

# The Chalker/Charker Family Newsletter.

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Dear Family members, our second Newsletter, running a little late due to the committment of The Chalker/Charker Book, which at long last is at the printers (to which I am sure, you will not be disappointed).

Apologies to Mr Terry O'Toole in our first Newsletter, for showing the STD code on his telephone number incorrectly. Terry's Telephone Number is 069-626705.

Mrs Iris O'Toole has been invited to co-ordinate the Chalker family history display at the Memorial Hall in Mittagong on the 17th of September. Contact Iris in Mittagong on (048) 711468.

*change to St Stephen's*

## \* MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership of the Chalker/Charker Family Organisation.

A Newsletter is colated and sent out Quarterly to members. It contains notices of coming family events, pamphlets, genealogical news, reports on get togethers and happenings, advertisments and enquiries by people offering or seeking information.

Cost for Membership is \$15.00 per family. this is made up of \$10.00 an annually renewable contribution covering the cost of Newsletters and postage.

\$5.00 is a one time only contribution to cover extra costs incurred by the committee whilst organising events, responding to enquiries and colating and disseminating information to family groups.

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Send to Mr and Mrs Stephen Beazley, 263 Lake Road, Glendale. 2285. N.S.W. (*Publicity Officer, Chalker/Charker Committee*)

Please place our family as a member of the Chalker/Charker Family.

I enclose money order/cheque for \$15.00.

Print Name and Address clearly. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## "MAKING THEIR MARK"

THE BOOK - The history of the Chalker/Charker families, is now complete and at the printers. It is entitled "Making Their Mark". A beautifully presented book complete with numerous photos, sketches, anecdotes, historical information and family lines, numbering over 200 pages. The cost is \$25.00 per book plus \$3.50 postage. Each will be numbered individually. There is a limited number of 600 copies, so secure your copy/copies now. A reprinting of the book however will take place when stocks run out.

To secure your copy - fill in particulars below and mail with cheque or money order to Mr and Mrs Stephen Beazley, 263 Lake Road, Glendale, 2285, N.S.W.

Note: If you intend to pick up your book/books from Steve personally at the book launching in Mittagong, the 17th Sept, then mark this section on the form with an \* (postage will not be required as long as they are picked up then).



CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR THE WILLIAM CHALKER ( CHARKER )  
FAMILY ORGANISING AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

WRITTEN BY THE CO-ORDINATOR, TERRY O'TOOLE 27/6/1988

The past few years of work and faith in a single idea that all members of the Chalker ( Charker ) family should come together to form a family structure where everyone has the opportunity to develop meaningful and constructive relationships within the family, is well on the way to achieving the target aims and objectives.

No further evidence for this assertion is required than to refer to the family re-union held at St Patrick's College, Goulburn in January of this year. Most people, irrespective of whether or not they knew one another made an effort to make contact with as many relatives as possible. Their aim no doubt was to gather information which would help them in their quest to know more about their relationship to the Chalker(Charker) Family.

From this experience the family ties had progressed to a point where a committee was set up to co-ordinate family activities to ensure the continued strengthening of the bonds between individual and family groups. One way of ensuring that this momentum is maintained, is for as many family members as possible attend the various functions and activities which involve members of the Chalker(Charker) Family.

Recently, I received a letter from Mrs Leah Day: Secretary for the Back To Mittagong Committee inviting all members of the Chalker/Charker Family to attend the back to Mittagong celebrations being held on the 17th September, 1988. A feature of the celebrations will be a book launch written by committee member, Stephen Beazley. The title of the book is called : MAKING THEIR MARK - A HISTORY of the CHALKER/CHARKER FAMILY in AUSTRALIA, VOLUME 1. The actual launch of the book will be by invitation only, but copies of the book will be on sale at strategic locations.

The Committee would also appreciate it if many members of the family would also place on display in the Memorial Hall, Mittagong photographs, books and other information relating to the Chalker/Charker family.

