

The build up for the 2013 celebrations are beginning. I do hope that the people who lived in the territory and those who came to build the city are remembered.

At time of writing two of our old friends – Robert Boden (was one of the boys who studied at the Forestry School at Westridge and wrote for *True Tales* and whose report on Stirling Park provided such important information about the endangered wild flower, trees etc) and Judy Becker (Heritage Library – Queanbeyan Library etc etc) are having some health problems and I wish them all the best and thinking of them at this time.

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NAME: Convine Street; ORIGIN: Alice Maude Convine nee Worster (1899-1954) and her husband, William Isaac (Bill) Convine (1895-1973); SIGNIFICANCE: Canberra Community. Alice Maud Worster was born at Keithleigh, Yorkshire, England and William Isaac (Bill) Convine was born at Rawtensall, Lancashire England. Alice and William married in 1920.

William Convine served with the West Riding Regiment in France in the First World War. Initially a drummer, later a Lewis gunner, he was in the trenches for some years until badly wounded by shrapnel. After the war, and with two children, Alice and Bill attempted to migrate to Australia but Bill was unable to pass the medical.

The family movement to Australia began in late 1923 with Bill and his brother arriving first. They had worked for several years in cotton mills and paid their way to Australia. After arrival they tramped from Horsham, Victoria to Junee seeking work before turning to the ACT.

Alice came to Australia later on the Osterley in mid 1924 with her mother, two sisters, a brother (Horrie) and her two children (one baby, Verna, was the reason for Alice's delayed departure).

Alice and Bill managed the Molonglo Workers Mess catering for the 150 men who lived there from 1925 for two years. The Mess was mainly for workers on the first Parliament House. They were assisted in their catering by Jack and Horrie Worster (Alice's brothers) and substantial staff.

Alice and Bill had three children at Molonglo: Harold, Jackie and Verna. But the family suffered extreme tragedy when the younger two (Jackie and Verna) were killed in separate accidents at the Molonglo Mess. Verna, the baby, perished by falling into a tub of boiling water being used by a female staff to scrub floors and Jackie died from an accident in the kitchen of the Molonglo Mess. The couple had three more children after leaving Molonglo: Bill (junior), Geoffrey and Dion.

Bill Convine was involved with brass bands throughout his life and was a member of the Third Battalion in Queanbeyan as Band Sergeant. Ironically in 1941, when the Japanese invaded New Guinea the Thirty Third was sent to meet them at Kokoda and Bill remarked, wasn't fit enough to be a migrant but now fit enough to fight. The Third Battalion was the first unit to physically stop the Japanese on land at a cost of 73% casualties. In 1944 after he returned to Australia and his discharge from the Army, Bill reformed the Canberra Band. Bill retired as an attendant at Parliament House aged 65 and after a stroke at aged 72 was forced to retire from the Canberra Band. He lost part of the use of his left leg and couldn't keep up the marches.

Alice had an outstanding singing voice, was an avid short story writer and was well known locally as a clairvoyant. While working for the Red Cross she manned the Red Cross Tent every festival day, mainly at the old Acton Racecourse, where she read palms and cards for two shillings a sitting for the Red Cross. Many people sought out her forecasts and she was also conveyed to the Lodge for sittings on a regular basis.

Alice was a trained cook and specialised in pastry cooking including cake decorating; and after the worker's Mess she opened her own pastry shop. During the depth of the depression swaggies were never turned away without a Cornish pastie and a hot cuppa to help them on their way.

Not mentioned in the article is that the Convine family lived at 44 Westlake in the 1940s. The information above was given to me by Bill Convine (Jr) who now lives with his wife in Queensland. Bill has also published a book, *Jack the Dogger- great tale!* A photograph of Alice Convine and three children taken outside the Molonglo Mess before the sad deaths of two children is on the front cover of Alan Foskett's book – *The Molonglo Mystery*.

