FERMOY

Fermoy (Lot 13) of the Eurama Vision Estate was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. The lot is named after the birthplace of Sir James martin in Ireland.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

Portion 1 of 276 acres and Portion 2 of 23 acres were originally sold as separate sections of land purchased by Sir James Martin at auction at Penrith on 3 January, 1876. Portions 1 and 2 were purchased for one pound an acre under titles Vol 265 Fol 102 (Portion 1) and Vol 265 Fol 103 (Portion 2). Sir James mortgaged both portions to Sir Daniel Cooper of London, Baronet which was registered on 8 November, 1878 (Mortgage No 114532).

Sir James died on 4 November, 1886 and Sir Daniel Cooper exercised his Power of Sale selling both portions as well as other pieces of land to Adolphus Rogalsky of Sydney, financier and John William Cliff of Sydney, gentleman, as tenants in common in equal shares (Transfer No 141248) for 3,450 pounds. Separate titles were issued to both as at that time and by law each could deal separately with their share in the property. Certificate of Title Vol 918 Fol 63 was issued to Rogalsky and Vol 918 Fol 64 was issued to Cliff.

CLARENS

Clarens (Lot 14) of the Eurama Vision Estate was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. Clarens was the name of Sir James Martin's home in Sydney.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

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MARTIN PLACE

Martin Place (Lot 15) of the Eurama Vision Estate was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. From Sydney to the mountains there a number of sites named Martin Place after Sir James martin.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

Portion 1 of 276 acres and Portion 2 of 23 acres were originally sold as separate sections of land purchased by Sir James Martin at auction at Penrith on 3 January, 1876. Portions 1 and 2 were purchased for one pound an acre under titles Vol 265 Fol 102 (Portion 1) and Vol 265 Fol 103 (Portion 2). Sir James mortgaged both portions to Sir Daniel Cooper of London, Baronet which was registered on 8 November, 1878 (Mortgage No 114532).

Sir James died on 4 November, 1886 and Sir Daniel Cooper exercised his Power of Sale selling both portions as well as other pieces of land to Adolphus Rogalsky of Sydney, financier and John William Cliff of Sydney, gentleman, as tenants in common in equal shares (Transfer No 141248) for 3,450 pounds. Separate titles were issued to both as at that time and by law each could deal separately with their share in the property. Certificate of Title Vol 918 Fol 63 was issued to Rogalsky and Vol 918 Fol 64 was issued to Cliff.

NUMANTIA

Numantia (Lot 16) of the *Eurama Vision Estate* was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. The lot is named after the area's original name which was given by Sir James Martin after the ancient Spanish town captured by Rome.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

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Sir James died on 4 November, 1886 and Sir Daniel Cooper exercised his Power of Sale selling both portions as well as other pieces of land to Adolphus Rogalsky of Sydney, financier and John William Cliff of Sydney, gentleman, as tenants in common in equal shares (Transfer No 141248) for 3,450 pounds. Separate titles were issued to both as at that time and by law each could deal separately with their share in the property. Certificate of Title Vol 918 Fol 63 was issued to Rogalsky and Vol 918 Fol 64 was issued to Cliff.

WEEMALA

Weemala (Lot 17) of the Eurama Vision Estate was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. The lot is named after the original home on the site.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

Portion 1 of 276 acres and Portion 2 of 23 acres were originally sold as separate sections of land purchased by Sir James Martin at auction at Penrith on 3 January, 1876. Portions 1 and 2 were purchased for one pound an acre under titles Vol 265 Fol 102 (Portion 1) and Vol 265 Fol 103 (Portion 2). Sir James mortgaged both portions to Sir Daniel Cooper of London, Baronet which was registered on 8 November, 1878 (Mortgage No 114532).

Sir James died on 4 November, 1886 and Sir Daniel Cooper exercised his Power of Sale selling both portions as well as other pieces of land to Adolphus Rogalsky of Sydney, financier and John William Cliff of Sydney, gentleman, as tenants in common in equal shares (Transfer No 141248) for 3,450 pounds. Separate titles were issued to both as at that time and by law each could deal separately with their share in the property. Certificate of Title Vol 918 Fol 63 was issued to Rogalsky and Vol 918 Fol 64 was issued to Cliff.

THE GATEHOUSE

The Gatehouse (Lot 18) of the Eurama Vision Estate was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. The remains of the original gatehouse crossing the railway can still be seen.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

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Sir James died on 4 November, 1886 and Sir Daniel Cooper exercised his Power of Sale selling both portions as well as other pieces of land to Adolphus Rogalsky of Sydney, financier and John William Cliff of Sydney, gentleman, as tenants in common in equal shares (Transfer No 141248) for 3,450 pounds. Separate titles were issued to both as at that time and by law each could deal separately with their share in the property. Certificate of Title Vol 918 Fol 63 was issued to Rogalsky and Vol 918 Fol 64 was issued to Cliff.

