

## OUTSIDE THE CITY AREA OF CANBERRA - THE BUSH CAPITAL

Canberra, the city, began as isolated pockets of buildings erected in paddocks linked by roads and tracks of varying quality. The first property to be resumed by the Commonwealth for the nucleus of the city was Acton, followed by Springbank on the north side of the Molonglo River and on the south side, Campbell's land, known as Klensendorff's<sup>1</sup> and next door, Yarralumla.

The city area consisted of a ten mile square that excluded even the brickyard in Fred Campbell's Ram Paddock, which today is part of the suburb of Yarralumla and inner Canberra.

The properties were valued by Moriarty and the detailed information provided in his field books are found on the 1913 strip maps. Until land was required by the Commonwealth, the former owners who like others, had to apply to lease properties, could remain as leaseholders. Some of the former owners and tenant farmers stayed and others left.

Jervis Bay, the FCT seaport where a Naval Base was established and home to a major Aboriginal settlement is one area of the territory that is often neglected in histories of the FCT. Another forgotten settlement in the territory is that of Oaks Estate that was a suburb of Queanbeyan that became part of the FCT when the railway line at Queanbeyan was used to mark the border between FCT and NSW. Karen William's in her book on the area used an apt title for her work - *Oaks Estate - No Man's Land*.

Nearby to Queanbeyan and the Canberra is the site in NSW of Environa which was the dream of a Sydney developer to provide freehold properties close to the Federal City to provide those who moved to the federal capital with a choice of freehold or leased land on which to build their homes.

This book does not cover the history of those who continued with farming and grazing activities or lived at Jervis Bay and Oaks Estate but sets out to draw the reader's attention to the fact of their existence in the history of the FCT.

### 1913 - THE CITY

Following is a description of the Federal City 21 November 1913 published in the *Queanbeyan Age*: *CANBERRA FEDERAL CITY - MONEY NOT WASTED. THE BRICKWORKS. 13,000 BRICKS AN HOUR, A SPLENDID WATER SUPPLY. There are many people who wonder who all the money which has been voted for the Federal City is being spent. Ever since Canberra was decided on as the Capital of Australia the Federal Parliament has been continually paying out large sums of money to cover the cost of preparing the site and yet in the face of all this expense they hear with alarm that the design has not yet even been decided upon so the city seems to be unable to get a start. This seems to be a most unsatisfactory state of affairs to the man in the street. But if this person were to put in a few days in the Federal Territory and not be satisfied with just a glance at the collection of buildings - most of them temporary - around what used to be Acton, but travel round the territory and see all the various works in progress he would come to the conclusion that there was not the waste of money at Canberra one hears about in many quarters. At Acton which is the administrative centre of the city, many fine buildings which include administrative offices and Commonwealth Bank, have been erected, and the residence for the Administrator Colonel Miller and the Hospital will soon be completed.*

*A visit to the Power House gives food for thought. To reach this, one travels across the wooden bridge over the Molonglo (which bridge by the way, got a nasty bump during the last time the Molonglo was flooded and is now, although safe for traffic, something of the shape of the goose neck gateway of the eastern plains), and a little distance along the Queanbeyan road when nearly opposite the Duntroon College is to be seen a pile of steel network close to the river. A closer inspection shows it to be the partly completed skeleton of an enormous power house in which are to be installed mighty dynamos to generate the electric energy required in the building of the Australian Capital. There it stands, a towering mass of steel tracery, with huge concrete lined excavations in the grounds, awaiting the massive machinery, some of which lies in great piles close handy. Within a stone-throw the Molonglo is being blocked by a timber weir so as to provide a supply of water for use in this great building. Leaving this interesting spot and retracing one's way along the Uriarra Road, Red Hill is reached. On this hill is being erected the service reservoir in connection with the Federal City water supply and between Red Hill and*

*the Cotter River many miles away are gangs of pipe-layers, who hard at work getting the water main ready. A little further along the Uriarra road on the right hand side overlooking the Molonglo River, the Commonwealth brickyards have been started. The bricks are being manufactured out of the shale which occurs in enormous quantities. Only one machine is erected so far, but it is a great success Shale is fed in at[one] end, and beautifully moulded bricks ready for the kiln come out at the other end at the rate of 2 per minute. As eight of these machines are to be installed the output when all is in order, will be 13,000 bricks per hour. These bricks when taken from the kiln on being struck ring with a note as clear as a bell, and very many millions of them will be utilised in the building of the city.*

*From this point a fine view of Mount Stromlo is obtained. On the summit of this mountain the Federal Observatory has been built and a splendid road has been constructed with a grade of not more than 1 in 20 right to the door of the Observatory.*

