
The Convalescent Hospital 1930-42

Francis Armand Bland, who was Professor Public Administration at Sydney University, owned a holiday cottage in Glenbrook bounded by Station Street and Cox Streets. It was named "The Chalet".

He leased it to a Dr. Pittar who had a medical practice in the New Lambton area of Newcastle. Dr. Pittar ran the Glenbrook property as a Convalescent Hospital, with Sister Squires in charge. It closed in 1942 when Sydney Harbour was attacked by Japanese submarines and Professor Bland and his family returned to Glenbrook for personal safety reasons.

After the war ended Professor Bland and family moved back to Sydney and he again rented out his "Glenbrook" house. The Farmer and the Dykman families were some of the tenants that I can remember after the war years.

Professor Bland was a foundation member of the "Warrigal Bushwalkers Club". Blands Pool in the Blue Labyrinth section of the Blue Mountains National Park is named after him. Bland Road in Springwood is also named for him.