School named a Sport Award after her; the Olive Smith Memorial Bat for the best contribution to girls' sport. In 1994, Olive Smith was an inaugural inductee into the Goulbourn Sports Hall of Fame. (22) Olive died on the 6th March 2004 at the age of eighty seven after a long life and an eventful sporting career.

Joyce Norma Griffin

Another child born at Nurse Blaydon’s private hospital was the child of Charles John Griffin and his wife Edith Maude (nee Curtois) of West Kogarah, named Joyce Norma, born 21st January 1918. Joyce was the fourth child born of eight children; six girls and two boys. The children in birth order were Edna, Jean, Keith, Joyce, Elizabeth, Beryl, Dorothy and Ronald. The Griffin family had lived in the Kogarah
area from 1900-1920 and by 1931, at 91 Grey Street, Carlton. Charles was employed as a coach painter. The family later moved to 105 Frederick Street, Rockdale, where Joyce’s sister, Edna May, was listed as a shop assistant, living with her parents. (23)

Joyce was married in 1938 at the age of twenty to Edward Henry Hawkins in Rockdale. (24) Sadly for the family they lost their son and brother Keith Charles Griffin on the 7th June 1945 in Borneo as part of the 2/20th Australian Infantry Battalion. His cause of death was an undisclosed illness; however it is well known that the second Sandakan death march had started on the 29th May 1945, most likely with Private Griffin amongst the men. Five hundred and thirty six men set out on that dreadful march, but only one hundred and eighty three survived to reach Ranau on the 24th June 1945. (25) It appears young Keith was one of those who did not make it
Private Keith Charles Griffin was one of over 2000 Allied prisoners of war (POW) held in the Sandakan POW camp in north Borneo, having been transferred there from Singapore as a part of E Force. The 500 Australian and 500 British POW's who made up E Force, left Changi on 28 March 1943, on board the S.S. DeKlerk arriving at Berhala Island (adjacent to Sandakan Harbour) on 15 April 1943. The POW's were held there until 5 June, when they were taken by barge to Sandakan. The next day they were transferred to the 8 Mile Camp, which was about half a mile from the B Force compound. Private Griffin, aged 30, died as a prisoner of the Japanese on 7 June 1945. He was the son of Charles John and Edith Maud Griffin, of Hurstville, NSW. He is commemorated on the Labuan Memorial Panel 14.

During this time, Edward and Joyce Hawkins lived at 41 George Street, Rockdale and moved to 32 Tower Street, Panania a few years later and remained there from 1949-1954. In 1953 Joyce's father passed away...

GRiffin, Charles John —July 8, 1953, at 36 Woniora Road, Hurstville, dearly loved husband of Edith, dear father of Edna (Mrs. Theak), Jean (Mrs. Willoughby), Keith (deceased), Joyce (Mrs. Hawkins), Elizabeth (Mrs. Ralph), Beryl (Mrs. Whitefield), Dorothy (Mrs. Jarman), and Ronald, aged 85 years. (26)

Joyce died on the 20th Jan 1960 aged only forty two years old.

**Edward Mowbray Junior**

Edward Junior was born to his parents, Edward and Margaret Marie Dyett (nee Bruce) on the 29th January, 1918 at Nurse Blayden’s hospital, Willison Road, Carlton.
(27) His little brother Robert Bruce Mowbray (1928-2005) was born a decade later with the family living in Hudson Street Hurstville. Edward became a bank officer and worked in that field his whole career. He lived 10 Beaumaris Street, Enfield from 1943-1980 and in 1960 he married Vivian Maxwell Wallace Smith at the age of forty two. Edward Mowbray died 2nd April 1983 aged sixty five years. (28)

**John Hamilton Byrne**

John Hamilton Byrne was born to Mr and Mrs John Austin Byrne in the winter of 1921, on the sixteenth day of May. His father John Austin Byrne was a civil servant and the family was living at 15 Garden Street, Kogarah in 1930. (29) John Hamilton worked as a junior clerk in the Charitable Relief Branch of Social Services Department during 1937. The family were still in Garden Street in 1949 with John Hamilton now a full public servant and his sister Mary Josephine a stenographer. 1949 was also the year he married Eva Grace Morrison. The twenty eight year old Catholic would have been married in the local Catholic Church. (30)

John and Eva moved to Canberra and lived in the suburb of Red Hill during the period from 1963-1972, with John still working with Public Service Department. They moved back to Sydney, living in Bellevue Hill in 1980 and John died on the 9th February 1982, aged sixty. (31) A Mrs Eva Grace Byrne, of 12 Gallimore Avenue, Balmain received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1985, for service to the community, particularly in the area of ethnic affairs. (32) Eva was also a life member of The Federation of Ethnic Communities’ Councils of Australia Inc. Therefore, John
and Eva Byrne were a husband and wife team who dedicated their adult lives to their community.

**Dawn Gwendoline Cork**

Dawn Gwendoline Cork’s parents were Rupert and Clara Cork. Rupert Frederick Cork had been born in Moruya in 1893 the son of Frederick William Cork and his wife Rhona (nee Simmons), and grew up on the Cork family’s Hilltop Farm at Milton, where he worked as a farmer. He joined the local Milton Light Horse Squadron in April 1912 and was promoted to Second Lieutenant in October 1912 and Lieutenant in March 1913. His brothers, Frank Richmond Cork and Albert Stanley Cork, also served in World War One and they enlisted together.

After his enlistment on November 4, 1914, at the age of twenty two, Rupert was appointed to the 6th Light Horse Regiment, 3rd Reinforcement. (33) On May 15, 1915 he joined the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli. Before leaving for Gallipoli from Egypt, he wrote a letter home on May 8, 1915, which was published in regional newspapers across NSW titled “Bullets in Pyjama Pockets”.

“No doubt the residents of Milton are wondering how the local boys are getting on in Egypt. Well, I have only seen two of them, Norman Davis, and Jack Buchan. Norman has been to see me a few times. He looks well and is a champion soldier. I would like to have command of a troop like him. I would fear nothing then. Jack Buchan is camped only ten yards from my tent, so I often see him; he is in the A.S.C. Jack is well and is very keen for the front. His job, of course, is all to do with the transport of food, etc. Frank Poole is still under my command and a good boy too. I have not seen anything of any other local lads.
I have command of B troop, A squadron and a grand lot of lads they are too. They would go through fire I believe. I am quite satisfied to lead them anywhere and I know everyone can be depended on. I suppose that the news of the Australian lads at the Dardanelles has been published in the Sydney papers.

Nothing has been in print here about it. All the news we get is from the wounded. Not a few words about the wounded. They are all brought back here. I have been to the Heliopolis hospital to see them. A grand feature about the carriage of wounded from Alexandria to Cairo is the beautiful trains. These are run off the train lines on to the tram lines and therefore the trains run right up to the hospital door. The Heliopolis hospital is a large hotel which cost six million pounds to build and has been converted into a hospital. It is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, has 1800 large rooms. I think they could take in about 6000 wounded. The first sight that met our eyes was that the footpath in front of the hospital was covered with splashes of blood. On entering the hospital I found wounded lying all over the place, but all were cheerful and bearing their suffering well. The worst cases were left at Alexandria.

The patients here were those who could not get up, those who were able to walk were in the Luna Park, which is a large amusement park similar to the White City. This has been commandeered for a hospital. Also, I hear that two of the small theatres are snapped for hospitals, other hospital in Cairo is full. I went round and chatted to the wounded, who as I said, were all cheerful.

They delighted in pulling out of their pyjama pockets bullets which had been extracted: I notice that the Turkish bullet is sharpened at the point like a pencil. The men were wounded in different parts of their bodies from head to foot, but I never saw one with a bayonet wound, which shows that the Turks were frightened to use them.

Our lads say that theirs was all bayonet work, and nearly every Turk killed was bayoneted in the back. Our lads were mostly wounded and killed while landing. The work done was the greatest and bravest feat ever performed in warfare. The Charge of the Light Brigade was nothing to it. Though our losses were heavy the gain made up for it.

The treachery and cruelty of the Turks is too horrible to mention, I might say that there will be no surrender for any of our regiment when we go; nor will we take any prisoners. I am going to discard my sword and revolver, dress the same as the men and carry rifle and bayonet.

Most of the officers, I think, will do the same, as we will be too easily picked off otherwise. We are moving off in a few days, going infantry, as there is no place for
horses in the Dardanelles (too much rock). When country allows it, the horses will follow. A peculiar thing is that every man carries some firewood on his back; none obtainable there. Well, I might mention that we are all anxious to get there to assist the other lads who have done so well.

Coming back to the hospital again, I might mention that the doctors and nurses are working in a way that deserves great credit, as there is a frightful lot to attend to. The cry is for more doctors.

Kind regards to all at Milton, can assure no matter what happens the local lads here, they may rest assured that we did our duty first.”

Sadly for Rupert he was knocked out by high explosive shell and suffered a nervous breakdown after serving Gallipoli from only May 20th to September 19th, 1915. He was invalided to Australia in November 1915, discharged and granted a pension. The next year he was the war recruiting officer for Eden and other locations on the South Coast and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in July 1917. He also used his military background as a marketing point as an auctioneer and commission agent in 1918.
The same year he married twenty two year old Clara Louisa Gertrude Stone on the 23rd March, 1918 at Hurstville in a military wedding; his sister Hazel being one of the bridesmaids and his brother Frank Cork was one of the groomsmen. The new couple made their new home at Milton and four years later they had Dawn. However all was not well and Rupert deserted the young family, ending with a divorce in 1928 and Clara moving back to Hurstville.

“Divorce Cork vs Cork On the ground of desertion, Clare Louisa Gertrude Cork (formerly Stone) sued for a divorce from Rupert Frederick Cork, to whom she was married on March 23, 1918, at Hurstville, according to the rites of the Church of England. Mr. Sturt (instructed by Messrs. Harry Brown and Co.) appeared for petitioner, in whose favour a decree nisi, returnable in six months, was granted. Respondent did not appear.” (35)

Despite his bad experience in Gallipoli, Rupert moved to Sydney in the 1940 and enlisted into World War II military service for another five years. He died in 1959 at Balmain and is buried at the AIF Crematorium, Rookwood Cemetery, New South Wales.

Rupert was Clara’s first husband and she went on to have two more marriages. She married Harold Gregg in 1929 at Ashfield when she was thirty three and in 1953, she married Anstey Withers Rockwell, aged fifty seven in Burwood. She died in 1965 aged sixty nine at St Leonards, New South Wales. (36) Dawn obviously knew her step father Harold Gregg as her true father. She had already changed her surname to Gregg when she married William Wynter Kirkwood at Parramatta in 1942 and she was listed in Harold’s funeral notice as such in 1948.

“FUNERALS / GREGG.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. Clare Gregg and Dawn, of Mornington, Castle Hill are invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved
Husband and her dear Father, HAROLD; to leave the Metropolitan Funeral Home, Railway Parade, Burwood, This Day, after service commencing at 2.15 pm for the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. Metropolitan Burial and Cremation Society, Railway Parade, Burwood.” (37)

William’s father and four uncles had also served in World War One; his father Noel Edmund Barton Kirkwood attaining the rank of Major, whilst two uncles had been killed in action. Phillip Barton Kirkwood had died on the 19th May 1915 at Gallipoli and Russell William Barton Kirkwood had been killed in France on the 3rd May 1917. (38)

By 1949 the Kirkwood family were living in Parramatta before moving to Tamworth in 1977-1980, by which time they had a daughter Sally Victoria Kirkwood; they eventually had five children. (39) William Wynter Kirkwood died in Port Kembla on the 28th July 1992 aged seventy three, but we have no date of death for Dawn Gwendoline Kirkwood.

Neville James Chynoweth

Neville James was born on the 3rd October 1922 to Mr and Mrs Percy James Chynoweth (nee Lillian Walters). Percy was born in 1889 and died in 1970, whilst Lillian Mabel Walters was four years older than her husband, being born in 1885 and dying in 1959. Percy had enlisted on the 24th February 1916, at the age of twenty seven, as a private in World War One and was wounded in France. They had married in 1920 in Manly and by 1924 they were listed in Sands living at 340 Railway Parade Carlton. This was later listed as a mixed business/sub newsagency. (40)
However, by the next decade they were back in Manly area living at 40 Pacific Street Manly, with Percy running a grocery store there, taking over from his Cornishman father Joseph, who eventually died in 1937. (41)

During the period between 1954 and 1958 they had moved to Lawrence Road, Dural and were running an orchard. By 1968 they were living at 115a Porters Road Kenthurst and Percy eventually died in 1970 at St Leonards at the age of eighty one.

Neville James Chynoweth spent his early adult years in the army, after completing his high school education at the local Manly High, serving with the 9th Division AIF in North Africa and New Guinea. Like many who served in war he seldom spoke of it, but the experience helped to make him the man he was.

With that behind him Neville James was a student at Moore College in Glebe in 1949 after his return from war. This was the theological training college for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and from its earliest days, the college had been sending its graduates as Christian ministers throughout Australia, as well as beyond Australian shores. He was ordained in 1950, serving a curacy at St Michael's Sydney, Rector of
Kangaroo Valley (1951–52) and then a chaplain of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. In 1954 he was living at 19 Arthur Street, Surry Hills with his wife Joan Laurice. Neville and Joan continued to travel around and lived in many places due to Neville’s religious calling.

From 1954 to 1963 he was Rector of St John’s Dee Why and, from 1963 to 1966, St Anne’s Strathfield. In 1966 his ministry took him to Canberra, where he was Rector of All Saint's Ainslie, Australian Capital Territory (1966–71) and then St Paul's, Manuka (1971–74). He was appointed Archdeacon in 1973 and the next year he was consecrated assistant Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, serving until 1980. He then transferred to the Diocese of Gippsland (1980–87) He was the seventh Bishop of Gippsland during this period. He retired in 1987, aged sixty five but still served as an honorary Assistant Bishop in Canberra and Goulburn from 1991 to 2004. (42) Chynoweth was a true man of the cloth, serving his parishes with care.

Left: St. John’s, Dee Why

Right: St Anne's Anglican Church Strathfield
Ainslie All Saints Church was originally built as a mortuary railway station for Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney. It had been designed by colonial architect James Barnett in gothic revival style and was in use from 1868. The railway line went under the main arch in the front of the building. The stonework was bought by the local diocese to build the church in 1957, where Chynoweth was Rector.

St Paul’s was the first Anglican church to be built following the foundation of Canberra as the national capital and the first Anglican parish in South Canberra. Neville Chynoweth was the Rector there from 1971 to 1974.
By 1980 there were three Chynoweth children listed on electoral rolls; Nigel John a clerk, Phillip James a student and Roslyn Joy a nurse. In 1996 Bishop Neville James Chynoweth received an Order of Australia for his work:

“service to the community through the Anglican Church, particularly to the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, and the development of church music”. (43)

Bishop Neville Chynoweth died on the 12th August 2011. There were many wonderful obituaries written about his life and he had a window dedicated in his memory in 2012.
By Bishop Cecil Warren

No doubt many who knew Neville Chynoweth were saddened at learning of his death, as he was a fine priest in a number of parishes, a good friend to many, and a bishop in two dioceses.

His early adult years were mainly spent in the army, serving with the 5th Division AIF in North Africa and New Guinea. Though he seldom spoke of it, this was undoubtedly a severely trying time for him and his contemporaries and the experience helped to form him.

With that behind him, he entered Moore College in 1946, completed his BTh. in 1949 and his MA from Sydney University in 1957. He later earned a BTh. He wrote his scholarship lightly, but as I was to find over the years his occasional letters (the most recent of them only in June this year) were perceptive and thought-provoking. His sermons were, too. He was sincere and scholarly, but never dull. Neville appreciated his time at Moore College and often spoke of it almost affectionately, in later years.

Ordained for Sydney in 1950, he served a brief curacy and was then successively rector of Kangaroo Valley, hospital chaplain, rector of Dee Why (1954-63) and of Strathfield (1963-66). Both of these latter two parishes he much enjoyed, and they him. Like many of a broadly Anglican conviction, however, he felt constrained by the evangelicalism of Sydney Diocese and when I approached him in 1968 about a transfer to Canberra and Goulburn Diocese he responded gladly. He then became rector of All Saints’ Manuka (1968-71) and of St Paul’s Manuka (1971-74). He was Archdeacon of Canberra while at Manuka, from 1973.

While this all said a lot about Neville, Joan had shared his ministry throughout: one thought of them as ‘Neville and Joan’. She has a gentle strength of her own and complemented Neville, keeping him on the needs of their growing family and taking part in parish life. In Canberra and Goulburn Diocese she shared in the early development of AnglicanWomen, and was (and still is) a much appreciated church member.

Manuka’s congregation included lots of able people, and Neville was very much at home there and greatly appreciated its musical development under the leadership of John Barrett. Neville was a great lover of music, having included it in his university studies and delighted to play both piano and organ as opportunity offered. He was also drawn into the training of ordinands at St Mark’s shortly after his arrival in Canberra, a role that was soon to increase.

In 1974 Neville was consecrated and appointed Assistant Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn with widespread acceptance in the diocese. He was asked to oversee the continuing development of ministry in new areas, particularly of Canberra, and the selection and training of ordinands (with the Reverend David Dyer). As Archdeacon, he had been an ex officio member of Bishop in Council, and contributed significantly to its meetings and several of its subcommittees. Now as Assistant Bishop he shared in the Diocesan annual visitation of parishes, especially for confirmations. The Episcopal oversight of the diocese was very much enhanced in consequence.

