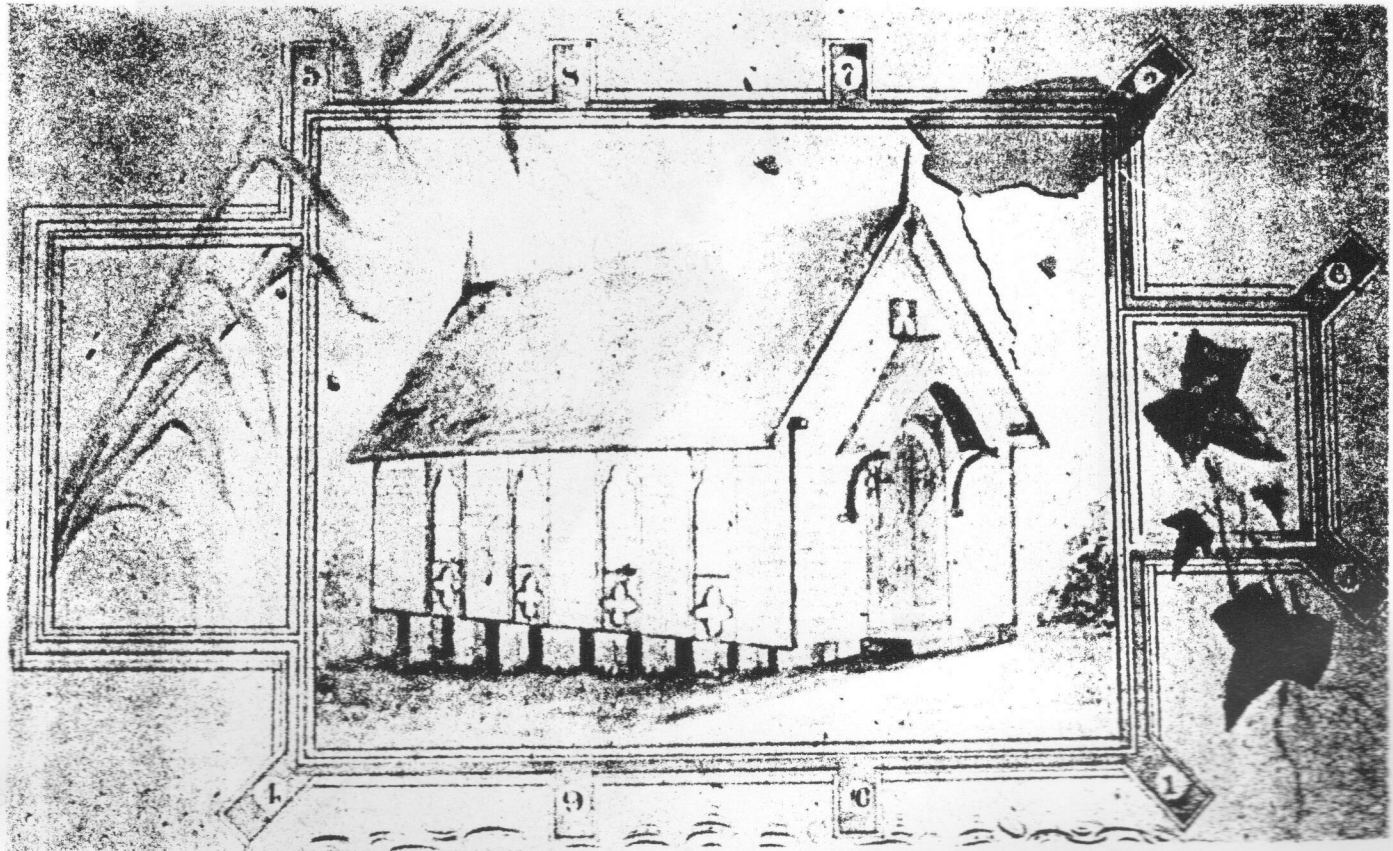


**HORNSIBY
METHODIST - UNITING
CHURCH
CENTENARY**



1896 - 1996



Sketch of "Old Hornsby" [Normanhurst] church built 1866 set in outline of succeeding church built 1901.
The development of Hornsby Junction in the late 1800s led to the need for a more local church for
Wesleyans in that area.

This account of the history of the Hornsby Methodist Church has been prepared in connection with the centenary celebrations held over the weekend 16-17 March 1996. The centenary committee hopes that all who have participated will be refreshed by their reminiscences of the past and encouraged as the church steps forward with new vision for our stewardship of this site. This booklet builds upon a previous publication written in 1968 by Rev. Henry T. Williams, with added research.

Discovering "Hornsby"

Looking back to records of 100 years ago it is easy to be confused about localities. The North Shore and northern suburbs of Sydney were developing and bore many different names from those that are now resolved. The area we know as "Gordon" (for instance) was once known as Lane Cove. The influence of the development of the railways and the named situation of post offices often determined how a locality might then have been recognised. Present-day Hornsby is no exception to these descriptive changes, its central area having been known as "Jack's Island" (ostensibly because of the number of people in the area known as "Jack".)