Bill and Norah Convine travelled down from Queensland in mid November to see family and catch up with old friends that included John Trevillian and Lionel Haines. Bill was born in 1927 and is about to write the story – or a story – about the *gang* of his youth and some of the mischief that they got up to in the early days. Sadly on arrival in the city they received the news of the death of another of the old group – one of the Rees boys. Norah and Bill spent a day with me chatting and catching up. Norah's uncle and aunt were the Peisley family of Westlake. They had plans to meet with Lionel and have dinner with Rhona Van Ewyk (nee Bourke of 1 Westlake) and Dot Maxwell. Below is a photograph taken out at the Cotter around 1952 at the end of the tunnel – now cut off to the public. We rode our bikes out to the Cotter. Rear L-R Carmel Maxwell, Kath Poulter, Jimmy Burns, George Poulter – Centre – me – Ann Austin

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and in front Raymond Menzies. I think the photo may have been taken by Jimmy Johnston. He certainly came on one of the rides and had a tyre that went down – so he went flat out and stopped when the tyre went flat – pumped it up and off again. Not one water bottle was carried amongst us. I don't recall ever carrying water on any of our walks across to Black Mountain or rides out to the Cotter etc. Different world today.



The Tuson family lived for six months in 24 or 25 Westlake before moving to Pierce's Creek. Harold and Margaret Tuson had a family of three girls and one boy. Harold John (son) died a few years ago and on 15th December 2007 Marie Irene McLeod (nee Tuson) died. She was born 26.8.1923. She is survived by her sisters, Ella Campbell, June Nichols and Patricia Muir. Her husband, Thomas George McLeod died 27th December 2007. He was born on 25th October 1922.

Cec Hunter, another old Canberra identity, also died in mid December 2007. He is survived by his wife, Meryl, (local historian) and five sons.

Another – an old friend of 51 years – Horace William (Bill) Staunton - lost his battle with a brain tumour on 18th January 2008. He is survived by his wife, Avis and children David & Lynne. Bill's family were pioneers in the Tidbinbilla area. His brother John died a few years back. Fran Sorrelle (sister) and Joe (brother) survive Bill who was 74 years old at the time of death.

Fran Sorrelle, nee Staunton, sister of Bill (Horace William) was found dead in her unit at the Goodwin Homes. She probably died on Thursday 20th November 2008 and is survived by two children, Simone and Graeme and brother, Joe. Fran will be missed by many including me. She was keen on our early history and spent many hours of voluntary work in the CDHS rooms.

Roma Brien (nee Banks) of 48 Westlake had the sad death of her son, John, who was only 26 years of age. He died in January 2008 – the result of an industrial accident. His body was returned home for a remembrance ceremony before being returned to his home in WA where he was cremated. Roma's sisters, Noeline (from WA) and Helen (from Adelaide) have been with Roma during this difficult time. John made our photograph board displayed at Westlake in George Syke's yard (29 Westlake).

In the early hours of the morning of 16th March 2008, Donald (Donnie) Thomas BELL died. He was born 5th October 1935. Don was the second youngest child of James and Christina (nee Brown) Carroll. (After James' death Christina remarried a man with the surname of Bell). Don's father was a descendent of two Ngunawal Queens – Lucy Carroll and Nellie Hamilton. He is also a descendent of Hamilton Hume. One of the camping grounds on the family's annual trek around the ACT was on Capital Hill which was part of Westlake in the 1920s. Don wrote his story in our book, *True Tales From Canberra's Vanished Suburbs of Westlake, Westridge and Acton* and gave us the added bonus of a story of *Gungahlin Kookaburra*. Don is survived by his wife, Ruth and their children, Wally, Don, Josephine, Dean, Sonia, Karen and Tyrone, 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Two of his sisters, Dorothy and Phyllis survive. [Don's story is republished in the new book *A Story of Capital Hill*.]