It was, indeed, surprising when in 1980 he was elected Bishop of Gippsland. Though I had hoped he would continue in harness in Canberra and Goulburn, he had more to give than the Assistant’s role demanded and Gippsland offered fresh opportunities. He went with the prayers of many. His term there is, however, less well known to me than to others who were closer to him. He was certainly fulfilled as a Diocesan Bishop, was at home with his brother Bishops in Victoria and left a considerable mark in his diocese. However, he missed within Manuka parish where he usually led the Sunday worship and ministered in need arose. To me, at least, it seemed a fitting and peaceful conclusion to a gracious ministry. Thanks be to God for his life and example.

* Bishop Cecil Warren served as Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn from 1971-1983.


Left: Bishop Neville Chynoweth

Rae Winifred Barnes

Less is known about Rae Winifred Barnes, who was born on the 14\textsuperscript{th} December 1923 to Mr and Mrs E. A. Barnes of 28 Willison Road, West Kogarah; this area is now known as Carlton. We do know that her mother’s name was Ruby Austin.

Rae married public servant George Joseph Henry Backus in 1944 at Sutherland, (44) and by 1949 George was a dental surgeon and they were living at 54 Terry Street Blakehurst. Five years later they were living at 686 Forest Road Bexley, which later became the site of Sydney Technical Boys High School where a new school building was completed and occupied in September 1956. (45)

The family then lived from 1958 to 1980 at 134 Georges River Road, Croydon Park, with their daughter Josephine Sherle, a student by that time and obviously over eighteen to be listed on the electoral roll. She had one sister Jodie and a brother Austin.
George died in 1986 and Rae Winifred Backus died aged ninety years in 2014

“Late of Thomas Holt Village, Sutherland. Formerly of South Hurstville. Much loved wife of George (deceased), mother and mother-in-law of Susanne and Ian, Jodie and Peter, and Austin (deceased). Loving grandmother and great-grandmother.

Resting in God's care. Privately Buried.

In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer’s Australia would be appreciated.” (46)

Joseph Holohan

Joseph Holohan was born April 10th, 1924 at Nurse Blayden's private hospital, Short Street, Carlton, to Mr. and Mrs. James and Catherine Holohan, of Bellevue Street, Kogarah-a son. He was unnamed in the birth notice but research shows him to have been called Joseph.

The Holohan family lost a son Joseph in 1943 aged twenty one, this was the child Joseph born in 1924. He is commemorated at the Adelaide River War Cemetery.
They also had Richard John, born the next year and a daughter Kathleen Mary, born in 1928.

Joseph Holohan died when the B-24 "Care Less" was shot down on the 11th June, 1943 after the plane took off from Manbulloo Airfield in the Northern Territory on its first combat mission over Koepang in West Timor. After dropping their bombs, this B-24 was intercepted by enemy fighters and shot down over the Timor Sea. It was followed down by Lieutenant A.V. Connary in another bomber, but no trace of any survivors could be found. It was reported to have exploded on impact with the sea. Officials made three searches of the area, two by the 380th Bomb Group and one by 18 N.E.I. Squadron. All searches failed to find them and in the opinion of the Commanding Officer 380th Bomb Group, the crew had lost their lives. The crew of the "Care Less" on this mission consisted of:


![Left: Josep Holohan](https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P05214.001 [Accessed 8 Jul. 2015].)
Clarice Jean Hopkins

Clarice Jean Hopkins was born in the new year of 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins of Carlton. Clarice married Willis Dickens in 1946 at Hurstville (49). Willis passed away on the 4th March 1973 and Clarice died on the 2nd July 2011 in Kanwal. (50)

Max William Krumbeck

Max William Krumbeck was born on the twelfth day of the twelfth month, 1924, a date that would interest numerologists. Young Max had paternal German grandparents, whose son was born in 1886. His mother Lydia May Dobson was born the same year; his parents married in 1910, with the birth of their first child in 1911. Max was born thirteen years after his sister Ada Gretchen, quite a big gap between the births. His father Paul Edward was a plasterer at the time of his birth and the family were still at the 21 Francis Street Kogarah address when Max was engaged to Rosemary McNeil in 1947. (51)

Two years later the young married couple were living at Lot 31 Turton Street, Belmore but by 1958 they had moved out of the area to 22 Neridah Avenue Mount Colah. (52). Then in 1980 they were at 2 Low Street Mt Kur-ing-gai, with Max listed as an executive officer in the travel industry and Rosemary a nurse. Max was a Life Member of The Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) with the journal showing him deceased prior to 2015 (53)
Reid (baby girl)

In some circumstances, we only have some scarce facts about the child born at Nurse Blayden’s. All we know about baby girl Reid was that her mother was Vera A Thompson when she was born on the 11\textsuperscript{th} December, 1924 at Nurse Blayden's private hospital, Carlton. Her father was Thomas D.M. Reid, and she and her mother were both well. (54). Her parents, Thomas D M Reid and Vera A Thompson had married the year earlier in Kogarah. (55)

Clifton Albert Felton

The 28\textsuperscript{th} July 1924 brought Clifton Albert Felton into the world at Nurse Blayden's private hospital, Carlton. The Felton’s lived at 9 Henry Street, West Kogarah at the time of his birth, an area now called Carlton.

![Left: 9 Henry Street Carlton](Google Maps, (2015). 9 Henry Street Carlton. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-33.963369,151.125349,3a,37.5y,149h,90t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sz5jRYPEc1xre_snAN8O2dg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656 [Accessed 8 Jul. 2015].)

Clifton’s father was an overseer in 1949, he lived with his parents, mum Amelia Doris at 15 Arlington Street Rockdale.
Clifton had married Edith Madeline Rose (nee Moorhouse) in 1948 after he had returned from Malaya. (56) Lieutenant Clifton Felton NX69777 had been a prisoner of war in Malaya whilst with the 2/18th Australian Infantry Battalion during World War Two. (57) By 1968 he and his wife were living at 24 Baker Street Oatley. He set up an accounting company Felton and Co based in Oatley; he was still listed in 1980 census at that address.
Clifford Mason McHardy

Mr and Mrs McHardy’s little boy Clifford Mason was born on the 29th April 1927 to Lyell and Jessie McHardy of Bruce Street West Kogarah. Lyell had deserted HMAS Melbourne on the 4 April 1914, where he had been serving as a cabin boy 1st class. The warrant for his arrest was cancelled in August of the same year. (58)

He married Jessie Isabel Mason in 1925 in Ballina and in 1949 he was listed as a steno typist living with his wife, still at 48 Bruce Street, Bexley, as he did until his death in 1963. (59)

Young Clifford became a police constable, listed on various electoral rolls as being in 1949 at Armidale, 1953 Inverell, 1958-1972 Lithgow, 1977-1980 Glenbrook, staying in the police force for his entire career. He married his wife Colleen Mary in 1963. In 1964 he had raised in the ranks to the position of Detective Sergeant. He was
involved in some colourful cases during his career, including the tragic murder case below:

**Father Committed On Murder Charge**

LITHGOW, Wednesday. — David Herman Mason, aged 25, railway porter, of Brilliant Street, Bathurst, was this afternoon committed for trial at Central Criminal Court on a charge of having murdered his 15-months-old daughter, Rowena Mason, at Lithgow on April 16.

Mason stood impassively in the dock as Mr. A. D. Tyler, S.M., committed him for trial next Monday and refused bail.

Principal witness this morning was Det.-Sgt. Clifford McHardy, of Lithgow, who told of an interview he had with Mason.

He said that Mason told him he had the "urge" to kill the child for almost 12 months.

Mason said he did not intend to kill her in Lithgow, but the car broke down when he stopped to see if she was all right on the back seat.

He said he had walked back to the Lithgow main street, but could not find a garage open.

Mason told McHardy, "It was eerie and dark and that strange feeling came over me again."

He said he went back to the car and got the child and took her to the yard of the Hartley County Council.

He made a noose from string, placed it around her neck and waited until she died.

He then knelt beside her and cried and prayed.

Later he had gone to Lithgow hotel and to a café before catching a train to Sydney.

Det.-Sgt. Stephen Powell, of Bathurst, said that Mason told him he believed that "the babies had been switched at the hospital." (60)

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**Marjorie Evelyn Drury**

Marjorie Evelyn Drury was born in the new decade of the thirties on the 23rd September 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drury, of 32 Kuroki Street, Penshurst. Jack had married Alma Evelyn Woods in 1921 after serving overseas in World War One. (61) Jack was only nineteen when he enlisted as a driver, listing his father George
Drury, of “Merissa” Church Street, Ryde as his next of kin. (62). This information is all we know….

Rodney Clarence Fleck

Clarence Wilfred Fleck and Hazel Irene Sarah (Vicky) Vickery celebrated the birth of their one and only child on the 21st February 1931, when Rodney Clarence Fleck was born at Private Hospital in Short Street, Carlton. In 1938 the family moved to 739 Forest Rd Bexley (the corner of Waratah Street), which is now the Avis Car Rental business site. In 1954 Rodney married Janice Hallam at Hurstville. (63)

From 1963 to 1980 Rodney and Janice were living at 16 Burley Rd Revesby, with Rodney listed as a clerk. By 1977 their son Stephen Rodney, an electrician was living there. (64)

Hughes, baby boy

The last official birth I could find at the hospital was that of a son to Dorothy and Harry Hughes in the first few days of 1950. Hughes (nee Wood) 4th January 1950 at Baroda Hospital (private) Carlton to Dorothy and Harry-a son
Finally, the tale of the Hurstville Orphan

When researching you often come across some stray bits of information, not necessarily connected to what you were looking for, but still valid due to some small mention. The Hurstville orphan intrigued me, as it would not have been an isolated incident in a time of war and quiet desperation…

"The "story" given was that Elma`s natural parents were not married. The young mother was a ballerina who had died after the baby was born. The father was in the armed forces and died in action" but all this is completely unconfirmed.

The only form she has is not a birth certificate, but a declaration. P. Newborn No 4.1920 Declaration lodged in the Register General`s Office Sydney, New South Wales on the 17 February 1920 stating that Elma May was born 15 November 1918. And she was adopted in 1919. It then gives details of her foster patents at Kairawa Street, Hurstville Near Sydney, New South Wales witnesses by account by nurse Nurse A Blayden (a possible clue) and names of two other Witnesses. There then follows a declaration by the foster parents as to the truth of the information. It is then signed and dated followed by the name and address of the foster parents a reference number is then given followed by the signature of the deputy registrar. The original document has all the words foster and adopted rubbed away. A copy dated July 1956 was possibly obtained when Elma was told of her adoption. (65)
Nurse Annie Constance Frost

Nurse Annie Frost was born in 1887 in Bowral, New South Wales to William and Alice Frost. When she enlisted, on the 5th June 1917 her address was “Narara”, Gordon Street Burwood, with her mother listed as her next of kin. Annie was aged thirty when she left Melbourne to serve as a staff nurse in Kantara, Egypt and Salonika, now called Thessalonika, in Greece. (66)

Nurse Frost’s hospital, “Lyndhurst” in Railway Street Rockdale, had earlier been a school and in 1910 they had an end of year affair.

“LYNDHURST SCHOOL, ROCKDALE.

The annual prize distribution and breaking-up of the Lyndhurst School, at the Rockdale Town Hall, were made the occasion of a performance by pupils of a musical fairy romance, entitled the “Prince of Petriana,” written and composed by Mr. J.W. E. Johnson, M.P., who distributed the prizes. The principal, Miss McCormack, was presented by the pupils with a silver jewel casket.” (67)

Nurse Frost retrained in midwifery at the Women’s Hospital in Brown Street, Paddington. This hospital became the Royal Hospital for Women, which had an incredible history dating back to the beginning of the colony of New South Wales.
The Benevolent Society had established a Female Committee in October 1820 to provide care to poor married women during pregnancy, labour and after the birth of their baby. This was a specialist hospital for women and babies, since its early beginnings and was the first 'lying-in' hospital for women in 1866. Nurse Frost obviously wanted to up to date in midwifery techniques.

(68)

In 1933 Annie Frost was listed at Strathfield on the New South Wales Medical Register

(69)
In 1936 Sister Frost was quite vocal about how private hospitals should not be training schools for nurses:

UNTRAINED NURSES. Sister’s Allegations "UNFAIR TO THE PUBLIC."

Annie Constance Frost, hospital sister, giving evidence before Mr. Justice Webb in the Industrial Commission yesterday, during the hearing of an application for an award for nurses, said that some nurses, because of ill-health, failure to pass examinations, or for other reasons, left hospitals after twelve or even six months' training and threw themselves on the market as semi-nurses. Some of these semi-nurses had not passed even the intermediate examination and had only a mere smattering of nursing. They usurped the work of the trained nurse. That was not fair to the public. Assistant nurses should not get their experience on people paying high fees.

The Australian Registered Nurses’ Association, she added, held the view that assistant nurses should not be allowed in private hospitals. If assistants in hospitals were wanted they should be given the sweeping and washing-up and should be called "Miss". At one private hospital where she had worked the night nurse was only obstetric-trained and was paid £1/5/ a week, receiving one day a month off duty. Private hospitals should not be training schools.

Cross-examined by Mr. R. C. Cook; the witness said that patients when admitted to hospital were attended to by the matron or a trained sister, who administered, whatever treatment was necessary. They were always available to be called if occasion demanded. ______(70)

Sister Frost is one of four sisters celebrated in the Burwood War Memorial and in the television series “Anzac Girls”. After her time at Rockdale, she worked in South Australia, still delivering babies. She later became the Matron of the CWA Hospital at Gulargambone in 1934. (71) Annie Constance Frost passed away 1971, back home in her beloved Burwood.
Raymond Frederick Bridge Cope

Raymond Frederick Bridge Cope was born at Nurse Frost’s private hospital at Rockdale, to Cleveland John Cope and Ethel Mary (nee Bridge) on the 30th June 1917. Cleveland John Cope had been born in 1893 in Bowral and married Ethel Mary Bridge in 1912 at Newtown. Cleveland had lost a sister, Ethel, at birth in 1895, so a safe place for his wife to give birth was a must in his eyes.

By 1930, the Copes were living at 30 Lasswade Street Ashbury. (72) However, in the period 1936 to 1954, the family had moved down the coast. Raymond was working as a labourer and living in Nowra with Mum, Ethel Mary, maintaining home duties and Dad, Cleveland John Cope, working as a clerk. Cleveland passed away in 1954, after which the family moved to Berry, where they lived from 1958 to 1977.

Arthur William Eaton

On the 23rd September 1917 Estella Pearl and William George Eaton welcomed their son Arthur William into the world. At the time of baby Arthur’s birth the family were living at “Estelbil”, Ocean Street, Kogarah. However, Arthur’s father already had a connection with “Lyndhurst”, with a fundraiser for St George’s Cottage Hospital being held at Rockdale Town Hall with the pupils of Lyndhurst College in 1893.

“Lyndhurst College. — A grand entertainment was given on Tuesday night in the Rockdale Town Hall by a number of ladies and gentlemen and the pupils of Lyndhurst College, Kogarah. The principal, Mrs. J. W. Ball, arranged the entertainment in aid of the St. George’s Cottage Hospital, and Mr. W. Eaton, who carried out the details, did so in such a manner that everything passed off without a hitch;” (73)
Also in 1893, William had been best man at his brother’s wedding, listing the Eaton family as living at Tempe at the time.

“Eaton — M’Kee. — A pretty wedding took place at Christ Church, Bexley, on Wednesday, June 14. when Mr. George T. Eaton, of Tempe, was married to Miss Laura Jessie M’Kee, of Henelto, Kogarah. The church was specially decorated by friends of the happy pair, whose initials were placed in the floral arch erected at the entrance to the chancel. The Rev. C. J. Byng performed the ceremony in presence of a large number of friends, although the weather was not very inviting. Mr. W. Eaton attended his brother as best man, and Mr. W. H. Sayen and Mr. P. Susman were groomsmen. The bride was accompanied by three bridesmaids — “ (74)

Estella and William had married in Marrickville in 1916 and in 1917 Mr W. G. Easton was listed at the 76 Ocean Street Kogarah address, a house they were still living in by 1930.

By the 1949 electoral roll, Arthur was listed as fitter and turner and his father was listed as a coach builder. (75). The Eaton’s must have loved the family home as in
1977 Arthur was still at Ocean Street, now with his wife Ivy Emma and son William George, a painter. (76)

**Kenneth Harold Victory Lambert**

Kenneth Harold Victory Lambert was named by his parents to celebrate the end of the First World War at his birth on the 28th November 1918. His parents were listed in the birth notice as living at 90 Warren Road Marrickville. Charles Henry Lambert had served in World War One as an ANZAC with the 2nd Infantry Battalion embarking on the 8th October 1915 on the HMAT Warilda A69 from Sydney. (77) His mother Mrs E Lambert of Little Gibb Street Carrington via Newcastle was listed as his next of kin and Charles was nineteen years of age upon enlistment, employed as a horse driver.