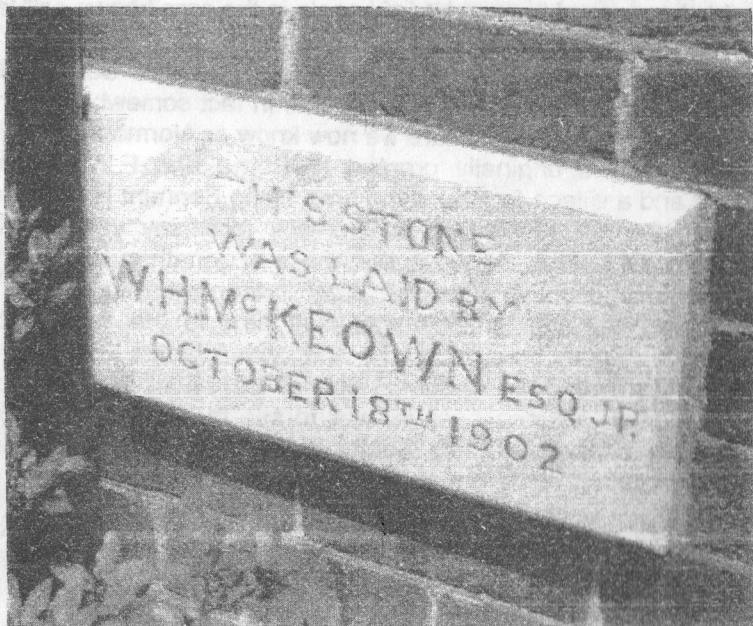
"Hornsby Place" the name of the land Grant to Constable Samuel Horne in 1838 (from which Hornsby was derived) was in fact somewhat south of the present-day Hornsby at the suburb we now know as Normanhurst. In about 1860 parts of land originally granted to Horne and F.W. Unwin were subdivided and a village formed in the area along Pennant Hills Road south of Pearce's Corner was known as Hornsby for many years. The first Hornsby Post Office was set up in the house of Jonathan Wild - a cottage still in existence opposite "Bowden Brae" retirement village. In 1866 a weatherboard Wesleyan chapel* was built next to the post office, (but known as the "South Colah" church) and under James G. Edwards was used as a Wesleyan Denominational School with about 40 pupils; the site (on the corner of Hinemoa Avenue) was to see the building of successive Methodist churches. To the "South Colah" church many Wesleyans travelled from further north, and from Turramurra and Thornleigh.

*It is thought that when this weatherboard chapel was superseded in 1901 it was re-erected as the Dural church and may still be seen behind the later Dural Methodist/Uniting Church (now the Old Northern Gallery), 935 Old Northern Road]

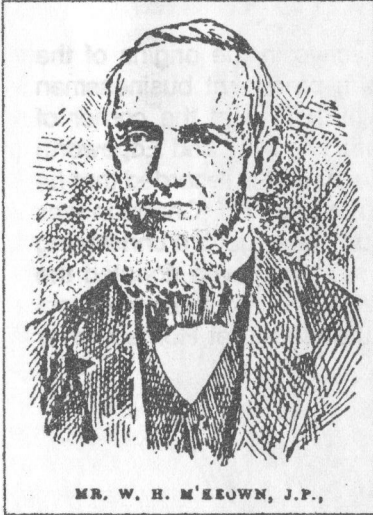
The railway link to Hornsby from Sydney via Pennant Hills was completed in 1886 and the North Shore line between Hornsby and St. Leonards opened in 1890. "Hornsby Junction" was by then a considerably settled area, and it was determined that a post office there be known as Hornsby. Residents at Old Hornsby selected the alternative name "Normanhurst" (after Norman Selve whose home "Gilligaloola" was in Pennant Hills Road near the site of the present boys' high school, and "hurst" [a woodland]).

Rising to the west from Hornsby Junction to a summit on Rosemead Road is the area known as Mt. Errington. (Oscar Roberts, a partner in the jewellery firm Fairfax and Roberts, and later Chairman of the temporary Shire Council in 1906, built a home "Mt. Errington" in Rosemead Road in 1894.) The need had become recognised for a Wesleyan church to serve the growing population in the area, and land on Mt. Errington at the corner of William and Frederick Streets had been donated for the purpose some five years before the church's construction*.

[* Some historical accounts attribute this donation to James Channon, a prominent businessman who was closely involved in the origins of the Frederick Street church; another account claims the land was a donation "from the estate of Messrs. Burns, Withers and Smith", while a record of the evening held on Monday 27 January 1896 states that "thanks were expressed to Messrs. Burns and Company, who, some five years before, had donated the site for the church." The certificate of title held by the Synod's property registrar shows the land to have been conveyed to trustees for the church on 24 August 1889 from John Fitzgerald Burns, George Withers and Robert Burdett-Smith.]



Pioneers



MR. W. H. M'KEOWN, J.P.,

The influence of Wesleyan Methodism in the Hornsby district came distinctly from the upper North Shore, while that in the neighbouring area of (West) Pennant Hills, for instance, came from missionaries travelling out from Parramatta. Of significant note was William Henry McKeown (whose name will be observed on the foundation stone outside the door of the southern vestry of the Frederick Street church). Known to many as "Father McKeown" he was a zealous Wesleyan lay preacher who had settled with his wife Harriet as an orchardist on property known as "Roseville" on Stoney Creek Road (now Mona Vale Road). Through his energetic leadership a Wesleyan chapel was built on

land now occupied by "Ravenswood" College, known as the Lane Cove Chapel in 1855. He was involved in the building of a church on (Mona Vale Road) Pymble [1878-9] where there is a stained glass window in his memory, and had also taken the gospel as far as Church Point. He donated a bell to the school-church opened at St. Ives in 1900 "to call the faithful to worship on time!", and when a new church was built at Normanhurst in 1901 (superseding the old building of 1866) his was one of the names on the memorial stones on the buttresses.

