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BILGOLA, BEAUTIFUL BILGOLA. Between Newport and Palm Beach.
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Advertising. (1937, January 2). The Sydney Morning Herald(NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 17. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17306579>

THE PITTWATER ESTATE,subdivided as follows :

NORTH DIVISION.

FIVE CHOICE FARMS. - ;No. I., area 101a. Ir. 22p. II., ditto 70a. 2r.

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Each of those have frontages to the PACIFIC OCEAN and the MAIN ROAD to BARRENJOEY.

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No 22, a Farm of, 88a. 3r. 37p. on the CENTRAL ROAD,. about midway between PITTWATER and the-GEAN. SOUTH DIVISION.

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Noa. 1 to 8. and Nos. Ia to 8a.-16 CHOICE VILLA SITES in PITTWATER, fronting LONG BEACH ; areas from4-ACRES 2 ROODS 8 PERCHES to 17 ACRES 27PERCHES. _

Nos. 0 to 15.-7 Small FARMS in REFUGE COVE. SOUTH BEACH and SALT-PAN COVE, PITTWATER; areas, NACRES 2 ROODS 2 PERCHES (to 25 ACRES 1 ROOD 6 TERCHE6.

Nos. IC to 25.-10 **Small FARMS in CABBAGETREE VALE, on **BILGOLA BEACH. Areas from 5 ACRES 2 -HOODS 30 PERCHES to 21 ACRES 1ROOD.** _**

No, 26.-A Small FARM fronting the RECREATION RESERVE on OCEAN BEACH. Area, 12 ACRES 3 ROODS 8 PERCHES. g_f TOWN OF BRIGHTON.

THE WHOLE of the UNSOLD LOTS of this TOWN- SHIP. Acres from 1 ROOD to 1 ACRE, in CAREEL BAY, at the STEAMERS' WHARF. c {g3= xiiis subdivision is well worthy of attention, as there is not the shadow of a doubt that PITTWATER will become an important and attractive resort for our BUSINESSMEN requiring CHANGE. QUIET, and REST from the huey turmoil of the CITY.

THE COMMUNICATION between the city and Pittwater is now more frequent than formerly. Besides having the COACH DAILY-from MANLY BEACH, there are now COMMODIOUS STEAMERS FLYING REGULARLY three days per week, viz., TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, FROM THE CIRCULAR QUAY, at a quarter-past 7 o'clock.

NOTE THE LIBERAL TERMS : ONE QUARTER CASH DEPOSIT, and the residue in 5 years from day of Sale, interest 6 per cent, per annum, payable quarterly. _

B3- A large auction plan of the subdivision is now in course of completion, and will be for inspection in a few days, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, and LITHOGRAPHS are now ready for distribution. _ Messrs. ELLIS and MAKINSON. Elizabeth-street, are Solicitors of the vendors. "A large sum of money has been voted by the Government to complete the main road, which passes through the above estate, <from Manly to Careel Bay, at the town of Brighton. Pittwater, " Advertising. (1880, April 17). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 14. Retrieved December 22, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13458198>

PITTWATER. TALLANALLA. (later 'Bilgola Cottage then House')

The MARINE VILLA owned by the Right Honourable **W. B. DALLEY**. This PROPERTY has about 18 ACRES LAND, and is divided into two portions by the MAIN PITTWATER ROAD. It is the PICK OF SPOTS along the northern coast, and has a large frontage to Bilgola Bay, with the best fishing grounds the most enthusiastic disciple of Isaac Walton could desire. There are TWO RESIDENCES, one for the caretaker, and the other for the owner's use.

The PALM GROVES and FERN'S on this property are a marvel of semi-tropical growth. The SOIL is equal to any of the richest Illawarra land. MILLS and PILE have been instructed by the proprietor to sell by auction, at the Rooms, 130, Pitt-street, on THURSDAY. 2nd February, at half-past 11 o'clock, TALLANALLA, the MOST CHARMING MARINE VILLA SITE IN THE COLONY.

PLANS and Particulars at the Rooms. _TITLE, FREEHOLD. TERMS AT SALE._ BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. ULTIMO-ROAD and QUAY-STREET, CITY. THURSDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY

Advertising. (1888, January 23). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 15. Retrieved December 19, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13673286>

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PROMINENT SOLDIER DROWNED. SYDNEY. To-day.