![Above: 90 Warren Road Marrickville](image)

Norma Mabel June Lambert

Kenneth’s little sister, Norma Mabel Jean Lambert, was born in the middle of winter on the 24\textsuperscript{th} June 1921 at the same private hospital as her big brother; Nurse Frost’s “Lyndhurst”. In 1924 there was a C. Lambert who scored the first run in a baseball game for Leichhardt against Marrickville, playing in a team with a J. Lambert as a member. (78)

Just a note about Harry

Now Henry (Harry) Fairweather was born about 1883 in Scotland, not at Nurse Frost’s Private Hospital, however, there was a link to Lyndhurst. At Victoria Barracks, Sydney, NSW on February 16, 1916 the thirty three year old electrician applied to enlist for active service abroad. Passing the preliminary medical examination, personal particulars on the application were how he was single, 164cms (5ft 4\frac{3}{4}ins) in height with a chest expansion of 80-90cms (31\frac{1}{2}-35\frac{1}{2}ins). His postal address was Lyndhurst, Railway Street, Rockdale, New South Wales. The enlisting officer accepted his application the same day. (79) A friend of Nurse Frost’s perhaps?
Nurse Emily Mary Hutchi(n)son

There were two different spellings for Nurse Hutchi(n)son’s surname which were different for the same person throughout the research; some with the “n” and some without. Emily Mary Hutchi(n)son came from a religious family as her father had graduated from the University of Glasgow 1874, after being ordained as a minister in the United Presbyterian Church. (80) The Reverend Henry Hutchi(n)son, BSc (Glasgow) arrived in Sydney in 1885 without a commission or sponsorship, either from his parent denomination or the home agent of the New South Wales church. The Church Extension Committee were persuaded to recognise Hutchi(n)son's credentials and offered him temporary employment and by 1886 he was in Australia performing wedding ceremonies.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT LEICHHARDT. LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION-STONE.

The ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of a new building, to be used for church purposes by the Presbyterian congregation of Leichhardt, was performed by Alderman Alexander Dean, of Sydney, at Leichhardt on Saturday afternoon. The attendance of visitors, notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather, was large, and much interest was taken in the proceedings. Amongst those present were the Revs. Henry Hutchinson, B.Sc. (minister of the church) (81)

In his first year as a minister, Hutchi(n)son had solemnised but one marriage and administered only twelve baptisms. The first communion was celebrated on 4th April 1886 and by the end of the year, there were over one hundred numbered on the congregational rolls. However Hutchi(n)son clashed with Church officialdom and left for Cootamundra in 1889.
Meanwhile, Emily was keeping herself occupied by being involved in nursing. The first we hear of her and her career is in the Boer War. She was pictured upon her return to Australia with some colleagues aboard the “Harlech Castle”

When the ship reached Adelaide it was reported in the newspapers the future of the returning nurses:

“On board the “Harlech Castle” are three nurses”; Sister Hutchinson, who is going to Newcastle, Sister Wallace, bound for Launceston, andi Sister Teale, for New Zealand” (82)
In 1911 she was again in the press, but in a much different role and not what was stated upon her return. Her religious upbringing had engendered a philanthropic approach to the needy:

“IMMIGRANT GIRLS. SAFEGUARD AGAINST DANGER. A NECESSARY PROVISION.

"There is no doubt that State-aided immigrant girls should be accompanied by a matron on the passage out, and that temporary accommodation should be provided for them by the State on their arrival."

That is the opinion of Nurse Hutchinson, who shepherded a batch of 45 immigrant girls recently on behalf of the Western Australian Government.

"The girls I brought out," said Nurse Hutchinson yesterday, "were a very decent lot, and some of them were remarkably pretty. They were selected by a lady in England. This selection by a lady, after passing the doctor, I regard as very important. There are certain things a lady can ask a girl which a man could not. It should, I think, be made a part of the immigration system. With a lady selecting at home you may rest assured that the right class of girl will be chosen, and, with a matron chaperoning the girls on the way out, you may be sure that none will go astray aboard ship; and, with safe house to go to on arrival, you put it beyond doubt that the girls get a fair start in their new land. Those were the conditions under which the last lot of girls were brought to Western Australia."

Nurse Hutchinson had heard of the stories about recent immigrant girls faring badly, She knows nothing of the facts, but agrees, that the girls run a big risk of coming under bad influence, especially aboard ship, if they are not properly cared for. The provision of temporary accommodation upon arrival she regards as most essential.

"Some of the girls I brought out," said the nurse, "had only a few pounds in their pockets. One little Scotch girl had only one pound. Where should she have been but for a temporary home to step into? I had very little trouble with the girls on the way out. They always respected my stipulation that they were to be in their cabins by 10 o'clock."

Nurse Hutchinson proposes to return to England by the R.M.S. Orontes, and expects to be entrusted with the care of another batch of girls. It is interesting to note that she did active nursing work during the Boer war, and accompanied the first Australian contingent which returned from the field."
Nurse Hutchi(n)son decided to go back to war and use the training she had undergone in the Boer War. She was still single and listed her father, Reverend Henry Alexander Hutchi(n)son, of The Manse, Morwell, Victoria as her next of kin. She enlisted on the 2nd September 1916 and was thirty years old when she embarked as a Staff Nurse on board “R.M.S. Kashgar” on the same date. (84)

Despite being overseas on military duty, during the period of 1914 to 1923, Emily was listed as living at “Acacia”, Gibbes St Rockdale. (85) The hospital was obviously run in her name whilst she was absent on service. She was promoted to the rank of Sister on the 1st October 1918. In April 1932, Emily and her sister, Jessie Isabella, also a spinster, were dealing with their late father’s estate in their role of executrixes. (86) Emily Mary Hutchi(n)son died on the 13th September 1972 (87)

**Ronald Kulmar Corkery**

Young Ronald was born on the 11th September 1914, to William and Ruby Corkery at “Acacia”, Gibbs Street Rockdale. He was the third son for the Corkery family, with William. J. S. being born in 1909 and Albert Keith, the year earlier in 1913. (88) By 1936 he was living with Mum, Ruby and brother, Albert at 10 Clyde Street Croydon Park, working as a cabinet maker.

Ronald married Madge Routh in 1938 at Canterbury and during the period from 1943 to 1968 they were living at 65 Viking Street, Campsie. (89) Three years later in 1941, Ronald’s father passed away with a fourth son, Gordon, listed in the family.
**Corkery.** - November 13, 1941. at a hospital. William, dear husband of Ruby Corkery, of 10 Clyde Street, Croydon Park, and father of William, Albert, Ronald, and Gordon, aged 55 years. (90)

Sadly, Ruby had also passed away by 1945. By 1977 they had moved to 6 Payten Street Punchbowl and were still there in 1980.

**Ronald Victor Hutchison**

On the 3rd of April, 1916 at Nurse Hutchison's private hospital “Acacia”, Rockdale, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Douglas Hutchison (nee Ruby Daisy Collins) had delivery of a son, Ronald Victor. Percy and Ruby had married in Rockdale in 1912 and were living in Cameron Street Rockdale around 1915, the time of Ronald’s birth. They moved in 1925 and for the next five years they were residing at 17 Caledonian Street, Bexley. (91) A villa development is now on the site of their family home.

*Left: Percy Douglas Hutchison*

*Percy Douglas Hutchison. [online]*
*Available at:*
In 1937, Ronald was working as a clerk with his brother Clive Douglas, who had been born two years earlier in 1914, possibly with his father, who was a customs agent. That same year, the family moved to 1 Togo Street Penshurst, a street that no longer exists in that name. During World War Two, the street name was altered to Pacific Avenue, as the residents did not want to live in a street with a name associated with the enemy. This was one of many streets to have their names changed during this period.

Left: Names with history tales

By 1958, Ronald Victor Hutchison was living at 10 East Crescent Hurstville with his wife June Shirley and daughter Dianne Louise; Ronald was now working as an electrical fitter. The family were still at that address in 1977. (92)

Ernest Brown

Ernest Brown had a quite sad childhood. He had been born on the 3rd October 1916 to Private Ernest T Brown and his new wife Amy Mary Holland at Nurse Hutchison's private hospital, Rockdale. Ernest senior had been born in 1894 and he and Amy were married in Waverley on the 8th of January 1916, the year of Ernest junior's birth. Ernest had enlisted as a twenty two year old labourer on the 21st February 1916. He embarked on the 24th January 1917 on the “HMAT Ayrshire A33” from Sydney, leaving his new family behind. (93)

Sadly, Amy died in 13th June 1920; there was another child, an unnamed girl, born after Ernest and before Amy’s death. This meant that grieving Ernest senior was left with two children under the age of four years. (94) Ernest remarried Ethel M Sutton
in 1929 at Rockdale (95). Ernest Junior died on the 31\textsuperscript{st} May 1965 aged only forty eight.

**Gladys Irene Laws**

Gladys Irene Laws was born on the 19\textsuperscript{th} April 1917 to Robert John Laws and his wife Elizabeth Mary (nee Houseman/Haussmann), better known by her nickname of Bessie. Robert John Laws had married Elizabeth Mary Haussmann in 1915, at Ashfield. (96) Elizabeth was thirty three and the fifth child in a family of twelve, four of whom were jockeys. Robert was listed as a traveller in 1936, as work would have been difficult to obtain due to the Depression.

Gladys undertook a work transfer in 1935 when she transferred to Burwood Central School from Canterbury, where she worked as a school assistant for the NSW Education Department, (97) and then in 1940 a Miss G. Laws, moved from Wellington I.H. to Ashfield I.H.

The Laws had two daughters; Gladys Irene, as mentioned above and Aileen Mary who were both clerks in the 1943 census. We know that Gladys worked in the education system but this is not known of Aileen. This census also listed their father now as a civil servant. (98)
Gladys visited her cousin, who also was in education; when she had a holiday at Narrandera in 1944. The visit made page two of the local newspaper.

“Miss Gladys Laws, of Croydon, is on a holiday visit to her cousin, Miss M-A. Shearwin, of the Narrandera High School staff, and is enjoying every minute of her stay here.” (99)

Aileen Mary married Alick Westwood Anderson in Burwood in 1947, but sadly died in 1969. The girls’ father died in 1952 but mother Bessie lived in Croydon till 1980, with her age being ninety two. She went on reach the milestone of a hundred.

“LAWS.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Laws, of 8 Boundary Street, Croydon, and Family, are invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved Husband, their loving Father, Father-in-law, and Grandfather, ROBERT JOHN LAWS; to leave Holy Innocents’ Church, Croydon, This Day (Monday), at 2.30 p.m., for the Catholic Cemetery, Rook-wood. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul at 6.45 a.m.” (100)

Above: Lizzie Laws on her 100th Birthday

Norman Ellis Richard Freeburg

Norman Ellis Richard Freeberg was born on the 1st May 1917 to Ellis Richard Freeberg (1888-1972) and Elsie May Freeberg, (nee Butler) (1893-1969). His sister Betty Eve was born five years later in 1922. In 1930 the family lived in 56 Ocean Street Penshurst. (102) By 1943 Norman was living with his mother at 10 Victoria Avenue Penshurst, working as a factory hand with his father Ellis still at Ocean Street and working as a packer.

However, in 1949 Norman is at 50 Harrow Road Bexley, working as a process worker and Dad is living at Hurstville but neither home has a mention of Mum. Norman had married Phyllis Ashe in 1946, and after a brief time at Bexley, they were living at 16 Albert Ave Sylvania Heights in 1954. (103)

Norman and Phyllis had a son Glenn Alan Freeberg and Norman eventually died on the 15th November 1990. (104)
John Henry Devlin

On a spring day, September 21\textsuperscript{st}, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Michael Devlin had a son John Henry Devlin. Abraham had married Gladys Davidson the previous year at Rockdale. (105) Abraham had been born in Rockdale in 1893 and Gladys was two years younger.

Sadly, the Devlin family had to face the loss of two children; Elizabeth died in 1920 and Leonard in 1923. The loss of a child is always traumatic but Leonard’s death was particularly tragic.

\textit{DEATH PROM POISON}

\textit{Kogarah, Friday. Leonard, Devlin, 12 months old, drank some poison found in a cupboard at West Kogarah and died last night.} (106)

The Devlin’s did have another son Raymond James who was born in 1925 but sorrow continued for the family with the death of Gladys in 1940. Abraham remarried after Gladys’s death in 1944 to Susannah Elizabeth Morgan. Abraham outlived his second wife as well, dying in 1980 in Victoria.

Geoffrey Harry Douglas Draper

Geoffrey Harry Douglas Draper had been named after his father, Harry when he was born on the 5\textsuperscript{th} February 1918. Harry had married Beatrix (Trixie) Lulu Webb at Rockdale in 1915. (107)From 1917 to 1933 the Draper family lived at 35 Bayview St Bexley
In 1942 Geoffrey was involved in divorce proceedings against his first wife Olive Mary Draper (formerly Jordan): whom he had married in 1942 in Sydney. The issue was desertion…

“In Divorce

Geoffrey Harry Douglas Draper v Olive Mary Draper (formerly Jordan). 1942. Issue, desertion. Mr. Seletto (instructed by Mr. William Lander) for the petitioner.” (108)

In 1949 the Draper family were living at “Austell” Darook Park Rd, Cronulla with Harry was listed as a carpenter. Geoffrey remarried to Mavis Elizabeth Beslich in 1950 at Sutherland. (109) and by 1954 Geoffrey and Mavis were living at 16 Alfred Ave Cronulla.

Geoffrey was on the Public Service list in 1960 as a teacher of lithography and died the 8th May 2004, aged eighty six. (110)
Kenneth William Sandoe

On the 16th September 1919, Kenneth William Sandoe made his arrival in the world. His father William Henry Sandoe Junior came from Bondi and obviously did not want another “Junior” but gave the child his first name for their second name. His mother had been, prior to marriage, Stella Rosina Wright. Kenneth also had a sister Mavis Clare Sandoe born two years later in 1921. (111)

The 1943 Census had the family living at 50 Hudson Street Hurstville; Mavis was a milliner, Kenneth a public servant and William an electrician, mother Stella was a “stay at home mum”.

Right: 50 Hudson Street Hurstville. Google Maps, (2015). 50 Hudson Street Hurstville. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-33.96455,151.107016,3a,75y,35.32h,90.93t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1srg1XnKBLnclu-fRtDRvoGg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656 [Accessed 10 Jul. 2015].

The same year Kenneth married Joyce Evelyn Gibson at Hurstville (112) and moved to 9 Edmund Street Beverly Hills with his new wife. They moved to Canberra in 1972 but were back to Beverly Hills in 1980. They must have moved back to Canberra as Kenneth William Sandoe, of Holder, ACT, was awarded an Oder of Australia medal for service to the community on the Australia Day Honours List in 1990. (113)
**Dennis Irwin Goddard**

Mr and Mrs H. C. Goddard welcomed their only son Dennis Irwin into the world on the 18th April 1921 at Nurse Hutchinson's private hospital, Rockdale. The Goddard family lived at Brighton-le-Sands at the time of his birth. Twenty one years later, to the day, in 1942 they announced his engagement to Claire, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith, of Artarmon. (114) Claire Audrey Smith married Dennis Irwin Goddard in Chatswood in 1942. (115)

**Betty Doreen Herbert**

On All Souls Day, 31st October 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Douglas Herbert met their daughter Betty Doreen for the first time.

Malcolm had married Ella Dorothy Coombes in 1920 in Rockdale, having been born in 1898 in Port Pirie, SA. The 1930 census had the couple living at 123 Farr Street Rockdale, with Malcolm working as a joiner. Betty had been joined in 1925 by little sister Gladys Elaine. In the period between 1933 and 1943 the family had moved to Artarmon with Malcolm now listed as a builder; the family living at 11 Francis Street. (116). Malcolm died in 1977, a year after Ella. (117)
Joyce Winnifred Napper

Joyce Winnifred Napper was born on the 28th July 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Napper. Two years later the Napper family were involved with the baptism of their twin sons at the West Botany Street Methodist Church at a memorial font dedication.

BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL.

In the West Botany St. Church, Rockdale circuit, to the memory of Fred, Beat, and Glad. Waine, a beautiful marble font has been given by their parents. The Memorial was dedicated at a special service, on Sunday morning last, by the Rev. David C. Hughes. Special and appropriate music was rendered by the choir. Mr. Stanley Lees, trustee of the Church, and intimate friend of the family, unveiled the Memorial. Each of the three children had been closely associated with the life and work of the Church. Fred gave his life for God, King and country at the Great War. The girls in the prime of young maidenhood were called home. The parents still love and serve the Master, and abound in the work of the Church. This service had an added interest when the infant twin sons of the S.S. Superintendent, Mr. Allan Napper, were baptized into the faith and dedicated to God” (118)

In 1936, four foundation stones of the additions to the West Botany-street Methodist Church were laid on Saturday by four old parishioners, Mrs. L. Wade, and Messrs. W. Napper and J. and A. Bowmer. The additions, which doubled the size of the existing church, cost £1100, and was to be completed in time for the church’s golden jubilee celebrations the following May. Speakers included the Rev. H. Allan (chairman), the Rev. H. S. Bowden (chairman of the district synod), Mr. A. Lane, M.P., and Alderman F. W. Beehag, the Mayor of Rockdale.

Joyce often travelled overseas and lived at 52 Francis Avenue, Brighton-le-Sands between 1968 and 1980. In 1980 she was listed living with her sister, Florence Mary Napper and being a school teacher. (119)
Nurse Mason

Nurse Mason’s private hospital had started life as a private home. The Towers at 105 Forest Road Arncliffe was a landmark property in the area. The first mention found is that of a wedding of Edward William Esdaile, the eldest son of Mr E. Esdaile, to Emily Georgina Parrington of Summer Hill, on the 25th January 1908. (120)

Edward William Esdaile Senior was an optical and precision instrument manufacturer. He married Caroline Anne Simpson but sadly another of their sons, Sydney George, born in Arncliffe in 1895, was killed at Moquet Farm near Pozieres in the Somme on 29 August 1916.