W.H. McKeown conducted the first Methodist service in the "Hornsby" area in the home of another orchardist, Charles Bowen, in 1858. In 1864 the Local Preachers' meeting of the York Street (Sydney) Circuit resolved "That South Colah, near Lane Cove, be placed upon the Plan for Divine Worship" and this resolution culminated in the opening of the "South Colah" (sometimes referred to as "South Hornsby") church on 1 January 1866 as already mentioned. McKeown was one of the instigators of the further development at the Frederick Street site. Other members of the family will be noted on the 1914-1918 Honour Roll in the church. A family anecdote records that in his later years at mid-week prayer meetings the old man

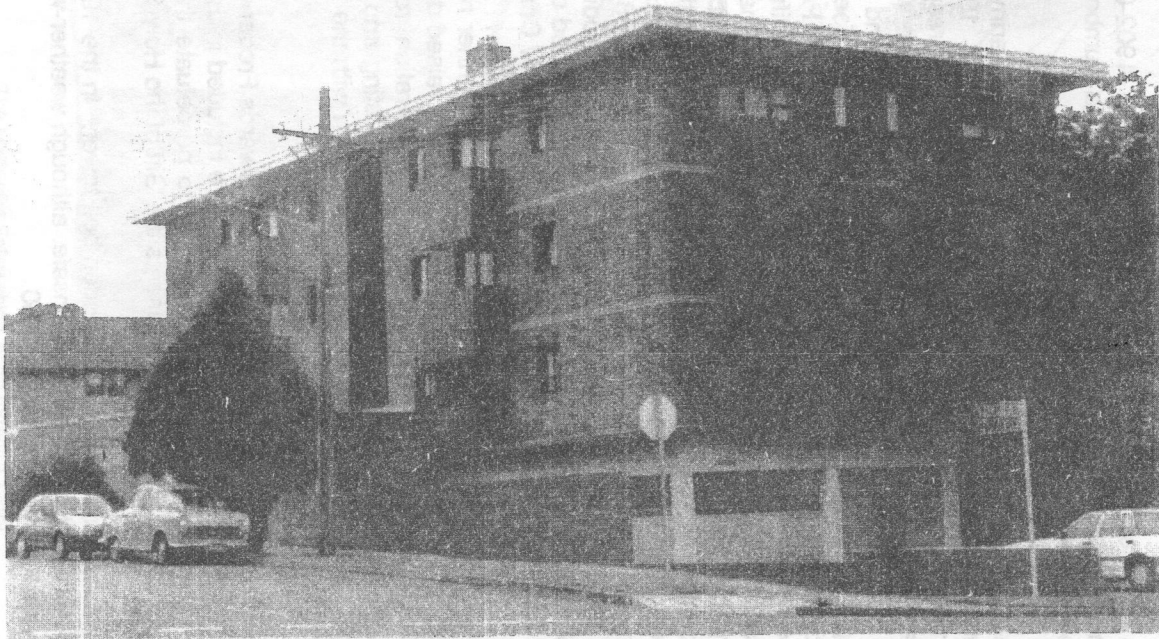
used to get very angry if anyone prayed for too long and would shout "Pray short, brother!" His grand-daughter Mrs. Isobel James, a Hornsby parishioner in the 1970s, used to recall his final years with her family at Ashfield; he died in 1912 aged 90 years, described as "that grand old man of Methodism."

The family of James Channon were also very active in the origins of the Frederick Street church. James Channon was a prominent businessman whose family residence "Pakenham" was built in 1892-3 at the corner of Peats Ferry Road and Junction Road (now Pacific Highway and Edgeworth David Avenue where Westfield Shoppingtown stands.) It is recorded that he subscribed personally to the building of the church and Mrs. Channon was responsible for raising over 100 pounds; their son, Jack, gave a christening font. James Channon died in 1920 and it was his family who donated the present pipe organ to the church in his memory in 1929. Younger members of the family continued to be vital members of the church at Hornsby over many years.

The Opening

The total cost of the new church at the corner of Frederick and William Streets, Hornsby, was 3000 pounds, including fittings and fencing. It was opened for Divine Worship on 26 January 1896 with good congregations at three commemorative services. The 11 a.m. service was conducted by Rev. Dr. George Brown, D.D., and other preachers for the day were Dr. R. Sellors and the Rev. H.W.T. Pincombe. "On Monday the Tea and Public Meeting included visitors from Willoughby, Gordon, Burwood and many other places. A very pleasing evening was held including musical items and speeches." This original church measured twenty by forty feet and provided accommodation for 150 people.

For a time only morning services were held and later evening services were conducted by visiting local preachers.



"Karinya" retirement apartments built on site of former Memorial Hall in 1968

Development

Additions to the original building were made in 1902-03, including extensions to form a transept, which was used for a number of years to accommodate overflow congregations.

In 1904 land on the opposite corner (now occupied by "Karinya" retirement apartments) was purchased for a School Hall and in 1909 Mr. H.S. Rishworth and his senior class of young men undertook responsibility for building an Infant Hall and Gymnasium. In 1923 a stone was laid for a Memorial Hall on the site by Miss E. Hall (of Dural Street) and this brick hall measuring fifty five by twenty eight feet (with a fifteen by 11 feet stage and a thirteen by seven feet kitchen) was opened by Rev. G.C. Percival on 10 April 1924. This hall became the hub of the church's social life, being used as the infants' Sunday School and the meeting place for the many youth and adults' organisations over ensuing years. It was also used for many other social occasions including Wedding Breakfasts. Adjacent to the hall was a tennis court which provided much fun and frivolity for the young people in those early days. The hall was demolished in February 1968 to permit the "Karinya" development, and a new hall - the Hornsby Methodist Fellowship Centre - was built on the western side of the church (opened on Sunday 25 February 1968 by Rev. W.J. Hobbin, President of the NSW Conference).

In 1928-29, during the ministry of Rev. S.H. Kessell, further renovations to the church included preacher and choir vestries and a raised dais, providing for an alcove with sacramental setting and preparation room. These undertakings created a worship centre with choir seating and a side pulpit plan. The changes were made largely in association with the installation of the Channon memorial pipe organ.

