



# The Faraday Farrago

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## **WHY WE LIVE IN FARADAY**

**By Judy and Dennis McGuire**

In 1979 we decided we needed a “sea change”. We were living in North Dandenong at the time with two school age children both of whom were “horse mad” and a move to the country seemed logical. So with “room for a pony” in mind we settled in Kyneton, which at that time, had the High School (Gisborne wasn’t built as yet).

Came 1992 and the kids had moved out, the ponies had been retired and we searched for another location. I had always loved the Central Highlands, the history and scenic beauty of the place drew both of us and we built a house in Musselwhite Drive in the very shadow of Mount Alexander. We shared our home with the resident eagles that regularly soared over head and several snakes which got short shift. Other folk also moved in, no doubt attracted by the privacy and fresh air as we were. Soon olives and wine

in both small and large holdings began to appear.

2002 saw another move. We were finding the 10 acres a bit large for us to cope with and



Due to heavy rain water has been flowing over the granite drops at Dunstons Flat and also over the spillway at Exhibition Pass reservoir.

not wanting to leave the area, moved around the corner, so to speak (with dogs, cats, chooks and ponies) to a smaller holding in Faradale Drive. We were living much closer to our neighbours than in the past and to an indigenous mob of kangaroos which tolerated us but refused to be intimidated.

City folk don’t know what they’re missing. Our little community has such a strong sense of camaraderie. We all enjoy the solitude, love a “good drop” give our properties loving care, wave to each other from the back of the lawn mower but most of all offer care and support in times of need. We always have a topic for conversation: the weather, the state of the dam, the government etc.etc.

Faraday will always be famous long after we’ve all moved on. It

was the site of the famous kidnapping at the local school which made headlines around the country and so has stamped itself in modern history. It also has past links to the goldfields and not many small communities can make such a boast. Regrettably the time has come for us to make another move, to suburban Castlemaine. This will be our last we hope. We will remain members of the Association and continue to attend and

support the group in any way we can.

## Counties, Parishes and Hundreds

By Alan J. Elliot

The **Parish of Faraday** is one of at least 15,692 parishes which, together with some 600 counties and 544 'hundreds', comprise the basic units of the cadastral map of Australia.

A cadastral map is one which shows the boundaries and ownership of land parcels. Details often also include pastoral runs, trig (survey) points, townships, roads, railways and sometimes rural cultivation and land use capabilities.

Whist these units today have no administrative or political function in Australia, many county names are also the names of state or federal electorates.

**Parishes on the other hand define precisely where we live, our identity and property ownership, and thus have considerable standing in law, and our community.**

These land administrative divisions were established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and most property titles in Australia including the eastern states of Queensland, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania are listed as being in a parish *and* a county—in the case of Faraday, **'Parish of Faraday, County of Talbot'**.

The system has been used in England for many centuries, originally using 'metes and bounds' to define the boundary of a division—'metes' being

quite precise lines drawn from point to point, with 'bounds' being more arbitrary lines represented by watercourses, roadways or natural features.

'Hundreds' were also used in South Australia, the term possibly originating from the use in Europe for an area able to support 'one hundred men under arms', one hundred homesteads, or a small parcel of land being loosely one hundredth of a territory.

The County of Cumberland which includes Sydney today, was proclaimed by Captain Phillip in 1788. In 1804 Governor King divided Van Diemen's Land into two counties: Buckingham in the south and Cornwall in the north.

Victorian counties and parishes were established by the Surveyor General between 1849 and 1871. The County of Talbot which includes **Faraday**, was gazetted in 1855. It is one of 37 counties in Victoria and is bordered by the counties of Bendigo, Dalhousie, Bourke, Grant, Grenville, Rippon and Gladstone. Victorian counties are roughly 1600 square miles in area, and the 37 are further divided into 2914 parishes.

There are 53 parishes in the County of Talbot. The **Parish of Faraday** adjoins the parishes of Harcourt, Sutton Grange, Hawkestone, Elphinstone, Chewton and Castlemaine; all of which are included in the Shire of Mount Alexander, and all of which, except the Parish of Castlemaine, were included in the former Shire of Metcalfe.

The parish boundaries in the County of Talbot are based

more on metes than bounds, however these lines do not necessarily follow present day roads.

The Parish of Faraday in general follows existing roads with some exceptions. Commencing clockwise from Bubbs Lane it *roughly* follows Miners Hut Rd and Commissioners Gully Rd to the Faraday-Chewton Rd from where it extends on both sides and includes Havalock Reef Rd, Llewellyn Rd, Chapel St, and much of what is known as the Welsh Village. (Golden Point itself is neither a parish nor an 'area', but a distinct 'point' along the Faraday-Chewton Rd.) Thence up into the pine forest above Exhibition Pass reservoir and across Specimen Gully Rd to the north.