Left: Sydney George Esdaile

Sydney George Esdaile. [online]
Available at:
Three years later there was an auction sale of the grounds:

**ARNCLIFFE— TOWER'S ESTATE.**

Messrs Hardie and Gorman report having held the sale of the Towers Estate, Arncliffe, on the ground yesterday. There was a good attendance, and several blocks were sold at prices ranging from £1/10/ per foot to £3/12/0 per foot. Total sales, £1317 11/ (121)

By January 1913, a Mrs. Fulton was offering private board and residence of the site charmingly situated with a tennis court at "The Towers," Arncliffe, Sydney, for twenty five shillings.

Nurse Mason came to deliver healthy babies at "The Towers" sometime after this period. The earliest birth listed in the news was in 1913, however Sands had a Nurse Mason formally listed at the private hospital at Arncliffe from 1915 to 1922. (122)
The first birth found at a Nurse Mason’s private hospital is that of the son of H.C. Watts (nee Maude Clancy) on the 4th October, 1912 at her hospital “Gambooya” Station Street, Arncliffe. (123)

**Marr baby boy**

However, by 1913, the next birth at Nurse Mason hospital was of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Marr’s son, on the 8th of November of that year. Nurse Mason was now at The Towers. The unnamed baby boy was born to Oswald Marr and Ethel May (Nessie) Wallings, who had married in Paddington at St Mathia’s’ Church just before Valentine’s Day, February 12th, 1913. Nessie was an orphan and was listed as the niece of Captain and Mrs. H Grace V.D. of Waverley. The VD, the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers’ Decoration, had been established in 1899, as recognition for long and meritorious service as a part-time commissioned officer in any of the organized military forces of the British Colonies; in this case Australia.

Sadly, on the 13th of September 1922, Oswald Marr’s beloved wife, Nessie passed away aged only thirty five, at her residence, 152 Wollongong Road, Arncliffe, leaving him with a young son without a mother. (124) The situation was remedied when Oswald remarried to Lily Ivy Rolfe in 1925 and by 1934 Oswald was listed still living at his Arncliffe address with Lily Ivy Marr, working as a warehouseman. No mention was ever made of his son…
Jean Finley McCallum

Jean Finlay McCallum was born on the 13\textsuperscript{th} June 1914 to Walter John and Ethel May McCallum (nee Finley). Walter and Ethel had married in 1911 in Petersham:

\begin{quote}
“MCCALLUM-FINLEY.-December 6, 1911, at Gordon street Presbyterian Church, Petersham, by the Rev J. Edwards, R.A., Walter John McCallum, of Balmain, to Ethel May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Finley, of Stanmore (late Balmain).

At home, Blair Athol,- Station-street, Arncliffe, 12\textsuperscript{th} and 13\textsuperscript{th} January.” (125)
\end{quote}

By 1917, the family of John Hally were living at Blair Athol, the McCallum family having moved on. Twenty years later Jean was listed as living at 697 Hunter Street Newcastle, working as a shop assistant. However, Jean came back to the area after marrying Hurstville boy Walter William Roeder in 1942 at Marrickville. (126) Not much is known about Jean from this point onwards, unlike the next baby to be born at “The Towers”

Sydney James Bowie

Sydney James Bowie’s long policeman’s life came into being on the 21\textsuperscript{st} June, 1914, at “The Towers” private hospital, Arncliffe, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bowie, nee (Mary Maud Mason). Sydney’s father died four years after his birth in Lithgow aged only forty five. When he was twenty six, Sydney married Lucy Beard in Darwin, with his mother now living at Longreach, Queensland.

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BOWIE-BEARD.

At the Presbyterian Church, Darwin, the wedding was celebrated of Miss Lucy Beard, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Beard, Brolga Street, Longreach, and Mr Sydney James Bowie, only son of Mrs M. Bowie, Longreach. Rev. Goy officiated.
\end{quote}
The bride, who was given away by Mr. Tony Kenyon, wore a gown of magnolia figured satin, made on graceful lines. Her long cut tulle veil was attached to a head-dress of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of roses and asparagus fern, tied with satin ribbons.

Miss Mary Nuttall, who was bridesmaid, chose dusty pink silk embossed with silver roses and a headdress of the same shade. She carried a bouquet of roses and asparagus fern. Mr Ronald Brown was best man.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs Fisher, friends of the bridegroom, where about 20 guests were entertained. The verandas were decorated with autumn leaves and roses.

The two-tiered wedding cake was made and presented to the bride before she left Longreach by Mr James Mitchell. (127)

In 1943, Sydney was listed living in Batchelor, Northern Territory with his wife Lucy Ellen at Rankine River working as a Police Officer. He remained in the Northern Territory until 1968, living at Darwin, where he attained the rank of Temporary Commissioner from September 1966 to March 1967. He was awarded an MBE for public service as his work as the Superintendent, Northern Territory Police in 1971; he was retired from the force by this stage. He and his wife retired to the Isle of Capri in Surfer’s Paradise and later to North Beach, Western Australia. Sydney James Bowie passed away in 2006.


Douglas Searle Bryson

Douglas Searle Bryson, born the 3rd October 1914 was a military man, distinguishing himself in the Air Force during World War Two. His father Reginald married May Birch in November 1913 in Kogarah, and were living at Hillingdon, Forest Road
Arncliffe when he was born, Sadly, May died in 1928 at the relatively young age of forty, when Douglas was a teenager.(129)

Before the war Douglas was living at 401 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen and returned there in 1949 after the war to be a manager at his father’s shop. Douglas married in 1945 in England and fought against the enemies in the sky as an acting Flight Lieutenant with 83 Squadron for the RAF. He won and was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross for his efforts.

NAME BRYSON, Douglas Searle
Award D.F.C. Reg.No. 423443 Rank F/LT Service 7
Recommended by Governor-General on
Promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on 4/12/45.
Citation (G. H. File MAF 177 C) Courage & keenness in attacks against major targets.
Insignia received from London 25/2/47. EN LONDON. 7/10/47. G. H. File L/101.
Address of recipient on presentation date "Heather Aue", 27 Rickard Road, NARRABEEN LAKES, NEW SOUTH WALES.
Remarks

Above: Douglas Searle Bryson Award


Douglas and his wife returned to Australia after the war and had two children; Lynette May in 1946 and Reginald Douglas Searle the next year. In 1948, he applied
for a spirit merchant licence for the premises situated at No 401 Pittwater Road Narrabeen. (130). Douglas Searle Bryson died on the 4\textsuperscript{th} October 1994 at the age of seventy nine whilst in New Zealand.

**Robert Arthur Shillcock**

Robert was born at Nurse Mason's private hospital to the wife of Llewellyn Montague Shillcock on the 5\textsuperscript{th} September 1914. His sister, Elizabeth Vera May (Hazel) Shillcock was born nearly three years later on the 8\textsuperscript{th} May 1917. By 1930 Llewellyn and his wife Catherine were living at 204 Frederick Street, Rockdale where he was a carriage builder; eventually he built cars. (131)

In 1941, Robert was in the army when he married Beryl Joyce Nance and by 1943 they were living at 23 King Street Rockdale:

\textit{SHILLCOCK-NANCE. - May 27, 1941, at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Lindfield, by the Rev. G. Nesbitt, Beryl Joyce, elder daughter of the late W. T. Nance and of Mrs. A. Nance, Lindfield, to Gunner Robert Arthur Shillcock (A.I.F.), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shillcock, Rockdale. (132)}

Also in 1943, his only sister married a military man, when Hazel was engaged to Sergeant to Harold William Davidson, A.I.F., the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davidson, of Arncliffe; they were married the next year. Llewellyn died in 1951, Catherine died in 1977.
Edward Robert Ryall

Annie S McRitchie married William Edward Phayer Ryall and went on to have three sons. The first, Edward Robert Ryall was born on the 21st of October 1916, at Nurse Mason’s private hospital. His birth was followed by that of his two brothers Kenneth William in 1918 and Neville Curtis in 1923. In 1943 they were living at 38 Caroma Ave Kyeemagh, with William listed as a manager. (133)

Edward Robert married Eileen Theresa Ryan in 1941 in Kogarah and moved to Brighton-le-Sands. On the 5th October 1942, they had their son William Robert followed, by a daughter Judith in 1945. From 1954 to 1968, the family lived at 23 Pleasant Ave Lindfield, then moved to the Central Coast from 1977 to 1980. A Mr E. Ryall was heavily involved with the establishment of Wyong Hospital and was mentioned in the opening commemorative booklet. (134) Eileen died in 1999 and Edward followed on the 1st July 2000, in Toukley.

Gladys Ferris Blue

On the 21st of October 1916, Gladys Ferris Blue was born to Emma and William Blue of Robinson Street, Sutherland. Her brother Harry William Blue, had been born seven years earlier on the 5th January 1909 in Hurstville, with her parents having married in 1907.
Arncliffe was the scene of a very happy event on September 18th, when a large number of guests met at the invitation of Ex-sergeant and Mrs Ferris, formerly of Trunkey, to be present at the marriage of their only daughter, Emma, to Mr William George Albert Blue, oldest son of Mr. William Blue, of Eskbank. Mr Ferrie, who recently retired from the police force; and Mrs Ferris are widely known and esteemed throughout the western districts and just prior to retirement he had been 15 years in charge of Trunkey district. In that township Miss Ferrie spent her childhood, and a happy incident of the marriage was that her teacher there was one of the chief guests and was given the post of honor at the wedding breakfast. The service was choral, Miss Harris presiding at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in cream silk, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion. The veil was beautifully hand-embroidered by the bride, with wreath and spray of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids, Misses Add's, Emily and Mary Blue, and Miss Gwen Harris were, dressed in white muslin, the two former carrying bouquets, and the two latter baskets of flowers. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold cable bangle; to the two elder bridesmaids, cable bangles and the two younger, broochs. The bridegroom was attended by Messrs Percy Ferris and Percy Blue and the ceremony was performed by the Rev J A Waddell. After the service an adjournment was made to the Oddfellows' Hall where the wedding breakfast was served. The toast of the 'Bride and Bridegroom was proposed by Mr O'Dea, who presided, Mr Blue responding. The Rev J A Waddel proposed the health of the 'Parents' and expressed the deep pleasure it gave him to meet his old friends thus happily and to unite their children. Other toasts were honored. Vocal and instrumental music and other amusements followed. Mr and Mrs Blue left by the afternoon train for Brisbane where the honeymoon will be spent. Their future home will be at Scarborough on the South coast. (135)
In 1930, William was the driver of a train that had killed a fellow worker at Warwick Farm Station. The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death, adding that no blame be attached to the driver and he was to be exonerated. This tragedy was compounded by the death of Emma the next year; William eventually died in 1952.

“BLUE - December 13 1931 at her residence Parkview Bigge street Liverpool, Emma Hannah Louise dearly loved wife of William Albert George Blue and loving mother of Harry and Gladys (late of Arncliffe I aged 50 years At rest” (136)

“BLUE William Albert George - April 17 1952 at hospital aged 59 Leura Road Auburn beloved father of Harry and Gladys (Mrs Toone) and loved father In law of Beatrice and Bert aged 74 sears At rest” (137)
Gladys married Herbert Evelyn Toone on the 16\textsuperscript{th} July 1940 and moved to Auburn. They had three daughters Glenys Beverly, Maureen Esme and Barbara Joy and two sons Barry William and Colin Herbert.

Herbert died on the 10\textsuperscript{th} of December 1969 at Camperdown and Gladys died on the 18\textsuperscript{th} of December 2004 in Laidley, Queensland

**Letitia Olive Layton**

Letitia Olive was born on the 25\textsuperscript{th} October 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick John Layton. The 1943 Electoral roll showed her to be living with her family at 31 Station Street, Arncliffe, employed as a weaver. This was a big year for Letitia as she also
married Francis Stephenson in Rockdale in 1943. (138) They resided at Hillcrest Avenue Chullora from 1949 to 1980.

Marjorie Phippard

Marjorie Phippard was named after her mother, Marjorie McLeod, when she was born on the 24th October 1916 at Nurse Mason’s. Mr. and Mrs A. E. Phippard had another daughter on the 21st June 1923, listed by then as living at “Atiu” Hopetoun Avenue, Vaucluse. (139) These young social butterflies enjoyed a privileged life.

In 1933, a Mr. John Mark Hammond, a graduate in arts and laws at the University of Sydney was admitted to the Bar by the Full Court. He was a son of the late Mr. J. H. Hammond, K.C., at one time an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court, and was made an associate to Mr. Justice Davidson. Upon his admittance the Chief Justice, Sir Phillip Street, was reported to have said that every member of the Bench was pleased to see Mr. Hammond follow in his father's footsteps. This young lawyer was to become Marjorie’s husband. However, in 1933, her future husband was a victim of forgery.

"FORGER'S RUSE. Gets Boy to Cash Cheque BUT SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS.

A remarkable case of fraud, in which a 13-year-old boy was persuaded to cash a forged cheque for £20 in the city on Thursday, is being investigated by the police. The signature on the cheque was a very good imitation of that of Mr. John Mark Hammond, of Stanhope-road, Killara, associate to Mr. Justice Davidson.

A curious feature of the case is that the boy, after cashing the cheque, found that the man to whom he was to give the money had disappeared. The lad then took the
money back to the bank. The bank officers began investigations, and called in the aid of the police. It was found that the signature on the cheque was a forgery.”(140)

In 1935 Marjorie was mentioned in the Australian Women’s Weekly social pages regarding her trip to Europe with some girlfriends before her marriage:

“European Journeys

MUCH travelled Elsie Segaert once more off to Europe. Party of fourteen, including Sheila Simpson, Marjorie Martin, of Cairns, and Marjorie Phippard, and several other young things accompany her. Elsie has now acquired smattering of Italian to add to knowledge of other tongues. Italian ship has been chosen for means of transport.”(141)

Their wedding was on the 22nd April 1942 at Killara, by which time the groom was Lieutenant John Mark Hammond, AIF due to World War Two. The next year, they had a daughter; their first child and by which time John held the rank of Major. (142) The young couple also had a son in 1946, after the war and were living at 12 Koola Avenue, Killara. In 1945, her little sister Beatrice Phippard, a Bombardier in the Australian Women’s Army Service married her army man Lieutenant Geoffrey Nott. (143) Beatrice would have been a corporal in the artillery and possibly would have been in charge of a searchlight during the war.

The 1972 electoral roll show them still at 12 Koola Avenue, Killara with their son Mark John listed as an apprentice

Left : 12 Koola Avenue, Killara

Joyce Florence Deans

Activist Joyce Florence Deans was born on the 16th May 1916, at Nurse Mason’s The Towers, Arncliffe, to Reverend Absalom Quinta Deans and Annie Beatrice Deans, (nee Williams), the second last of their six children. Her baby brother, Robert Arnold Rhonda Deans died in a car accident at the age of twenty in 1939.

“CLERGYMAN’S SON’S DEATH

DROVE AT 60 M.P.H.

At the Inquest In Tamworth(N.S.W.) on Robert Arnold Rhonda Deans (20), son of Rev. Absalom Deans, president of the Queensland Congregational Union, evidence, was given that a car – which Deans was driving, was travelling at 60 miles an hour when it skidded in loose gravel.

Deans was killed on December 24 on the Goonoo Goonoo Road, 23 miles from Tamworth. Witnesses said that Deans was thrown out of the driver’s seat when the car turned over several times. Four other persons in the car were injured. Deans fell head first on the bitumen road, and his skull was fractured. The Deputy Coroner, Dr. MacTaggart, said that he was surprised that the "driver of a car which had been passed by Deans did not stop and report to the police or render first aid". The car was pulled up behind the wrecked car. He returned a finding of accidental death.”

(144)

Two years later, at the age of twenty five Joyce married James Robert Batterham and they lived at Willoughby from 1954 to1980. These few sentences do not do justice to Joyce’s life, when others said it so much better upon her death in 2006.

Left: Joyce Florence Batterham 1916-2006

Joyce Florence Batterham 1916-2006

Activist for equality and peace, mentor and respected elder of Castlecrag, Life Member of the Castlecrag Progress Association

One of Castlecrag’s last links with its ‘early days’ was severed on 16 November 2006 with the death of Joyce Batterham. Just six months after joining with Joyce on the occasion of her 90th birthday, a large number of her family, friends and colleagues came together again at the Community Centre on 24 November to ‘remember, celebrate and mourn’ her remarkable life.

Born at Rockdale on 16 May 1916, Joyce was the fifth of Absalom and Annie Deans’ six children. Both Absalom and Annie grew up in English families in which progressive Christian concern for the disadvantaged was a dominant theme. Absalom was ordained as a Congregational minister a month after their marriage and the young couple set out for the Western Australian goldfields as missionaries. Absalom was subsequently posted to Rockdale in Sydney, and then the family moved to Melbourne where they became associated with Walter and Marion Griffin. Joyce completed her schooling there, then went on to excel at Business College but was also strongly influenced by the values she gained from her parents. Her father, recognised as a leader in the community, preached tolerance and was greatly esteemed for his friendliness. Annie instilled in her daughter a recognition that women’s power rests in influence, not authority.

