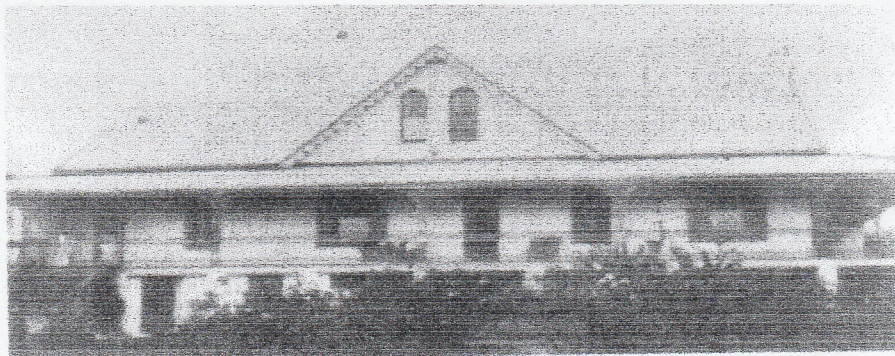

Lapstone Hill Hotel Circa 1929

The Hotel stands on the site of "Logie" which had been built for Mr. John Lucas MLA. "Logie" stood beside a Port Jackson fig tree which experts estimated was a seedling around the 1780's, it stood there until the 1980's when it was so damaged by a storm it had to be removed.

1930 a new thrill is in store for Sydney pleasure seekers!

From time to time though only rarely in this country something new in pleasure resorts comes into being. We have had the Hotel Robertson, Kurrajong Heights Hotel and the Log Cabin. The latest star is the Lapstone Hill Hotel. Situated on the first slopes of the mountains above Penrith it is hard to imagine a more attractive setting for a new hotel, light walls sparkling in the sunlight as you look up the hill set amongst old trees, shrubs and flowers, it could pass for a botanic garden. The hotel was regally furnished with a fine dining room with a dance floor and wonderful views over the Nepean river and the flats. It was popular with both "honeymooners" and wealthy gentlemen from the city having a weekend away with their mistress!

When I was a child Mr. McCann who lived next door to us worked at the hotel and every Christmas would invite my sister and I to the wonderful Christmas party the owners of the hotel would hold for their staff in that beautiful dining room. I always feel I am home when driving along the M4 freeway, I look up and see the light walls of that building sparkling in the sunlight. The hotel was taken over by the RAAF in 1949 and remains so today.



Colin Smith's home "LOGIE" before alterations to convert to Lapstone Hotel.