

Chapter 12 Progress to Pillar of the Community

Time it is can surely transport a family and lift it firmly from its roots. And time it is that fosters vibrant growth afresh, transplanted from the old world to the new. So it was with Dad and the town he now called home. Patrick Quinn, all of sixty years in 1875, showed definite signs of wear and tear. Time takes its toll during forty years of hard living in the colony. My brother James now 28 and five years younger than I, may well have moved to another continent even as Thunderbolt was rumoured to have done. Jim and I, so close as children, grew apart when Mum was gone. I went to work on carrying mail and Jim, then only ten, stayed to mind a home just emptied of its heart. But now, maybe he'd headed north to Queensland following cedar cutters up the coast. Yet despite Mums schooling us



in books and letters, we lost contact in the waves of change that eddied round our lives.

Rosanna, my surviving sister was blooming beautiful and in her prime at twenty five. Living in town in 1875 with the two Paddies, she was catching the eye of more than a few admirers around the Glenn. A local Furracabad pastoralist, John Doolan by name had already made approaches with a view to marriage and plans were in place for a ceremony towards the end of '76. Her husband to be was London born in 1831 and now farmed land near Wellington. At forty four years of age he was known as a man of substance and fortunate indeed to catch the attention of a beauty such as Rosanna.

Nearly two years into the future and just two days after the Christmas of 1876 John and Rosanna tied the knot. It was the festive season and duties on the property were at a minimum. Family and friends gathered on the verandah of John's homestead to celebrate the happy couple as they tied their lives together.¹ December 27 1876 was a memorable family gathering. And so commenced a lifelong liaison between the Quinn and Doolan family that was to produce a family of five alive before John himself passed away in 1899. He did not have a photograph of his wedding but the one above reminds me of the day. Its of the wedding of Mr and Mrs Donald Campbell at Sunnyside in Meade Street. Inverell. Known as Green Swamp, Inverell is of Gaelic origin, and signifies a 'meeting place of swans'.²

The Bald Knob New Year's Day Races.

POSTPONED

UNTIL

Wednesday, January 6.

JUDGE : Mr. Hugh Quinn.

STEWARDS :

**Messrs. Lobb
D. Keele
Tattman
Richardson
J. Fletcher
C. Devlin**

STARTER : Mr. Bernard Devlin.

CLERK OF THE COURSE : Mr. Packwang.

TREASURER : Mr. William M'Donald.

SECRETARY : Mr. W. Lees.

FIRST RACE.—The MAIDEN PLATE of 10 sovs. for all horses that have never won an advertised prize exceeding Five Pounds, carrying weight for age ; one and-a-half miles.

Second Race.—The BALD KNOB HANDICAP, of 20 sovs., with a sweep of 10s. each added, for all horses, to be handicapped by the Stewards or whom they may appoint ; twice round the course. etc...

Love of horses eased me into community involvement with the Glenn Innes Jockey Club. As a member of the club committee, we organised racing at Bald Nob out of town along the newly constructed road to Grafton and the coast. The race track was just west of a treeless sugar loaf hill appropriately identified as the pate of a person of wealth. I was able to indulge my passion for horses. They had been my constant companions along the mail trek from Clarence Mouth to Armidale. Our local newspaper, the Glen Innes Examiner, reported regularly on country races held at the Bald Nob track a dozen miles North East of the Glen.

Going back a bit to 1875, in the year leading up to the wedding the Examiner recorded my part in two of our Bald Nob meets. In the New Years Day edition it promoted the New Year's Day Races, at which I was judge. Postponed they were until Wednesday January 6, probably from the previous Saturday. Then at the end of '75 the November 24 edition advised that I was a steward at the Bald Nob Annual Races to come off on Wednesday December 1st. The Judge was to be J P, Captain Edwards. Races were run according to Australian Jockey Club rules, sometimes strictly adhered to as at the New Year meet, but at other times, adhered to only where practicable. Apparently I was more severe as a judge, just a little less lenient than the Captain.

Programs traditionally started with 'The Maiden Plate', a weight for age event for 'all horses that have never won an advertised prize', or at least one not exceeding Five Pounds. I think here again the Captain was a little less severe, for he stipulated no maximum value, only that the prize had not been advertised. I required it to have been a prize value exceeding Five Pounds. The major event the Bald Nob Handicap followed with a prize of 15 or 20 sovereigns, or nearly double the Plate prize. A sweep was usually included at a cost of ten shillings each, added for all horses with all or part of the sweep going to the second horse. The rules as proclaimed in the Examiner, required 'three bona fide entrances in each race'. All horses in all events were to be 'handicapped by the Stewards or whom



BALD NOB ANNUAL RACES, TO COME OFF

ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1875.