*From the brick-yards to the junction of the Murrumbidgee and Cotter Rivers the road is at present very much cut up by the heavy traffic caused by teams and traction engines employed in carrying the cast iron water pipes and other heavy ironwork, also the cement, which is required at the Cotter River for building the dam. A new road, however, is being built which is well graded and judging by the last few miles down to the river, which are completed, the journey will soon be made a comfortable one all the way from Canberra. A fine bridge is being constructed across the Murrumbidgee just below the Junction. The piers are of concrete and the steel superstructure was erected some months ago but was damaged by a flood, so that a fresh start is being made to complete the bridge and do away with the services of a ferryman who has charge of two very heavy boats and attends to the carriage of men and material for the Cotter Dam. On crossing the river, a well made road runs as far as the Cotter Camp, which on rounding a bend, appears on the hillside on the opposite bank of the Cotter. The neatness and order of this camp strikes the visitor at once, and enhances the view, which from this point is well worth the journey alone. Crossing the Cotter by a temporary bridge, the main track to the site of the dam takes one through the tall river oaks for about a quarter of a mile, when the scene of operations for the great water supply for the Federal city opens out and one sees a sight similar to the early days of Burrinjuck dam, only on a smaller scale. The river has been dammed by a low concrete wall, which compels the water to travel through a wooden diversion channel leaving the rocky bed dry. This bed has now been cleaned up and is ready for the concrete, which is to be built up 80 feet in height (about one third of the height of Burrinjuck dam). When finished the Cotter Dam will contain an unfailing supply of the purest mountain water. There will be no need of settling tanks or filter beds as the Cotter is a crystal clear stream, not to be beat anywhere. All the timber within the water line has been destroyed so that the chance of contamination is very small.*

*The water when drawn off from the dam is to be conducted by means of cast iron pipes to a tunnel which is being driven through the mountain on the left bank of the stream which will be about 2,000 feet long and will then be conveyed by an inverted syphon to the other side of the Murrumbidgee and thence by pipe line before mentioned to the reservoir on Red Hill. It is when a trip like this is taken over the Federal Works one gets an idea of the great amount of time and money which must be expended in preparatory work before things begin to look ship-shape and now that they seem to have a fair start it will not be long before the impatient ... will see the city grows and then it will go ahead so rapidly that they will wonder what they were previously grumbling at - Tribune.*

#### **JERVIS BAY, WRECK BAY & SUSSEX INLET.**

The RANC opened in Osbourne House, Geelong in 1913 and moved to Jervis Bay in the FCT in 1915. Jervis Bay is the territory's sea access and included in this roll are other parts of the coastal part of FCT. As well as the Royal Naval College there was and is a civilian population including an Aboriginal Settlement.

There are numerous newspaper articles on Jervis Bay . One that I came across in the *Australasian Chronicle* dated 21 October 1841 notes there was sea traffic to Jervis Bay and nearby areas. It states: *JERVIS BAY- The steamer Sophia Jane will leave the Commercial Wharf tomorrow evening for Jervis Bay and Broulee where she will remain a couple of days, and on her return will call at Jervis Bay for passengers. Those parties who may be desirous of visiting that part of the colony would do well to embrace this opportunity as it will probably be some time before another such presents itself.*

I have included excerpts from newspapers that help to give an overview of the history of Jervis Bay - and the electoral rolls for 1917 and 1928. Aboriginal people are not on the roll as they were not legally Australian Citizens.

### 1917 ELECTORAL ROLL JERVIS BAY, SUSSEX INLET & WRECK BAY.

The Royal Navy College [RAN] was established at Jervis Bay

ALCHIN, Frank	HMAS Franklin	stoker, petty officer	CARR, Arthur	RAN College	able seaman
ARMSTRONG, Francis	Sussex Inlet	fisherman	CARTER, Henry	RAN College	able seaman
ARNESON, Edward	Jervis Bay	plumber	CHRISTIE, Gertrude & Robert	RAN College	home duties & chief engine room artificer
ARNOLD, Frank	RAN College	stoker, petty officer	CLEMENTS, Henry	HMAS Franklin	leading stoker
BAGSHAW, Annie & Harry	RAN College	home duties & officers' steward	COGSWELL, Maud & Stanley	RAN College	home duties & engine room artificer
BAKER, Ernest	RAN College	artificer-engineer	COLEHILL, Ellen & Edward	RAN College	home duties & officers' steward
BAKER, Lawrence	RAN College	naval staff clerk	COLQUHOUN, John	HMAS Franklin	leading stoker
BARTLETT, Edward	RAN College	surgeon	COLYER, Doris & Joseph	RAN College	home duties & chauffeur
BEAVIS, Louisa & Leonard	RAN College	home duties & chief officers' cook	CONDER, Victoria & James	RAN College	home duties & study corporal
BEEBE, Glen	RAN College	Signalman	COOPER, Sydney	RAN College	leading stoker
BELL, William	RAN College	head gardener	CORREY, Henry	RAN College	stoker, petty officer
BEXFIELD, Richard	RAN College	able seaman	CURRAN, Michael	HMAS Franklin	leading stoker
BILLETT, Elizabeth & Louis	RAN College	home duties & carter	CURTIN, Edward	RAN College	butcher home
BLACKADDER, Jean	RAN College	home duties	DAISLEY, Emily & Frank	RAN College	home duties & sick berth steward
BLACKMORE, Mary & Frederick	RAN College	home duties & chief petty officer	DALE, Leonard	HMAS Franklin	petty officer
BOURKE, Lillian & Edward	RAN College	home duties & officers' cook	DENSON, Fanny & Frank	RAN College	home duties & engine-room artificer
BOWMAN, William	RAN College	able seaman	DIX, Isobel & Thomas	RAN College	home duties & chief gunner
BOYLE, Cornelius	RAN College	officers' cook	DIXON, Arthur	RAN College	cook's mate
BROOKER, Alfred	RAN College	officers' steward	DOWELL, Ruby & Henry	Jervis Bay	home duties & carpenter
BUCK, Hannah & Henry	Jervis Bay	home duties & labourer	DREWITT, James	RAN College	engine room artificer
BUMPUS, Harry	RAN College	chief boatswain	DUNSTONE, Agnes & James	RAN College	home duties & officers' steward
BURNETT, George	RAN College	able seaman	DYER, James	RAN College	chief petty officer
BUTCHER, James	Jervis Bay	labourer	EDEN, James	RAN College	officers' steward
CALLAN, George	RAN College	stoker	ELDRIDGE, Edna & Frank	RAN College	home duties & naval instructor
CAMPBELL, Ethel & Charles	RAN College	home duties and able seaman	ELLMOOS, Sarah & Jacob	Sussex Inlet	home duties & farmer
CARLESS, George	HMAS Franklin	chief engine-room artificer			