Lieut-Col. W. Oswald Watt was drowned this morning while swimming at Bilgola, north of Newcastle, where lie was spending a brief holiday. Col. Watt was swimming alone when he got into difficulties. The caretaker of his cottage, an elderly man named Jones, saw him floating, but was unable to swim out to the rescue and went for assistance. When he returned Lieut.-Col. Watt had disappeared. The body was recovered, later.

PROMINENT SOLDIER DROWNED. (1921, May 21). *The Mail* (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article63888127>

PERSONAL. Our Sydney correspondent telegraphs that the estate of the late Colonel Walter Oswald Watt, grazier of Howlong, near Carrathool, who was drowned at Bilgola Beach Newport, on May 21, has been valued for probate at £176,845, of which £136,818 represented interests in partnerships and £19,249 shares in public companies. He left a legacy of £20,000 to his brother, Ernest Alexander Stuart Watt, and £500 to the Commandant of the Royal Military College at Duntroon to invest and apply the income in the purchase every year of a pair of field glasses to be handed to cadet writing the best essay dealing with any aspect of military

aviation or aeronautics. By a codicil the testator bequeathed £500 to the Australian Aero Club for the purchase of a gold medal to be presented each year to the aviator who in the opinion of the council does the most brilliant performance in the air in the Commonwealth, or to an Australian born aviator performing the most brilliant feat outside the Commonwealth. The testator directed that his body should be cremated and whether it was cremated or buried that no memorial of any kind should indicate where his ashes or body lay. He also expressly desired that no sort of mourning should be worn for him by any of his relatives. PERSONAL. (1921, October 12). *The West Australian* (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), p. 6. Retrieved December 21, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article28005273>

The week-end bungalow at Pittwater known as **Bilgola**, once the property of the late Mr Walter Oswald Watt, will come under the hammer, in the rooms of Raine and ~~Home, on Thursday, December 8;~~
REAL ESTATE. (1921, November 12). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 11. Retrieved December 21, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article15980807>

THIS VERY ATTRACTIVE OGFAN FRONTAGE was tor jeirs the SEASIDE BUNGALOW of the late lion W B DALLEY selected by this gentleman on account of its BEAUTIFUL BEACH FRONTAGE, its SECLUDED POSITION and on account of the many GIGANTIC PALMS growing within its boundaries. The spot has been chosen as one of the camping grounds for University and school cadets. RICHARDSON and WRENCH Ltd will sell by auction at the Rooms 93 Pitt street on FRIDAY 14th Al VA at 11 IO a 111 The above Ocean I rontage Bungalow at PITT

WATFR Messrs ABBOTT and ALLEN 14 Castlereagh-street Solicitor to the owner_(44B0)

Advertising. (1909, May 10). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 3. Retrieved December from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article15056897>

AVALON BEACH. HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S VISIT.

Members of the Royal Australian Historical Society on Saturday visited Avalon Beach, between Newport and Barrenjoey, and inspected some of the historic spots in the dlstrict. The party was escorted by Mr. Arthur J. Small.

Among the places visited was Bilgola, the beautiful home of Mrs. Maclurcan, which has been erected on the site of the residence of William Bede Dalley, who was prominent in the political life of the State 40 years ago, and who took the initiative in the despatch of the New South Wales contingent to the Soudan. The building is surrounded by tall palms, planted during Mr. Dalley's occupancy of the original cottage.

The site of a coal bore on Avalon golf links was inspected, and St. Michael's Cave, on the Seashore, was viewed by the party. The latter spot was named by Arch priest Thierry, who, it was stated, intended to build a chapel in the cave.

At the conclusion of the visit Captain J. H. Watson, president of the Royal Australian Historical Society, on behalf of the visitors, thanked Mr. Small for the visit.

AVALON BEACH. (1926, August 23). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 10. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16329547>

GOVERNMENT . NOTICES.