Then down to the Old Calder Hwy including Langs Rd and McQuillans Rd, through the foothills of Mount Alexander to the north of the Faraday-Sutton Grange Road, adjoining McKittericks Rd, Dantys Lane, Blackfellows Gate Lane, Green Lane, the Metcalfe-Elphinstone Rd; then along Pollards Rd and back to the Old Calder Hwy at Bubbs Lane.

A trip around our parish boundaries makes an interesting drive-hike and includes considerable biodiversity and diverse land characteristics.

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### Further notes on the Bubb Family – from Noel Davis

I read with great interest about the Bubb family who were my Great grand parents. A

correction with the story was that Issac Bubb's wife was Elizabeth and I believe that they built their home after 1863, which is when they were married at Fryerstown.

They had 11 children, Caroline [Maltby], Harriet [Glew], Isaac, Ellen [who died at their home in 1890], James [died at home in 1876], Frances [Glass], Elizabeth [died at home 1877], Charles [drowned in the channel the day after his younger brother was born in 1880], George, Sarah [Davis] and Francis. The children with their parents are all buried in the same grave in Chewton. Most of the other family members were also buried there. The surnames of Bubb, Maltby and Glew all have a strong relationship with the Chewton area.

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### Faraday Pubs

By Peter McCarthy

Prior to 1855 there was only Short's Coffee Tent, a euphemism for a grog shop, where the Methodist church stands today. This served travellers on their way to Bendigo. The Butcher's Arms Hotel, opposite the Methodist Church, opened in 1869 and was also known as Bentley's Hotel because he was the first licensee. It was owned by C. Metcalfe in February 1870 when it burnt to the ground, the family narrowly escaping with their lives and losing all of their possessions. Then, as now, hotel fires were a sign of economic depression and the Argus reported "The origins of the fire are not clearly ascertainable."

Hopper's Hotel, which included a Post Office, operated from 1864 until 1883 when its name was changed to the Northumberland

Arms Hotel. It closed in 1913. It included Tea Gardens and the stone terraces where grape vines grew can still be seen below a private house on the south-east side of Golden Point Road, opposite Welsh Street. Nearby, Dunaley's Hotel was also known as the Reservoir Hotel because it stood at the foot of the Reservoir Hill, near Commissioner's Gully Road. Mrs Murphy was the licensee when it closed in 1910.

In Donkey Gully (now known as the Welsh Village) there were Jones's Nimrod Hotel and the True Blue Briton.

Boyle's Inn, mentioned in a previous issue, was licensed in 1870 and still stands beside the main road, being known as the Lavender Farm until three years ago. The Specimen Hotel operated in the 1870s and was on the corner of Pollards Road and the main road.

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### BITS AND PIECES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

#### Shire Community Grants Scheme

The Association's committee has received a letter from Councillor Brook Acklom of Mount Alexander Shire Council with details of the Community Grants Scheme 2010/11. Grants are available under the headings of Community Arts and Culture (\$95,000), Events (\$15,000), Land and Waterways (\$26,000) and Greenhouse Action (\$20,000). Details are available on the Shire website and applications close on 22 October. Your committee will consider whether an application should be made by the Faraday Community Association and would welcome any input from members.

### FARADAY RAINFALL

August 2010 129mm : year to date: 570mm

August 2009 73 mm : year to date: 298mm

Robert English will be identifying and cataloguing tree species in Dunstons Flat.

A "welcome to Faraday" sign on the Old Calder has been removed by vandals and will be replaced by Council.

The annual Castlemaine Spring Ball will be held on Saturday September 11. Enquiries 5472 4842. Tickets are \$40/\$30 and from previous accounts an extremely fun night out.

A pamphlet outlining the indigenous flora in our area is available at the Castlemaine Information Centre for the modest cost of \$3.

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### Why Do You Live in Faraday?

#### We want to know?

Just as we are interested in the historical records relating to Faraday, we also want to learn about our undocumented living history, past and present.

What's your story, long term resident or tree changer, why do you live here?

Do you have any records that can help us find out more about this area, such as journals or letters?

We are very conscious that such a small community with no town centre will easily be lost to memory if we don't record our experiences and those of our long term residents and send them to a central archive for posterity.

(All copies of the Faraday Farrago are sent to State and National libraries)

If you wish to contribute to your newsletter or even meet with one of our intrepid journalists to record your memories let us know by mailing to

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in each issue provided membership is current.**



New members are welcomed. These include:

- Rev. Mark and Jan Dunn
- Matthew Hough
- Julia and Ross Nichols
- Pam and Grant Workman

The next Social Meeting of the Association will be held at the Elphinstone Hotel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30p.m. Please try to make the effort to come along and support your Association and meet other members of your community

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