

Researched by Pat Raymond, Bega Valley Genealogy Society

Bega Gazette – Thursday 29 May, 1873

Wolumla

Opening of the Union Church

We are not millionaires in this part of the district; if obliged to pay income tax, Wolumla would not contribute very many thousands per year to her Majesty's revenue. But we have a way of our own in jogging along, and if most of us are not much richer than Rothschild, we philosophise that riches do not always confer happiness, and that perhaps there are with us riches beyond the power of gold to buy : contentment, and a willing mind.

For example—

Sometime ago we provided a school for the education of our children. Our latest effort has been to build a church for our religious wants. This building was formally opened on Sunday, 25th instant, when we were favored by the presence of the clergymen of the Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, and the Wesleyan. In the morning the Revs. A. D. Faunce and W. Baker took part in the service; Mr. Faunce read the morning prayers according to the form of the English Church, and Mr. Baker preached an excellent sermon from the text—"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." In the afternoon the Rev, R. V. Danne preached to a good congregation. Collections were made, amounting £5 5s. Only that the weather was blowing, a far greater number of people would have been present. Our " Union Church " being now an accomplished fact, I hope that we shall enjoy the ministrations of one of the three resident ministers every Sunday. Having a building specially set apart for the worship of God, I am sure the liberal and christian spirit that has led us thus - far, will now be extended to prompt us to contribute, according to our means, to the support of those who labor for our spiritual necessities. Thus far, we have worked together in all the harmony of christian charity, and your correspondent knows of nothing capable of destroying these happy circumstances.

I believe a small debt, hardly worth naming, remains to be cleared off; which, when accomplished, will wind up the labours of the building Committee, who will likely then publish their balance, sheet for the information of contributors.

Bega Gazette – Thursday 28 August 1873

Wolumla – We are requested to say that the accounts for the Union Church Wolumla has been made up and audited, and will be published in our next issue.

Bega Gazette – Wednesday 19 April, 1882

Trinity Church, Kameruka

The rising importance of Wolumla calls for increased church accommodation, and it is confidently expected another Church of brick or stone for that place will be commenced during the ensuing year.

Bega Gazette – Wednesday 11 July 1883

Wolumla – Building a Church of England is contemplated at Wolumla. Meeting on 23rd instant.

Bega Standard – Saturday 14 July 1883

WOLUMLA

Public Meeting will be held in the Union Church on Monday 23 July 1883 at 7 p.m. to discuss the most suitable site for a Church of England.

Candelo & Eden Union – 2 August, 1883

A Voice from Wolumla

Re religious meetings – The last named was one held in the old Union Church, and the amount of subscriptions promised in the room towards a new church, viz. £105, proves a healthy state of things and shows that the money is not wanting in Wolumla and that the people are generous and earnest in the matter. The building I understand is to be a Church of England, so, as Mr. WALKER of the Commercial Bank, Bega, gave a piece of land on the Smithfield Estate, I expect a Union Church will be erected thereon for the use of Presbyterians, Wesleyans, and others, for we are not quite advanced far enough to erect buildings for all these sects, although I would like to see it so. Some six months ago, the matter was initiated by correspondence with one or two parties on the subject of erecting a Church of England on the site given by Mr. WALKER, but the matter was allowed to drop in

consequence of the absence of some of our leading residents in Sydney. It is a pity the church is not to be built where there is a muster of other useful institutions, but I suppose the meeting had a love for the old spot, so we must respectfully bow; at any rate it reflects credit on the people to take the active steps they have and I hope soon to hear of the two churches going up.

Candelo & Eden Union - 20 May, 1886

C of E Wolumla

A public meeting of members of the C of E was held at Wolumla on Monday evening 17th to determine what steps should be taken towards the erection of a Church in the township. It was decided unanimously that a suitable building should be erected on the site given for that purpose by Mr. H. Walker. A committee was elected, consisting of Messrs **FOWLER, SCHAFER, BECK., COLLINS, WHITE, C. WILLIAMS, E. WILLIAMS, CLYNICK, J. PORTER** and **Jas** and **C. TURNER**. A subscription list was then opened and contributions promised. Etc.

Sydney Morning Herald – Tuesday 23 October 1888

Pambula

The Bishop of Goulburn, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas, arrived last night. During the week the Bishop confirmed 39 persons at Kameruka and Colombo. He preached at Candelo, and in St. Luke's. Wolumla, which was used for the first time.