Judge: Captain Edwards, J.P.

Stewards: Messrs. W. S. M'Donald, B. Goodwin, Bernard Devlin, Edward Cassidy, Hugh Quinn, Frederick Lewis, and Edward Richardson.

Starter: Mr. A. M'Lea.

Treasurer: Mr. Henry Green.

Secretary: Mr. William Lees.

THE MAIDEN PLATE, of 10 Sovs., for all horses that have never won an advertised prize, with a sweep of 10s. to go to the second horse; distance, once and a half round the course. Weight for age.

Carriers' Purse, of 5 Sovs., for all horses the *bona fide* property of tenants, with a sweep of 10s.; half the sweep to go to the second horse. Distance, once round the course; catch weights.

Bald Nob Handicap, of 15 Sovs., with a sweep of 1 Sov. to go to second horse, for all horses to be handicapped by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint; distance, 1½ miles. Nominations to be made good before the Carriers' Purse.

Hack Race, of 5 Sovs., for all horses that have never won a money prize. Once round the course; catch weights.

Consolation Stakes, of 5 Sovs., for all beaten horses, to be handicapped by the Stewards or whom they may appoint. Once round the course.

Foxed Handicap, of — Sovs., for all winners optional to losers. Distance, 1½ miles.

RULES.

A. J. C. Rules adhered to where practicable.

Three *bona fide* entrances in each race.

One guinea to qualify throughout the meeting.

Nomination for Handicap, 5 per cent. on amount of prize.

Riders to appear in clean Jockey costume.

Any protest must be accompanied by a fee of one guinea.

The decision of the Stewards to be final.

WILLIAM LEES,

Secretary.

they may appoint'. Sometimes, and mostly when your own horse was entering, being a steward could have its advantages, particularly when deciding handicap weights.

Other events on a typical program included a Carrier's Purse, 'for all horses the bona fide property of teamsters'. These popular events were for working horses. Their owners relished the opportunity to relax and let the horses have their head. Suchlike regular features were the Hack race 'for all horses that have never won a money prize' and the Consolation Stakes for all horses beaten on the day. Once round the course and catch weights were often applied

The program sometimes featured a Stockman's Purse composed of three-quarter mile heats, for all bona fide stock horses, to be ridden by bona fide stockmen, with the added requirement for them 'to go after stock on course' an indication of the amusing nature of the event. One guinea was the amount levied to qualify for a full meet but nominations for the featured Handicap event were accompanied by 5% of the prize amount. Local rules also required a payment of one guinea to accompany any protest and declared the decision of the stewards to be final. Riders had to 'appear in clean Jockey costume. The final event was a Forced Handicap for all winners that was optional to losers. Like other handicap and plate events it was over one and one half miles, or once and a half to twice round the course. Hack, Consolation and Carriers' events generally were run over the distance of once round the course.³

The Examiner provided an integral contribution to life in the Glen. In July 1876 as my sisters marriage approached and as previously indicated I advertised for sale or lease the Commercial Hotel near the corner of Grey Street opposite the court house. Centrally located those valuable premises contained 'all requisites and Out-buildings necessary for carrying on the business of a first-class Hotel'. That was how I put it in the advertisement in our local paper.⁴ Apparently Glen Innes accommodation market was in a slump for on the same day a Grey-Street Boarding House was offered To Let 'containing eight Bedrooms, Parlour, one Large Diningroom, Large Kitchen, and Stables'. Mr R Child offered that 'the business could be taken for the remainder of the lease, or rented by the week.' Every one who could, it seems, was gone to the diggings.

The thought crossed my mind at the time that maybe I was passing up a good living just for the desire to engage in seeking my fortune in the treasures of the earth. However over the next fifteen years The Commercial passed through half a dozen hands before being burnt to the ground in 1891. The last publican Dennis Hogan was sentenced to five years for arson.⁵ The court found that the hotel had no fire hose at all. Missing fire brigade hoses were later found hidden under the school and the official findings, as already stated, confirmed public opinion that it was an insurance job. A further ten years passed before a new building graced the site just north of the new Imperial. It was erected by J Kearsey for George Every in the new century, 1901.⁶ The architect was a J W Shaw.

I'll back up now to the mid-70s, Glen Innes was growing into a genuinely caring



To Let. To Let.

