

# EVERARD EAST SCHOOL

## 1910 - 1937

### COMBINED SCHOOLS PICNIC

On Friday, August 27, the pupils of the Blyth, Everard East and Bowillia schools celebrated their annual combined picnic on the Blyth Recreation Ground. The weather conditions were perfect, and the proceedings were carried through without a hitch. During the afternoon sports were held, and the winners of the events were as follows:- Boys under 7, Ken Ralston 1, G. Ralston 2; girls under 7, Florrie Dohnt 1, Roma Dodd 2; boys under 9, J. Cockburn 1, B. Pawelski 2; girls under 9, L. McKinnon 1, M. Welke 2; boys under 11, C. Harmer 1, B. Pawelski 2; girls under 11, L. Saint 1, P. Ralston 2; boys under 13, F. Williams 1, L. Lange 2; girls under 13, E. Harmer 1, W. Offen 2; boys' Sheffield handicap, L. Lange 1, A. Cockburn 2; girls' Sheffield handicap, M. Stevens 1, L. Saint 2; high jump, T. Webb 1, \_Saint 2; long jump, A. Cockburn 1, L. Lange 2. Messrs Hough and Lange acted as handicappers, Mr J. Pratt as starter, and Messrs Sawyers and Hewitt as judges. The arrangements for lunch and tea were under the superintendence of Mr. J. S. Knowles and the lady members of the committee. During the afternoon a vote of thanks to Mr Knowles was proposed by Mr. R. B. Pocock and carried with cheers.

[Source: *Northern Argus* 10 Sep 1920, p6]

### MID-NORTHERN SCHOOLS

#### COMBINED EXHIBITION AND SPORTS

The Director of Education (Mr. W. J. Adey) opened the second Balaklava and district combined schools' exhibition and sports on the Balaklava showgrounds on Friday. Hundreds of cars were parked round the sports arena. The gate receipts amounted to £53/17/6. The schools represented were:- Balaklava Primary, Balaklava High, Erith, Avon, Whitwarta, Mount Templeton, Cavanaghville, Halbury, Grant's Hill, Malakhoff, Preston, Bowmans, Owen, Woods, Dalkey, Pinery, Upper Wakefield, Beauport, Snowtown, Salt Lake, Everard East, Cameron East, Brinkworth, Hoyleton, Rochester, Hart, Woodlands and Condownie South. More than 600 children marched in a procession from the town.

[Source: *SA Chronicle* 1 Sep 1932, p43]



EVERARD EAST SCHOOL STUDENTS & MALE TEACHER (date unknown)  
[Source: Roma Jaeschke]



EVERARD EAST SCHOOL STUDENTS & FEMALE TEACHER (circa 1926)  
Gladys Hentschke (born 1921) is the 6<sup>th</sup> child from the left in the middle row, her twin brother Benno is the 4<sup>th</sup> child in the front row.  
[Source: Roma Jaeschke]

SOME OF THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED EVERARD EAST SCHOOL
ARBON
BALL
COLTON
COOK
HAMILTON
HARDING
HENTSCHKE
HEWITT
HIGGS
JAMIESON
PEARCE
PEDLAR
SMITH
STEVENS
WILKIN
ZACHER

LIST OF TEACHERS APPOINTED TO EVERARD CENTRE, LATER EVERARD EAST SCHOOL (NOT COMPLETE)	
NELLIE TURNER	1910
CLARA LUEDEKE	1910 - 1914
CLARA HENNEMANN	1914 - 1915
ELLEN CULLINAN	1915 - 1917
JEAN DACK	1917 - 1919
MARY JONES	1919
ROSE BYRNES	1924
MR FR ROY	1927
MR JA DUELL	1927
MISS MA DILLON	1928
GM SAMBELL	1928
MR JG GLENN	1931
MR OF ADAMS	1932
ALBERT E KING	1932 - 1934
MISS LE BATTYE	1937

FROM AUNT DOROTHY'S LETTER, A CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN IN THE ADELAIDE CHRONICLE FOR COUNTRY CHILDREN:

Blyth

Dear Aunt Dorothy – It is such a long time since I wrote to you, I think you must have nearly forgotten me. My age is 10 years and 2 months. I think we were lucky, too, to get over the bad eyes; but it took three weeks for them to get better. My little brother Brian went to school yesterday. He is only 4 years old. My little sister, Marjorie, is such a darling little girl; she walks everywhere. Can you make fish-bone necklaces? I made one, but it broke. We have a new pony, and its name is Mick. We had a nice rain a few weeks ago; we had 66 points of rain. Our crop is coming up now, and making all the paddocks look green. I go to Everard East School. Our poor little kitten got caught in a rabbit trap and broke its leg; but mother thinks it will get better. I am enclosing 3d. in stamps for Minda. I will close now, with love to you, Uncle George, and the little children at Minda – From your loving niece,

Helen Colton

P.S. – I am enclosing 1d. for postage for a 1928 report.

