

Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial

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BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION LAUNCH

Welcome to the first issue of the newsletter for our Bicentennial Celebrations for the Macquarie Schoolhouse.

The Schoolhouse and the precinct surrounding it, was the embodiment of the vision that Governor Lachlan Macquarie had for the townships he had visited and named. It is the only intact precinct of its kind in Australia.

We are excited to launch the weekend of events that will be taking place in 2020.

Over the October Long Weekend (3 – 4 October) we will be holding many different events to celebrate this significant anniversary.

On the Saturday, we will be holding a fair on the site of St John's Anglican Church, the grounds that the Schoolhouse stands. With live performances, food stalls, historical displays, local and family history groups, history tours and kid's activities, it

promises to be a fun day for the whole family.

On Sunday, we are holding a commemorative service at 9.30am to acknowledge the significance of this site and how blessed we have been by the history.

After morning tea, descendants of William PT GOW (the first schoolmaster), will be holding their first large family gathering. (For further information please see reverse).



It promises to be a great weekend and we look forward to

sharing more details of the planned events.

Please make sure you've joined our mailing list to get updates and information, including this newsletter.

Alicia Bates

Coordinator – Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial

GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in the local history of Wilberforce or the Hawkesbury generally?

Did your ancestors attend school at the Macquarie Schoolhouse?

Were your ancestors involved in the Sunday congregation that met at the Macquarie Schoolhouse?

Was your family involved in the Wilberforce community?

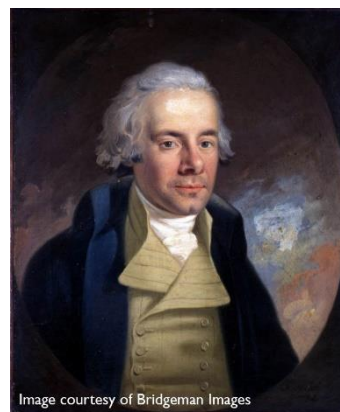
Are you a descendant of one of a Schoolmaster or Minister?

We would love to hear from you!

Please get in contact with the team through our contact details listed in this newsletter.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE – OUR NAMESAKE

William Wilberforce (24 August 1759 – 29 July 1833) was one of Britain's great social reformers involved in campaigns against slavery, the promotion of education, Christianity, strict morality and animal welfare. Wilberforce saw his life's mission to end slavery and is remembered for his active participation in getting Parliament to outlaw the slave trade. He died in 1833, just three days after Parliament passed the Slavery Abolition Act 1833, which effectively banned slavery in the British Empire. Biography taken from www.biographyonline.net



GRANT FOR CONSERVATION

Earlier this year, with significant help from the Gow Family, St John's Anglican Church applied for a Conservation Grant for the Macquarie Schoolhouse. We were blessed to have this grant approved. Now, with the assistance of Stephen Gow, local historians and heritage architects, we can put together a plan to ensure the conservation of the Macquarie Schoolhouse for this and future generations.

SCHOOLMASTER SPOTLIGHT – EDWARD HINDER (1860-1870)

Edward Robert Hinder was born in India. He was educated in Ireland and came to Adelaide in the *Hughli* in 1846. By 1849 he was living at Ebenezer, New South Wales. He began his teaching career in 1852 at St James's Church of England School at Pitt Town, subsequently teaching at Anglican schools in Kelso (from 1857), Wilberforce (1860) and Smithfield (1871). Appointed principal of the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta in 1873, he remained there until he retired in 1885.

Biography taken from <http://peopleaustralia.anu.edu.au>

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Descendants of
William Pashington Terry Gow (c.1795-1872)
are invited to attend a
Gow Family Gathering
Sunday 4 October 2020
Macquarie Schoolhouse
St John's Anglican Church
43 Macquarie Road Wilberforce NSW

For further details email: wptgowdescendants@gmail.com

After arriving as a convict in 1817, William went on to become a schoolmaster, farmer and father of 10.



**Look out for our next
Newsletter. Due out in
November 2019**