A BOARDING HOUSE, situated in Grey-street, containing eight Bedrooms, Parlour, one Large Diningroom, Large Kitchen, and Stables. Can be either taken for remainder of lease, or rented by the week. Apply to

R. CHILD.

Commercial Hotel, Glen Innes.

FOR SALE, the LEASE of those Valuable Premises known as the Commercial Hotel. It is centrally situated in Grey-street, opposite the Court House, and contains all requisites and Out-buildings necessary for carrying on the business of a first-class Hotel. Terms, most reasonable, on application to

HUGH QUINN,
Glen Innes.

community with a vibrant soul. As one who had previously lived in the near isolation of the trail for so long, I threw myself into being concerned and connected with members of our town. In 1876 I was involved as treasurer of the Munsie Family Relief Fund. Others were collecting subscriptions so I advertised in the Examiner of May 5th for all collected amounts to be forwarded to me 'before Saturday, 15th inst.'

Good Axemen.

WANTED, Several Good **AXEMEN.** Apply **B. DEVLIN,** Contractor for Vegetable Line of Telegraph.

NOTICE.

WANTED the Public to distinctly bear in mind, that the Firm of **J. & H. Sully** has no connection with that of **W. Sully.**

N.B.—All our Work is executed in a First-class Manner, and is guaranteed.

J. & H. SULLY,
Blacksmiths, &c., &c.,
Grey-street, Glen Innes.

The Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Company (limited).

HEAD OFFICE—168, Pitt-street, Sydney.
A. J. DODD,
Agent for Glen Innes.

The Munsie Family Relief Fund.

THOSE Persons who have kindly undertaken to Collect Subscriptions on behalf of Mrs. Munsie and family will have the kindness to send the amounts received to the undersigned on or before Saturday, 15th inst.

HUGH QUINN,
Treasurer.

Just What's Wanted! Inspection Free.

A FIRST-CLASS SPIDER BUGGY, Light, Strong, and Fashionable. Further particulars from

EDWARD JONES,
Northern Exchange.

Healthy community feeling ensured a wonderful response from fellow citizens who had offered subscriptions for Mrs Munsie and family. Coincidentally in the same edition were several topical notices as well as this insightful public notice posted by J & H Sully, Blacksmiths of Grey Street. These smiths were keen to acquaint readers with the fact that 'All our work is executed in a first class Manner, and is guaranteed'. They felt a need to publish this notice for they 'wanted the public to distinctly bear in mind, that the Firm of J & H Sully had no connection with that of W Sully'. As well a notice also advertised a series of ploughing matches planned for the 25th of May at Wellingrove on the day following the May '76 races. Several good axe men were also required by 'B Devlin, Contractor for Vegetable Line of Telegraph'.⁷

Subscription List.

THE following Subscriptions have been collected at Glen Innes, for the relief of Mrs. Charles Brereton and family, whose husband recently died at Tamworth:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| J. J. B. Gibson..... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| C. A. Fraser..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| S. B. Redgate..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| P. W. Anderson..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| W. A. Dumaresq..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Messrs. Vincent Bros..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Messrs. Egan and Noonan..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Jas. Campbell..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| J. A. Campbell..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| D. Campbell..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Messrs. Drew and Ashton..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Messrs. Hodgkiss and Ross..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| T. J. Kearney..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| W. W. Fraser..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| A friend of Cobb and Co.'s, Vegetable Creek, W. H..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| P. C. Campbell..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| T. G. Rusden..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| E. A. Lumsdaine..... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| W. Sully..... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| H. Quinn..... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| A. Fraser..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| J. R. Hare..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| J. Dilworth..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| T. Low-day..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Samuel Hale..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| T. Rummery..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| J. Moss..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| E. Sargeant..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| W. ... Irwin..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| G. Fraser..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Messrs. M'Morrow and M'Intyre..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| J. Fox. Halaclava..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| J. McGregor, Inverell..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| A friend, C. B. L..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| D. Cameron, 6s; M. S. Lynch, 5s; H. Ceyffer, 5s; J. J. O'Keeffe, 5s; T. Connor, 5s; J. S. Proctor, 5s; J. P. Ward, 5s; T. Chinick, 5s; J. H. Bridges, 5s; Mrs. H. Quinn, 5s; B. Frausfelder, 5s; J. J. Moore, 5s; W. Sampson, 5s; a friend, Mr. K., 5s; J. M'Donald, 5s; J. Moroney, 5s; compassion, M. W., 5s; W. Gibson, 5s; Mrs. Kemp, 5s; Mrs. Roberts, 5s; Mrs. Tronier, 5s; Mrs. Fielding, 5s; Miss C. Parker, 5s; Tommy Yorkey, 5s; E. Jones, 5s; Mrs. Laurence, 5s; a friend, Ma. Sg., 5s; H. Bradbery, 5s; Mrs. Sun Yoon, 5s; W. Archer, 5s; P. Child, 5s; J. Ross, 5s; a friend, 5s; Mrs. Crosbie, 5s; — Blackmore, 5s; Mrs. H. Hutton, 5s; Mrs. J. Horne, 5s; G. Hill, 5s; J. Fox, 5s; W. Aked, 5s; F. M'Innis, 5s; P. Ilye, 5s; C. Webber, 5s; W. J. Skinner, 5s; a female friend, 5s; O. Fletcher, 5s; V. M'Master, 5s; P. Luthewa, 6s; a friend, G. M., 5s; M. A. Palmer, 5s; T. Hawke, 5s; B. ... 2s. 6d; B. J. Marshall, 2s. 6d; J. J. Cotton, 2s. 6d; a friend, H. W. ... 5d; J. Newell, 2s. 6d; W. Twiddell, 2s. 6d; J. Robinson, 2s. 6d; U. Eastie, | | | |

