



BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL

PLEASE QUOTE FILE No.

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Mr. C. Aston, 61 Mitchells Pass Road, BLAXLAND. 2774 If telephoning or calling regarding this matter, please contact:

Mr. H. Doggett

DATE 17th August, 1983

SUBJECT: Re-opening of Lennox Bridge and Mitchells Pass Road, Glenbrook

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Aston.

Following the successful crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813 by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, the road on the eastern approach followed the route laid out by William Cox. Shortly after, an improved road known as Old Bathurst Road was used for a number of years and then in 1833 Mitchells Pass Road was opened as a further improvement for traffic proceeding across the Blue Mountains.

In the same year, 1833, David Lennox completed a stone bridge across a gully along Mitchells Pass Road and this bridge is the oldest one on the mainland of Australia.

During the early 1960's on account of increased usage, Lennox Bridge sustained structural damage and it was necessary to close the Bridge and Mitchells Pass Road. Over the years the Council, with State Government assistance, has carried out substantial repairs to the Bridge and improvements to the road.

As 1983 is the 150th Anniversary of the opening of Lennox Bridge and Mitchells Pass Road, it is proposed to recognise the event by a special ceremony at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th Jeptember, 1983 when the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Neville Wran, Q.C., M.P., will officially re-open Lennox Bridge and Mitchells Fass Road. In addition, plans are being made for entertainment/displays of an early colonial nature to be provided during the afternoon.

I have much pleasure in extending an invitation to you to attend the Official Re-opening Ceremony. A plan is enclosed which will assist you in locating Lennox Bridge which is the venue for the Ceremony.

Your advice by 9th September, 1983 as to whether you will be able to accept this invitation would be appreciated. You might kindly direct your reply to:-

The Town Clerk,
Blue Mountains City Council,
P.O. Box 189,
KATOOMBA. 2780

Yours faithfully,