Don and Ruth spent many hours walking the Westlake Hills with Karen Williams, John Bruggeman and myself and told us many dream time stories and tales about the trees, rocks and living creatures. His body was returned home to Yass where the funeral took place in St Augustine's Catholic Church before burial in the Yass Cemetery.

Stanley Curtis BRILL (22 Westlake) born 13th March 1922 died on 15th March 2008 (anniversary of the unveiling of our Westlake plaques in Stirling Park and my mother's birthday). His funeral was held on 20th March and he is buried in the Gungahlin Cemetery. Stan is survived by his wife Beryl, children Gail, Faye, John, Yvonne, Greg and Gary and 17 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Stan's mother was the first post mistress at Westlake. Stan's funeral notice had the following lines of poetry that that will speak to many -

May the winds of love blow softly,
And whisper for you to hear,
That we will always love you,
And always keep you near.

Stan belonged to a Westlake generation earlier than mine and I recall a number of stories told to me by him that included when he was a little fellow his father carried him across the hill to see a number of Howie's cottages being pulled down. By 1926 only 13 of the original houses remained (area opposite Lotus Bay).

Adrie O'Neill was born 18th May 1929 at Westlake.

She married twice. Her second husband was Laurie Callan of Westlake who predeceased her. Adrie died in early May 2008 just before her 90th birthday. Her death notice in the Canberra Times on Wednesday 14th May noted that she will be buried in Gungahlin Cemetery after a ceremony held in the RC church at Yarralumla.

Another death is another old friend of mine. She was not a Westlake person, but because she was a special person to me I would like to record her details here. Luzia (Lucy) Hoerzer 16.12.1929-24.7.2008. She died after a long battle with illness. Her husband, Karl passed away around a year ago and she is survived by her son, Val and his wife and children. Her brother Hans predeceased her. Her sisters, Thea, Josephine and Suzi survive her.

In re-reading issues of Canberra *Community News* I came across an article in the issue 11th March 1926 that referred to Westlake Cricket Club and Library. Part reads: *At a meeting of the Westlake [Social Service] Association Mr S Champ was appointed to represent the locality in the Library Committee. A Bush Library is already in existence here at the residence of Mr Brill, the subscription to which is 2s 6d per annum. The library is quite a large one, and books are to be held on all subjects...*

The article continued: *One of our most esteemed residents, Mr F Oakley[sic Okely], is at present an inmate of the Canberra Hospital and his many friends will wish him a speedy and permanent recovery. Mr Francis Thornton Okely died on 21st April 1926 from TB. He was 39 years of age and is buried in St John the Baptist Church Cemetery at Reid ACT. Jean Salisbury in her book, St John's Churchyard has the information that Francis Thornton was a carpenter by trade and was born in SA – son of Christopher and Lizette Okely. He married Veronica Constance Kell at Cobar NSW and the couple had three children. His grave is unmarked.*

Another Westlake person, Emily Knight, wife of Alfred Knight of 1 Westlake, died 14th July 1928 aged 41 years. The cause of death was also TB. The couple had three children. Emily Knight is also buried in St John's Churchyard.

Other Westlake people buried in St John's Churchyard are:

BLEWITT, stillborn son of Joseph & Francis Blewitt – 25th November 1935.

BRANCH, Harrie Hamilton McGuffie died 5th February 1927 aged 39 years. Lived 3 Westlake.

BRANDER, James died 30th June 1932 – lived 36 Westlake.

BRUCE, Charles Jackson died 26th June 1926 aged 52 years. Lived at No 1 Labourers Camp, Westlake on Capitol Hill.

CHAPMAN, Henry died 7th January 1939 aged 83 years. At the time of his death he lived at Russell Hill

before moving to Westlake where he lived with his daughter Mrs Clarice Reynolds. He is buried with his son-in-law Thomas Reynolds.