A month later on June 21, the Examiner published a subscription list for the relief of Mrs Charles Brereton and family whose husband had recently died at Tamworth. It included nine subscriptions of one Pound, six of a guinea, one of 2 guineas and one of five pounds. I was one of the three who contributed 10/6, while 14 more offered ten shillings or half a pound. There were over sixty smaller offerings including 5s from my wife.⁸

Paper talk at the time was of the Salonica massacre sparking the British to place the whole Channel fleet on alert in readiness to proceed to the Mediterranean supporting two men o' war already dispatched. Germany had also ordered five ironclads to the same area although the article afforded no precise clue at the time as to what complications had arisen.

A New York Times article of May 22 1876 on this matter indicates a months delay in mail from USA across the Pacific. 'Public opinion in Europe is greatly excited by the murder of the Consuls at Salonica, the ancient capital of Macedonia. A majority of the journals, with that want of forethought and reflection which too often belongs to our profession ~wrote the Times correspondent~ have been (contrary to Britain's post-Crimean pro-Ottoman policy⁹) denouncing Turkey in the strongest terms on account of this tragic event, and calling for the immediate interference of the European powers.¹⁰

In the column next to the Brereton subscription list, w a bit of intriguing scuttlebutt. The Examiner quoted an item from London Town Talk reported in the Argus of a clergyman who was also a chief of the Ojibbaway Indians. The Rev Pahtahguahong Chase, hereditary chief of his clan, was officially presented to Lord Carnarvon. The wag reporting considered the event to be one of the 'funniest changes that the whirligig of time has presented to his notice.'

The Californian mail was delivered yesterday. News is brought to the 24th of May. The Channel Fleet has been ordered to be in readiness to proceed to the Mediterranean; two men-of-war have already been despatched. Germany has also ordered five ironclads to the same destination. Nothing in the news affords a precise clue as to what complications have arisen; but it is probably caused by the late massacre at Salonica, or possibly difficulties involving the whole subject of the Eastern question.—Over seventy-six thousand persons paid at the opening day of the Philadelphia Exhibition.

In "London Town Talk," in the Argus, we find the following:—One of the funniest changes that the whirligig of time has presented to our notice for some period is the chief of the Ojibbaway Indians in the person of a clergyman. I see that the Rev. Pahtahguahong Chase, hereditary chieftain of that clan, has just been officially presented to Lord Carnarvon. I don't know whether the reverend gentleman is High Church or Low Church, but if he is a Ritualist I should think scalps were a feature.

Private School, Glen Innes.

CONDUCTED by Mrs. and Miss Chapman.
Terms per quarter in advance:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------|---|----|----|
| English | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mus'c..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Singing..... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Dancing..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Vacancies for a limited number of boarders.
School duties to Commence on MONDAY, July 3rd.

We are permitted to annex the following Recommendation:—

"I beg to recommend to the favour of the Glen Innes public Mrs. Geo. Chapman, and Miss Chapman, as ladies very competent to teach ladies, in all the branches of a modern education.
 — J. M. INNIS, Presbyterian Minister."

To Christopher Seyffer, Esq.