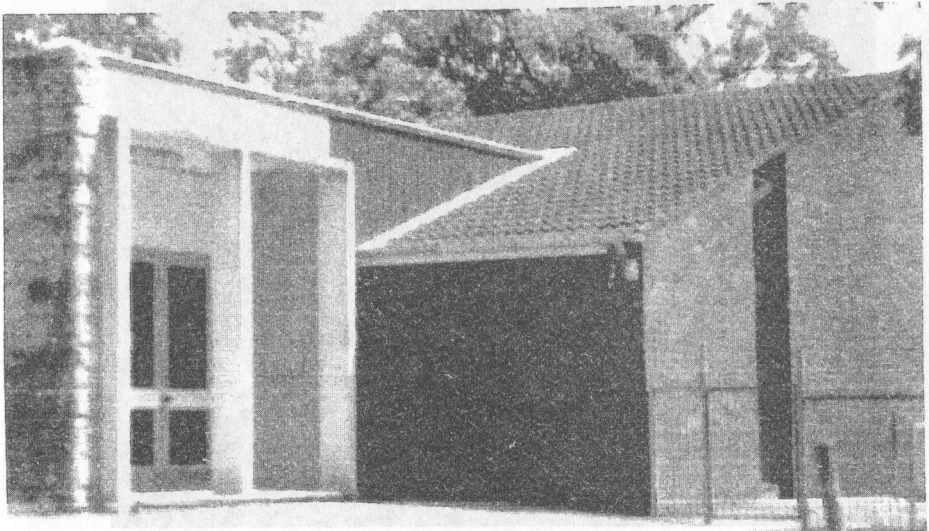
A small porch with steps leading directly down towards Frederick Street was replaced in 1950. Three leadlight windows were included in the design, the central window [1953] being a memorial gift to perpetuate the memory of Marion E. Winter. This window represents the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

A feature of the building was the wooden bell tower. In the 1980s this was removed when the timbers became unsafe. although weather-worn shingles had been replaced with copper in 1950.



Methodist Church, Hornsby.

[Sketch showing bell tower - with acknowledgments to 'There must be a river' by Lorna Ollif]



The Methodist Fellowship Centre [opened 1968]

The architecture of the 1968 building shows a mix of modern and traditional styles, with a focus on open spaces and natural light.



Feature stained-glass window in front porch [dedicated 1953]

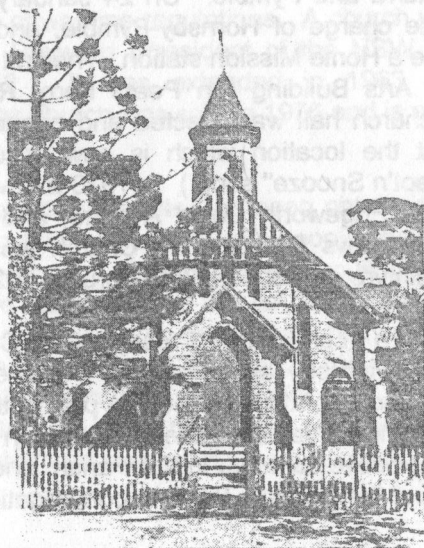
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A.S.W. CONFERENCE

Hornsby Circuit

Plan of Services

AUGUST — OCTOBER, 1949



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This reproduction of a 1949 newsletter shows the small front porch, steps leading to Frederick Street, the bell tower and picket fence

Presbyterians also remembered

Noting our later heritage as the Uniting Church in Australia it is pertinent to note that Presbyterianism was also flourishing in Hornsby at the time of the Methodists' inauguration. Services were commenced at Hornsby towards the close of 1893 by Dr. Bruce. In December of the same year Rev. James Marshall visited the district and soon after was appointed minister-in-charge. From Hornsby, outstations were worked at Carlingford (Epping), Thornleigh, Turramurra and Pymble. On 24 January 1896 Rev. Marshall was inducted to the charge of Hornsby-Pymble, and later Hornsby with Wahroonga became a Home Mission station. The first services were held in the old School of Arts Building (on Peats Ferry Road near the public school). Later a church hall was erected and opened for worship on 20 October 1895 (at the location which is now occupied at 145 Pacific Highway by the "Capt'n Snooze" shop.) In 1920 a new site at the corner of Junction Road (now Edgeworth David Avenue) and Thomas Street was obtained and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church was opened for Divine Worship by Dr. Macintyre on Sabbath 6th February 1921.

Although there is a continuing Presbyterian Church in Australia, Presbyterians in the Hornsby area voted to become part of the Uniting Church in Australia and St. Andrews became part of the Hornsby Parish in 1977. The church and its valuable site were sold in 1989, making a vital contribution to further developments in the Parish, and its former members are active members of the Hornsby-Waitara congregation.

Other Methodist churches

In 1919 a church site was secured at **Mount Colah** and services commenced there that year. Accommodation for services had previously been provided by Mrs. E.C. Walker and Mrs. W.E. Ardill. A new hall on the site was officially opened on 22 May 1965; the buildings have been replaced by the Parish's newest church complex opened on 27 August 1995.

In August 1926 the first Service was held in a house at **Asquith**. In 1927 two blocks at the corner of Royston Parade and Government Road (Baldwin Avenue) were purchased with a frontage of 134'. The building of a hall on the site, officially opened on 12 July 1928 was described as a "triumph of organisation and sacrifice." At a time after Uniting the congregation combined with that at Mount Coliah, and the building now serves the needs of the Sau Faupula (Tongan) congregation, a part of the Hornsby Parish.

A site for a church at **Mount Kuring-gai** had been purchased at a cost of one hundred pounds in 1941 but the erection of a church had not been proceeded with because of wartime regulations. A church was opened and dedicated by Dr. Frank Rayward (President of the NSW Conference) on Saturday 24 May 1952. It was extended in 1963, renovated and rededicated in 1966. The church was sold in 1976 and is now a community centre.

In July 1960 it was reported that a site had been obtained for a church at **Berowra** and a meeting had been held with people there to explore the possibility of holding services. The Hornsby Circuit had bought an old community hall and three blocks of land in Alan Road, Berowra, renovating the buildings into "an attractive Church with a large hall adjoining." The new church at Berowra came into being on Sunday 20 May 1962, with a chapel to seat 70 people and a good hall adjoining with kitchen and stage. Following Uniting the Berowra area became a priority for redevelopment and a new church complex was opened on the same site on 29 September 1985.