In addition, I also hope to obtain permission from the WATER BOARD for members of the family to visit the historical site known as: CHALKERS CROSSING. If permission is granted , I propose that family members visit the site on Sunday morning the 18th September, 1988 at approximately 11a.m. The cost of this excursion will be \$20 per hour which will not run into a great deal of money if those attending donate a small amount towards the cost.

All in all it should be a great weekend. However, for those intending to make the effort and attend the celebrations it would be wise to book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Remember we have a lot to gain by developing the bonds between all members of the family. For what we create now will go a long way towards ensuring that the young members of our family and those not born yet, have an integrated family far beyond the presently accepted family unit. Thus they'll never know what it is like to be lonely or without a friend they can trust.

Best Wishes to everyone for now. Hope to see you in September..

..... Terry W. O'Toole .....

BI-CENTENNIAL GRANT PROJECT  
WILLIAM CHARKER/CHALKER 1775/1823

The Memorial to commemorate William being the first settler in the Mittagong area, 10th May 1821, was unveiled on Saturday 14th May 1988 at Mittagong.

Clr. Cherie Jefferies opened the afternoon's proceedings by first saying a few words on behalf of the Bi-Centenary Committee, of which she is also a member. Clr. Jefferies then presented to the gathering the President of the Wingecarribee Shire Council, Clr Peter Reynolds who said a few words on behalf of the Council and then introduced the Hon. Duncan Gay M.P., who performed the unveiling Ceremony most admirably in front of a large gathering of over 350 people, having taken the place of the member for The Southern Highlands, the Hon. John Fahey M.P., at very short notice. Unfortunately, John Fahey had been detained at a Government conference in Queensland and found it impossible to be in attendance that afternoon. The unveiling was attended by many local identities as well as a great number of William's descendents.

The Memorial stands on a site on the Old South Road at the top of the Mittagong Range overlooking Mittagong township and surrounding countryside, the whole of this area once being known as Chalker's Flat, as described by Thomas Woore Esq., the man chosen to survey the routes for the Railway complex for the Colony, who when working on the south bound section, in his report to the Parliament of the day in 1848 said that Chalker's Flat commences at a point 20 miles beyond Stone Quarry Creek (Picton,) which is the area now known as Braemar, and continues in a southerly direction "on a level ridge keeping the Sugar Loaf Hill on the right," to the foot of the Mittagong Range." He also advised that Chalker's Flat would be the most convenient place to build a station (now Mittagong.)

Despite having to cancel a major part of our afternoon programme, which was very disappointing for Bryce and I, but was due to circumstances beyond our control, the day proved to be an outstanding success.

We are very proud to have received a grant from the local Bi-Centenary Committee acknowledging William being the first settler in the Mittagong area. The grant covered cost of the plaque and preparatory works at the site. We are also most gratified to have received co-operation and support from a number of other organisations as well and have extended our sincere thanks to them. They include; Blue Circle Southern Cement, Berrima Works, for sponsoring the Rock (including Cairn and Plinth,) plus materials to enable basic ground work to be carried out. Also, local council officers for on-site inspections and sitting councillors for granting permission in the first instance. The Police Department also made a most valuable contribution to the afternoon by having two mounted policemen present to take part in the proceedings at the time of unveiling. Both Policemen had been former members of the NSW Mounted Police. Sgt. Clem Motby's uniform with its cap, dark tunic with wide stripes on the sleeves between the wrist and elbow and light coloured britches, was wearing the Authentic uniform of the early 1830s. This in all probability was the type of uniform worn by William when he was Chief Constable in the Cowpastures 1817/23. While, Sen. Constable Bob Freund was dressed in modern day uniform.

The officers on the staff of the Archives of the Berrima District Historical Society were also most helpful and we wish to thank them for their advices and suggestions regarding the printing of our booklet on William Charker/Chalker 1775/1823, first settler in the Mittagong area. (We still have a few copies of the booklet left at \$3ea.)