[Source: *SA Chronicle* 18 Jul 1929, pp68,69]

Dear Aunt Dorothy –

Will you please accept me as a new niece? My age is 11 years and four months. I walk one and a half miles to the Everard East School. I am in Grade VI. My teacher's name is Mr King and I like him very much. There are nine children going to our school. I have three sisters, but no brothers. The farm I live on is about eight miles west of Blyth. The farmers are busy reaping and are hoping to finish soon. Father Christmas visited our school this year and brought us each a present; he gave me a nice pencil set. I went to Moonta Bay for my Christmas holidays, and had a good time. I read the Little Folks' Pages every week and enjoy them very much. I am sending threepence in stamps for Minda. I will close now, with love to Uncle George, yourself, and the little folk at Minda.

Your loving niece,

Elva Higgs

[Source: *SA Chronicle* 15 Feb 1934, p65]

### Blyth Notes and News

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION

Inspector SH Warren, of the Education Department paid his first official visit to this district last week, when he inspected the Blyth, Everard East, Hundred of Boucaut and Hundred of Hart Public Schools. In all of the schools visited he expressed himself as pleased by the manner in which the teachers had adapted themselves to the new conditions necessary by the introduction of the new Education Act. All the schools have adopted the new regrading, by which the term "class" is deleted from the school curriculum, and the scholars are placed in grades numbering from one to eight. In regard to the revised regulations, by which it is now compulsory for scholars to attend every school day, it is very pleasing to note that the parents in this district have realised their obligations, and, as a consequence, the attendance, in spite of a considerable amount of sickness, has been above the average for previous years.

[Source: *SA Register* 22 Feb 1916, p3 & *Northern Argus* 3 Mar 1916 p2]

In the history of the Hundred of Everard, no towns or service centres were surveyed or developed. For the first 36 years of closer settlement in the Hundred more than half of the area was operated as one grazing property. A station this size purchased its own supplies in bulk, making it independent of storekeepers. It employed men with skills like blacksmithing to meet its own requirements. As a grazing property it was not densely populated, relatively few men being needed to do the necessary work. The small farms along the eastern and western boundaries looked to towns beyond the Hundred – Snowtown in the west, Blyth and Balaklava on the east and south – to meet their needs.

There were several schools with the Everard name – Everard Provisional School near Bowillia (1881 – 1883 and 1895 – 1902), Everard West (1902 – 1943 in two locations) and Everard East.

Everard Centre School opened on this site, Section 403A, in 1910. This stone building, measuring 20 feet by 30 feet, had a low stage at one end on which there was a piano. Also known as the Everard Institute, the building was used as a local hall for social events such as concerts, dances, coming of age parties, farewells, wedding anniversaries, a Leap Year Ball in 1932 and a Bachelor Ball in aid of the Blyth Hospital, as well as for school purposes.

The Snowtown Orchestra gave a concert in this hall on 26 April 1910. Dirt tennis courts next to the school were used by adult players on Saturday afternoons. The name of the school was changed to Everard East in 1915. The school took part in the street procession at the third annual Australia Day celebrations at Blyth in 1917.

At the Blyth Sports Club annual sports in April 1935 the following schools competed: Blyth, Brinkworth Group (Brinkworth, Mallee Corner, Rochester), Everard Group (Everard East, Bowillia, Everard West), Hart Group (Hart, Harmerville), Koolunga Group (Koolunga, Mallee Grove) and Kybunga Group (Kybunga, Woodlands, Hoyleton). The sports included cycling events, foot races and inter-school athletic competitions for the Challenge Shield.

Regular school concerts and annual Arbor Days were held. The scholars of the district schools, including Everard East, Everard West, Mount Templeton, Bowillia and Woodlands Schools enjoyed an annual combined picnic at Wallaroo, arranged by the various school parents' committees. A special school holiday would be granted to the schools by the Minister of Education. Students participated in the Balaklava Combined Sports Exhibition held during the 1930s (see separate article).

Mr Albert E King was the head teacher from 1932 to 1934 and was a member of the State-wide Village Survey Committee, which was established by the Director of Education and the Australian Council of Educational Research following a scheme first established at Oxford in 1933. It required each member teacher to guide his students in researching the history and geography of each place where a public school had been established. He was also outspoken on the theory that the removal of trees was impacting on the climate and creating abnormal weather conditions [Source: *The Wooroora Producer* 3 Jan 1935, p3].

A new floor was put down in the Everard East hall in the September school holidays in 1935, the old one having been in constant use for 26 years. A euchre tournament and dance were held to raise funds for the school in May 1936.