ATTENTION is directed to notice in "Government Gazette" of May 25, 1928, calling for objections to an application by HANNAH MACLURCAN and ROBERT LEE to reclaim and purchase an area of about 6 perches below high-water mark at Bilgola Beach, parish of Narrabeen, Warringah Shire, adjacent to Lot 11 on Deposited Plan 11978. Objections, accompanied by deposit of £10, and lodged with Chairman, Local Land Board, Sydney, on or before 22nd June, 1928, will receive consideration. W. J. ROPER, Undersecretary for Lands._(Ei.124)

Advertising. (1928, May 31). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 16. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16468791>

So vivacious and energetic is Mrs. H. Maclurcan that it is hard to believe that she is the grandmother of Miss E. Postle, who is travelling with her, and that 40 years have elapsed since she brought out the first edition of her well-known cookery book. Until three weeks ago Mrs. Maclurcan conducted the Wentworth Hotel (Sydney), and, even in the enjoyment of the shipboard life, she missed the interest of managing an establishment so much that she told a "Courier" reporter that the minute she reached Sydney she would get another business, even if it were only an apple barrow at a street corner! Mrs. Maclurcan is an experienced traveller. Although on this trip she went only as far as Thursday Island, she has been to Hongkong and Vancouver, and has visited Thursday Island dozens of times. The island, she said, is only a small place, but all the people get on very well together. There is an aboriginal school, but, in her opinion, although the natives make good servants, it is dangerous to educate them beyond a certain point. Mrs. Maclurcan spoke highly of Cairns, which she described as a very go-ahead town, that arranged all manner of interesting trips for tourists. In her opinion it seemed a shame that more Australians did not tour their own country. Instead of going abroad. Speaking of her cookery book. Mrs. Maclurcan said that she thought all girls should learn to cook. "It is a pity that more of them do not realise what a lot being able to cook has to do with getting husbands and keeping them," she went on, adding, with a smile, "I've probably got husbands for dozens of girls

through my little book!" While in Sydney Mrs. Maclurcan lives in her picturesque home at Bilgola, near Newport.

Lure of the East. (1932, May 7). The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), p. 20. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article21969764>

MRS. MACLURCAN -LEE.

Death Announced

The death occurred on Sunday, at St. Vincent's private hospital, of Mrs. Hannah Maclurcan Lee, formerly governing director of the Wentworth Hotel. She was 73 years of age.

Mrs. Maclurcan Lee, who is better known as Mrs. Maclurcan, came to Sydney in 1901, when she bought the Wentworth Hotel-"with 30 rooms and an unpopular name," she once said. She herself did all the cooking for two years with only the help of two Chinese boys in the kitchen. The venture was an unusually large business undertaking for a woman in those days, and when, in 1912, the Wentworth Hotel was formed into a limited liability company, she became governing director-a position she retained for more than 20 years. During that time she bought land on either side of the hotel, and remodelled and rebuilt until she had a modern hotel.

A daughter of Mr. A. Phillips, of Brisbane, who owned a number of hotels, Mrs. Maclurcan gained a thorough knowledge of the business at a very early age. Her father put her into the kitchen of his hotel at Townsville, and she worked through the dining room to the office, until she knew how to organise and manage. When her chefs refused duty at the Wentworth Hotel some years ago, she locked the gates on them and took on new men. When she was only 15 years of age, her son, Mr. Charles Maclurcan said, she was manager for her father of the Club Hotel in Toowoomba.

Mrs. Maclurcan's Cookery Book, published first in 1890, has achieved wide fame. She helped the Townsville printers to set the type, and when the establishment ran out of type she bought some more. The first edition sold out in a fortnight; the second edition was published in Sydney; and the third in London, at the time of the jubilee of Queen Victoria, who accepted a copy. Until 1929 there was a new edition almost every year.

Mrs. Maclurcan Lee was actively associated with the management of the Wentworth Hotel until within four years of her death. All her life charitable committees found in her a ready helper, and her advice was eagerly sought by organisers. During the war she worked for numerous comfort funds.

Of late years Mrs. Maclurcan Lee has made her home, Bilgola House, Bilgola, her chief hobby. Mrs. Maclurcan Lee is survived by her husband,

Mr. Robert Lee, to whom she was married about six years ago—three daughters Mrs. Ralph Moore, whose home is in England, Mrs. Spencer Watts, and Mrs. F. C. Postle and a son, Mr. Charles Maclurcan, of Strathfield, one of the pioneers of wireless in Australia.

