

END OF AN ERA FOR THE LISMORE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

In 1920 a sub-committee was formed to build an urgently needed Sunday school. Efforts to obtain the block of land directly west of the Church were unsuccessful. The present site was made available by Mrs James Oman Snr. 1884-1952 (Beatrice Margaret Rowe).

On December 20th, 1924, the tender of P. Cerruty of Elsternwick was approved, the price being £1521. It was named Jubilee Memorial Hall to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Church (1864-1924). The foundation stone was laid by D. S. Oman 1866-1930 (Brother-in-law to Mrs J. Oman) on the 16th February 1925. It was opened and dedicated on the 24th May 1925, Rev. Forbes being the officiating Minister at the Dedication. The congregation gathered outside the door and after the official opening, the Sunday school children were the first to enter.



Photo: C1926 soon after erection. JRO_0044

From the 1920's through to the late 1990's the building has served the community as a Sunday School and a meeting place for many functions: flower shows were an annual event, PWMU meetings, square dancing, Kid's Club, craft groups, exercises, 21st birthdays, fetes, girl guides, Christmas carols and plays, afternoon teas when we sadly farewelled our loved ones,

From August 1948 until 1950 the building served as a temporary school after the Lismore State School burnt down.

After 95 years, times and circumstances have changed and the building now enters a new phase in its life. The hall was auctioned on the 14th March 2020.

Thank you to the families who have lovingly cared for this building over many years; to name a few Lang, McBean, Laidlaw, Gibson, Myer, Bustard, Oman.....

SOURCES: Lismore Presbyterian Church 1864-1964: J. R. Oman. Notes compiled for Brown's Water Holes Festival 2004. DLCA History Group Archives. Submitted by Sheila & Avon DLCA History Group

School group c1948: Temporary School at the Lismore Presbyterian Sunday School Hall.



BACK: Alison CAMERON, Helen BUTTERS, Nova MCLENNAN, Norma ABLEY.
CENTRE: Joan HOSKING, Margaret CAMERON, Shirley MARSH, Valerie ABLEY, Janette DUNN.
FRONT: Margaret EDWARDS, Janice MURRIHY, Nina STONEHOUSE.

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LISMORE AUTUMN SHOW - A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION

Held under the auspices of the Lismore Presbyterian Church the autumn flower show last Saturday, was a most successful effort, financially it was the "best yet." Commenting upon the flowers shown, Mr. G. G. Errey, the judge from Camperdown stated that ordinary cut flowers were knocked about owing to last week's rough weather. The blooms displayed by Mr. Dunn were winning the champion gladiolus with a beautiful "Lucifer" bloom and also the; champion radlia with a "Daily Mail" species. Considering the storm on Friday, the quality of the flowers exhibited was very good.

Entries were small in the vegetable section, but larger in the cookery and fancy work sections. Thanks are due to Mrs. L. J. Collins and Mesdames J. and J. E. Meyer, who had charge of the jumble stall and to Mesdames Skene, Hill, J. Baird, and helpers on the tea stall. Again, the honorary secretaries, Misses J. Oman and G. Gibson, won the congratulations of all. Trophies in the various sections were donated by Messrs. Geo. and Co., Hawkes Bros., Bernie Teare, J. S. Lee and Sons and W. Dunn. Judges were —Flowers and vegetables, Mr. G. Errey; arranged flowers, Mesdames. J. L. and Edwin Currie; cookery, Mesdames. J. Bustard and A. V. Edgar; fancy work, Mrs. Collins; school work; Mesdames. Forbes and F. Smith.

A luncheon cloth worked by Mrs. W. G. Gibson, was won by Miss Fitzpatrick and a cake made by Miss M. Vaughan and decorated by Mr. F. Bray, was won by Mr. J. McLennan. Mrs. Edwin Currie's dahlia cup was won by Mr. Wm. Dunn. Special mention must be made of the excellent achievement of Miss. M. Vaughan, who was so successful in both cookery and needlework sections and so won two special prizes.