THETFORD

Thetford (Lot 19) of the *Eurama Vision Estate* was originally part of Portion 2, situated in the County of Cook, Parish of Magdala, a grant of land made in the late nineteenth century. The lot is named for the highly respected servant to the Maclaurin family, Mr Thetford.

The lots created from Portion 2 were originally owned by Sir James Martin, three times Premier and Chief Justice of New South Wales.

The lots created from the original Portions 1 and 2 are:

13	Fermoy	Portion 2 Part C
14	Clarens	Portion 2 Part C, Portion 2 Part B
15	Martin Place	Portion 1 Part B, Portion 2 Part B and C
16	Numantia	Portion 1, Part B and C
17	Weemala	Portion 1 Part B
18	The Gatehouse	Portion 1 Part C
19	Thetford	Portion 1 Part C

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Cliff meantime transferred his share also to Harmsworth Robert Way (Transfer No 152649) registered on 31 July, 1889. However, the land was transferred back to Cliff by Way (Transfer No 256844) for 1,000 pounds on 25 September, 1889. Cliff's wife lodged a caveat over the land (see Caveat 157524) claiming interest in the land as beneficial owner. The caveat was entered at the Lands Title Office on 4 November, 1889 and withdrawn 30 September, 1896. Clearly the family dispute had dragged on for some years but some result had been gained by 1896.

A small section of land of 3 roods, 6 perches was sold to the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales (Transfer No 260003) by common agreement for 10 pounds on 23 December, 1896. Vol 1211 Fol 180 (Way) and Vol 1211 Fol 181 (Cliff) were issued for the residue in half shares.

Way's mortgages (Nos 165558 and 185212) were discharged. Way and Cliff now sold the land back to Rogalsky, Cliff by Transfer No263712 on 5 April, 1897 and Way by Transfer No272940 on 2 December, 1897 for 550 pounds.

As a result Certificate of Title Vol 1238 Fol 245 was issued as the land was again held by one owner only. Rogalsky sold 19 acres of Portion 23 adjacent to Portion 2 to George Evans on 21 May, 1900. Evans at this time was purchasing a large tract in the vicinity of *Eurama* house. Title Vol 1320 Fol 38 was issued for this and Vol 1320 Fol 160 was issued for the residue. From this Lots 3 and 4 in DP 4290 were sold (Transfer No 386323) to Robert Barber Cropley and transferred outside the Eurama estate on 24 May, 1904.

Adolphus Rogalsky died in 1906 and Transmission Application 17574 caused the land to pass to his heirs Phoebe Rogalsky of Medlow, widow, David Mitchell Rogalsky of Darlinghurst, clerk, Julian Cecil Rogalsky of Darlinghurst, gentleman and Ernest Meyer Mitchell of Mosman, barrister at law. As a result, Title Vol 1671 Fol 86 was issued to them.

George Evans obtained the land south of the Great Western Highway by Transfer 468548 dated 9 August, 1907 for 1,500 pounds and Title Vol 1808 Fol 247 was issued. This title was subsequently cancelled with the issue of two new titles, one for a 3 acre, 3 rood, 32.75 perch part of Portion 22 (see Vol 1833 Fol 204) and another for the residue, Vol 1833 Fol 207.

Upon George Evans' death in 1910, the land in Title Vol 1833 Fol 204 was transmitted (Transmission Application 24977) to The Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales along with all of Evans' Eurama holdings. The land was then sold to Emily Ethel MacLaurin, wife of James Briarcliffe MacLaurin of Bundanoon, farmer on 20 February, 1911 (Transfer No 595566) which was subsequently included with other land in Vol 3048 Fol 157 which became a very large parcel of land covering Portions 13, 14, 16, 21, 22, 25, 46 and parts of Portions 2,12, 19, 23.

1920-2004

Between 1875 and 1920 there had been quite a number of land transmissions that had split the original portions into large parcels for major figures as well as potential subdivisions. However, by 1920 this trend was reversed when the MacLaurins combined their very substantial land holdings.

George Evans (who held the land under Certificate of Title Vol 1334 Fol 201) died in 1910 and the land was transmitted to the Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales Ltd as executor of his will. The Permanent Trustee Company subsequently sold the property to Emily Ethel MacLaurin, wife of James Briarcliffe MacLaurin of Bundanoon, Farmer. The transfer was completed on 20 February, 1911 (Transfer No 595566). Certificate of Title Vol 3046 Fol 157 was issued to the new owner.