SIR.—We, the undersigned Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Glen Innes, have the honour to request that you will allow yourself to be Nominated for the Office of Alderman, now vacant by the Resignation of S. B. Redgate, Esq., and we pledge ourselves, in the event of your so doing, to use our best efforts to secure your Election to that Office.—We have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servants,

- . Duncan Cameron
- . John Parkins
- . James Earle Maund
- . John J. Cotton
- . H. C. St. Vincent
- . Donald M'Donald
- . W. C. Rodgeron
- . Thomas M'Gauran
- . W. A. Irwin
- . T. J. Kearney
- . Thos. Wetherall
- . Matthew Simpkin
- . C. Braithwaite
- . Henry Lewis
- . C. Egan
- . John Noonan
- . Francis Schedel
- . John Williams
- . J. R. Bonnett
- . T. Woodford
- . William Ramsay
- . Charles Stumpf
- . Geo. Wright
- . Thomas M'Donald
- . John Horrigan
- . William Tweddell
- . Frank Marshall
- . James Newell
- . John A. Hickey
- . E. A. Lawrence
- . George Hann
- . Arthur Ed. Vincent.
- . A. W. Kenniwell
- . John M'Donald
- . John Willis
- . Sun Sun Yoon
- . William Sully
- . Thomas French
- . U. Laistic
- . S. W. Burridge
- . John O'Brien
- . S. J. Marshall
- . S. Ashton
- . C. Tronier
- . H. Quinn
- . A. C. Weiss
- . M. B. M'Morrow
- . F. Cash
- . Charles Paul
- . John Proctor
- . Louis Schwenke
- . J. H. Bridges
- . E. A. Crighton
- . Peter Boyle
- . George Cowell
- . John Sully
- . Thomas Cavanagh
- . W. Dunn

R E P L Y.

To Messrs. Duncan Cameron, J. E. Maund, J. J. Cotton, and the other gentlemen signing the Requisition:

Gentlemen,—In reply to your so numerous signed Requisition, I cannot but comply with your wishes, and will allow myself to be Nominated for the above Office.—I am, gentlemen, yours truly,
C. SEYFFER.

Glen Innes, 11th July 1876.

He declared he did not know whether the 'reverend gentleman is High Church or Low Church', but stated that 'if he is a Ritualist' he thought that 'scalps were a feature'. Not a point, thought I, to loose your hair over, let alone any sleep. But I feel it may leave you pulling your hair out, unless of course you have been scalped.¹¹

In the same column as the afore mentioned list was a recommendation by the Presbyterian Minister J M Innes, of a Private School in the Glen. He 'begged to recommend to the favour of the Glen Innes public a Mrs Geo Chapman and Miss Chapman, as ladies very competent to teach ladies, in all the branches of a modern education.' This testimonial was annexed to a previously mentioned notice promoting a Private School conducted by these ladies. As indicted, subjects offered included English, Music, Singing and Dancing with terms ranging from one to two guineas payable in advance. Limited vacancies for borders existed, school duties were to commence Monday July 3rd 1876.¹²

A one liner snippet in the Californian mail delivered, June 20th indicated seventy-six thousand persons paid at the opening of the Philadelphia Exhibition on May 10th. Known as the Centennial World's Fair, it attracted about ten million visitors over six months. A first for the USA it celebrated 100 years since the signing of their Declaration of Independence.¹³ The report in the Glen Innes Examiner stated that this despatch only brought mail up to May 24, confirming a delay of one month for mail crossing the Pacific.

In 1876 Municipal elections were approaching and a sizeable group of citizens of the district (almost sixty) requested Christopher Seyffer to be Nominated for the Office of Alderman, made vacant due to the resignation of S E Redgate, Esq. Several miners supported the request as did the Mayor J E Maund, a William and John Sully, and a

certain Sun Sun Yoon. The Examiner published the list of all 58 of us who pledged ourselves to use our best efforts to secure his Election to that Office. His reply of July 11 read as follows 'In reply to your so numerously signed Requisition, I cannot but comply with your wishes, and will allow myself to be Nominated for the above office. I am, gentlemen, yours truly, C SEYFFER.¹⁴