MRS. MACLURCAN LEE. (1936, September 29). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 12. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17265925>

Dalley WB:
Maclurcan, Hannah (1860–1936)

by [Beverley Kingston](#)

Hannah **Maclurcan** (1860-1936), hotelier, was born on 17 October 1860 at Tambaroora, near Hill End, New South Wales, fourth child of Jacob Aaron Phillips, a London-born Jewish storekeeper, and later hotelier, and his first wife Susan, née Moses (d.1866), from Scotland. The family had moved to Queensland by 1866. Hannah later told her children that her father put her in the kitchen of his hotel at Townsville at an early age and she gradually worked through the dining room to the office so she knew the organization thoroughly. He sent her, aged 15, to manage his Club Hotel at Toowoomba.

On 25 March 1880 in her father's house in Brisbane Hannah married with Presbyterian forms Robert Watson Wigham, an English-born banker. They had two daughters. In 1883, while returning from England in the *Roma*, they were caught in the tidal wave caused by the eruption of Krakatoa. 'We sailed through the debris of the explosion--sea covered with pumice stone, floating bodies, human and animal', she wrote later. On 2 July 1887 in the manse, Leichhardt Street, Brisbane, Hannah, now a widow, married Donald Boulton **Maclurcan**, a retired master mariner, from Devon, England, also a hotelier. With him she managed the Criterion and later the Queen's hotels at Townsville. Two children were born in the next two years. She published her first book, *Mrs **Maclurcan's** Cookery Book: A Collection of Practical Recipes, Specially Suitable for Australia*, at Townsville (1898), helping the printer to set the type, which she bought herself, and reprinting when it sold out in a couple of weeks. There was also a London edition, a copy of which was presented to Queen Victoria, and later editions were published in Sydney and Melbourne. In all there were twenty editions of *Mrs **Maclurcan's** Cookery Book*, with revisions or enlargements from time to time, the last appearing in 1930.

In England again, she published *The 20th Century Cookery Book: A Thousand Practical Recipes for Everyday Use* (1901). That year Hannah and her husband took over, from Mrs Mary Hayes, the lease of the Wentworth Hotel on Church Hill, near Wynyard Square, Sydney, in time to capitalize on the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York in May and June 1901. The lease for £735 per annum was for an establishment which, though licensed, functioned mainly as a boarding-house with thirty-two bedrooms let at 28 shillings per week each. Donald **Maclurcan** died in 1903 and the lease and licence were transferred to his widow. Though Hannah could and did take over the kitchen when necessary, she began transforming the Wentworth into a grand hotel. In 1912 a limited company was set up with Hannah as managing director. The freehold of the property was acquired and two more

floors were added, increasing the number of bedrooms to eighty-three. In 1920, after the acquisition of adjoining property, 'a palatial ballroom' decorated 'in the style of the Georgian period' and capable of accommodating a thousand dancers and diners was built. To publicize the hotel, in addition to her books, Hannah contributed a cookery column to the society magazine *The Ladies Sphere*. She encouraged art exhibitions, charity functions, and fashionable weddings at the hotel. The Wentworth ballroom, 'one of the finest in the Southern hemisphere', was said to be a favourite haunt of the Prince of Wales when he was in Sydney in 1920.

Her hotel was renowned for its fine cuisine especially the cold buffet luncheons served in the Palm Court, 'Sydney's Premier Café'. She was perhaps the first Australian celebrity cook writer (and perhaps also the earliest to be accused of passing off others' recipes as her own). Mrs **Maclurcan**'s cookery books showed some evidence of her Queensland origins, with occasional recipes using tropical fruit and seafood, but by the 1920s they reflected the stodgy depths to which Australian middle-class cooking had descended.

She shamelessly courted titled and celebrity visitors and generated publicity through her glossy, in-house *Wentworth Magazine*, edited by Winifred Hamilton and illustrated with pictures of wedding receptions and other significant events taken by leading society photographers. As well there were Mrs **Maclurcan**'s much promoted antiques with which the hotel was furnished, her famous floral arrangements, her cars, and her collection of Pekinese dogs. The magazine fostered such writers as [Mabel Forrest](#), [\(Dame\) Mary Gilmore](#), [Nettie Palmer](#), [Jessie Litchfield](#), Marjorie and [Roderic Quinn](#) and Camden Morrisby, and gave space to poetry and theatre and book reviews.