On 26 March 1920 Mrs E E MacLaurin transferred (No A566806) a large parcel of land to Katherine Nathan, wife of Gilbert Grace Nathan of Sydney, Gentleman for 3,600 pounds. The MacLaurins had combined Portion 16, Lots A and B with Portions 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 25, 46, 12 Part A, 23 Parts B and C and 2 Part C with a view to selling the whole parcel following the death of Mr MacLaurin. The combined total of the new title had an area of 213 acres, 2 roods and 15.5 perches.

On 15 May, 1928 Katherine Nathan sold the whole property to Elaine Brown, wife of Joseph Brown of Sydney, Public Accountant (Transfer No 665994) for 1,750 pounds. On the same day Daisy Brown mortgaged the property to Katherine Nathan (Mortgage No 665995) for the sum of 1,600 pounds. Soon after, on 28 July, 1929, Daisy in a second mortgage over the land, mortgaged it to Beaufort Burdekin, of Sydney, Barrister (Mortgage No B 859004) for the sum of 300 pounds.

By 12 October, 1955 Daisy Brown was sold up, Katherine Nathan, now the widow of Gilbert Grace Nathan had exercised her Power of Sale under Mortgage No B 665995. The land was sold to Colin Campbell Graham, timber merchant of Faulconbridge (Transfer No G 393050). Mr Graham lived in Bathurst Rd, Faulconbridge and then at Eurama during this period but faced financial difficulties soon after purchasing the property and faced claims by various business suppliers aimed at his Faulconbridge holdings.

The land was mortgaged prior to this on 5 April, 1955 to Frederick Henry Clark of Sydney, Company Director (Mortgage No 6393051) for 2,200 pounds. On 4 November, 1957 Graham also mortgaged the property to Neale Roy Parker of 23 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby, hardware merchant and Esther Isobel Parker, his wife for the sum of 1,929 pounds. Again on 19 November, 1956 Graham mortgaged the land to Leon Purvis Bringolf of 32 Gannon St, Tempe, Agent (Mortgage No G

630172) for 7,500 pounds. At this time Graham had mortgaged the property for a total of 11, 629 pounds

Between August 1956 and September, 1957 several caveats and writs indicate a period of conflict in relation to Mr Graham and his ownership of the land, see:

G555465	Caveat produced 13 August, 1856 brought by Gordon Keith Webster of 319 Barrenjoey Rd, Newport
G603038	Caveat produced 31 October, 1956 brought by William Owen Boss of 41 Albert St, Hornsby, Railway Employee
G614977	Court Order removing G555465 16 November, 1956
G611322	Writ of Fieri Facias 4 November, 1956 brought by Neale Roy Parker and Esther Isobel Parker claiming a debt of 4,408 pounds and five shillings. This was found against Graham in the Supreme Court of NSW (No 11561 of 1956).
G666234	Writ of Fieri Facias 26 February, 1957 brought by Norman James Hazell, Solicitor of 597 Church St North Parramatta pursuing a sum of 41 pounds 1/9d
G708734	Writ of Execution May, 1957
G723991	Discontinuance of G666234 20 August, 1957 (Hazell)
G779982	Writ of Execution produced 20 August, 1957 by the Parkers for the sum of 1,929 pounds and 7 shillings.
K845082	Caveat produced 26 October, 1967 brought by Reginald Wycliffe Adams, Insurance Manager and Elsie Florence Adams of Bardwell Park and Purvis Leon Bringolf
G830853	Caveat produced 5 November, 1957 also by Neale Roy Parker, Hardware Merchant and Esther Isobel Parker of 23 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby

A couple of resumptions by the Electricity Commission and NSW Railways occurred between December, 1957 and April 1969.

A conclusion was reached 13 October 1967 when Purvis Leon Bringolf ("wrongly described in the...Certificate of Title as Leon Purvis Bringolf" sold the land under his Power of Sale (Transfer No K864430) through Mortgage No G639172 to Reginald Wycliffe Adams of Bardwell Park, Insurance Manager and his wife, Elsie Florence Adams. This ended the tussle of caveats and writs and brought the land under one clear title.

As noted elsewhere, Adams rebuilt Eurama only to have the property totally destroyed in the 1968 fires. A new title was issued for the land (Vol 11516 Fol 122) replacing the existing Certificate of Title (Vol 3046 Fol 157) as it had no further room for inclusions.

