



# FOURTH CREEK TRAIL HERITAGE NOTES



## 1. STRADBROKE HOUSE

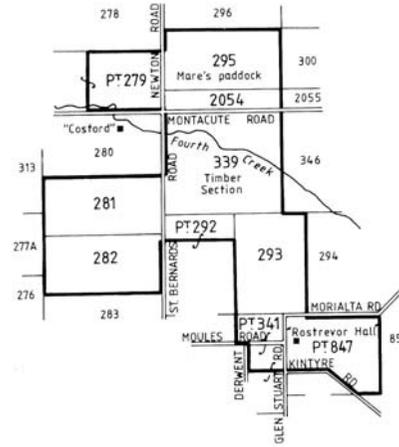
Stradbroke House was built near this site in 1840 by Thomas A. Forrest and originally comprised a four roomed stone building and two servants' cottages on the edge of the creek. They named it "Wardend" after a relative's estate near Birmingham. After this it was sold to a Frederick Bayne who doubled the size of the house and named it "Stradbroke", but he had to depart with great speed and the property was acquired by Richard Beetson. His family ran into difficulties too. Stradbroke was demolished in 1966.



## 2. GURNERS RESERVE

The land was originally purchased by Charles Stuart in 1838. He built a house out of creek stones which he called "No. 1" and planted a garden that lasted over 100 years. It is thought that the large Moreton Bay fig tree was also planted by him. The house was subsequently bought by Henry Metcalfe and became known as "Orange Grove". He built a stone fence, part of which still remains. He died in 1849 and the estate was sold to Francis Grote who after years of poor health committed suicide in 1867.

Thomas Moyle was the next owner and his family owned the property until 1931 when it became the home of Dr Colin Gurner after whom the present reserve was named. Subdivision of the land began in the 1940s. The last owner and occupant of the house was N.A.Teundemann.



## 3. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The land was originally Section 339 known as "Luckings Paddock" and later as "Ross Reid's Timber Section" when it was merged into the "Rostrevor Estate", which at its peak in 1882 included over 600 acres and extended from here to what is now the Rostrevor College. Section 339 was subdivided into 5 acre lots in 1894 and this parcel, Lot 13 became known as "Alec Melville's Garden". It was subsequently bought by Campbelltown Council and the Offices built in 1968 and the Civic Hall in 1976.



## 4. COSFORD HOUSE

When this land was first subdivided in 1838 a cottage was built for its new owner William Henry Neale and he lived here on the banks of the creek for two years until he became bankrupt in 1841. A square two storey house was built nearby on 220 acres of farmland in 1849 for Price Maurice who arrived in the colony from

Wales in 1840. He called the property simply "Fourth Creek". He left for England in 1863.

The house was then bought in 1864 by the Hawkins family and they renamed it "Cosford". Within a few months Anna died as a result of a horse-riding accident and John died in 1866. Access to the house originally was by way of a tree lined avenue from Montacute Rd. but with subsequent subdivisions of the land the house which still stands is now fronting on to Binswood St.



## 5. CLAIRVILLE

Clairville Road takes its name from "Clairville" homestead which was built in 1840 by Henry Richard Melville on a property of 134 acres. The house stood on land which is now in the corner of Jeffs St. and Markwick Cr. and was approached along a narrow track which is now Trafford Rd. The land was used for growing grain, sheep, cattle, horses, pigs, goats and an experimental tobacco patch.



## 6. AMADIO BORE

Originally an underground spring developed by Giovanni Amadio for irrigation of his market garden c.1940