EMERY, Daniel	RAN College	stoker	KEEGAN, Robert	RAN College	able
FINLAY, George writer	RAN College	second	seaman		
FLOWERS, William	RAN College	stoker	KELLS, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Elsie & William Jervis Bay	home duties, home duties, home duties & labouerer	
FRANKLIN, Charles naval instructor	RAN College	senior	KING, William	RAN College	officers'
FREEMAN, Frederick	RAN College	painter	steward		
GAMES, Phillip steward	RAN College	officers'	LACEY, Samuel	RAN College	petty officer
GARDINER, Joseph	RAN College	stoker	LAMB, William	RAN College	stoker
GAYLEY, William cook	RAN College	officers'	LAUGHTON, David	RAN College	gardener
GEMMELL, Frederick	RAN College	stoker	LIVESAY, Richard	RAN College	officers'
GEORGE, David	RAN College	stoker	steward		
GLASSCOCK, Clarence steward	RAN College	officers'	LORD, Elsie & Robert	Jervis Bay	home
GLASSOCK, Elizabeth & Arthur	RAN College	home	duties & schoolmaster		
duties & canteen manager			McALPINE, William	RAN College	second
GRAEME, William	RAN College	officers'	ship's steward		
cook			McCALLUM, Duncan	RAN College	able
GRANT, Duncan	RAN College	captain	seaman		
GREEN, Mary & Nicholas	Jervis Bay	home	McCARDELL, Peter	Jervis Bay	plumber
duties & carpenter			McfADDEN, Richard	RAN College	stoker
GEORGE, Sarah	RAN College	home	McGREGOR, Margaret	RAN College	
duties			laundress		
GRIMSHAW, Frederick	RAN College	chief	McLEOD, Ada & Duncan	RAN College	home
engine room artificer			duties & chief shipwright		
GUHL, Frederick	RAN College	stoker	McLEOD, John	HMAS Franklin	stoker
HAMMERTON, Ethel & George	RAN College	home	MADDEN, Florence & George	Jervis Bay	home
duties & officers' steward			duties & bootmaker		
HANNAY, Minnie & Keith	RAN College	home	MADDOX, Samuel	RAN College	officers'
duties & naval instructor			steward		
HARDING, Thomas	RAN College	engine	MALEY, Nelly	RAN College	home
driver			duties		
HARRY, Sydney	RAN College		MAUGER, Herbert	RAN College	
laboratory technician			shipwright		
HAUGHARR, Robert	RAN College	leading	MELVILLE, Sarah & Robert	Jervis Bay	home
stoker			duties & motor engineer		
HAYENS, George	RAN College	plumber	MORGAN, Daniel	RAN College	stoker
HEAD, Edward	RAN College	chief	MORRRISON, Ethel & Leonard	RAN College	home
carpenter			duties & senior naval instructor		
HEHIR, John	RAN College	assistant	MOYES, Morton	RAN College	senor
paymaster			naval instructor		
HINE, Lillian & Harold	Jervis Bay	home	NANKERVIS, William	RAN College	
duties & store keeper			electrician		
HOLLIDAY, Alice & Ronald	West Scrivington	RAN	NORMAN, John	HMAS Franklin	
home duties & senior naval instructor			lieutenant		
HOPKINSON, Frederic	Jervis Bay	painter	NORRIS, Frederick	RAN College	yeoman
JARMAN, Florence & Henry	RAN College	home	of signals		
duties & carter			NORTON, Berenice	Jervis Bay	home
JONES, Elizabeth & Walter	Jervis Bay	home	duties		
duties & carpenter			OWEN, James	RAN College	officers'
JONES, John	RAN College	officers'	cook		
steward			PARKER, Agnes	RAN College	
			laundress		