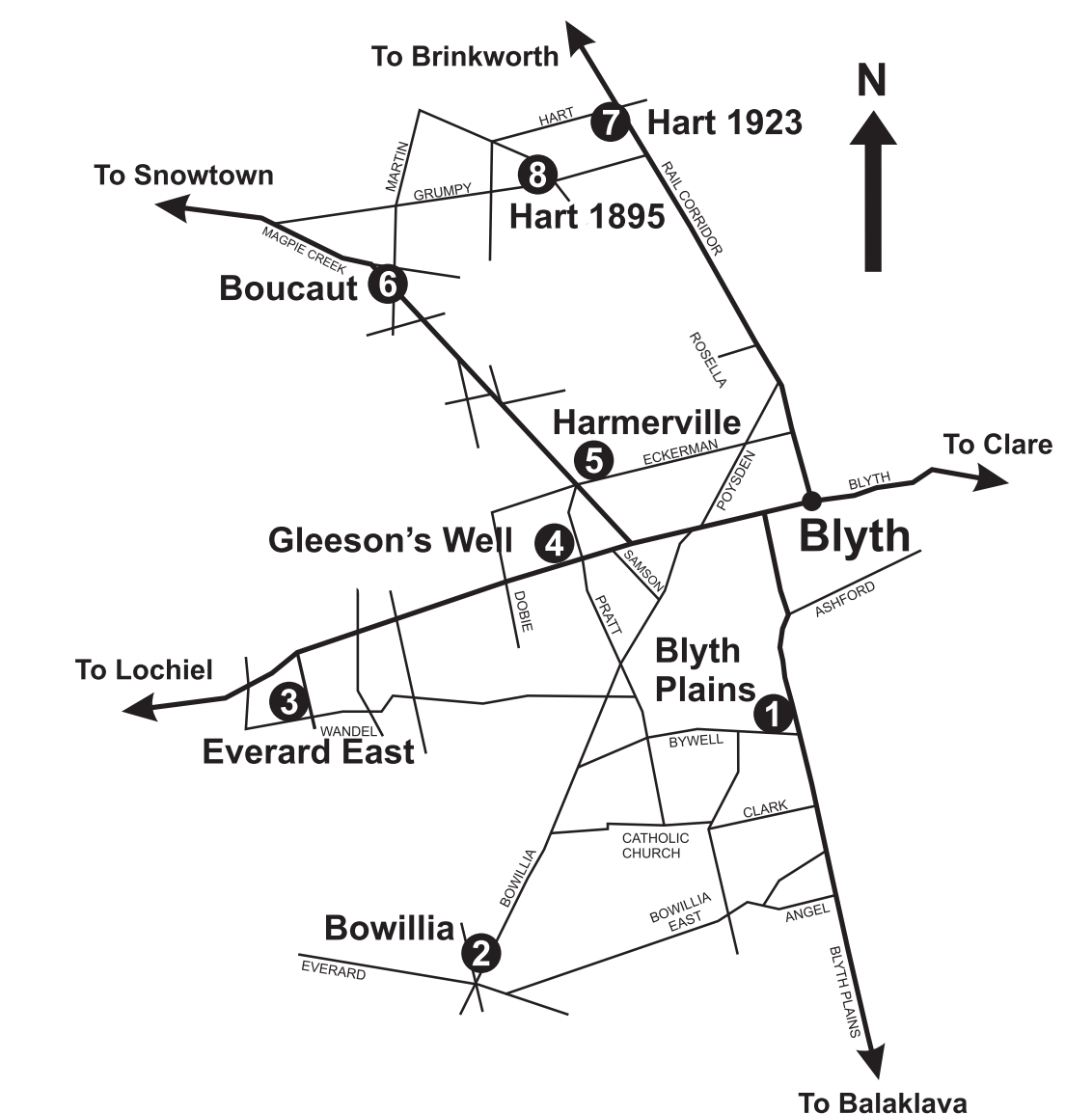
Three families of Hentschke's attended Everard East – the children of Paul, Alfred and Walter. In the early 1920s Melva Hentschke, with her brother Len, drove a horse and cart to the school, picking up other children along the way. Her father ensured there was always a very quiet horse available for this task. Roma Hentschke (later Jaeschke) was the last enrolment at Everard East and it closed at the end of 1937.

Average attendance reached a peak of 24.4 in 1925, falling to 22.4 in 1929, 17.3 in 1932 and 6.6 in 1937, reflecting the reduction of population on the former Mount Templeton station country in this period.

When this sign was erected in October 2015, the registered proprietors of Section 403A Hundred of Everard were listed as Alfred William Smith, Alexander Hamilton, Ralph Eggleston Crettenden, Sydney Cook and James Douglas Sampson, as Trustees of the Everard Institute.



PET LAMBS ON COOK'S FARM, EVERARD (1926)  
[Source: Murray Cook Collection]



Map showing location of Blyth district school signs



STUDENTS OF THE EVERARD EAST SCHOOL (1922)  
Back (from left): Hedley Stevens, Keith Wilkin, Allan Higgs, Clive Higgs, Len Hentschke  
Centre: Eileen Arbon, Jack Arbon, Fred Hentschke, Tom Pearce, Marjory Wilkin, Unity Cook, Mary Stevens.  
Front: Nell Hewitt, Jean Wilkin, Mavis Higgs, Melva Hentschke, Freda Higgs, Holly Stevens.  
[Source: Balaklava Museum]



MURRAY COOK'S HOMESTEAD, EVERARD (1927)  
[Source: Murray Cook Collection]