Joyce came to Castlecrag in late 1931 to stay with her eldest brother Edgar, who had been appointed Secretary of the Greater Sydney Development Association, and his wife ‘Cappy’. She was soon enmeshed in the local community and was influenced by Walter and Marion Griffin and their colleagues. Later she returned to Sydney, where she met Bob Batterham and they were married in 1941.

During the War, Bob and Joyce became residents of Castlecrag, initially living with Rawson and Nancy Deans in the Fishwick House in The Citadel. Joyce and Bob became active members of the community and their four children – Robin, Tim, Dan and Lindy – grew up in the suburb. Joyce’s secretarial skills contributed significantly to community organizations in her suburb.

During the War, Castlecrag was a small suburb with four shops, an hourly bus service to the city, little street lighting, no medical services, no sanitary system and certainly no school. In 1944, Joyce joined with Frank Duncan to establish the Castlecrag & East Willoughby Community Advancement Cooperative Society Ltd to raise money for a community centre. Joyce was setting out on her lifelong involvement in Castlecrag community affairs. As secretary to the co-operative, she worked tirelessly mobilising people to run artists’ fairs, prepare afternoon teas and make Christmas toys to raise money for the project. It was therefore a proud moment for Joyce when her efforts became reality in November 1947 with the official opening of the Community Centre. Its function was expanded in 1951 with the opening of the Castlecrag Community Library. Joyce remained a tireless worker for the centre, serving as a volunteer at the library and as secretary for the Community Centre Management Committee into her eighties.

Joyce’s other great passion was lobbying for the establishment of the Castlecrag Infants’ School. The post-war boom had seen a rapid increase in the suburb’s population and Joyce and others efforts were rewarded with the official opening of the school on 30 June 1950. It was to become a centre for Infant education and community life for generations of Castlecrag families. Accordingly, when the government moved to close the school at the end of 1989 Joyce’s deep sense of social justice was aroused and, along with her daughter Lindy, played an important role for the next five years in the community’s fight to retain the school. Through the family’s union links ‘green bans’ were placed on the site (which opened the door for many other threatened school communities) preventing the Liberal Government from selling the site which they had rezoned to allow up to 64 townhouses to be built. Joyce was always waving a placard with her little granddaughters in the many demonstrations.
organised by the SOS*Crag group, their position vindicated today with overcrowding at surrounding public schools, and lots of young families living in the suburb.

The Castlecrag Progress Association recognised Joyce’s work by awarding her life membership. She was a regular at PA meetings until recent years, with a highlight being her special address at the Association’s 80th birthday dinner on 18 November 2005.

The many family, friends and colleagues at Joyce’s beloved Community Centre on 24 November heard moving presentations on these and other elements of a very full and productive life. Peter Watson, the former Archbishop of Melbourne, was an effective manager of proceedings. Margo Watson (nee Deans) spoke of the Deans parents and their influences on their children. Nancy Deans covered Joyce’s early years in Castlecrag, highlighting Joyce’s steadfast, courageous, loyal and brave character. Joyce’s daughter Lindy, through cousin Cathy, told of the family’s deep sense of respect and loss and concluded with a poem by the late Oogeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker), a colleague of Joyce and Bob. Kim Batterham highlighted how she had been a point of reference in many people’s lives that was unchanging. Kate Westoby outlined Joyce’s many contributions to the Castlecrag community, while her longstanding friend, Jack Mundey, noted the link between the progressive Christian values of the Deans family and socialist ideals. He spoke of the wide range of people who loved and respected Joyce and noted how all those present had been enriched by her idealism and consistency. The selection of a Paul Robeson rendition of ‘Old Man River’ and music and song by Jeannie Lewis and Peter Winkler made strong contributions to the “Celebration of Joyce’s Life”.

In contrast to Joyce’s long and eventful life, some births were not as successful

**Lewis, baby boy**

Sadly for the Lewis family they gave birth to a stillborn baby boy on the 2nd September 1916. At the time they were living at “Almac”, Park Street Arncliffe. They changed homes and hospitals after the loss of their son and in 1924, another son was born and he lived. On the 5th October 1924 at Rosslyn private hospital, Arncliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Arthur Lewis, of 8 Wollongong Road, Arncliffe had their next son; Neil John Lewis. Neil went on to marry and have a son and daughter, who never had the chance to know their uncle.
Beryl Marjorie Doutty

On the 5th November 1916, Mervyn Spencer Doutty’s wife, Florence May, gave birth to a daughter; Beryl Marjorie. Mervyn had been born in 1887 at St Peters and married Florence May Westbrook in 1912. By 1925 the Sands Index shows the family was living at “Avoca”, Wareemba Street, Five Dock. (147)

In 1932, Beryl Doutty gained a Stage I-Pass (Day) in Technical Education Examinations Dressmaking and in 1936 the family was involved in her cousin’s christening, with Mervyn and Florence being the godparents.

“LAWSON NOTES

On Easter Sunday afternoon, Emmanuel Church of England was the scene of a christening ceremony. Mr and Mrs H. J. Ellacott, of Arncliffe, presented their – infant daughter, and the Rev. F. H. B. Dillon officiated. The names chosen for the wee babe were Gwenyth Marjorie. In addition to the many friends and well-wishers of the honored family, there were present Mrs E. Doutty (maternal grandparent), Mr and Mrs. F. W. Ellacott (paternal grandparents), Mr. and Mrs Mervyn Doutty (aunt and uncle, who were there in the capacity of god-parents). Mrs H. J. Ellacott is well and popularly known in Lawson, having resided herewith her parents for many years during her school days, and afterward, and she was for years organist at Emmanuel Church. The name of Doutty has for long been associated with the local Church of England, the late Mr. F. S. Doutty having been a church warden and the choirmaster, and his wife and family untiring workers in all activities of the church. Even after ceasing to be residents of Lawson, the interest and help of this sterling family continued throughout the years. This christening ceremony marks one of the most pleasing functions to be performed by the Rev. Mr. Dillon prior to his early removal to the pastorate of the parish of St. James’ Church, Croydon.” (148)

The year 1939 brought Beryl to marriage, when she joined Neville Greenwood Giles in matrimony at Five Dock:

“GILES-DOUTTY -October 7 1939 at St Albans Five Dock by the Rev W. T. Price, Neville Greenwood, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Giles of Wauchope, to Beryl Marjorie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. S. Doutty of Abbotsford.” (149)
Seven years later, Mervyn died at the age of fifty eight, with three children listed; Kenneth, Beryl and Joan and four grandchildren; Alan, Lance, Jill and Susan. (150) Around this time the Giles family were living at 3 Nicol Street Lakemba, where they stayed until the early 1960’s with Beryl busy with home duties and Neville working as a department manager. In 1963, the family moved to 51 Catalpa Street Turramurra where they stayed for the next seventeen years, with grown up sons Alan Neville, a bookbinder and Lance Kenneth, a photo engraver.

David Thompson Ockwell

David Thompson Ockwell, a baby boy who carried his mother’s maiden name as his middle name, was born on the 24th October 1916, at Nurse Mason’s private hospital. His father was Frank Leonard Ockwell, a clerk and his mother Jessie Thompson. In the 1943 electoral roll the Ockwell family were at 6 Realm Street Arncliffe, with young David working as a salesman. (151)
Tragedy was to strike the family that same year when David's younger brother, Private Leonard George Ockwell, was killed in action on the 14th May 1943 aboard the hospital ship “Centaur”, at sea off the coast of Brisbane. He was only twenty two years old.

“OCKWELL.-Mr. and Mrs. F. L. OCKWELL, of Arncliffe (N.S.W.), wish to THANK relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters, and telegrams in their recent sad bereavement.” (152)

OCKWELL.-In loving memory of our dear son, brother, and nephew, Leonard George Ockwell, killed May 14. 1943 when H.M.A.S. Hospital Ship Centaur was torpedoed off Queensland coast. Inserted by his father, mother, brother, and aunts. (153)

Above : Wartime Poster on the Sinking of the Centaur.
This was the second time wartime tragedy was to strike the family as David’s future wife Dorothy had her uncle, Ernest Randolph Cluett, die on the beaches of Gallipoli on the 7th August 1915. In 1946 David was engaged to Dorothy Elaine Ash of Dulwich Hill and the young married couple moved into Realm Street for a short while, until they moved into their own home at 82 Hatfield Street Blakehurst. (154) By 1963 they had moved to 18 Neirbo Ave Hurstville, and in 1980 David was on his own at Ryde listed as a counsellor after Dorothy dying on the 17th June, 1966.

Edgar George Goode

The Goode family welcomed Edgar George into the world on the 10th December 1916. His father George Ira Goode had been born in 1870 at Kogarah, New South Wales and he had married his first wife Emma Louisa Ratenbury on the 20th September 1893. George had been twenty three and Emma only seventeen when they moved into Bay Street, Rockdale; the home of his parents. They had two children; Elsie Anne Jane (1894-1960) and Beatrice May (1896-1962). Sadly, Emma died, aged only thirty five, in 1911 and George remarried to Catherine Annetta Elizabeth Beer on the 12th November 1913. (155)

In 1937, Edgar was a clerk with the Public Trustee and in 1943 he lived at 9 Byng Street Maroubra. In 1950 he married Kathleen Maude Darvil at Paddington and they had a son. Edgar lived at 34 Portland Street, Rose Bay and 109 St John Avenue, Gordon before he died on the 26th April 2002 at the Gold Coast, Queensland. (156)
Raymond Phillip Randall

Early Christmas baby Raymond Phillip Randall was born on the 22nd December 1917, the Towers, Arncliffe, to Mr. Archibald Thomas and Thirza May (nee Collins) Randall. Between 1943 and 1954, the family was living at Fairview Street Arncliffe. Archibald Thomas a dresser, Raymond was a baker, his brother George Archibald a storeman and Thirza May was a housewife. (157)

In 1960 he married Thelma Margaret France in Rockdale and by 1977 they were living at 27 Gibbes Street Rockdale. Raymond Phillip Randall died on the 27th December 1984; aged sixty seven; a Christmas baby even to the end of his life.

Much more is known about another of Nurse Mason’s babies also born in December 1917…
Valerie Pauline Moore

On the 12th December 1917, Valerie Pauline Moore was born at “The Towers” Arncliffe. Her father, George Frederick Moore (1884-1955) had been born on the 19th July 1884 at Glebe before living at Glen Innes before his marriage to her mother. He was working as an assistant at Quoyle’s Grocery Store, Princes Highway Rockdale in 1910 and he married Florence Lillian Moran (1890-1953) on the 29th April 1912. (158)

From 1912 to 1955, George ran a grocery store on the corner of Stoney Creek Road and Medway Street, Bexley and was listed as grocery and produce store owner. The family of nine lived there before moving to 68 Abercorn Street Bexley in 1936.

Left: Site of the Moore grocery store, corner Stony Creek Road and Medway Street, Bexley.

Google Maps, (2015). Cnr Stony Creek Road and Medway Street Bexley. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-33.949705,151.123157,3a,75y,281.38h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m4!1sQOJdo_4lxypvKyACTpPslw!2e0!7i13312!8i66564!b1/l6m1!1e1 [Accessed 15 Jul. 2015].
George and Florence celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary in 1952, but sadly Ruby passed away the next year and George died at home in 1955.

Valerie was one of seven children, having five sisters and one brother. It would have been a loud and crowded family home, but one of happy memories of holidays and fun with siblings and cousins.
Valerie married Peter William Russell (1922-1992) in 1948 and had two sons and two daughters; the details of two children born in 1951 and 1953 are below:

**CONGRATULATIONS are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Russell, of Bexley, on the birth of a son, Gregory Peter, at the Royal Hospital for Women. Mrs Russell was formerly Valerie Moore, of Bexley.** (159)

**PAULA Mary were the names chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Russell, of Bexley, for their baby daughter, who was baptised recently by Rev. Father E. Walsh at St. Gabriel’s Church, Bexley. Godparents were Miss Betty Moore and Dr. John Quoyle. Mrs. Russell was formerly Valerie Moore, of Bexley.** (160)

Valerie Pauline Russell (nee Moore) died on the 21st October 1999.
Una Noeline Wilson

Una Noeline Wilson was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph Wilson (nee Doreen Jessie Wilson) on the 10th December 1917. Una was the eldest of two daughters and three sons of the Wilson family. She married Richard Bertram Spencer Lovatt in 1937 at Newtown at the age of twenty.

In 1942 Una and Richard had their only child Warwick Robert Spencer Lovatt. By 1963 Una was living separate to her husband; she at 3/418 Lyons Road, Five Dock, with her son, working as a typist and the electoral roll had showed her husband living at 254 Wollongong Rd Arncliffe, a soldier. (161)

Richard Bertram Spencer Lovatt had enlisted on the 20th August 1942 and had been discharged at the rank of sergeant on the 19th September 1947. We do not know what caused the marriage split, but often war does change people. Richard died aged seventy one at Concord Repatriation Hospital on the 5th October 1979. Una moved to 3/99 Milton Street, Ashfield the next year and passed away on the 14th May 2005.

William Homer Nowland

The Nowland’s son William Homer was born on the 29th April 1918 to Warwick S. Nowland and his wife Florence M. Homer; Warwick had married Florence in 1917 in
Randwick. In 1941 William married Estelle Agnes Ryan in Ashfield and by 1943 William had moved and was teaching at Bodangora School, via Wellington. (162) In 1949 he was back in Croydon, Sydney, teaching and in 1980 he was still teaching and living at Summer Hill. (163)

**Patricia Mary Davies**

Like all good gentlewomen all we know about Patricia is when she was born, who she married and when she died. She was born on the 18th February 1919 to Mr and Mrs Frank Davies, of Bathurst; they were a long way from home. In 1942, Patricia married Robert Lloyd Croaker (164) and she died in St Leonards in 1972. (165)

**Ronald Ellis Cork**

Mabel Doust and Alfred Edward Cork married and on the 26th October 26, 1919 at Nurse Mason's private hospital, The Towers, Arncliffe, they had a son; Ronald Ellis Cork. Ronald Ellis Cork married Isabella Mary Harley in 1943 in West Wallsend, New South Wales and they had two sons; John (deceased) and Raymond. (166)

Ronald died suddenly at his residence 307 Bay Street Brighton-le-Sands on the 20th June 1949, aged only twenty nine years of age, leaving behind a grieving extended family as well as a young widow and one listed son. (167)
Doris Nellie Wilma Greenwood

On the 19th March 1919, at Nurse Mason's private hospital, to the wife of George William Greenwood, a daughter was born. That child was Doris Nellie Wilma Greenwood. In 1938 Nellie married Thomas Reginald Langlois at Kiama. (168) All that is known about the couple after that was Thomas and Doris were still living down the South Coast, at Charles Avenue, Minnamurra in 1980. (169)

Nancy Elizabeth Parsons

On the 5th July 1920, Gordon Garfield and Georgina Elizabeth Bertha Parsons had a baby girl, Nancy Elizabeth. Twenty three years later Nancy was listed as a stenographer on the electoral roll and her father, Gordon Garfield, a clerk. (170) In 1945, Nancy Elizabeth Parsons married Stanley Herbert Bussell and the next year she had her own daughter, Dianne.

“BUSSELL.-August 13. at St. Luke's, to Mr.and Mrs. S. H. Bussell-a daughter, Dianne.”

(171)

Left: “Cathay” 3 Park Avenue, Bexley

Sadly Nancy’s mother Georgina Elizabeth Bertha Parsons died in 1947:
“PARSONS, Georgina Elizabeth Bertha - July 4, 1947, at a private hospital, dearly loved wife of Gordon G Parsons, of 3 Park Avenue, Bexley, beloved mother of Nancy (Mrs S H Bussell) and dear grandmother of Dianne. At rest.

PARSONS, Georgina Elizabeth Bertha - July 4, 1947, at a private hospital, beloved sister of Mary (Mrs Simons), Clara (Mrs Starkey), Nellie (Mrs Tougher), and of Alick, Charlie, Robert, and Florrie Kerry. At rest.” (172)

In 1950 Nancy’s husband Stanley Herbert Bussell was getting ahead in business with the importation of pre-fabricated timber garages and Swedish houses.

To complete their family, there was another baby in 1951:

BUSSELL – May 17, at Crown Street Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs.S. H. Bussell—a son. (173)
Nurse Matthews

There was one World War One nurse, Amy Holloway Mat(t)hews who was born in Newcastle and trained at Newcastle Hospital, passing the examination for membership of the Australian Trained Nurses’ Association in December 1908. Nurse Mat(t)hews worked at Berry Hospital and in private nursing before the war. It may have been Amy who was the Nurse Matthews who ran a private hospital in Rockdale.
In July 1915 Nurse Mathews was farewelled from Berry Hospital as she left for Egypt with the 2nd Australian General Hospital.

“Nurse Mathews, of Berry Hospital, was on Friday last presented with a purse of sovereigns by Dr. Goergs, of Berry, on behalf of the matron and staff of the institution, on the occasion of her departure for army nursing with the troops in Egypt. Nurse Mathews was accompanied by the whole of the nursing staff to the railway station, where a number of Friends had gathered to wish her good-bye and a safe return.”

(174)

Amy married Fred Hooton in Sydney in 1919. Fred was a dental surgeon who enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Corps in 1915. He had embarked on the
same hospital ship in 1915 as Amy; this may have been where he met Amy. This was a wartime romance; that went on to produce three sons. (175)

The other wartime nurse who could the one at Rockdale was Sister H. M. Matthews of Australian Army Nursing Service, No. 1 Australian General Hospital.