PARNELL, James cutter	RAN College	wood	SHEEHAN, Daniel	RAN College	petty officer
PARSONS, Frank cook	RAN College	officers'	SHERRED, William	RAN College	officers'
PAUL, Herbert seaman	RAN College	able	SHORT, James	Jervis Bay	clerk
PEARCE, William	RAN College	officers'	SINCLAIR, James	Jervis Bay	labourer
PEARMAN, Annie & William	RAN College	home	SKELTON, George	RAN College	stoker
duties & officers' chief steward			SLADE, Evelyn	RAN College	matron
PENDER, Emily & Charles	Jervis Bay		SLATER, John	RAN College	naval instructor
laundress & labourer			SPEECHLEY, Josephine & William	RAN College	home duties & pump driver
PERKINS, Malcolm	RAN College	officers'	STAPLETON, Campbell	RAN College	lieut- commander
steward			STEVENS, Edmund	HMAS Franklin	able
PERRYMAN, Jane & William	RAN College	home	STEVENSON, Thomas	HMAS Franklin	
duties & chief petty officer			signalman		
PITT, Harold	HMAS Franklin	stoker	STUDDERT, Lillian & George	RAN College	home
POMEROY, Albert	RAN College	officers'	duties & gardener		
steward			SUMMERS, Annie & Berteram	RAN College	home
PRICE, Joseph	RAN College	petty	duties & engine room artificer		
officer			TATE, Valentine	Jervis Bay	
PROOM, Gertrude & Alfred	RAN College	home	carpenter		
duties & chief writer			TAYLOR, Frank	RAN College	leading
RANDALL, Isaac	HMAS Franklin	able	stoker		
seaman			TAYLOR, William	RAN College	chief
REA, John	RAN College	stoker	engine room artificer		
READDY, Jessie & John	RAN College	home	TOPPING, Alfred	RAN College	officers'
duties & laundress			steward		
REEVES, Thomas	RAN College	leading	TOWNSEND, Charles	RAN College	chief
stoker			stoker		
REYNOLDS, John	Jervis Bay		TRAINOR, Gordon	RAN College	officers'
postmaster			steward		
RILEY, Alice & Frederick	RAN College	home	TRAVIS, Albert	RAN College	able
duties & senior naval instructor			seaman		
ROBERTS, Charles	RAN College	stoker	TULLOCH, Alexander	RAN College	chaplain
petty officer			VAREY, Grace & Joseph	RAN College	home
ROBENTSON, Robert	RAN College	able	duties & naval instructor		
seaman			WALKER, Charles	HMAS Franklin	leading
ROBINSON, Louisa	RAN College	home	stoker		
duties			WARD, Thomas	RAN College	stoker
ROLLE, Ella & Ansolom	RAN College	home	WATSON, Grace	RAN College	home
duties & ships steward			duties		
RUSSELL, Albert	RAN College	engine	WELCH, Albert	RAN College	chief
room artificer			cook		
SALTER, Rose & William	RAN College	ships	WHEATLEY, Alice & Frederick	RAN College	home
steward			duties & senior naval instructor		
SAUNDELL, James	RAN College	officers'	WHITTY, Patrick	RAN College	chief
steward			petty officer		
SAUNDERS, Carrie, Mildred & James	RAN College		WILMOT, ivory	Jervis Bay	chief
home duties, home duties & leading stoker			cook		
SETON, George	RAN College	college	WILTON, Constance & Thomas	Jervis Bay	home
commander			duties & carter		
SHAW, James	RAN College	able			
seaman					

WRIGHT, Percy RAN College officers' steward  
 WOOD, James RAN College engineer-lieutenant

YOUNG, Jessie & Andrew RAN College Home duties & chief-engine room artificer.

**The Canberra Times 4 November 1927: REPRESENTATION. JERVIS BAY RESIDENTS -SIGNATURES OF PETITION.** Residents at Jervis Bay will be afforded of signing the petition to be presented to Parliament demanding representation for residents of the Federal Capital Territory. The petition is now in the course of being printed. Jervis Bay forms part of the Territory, although isolated from it. The population is in the vicinity of 500.

**The Canberra Times 28 June 1928: CENSUS FOR FEDERAL TERRITORY TO BE TAKEN ON SATURDAY. POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.** A complete census of the Federal Capital Territory including Jervis Bay is to be taken on Saturday. The last census was taken on December 31 ...

**The Western Australian [Perth WA] 26 February 1928 CENTENARIAN QUEEN. ABORIGINAL DEATH.** Sydney Feb 27 - Mary Golding, the aboriginal queen at Huskinsson Jervis Bay, has died. The oldest residents of this district state that her age was between 105 and 108. She had always enjoyed the best of health until last week when she became ill. Her mental faculties were remarkably clear, and beyond being thin in figure she was a wonderfully preserved woman. Residents and the police gave her every attention.