Certificate of Title Vol 11516 Fol 122 was issued 10 February, 1971 to Reginald Wycliffe Adams and his wife Elsie Florence Adams. The land was affected by a number of easements (see title document). On 16 November, 1970 the land was sold to Leslie Norman Watkins of 210 Parramatta Rd, Auburn, Manufacturer (Transfer No M106744) for the sum of \$21,000.

With the computerisation of the title system at this time Certificate of Title Vol 11516 Fol 122 was cancelled and Auto Consul 11516-122 was issued. Leslie Watkins had made his fortune during the Second World War as a timber merchant selling pallets and other objects especially to the United States Armed Forces based in Australia. He was and continued to be a saw miller on the south coast and a very astute businessman.

Leslie Watkins died on 21 March, 2001 and his sons William Geoffrey and John Robert (also successful businessmen) inherited the land through transfer (No 8382518). John Watkins in particular maintained the property while managing other business interests during the 30 year period the family owned the land.

The Watkins family sold the property to Eurama Vision Australia Pty Ltd which was transferred (No AA778668) on 6 July, 2004.

PORTIONS 1 AND 2

The remainder of the land of Portions 1 and 2 were transferred on 4 December, 1907 from George Evans to Emily Maud King of Numantia (Faulconbridge), spinster (Transfer No 479806). A small sliver of land was transferred to the Commissioner for Railways and Tramways on 3 May, 1912 (Transfer No 606701) and Title Vol 2156 Fol 246 was issued for the residue.

The land in this title, 77 acres, 0 roods and 33.5 perches was leased to Charles Albert Holswich of Linden on 14 May, 1918 (A 385264). It included the house known as Weemala (now destroyed by fire) and the "stables, coach houses, outbuildings, gardens and grounds there and appliances and potted plants specified in the inventory" at an annual rent of 156 pounds payable on the first day of each month at a monthly rate of 13 pounds. The lease was for 7 years and the tenant agreed to paint and generally maintain the property, not carry on any offensive trades and to prune and fumigate the trees of the orchard…one of which is still alive today.

Things did not proceed as per plan and the lease was cancelled by A 502900 and soon after the land was sold (Transfer No A536245) to Robert Wallace Park of Gladesville, builder on 30 December, 1919 for 2,300 pounds. Following the end of the Great War there was, for a time, speculation on land and hopes for a building boom.

However, the land was transferred on 27 January, 1921 (Transfer No A 818836) to Herbert Henry Hankins of Roseville, estate agent for 1,500 pounds who then transferred the land to James Warren Jones of Sydney, engineer on 9 May, 1922 for 1,000 pounds (Transfer No A 818837).

Jones sold 1 acre, 2 roods and 15.5 perches (shown in DP 308301) to Leslie Frank Barry-Cotter of Bondi, motor garage proprietor for 1,000 pounds (Transfer No B 8170) and Title Vol 3546 fol 250 was issued for the land and Vol 3554 Fol 162 was issued for the residue.

Barry–Cotter's land was bounded by the railway and the road leading to *Eurama* on the northern boundary of Portion 1. This land was mortgaged to William Ernest Johnstone Holdship of Lithgow, merchant and Arthur Herbert Holdship of Sydney, solicitor (Mortgage No B8171) on 23 August, 1923. Barry-Cotter sold the land (Transfer NoB70433) 27 March, 1924 to Bertram Theodore Heavener of Sydney, solicitor. The mortgage (B8171) was transferred (B286523) on 6 October, 1925 to Maud Elizabeth Holdship of Sydney, widow.

Mrs Holdship as mortgagee exercised her Power of Sale on 14 April, 1927 (Transfer No B 503721) and sold the land to Henry Nelson Hume of Faulconbridge, retired customs broker and Kate Hume of Wentworth Falls, spinster as tenants in common for 525 pounds. As a result Titles Vol 4009 Fol 144 and 145 were issued. The mortgage (No B503722) to Maude Elizabeth Holdship for 350 pounds of 14 April, 1927 over both titles was discharged on 17 September, 1930 (C14689).

This was, of course, the period of the Great Depression. Both titles were sold (Transfer No C131654) on 12 July, 1932 to Horace Goodwin of Burwood, builder for 1,000 pounds. This brought the land back into a single title and Vol 4540 Fol 169 was issued. The mortgage to Henry and Kate Hume (C131655) for 300 pounds of 14 June, 1932 was discharged (C283435) on 28 August, 1934.

The land passed to Ivy Emma Goodwin of Faulconbridge, widow by Transmission No F 294663 on 29 August, 1950 after the death of her husband on 20 May, 1949 as executrix. Ivy subsequently purchased the land by transfer (No F557263) on 1 October, 1951.