By 1928 the Wentworth had its own parking station with space for 400 cars a day and a 'modern car laundry and filling station' under the management of G. Underwood Grimes. Next year a 'chic and delectable little stall' selling curios, lingerie, hosiery and 'toiletary trifles a man may have forgotten to pack' was established in the lounge. The Depression, however, brought a decline in occupation rates and a reduction in the tariff as well as the demise of the *Wentworth Magazine*.

'Madame' retired as hotel manager in 1932. Her place was taken by her son Charles Dansie **Maclurcan** (1889-1957) who, although an electrical engineer (he used the flat roof of the hotel for his pioneering experiments in wireless transmission), had been a director since 1916. Her daughter Evelyn Clara (b.1888), Mrs Postle, also served on the board. Hannah continued as managing director.

As a retreat from the hotel, she acquired Bilgola, the house built originally as a weekender by [W. B. Dalley](#) at Bilgola Beach, and there lived in style. She travelled to the United States of America most years to study developments in hotel management and add to her collection of curios and antiques. **On 17 August 1931 at St Nicholas's Church of England, Mordialloc, Melbourne, she married English-born Robert Lee**. His occupation was described as 'gentleman', hers as 'domestic duties'. She died on 27 September 1936 in St Vincent's Hospital and was cremated. Her husband, two daughters of her first marriage and the son and daughter of her second survived her.

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Description

A green and gold hardcover book, titled "MRS MACLURCAN'S COOKERY BOOK : A COLLECTION OF PRACTICAL RECIPES SPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR AUSTRALIA", by Hannah Maclurcan. The book is a first edition.

Collection name

[Read's Rare Bookshop collection](#)

Collection statement of significance

This collections consists of a copy of Maclurcan's Cookery Book: A Collection of Practical Recipes Specially Suitable for Australia by Mrs Hanna Maclurcan, a first edition published in Townsville in 1898.

Hannah Maclurcan was renowned as one of Australia's best cooks at the turn of the nineteenth century, and was well known as keeper of the Queen's Hotel in Townsville and later the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney. Her book was British in style but she also paid particular attention to recipes for Australian fish and seafood, tropical fruits and game, indicating her interest in adapting British traditions to Australian conditions. The popularity of Mrs Maclurcan's during the Federation period indicates its importance in understanding histories of taste and cuisine in Australia.

Publisher

[T. Willmet & Co.](#)

Author

[Hannah MacLurcan](#)

Place of publication

[Townsville, Queensland, Australia](#)

Date of publication

1898

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Notes: Mrs Maclurcan was the author of "Mrs Maclurcans cookery book: a collection of practical recipes specially suitable for Australia". The first two editions were published in Townsville by Thankful Willmetts's company, T. Willmetts & Sons, 1897 & 1898. She was the wife of Donald Maclurcan, licensee of the Queens Hotel in Townsville.

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["MORNING POST." "Neither by fear nor by favor, but by Truth alone." Thursday Morning, April 21st,1893. NOTES AND NOTICES.](#)

Morning Post (Cairns, Qld. : 1897 - 1907) Thursday 21 April 1898 p 2 Article

... pleasure. Mrs **Maclurcan** - nee Miss **Hannah** ... all the practical ability of the ... knowledge. Such is Mrs **Maclurcan** of the Queen's Hotel, Townsville. Among visitors to Queensland. The ... considerably above the average of Australian hotels." Mrs **Maclurcan** in a modest little preface to her ... 3267 words

[EQUITY COURT. \(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.\) THE WENTWORTH HOTEL. A FRIENDLY SUIT. Maclurcan v Wigham and others.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thursday 7 December 1905 p 4 Article

... HOTEL. A FRIENDLY SUIT. **Maclurcan** v Wigham and others. Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell, appeared for the plaintiff, Mrs. **Hannah Maclurcan**, widow, carrying on business at the ... Gertrude Wigham, Jano Wigham, Evelyn Clara **Maclurcan**, and Charlea Dansu **Maclurcan**. The first two ... 564 words

[POLICE COURTS. COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Wednesday 7 March 1906 p 7 Article