JERVIS BAY ELECTORAL ROLL 1928	
ADENEY, Margaret & Geoffrey	home duties & instructor
ALLEN, Stanley	steward
APPEL, Bertie	petty officer
ARDLER, Angelina, Beatrice, Margaret, Frederick & Frederick jr	home duties, home duties, fisherman & fisherman
ARTHUR, Samuel	naval rating
ATKINSON, Harold	fitter
BAGET, Eric	steward
BAKER, Ernest	naval officer
BELL, Ethel & William	home duties & labourer
BLACKMAN, Charles	driver
BLACKSTONE, Jack	steward
BLOWEN, Kate & Arthur	home duties & artificer
BLOXSOME, Christina & Walter	home duties & fisherman
BLUNDELL, George	com gunner
BROOKER, Alfred	casual painter
BROOKES, Sylvia & William MD	home duties & MD
BROWN, Charles	steward
BURLEY, Esma & Albert	home duties & leading writer
BUNT, George	stoker
BUTLER, Sidney	naval rating
CAMPBELL, Charles	steward
CAMPBELL, Charles	petty officer
CAMPBELL, Ethel	home duties
CANNON, Emmie & Frederick	home duties & steward
CARGHILL, Charles	stoker
CHADDER, Robert	attendant
CHAPLIN, Charles	mechanical
CHAPMAN, Elsie, Hanna, Herbert & William	home duties, home duties, fisherman & fisherman
CLARK, Hector	postman

COLYER, Doris & Joseph	home duties & motor driver
COOPER, Doris & Sydney	home duties & study corp
CONDOR, Victoria & James	home duties & corporal
COWAN, Hilda & Robert	home duties & master
CRONIN, Edmond	labourer
DAVERN, Bernard	stoker
DAVIES, Oswald	RAN
DAVIES, Ivor	labourer
DIXON, Lindsay	fisherman
DOWNTON, Gordon	artificer
DREW, Mary	home duties
DUFFY, Hugh	RAN
DUNSTONE, Agnes & James	home duties & labourer
DYER, Francis	seaman
ELDRIDGE, Edna & Frank	home duties & senior master
EVERINGHAM, William	petty officer
FAZAKERLEY, Vincent	stoker
FISHER, John	cook
FORSTER, Violet & Herbert	home duties & captain RN
FRANCIS, Geo	cook
FRASER, Joseph	stoker
FRASER, Jack	steward
FREER, Archibald	naval rating
GALLAHER, Frederick	seaman
GLASFURD, Charles	lieut RN
GIBSON, John	storekeeper
GREEN, Mary & Nicholas	home duties & clerk of works
HAFFNER, Frederick	seaman
HALL, Joshua	AB RAN
HAMLIN, Albert	labourer
HARRISON, Leslie	naval rating
HEWLETT, Isabel & George	home duties & chief artificer

HOGAN, Joseph	chief fisherman	PILLEY, Evelyn & Frederick	home duties & RAN
HONEYSETT, Ada & William	home duties & labourer	PINEL, John	artificer
HUBBARD, Ebby	stoker	PRESTON, John	OC III
JACKSON, James	plumber	RADFORD, Louisa & Sidney	home duties & shipwright
JARMAN, Florence & Henry	home duties & lorry driver	REDNALL, Dora & Francis	home duties & naval officer
JONES, Laurel & Robert	home duties & instrument maker	ROBERTSON, Harold	RAN
JOHNSON, Richard	RAN	ROSS, Joseph	stoker
JUDSON, William	steward	RULE, Irene & Ernest	home duties & canteen tenant
KEEGAN, Leslie	steward	SALMON, Alfred	naval rating
KELLS, William	labourer	SAUNDERS, Caroline	nurse
KELLY, Harriett & John	home duties&	SHEPHERD, Clara & Linda	ironer & ironer
labourer		SHEPPARD, Albert	naval officer
KENT, Frances & Robert	home duties & painter	SIMPSON, Helen & Hugh	home duties & school teacher
KING, Tom	leading stoker	SMITH, Alfred	petty officer
LANCASTER, Maurice	naval officer	SMITH, Arthur	fisherman
LAUGHTON, David	gardener	SMITH, Henry	stoker
LANGRELL, Kathleen & John	home duties & CPO	SMITH, Mary	home duties
LEVY, Philip	naval rating	SMITH, Ruby	home duties
LIVINGSTONE, Frank	naval rating	SMITH, Sydney	fisherman
LOCKE, Clarence	RN	SMITH, William	RAN
LOCKLEY, John	steward	SEALE, John	naval rating
LORD, Elsie & Robert	home duties & school teacher	SPEECHLEY, Ivy, Albert & William	home duties, engine driver & -
McCLEAN, Cecil	RAN	STEVENS, Elsie & Colin	home duties & petty officer
McDONALD, James	labourer	STIDSTON, Ernest	steward
McDOUGALL, William	stoker	STRICKLAND, Alfred	steward
McHARDY, Royal	RAN	STUDDERT, George	gardener
McINTYRE, Elsie & Oliver	SBPO	TARRANT, Gertrude & D'Arcy	home duties & RAN
PO McKENZIE, William	chimney sweep	TAYLOR, Malvina	home duties
McKIERNAN, Alexander	cook	THOMAS, Rosie & John	home duties & ch
McKINNON, Lachlan	ABRAN	PO	
McLEOD, Hector	school master	THOMPSON, Muriel	nurse
MATTHEWS, Charles	RN	TIMBERY, Howard	fisherman
MAXWELL, James	seaman	TOLHURST, James	stoker
MAYNARD, Thomas	paymaster	TOOVEY, Frederick	naval rating
MILLS, Albert	leading seaman	TRAINOR, Gordon	steward
MORAN, Anne & Francis	home duties & joiner	TURNBULL, Clara & Thomas	home duties & engineer
MORRIS, Edward	comd shipwright	TURNER, Henry	handyman
MORRIS, Walter	steward	TURNER, Thomas	RN
MORRISON, Ethel & Leonard	home duties & school teacher	TYRRELL, William	RN
OLDFIELD, Thomas	stoker	VINEY, Donald	petty officer
OLIVER, Charles	artificer	WAGHORNE, Thomas	AB
ORAM, Edyth & Reginald	home duties & RAN	WALLACE, John	seaman
PAGE, Evelyn	home duties	WALTER, Harold	artificer
PARSONS, George	fisherman	WEBB, Robert	RAN
PEARCE, Martha & Frederick	home duties & officers' cook	WEBB, George	plumber
PEARSON, James	stoker RAN	WELLINGTON, Robert	stoker
PEPPER, John	labourer	WHEATLEY, Alice & Frederick	home duties & headmaster
PERRETT, Mary & Reginald	home duties & seaman	WHITE, Sophia & William	home duties & carpenter
PERVIN, May & William	home duties & artificer	WHITEHALL, John	---
		WHITTINGTON, Frances & George	home duties & PO