Brooklyn was on the church plan as a preaching place for a number of years. There was, however, no established church building there, the services being held in the Brooklyn Memorial Hall. [It is interesting to note, nevertheless, that a grant of land was apparently made to trustees of the church - one of whom was Rev. Richard Sellors D.D. - in 1875, but that the land was resumed in 1932.] Ministers had also visited Cowan, Moonee Moonee and Peat Island. Brooklyn parishioners would now be part of the Berowra congregation.

Waitara Methodist Church (which was part of the Hornsby Circuit from 1917 until 1938 and again became part of the Hornsby Parish after uniting in 1977) was first created with the opening of a church hall on the corner of Junction Road (Edgeworth David Avenue) and Palmerston Road in late 1913. The present brick church was officially opened on 3 October 1931, the former hall being retained as a Sunday School hall until it was replaced by a new hall opened on 11 November 1967.

Methodism

The creation of the Methodist Church of Australasia in 1902 came from the amalgamation of the Wesleyan Methodist, Primitive Methodist and United Methodist Free Churches. The Union had been hard to achieve over many years, but in the Hornsby area (as in other northern areas of Sydney) as the only congregation was Wesleyan, little change occurred.

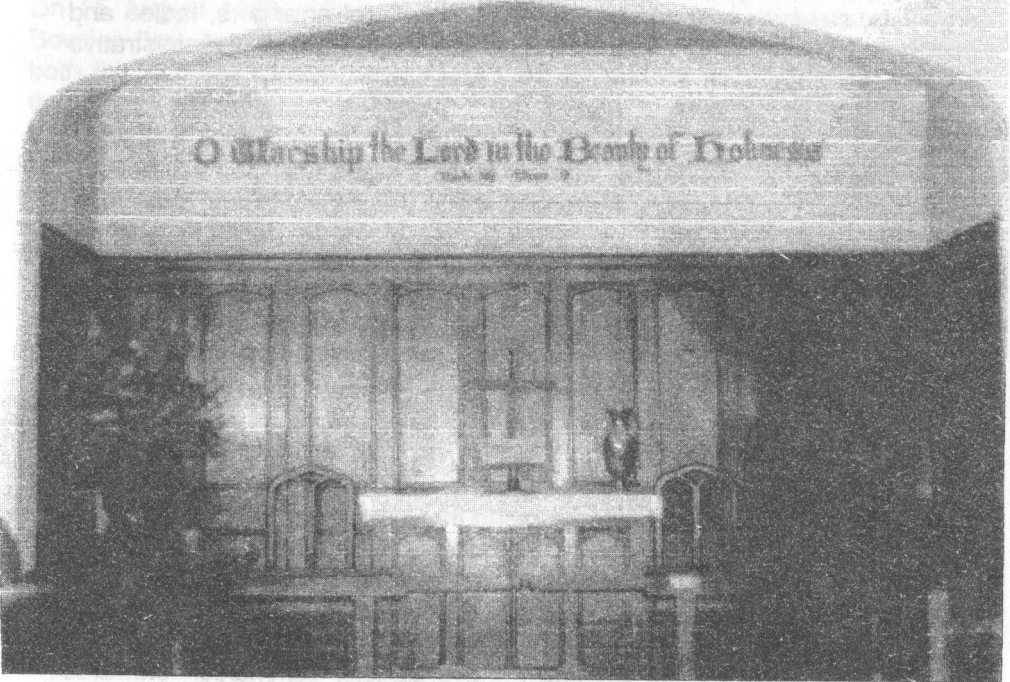
As mentioned earlier, the "South Colah" (or Normanhurst) Wesleyan church had been the responsibility of the York Street (Sydney) circuit, and this supervision continued until 1870 when the Conference divided the Circuit to constitute it in a "St. Leonards" Circuit." Then in 1880, the Conference created the Willoughby-Gordon Circuit and it was during this phase that the Frederick Street church at Hornsby was built. In 1908 a further division of circuits was decided upon to meet the growing needs of the people, and accordingly the Gordon-Hornsby Circuit was constituted. This arrangement continued until 1917 when Conference decided to form the Hornsby Circuit. It is recorded that these changes were effected after much careful analysis of the potentials, and the wishes of the people were carefully considered.

The Minutes of Conference of 1917 (p.78) reads:

"The Hornsby Circuit to comprise: Hornsby, South Hornsby (Normanhurst), Waitara, Mount Ku-ring-gai and Mount Colah. The boundary between the Hornsby Circuit and the Gordon Circuit to be - Woonona Avenue from Boundary Road to Lane Cove Road (Pacific Highway) from Woonona Avenue to Coonanbarra Road and Fox Valley Road. The Hornsby Circuit to have one married Minister and the Gordon Circuit to pay to the Hornsby Circuit ten pounds a quarter for the first year after the Division."

The church and the community

In 1938 it was decided that the Hornsby Circuit be divided and consist of Hornsby, Asquith, Mt. Colah, Mt. Kuring-gai and Brooklyn, and the appointment of a married Minister; that Waitara and Normanhurst churches be constituted as the Waitara Circuit, with the appointment of a Probationer, and that the boundaries between the two Circuits be Unwin Road and Sherbrook Road. (It had originally been proposed that the Hornsby and Gordon Circuits be divided to form four separate circuits. By the time the matter came before the Conference there was a wide acceptance of the Division agreed upon.)