Above: 23 September 1918. Group portrait of the Nursing Staff of the 1st Australian General Hospital (1AGH). Left to right, back row: Staff Nurse (SN) M. Knight; SN A. Bowtell; SN A. B. Tapp; SN V. C. Hobson; Sister (Sr) D. J. L. Newton ARRC; Sr A. E. Jackson; Sr N. OcC. Walsh; Sr E. E. M. Doepke; Sr C. C. McSpedden; Sr M. Bentley; Sr A. E. McIntyre; Sr B. M. Gibbings. Third row: SN G. A. Morton; SN M. J. G. Wilson; SN F. Kay; SN E. Beagley; SN D. T. Henry; SN F. M. Auld; Sr M. G. Dwyer; Sr A. Hewlett; Sr E. McClelland; Sr E. J. Garven; Sr E. A. Perry; Sr N. B. McKay; Sr M. A. Bromley; Sr E. Hooker; Sr M. H. Matthews; Sr L. M. Burke; Sr E. H. O'Reilly; Sr N. Row; SN C. Mackley; SN A. A. Morehead; SN S. J. Proctor. Second row: Sr T. N. K. Ritchie; Sr H. Morris; Sr M. Ogilthorpe; Sr E. M. J. Graham; Sr L. S. Powell; Sr M. E. Cullen; Sr W. A. Newell; Sr A. E. Shadforth; Sr E. D. Smith; Sr E. G. Dolson; Head Sr E. M. Menhewitt ARRC; Matron Miss E. Cornwell RRC; Head Sr A. Kiddhart ARRC; Sr G. A. Grewar; Sr G. M. Doherty ARRC; Sr C. O'Connor; Sr S. C McDonald; Sr E. Geoghegan ARRC; Sr A Kemp ARRC; Sr M. D. Edis; SN F. E. Harte. Front row: Sr B. E. Williams; SN J. G. Francis; SN S. R. Francis; Sr R. B. Just; SN M. Nisbel; SN L. Creasy; SN M. B. Donaldson; Sr E. Pullar; Sr E. Blythe Clarks; Sr L. Riley; Sr A. Searl; SN A. R. Alleyens; SN G. W. Cadle; SN J. P. Down; SN S. L. Capley; SN S. A. Kirkham; SN K. M. Taylor. AWM E03440

In the period 1932-3 there was a Miss M H Matthews in the Sands Directories in the district of Croydon, New South Wales. Either of these noble women could have been associated with the Australian Army Nursing Service, No. 1 Australian General Hospital (1AGH).

the Sister Matthews from the private hospital set up in their name at Watkin Street Rockdale.

**Allen Twin Boys**

On the 25th June, 1916, at Nurse Matthew’s private hospital, in Watkin Street, Rockdale, Euphemia Allen (nee Sutherland), the wife of Victor Franklin Allen, of the Bank of New South Wales, Rockdale, gave birth to twin boys. As stated in the birth notice the twins' father was the manager of Rocky Point Road Branch of the Bank of NSW and they already had two sisters and three brothers older than them. (176)

One twin was Kitchener Maxwell Allen who was married to Hazel Josephine Perrett in 1935. This marriage broke down and three years later he was again married to Pearl Elizabeth Scarf in Gunnedah, New South Wales. Kitchener worked as a labourer in Tenterfield in the 1940’s but by 1963 he was a storeman in Balgowlah, still married to Pearl Elizabeth Allen. Kitchener Maxwell Allen died in Gosford on the 20th December 1992. Strangely there is no listing for him on any formal family trees, it appears he was regarded as a somewhat of a black sheep in the family. (177)

The other twin was Robert Irving Allen, who served in the military in World War Two as a Lieutenant in the A.I.F. He was married on the 7th December 1940 at the Wesley Chapel in Sydney to Joan Elwyn Anderson of Eastwood, by this stage his mother had passed away. They went on to have four children, three girls and a boy.
Robert Irving Allen died on the 3rd of December, 1986 in Sydney aged seventy years.

(178)

**Colin Alfred Shoesmith**

Colin Alfred Shoesmith was born on the 23rd July at Nurse Matthew’s private hospital Watkins St, Rockdale, to Mr Alfred E Shoesmith and Mrs Mary M Shoesmith (nee Searle).

Sadly Colin’s short life came to an end on December 19, 1933, at Lewisham Hospital, when Colin Alfred Shoesmith, dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shoesmith, and loving brother of Joan, of 5 Gloucester-street, Rockdale, died aged sixteen years. (179). It would have been a tragic Christmas for the Shoesmith family.

![Left: the Shoesmith family home, 5 Gloucester Street Rockdale.](Google Maps, 2015. 5 Gloucester Street Rockdale. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/5+Gloucester+St,+Rockdale+NSW+2216/@-33.949193,151.137031,3a,75y,2h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1sUmcu4T0Smg1x2sn8k57LVQ!2e0!6s%2F%2Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%3Doutput%3Dthumbnail%26thumb%3D2%26panoid%3DUmuc4T0Smg1x2sn8k57LVQ%26w%3D374%26h%3D75%26yaw%3D2%26pitch%3D26%26thumbfov%3D120%26ll%3D-33.949193,151.13703117!i13312!8i6656!m2!s0x6b12ba011f536985:0xa74ee3cd9abdf15716m11e1 [Accessed 16 Jul. 2015].)
Geoffrey Rowley Horsley

Geoffrey Rowley Horsley was born on the 16th February 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. George Harold Rowley Horsley.

Above left: George Harold Rowley Horsley

Above centre: Minnie Adelaide Boyce Allen

Above right: Minnie Adelaide Boyce Allen and George Harold Rowley Horsley.

Geoffrey’s older brother Boyce Rowley Horsley had been born in 1911 and his younger brother Allen Rowley Thorley was born in 1916.
In 1939, Geoffrey married Nancy Evelyn Curtis at Ashfield at the age of twenty five and two years later, on the 19th February 1941, they had a son; Richard Rowley Horsley. Richard Rowley Horsley became an Australian mechanical engineer, educator, and vice chancellor. (180) Geoffrey passed away on the 7th January 2005 at Castle Hill, aged ninety one years old.

**Elaine Irene May**

On the 12th June 1920, Mr. Harry Gearing May and Mrs. Irene Lucy May (nee Prior) gave birth to a daughter, Elaine Irene May. The baby’s parents had married on August 23rd the year before at St. Phillip’s Church, Church Hill. (181)

By 1943, the electoral roll showed Harry Gearing May as a manufacturer and Irene Lucy working at home at Constitution Rd Meadowbank. Elaine Irene was employed as a sales girl. This was also the year that Elaine got married to Colin Hood Ferguson at Ryde. (182) The couple lived at Ryde all their married lives until 1980, when they retired to Port Macquarie.

**Katharine Jean Parr**

Mr Herbert Francis and Mrs Ada Louise (nee Parr) of “Goolara”, Salisbury Avenue Bexley welcomed their daughter Katharine Jean into the world on the 21st February 1924. Herbert had served with the 7th Company Field Engineers, and later with the Motor Transport Corps, in the war. He was the chief insulation inspector of the
Electricity Department of the City Council and they had bought “Goolara” a short time after it was advertised in 1923:

“BEXLEY -Modern Cottage, brick on stone, 6 rms laundry etc., large ver, brick garage cement paths nice garden lawns, etc high pos Price £1300 Apply Goolara Salisbury avenue Bexley” (183)

In 1926, Herbert’s expertise was called upon in the inquest of the deaths of three men at Pyrmont.

**PYRMONT EXPLOSION, CORONER’S FINDING, EXPERTS’ EVIDENCE.**

Conflicting theories regarding the cause of the explosion which occurred, with fatal results, at the works of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Pyrmont, on January 23 last, were given by experts at the City Coroner’s Court yesterday, when the inquiry into the deaths of the three victims was resumed.

Herbert Francis Parr, chief insulation inspector of the Electricity Department of the City Council, said he could find no defect in the lighting installation which would cause an electric spark in the interior of the bin.

“On the evidence we will never know any more than we know now, and that is very little,” he said, in recording a finding that the three men had died from the effects of burns accidentally received during an explosion on January 23 last. (184)

Four years later Herbert Francis Parr was again involved in the Coroner’s Court, but this time he was the victim.

**“BUS FATALITY. TOY MODELS IN COURT.”**

The collision between two motor buses in Rockdale on October 8, which resulted in the deaths of John Charles Roberts, 48, Lillian Jane Sloane, 42, and Herbert Francis Parr, 44, was the subject of an inquiry at the Coroner’s Court yesterday.

A scale plan of Frederick and Watkin streets, where the accident occurred, was produced, and two toy motor cars were used to illustrate the movements of the two motorbuses from Hurstville and Campsie.
Clifford George Grimshaw, driver of one of the buses, who has been charged with manslaughter in consequence of the accident, was present in court.

Sergeant Langworthy, of Kogarah, said he told Grimshaw after the accident that several persons had said he had driven in a dangerous manner. Grimshaw replied, "That is not true. It was an accident and was not my fault." Grimshaw was known as a careful driver. Officers from the Traffic Department said that the brakes of both vehicles were in good order.

After George T. Wilsher, a passenger in the Hurstville bus, George Edward Fortescue and James Burgess had given evidence as to the speed of the vehicles and the circumstances of the collision, the inquest was adjourned until today." (185)

Mr. Herbert Francis Parr was buried in the Church of England Cemetery, Woronora that year. Katharine Jean Parr died thirty five years after her father in 1965

Margaret Marsland

Joseph and Mary Marsland (nee Neal) welcomed a daughter on the 12th July 1925 at Nurse Matthews' private hospital, Rockdale. They named the little girl Margaret.

Left: Noel and Margaret Brand

Margaret married motor mechanic Noel Sydney Brand on the 9th March 1946 at the age of twenty. They had a daughter Ruby Lynette Brand in 1948 and two other sons and two other daughters. They lived at 47 Clarence Road Rockdale.

Margaret died on the 11th October 2013, aged eighty eight years at Ainsley Nursing Home, Burwood.
Nurse Fowler

The woman who was to become Nurse Fowler was born Ella Ada Lawrance in Fulham, Middlesex, England, in 1893. Her family all moved to Rockdale as they were all listed as dying in the suburb on their death certificates. Her father William Henry Lawrance died in 1955 aged eighty five and her mother Ada Emma Lawrance (nee Watkins) died in 1947 aged seventy eight. Her sister Mabel Kate Ringstad, nee Ewer, nee Lawrance (1896-1984) divorced her first husband Ewer and brother William James Lawrance was born in 1906 and died in 1979. (186)

In 1913, Ella Ada Lawrance married Francis John Harold Fowler in Rockdale; Ella was twenty and Francis was twenty three years old at the time of the wedding. Their daughter Doris Frances Fowler was born in Petersham in 1914. (187)The 1930 electoral roll showed the family living at 194 Frederick Street Rockdale, with Francis John Harold Fowler listed as an electrician.

Left: Fowler family home, 194 Frederick Street Rockdale
By 1933 the family had moved; the Electoral roll showed the Fowler family living at 82 Bay Street Rockdale until 1937. Ella’s occupation was listed as a nurse.

They moved further down the road by 1943, living at 8 Cairo Street Rockdale, still with Francis but also a Doris Frances listed as a manageress. In 1958, Ella was living at 46 Preddy’s Road Bexley with Francis, but she had no occupation and no Doris listed at that address. Ella was still at this address until 1980, but on her own since 1964, when Francis passed away. (188)
There was mention of divorce papers for Francis John Harold Fowler, Ellen Ada Fowler and a Bill Harris, with a date range 01/12/1930 to 02/12/1930, at the Western Sydney Records Centre, Kingswood but Ella and Francis lived together until Francis’ death. (189). Ella died in 1980 aged eighty seven years. (190)

![Banbury Cottage 8 Cairo Street, Rockdale](image1)

Above: By the 1940’s the hospital had moved to Cairo Street, Rockdale, Banbury Cottage which had been Ealing Private Hospital.


What of the babies born at Ella Fowler’s private hospital?

**William Robert Cox**

William Robert Cox was born to Helen Marion Cox (nee Amery) and Arthur Edwin Cox on the 15th October 1924 at Nurse Fowler’s private hospital in Gibbes Street Rockdale.
William’s father had been married to Dorothy Annie Targett (1893-1919) before marrying his mother the next year; they had a son Charles, William’s step brother. Helen went on to marry again after Arthur’s death.
In 1933 the will of Arthur Edwin Cox late of 26 Plimsoll Street Sans Souci, was
lodged in probate in the Supreme Court of NSW. Helen Marion Cox was named as
executrix of the will. (191) William Robert Cox was only nine years old when his
father passed away.

On the 5th November 1948 William Robert Cox of Sans Souci married Beryl Joan
Dowman at St George’s Church of England, Hurstville. (192) William died on Died 5th
November 1999 of colon cancer and was buried at Point Clare, Gosford

Jean Evelyn Ward

On the 26th October 1924, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward of Rocky Point Road had a daughter,
Jean Evelyn. From 1949 to 1954 the family lived at 19 Short Street Arncliffe (now
Banksia); Florence Mary running the house, James Greening working as a storeman
and Jean Evelyn a clerk. Jean Evelyn Ward was still there after the death of her
parents in 1977. She never married. (193)

Mavis Mary Bowmaker

Mavis Mary Bowmaker was born on the 29th of November 1925 to Ida Mary (nee
Hansell) and Raymond George Bowmaker at Nurse Fowler’s private hospital. Young
Mavis did not have a long life, passing away at the age of twenty at Kogarah.
Raymond and Ida both outlived their only child by many decades; Raymond passing
away in 1984 and Ida three years later in 1987. (194)
Douglas Mervyn Abigail

Douglas Mervyn Abigail lived a much longer life than poor Mavis Bowmaker. He was born to Lucy Joan (nee Thomson) and Ernest William Abigail of Farr Street, Rockdale on the 22nd of July 1925. Nurse Fowler’s private hospital was literally just around the corner in Gibbes Street.

In 1949 the family was living at 17 Morris St Summer Hill, with Ernest a shopkeeper, Lucy busy with domestic duties and young Douglas working as an engineer. (195)

Douglas must have yearned for wide open spaces rather than inner city living as by 1958 he is a married grazier with his wife Gwendoline Dorothy, living on a property at Long Corner, Adaminaby. (196) However, by 1963 they had moved to the ACT due to the flooding of Adaminaby for the Snowy Mountain Scheme. In 1980 Douglas is
still in Canberra with his wife and two sons; Peter Ernest and Stephen Douglas Abigail. (197)

Joyce Valerie Widgery

On the 3rd of June 1926 Alice Lilian (nee Crealy) and Edward C Widgery of Harrow Road welcomed their daughter Joyce Valerie in the family. In 1937, Joyce and her sister Glen Irene sat and passed their elementary piano practical and theoretical exams. The theory papers had been examined and passed in London. (198)

Joyce was again mentioned in the press in 1942, being interviewed with some fellow female workers at the munitions factory about the problem of sex pests.

SYDNEY GIRLS ARM TO DEAL WITH "ROMEOS."

To repel "Brown-out 'Romeos" many Sydney girls are carrying hatpins, bag needles, spike flies, penknives, cayenne pepper, scissors, or weighted torches in their handbags.

Many are wearing low-heeled shoes so that they can run easily, relying on speed of foot to evade the attentions of any men who might accost them in the darkened streets.

Miss Joyce McCulloch, of Elizabeth Bay Crescent, Elizabeth Bay. said: 'I've got half a pound of lead wrapped round my torch*

"A torch is no good, however, if you don't know where to hit.

"I was a nurse, and know there are main nerve centres on the chin, temple, behind the ear, and on the nape of the neck, where a blow will paralyse a man.

"I'll continue my nursing studies on any brown-out Casanova who makes a nuisance of himself.

Miss Ruby Wallish, who shares a flat with Miss McCulloch, said: "Joyce can have her torch. I'm not so well up on nerve centres. I rely on pepper.

"Any shadow sheik who gets an eyeful won't want to look at a woman for a week."

Two young girls who work long hours at the Ministry of Munitions factory equipment section, prefer different deterrents.
Joyce Widgery, 15, of Cherrington Avenue, Hurstville, said: "It's often late before I leave, so I pop an office spike file in my handbag."

Her office mate, Miss Heather O'Rourke, 18, of Belimba Avenue, Lakemba, said: "My weapon for Romeos is a 2lb. lump of broken casting off a gun, breech.

Miss Rae Whitfield, of Billyard Avenue, Elizabeth Bay, said: "I prefer mother's favourite weapon—the hatpin. I have a cork fastened half-way up the pin so that the pin won't penetrate too deeply."

A King's Cross shopkeeper add she had sold dozens of penknives to women. 'The women said they would carry the penknives with 'both blades open so they could attack any man who made a nuisance of himself,' she added. (199)

In 1949, Joyce's little sister Glen Irene was married to Ian Wallace McAulay of Hurstville. Joyce had married Eric George Toynton at Ashfield a year earlier. (200)

From 1958 to 1970 Joyce and Eric were residing at 25 Westbrook Street, Beverly Hills. They moved to 241 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania in the early seventies and were still there in 1980. Eric George Toynton died in 1994 and Joyce passed away on the 22* May 2007, at Kogarah.