WILLIAMS, Lilian	seamstress
WILLIAMSON, Andrew	stoker
WILLIAMSON, Frederick	RAN
WOODALL, Jack	RAN
WRAY, William	naval rating
WRIGHT, Reginald	RAN
WILSON, Mabel	home duties

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**CAPTAIN'S HOUSE JERVIS BAY**

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JARMAN, Freda	home duties
VEATER, Albert	cook

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**CAPTAIN'S POINT, JERVIS BAY.**

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HAMLIN, Martha & Albert	home duties & labourer
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**MARRIED QUARTERS, JERVIS BAY.**

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12 WEBB, Helen	home duties
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**STORES DEPARTMENT, JERVIS BAY.**

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KELLY, John	senior storeman
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**WRECK BAY**

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ARDLER, Emily, Rose, Gus & William	home duties, home duties, fisherman & fisherman
CARPENTER, Charlie	fisherman
KELLS, Muriel	home duties
LACEY, Angelina & Ernest	fisherman & fisherman
TIMBERY, John	fisherman

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**POINT PERPENDICULAR LIGHTHOUSE POINT**

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McGREGOR, Mary & Roy	home duties & lighthousekeeper
MILLER, Harriett & John	home duties & lighthousekeeper

**The Canberra Times 7 December 1929: NAVAL COLLEGE FUTURE POSITION IN DOUBT. BIG COST OF JERVIS BAY. MINISTER TO MAKE FULL INQUIRY.** Owing to the heavy costs involved in the maintenance of the Royal Naval College at Jervis Bay the Government is seriously considering the future conduct of the establishment. After the rising of Parliament the Minister for Defence (Mr Green) will visit the College and make a close scrutiny of all aspects of the establishment after which the Cabinet will consider its future. A survey of the position of the Royal Naval College for the last financial year was £64,752 and this expenditure was provided for the training of only 52 cadets. Altogether the cost of the college has been £736,726 and the total number of officers who have graduated have been 218. It is considered that there is very great room for economy in this connection and after the visit of Mr Green to Jervis Bay the Government will make an important decision as to its future. A report which has received consideration has also disclosed that in connection with the Royal Military College at Duntroon the cost for the last financial year was £52,778 for the education of 74 cadets and that its total cost of maintenance to date has been £887,229 and the capital cost £187,057 while the total graduations have been 309 Australian Scholars and 60 New Zealanders.

*In view of the startling nature of information conveyed in the report, the position of both colleges will received special consideration when the defence estimates are being revised.*

