

# ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

## NARRABURRA

Just when services started in the Narraburra district is not quite clear, but it is on record that services were held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Frater at "Burlington" about 1912. After the Little Narraburra Hall was erected in 1922, church services were held there on an infrequent basis. During the war years, people of all denominations attended both "church" and Sunday School that was held in another part of the hall.

Because of the commitments of the Church of England to building other facilities in the area, together with the circumstances such as the Depression years of the late 1920s and early 1930s and the second World War (1939-1945) it was not possible to build a church and the hall continued to be used as a place of worship.

However, it had long been felt that efforts should be made to build a suitable building, and following the end of WWII the idea of erecting a church as a memorial to the fallen was conceived. Fortunately, the era of prosperity with which the district had been blessed with in the early 1950s made the building a financial possibility, with the majority of funds raised from local donations and functions.

The first official steps towards the erection of a church were taken at a meeting of parishioners at the Little Narraburra Hall on the 6th April, 1954.

At the meeting, Mrs. J.D. Ferguson successfully moved that plans for the erection of the church should be drawn up. Mr. Neville Thomas (Ned) was entrusted with the task of drawing the plans and when these had been approved, the actual construction work started in 1954 on a block of land donated by Geoff and Isobel Williams.

The members of the committee and other good workers for the church enthusiastically entered into the project and under the supervision of builder Mr. Ned Thomas, supplied much of the unskilled labour necessary in the early stages of construction, clearing the site, erecting fences, and carting of material.

The foundations were dug and poured by working bees under the supervision of Mr. Thomas, who subsequently secured the building contract.

The cypress pine was donated and milled in Temora, while tractors, trucks pumps and other equipment all gladly loaned.

Mr. Arthur Jasprizza supervised the construction and the building quickly took shape. The main building was nearing completion at the end of 1954 and the final touches including the painting and electric light, installed prior to the dedication by Reverend Kenneth Clements on the 15th May, 1955.

The cost of the building and furnishings was approximately 3500 pounds not including the voluntary labour or donated materials and furnishings.

Mrs. Edith Durham embroidered an impressive supper cloth with the names of the people who donated money and this cloth was framed by Elsie Robinson and hangs in the back of the church.

The church also houses the honour roll dedicated to those who served in the Second World War

It was reported in the 18th of May edition of the Temora Independent that the whole project was marked by a splendid community spirit in which the Anglican community of Narraburra takes great pride.

This community pride continued with the church's upkeep and maintenance, with immeasurable man-hours donated by the districts Anglicans.



*Parishioners arriving for the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2005*

The roof of the structure lasted until 1999 when it was renewed by the Robinson Family in memory of the late Perc Robinson.

A number of weddings and christenings were held in the church over the years with the church used on a twice monthly basis until the end of 2009

**Rectors of Temora who have taken church services at St George's Narraburra**

**15th May, 1955 Dedicated by Rt. Reverend Kenneth Clements**

1955 - 1965	Reverend A.W. Sutton
1965 - 1970	Reverend G.Armstrong
1970 - 1974	Reverend C.F. Harris
1974 - 1980	Reverend G. Blyton
1980 - 1982	Reverend G. Farleigh
1983 - 1991	Reverend R. Lindbeck
1992 - 1996	Reverend N. Millar
1996 - 2007	Reverend S. Simkus
2008 - 2009	Reverend M. Faragher

**Final Service conducted by Reverend Michael Faragher on the 24th December, 2009.**