Gwendoline June and Victor Bruce Morris

The Morris' grew to a family of five with the arrival of twins; Gwendoline June and Victor Bruce at Nurse Fowler's hospital in Rockdale, on the 11th June, 1926 as they already had a daughter.

Samuel James Morris had enlisted at the age of twenty three on the 13th August 1915 and had been a salesman living at "Greta" 109 Fitzroy Street Surry Hills with his sister listed as next of kin. On the 30th December 1915 Samuel left Sydney on the HMAT Medic A7. The Medic was well known by the Australian forces as it had
been a key troopship for Australia during the Boer War, some 14 years before its re-engagement in World War One. (201)

Samuel had married Marjorie Mary Treacy upon his return in 1922 and at the time of the twins’ birth, the family were living in Kurnell Street, Brighton-le-Sands. Gwendoline was married to Joseph Jeffrey Turner and had two daughters before her death in 1993. Victor never married and died the relatively young age of forty two in 1969.

Beryl Jean Setton Stone

On June 20th 1926, at Nurse Fowler’s hospital, Rockdale, to the wife of Mr. Charles Stone, a baby girl was born; Beryl Jean Setten. The family were living at Bestic Street at the time of the birth but the 1949 electoral roll showed Beryl living at 23 Samuel Street, Tempe cashier, with her two sisters; Edna Setton, typiste and Irene Nellie Setton, cashier. (202)

Frederick Edwin Williams

Frederick Edwin Williams (Junior) was born on July the 8th 1926 to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Edwin Williams of 104 Farr Street, Rockdale.

Frederick Edwin Senior had enlisted with 2nd Infantry Battalion, 24th to 26th Reinforcements on the 19 December 1917 as a twenty three year old labourer, listing his wife Mrs. Williams of 33 Union Street, Pyrmont as his next of kin (203)
Sadly, in 1939 a forty five year old Frederick Edwin Williams, who fitted the age of Frederick Edwin Williams Senior, drank poison six weeks after his wife left him, leaving a note to his wife begging forgiveness. A finding of suicide was returned by the coroner.

‘Please forgive me for what I have done. I have tried to go on without you but find I cannot. Stick to the children and you will find they all love you, the same as I do.

(204)

Nothing else could be found regarding the family.

**Allan Lesley Marston**

Allan Lesley Marston was born on the 8th of September 1926, at Nurse Fowler’s private hospital in Frederick Street, West Kogarah. His parents Samuel Marston and Maud (nee Hartley) Marston were living in Seaforth Street Bexley at the time of his birth.

Left: Samuel Marston and Maud Hartley

Allan’s father had arrived from Yorkshire in 1911 and enlisted in 1915, at the age of thirty two. He had a trade as a stone mason when he became a Gunner in the 1st Division Artillery Trench Mortar Brigade. He married Maud Hartley on the 16th of October 1920, at the age of thirty seven at Rockdale; Maud a decade younger.

Allan’s big brother John ‘Jack’ Marston had been born five years earlier in 1921 and the boys were good mates. They both followed in their father’s military footsteps when World War two broke out; Allan enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in 1944 at the age of eighteen and Jack in the Royal Australian Navy.

Above left: Allan Lesley Marston

Above right: John “Jack” Marston
Allan also married wife, Hazel Louise Bennett on the 20th of November 1944 at St. Marks Church, Sylvania.

Right: Allan and Hazel Marston on their wedding day.


Allan worked as a carpenter and builder during his married life. He and Hazel went on to have their family; two sons and two daughters. Allan Lesley Marston died due to complications from a scalp melanoma on the 16th July 2008 in Palms Nursing Home, Kirrawee. Between them, the three Marston men covered all three sections of the Australian military in two world wars.

**Bernard Laurence Maybloom**

Bernard Laurence Maybloom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Simon (nee Cissie Rapaport) was born on a spring day; September 26th, 1926. The family were living
at Tempe at the time of Bernard’s birth. The next we hear of young Bernard is when he joined the Children’s Page of the Hebrew Standard of Australasia as an eleven year old.

1937 NEW MEMBER.

Bernard Maybloom, 25a Plowman St., North Bondi, 10 years of age, goes to school at Woollahra. Write and tell me more about yourself, Bernard. (205)

Master Bernard Laurance Maybloom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maybloom, 40 Peel Street, Rose Bay Heights, had his Barmitz-vah at the Great Synagogue on Sabbath of October 7th 1939. Young Bernard was much safer in Australia than most parts of the world at this time. (206)

By 1950 Bernard had graduated in medicine with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and started his philanthropic career as well as finding a bride. Bernard Laurance Maybloom married Shirley Bertha Rosengarten in 1956. Dr Bernard Maybloom also became the first Club Patron, of the Como West Soccer Club in 1958. (207) He donated a trophy, to be played for between Como West, Georges River and North Sutherland, the areas from which he had most patients.

In financial year 2006-2007, the Maybloom’s donated to the Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home, where instead of gifts for each other they donated for occasions such as Bernard’s 80th Birthday and he and Shirley’s 50th wedding anniversary. (208) The Maybloom’s were also patrons of the Ensemble Theatre, donating to various productions.
After being a visiting senior specialist, having been a general medical practitioner and then pathologist, in retirement Bernard and Shirley both joined Probus in 2009. He was last heard of as being an active boat owner sailor, bowler and bridge player and living with Shirley on Neutral Bay’s waterfront.

Betty Joan Eaton

Ivy Maude Eaton (nee Davies) and John Thomas Eaton celebrated the birth of their daughter Betty Joan on the 18th October 1926; their address at the time was “Valhalla”, William Street, Rockdale. John was in the Navy during World War Two, a Chief Petty Officer aboard the HMAS Canberra. He was mentioned in dispatches in June 1942:

Above: Honours and Awards: John Thomas Eaton

By 1949 the family were living at 17 Soldiers Rd Jannali, with Betty working as a stenotypiste, Ivy Maud with home duties and, John Thomas employed as a naval officer. Two years later Betty Joan Eaton married Sydney Bernard Thompson at Rockdale. (209) Sydney was a teacher like his father, Mr. George Stiles Thompson, who had been an esteemed member of the Education Department for over forty five years before his death in 1920. The couple moved to 115 President Avenue, Miranda in 1968, Sydney working as a teacher and Betty involved with home duties.

**Valerie Jean Baker**

April the 25th 1927 brought about the birth of Valerie Jean Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker, of Farr Street Rockdale. The 1949 electoral roll shows the family living at 77 Farr St Rockdale with Valerie involved with home duties, Harold Alfred a clerk, Dorothy Beulah also home duties and Harold George a roof tiler. There was a Helena Australia Baker living next door at 75 Farr Street, quite possibly Valerie’s paternal Grandmother.

*Left: 77 Farr Street, Rockdale*

Valerie Jean Baker married Donald Albert Wallace in 1950 at Rockdale, he was twenty two. In 1958 Valerie and Donald were living at Sussex Street Bullaburra in the Blue Mountains area. (210) Sadly, Valerie Jean Baker passed away in 1964 and in 1968 Donald moved to 6 DeQuincey Road in the same suburb and was listed as a butcher with a new wife, Lorraine Dell Wallace. Donald Albert Wallace died in 1995.

Jack Goode

Mr. and Mrs. W. Goode (nee Myra Schafer) of Herbert Street Rockdale had a son delivered at Nurse Fowler’s Rockdale Hospital on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 1927. They called him Jack.

From 1949 to 1954 Jack was living at 18 McLeod St Hurstville boilermaker with his Mother, Myra. (211)In 1957 Jack married Margaret Gietz at Rockdale and moved to 2 Napper Avenue Riverwood. Jack died on the 27\textsuperscript{th} November 1998 at Budgewoi (formally of Riverwood) aged seventy one years old.

Martin John Henry Iffland

Little Martin John Henry Iffland was born to Mary Elizabeth (nee O’ Leary) and John “Jock” Alfred Iffland from Cronulla on the 1\textsuperscript{st} May 1927. The reputation of Nurse Fowler’s hospital at Rockdale must have enticed them from the southern suburbs. They must have later moved, as the 1949 electoral roll showed the family living at 38
Mimosa Street Bexley with Martin employed as a butcher and his dad John a bus driver.

In 1950, at the age of twenty three, Martin married Mary Philomena Downey at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Rockdale.

“AT St. Joseph's Church, Rockdale, Children of Mary formed a guard of honor for the marriage, solemnised prior to Nuptial Mass, of Mary Philomena, only child of the late Sylvester and Christina Downey, and Martin John, -only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Alfred Iffland, of Bexley. The Papal Blessing as read by the Rev. Father William Murray, who officiated at the ceremony. The bride was escorted to the altar by her uncle, Mr. W. Russell, and attended by her cousins, Misses Jane Russell, Ruth - Rowley and Catherine Quoyle. Messrs. John Rochford, Allan Russell and Edward Whiteley attended the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell, uncle and aunt of the bride, entertained120 guests .at the reception.”(212)

Left: Martin and Mary Iffland.

In 1951, the couple gave birth to their first child, Martin Gerard at St Margaret’s Private Hospital. The new baby was baptised at St. Joseph’s Church, Rockdale, by the Reverend Father W. Murray. The God parents were John Rowley and Pauline Russell. (213) The Iffland’s went on to have three more sons, Bernard Joseph, Anthony Francis and Paul and a daughter, Maureen. Martin John Henry Iffland passed away on the 6th of September 2009. His son Bernard wrote a beautiful obituary about his father for the funeral, which was then published on the front page of the Catholic Weekly.
Martin John Henry Iffland
May 1, 1927 – September 6, 2009

Martin John Henry Iffland – born on Labor Day and died on Father’s Day. A man of great faith who was grateful for everything life brought his way.

Martin was born in Frederick St, Rockdale, the only child of Jack and Mary. His generous mother accommodated many in that humble house in Mimosa St, which was built by his Irish grandfather Martin O’Leary. He grew up with the neighbourhood kids of Mimosa St and explored the storm water canals of Bexley gully with his mate Don Roberts and his brothers.

He was first educated by the Sisters of Charity at Hurstville. He started smoking at age four, sharing a smoke with his grandfather Harry Iffland on the front veranda at Mimosa St. He commenced driving solo regularly at age nine. His father owned Hurstville U Drive, and at nine years old Dad was given the job to drive a dirty car from Hurstville, clean it at Mimosa St and return to Hurstville ready to take another.

He started grade 4 at Marist Brothers Kogarah and left at age 14 to take up an apprenticeship. He was apprenticed to butcher Jack Weeden in Frederick St, Rockdale. He started work in short pants alongside some pretty tough men. Dad loved the trade in fact Dad loved work. Butchery provided Martin contact with people. His people skills flourished. When many a customer would compliment him on the quality, he would respond: “It wasn’t the meat but the way you cooked it.”

Mum says she and Dad met at Bexley CYO but Dad says he spotted her well before that as a spectator at a Clarence Rd billycart derby. Their first date was to the picture theatre to see the romantic film Casablanca. Soon they were an item. Mum said he has been her rock since she was 17 and Dad would say the same of her.

They were married at St Joseph’s Rockdale and formed a formidable team. Mum was the most important person in his life. Their union is an example of what love, compassion, dignity, generosity, respect, humour and romance can produce. Mum and Dad would often speak of the joy of having such a large family considering they were both only children.

Dad was already a member of the trade union and the Labor Party when they married. Dad got involved with the trade union movement, left his job as a butcher and became an organiser for the Meat Union. He became senior vice president during those turbulent years. Dad returned to his trade and eventually bought the business after Eddie Carson’s death, renaming the shop Rockdale West Butchery.

The future for the small suburban butcher became uncertain. Dad sold the shop and later landed a job as a quarantine inspector. He loved the work at the docks and Sydney Airport. When the Greiner Government decided to lay off all permanent part time employees Dad thought his days there were numbered. He was summoned to his boss’s office and told: “Martin I can’t put you off; they’d have my skin.” He showed Dad his file with dozens of letters from people expressing gratitude for his exceptional customer service.

Dad was as busy as ever in retirement. Mamma moved into Miranda Rd and together with Mum they loved and cared for her for a long time. Dad involved himself in the lives of his grandchildren celebrating the sacraments, school activities, concerts, cross country, grandparents’ day and teaching them to drive. He loved his grandkids; he always had chocolates for the kids or would gladly buy them (and himself) an ice cream up the shops, so long as they didn’t tell their grandmother.

Dad and Paul had a special relationship; they were mates. They have spent more time together than the rest of us. Dad drove Paul to and from work at St Vincent de Paul and shared stories with those beautiful people who have worked with Paul. He took him to swimming, gym and TAFE, enjoyed watching the wrestling and rugby league with him. Dad knew Paul would look after Mum and be the man of the house.
Dad shared his passion for politics with Tony and was particularly proud of the three generations of Ifflans in the Miranda branch of the ALP. Dad had been an active member of that branch and worked on every council, State and Federal election since 1976. He was honoured to receive a McKell award in 2007 in recognition of his years of service. The principles that he valued so much – hard work, loyalty and commitment to social justice motivated his extraordinary efforts each polling day. For many years along with his mate Johnno Johnson he was a fixture in the kitchen at State conference.

Maureen completed our family; she fulfilled Dad’s desire to raise a daughter, she was his princess.

For over 50 years Dad was active in this parish. He was a dedicated member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, regularly taking up the plate and counting the money, and local president of the Knights of the Southern Cross. Dad did not seek leadership but humbly accepted it; leadership through service was an authentic extension of his faith. Mum always believed in and supported Dad in his endeavours; otherwise he could not have done it.

Dad was a genuine character who was always pleased to see you – a great storyteller, the eternal optimist; a giver not a taker. “(214)

Button baby girl

Mr and Mrs Frank Button had a baby girl on the 12th May 1927 at Nurse Fowler’s hospital, Rockdale; this baby was either Audrey or Jill as they had two daughters and a son Nigel Victor, who had been born in 1921. At the time of their baby girl’s birth, they were living at “Briteside” Rockdale. Later in 1927, the Button’s must have moved as there was another baby born at Nurse Fowler’s from another family living at “Briteside” but this time it was twins!

Frank had married Vida Lillian Murray in 1921 at Parramatta and as mentioned earlier had a son soon after. (215) In 1927 there had been a theft of a boy’s Royal Blue Sheik bicycle from 24 Frederick Street Rockdale; (216) the residence is still a shop. The electoral roll of 1930 saw Frank listed as a cycle maker living at the same address with his wife Vida Lillian. This must have been the premises they moved to from “Briteside” due to the Depression.
However, the Great Depression and financial decline was not the only tragedy to befall the Button family. On the 5th November 1934 at Parramatta, Frank Button (late of Rockdale) beloved husband of Vida Button and loving father of Nigel Audrey and Jill, passed away aged only forty one. Here below is another lovely obituary written about a popular local figure.

“MR. FRANK BUTTON. News of the death of Mr. Frank Button, which occurred at "Inchneuk" private hospital, 77 George Street Parramatta, on Monday evening, came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. For some months he had been seriously ill, and it was decided that he should enter St. Vincent's Hospital. After several weeks' treatment, he was able to return home. It was thought that he had made a good recovery, and only recently he visited his parents in George-street, Parramatta. A few days prior to his death, he suffered a relapse, but although his condition was extremely low, it was not thought that the end was so near. Mr. Button, who was 41 years of age, was an extremely popular figure in cycling circles, and he had a wide reputation for the excellence of his handiwork. At an early age, he developed a liking for engineering, and was apprenticed to Mr. W. Hillsdon, bicycle builder, of Parramatta. After a time he went into business in Auburn, and from there he transferred to Rockdale. During the world-wide depression he retired from the cycle business, and for a time resided at Cronulla. Securing an appointment with the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, he came to live in Parramatta. Throughout his life the late Mr. Button had been greatly attached to his parents, and delighted in doing odd jobs at the old home of his childhood. He leaves a sorrowing wife and three young children. The funeral took place yesterday, the remains being interred in the Western-ronnd cemetery, Parramatta, Archdeacon S. M. Johnstone officiating at the graveside. The chief mourners were Messrs. R. Button (brother), W. A. Miller(brother-in-law), Keith Miller (nephew), E. Hughes and G. Hughes (uncles). The Fire Brigades Board was represented by Messrs. Watt and Wiggins(administrative staff), H. M. Webb (secretary), Messrs. Barber, Smith and Eadie (officers), Morris (workshops), H. Lansdowne, P. O'Sullivan, M. Tuck, J. Aflleck, S. Bennett and J. Gannon (firemen). Others present included Alderman H. Ohlsen (Mayor of Parramatta) and Alderman P. H. Jeffery (Parramatta Council), Alderman W. P. Noller and Mr. W. G. Gates (Parramatta Park Trust), Mr. L. Sells (Australian Gaslight Co., Parramatta), Mr. E. Appleby (Electric Supply Co.). (217)
An Audrey T Button married Ronald Campbell in 1935 at Granville and Nigel Victor Button died on the 9th November 1993 at Miranda, but nothing else is known about the family.

The Jessop girls

As stated earlier, by August “Briteside” had new occupants, the Jessop family. Allan Keith and Adelle Evelyn Marquand (nee Hardy) had twin daughters on the 29th August 1927. Then on the 24th September 24, 1928 also at Nurse Fowler's hospital Mrs. Allan Jessop, now of 202 Marrickville Road had another daughter; Dorothy.