The sanctuary

The people

In 100 years many families have made Frederick Street (Hornsby Methodist) an indispensable part of their lives; their names are both too many to mention, and there will be others of whom the passage of time and the movement of members both into and out from the Parish has meant we have simply lost track. The celebrations will enable many past acquaintances to be revived and memories restored. The church does not exist without its people and this booklet recognises the great commitment of so many, especially in Sunday School and youth organisations, lay preachers, choirs, organists, stewards and communion stewards, floral arrangers, ladies and men's auxiliaries and fellowships, and the various administrative committees.

Organisations many will recall with nostalgia include Christian Endeavour, Young Worshipers' League, Methodist Girls' Comradeship and the Rays, Methodist Order of Knights ["the Hermit Cave"], Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Hornsby Parish Senior Youth Fellowship, the Ladies Church Aid, Men's Brotherhood, Parents & Friends, Hornsby-Waitara Women's Fellowship and Hornsby Ladies Evening Fellowship, Hornsby Parish Men's Fellowship, and the Hornsby Parish Choral Society. As well, the Cradle Roll has been a longstanding service nurturing children from baptism through their early years.

Since the Uniting Church came into being there are many new positions: eg elders, congregational chairpersons, parish representatives; tribute is paid to these many dedicated people. In a partial attempt to further these thoughts, lists are annexed of Ministers of the circuits with which Hornsby has been associated, circuit stewards during the period 1917 to 1977, local preachers and choir masters from 1938, organists, communion stewards from 1939, Sunday School superintendents from 1940, and Elders since 1977. A list of inscriptions in and around the church is also annexed.

The church and the community

An inaugural meeting of the "Hornsby Methodist Circuit Aged Persons Caring Organisation" was held on 23 August 1966 and subsequent effort resulted in plans for an outreach of the church to provide for the care, comfort and welfare of the aged irrespective of creed or denomination. Self-contained furnished accommodation to consist of 22 single units and 4 double units in a four-level building was decided upon and the foundation stone on the site of the former tennis court opposite the church in Frederick Street was laid by Mr. C.W. Bridges-Maxwell MP, with an address by Rev. W. Hobbin OBE (President of the Methodist Conference) on Saturday 4 November 1967. "**Karinya**" (meaning 'happy peaceful home') was officially opened on 20 April 1968 by Hon W.C. Wentworth (Minister for Social Services) and the building dedicated by Rev. W. Hobbin.

On 15 August 1969 a first formal meeting, of what was to become the Bowden Brae Board of Management, was held, involving representatives of both the Hornsby Circuit (because of their experience with "Karinya") and the Waitara-Normanhurst Circuit. An inaugural meeting of the joint management committee was held on 5 December 1969, and ultimately building on the site (on Pennant Hills Road and Jasmin Road, Normanhurst - opposite the Normanhurst [Hinemoa Avenue] Methodist Church) commenced in March 1972 and by mid August 1973 some sixty independent residents had taken up occupation. "**Bowden Brae Retirement Village**" (as it is now known) is named after Thomas Bowden, a Christian layman and pioneer who arrived in NSW in 1812 with a particular concern for the needy folk of his day. Opened officially on Saturday 1 June 1974 by His Excellency the Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, it now provides 78 single and 10 double units for independent living, 56 single units and 4 double units of hostel accommodation and a 66-bed nursing care unit. Since 1987 "Karinya" at Hornsby and "Bowden Brae" have operated under a joint board of management. Members of the Hornsby congregation have been vitally involved at all stages of the development and in such areas as the Ladies Auxiliary, the operation of the internal "Shopee", and organisation of annual fetes and fundraising.

A number of Hornsby parishioners were also instrumental in the creation of **Hornsby Lifeline** (which commenced operating on 4 December 1967). This organisation is now known as Hornsby-Kuring-gai Lifeline and Community Aid.

Uniting



The churches embraced by the Hornsby Parish had voted in favour of uniting under the Uniting Church in Australia which came into being in July 1977. The new Parish originally included worship centres at Frederick Street (Hornsby), St. Andrews (Hornsby), Waitara, Asquith, Mt. Colah and Berowra. There had also been Presbyterian churches at Asquith (St. David's, Bouvardia Avenue), Mt. Colah (Cowan Road), Berowra (Crowley Road) and Cowan (Frazer Road). These sites, as well as St. Andrews, have been disposed of or redeveloped and their congregations joined with the remaining worship centres. Nearly 20 years later the Uniting Church is a reality as its members meet and work in harmony; many members in fact have not known other than the Uniting Church, but the older members among us remember well the Methodist and Presbyterian heritages which have brought us this far.

In 1986 the Hornsby-Waitara congregation made a decision to combine Sunday morning services and Sunday School at Waitara church with services held at 9.00 and 10.30 a.m. pending decisions on the redevelopment of the Frederick Street site. The decision also proved to be invaluable in the fellowship gained in truly working as one congregation. A single evening service held at 6 p.m. continues at the Frederick Street church and it has had other use by the Tongan (Sau Faupula) congregation and the Chinese 'Bread of Life' church.

Visions

Affectionately known in recent years as "St. Fred's" the church site at Frederick Street, Hornsby, is to be redeveloped to better serve the congregation and the community. Plans are presently being finalised to enable the construction of a new church complex with worship, office and meeting facilities. Part of the development will include "Sarah's Place", a long day childcare centre in the adjoining cottage in William Street (which is heritage-listed by the Shire Council.) As we look back with nostalgia at the origins of the Hornsby Methodist Church and its 100 year history, let us also look forward to the challenges of a changing ministry and presence in

the Hornsby area. The pioneers, we may feel sure, would support our stewardship in the use proposed for the site they had the vision to make available so long ago.