Candelo & Eden Union –Thursday 1 August, 1889

Church of England, Wolumla

A Bazaar and Bruce Auction

In Aid of Liquidating the Debt of

St. Luke's Church, Wolumla

On Friday and Saturday

6th and 7th September.

Donations will be thankfully received by Messrs. H. Fowler and W.H. Homson, and by the undersigned.

Osborn WRIGHTSON, Hon.Sec.

The Art Union Prizes in connection with the local School of Arts will be drawn on the second day of the Bazaar.

Bega Standard – Friday 20 September, 1889

Wolumla

The Bazaar in aid of the Church of England was held on Friday and Saturday 6th and 7th inst., as advertised and resulted in success. The School of Arts was tastefully decorated on the occasion.....etc.

At about 9 o'clock on Saturday night.....Mr. Henry Fowler mounted the rostrum to dispose of the unsold goods by Bruce auction. An auction had already taken place in the afternoon of live stock, cheese, bacon etc. which realised fair prices. Everything was sold, the gross proceeds of the bazaar from all sources being some where about £100, which will leave sufficient to pay off the debt on the church and a small balance in hand for improvements.....etc.

Southern Star – Wednesday 18 June, 1902

Wolumla

On Sunday at St. Luke's Church, a thanksgiving service for the restoration of peace in South Africa, was conducted by the rector, the Rev. J.A. Newth, who preached an appropriate sermon. Special hymns and prayers were given. At the conclusion of the service, which was most impressive, the national Anthem was sung.

Southern Star – Saturday 13 July 1903

A grand social is to be held in the School of Arts, Wolumla on Wednesday July 22, in aid of the funds of St. Luke's Anglican Church. We acknowledge receipt of a complimentary ticket for same.

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Southern Star – Wednesday 27 September 1911

A ball will be held at Wolumla on Friday night in aid of the Anglican funds.

Pambula Voice – Friday 16 October, 1914

A bazaar in aid of St. Luke's church of England, Wolumla, will be held in the Wolumla School of Arts on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 27 and 28.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 10 November, 1917

The Church of England bazaar at Wolumla was a pronounced success, leaving a credit balance of £67/13/6d after the payment of expenses amounting to £12/13/6d. The function was opened by the Rev. Hartley Peck, who explained that it was their aim to build a new church at Wolumla, for which they had already £200 in the bank. The object of the bazaar was to further augment that fund.

Southern Star – Wednesday 7 November, 1917

Wolumla

The third annual bazaar in aid of the new Anglican Church building fund eventuated in the Literary Institute, Wolumla, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and proved a success beyond anticipations. The attendance on the first night was not as good as on former occasions, but the second night made amends, and the floor space was taxed to the uttermost. The Rev. Hartley Peck, in opening the bazaar, said it was the wish of the Anglicans of Wolumla to erect a new church, as the old church had seen good service, having been constructed between 30 and 40 years ago, and for this particular purpose a sum bordering on £200 was at credit in the bank, and the object of the function was to further augment the funds. He trusted that as a result of the effort, sufficient funds would be raised to proceed with the erection of the edifice during the incoming year, which would prove to be a credit to the Anglicans of Wolumla district. He trusted all would have a successful time, and that the friendliest spirit would prevail throughout the proceedings.....etc.

Bega Budget – Wednesday 4 February 1920

Wolumla Annual Bazaar

The fifth annual bazaar and flower show held under the auspices of the Wolumla Church of England building fund eventuated in the Literary Institute on Wednesday and Thursday last, and, as was anticipated, proved to be the best of the series. It is expected that £100 will be netted as the result. The management, committee, and stall holders are to be congratulated on the elaborate preparations made in connection with the stalls and general appointments. The class of goods presented made a grand display and were soon disposed of to the eager crowd ever willing to assist the movement. The attendance more than compared with that of former years. In the absence of the Rector, Rev. C. W. Clarke, who is attending Synod, Mr. E. F. Wrightson, senior warden, was chosen to open the bazaar. He congratulated the Anglicans of Wolumla on the grand work they were doing in connection with the movement, and hoped the church would be erected during the current year. He also expressed sincere thanks to the members of other denominations who have from time to time contributed to the success of the functions. The list of stalls, and those in charge were as follow :