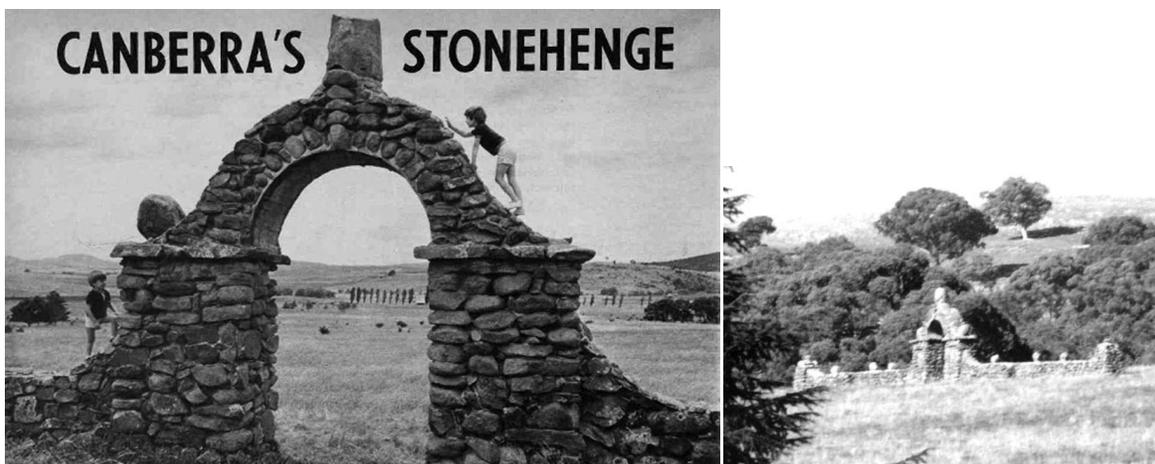
**The Canberra Times 9 December 1929: JERVIS BAY - FATE OF COLLEGE.** Great Britain now draws a large percentage of its cadets from the big public schools, and these are proving to be as efficient as those who join a Naval College at an early age. Unlike a military college only a small portion of the training of the young naval officer in the making can be obtained in a college, the greater part necessarily being at sea. This and other facts including the great expense per cadet per year at the Jervis Bay Naval College are being considered by the Commonwealth Government. The Prime Minister (Mr Scullin) said on Saturday, that the Government was investigating the whole position, certain recommendations and advice having been received from the naval Board.

#### ENVIRONA

One almost forgotten planned township near Queanbeyan in New South Wales is *Environa*. Although it was never part of the Federal Territory it was in one sense, part of it. It was the dream of NSW developer, Henry Halloran who bought a large tract of land between the Queanbeyan River [Molonglo] and Jerrabomberra Creek. He had a qualified surveyor and local government engineer lay out a plan based on the radial principle. This development was freehold land in contrast to the territory lands which could only be leased. <sup>ii</sup>

It failed because of the Great Depression followed by World War II Canberra did not develop as fast as expected. And although some of the blocks were sold, the majority was not and *Environa* remained a dream.

A number of features built in stone marked the entrance to *Environa* as well as well defined roads and gardens. A bust of Sir Henry Parkes on a tall stone column was placed in a prominent part of *Environa* and although the depression put paid to any building activity in the area, its sports ground and picnic areas were well used by the locals.



Above: Left Women's Weekly photograph of Environa and right John Bruggeman photograph 1999 of same structure.

**The Canberra Times 2 April 1929: ENVIRONA.** *The many visitors to the Tuggeranong sports meeting yesterday had an opportunity of seeing the layout of the new sub-division of Environa now being prepared by Mr Halloran. The beauty of the situation appealed to all, also its suitability for residential purposes. Including the sports ground a very picturesque area of over 150 acres bounded by the willow-line Jerrabomberra Creek has been set apart for an 18 hole golf course, which it is hoped will become famous. In the centre of the estate is a circular park of about five acres around which is being formed in ornamental stonework, a garden. At the main entrance are two fine stone pillars 17 feet high and six feet in diameter and the other entrances from which roads radiate, are being given a special design.*

*The commencement column at Environa is completed and is wholly made of native stones from the estate in various colours and is surmounted by a bust of the 'commencer' of Federation, Sir Henry Parkes. Within another open space the main top mast of the celebrated war ship Sydney with suitable stone base is being erected. Another feature will be a sundial 60 feet in diameter with a gnomon 20 feet high. It is desired to make the beautiful situation still more interesting, and many other features are proposed. A visit to Environa even in the present construction stage will prove interesting.*

**The Canberra Times 3 April 1929: AT ENVIRONA £80 REALISED.** *The annual sports at Tuggeranong organized in connection with St Gregory's Church Queanbeyan was staged on Monday at Environa, Tuggeranong by courtesy of Mr HF Halloran, who had designed and partly carried into effect the formation of this picturesque garden estate.*

*In a natural amphitheatre, with the hills forming a drop-curtain, a symphony in greens as background, this estate with kiosks dotted here and there, lends itself to an ideal picnicking ground, and the sports which attracted a large crowd of spectators in the afternoon were run in an arena, specially railed out for such functions. During the day the Queanbeyan Municipal Band, in a bandstand, played lively airs. A refreshment booth and soft drinks booth were also in evidence and seats had been arranged in front of the arena for the comfort of spectators.*

*Environa, itself, leads itself to the ensemble of the scenery, with spacious boulevards and columns and obelisks of vari-coloured rocks and garden plots, in one of which will be erected the topmast of the original HMAS Sydney as a memorial to the historic encounter with the Emden. Another phase of the design is a Commemoration Column on which a marble bust of Sir Henry Parkes, Father of Federation has been placed, to be unveiled at a future official function.*