... POLICE COURTS. COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. I Edward M'Intosh, 27, a waiter, was called upon yesterday-, at the Water Police Court, to answer a charge of stealing in the Wentworth Hotel, the dwelling-house of **Hannah Maclurcan**, a number of articles of the total value of £J5 Constable Duncan deposed that ... 224 words

[FIRE AT CHURCH-HILL. HOTEL THREATENED. WIRELESS INSTALLATION DESTROYED.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Friday 19 January 1912 p 6 Article

... Installation was a private one, and was the hobby of Mr. Charles **Maclurcan**, son of the licensee (Mrs. **Hannah Maclurcan**), who is at present out of the State. From his , early youth he had taken great ... 333 words

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thursday 11 April 1912 p 5 Advertising

... affecting the Company is one between **Hannah Maclurcan** of the one 'li v. Eracst Waddell Perkins on ... been submitted to Mrs. **Maclurcan**, who has recently returned from a trip to London and the ... will be the property of the Company. Mrs. **Maclurcan** has entered into an Agreement to remain as ... 2215 words

[RAGTIME CONTEST. INTERESTING COURT CASE. DANCING WITHOUT A PERMIT.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Tuesday 6 January 1914 p 5 Article

... to answer. **Hannah Maclurcan**, licensee of the Wentworth Hotel, said she know nothing whatever of the ... Police Court on Monday before Mr. Love, S.M. The licensee of the hotel, Mrs. **Maclurcan**, was charged ... 673 words

[Family Notices](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 24 April 1915 p 16 Family Notices

... Mrs. Dowling. **LANE - MACLURCAN.-January 27, 1915**, at St. Philip's Church, by the Rev. Canon Bellingham, ... daughter of Mrs. **Maclurcan**, Wentworth Hotel. **LESLIE - PALMER.-April, 3, 1915**, at Collins-street Baptist ... Connell, beloved husband of **Hannah** Connell, aged 40 years. 1LI.P. **CRESSEE .-** January 17, 1 ... 6725 words

[LAW REPORT. BANCO JURY COURT. \(Before Mr. Acting Justice James and jury.\) THE WENTWORTH BALLROOM. Harmer v Maclurcan.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Wednesday 13 October 1920 p 9 Article

... LAW REPORT. BANCO ? BA2ÍC0 JURY COURT. (Before Mr. Acting Justice James and jury.) THE WENTWORTH BALLROOM. Harmer v **Maclurcan**. . . , The action was concluded in which Henry George Harmer, architect and civil engineer, sued **Hannah Maclurcan**, managing directress of the Wentworth Hotel, Church Hill, ... 135 words

[HOTEL LICENSES.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Friday 21 January 1921 p 7 Article

... HOTEL LICENSES. -»?- ?? ? At the quarterly sitting of the Licensing Court yesterday terday the license of the Wentworth Hotel, Church-hill, was transferred from **Hannah M[?]clurcan** to Charles Dansie **Maclurcan**. The following transfers «ere also granted:-Frede- rick John Kay to John Thomas Alirur, ... 97 words

[PUBLICANS' LICENSES.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Friday 1 December 1922 p 9 Article

... PUBLICANS' LICENSES. ...-: -.- . -"" The following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted by the Metropolitan Licensing Court yesterday:-Wentworth day:-Wentworth Hotel, Lang-street, Sydney, from ,, **Hannah** Muclurcan to Charles D **MacLurean**; Eastern Park Hotel, Abattoir-road, Rozelle, from ... 127 words

[HOTEL WENTWORTH CONVICTION. A NOVEL PROSECUTION.](#)

Gippsland Times (Vic. : 1861 - 1954) **Monday 13 September 1926** p 5 Article

... HO1'EL w ',.+wom1I HOTEL WEN'tWORTH *
CONVICTION. A NOVEL

PROSECUTION. **Hannah MacLurean**, licensee of the Wentworth Hotel, was fined £3 in the Central Summons Court, Sydney, as the result of a private prosecution initiated by Mr. Crawford Vaughan, a former Premier of South Australia, who alleged ... 297 words

[POLICE COURTS. ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Tuesday 15 September 1931** p 5 Article