The local Memorial Hall at Mittagong was opened from 11am on the 14th to display the documentary history, genealogy and photographic materials which had been mounted by a number of Chalker descendents, with Mittagong

connections, who have for very many years done a great deal of research into William and his descendants. A timber replica of the "Coromandel," the ship William was transported to Australia on in 1802 was also on display. Mr. Bert Howard who built the model was present and was able to give a very entertaining commentary on the vessel, answering many queries and giving a very good historical account of the colony during the early days.

After returning to the Hall after the unveiling of the Memorial, the ladies of the Four Square Church made available a most enjoyable Devonshire Tea, for which the ladies were highly praised by those who availed themselves of the delightful refreshment.

The Chalker Memorial Day received quite a lot of media coverage, both local newspapers wrote articles on the day, we received T.V. coverage the following Tuesday evening on Channel 4, there will be an article appearing in the June issue of the Police Magazine, also there was a video made of the whole proceedings. For those wishing a copy of any of the above, if you send a stamped, self addressed envelope to us plus 20c per copy we will forward them to you. As yet we have not seen the video tape that was made and can't at this time say how much it will be but we will let you know in due course.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who attended on the day and helped to make it such a memorable occasion.

Bryce & Marie Chalker  
"Chalkerville"  
Hume Highway  
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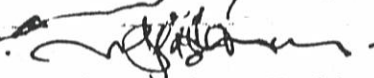


TO DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF EBENEZER CHURCH.

After this bi-centenary year, I will not be sending out any more letters, however I would like everyone to keep in mind that the Sunday of the October Long Weekend every year will be known at Ebenezer Church as Pioneers' Day and descendants of the founding families will be encouraged to come to the church service that day and to remain for a picnic and family re-union afterwards.

This year, on Sunday 2 October, we will celebrate the first of such days. Descendants of the Arndell, Bushell, Cavanaugh, Davison, Grono, Hall Howe, Jacklin, Johnson, Johnstone, Jones, Mein and Stubbs families will be attending a church service at 11am with displays in the schoolhouse and pavillion and special tours around the church and graveyard, as well as family displays. Anyone who would like to participate, particularly in the church service by singing or reading, please contact me, or the Rev. Mr Alan Russell at the Pitt Town Manse, Bathurst St. Pitt Town, Phone 045 72 3153.

Chalkers



A letter has been received from the Southern Highlands Scottish Country Dancers inviting people to attend their Bicentennial Social at the Mittagong R.S.L. Club Auditorium on the 17th September, 1988, commencing at 8.p.m. Tickets \$8.00. each and supper will be provided.

The entertainment will be Australian bush dances, old time and selected Scottish country dances. Period/colonial dress is encouraged. The secretary, Eric Barton of "The Cedars," Wilson Drive, Colo Vale. 2575. Telephone 048-894359 has invited the Chalker family to attend this function. Tickets will be available from mid-July - and final numbers are required by 10th September, 1988.

Those wishing to attend the Bi-Centennial Social at Mittagong R.S.L. Club Auditorium on the 17th September commencing at 8.p.m. please contact Mr Barton direct.

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Phone 98.5004

# Back To Mittagong Committee

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1st July, 1988.

## PROPOSED PROGRAM:

### BACK TO MITTAGONG DAY:

SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER, 1988:

10a.m.

PARADE COMMENCES - comprising representatives of all participating organisations, bodies and individuals. Everyone to enter WINIFRED WEST PARK and the DAY will be officially opened. Banners acknowledging participation will be presented to representatives of the above groups.

Following this, a M.C. would take over - and demonstrations of various sports will be conducted. A short history of the team concerned will be given.

Activities will continue in the park throughout the Day - bands, display

11a.m.

LAUNCHING OF CHALKER BOOK - written by STEPHEN BEAZLEY - in Memorial Hall Supper Room. Refreshments will be served.

12 noon.