COOK, Allison – 5th child of Thomas & Elizabeth Kinlyside – 5th April 1913 aged 84 years. Her first marriage was to Thomas Charles Willis in 1859 St Phillip's Church Sydney – second marriage to Thomas Bryant 1864 (Briar Farm) and following his death she married his partner, James William Cook. Her daughter, Elizabeth Grace Fanny Willis married her cousin, Thomas Kinlyside and this couple continued to live at Briar Farm until towards the end of 1913 when they moved to Oaks Estate.

COOK, James William died 15th May 1898 aged 63 years. Buried with him is his son, James William Cook who died 6th January 1921 aged 51 years.

James' first marriage was to Mary Ann Farrel in Queanbeyan in 1865. She died 1872 aged 31 years and is buried in the RC section of Riverside Cemetery.

DUFFUS, Lucy Mary, daughter of Alexander John Duffus and Mary Jane Duffus died 22nd October 1927 aged 15 months.

EDWARDS, Alice May, wife of Alfred Edwards of 44 Westlake, died 19th June 1933 aged 43 years.

EDWARDS, Alfred, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Edwards of Adelong NSW was born 1883. He married Alice May Edwards and following her death he married Edith Christine Gibbs. At the time of his death 2nd December 1949 aged 66 years he lived at 66 Elimatta St Braddon.

FREEMAN, Arthur Creswell died 8th December 1933 aged 60 years at Causeway. He and his wife Ruth lived at Tenterfield and Bungendore before moving to No 3 Sewer Camp in The Gap at Westlake where in 1922 he was Mess Caterer there. The Mess room later became the Westlake Hall. In 1924 the family moved to a tent cottage on the hillside above Lotus Bay and in 1925 the couple's last child – their sixth – Edward William was born. In 1927 they moved into nearby 13 Howie's Cottages before their last move in 1930 to Causeway.

FREEMAN, Ernie – Memorial on his father's grave (Arthur Freeman). Ernie was in 17th Ordnance Ammunition Co in WW2 and died of injuries in New Guinea 22nd August 1943 aged 29 years. His oldest brother, Arthur Creswell Freeman Jr lived until a few years ago in Griffith.

HAWKE – a number of the Hawke family are buried in St John's Churchyard. The old couple Letitia and James Henry Hawke came to Canberra around 1911 from Araluen. They came with their extended family. Letitia – daughter of Andrew and Eliza Pepper – married James Hawke in 1872 at Araluen. The couple had ten children. Letitia died 26th December 1926 aged 54 years and is buried in St John's Churchyard. At the time of her death the family lived at Molonglo. Following his wife's death James married in 1936 to Susie Barnett Crook and both are buried in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery.

Also buried in St John's Churchyard are two grandsons of James & Letitia – Mevyn Douglas

Hawke, son of Harold and Mary Josephine Hawke. The family at the time of the accidental death of Mervyn Douglas Hawke on 26th August 1940 aged 18 years lived at 111 Causeway. John Hawke, also son of Harold and Mary Josephine died 7th March 1930 aged 12 hours.

JOHNSON, Lucy Alexandra, wife of Henry Johnson died 19th September 1939 aged 59 years. The couple had five children and from memory, lived at 56 Westlake.

KAYE – This family moved into Klensendorlffe's farm house in 1854 and in the early 1890s built a new slab cottage next to the old stone villa which became a barn. [the site of the house was the old golf links club house behind the Hotel Canberra.] A number of this family are buried at St John's Churchyard. Kaye, Catherine, sixth child of Duncan McPherson & Catherine nee Maclean. She married in 1880 to Joseph John Kaye and became the mother of 8 children. She died 4th November 1893 aged 44 years: Kaye, Joseph John – fifth child of Joseph Kaye and Eliza Ann nee Hunt who married Queanbeyan in 1844. Joseph John was born 1852 and died 9th May 1920 aged 67 years: Kaye Kate Alison – sixth child of Samuel Charles Kaye & Letitia nee Sandford. She was born 15th March 1901 and died 6th August 1982 aged 81 years: Kaye, Leslie Arthur – fifth child of Joseph John Kaye died 2nd December 1910 aged 24 years: Kaye, Letitia – daughter of Leonard and Letitia Sandford died 17th November 1948 aged 80 years: Kaye, Samuel Charles eleventh child of Joseph and Eliza Kaye died 15th March 1933 aged 71 years. He was born 2nd May 1861 and his wife, Letitia nee Sandford was born 26th September 1868.

KINLYSIDE, John second son of Thomas Michael Phillips Kinlyside and Elizabeth Grace Fanny (nee Willis) Kinlyside died 12th September 1886 aged 15 months. This couple who married in St John's in 1882 would have been living at Briar Farm at the time of their son's death. Other members of the Kinlyside family are buried in St John's Churchyard.

LEECH, Arthur Neville son of Arthur & Florence Leech of 20 Westlake died 15th March 1930 aged 14 years. He dived into the Acton Swimming Hole and hit his head.

McKINNON, Ronald Edward William second child of Bettie Hardie (nee Bell) and James Goodall McKinnon, plumber of Westlake, died 27th September 1925 aged 10 months.

MAKIN, Annie Aitken (nee Donaldson) wife of James Makin died 25th March 1935 aged 55 years. At the time of her death she lived in Acton but had lived in 47 Westlake. She was born in Fifeshire Scotland. MAKIN, James, husband of Annie, died 7th February 1948 aged 65 years. He was born in Edinburgh Scotland.

PATRICK, Christopher Westie. He married Jeanie Young Crooks in Sydney and the couple had eight children. He was one of the managers for John Howie & Sons and lived in a Howie's cottage at Westlake. In 1929 he left his wife and children at their home in Westlake and went to Sydney in search of work. After

the death of his wife in whilst he was away, he moved his family back to Sydney where he died 8th August 1980 aged 92 years. His ashes were interred with his wife at St John's Churchyard.

PATRICK, Jeanie Young Crooks was the daughter of William and Jane Crooks (nee Young) and was born in Scotland. She married Christopher Westie Patrick in Sydney. On 6th February 1929 she died at her home aged 43 years.

REYNOLDS, Thomas Francis. He was a carpenter living at Russell Hill Canberra at the time of his death 18th August 1929 aged 35 years. His wife, Clarice Ruby Reynolds later moved to Westlake.

ROBINSON, Clarence Leander, fourth child of Amos Herbert and Ethel Grace (nee Chapman) Robinson 15th July 1930 aged 17 years 11 months. He lived at Westlake with his family at the time of his death and it was on his way back to the Canberra Times after delivering papers that he was killed in the early hours of the morning.

SHARP, Heather Raye, daughter of Henry John Sharp and Rachel Ellen (nee Staples) who were married at St John's in 1938, died 28th February 1941 aged 9 months. The family home at that time was 15 Westlake.

SHEEHAN, Robert Francis, son of Lucy Jean (nee Warburton) and Raymond Francis Sheehan, died 19th April 1928 aged 4 months. The couple lived at Howie's Cottages. Another child, Eileen Frances died 20th November 1925 aged two months. The family lived at Causeway at the time of her death.

Some of the Westlake people have their ashes spread near the sites of their old homes. They include *Windwalker*, Vlad Bondarenko and Val Clarke (nee Hawke).

In re-reading the *Canberra Community News* I came across a few articles that brought back memories. The News was before my time, but, the bus shed was not. An article in the News 11th September 1926 – *It is regretted to report that vandalism has been very rife at Westlake recently; the shelter shed, which was built for the benefit of school children, having been disgracefully damaged. The tiles on the roof have evidently been broken by stones thrown by boys and it is hoped that the authorities will make a move towards having this practice stopped.* [This matter is referred to in an article in another column. Ed.]

I would presume this would be the bus shelter on State Circle below the US Embassy. The walls of the bus shelter was covered with graffiti and many of us learnt the facts of life from the artists who drew on the walls. I also note it was the boys who were blamed for the vandalism. Rocks on roofs was a common in the settlement – at least on our tin roofs they only made a noise.

Canberra Community News September 11 1926 also mentioned our Westlake Cricket Team. Cricket is the going boom at Westlake this year. *At a meeting held*

at the Tradesmen's Mess [area opposite Lotus Bay that continued up the hill to the area of the French Embassy in Perth Avenue] on 23rd August, it was decided to enter a team in the Association's competition during the coming season. This team will be comprised mainly of members of last year's Hostel [Contractor John Howie's Settlement opposite Lotus Bay that consisted of the Hostel Camp for his single men and 25 cottages] and McCarthy's Club and it was unanimously decided that the name of the Club should be the Westlake Club. Another meeting was held on the 30th August when further preparation for the coming season was made. The president of the club is Mr R Law and the Hon Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Hooper who has done good work as the Secretary of the Federal Capital Territory Soccer Association during the season just concluded. [The population of Westlake in 1925 was 700 – it consisted of our Westlake cottages, No 1 Labourers Camp, Old Tradesmen's Camp, No 3 Sewer Camp and Contractor John Howie's settlement. No 3 Sewer Camp moved in 1925 and on the site of their tents Westlake cottages 53-62 were built. The Westlake cricket pitch was in an area below Lord Casey's on the block near Flynn Drive just given to the Chinese Embassy to develop.]

Trish Frei – a Westridge person – organized a walk around Westlake. She is the Education Officer for The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra Inc and asked me to lead the walk. Robina Gugler designed the walk brochure that had the theme *WESTLAKE, OUR FORGOTTEN PLACE*. The walk as well as wandering around the sites of our old homes also included Stirling Ridge which has some wonderful old Ngunawal scarred trees and stone arrangements. Roma Banks (nee Brien) arrived to give a hand and at the conclusion of the two hour walk she told me that Hazel Kennedy (nee Haines) and her sister, Dawn Cooper had intended to come. However as Hazel was leaving the house she had a phone call to let her know that Dawn's daughter had just been found dead.



Left – Roma on the day. I later received a phone call from Gary Skewes who had found one of the light fittings from the hall. It has been left on site, but hidden.

Sell Dark And Dingy Lodge, author urges.
This was the heading

on page 3 of *The Canberra Times* Saturday July 26th 2008. The author, Graeme Barrow has just published a book on the Prime Minister's Lodge. I was phoned by Megan Doherty of the *Times* and part of my comments to her were published – *However, there is opposition to Stirling Ridge* (site recommended and set aside by NCA along with Attunga Point). *Resident*

Ann Gugler said the land held significant Aboriginal sites and important vegetation such as the threatened button wrinklewort daisy. If they want to build a new Lodge there are plenty of places that are in the area which would not destroy native bushland... Not mentioned in the article is the legless lizard also found in the park.

I of course mentioned that our settlement was in the area below the ridge and that a report made for the NCA last year mentions the historical significance of the area and that now heritage has to be considered as part of the criteria regarding whether or not land is available for development.

I am also fearful that the road that would cut Stirling Park into two will also go ahead and would cut through the area of our plaque and the tree planted by our oldest men.



A visit to the Canberra & District Historical Society Bazaar Sale Day led to the finding of a photograph of Howie's Cottages (1922-c1930, Westlake – opposite modern Lotus Bay) – see above - The home built by Ken Dinnerville's father – Charles – would be the smallest cottage on the left and that of Harry Hamilton's family probably the one on the end top right.

Some of the objects discovered in the area by Gary Skewes also remind us that many of the men who lived at Westlake and who built the Hotel Canberra and the Provisional Parliament House were men who served in World War 1.