... the police raid on the Wentworth Cafe on Saturday night, **Hannah Mac lurcan**, 75, manageress, ... Court to-day with offences under the Liquor Act. Mrs. **Maclurcan** was charged with having been the ... 454 words

[Family Notices](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 24 August 1946** p 32 Family Notices

... the late Mr J Parmentier to Douglas second sou of Mr and Mrs C **DMaclurcan** of Kurraba Point ... and grandchildren ANDREWS - Sad thoughts but beautiful memories of our dear mother. Rose **Hannah** ...14928 words

[Family Notices](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Wednesday 26 July 1950** p 26 Family Notices

... Mark) **MACLUBGAN** (nee Pormentlcr) -July 19 at Mater Maternity Hospital to Mr and Mrs Douglas **Maclurcan-a**

1. [OUR DEFENCES. TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Friday 13 March 1885** p 5 Article

... to'any foo. If oar Volunteers aro to go iuto encampment next Easter, would not **Pittwater** bo a suitable ... Bay and **Bilgola** Head, made for on campntent; above all it would bo a groat advanttgo to them, to ... 279 words

[DAINTY DINNERS](#)

HOT SUPPERS,

NICE LUNCHEONS,

Theatre parties should telephone instructions early in the day. planned, cooked, and served under the personal supervision of **Mrs. Maclurcan**, authoress of the Australian Cookery Book, at the WENTWORTH HOTEL, CHURCH-HILL, SYDNEY.. "Visitors are assured that the cuisine is the best in Australia."

Advertising. (1904, September 17). *The Sydney Morning Herald*(NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 2. Retrieved 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article14649525>

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Monday 8 January 1934 p 14 Advertising
... Station AUBURN **BILGOLA BEACH** near Newport-
Perfect camp Ing Lot trees palms cost £300 take £70

AUTHOR OF FAMOUS COOKERY BOOK

Mrs. Maclurcan. Lee Dies in Sydney SYDNEY, Monday.

The death occurred on Sunday, at St. Vincent's Hospital, of Mrs. Hannah Maclurcan Lee, formerly governing director of the Wentworth Hotel, aged 73 years. Mrs. Maclurcan Lee, who was better known as Mrs. Maclurcan, came to Sydney in 1901. when she bought the Wentworth Hotel. A daughter of Mr. A. Phillips, of Brisbane, who owned a number of hotels, Mrs. Maclurcan gained a thorough knowledge of the business at a very early age. Her cookery book, published first in 1890, has achieved a world-wide fame. 'She helped the Townsville printers to set the type, and when the establishment ran out of type she bought some more. The first edition sold out in a fortnight, the second edition was published in Sydney, and the third in London. At the time of the jubilee of Queen Victoria, who accepted a copy, until 1929, there was practically a new edition every year.

AUTHOR OF FAMOUS COOKERY BOOK. (1936, September 29). The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld. : 1933 - 1954), p. 13. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article36997588>

PUREST. BEST. MOST ECONOMICAL. COMPETITIVE DESIGN.
£10 10s IS OFFERED BY THE PROPRIETORS OF
MRS, MACLURCAN'S COUGH CURE, DIVIDED IN 3 PRIZES- 1st, £7 7s; 2nd, £2 2s; 3rd, £1 1s. FOR THE MOST SUITABLE ILLUSTRATED DESIGN IN CONNECTION WITH MRS MACLURCAN'S COUGH CURE.

The Design must be addressed to Mrs. MACLURCAN, WENTWORTH HOTEL, SYDNEY, and selected designs to become Mrs. MACLURCAN'S PROPERTY, and her decision as Judge to be FINAL.

Advertising. (1908, February 27). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 4. Retrieved, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article14933540>
Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Friday 29 November 1907 p 2 Advertising
... Lunch nrl nlnTi«r Daily and Sunday»_
MOSMAN, **AUCTION SALE**, At li A.M.. at tub
Residence of **Mrs. STORM**, ... admission._ ASK your
Chemist for **Mrs. MACLURCAN'S COUGH CURE**.

Advertising

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Wednesday 15 November 1911 p 22
Advertising

... the Bnkns Powder are recommended
by **Mrs. MacLurcan**, of Hie Wentworth Hotel, Sydney,
the authoress ..

Family Notices

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Tuesday 29 September 1936 p 10 Family Notices

... Alexander J., