

Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial

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THE HISTORY OF THE MACQUARIE SCHOOLHOUSE 1820 AND SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH 1859 BOOKLET

We, as a church community, were very blessed to have Marjorie Wymark, and her husband, Charles, as a part of one of our congregations, many years ago. She was an avid and passionate historian, particularly in the Hawkesbury area.

In preparation for the Macquarie Schoolhouse 150th Anniversary, the rector at the time, Graham Harrison and Marjorie, discussed the production of a history for the Schoolhouse and Church. She went about compiling it into a booklet for the church that we still use today.

There was a limited print run of the first edition. A second edition was published soon after. The fifth edition, the last time it was published, was organised by Rev. Peter

Clark sometime after the 1985 Schoolhouse fire and subsequent restoration.

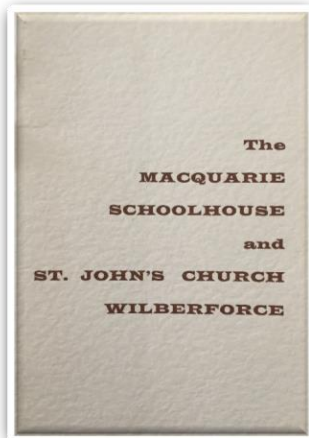
As a part of the Bicentennial, the book is getting revitalised. Clearer photographs and updated information will be included along with all Marjorie's thorough research.

This new edition will be professionally published and sold at the Bicentennial.

This booklet has been an asset to our church and schoolhouse history, and with this new edition being launched at the Bicentennial Weekend, we are ensuring that it will continue to be a useful historical source into the future.

Alicia Bates

Coordinator – Macquarie Schoolhouse Bicentennial



Above: Front cover of the original booklet written for the 150th Anniversary of the Macquarie Schoolhouse

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 on our details in this newsletter

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

On Sunday 4 October, as a part of the Bicentennial Weekend, we are holding a commemorative service. We want to take time to honour and acknowledge the time and effort of so many to bring education and Christ to the community of Wilberforce. We are excited that Dr John Dickson will be speaking at this event. He is fascinated by history and philosophy, and about what makes people believe and doubt. I hope many will join with us for this special service.



FIRST SPONSOR – THE AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE

We are excited that the Australiana Pioneer Village has jumped on board early with our event! They will be helping us to recreate the school room at our historical fair. If you can't wait to enjoy the fair in October, consider a visit to the Pioneer Village. The Village will absorb you into the atmosphere and activities of life over 100 years ago. Visit theapv.org.au/ for more information

SCHOOLMASTER SPOTLIGHT – JAMES BEACROFT (1880)

James Beacroft was born in 1825 in St Marys, New South Wales. He was educated at St Mary's Public School and went on to train as a teacher there. He was then sent to take temporary charge at the Macquarie Schoolhouse on 27 July 1880. Mr Beacroft was soon transferred to the recently opened Wilberforce Public School (Oct 1880), which saw the closure of the parochial school. He left education many years later, married and moved back to St Marys. He eventually went on to become the Mayor of St Marys. He died suddenly in 1901.

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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
February 2020**