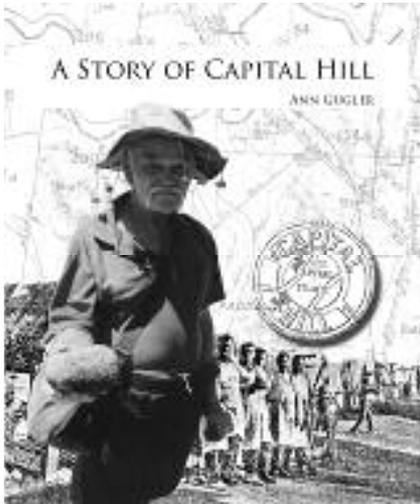


On 21st February 2009 at the Robertson Room, St John the Baptist Church Reid at 2.30pm Jill Waterhouse will launch 'my' new book, *A CAPITAL HILL STORY*. My daughter Robina Gugler is responsible for the graphic work and has had great patience with me. The work grew out of the need to update the Westlake information. No 1 Labourers Camp was on Capital

Hill and the address was Westlake. This book tells a story of the hills of Gura Bung Dhaura (Westlake) and attempts to put the history of Capital Hill into the context of its long history that is part of the ancient Ngunawal pathway from Black's Hill (Black Mountain) Stirling Ridge - Capital (camping and ceremonial) - Red Hill (preparation for ceremonies), Mugga to Tuggeranong (ceremonies, good food – bogong moth – etc). This pathway was used by the Europeans when they arrived and reference to this is found in the story of Klensendorlffe who on his way to find the bushranger who robbed his servant Crabtree met up with Jacky Jacky on Capital Hill and was robbed of his horse, his trowsers, shirt and boots and left to walk back home. This event probably occurred in the late 1830s or early 1840s. In 1855 Gale used the same pathway on his way south of the Molonglo. The strip maps that may be dated between 1912-1915 show these old tracks.

Capitol – Capital Hill was the area chosen for many camps that ranged from Ngunawal, politicians, surveyors and construction workers. It was chosen by Walter Burley Griffin to be the centre of the new Federal City and cut off from its fellows by a circular road – State Circle. In the late 1970s it was chosen as the site for the permanent parliament house that was opened by Queen Elizabeth on 9th May 1988 on the anniversary of her father's opening of the provisional parliament house in 1927.

The hills of Gura Bung Dhaura rise about the Canberra Plain that eventually gave its name to the city and of course, they were the hills that we played on as kids.



I have included in this book a section that consists of early documents that I believe are important in recognizing the first inhabitants of this country – the Ngunawal and the first Canberrans to live in the Federal Territory. The people who came to live in the federal capital began arriving from around 1909 not

1927 – they were the builders who were joined in 1926 and 1927 by the first waves of public servants transferred to Canberra to run the business of the Federal Government. Included in this section are articles by researchers Karen Williams, Rebecca Lamb, Marilyn Folger and Trish Frei (also editing) along with photographs of finds by Gary Skewes. Other documents and essays were chosen to redress the balance – to inform and or remind the readers about the hidden and forgotten Canberra - the dual system of housing that divided the city – the Canberra that hid the workers in sub standard dwellings and camps from permanent Canberra.

Robina has identified on a modern map the site of the short lived camp used for the police in May 1927. It was on the site of modern Flynn Drive and nearby area in front of the Chinese Embassy – so along with the site of No 1 Labourers Camp – another mystery solved. One of dumps of No 1 is under a modern walking path on Capital Hill and of course the sites of the camps & Howies in Stirling Park are still – over grown – as left in 1927 & 1930.

Well – Happy Christmas and New Year and hope to see some of you at the book launch on 21st February 2009. A reminder - Alan Foskett's new book on the suburb of Campbell will be launched at the Campbell Primary School at 5pm Sunday 14.12.08 – includes a section on Russell Hill Settlement & early history of the area. ANN [Gugler nee Austin]