*Researched and written for the Centenary Committee by
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HORNSBY
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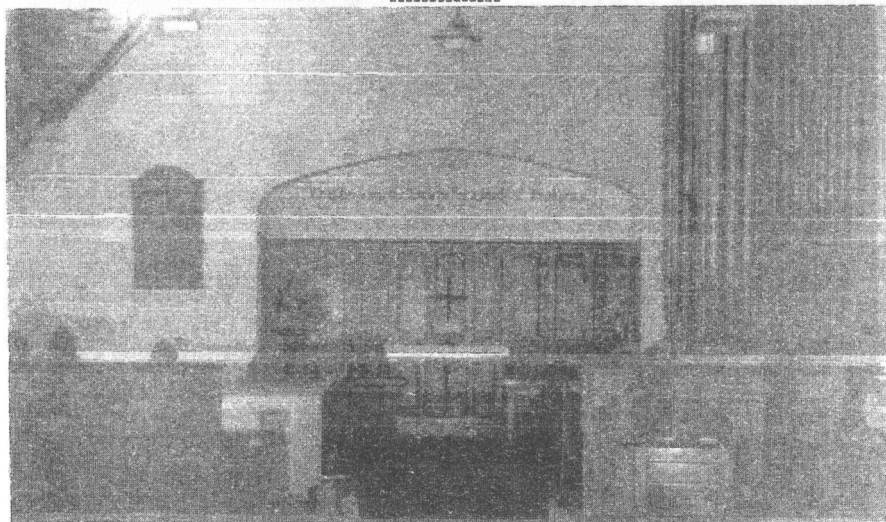
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**MINISTERS OF THE CIRCUITS
WITH WHICH HORNSBY HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED**

YORK STREET CIRCUIT – 1866

1863-65 Benjamin Chapman	1867-68 Robert Lamb
1864 W. Curnow	1868-70 Henry H. Gaud
1865 Charles Wiles	1869 D.B. Rigby
1865-67 William Kelynack	1870 Richard Sellors
1867-69 William Clarke	

ST. LEONARD'S CIRCUIT – 1870

1870-71 F.W. Ward	1882-84 James E. Carruthers
1872-73 Edward J. Rodd	1885-87 William H. George
1874-76 James G. Middleton	1885 James Scott
1877-79 Charles Stead	1886-87 Joseph Parker
1880-81 Frank Firth	1888-89 Edward J. Rodd
1880 Francis J. Curwood	

WILLOUGHBY-GORDON CIRCUIT – 1888

1888-90 Frederick C. Boyer	1902-05 John C. Hill
1891-93 Thomas R. McMichael	1903-04 Mathew H. Parkinson
1894-96 Henry W.T. Pincome	1903-04 Richard Caldwell
1897-98 James G. Middleton	1905-07 William H. George
1897 Francis W. Hynes	1905 V.A. Spence Little
1899 Andrew Holliday	1906-08 Benjamin J. Meek
1900-01 J.G. Morris Taylor	

GORDON-HORNSBY CIRCUIT -- 1908

1908-09 William Dyer	1914-16 Harold S. Bowden
1908-11 Matthew Reavley	1917-19 William Pearson
1910-13 Charles J. McCoy	1917 Harold J. Rouch
1912-15 T. Frederick Potts	1918 William C. Francis

HORNSBY CIRCUIT (with Waitara) -- 1917

1917-18 Harold S. Bowden	1930-33 Frederick H. McGowan
1919-21 William C. Willard	1933 Alan Walker
1922-25 G. Charles Percival	1934-37 Wallis W. Danks
1926-29 Stephen Kessell	1934-37 Charl H. Buttsworth

HORNSBY CIRCUIT -- 1938

1938-42 A. Edgar Walker	1964-69 Henry T. Williams
1943-47 G. Knox Read	1968-72 Richard C. Barlow
1948-52 Morris I. Young	1968-74 Wesley Treddinick
1953-55 Claude L. Connor	1969-74 Cyril F. Ohlston
1956-61 Martin L. Layton	1974 Neville J. Gray
1962-63 Wilbur S. Chaseling	1975-77 Harry Brentnall

UNITING CHURCH -- HORNSBY PARISH -- 1977

1977-79 Harry Brentnall	1987- Ronnie Goh
I. Lalokabau	1990-96 John Miller
Noel Goodsell	1989- Donald Everhart
Lyn Smith	
1977-86 William Langley	
1977-86 Rudi Versloot	
1980-89 Stan Rødden	

[this list includes assisting & retired, and probationary ministers]

Appointments of
CIRCUIT STEWARDS
1917-1977

[the first name in each case being the Senior Circuit Steward]

1917 W.J. Bembrick, W.H. Sommerlad	1938 A.S. Wheatley, R.V. Aynsley
1924 J. Walker, E. Knight	1939 R.V. Aynsley, B.R. Southwell
1925 F.N. Brack, C.H. Davis	1946 R.V. Aynsley, K.J. Roughley
1926 F.N. Brack, A.E. French	1958 R.V. Aynsley, K.A. Sommerlad
1929 A.E. French, N.J. Southwell	1960 K.A. Sommerlad, C.W. Mathews
1930 N.J. Southwell, A.S. Wheatley	1965 C.W. Mathews, R.K. Woodward
1931 A.S. Wheatley, A. Avery	1965 R.K. Woodward, A.W. Williams
1932 A.S. Wheatley, H.H. Winton	1970 A.W. Williams, P.J. Arbon
1933 A.S. Wheatley, H.K. Lipscombe	1972 P.J. Arbon, J.A. Baker
1936 A.S. Wheatley, R.G. Heydon	1973 P.J. Arbon, D.H. Gates

LOCAL PREACHERS
from 1938

H.K. Falle, W. Leithead, A. Oram, J. Powell, R. Reeve, H. Coleman, A.D. Sellars, B.R. Southwell, S.J. Starr (1938); J.C. Rishworth, (1943); Mrs. Knox Read (1944); N. Brown (1945); A.G. Naylor (1947); G.W. Hall (1950); T.H. Austin, L.W. Aynsley, Miss E. Calvert, C. Williams, K. Sales (1955); Dr. L. Short (1965); G.W. Brooks (1962); D.H. Gates (1963); L.B. Thomas, D.B. McPherson (1964); P.J. Arbon (1965); J. Bate, R. Brown (1973), Miss N. Hickey (1970), Ross Woodward (1974), Miss M. Wells (1986 [from amalgamation of Hornsby and Waitara congregations])