OPENING OF HORTICULTURAL SHOW AT MEMORIAL HALL.

1.p.m.

WELCOME OF WALKERS INTO WINIFRED WEST PARK following their pioneering wa from OLD SOUTH ROAD.

1.30p.m.

UNVEILING OF LYREBIRD SCULPTURE by Federal Member for Throsby, COLIN HOL WINIFRED WEST PARK.

2.30p.m.

Refreshments before ART EXHIBITION. - Supper Room, Memorial Hall.

3.p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF ART EXHIBITION BY FAMED AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE ARTIST LEONARD LONG - by EMILY BOOKER of Channel 7. - MEMORIAL HALL.

7.p.m.

GALA DINNER/DANCE AT HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB.

8.p.m.

BI-CENTENNIAL SOCIAL AT MITTAGONG R.S.L. CLUB AUDITORIUM. Conducted by SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS. Entertainment - Australian bush dances, old time and selected Scottish country dances.

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Wearing of period/colonial costume is encouraged and prizes will be awarded.

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# Schoolboy wins NZ tour spot

A boy from the Australian Football stronghold of Lockhart has won selection in the Australian under 17 Rugby Union team to tour New Zealand next June.

Chris McLeod won a green and gold jumper after starting for the ACT representative team which won the week-long national under 16 championships which concluded last Sunday.

A dashing five eighth, McLeod kicked a first half field goal in ACT's 9-0 win in the final against Queensland Country at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

McLeod was one of five members of the ACT team chosen for Australia yet the only player from his

By MICHAEL MCCORMACK

school, St Patrick's College of Goulburn.

"It's a big honour," McLeod said yesterday. "Actually, it was a bit of a shock to be named."

McLeod, a Year 10 student, is captain and goalkicker for St Patrick's which has won seven of its eight games this year to be top of the ladder in the ACT under 16 interschool competition.

St Patrick's have three games left before finals.

McLeod's father Ian won a football blue in his final year at Wagga

High School in 1961 and later played Rugby for Wagga City.

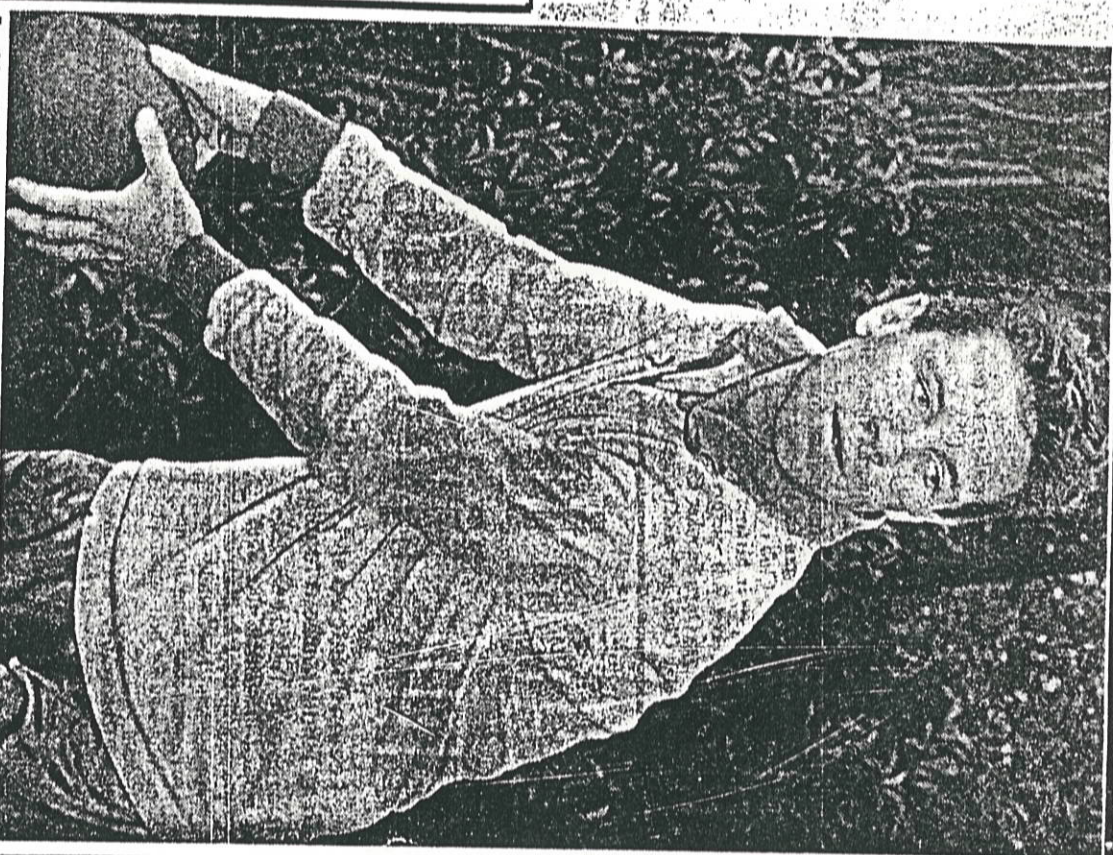
Chris played Australian football at primary school and represented Riverina at the State titles.