Work stall — Mesdames Goward, C. Mayes, and Miss Mollie Goward. Amount realised £20. Gift tree— Misses Elsie, Muriel, and Irene Turner, £7 2d. Novelty stall— Misses Daisy Scott, Thelma and Bernice Moorhead, £14. 6d. Sweets and soft drinks — Misses Edie Scott, Smith, and Hilda Mayes, £10 9s 6d. Produce stall — Messrs. J. Walsh, C. Mayes, and R. Turner, £21 10s 6d. Fish pond— Misses Ivy Wrightson, L. Foster, and Olive Mayes, £1. Supper room — Mesdames Laird, S. Turner, R. Foster, and E. F. Wrightson, £7 3s 3d. Door takings, £6 10s. The following is a list of the winners in the food and flower sections:

Section 1, food. Judge: Mrs. W. J. Moorhead; steward Miss M. Thompson. Homemade loaf, Mrs. N. C. Reid, 3 entries; homemade soda loaf, Mrs. N. C. Reid, 1 entry; plate milk scones, Mrs. Turner, 6 entries; pound cake, light, Mrs. G. H. Goward, 3 entries; pound cake, dark, Mrs. R. Turner, 2 entries; rainbow cake, Miss E. Collins, 2 entries; plum pudding, boiled, Mrs. G. H. Goward, 2 entries; jam sandwich, Mrs. R. Turner, 3 entries; heaviest dozen hen egg, Miss Gladys Turner, 5 entries. Section 2, flowers. Judge, Mrs. W. J. Moorhead; steward, Miss M. Thompson. Collection cut flowers, Mrs. G. Goward, 2 entries; table bouquet, Miss E. Collins, 2 entries; button hole bouquet, Miss Mollie

Goward, 3 entries, School work. Judge, Mr. H. Grealy; steward, Miss M. Thompson. Writing under 10, Reg. McNaughton, 3 entries; writing under 11, Gladys Porter, 2 entries; writing under 13, Leila Turner, 7 entries; writing under 15, Doreen Gahan, 5 entries; printing motto under 15, Gladys Scott; map of N.S.W., Leila Turner. The committee thanks all residents who contributed either by monetary donations, stock, poultry, or produce of all descriptions. The Queen Competition held in connection with the bazaar will be brought to a conclusion at a social gathering to be held on 27th inst. The figures up to the second night of the bazaar were as follow: Queen of Peace (Miss Glenn) 2128, Farmers' Queen (Miss McPaul) 1594, Soldiers' Queen (Miss Ivy Wrightson) 1030.

Eden Magnet – Saturday 23 October, 1920

The Wolumla C.E. church committee are endeavouring to secure a suitable site for the erection of a new church.

Pambula Voice – Friday 2 September, 1921

Wolumla

The new Church of England building will very shortly be in course of erection. **Mr. THATCHER** of Bega, has the contract. It will be erected near the School of Arts.

Pambula Voice – Friday 9 September, 1921

Wolumla

The new Church of England building will soon be in course of erection and should be an improvement to the town.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 16 June 1923

The local Dramatic and Concert Company reproduced their entertainment at Wolumla on Tuesday night, in aid of the Wolumla Church of England organ fund. The attendance was good, considering the short notice given of the visit. £8 15s was taken at the doors. There were some slight alterations in the programme as presented at Candelo. Messrs J. and V. Heffernan brought down the house with a sketch entitled 'Twenty minutes with a humorous tramp.' Mr. Garrard's mandoline reverie has won him a place in local musical circles. The performers were afterwards entertained at supper.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 18 August 1923

Church of England Ball at Wolumla on the 29th.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 20 September., 1924

Mr. R.E. MIDSON, who is at present engaged on the new Methodist Church in Bega is the successful tenderer for the new Church of England building at Wolumla, which will cost well over a thousand sterling.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 18 October, 1924

Contractor MIDSON has started brick making for the new Church of England at Wolumla. A kiln of 50,000 bricks will be burnt.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 15 November, 1924

Mr. MIDSON, the contractor who is to build the Church of England in Wolumla, has begun work. Wolumla will be "some place" with the new church and the handsome memorial gates on the recreation reserve which is nearly opposite the new church.