[Frederick Street]

CHOIR MASTERS
1938-1996

1938 O. Jones	1966 R. Hunt
1943 C.V. Chadwick	W. Powell
1949 Miss J. Winter	1981 M. Harwood
1951 A.G. Naylor	1982 W. Fisher
1956 P. Weaver	

[Frederick Street]

ORGANISTS

N. McPherson, N. Channon, Mrs. M. Winter, Mrs. K. McGowan, W. Rolands,
F. Bourne, R. Walker, G. Brooks, Miss P. Roughley, Mrs. C. Read, R. Hunt, I.
Chaseling, J. Pogson, Mrs. H. Short, R. Blackmore, J. Major, Mrs. J. Carey.

[Frederick Street]

COMMUNION STEWARDS

1939 Miss I. Bushby, Mrs. Fagan	1966 Mrs. J. Pogson
1940 Miss E. Wheatley	1969 Miss B. Sams, Miss R. Woodward, Miss L. Colley
1949 Miss V.L. Knight	Later years: Mrs. M. Brentnall, Mrs. R. Nilsson, Mrs. J. Carey
1951 Miss O. Pullman	
1956 Miss M. Woodward	
1964 Miss B. Sams, Mrs. G. Hunt	

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

1940-1996

1940 T.W. Wright	1974 C. Everitt
1943 H. Cheetham H.K. Falle	1979 Mrs. E. Vreugdenhill, Mrs. L. Eggins
1948 Dr. L. Short	1983 W. Fisher [Meeting at Waitara:]
1957 D. Thomas	1987 D. Mugford
1963 R. McLeod	1994 Mrs. H. Short

UNITING CHURCH ELDERS

In the period since Uniting (1977) from the Frederick Street church, and including the period since the amalgamation of Hornsby-Waitara congregations (from 1986) the following persons [listed alphabetically] have served as Elders:

P. Arbon, C. Bryce, P. Coad, Mrs. B. DuCloux, R. Clugston, W. Fisher, D. Flinn, D. Gibson, Miss E. Goh, Mrs. L. Horton, Mrs. M. Hutchinson, G. Ivey, Mrs. B. Johnson, W. Laidlaw, Mrs. J. Longmuir, Mrs. B. Lynn, M. Lynn, Mrs. J. Major, D. Mugford, Mrs. R. Nilsson, H.C. Ong, Mrs. R. Parker, R. Reeve, Mrs. G. Rouvray, C. Short, N. Smith, D. Studeman, L.B. Thomas, Miss M. Wells, Mrs. A. Wong, R.K. Woodward, Miss M. Woodward, R. Woodward

Note: In some respects these lists are not complete due to an inability to locate records, or may not be entirely accurate when personal recollections have had to be relied upon. Our apologies to anyone affected in these ways.

INSCRIPTIONS

On the foundation stone, southern vestry...

This stone was laid by W.H. McKEOWN Esq., J.P.

October 18th 1902

On foundation stone of original church hall...

This stone was laid by Miss E. HALL

8th December 1923

On the hymn board...

In memoriam, THOMAS DOBSON

Died May 30th 1922

On the pipe organ...

In loving memory of JAMES CHANNON

Died 14th August 1920

Given by his wife and family

Adjacent to the choir stalls and pulpit...

**The carving in these panels and the IHS
are in memory of WILLIAM & AMELIA McPHERSON**

On the pulpit...

**In loving memory of
ALEXANDER MARY & KATHLEEN WHEATLEY**

On a small table...

**In loving memory of ROBERT EDWARD COOK
Died 1st July 1942**

On the communion rail...

**In loving remembrance of JOHN by his mother
Flying Officer JOHN FRANCIS PFEIFFER
who lost his life on operational flight
S.W. Pacific Aug. 25th 1942.
With God.**

In the stained glass window, front porch...

**In loving memory of MARION ETHEL WINTER
Erected July 1953**

On the church piano...

**Presented to the Glory of God by
KEITH H. TAYLOR**

**In loving memory of his dear wife HILDA
whom God hath called Home
11th Sept., 1965 Aged 75.**

On two brass vases...

**Dedicated 27th December 1981
in loving memory of
THE PROVEST FAMILY**

The 1914-18 Honour Roll on the northern interior wall...

**METHODIST CHURCH
HORNSBY
Roll of Honour**

S. Black	*A.C. Roe	*T.H. Nelson	Nurse McKeown
H. Cheetham	M. Shoebridge	H. Blackwell	W.J. Neal MSC
F. Osborne	T. Whittaker	R.J. McNiven	A.J. Provest
H.F. Lockwood	C.R. McNiven	J.C. Black MSC	A.K. Roberts
A. Beverley	F. McKeown	G.H. McKeown	F.C. Roberts
H.L. Jefferys	W.H. McKeown	*J.M. Loughry	H. Fagan
*E.H. Jefferys	H. Ridley	R. Ridley	H. Wilson
B. Thompson	H. Hill	T.C. Morrow	R. Carpenter
G.H. Mann	*R.L. Osborne	H.C. McAulley	E. Carpenter
	H. Roberts	C.H. Davis	
	A. Law	*C.D. Holliday	
	L. Greaves	*S. Pickering	
	J.C. Hagen	R.H. Carter	
	J. Nesbitt	H.C.P. James	
	*A. Semple	J. Provest	
	R. Neal	C.W.R. Stone	
	*W.H. Reid	*J.S. Terras	
	D.F. Wheatley	J.B. Edelston	
	*F.B. Edelston	E.G. Poignand	
	J. Nelson	R. Southam	

** He Gave His Life for Us*



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