*The sports were officially opened in the afternoon by Mr Gullett (Minister of Trade and Customs), introduced by Mr J Morrison (president of the sports), who in wishing success to the function, said that as one who was born in a country district among horses and horsemen he thoroughly appreciated open-air sports. It had been said that Australians paid too much attention to sport and we see 30,000 spectators watch 22 men play cricket, but sport was good if we worked as hard as we played. The speaker concluded by stating that as one who was living in the district he would always be pleased to join in any function that made for the betterment of the residents in all.*

*Among the other speakers Senator Foll (Queensland) eulogized the energy of the organizers, Mr HF Halloran, described what had already been done on Environa and stated his intention to give employment to men in the district in the future developments of the estate. Father O'Riordan thanked Mr Halloran for making the estate available for the sports and also for the energetic body of helpers...*

The use of Environa's sports ground continued well into the 1930s if not later, but by the time I arrived in Canberra in the early 1940s no further development had taken place and it was recalled as a wonderful folly - a dream that never became a reality.



Above left: Entrance gate to Environa *Women's Weekly* article



Above left column where the bust of Sir Henry Parkes stood and right, Bandstand 1999. Courtesy John Bruggeman. The bust that sat on top of the column was destroyed by people using it for target practice.

***Lyll Gillespie's Cards:***

**Queanbeyan Age 19 March 1929:** *A striking and permanent memorial of Australia's first naval engagement is to be erected in the centre of 'The Octagon' at Environa, the charming suburb which is just outside the Federal Capital Territory at the end of the Jerrabomberra Valley arterial Avenue. Mr Henry F Halloran has secured the main top mast of the cruiser 'Sydney' and it is to be erected in the spacious public place with a suitable base constructed in native stone ornamented with three gunmetal bollards from the same vessel...*

*The Sydney's mast which had to be brought in several special trucks arrived at Queanbeyan Station a few days ago and its erection will be completed in time for it to be dedicated on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fight on the 9<sup>th</sup> November next.*

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**Queanbeyan Age 4 April 1929** Environa - Travellers along the Tharwa road as they view the red roofed kiosks studded amongst the hills about four miles from Queanbeyan little realize the progressive work carried out and in progress on Mr HF Halloran's fine sub-division of Environa.

Turning off the main road for about a quarter of a mile one passes under the railway line and envisaged a delightful scene. In its natural state the spot was an ideal area, but with added improvements the beholder is struck with the delightful surroundings.

In the centre of the estate is a circular park which is laid out in garden style with rockeries formed of the natural rocks. At the entrance not far from the sportsground has been built the commencement column wholly constructed from stones taken from the sub-division and surmounted by a noble bust of Sir Henry Parkes. In seeking of some person to be honoured Mr Halloran said he considered no one more suitable than the founder of Federation and at some future time the bust will be unveiled. In the centre of one of the avenues has been prepared a rock garden with spaces for seats and the rock columns at other points of vantage present very artistic effects. The whole design as shown to our representative as on a circular plan radiating from a central point on an elevation. From here splendid views may be had of the surrounding territory towards the Federal Capital and Duntroon.

In another space arrangement has been made for the erection of the main top mast of the cruiser Sydney with a suitable base constructed of native stone and ornamented with three gun metal bollards from the same cruiser, particulars of which appeared in a former issue of this journal. Mr Halloran also states that he hoped to erect a large sundial which would be another outstanding feature.

It is expected at some future date that a fine 18 hole golf links will be laid down and when this eventuates the links should be largely patronized. Looking from the estate towards Queanbeyan the eye notices the new road being constructed towards the top of Jerrabomberra. The grade will be no more than one in twenty and some fine landscape views are obtainable as one ascends. A visit to Environa even though the work is still unfinished will provide an interesting outing.

**Queanbeyan Age 4 April 1929:** ...At Queanbeyan Mr Halloran was responsible for building the splendid road which winds around Jerrabomberra till it reaches the top of the lookout on top of Bungendore Hill. From both these vantage points magnificent views are obtained of the town of Queanbeyan and the Federal Capital City - Canberra. 'Environa' a picnic and sports ground off the Tharwa Road and only a few miles from Queanbeyan is of Mr Halloran's origination. All are assets from the tourist point of view.

**Queanbeyan Age 10 December 1935:** Tuggeranong Sports. The annual sports held in connection with the Queanbeyan RC Church took place this year on the picturesque picnic grounds at Environa. Through the courtesy of Mr HF Halloran the grounds were made available and being so handy to Queanbeyan and Canberra there was a good attendance at about 600.

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<sup>i</sup> Klensendorlffe took over the grant in the late 1830s but had already moved on to the land some years earlier. He built a two storey stone villa in 1838 which he named *Elizabeth* after his wife. By 1847 he was bankrupt and had the property went to Peter and Ann Plomer. In the 1860s it was sold to the Campbell family of Duntroon, and became part of Duntroon estate. However, it continued to be known as Klensendorlffe's grant.

<sup>ii</sup> *The Australian Women's Weekly* 24 February 1971