On 23 December, 1953, Ivy Goodwin sold the land to William John Walker of 35 Rickard Street, Balgowlah, clerk for 2,250 pounds (Transfer No G 13086). Walker mortgaged the land to Ivy Goodwin for 1,250 pounds (Mortgage No G 13087) which was discharged 23 February, 1961.

Walker sold the property to James Edwin Ward on 7 December, 1978 for \$4,000. Walker was "formerly of Balgowlah, clerk, but now of London, England, manager". James Ward was an ex-serviceman and a retired school teacher who had been renting the house *Weemala* on the property. Ward spent a great deal of time and money attempting to restore the buildings and some of his efforts can still be seen in the sandstone remains along the stone wall at the railway line. Ward purchased the property through a Defence Service loan (\$6503) for \$15,000.

Following the death of James Ward in 1992 (killed while crossing the Great Western Highway) the property was passed to Josephine Smith as administrator on 18 March, 1993 (Transmission No 199304). Following this the land was sold to Michael Christopher Outtrim and Karen Gale Outtrim of Portion 12, Illingworth Road, Yellow Rock for a sum of \$115,000 (Transfer No 462762) and a mortgage (No 462763 M) was taken for the sum of \$136,000 to the State Bank of New South Wales on 27 May, 1993. The land was sold to the State Rail Authority (Transfer No DL 2682239) on 11 December, 1996 (Folio Identifier 1/308301) for \$172,500 with the witness of signature being Mr M E Ticehurst, editor of the Blue Mountains Gazette.

The majority of Portions 1 and 2 (75 acres, 2 roods, 18 perches) fell under title Vol 3554 Fol 162 and was transferred to William Thomas Anderson of Sans souci, school teacher on 4 June 1925 (Transfer No B 223707). Anderson mortgaged the land to James Warren Jones of Sydney, engineer for 750 pounds (Mortgage No B223708). This was discharged 24 March, 1930 (B955548).

On 12 September, 1935 the land was passed to Elizabeth Ellen Anderson of Sydney, widow after her husband's death on 5 September, 1934 through Transmission Application C381795. The property was valued at 4,619 pounds. The land was then passed to Colin Anderson of Gunnedah, medical practitioner on 5 June, 1952 through Transmission Application F 667573. Dr Anderson then sold the land to Colin Campbell Graham of Faulconbridge, timber merchant on 10 April, 1957 (Transfer No G 738100). However, soon after Graham faced financial difficulties and the land was transferred to William Herbert Booth of Ashfield, business agent for 1,200 pounds. Booth had previously had a caveat against Graham (G798253) dated 13 September, 1957.

Booth mortgaged the land to Consolidated Investment Company, 13-15 O'Connell Street, Sydney for 500 pounds (Mortgage No H260032) which was discharged on 11 July, 1960 (H528062). Blue Mountains Council took possession of the land and sold it to recover unpaid rates on 24 July, 1956 to Andruce Pty Ltd (L593442) and title Vol 11214 Fol 176 was issued.

Title Vol 11214 Fol 176 is now described as Lots 2, 3and 4, DP 308301 and part Lot 1, DP 902120 (now Lot 1 DP 456309). The property was sold to Francis Seymour Stevens of 10 Marathon Road, Darling Point, university lecturer for \$6,750 on 28 July, 1970 (Transfer No L951758).

On the same day Stevens sold the property to Richard Graham of 26 Yarraga Place, Yowie Bay, salesman, for \$9,500 (Transfer No L951759). The land was mortgaged to Herbert Sylvester Newlyn, Ethyl Mary Newlyn and Hilda Florence Hardge (Mortgage No L951760) for \$8,000. This mortgage was discharged on 17 August, 1970 (M 442071). Graham sold the land soon after on 17 September, 1971 for \$15,000 to Doris Edna May Pryor of 11/3 Power street, Manly, married woman (Transfer No M440272).

Doris Pryor sold the land to Leslie Norman Watkins of 210 Parramatta Road, Auburn on 10 February, 1993 (Transfer I 978879) for \$75,000.

Leslie Watkins had made his fortune during the Second World War as a timber merchant selling pallets and other objects especially to the United States Armed Forces based in Australia. He was and continued to be a saw miller on the south coast and a very astute businessman.

Computer title, Auto Consol 11214-176, was created on 27 November, 1997. Leslie Watkins died on 21 March, 2001 and his sons William Geoffrey and John Robert (also successful businessmen) inherited the land through transfer (No 8382518). John Watkins in particular maintained the property while managing other business interests during the 30 year period the family owned the land.

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