

To: Joan

Re: 1951 Crossing of the Blue Mountains for the Commonwealth Jubilee

I have attached some photos that have been placed onto a CD for you for your historical society.

I also have further information you may be interested in.

I have learnt that my Dad's participation was part of Youth Hostels Australia (YHA) Involvement with the re-enactment of the crossing and that Dad was one of the convict party. I also believe that another YHA member Ted Stephens may have been involved but that has yet to be proved.

Also, One of the three explorers was the local newspaper proprietor who inspired by tales of YHA donated his land on a free leasehold basis for what became the North Springwood YHA (today know as Hawkesbury Heights).

I have approached the YHA archivist who may have more details and will let you know as they come to hand.

I have also copied the card of the librarian at Springwood who gave us the photos – he may also help you with your searches as they have many photos you can look at.

Hope this will help you and your members somewhat and if there is any more that I can do, please free to contact me.

Regards,

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