Allan Keith Jessop was born at St. Peters in 1903 and married Adelle Evelyn Marquand in 1926 at Rockdale. (218) The 1930 electoral roll showing them living at 202 Marrickville Road, Marrickville with Allan Keith working as a labourer with Adele Evelyn, his wife, home duties. Five years later they are at 3 Park Street, Hurstville with Allan working for the railways. This is now part of the site of Westfield Hurstville complex.

By 1943, and for the next six years, they were at 59 Marshall St Ramsgate with Keith back being a labourer. (219) However, by 1954 Allan was a resident at Waterfall Sanatorium, with no occupation. (220) Waterfall Sanatorium, near the Royal National Park near Sydney, was a hospital for the treatment of patients, including children, who had advanced tuberculosis (TB). Patients were sent to Waterfall, often against their will, and were not released until cured. People who died there are buried on the site; Waterfall Sanatorium closed in 1958.
On the 5th of March 1957, Allan Keith Jessop died and was buried at Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland. (221) Nothing could be found about Dorothy or her twin sisters.
William Herbert English

William Herbert English was born on the 7th November, 1928 at Nurse Fowler's hospital, Frederick Street, Rockdale, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Charles English, (nee Emma Matilda Cook) of Caroline Street, Bexley.

William (1928-1985) was the only surviving son, his brother Edward Cecil only lived five days and on his death certificate in 1924, the cause of death was debility (weakness and frailty). His older only sister had been born two years earlier and lived to 1997.
ENGLISH -KENTWELL. The Engagement is announced of Barbara Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kentwell, of Kingsgrove, to William Herbert, only son of the late Mr. E. C. English and of Mrs. E. M. English, of Kingsgrove. (222)

On the 25th April 1953 William Herbert English married Barbara Alice Kentwell. William was twenty four when he married his Kingsgrove sweetheart, who was the same age. In 1954 the newlyweds were living at 45 Caroline Street, Kingsgrove.
The English family moved and from 1963 to 1985 they lived at 41 Anne Street, Revesby (223) having three daughters; Suzanne, Louise and Janette. At the time of his death William Herbert English was still listed at that address. He had worked his whole career with NSW Railways and was a Clerk Grade 6 at Wynyard Station when he died aged fifty seven in 1985. (224) Barbara passed away eight years later in 1993.

**Arthur Christian Johnsen**

When Ada Isabella Baker married Christian Charles Johnsen aged twenty in 1927, little did she know that she would become the mother of Arthur Christian just after Christmas the next year. Baby Johnsen made his arrival on the 27th December of that year at Nurse Fowler’s hospital. The family were living at Arthur Street Bexley at the time. They successfully had another son and daughter as well as Arthur. However, sadly, despite the medical help available Ada lost a third son in 1930, Rodwell Royal Johnsen, at birth.

The 1930 electoral roll shows the Johnsen family living at 31 Arthur Street, Kingsgrove; with Christian employed as a bread carter. (225) The same year they moved to 20 Chapel Street Rockdale and in 1936 they had moved to 8 Ador Avenue Rockdale. From 1943 to 1949 they were in stabilised accommodation at 26 Carrington Street, Bexley.
Arthur was living at 163 Forest Road, Sutherland in 1954, working as a machinist. Four years later he is back with his mother and father at 157 Forest Rd Gymea; with Christian also a machinist with his son. Happily for Arthur he was married in 1959 to Dawn Beverly Martin at Hurstville. The couple moved to 885 Princes Highway Engadine, Arthur became a process worker and they were still there in 1980. They had a daughter, Karen Lee Johnsen, born 14th December 1959 at Caringbah. (226)
Eric Keith Birkett

The Birkett’s of 50 Waratah Street Blakehurst welcomed their son, Eric Keith into the new year of 1928. Eric was born at Nurse Fowler’s on the 8th of January to Harry Bell and Phyllis Evelyn (nee Hallmen) Birkett with mother and son doing well in her care. Harry and Phyllis had married the previous year in Rockdale. (227)

Eric’s paternal grandmother had been reported missing by Harry in 1920. (228) She had been brutally murdered in an infamous trans-gender case that had filled the newspapers as Harry was growing up.
“BY ALL accounts, Annie Birkett died a horrible death. Her charred body was found in open land near a flour mill in Chatswood, with cracks to her skull that could have formed through intense heat or by violence.

But it was not the victim that gave the case such notoriety in 1917, but her transgender husband, Harry Crawford, who was eventually convicted of her murder.

In October 3, 1917, The Sydney Morning Herald ran a small story headlined “Charred Remains of a Woman”. The woman could not be identified and the inquest recorded an open verdict.

Three years later, a young man reported to police that his mother, Annie Birkett, was missing. Mrs Birkett, a widow, had met Crawford at her workplace, a medical practice in Wahroonga, where he was also employed as a “useful” and kitchenman. She left the doctor’s employ and moved to Darling Street in Balmain where she opened a sweet shop. Crawford moved in nearby.

Mrs Birkett’s son, Harry, a tailor from Sans Souci, was later to tell a court hearing: "He frequently visited the shop and made it appear to the residents that he was helping mother with the business. The neighbours began to talk about him and mother was practically compelled to marry him through this talk.

Photographs of Mrs Birkett recently obtained by the Justice & Police Museum reveal her to be a refined and attractive woman, described later by one witness as "very ladylike, a very quiet reserved woman never seen under the influence of liquor". But when she disappeared, Crawford told Harry Birkett that she had “cleared out with a plumber”, that she was a heavy drinker and that he had seen her a couple of times since then in Sydney.

Eventually, Mr Birkett reported his mother’s disappearance, and Crawford was questioned by police. Jewellery had indicated the charred body in Chatswood was likely to be that of Mrs Birkett.

Crawford was arrested and he finally admitted his real name was Eugenia Falleni and that he was a woman - a fact confirmed by a police doctor. When the jury found Falleni guilty after two hours’ deliberation, she was sentenced to death, later commuted to life in prison. She was released in 1931 after 11 years on condition that she lived as a woman.

She was killed in a pedestrian accident on Oxford Street, Paddington.” (229)

Annie Birkett, had been widowed several years before meeting Crawford and left with a thirteen-year-old son to support. To Annie, Crawford was a handsome man
who paid her vast amounts of attention and they soon married. Once she became aware of Crawford’s sexual orientation she wanted to end the marriage and this was her death knell. Crawford killed her to conceal his secret from society.

In 1958 Eric was still listed living with his parents and his brother Harry John, at 50 Waratah St Blakehurst; Harry Bell a tailor’s cutter, Harry John a fitter and Phyllis Evelyn, home duties. Eric was employed as a teacher by this time. Later that same year Eric is living at 6 Carrington Avenue Caringbah, a teacher with new wife Valerie. (230) The year 1972 brought about a tree change with a move to Taree and by 1980 there were at least three Birketts living 1 Mudford Street Taree, with daughter Megan Clare listed on the electoral roll as a student.
Brian Vere Kennedy

Brian Vere Kennedy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Vere Kennedy (nee Edna May Bailey) on the 1st of February 1929. The Kennedy’s lived at 14 Gloucester-street Rockdale at the time of Brian’s birth.

Left: 14 Gloucester Street, Rockdale.

Google Maps, (2015). 14 Gloucester Street Rockdale. [online] Available at: https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/14+gloucester+street+rockdale/@-33.949083,151.136195,3a,75y,194.1h,90t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1sfvJ3pnyfGtn2EgVpsAPfg!2e0!7i13312!8i6656!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0xa6e36ae8d0cf0cf316m1!1e1 [Accessed 19 Jul. 2015].

Left: Edna May and John Vere Kennedy at their wedding.

Brian married Gwendoline Anne Straney in 1957 and in 1963 they were living at 271 Bay Street Brighton le Sands with Brian being listed as a driver. Gwendoline had been previously married to Anthony Laurence Russo in 1947 and was divorced. (231) They moved to 66 Green Street Monterey and were still there in 1977. They had two daughters and a son. Gwendoline died in 2004 a year after Brian passed away.

Dorothy Jean Stewart

Dorothy Jean Stewart was born on the 15th January 1930 at Nurse Fowler's private hospital, Frederick-street, Rockdale, to the wife of Mr. R. A. Stewart, of 397 Prince's Highway, Rockdale. Dorothy was named after her paternal grandmother, Dorothy Hardy Allison who had been a maid to philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in Manhattan, where she met and married another Scotsman, John (‘Jock’) Stewart.
Dorothy’s father Robert Alexander Stewart had been born in June 1901 in Manhattan, New York and had arrived with his family in Sydney in 1902. The family set up home at 19 Quarry Street, Tempe and Robert married Violet May Johnson in 1925. They were living at 397 Princes Highway Rockdale when Dorothy was born, with Robert working as a carter.

Dorothy had an older brother and the he and their father went away to war to New Guinea in World War Two. Robert had enlisted in 1940 at the age of thirty eight with 49th Infantry Battalion in New Guinea; he was discharged 10th of December 1941. He died on the 19th May 1965 in Bargo and his ashes rest in the A.I.F. Floral Court at Woronora. (232).His wife Violet May Stewart (nee Johnson) died aged eighty four in 1985 and her ashes were interred at Palmdale Crematorium Gardens, Ourimbah, Gosford. (233)
Dorothy was married twice; first to Ernest Joseph Parent in 1945 and again to Edward (Ted) Charles Burton, when she was aged seventeen and he was eighteen. In 1954 they were living at 23 John Street, Petersham, Ted’s family home, and by 1980 they had moved to 29 Orange Parade, Wyoming on the Central Coast. Ted became an engineer and passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1973 aged only forty four. Dorothy died on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1983, aged fifty two. (234) They had a son, to carry on Dorothy’s Scottish spirit.

**John Lewis Mervyn Binnie**

Young John Lewis Mervyn Binnie was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1930 at Nurse Fowler’s to Mervyn Ronald Binnie and Helen Amy Binnie (nee Young). His birth notice was released to the Brisbane newspapers, as his paternal Grandmother lived up there with her second husband. Helen Amy Young was born in 1907, to Francis Joseph Young and Lilian Young (born Talbot). Helen married Mervyn Ronald Binnie in 1929, at the age of twenty two. The Binnie family lived at 26 Frederick Street Rockdale. However John’s life was to be turned upside down by the deaths of his parents; Mervyn in 1931 and Helen in 1945, leaving John an orphan at only fifteen. (235)

1931 MOTORING ACCIDENTS MAN KILLED.

*Mervyn Binnie, 26, of 26 Frederick-street, Rockdale, was killed instantly late on Tuesday night, when a milk wagon on which he was riding skidded and overturned in Joseph-street, Lidcombe. The driver of the lorry, Milton Smith, also of Rockdale, was thrown clear and escaped injury. (236)*

*Binnie.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. HELEN AMY BINNIE, of 26 Frederick-street, Rockdale, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly loved HUSBAND, Mervyn Ronald Binnie; which will leave Auburn District Hospital THIS*
THURSDAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery (Section 10), Rookwood.
By road.

Binnie.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dawson and family, of Brisbane, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved son and brother, Mervyn Ronald Binnie; to leave Auburn District Hospital, THIS DAY, at 2.15 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood. (237)

The Binnie and Button families were neighbours in Frederick Street, Rockdale as well as having their children at Nurse Fowler’s hospital. Helen Amy Binnie remarried to Frank Leslie Gridner in 1937. She got married in the same church as her first marriage, St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney. She worked as a nurse, but she suffered from Huntington’s Chorea, so the prognosis would have been quite obvious to her. On the 1st of August 1945 at the age of thirty eight Helen died at Brisbane Hospital from Lysol poisoning. (238)

Before this tragedy on the 8th October 1943 John Lewis Mervyn Binnie was adopted at the age of thirteen by Edwin Dawson, his paternal step-grandfather and moved to Brisbane. John’s first marriage was when he was twenty three in 1953 but divorced thirteen years later, with the marriage being dissolved. He remarried in the next year
in 1967 and at the age of forty nine had his name changed from Dawson to Binnie-Dawson. John passed away on late 1987/early 1988 in Torbay Hospital, Torquay in Devon, England. (239) There were four children of John Binnie-Dawson and Joyce Christena Martin; one daughter and three sons; Rosi Dawson, Shane Dawson, Garry Dawson and Jeremy Dawson.

Hartnett baby girl

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 1930 at Nurse Fowler's hospital, Frederick-street, Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Harry) George Hartnett and Georgina Marion Hartnett (nee Richards) had a baby girl. We do not know what her name was; she was either Nola Patricia or Enid Joan, as a birth date cannot be found for either woman, unlike their sisters Joyce Marjorie (1920) or Masie (1921).

Henry George Hartnett enlisted as a private with the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Infantry Battalion (13-23 Reinforcements) and embarked from Sydney on the RMS “Osterley”.(240)Henry and his younger brother Jack each kept a diary, but Jack’s was cut short, after being killed in action in 1917, with its last entry talking about seeing his brother’s division in the fighting field. The irony of being so close to each other was discussed by one of Henry’s daughters:

"The sad part was Dad and Uncle Jack must have passed each other in the lines; Dad was in the infantry and Jack was in the artillery defending them,"... Ms Hartnett

(241)
The forbidden diaries were eventually published by daughter Enid, 90 years after his return. Australia’s diggers performed extraordinary deeds by ordinary men. Harry George Hartnett was one of them.

Georgina Marion Richards married Henry George Hartnett upon his return from the war in 1919 and moved into their house at 9 Tyrell Street Rockdale, a home they were still living at in 1975 when Harry passed away. Georgina died the following year.
As mentioned earlier there were four Hartnett daughters born to the couple. There was also an only son, John Richards, named after his late uncle who was born in 1924. However, sadly the family lost another “Jack” in 1934, when he contracted and died of meningitis, aged only nine years old. (242)

One of the possible baby options was Nola Patricia Hartnett who married Albie Thomas, the famous Australian distance runner, in 1958. Albie and Nola Thomas went on to have two daughters, Robyn and Patricia and four grandsons, Thomas, Mark, Liam and Mathew.

DISTANCE RUNNER

Albert Thomas, one of the stars of our Empire Games team, will have another leading role this week when he marries Nola Hartnett at Christ Church, Bexley, on Friday, November 28. Several of Albert's fellow athletes will be among the guests, as well as Bill Young, manager of the Games team. (243)
Joan Louise Sharah

On the 28th January 1941 Joan Louise Sharah was born at Nurse Fowler’s Cairo Street Rockdale hospital. Her parents, Michael Anthony Sharah and Josepha (nee Scrader) were living at Arncliffe. They had, in 1930, lived at 290 Forest Road Hurstville, running a grocery shop; Miller’s now occupy the original site. (244) By 1937, Michael was a bootmaker and the family were living at 78 Wollongong Road Arncliffe, where they were at the time of Joan’s birth.
Joan was one of the twelve people living with the extended Shara family in 1954 living at 27 Walter Street, Arncliffe. The family by now included: Bernice home duties, Mother Bernice also home duties, Dad Michael a cleaner, Michael Anthony a cleaner, Michael Joseph a carrier, Peter Jude a labourer and Vincent Patrick Anthony a radio technician. (245)Between 1968 and 1972 Peter Jude a driver and Joan Louise lived at 127 Dora Street Hurstville.

Graham John Lawrance

On November 25th, 1941 at Nurse Fowler’s hospital, at Cairo Street, Rockdale, the last listed baby to be found was born to Alice Gertrude, wife of Mr. William James (Bill) Lawrance, Carlton. In 1963 the family were living at 113 Botany Street, Carlton; William was a joiner, Graham a clerk and Alice was involved in running the home. William was Nurse Fowler’s brother, so this baby was indeed her nephew.
From 1972 -1980 Graham lived at 2 Ulinga Place Heathcote with wife Shirley Jeanette. (246)

**Conclusion**

These are the people who mostly arrived safely into the world due to the caring nurses that ran these private hospitals. They utilised their nursing skills, some honed in wartime, to bring motherhood and birth into their new century. I personally found one hundred and thirty five children born in these hospitals; there may have been more, of parents who did not list their births in the newspaper. Some were siblings, some were neighbours, one was even the nurse’s nephew; all were locals at the start of their lives.
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<td>Still</td>
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| KENNEDY| 01/02/1929| Nurse Fowler's hospital Rockdale, to Mr. and Mrs. John Vere Kennedy. (nee Edna May Bailey) of 14 Gloucester-street—a son (Brian Vere).  
| LAWRANCE| 25/11/1941| Nurse Fowler's hospital, Cairo Street, Rockdale, to Alice Gertrude, wife of Mr. William James (Bill) Lawrance, Carlton, a son (Graham John)  
| MARSTON| 08/09/1926| Nurse Fowlers hospital Frederick street West Kogarah to Mrs. Samuel Marston, (nee Maud Hartley)Seaforth street Bexley—a son  
| MAYBLOOM| 26/09/1926| Nurse Fowler's hospital, Rockdale, to the wife of Mr. Sydney Simon Maybloom, (nee Cissie Rapaport)-Tempe—a son (Bernard Laurence).  
| MORRIS | 11/06/1926| Nurse Fowler's hospital, Rockdale, June 11, 1926 of Mr, Samuel James and Mrs. Morris. Kurnell-street, Brighton le-Sandetwins (Gwendoline June and Victor Bruce).  
| MULHERON| 21/09/1944| Nurse Fowler’s private hospital Rockdale to the wife of V Mulheron, Enfield—a son (both well)  
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Appendix 7: Listed births at Ealing Private Hospital, both at Frederick Street Rockdale and Cairo Street, Rockdale, without mention of Nurse Fowler, or any other being in attendance.

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