But he was quite frank yesterday when asked for his assessment of the game revered by the majority of Lockhart's sporting community. "I can't stand the game," McLeod said.

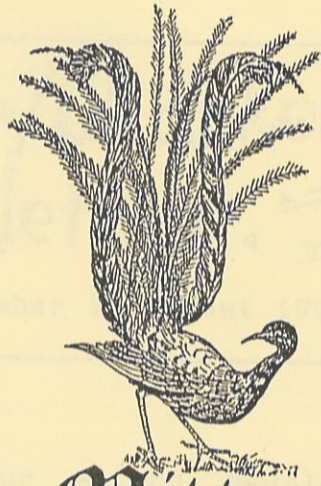
McLeod said his future was in Rugby.

He is also a competent swimmer and won three gold medals, in butterfly, freestyle and a relay event at the NSW championships in February.

*A Chalker descendant . . . .*



Lockhart's 15-year-old Australian Rugby Union representative Chris McLeod in a familiar pose as five-eighth, a position he played in ACT's 9-0 win against Queensland Country recently.



# Back To Mittagong Day

Mittagong's Contribution to Australia's Bicentenary  
At Winifred West Park, Mittagong Commencing at 10 a.m.

## FEATURING

ART EXHIBITION by

LEONARD LONG

*famous Australian-School  
Landscape Painter in Oil*

Former Mittagong school-boy whose art hangs in many famous galleries around the world, including New Zealand, Kuala Lumpur and in the Vatican Collection Rome.

## SCULPTURE OF LYREBIRD

Native of Mittagong, cast in bronze, set in ironstone from Australia's first iron works at Mittagong in 1848 - to be placed in a permanent position and dedicated as a memorial to the day.

### *Your Personal Invitation*

A book is being compiled on the history of the people of Mittagong past and present. We need your help with photographs, autobiographies and documents as soon as possible. Please bring items to the Back to Mittagong Day for copying.

*For further details - please contact the secretary Mrs. Leah Day at 34-36 Murchison St., Mittagong 2575. Telephone (048) 711041.*

SPRING FLOWER SHOW  
MODEL TRAIN CLUB DISPLAY  
HISTORICAL DISPLAY  
ENTERTAINMENT  
AUTOMOBILE DISPLAY  
FOOD AND DRINK STALLS

ARE JUST SOME OF THE  
ATTRACTIONS FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY



A DAY WHEN THE  
"BACK TO MITTAGONG COMMITTEE"  
INVITES

Residents of Mittagong  
(Past and present)

Residents of the Southern Highlands  
People who are interested in  
Mittagong

Families to hold re-unions  
to join in the celebrations on -  
17th September, 1988

# SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1988