

Lintondale School 1897-1935

The Lintondale School was first opened in 1897, located on a site donated by the late Abraham Bushell, in the corner of his property, bounded on the north by the Young Road and Deep Creek (now known as Narraburra Creek) on the west, almost exactly six miles from Temora. It is generally believed the original building was transported from another district by the same Mr Bushell.

Lintondale's first teachers were Miss Jacobs, Miss Shephard and Miss Coghlan, followed by Mr D Brunt, who had a long association with the school extending from its opening in 1897 right through until his retirement in 1911. Following Mr Brunt's retirement the school closed temporarily, owing to an insufficient number of pupils, but protests by local residents prompted the Education Department to appoint a subsidized teacher and the school opened again in 1912, Miss Fitzgerald being the teacher with an enrolment of 12 pupils.

School continued on a subsidized basis until Miss Fitzgerald resigned to be married in 1913 when enrolment having increased status were reinstated to a full Public School with



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Lintondale School 1915 (approx).

L to R Back: George Stone, Alf Thomas, Harry McFarlane, Charlie Fisher, Fred Pryor, Teacher Miss Scott.

Middle: Dorrie Pryor, Ivy Smith, Ruth Dew, Nellie Woods, Edie Pryor, Front: Irene Heinjus, Alan Haddrill, Alma Smith, Sid Stone, Gladys Schliebs, Cyril Fisher, Winnie Stone, Eddie Thomas, Annie Baker and Henry Fisher.

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Mr Lance Hogg as teacher. Mr Hogg was unhappy with the very dilapidated condition of the original building and due to his efforts a new school was erected just north of the old site and opened during 1914.

Mr Hogg then enlisted and was replaced by Miss Scott in 1915 and it was during this teacher's term during the years 1915, 1916 and 1917 that the school reached its maximum of approximately 30 pupils, extending through the full range from infants to 6th class level, all instructed by the one teacher.

Mr AB Williams then took over and remained until the end of 1922 when he was transferred to Sydney, being replaced at the commencement of 1923 by Mr Lambert who only stayed some three to six months when the school again closed due to a shortage of pupils.

In 1925 the school was re-opened with Mr Jack Bennett as the teacher and he remained about ten years until the school finally closed for good in 1935. The building was transported into Temora to provide additional accommodation for the Primary School.

Some of the family names to attend the school around 1915 included Stone, Thomas, McFarlane, Pryor, Smith, Dew, Woods, Haddrill, Fisher Heinjus, Schliebs and Baker.

Names from 1925 included Eisenhauer, Robinson, Whyte, Pryor, Boothe, Martin, Brabin, Kite, Stone, Fisher & Bushell.