Brickmaking for the new Church of England at Wolumla is proceeding apace. About 40,000 bricks will be required for the job, and we understand that the contractor will make considerably more than that and dispose of the residue by private sale. An exceptionally fine clay deposit has been opened up down there, which the brick-makers say stands out on its own among the clays they have handled. It is of such excellent, quality that it is claimed to be eminently suitable for pottery. Now then, Wolumla, what about a new industry !!

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Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 10 January, 1925

Mrs. C.T. STILES will lay the foundation stone of the new Church of England at Wolumla today at 2 pm when a large and representative gathering is expected to assemble. Afternoon tea will be served and generally the occasion should be a memorable one for Wolumla. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 10 January, 1925

St. LUKE'S CHURCH WOLUMLA

The Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new brick church of St. Luke's Wolumla, will be performed by **Mrs. C.T. STILES** on

Saturday, Jan. 10, 1925 at 2pm

The public are cordially invited.

Afternoon Tea at 3.30

On behalf of the Building Committee

F.F. WRIGHTSON, J. NEWLYN, J. WALSH – Churchwardens

Rev. E.J. HOLMES, Acting Rector

Southern Record & Advertiser - 17 January, 1925

The laying of the foundation stone of St Luke's Church of England, Wolumla, was performed by **Mrs. C.T. STILES** on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a large gathering of parishioners. **Mrs STILES** was presented with an inscribed silver trowel to mark the occasion. Speakers at the function were **Archdeacon Dore BRYANT**, **Rev E.J. HOLMES**, **Mr. E. F. WRIGHTSON** (Secretary) **Mr. J.F. COCHRANE** (Treasurer) and **Mr. John WALSH**. **Mr. Eric STILES** responded on behalf of his mother. The Treasurer announced that they had the sum of £869/8/7d. to credit towards the building of the church, which will be a picturesque brick structure of Gothic design. An additional sum of £60 was placed on the foundation stone, and a bazaar and sale of work is being organised to be held on 4th and 12th February in aid of the building fund, so that it is expected that the new church, which will cost £1240, will be opened with a very small debt only. The edifice will occupy an admirable site, which was specially purchased and donated by **Mr. J.F. COCHRANE**, who has been prominent in the movement at every stage and is deserving of special credit. It is an effort generally upon which Wolumla people are to be complimented. After the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, refreshments were served at the Literary Institute, where very attractive preparations had been made by the local ladies. The "spread" provided was really excellent, and the ladies were complimented on all sides for their part in the proceedings.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 17 January 1925

A Bazaar and Sale of Work will be held at Wolumla on February 4th and 5th in aid of the new Church building fund.

Southern Record & Advertiser - 24 January, 1925

Tenders are invited in this issue for the purchase of the wooden Church of England at Wolumla.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 24 January, 1925

TENDERS

Tenders are invited to the purchase of the old Wooden Church of St. Luke's Wolumla. Tenders close with the undersigned on Saturday, 14th February.

E.F. WRIGHTSON, Secretary

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 14 February, 1925

Wolumla

Favored with two beautifully fine nights, the energetic workers for the Church of England bazaar last week achieved very gratifying success. Something in the vicinity of £100 will be netted for the building fund. Keen interest was taken in the proceedings, which were splendidly organised and full of life. The various stalls were attractive and well conducted by irresistible ladies. A schedule of prizes for cooking, flowers and writing were awarded as follows by the judge (**Mrs. J.F ALLEN**) – Homemade Bread, **Miss Maude GLENN**; Milk Scones **Miss Maggie GLENN**; Light Pound Cake **Miss T. SCOTT**; Snow Cake **Miss I. TURNER**; Rainbow Cake **Mrs. PORTER**; Seed Cake **Miss**

Maude GLENN; Jam Sandwich **Miss MOFFITT**; Hen Eggs **Mrs. H. PERRY**; Collection of Flowers **Mrs. E. COLLINS**; Roses **Mrs. GOWARD**; Table Bouquet **Mrs. E. COLLINS**; Buttonhole **Mrs. GOWARD**. Writing prizes were won by **Eugene SMITH** and **P. BEHL**. A Queen competition between three candidates representing the modes of long, bobbed and shingled hair, conducted at a social on Saturday night, was won by **Miss TRINDER** with long tresses.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 21 February, 1925

Anglican

The annual meeting of the Kameruka parish was held at Kameruka Hall on Wednesday 11th instant.....The general debt had been reduced; a new car purchased for parish use; a new brick church had been almost completed at Wolumla; substantial repairs and alterations effected at the Rectory.....etc. The income from all sources, including moneys raised and received at Bemboka and Wolumla for their respective new churches, runs into about £1,000.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 21 February, 1925

The annual meeting of St. Luke's Wolumla, was held on Sunday afternoon last. **Mr. E.F. WRIGHTSON** was again elected rector's warden, and Messrs **J. WALSH** and **C. TURNER** people's wardens. The balance sheet showed receipts about £650. The new church is expected to be finished in about a fortnight, and opened for worship on Easter Day.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 7 March, 1925

Wolumla

The new Church of England is almost completed. **Mr. MIDSON**, the contractor has made a good job of his undertaking.