Jumping forward to the 1879 edition on July 15, the record shows that I supported nine other citizens in an open call to the Mayor of Glen Innes. We requested Mr J Earle Maund, Esq. to call a public meeting for the purpose of taking steps to establish a School of Arts in Glen Innes and include a Public Library and Reading Room. Mayor Maund published our request and convened a meeting for half-past 7 o'clock on Tuesday 22nd at the Municipal Council Chambers. This meeting was followed at half-past eight by a public meeting to consider the subject of a Fire Brigade.¹⁵ The School of Arts was finally opened eight years later when controversy accompanied the granting of approval for card games to be played on the premises. I suppose there were some who could not see any art involved in playing a winning hand. The Brigade took a year longer to organise. In 1888 it was established with 500 foot of hose and a horse drawn machine, manned by a team of fifteen, captained by John Sully. In 1879 our dynamic council prohibited any further use of bark in constructing local buildings thus improving greatly the quality of new structures in the growing town of Glen Innes.¹⁶

The 1880's ushered in a period of even greater change. On the home front, my wife of ten years and I were officially and religiously married. Fame was to follow my lucky strike finding a mother lode in the Kingsgate area. And as the northern rail from Sydney edged closer and closer through the tableland, my contribution to the recurring question of a branch line to the coast became a burning issue. Such matters came to the boil as we entered the new decade, and some were recorded publicly in the Glen Innes Examiner as more details of these local events are yet to be divulged.

On the world scene the Balkans¹⁷ at the time continue to be a potential trouble spot for all the world. A cartoon in Punch on June 17 1876 shed some light on the Salonica Event mentioned above in despatches. The cartoon shows Russia preparing to release the Balkan dogs of war against Turkey while Island Britain safely supports Turkey by giving a warning to Russia from behind the fence. John Bull in Bobby uniform warns¹⁸: "Take care my Man. It might be awkward if you was to let 'em loose." This was a jog to the memory of the Russian defeat in the Crimean War twenty years previously. This war was one of the

IN reply to your communication of June 21st, recommending that a FIRE BRIGADE be established in this town, I hereby call a PUBLIC MEETING to consider the subject of a FIRE BRIGADE on TUESDAY EVENING 22nd July, 1879, at half-past 8. o'clock, at the Municipal Council Chambers, Grey-street.

J. EARLE MAUND,
Mayor.

Council Chambers, Glen Innes, 14th July. 1879.

Petition for School of Arts.

To J. E. Maund, Esq., Mayor of Glen Innes.

SIR,—We, the undersigned, request you will call a PUBLIC MEETING, for the purpose of taking steps to establish a SCHOOL OF ARTS, and Public Library and Reading Room in Glen Innes.

W. Henry Cooper
F. W. Long
A. E. Deck, surgeon
S. W. Burridge
W. Perkins
John Sully
W. Percy Hill
John J. Cotton
H. Quinn
W. Wyeth

To Messrs. Cooper, Long, and the other gentlemen signing the requisition.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby convene a meeting to be held on TUESDAY EVENING, 22nd inst. at the Council Chambers, at half-past 7.

J. E. MAUND,
Mayor.

Glen Innes Municipality.

MUNICIPAL RATES.

FINAL NOTICE.

ALL RATES remaining unpaid after THURSDAY, the 31st inst., will be sued for in the District and Petty Debts Court, without respect to persons.

By order of the Municipal Council,
THOMAS M'DONALD,
Council Clerk.

Glen Innes Municipal Council Chambers, July 14th, 1879.

first conflicts to use modern technologies such as explosive naval shells, railways, and telegraphs ... and quickly became an iconic symbol of logistical, medical and tactical failures and mismanagement.¹⁹ Within forty years such failures of modern warfare were to reach a crest in the global catastrophe of the 1914 World War. Some were keen to 'Cry Havoc! and let slip the dogs of war'²⁰ but not all.

The Balkan Dogs did bight at Austrian Europe which then invaded Serbia opening up the Western Front. 'As Russia mobilised in support of Serbia, Germany invaded neutral Belgium who declared it was 'firmly resolved to repel, by all the means in their power, every attack upon their rights'.²¹ On August 3 Germany moved through Belgium and declared war on France leading the United Kingdom to declare war on Germany the next day.²² To accelerate its attack on France the German invasion of Belgium finally plunged millions along the Eastern Front into mayhem mud and miasma for the following four years. Around the time of my death Britain reversed its support for the failing Ottoman Empire by its invasion of the Gallipoli peninsula. Peaceful political solutions were even further from being found as civilisation charged ahead just like the Light Brigade²³ with the increasing annihilation experienced in modern warfare. "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." ("It is magnificent, but it is not war.") "C'est de la folie" — "It is madness."²⁴



"Take care my Man.
It might be awkward if you was to let 'em loose."

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Chapter 12 Endnotes

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