On Monday evening a very happy time was spent by dancers at the Wolumla Literary Institute, when a social was held in aid of the Church of England building fund. **Mr. MIDSON** organised and gave the social as a winding up of his work here. The hall was crowded with dancers and lookers on, visitors coming from Candelo, Bega and Pambula. **Misses J. COCHRANE** and **E.F. WRIGHTSON** had charge of the doors, and **Mr. MIDSON** was M.C., being assisted by **Mr. W. HALL**. Bega Jazz Orchestra supplied music and were assisted with extras by **Misses I. SCOTT, M. RAMSEY** and **R. PLUMB**. The hall and supper room had been decorated in a very artistic manner by the organiser, and looked very nice. A sumptuous supper was set out and attended to by a host of willing ladies in the persons of Mesdames **COCHRANE, LAIRD, WALSH, WEBB, REIN, ATKINS, BEHL, GOWARD, HULL, PHEENEY** and **Miss I. TURNER**. A Chocolate Waltz for a gorgeous box of those toothsome delicacies was won by **Master A. GRANT**. The entries for that waltz eclipsed those of any previous dance here, 50 entries being received. During the evening **Mr. WEBB**, on behalf of the C of E Committee thanked the donor of the social, **Mr. MIDSON**, for his generosity and kindness in giving the social. The dancers showed their approval of his work by giving three cheers. The following have donated a panel of fence or its equivalent towards fencing the church in: Messrs **J. COCHRANE, C. TURNER, D. ATKINS, J. ATKINS, P. TURNER, A.J. PHEENEY, J. PHEENEY snr., J. WEBB, J. WALSH, P. TOMS** and Wolumla Sawmilling Co. (four panels).

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 28 March, 1925

The new Church of England at Wolumla was formally taken over from the contractor on Saturday. The Committee are thoroughly satisfied with the building, the inside finish being particularly effective. The proceeds of sale of the old church building (which is now being pulled down) will reduce the debt on the new church to about 150 pounds, which is very gratifying to all concerned. The first service in the new church will be held on Easter Sunday.

Eden Magnet - 25 April, 1925

Wolumla's new Church of England was crowded for the first service held on Easter Day. The debt remaining on the church is only about £150.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday, 25 April, 1925

At the opening service of the new Church of England at Wolumla on Easter Sunday, **Rev. E.J. HOLMES** read a message of congratulation and good wishes from the Bishop, who also made an appeal for gifts toward the furnishing of the sanctuary. It was announced that an oak hymn board had been donated by the Wardens of the Candelo Church, a pair of brass vases by **Misses FOSTER**, and two iron standards by **Mr. H.G. HAMMOND** of Candelo. The Bishop complimented the community on opening such a fine edifice with such a small debt (£150)

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 25 April, 1925

Wolumla's new Church of England was crowded for the opening service on Easter Day. **Rev. E.J. HOLMES** conducted an impressive service, and special singing was rendered, in which school children of the district took a prominent part under the tuition of **Mr. WEBB**. **Miss Maggie GLENN**, A.L.C.M., presided at the organ.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 1 August 1925

Big Church of England Ball at Wolumla next Thursday night. A mixed programme of new and old dances.

Southern Record & Advertiser – Saturday 10 October, 1925

Mrs. James Atkins has presented a handsome Altar Book to St. Luke's Church, Wolumla. It was dedicated by the Rector on Sunday night.

Eden Magnet & Pambula Voice –Thursday 13 March, 1947

Wolumla

The committee of St. Luke's Church of England are about to enter on a scheme of beautification. It was resolved to purchase a number of ornamental trees of the evergreen variety and shrubs of a suitable nature, wherewith to carry out the project. The layout of the grounds should lend itself to a scheme of this nature.

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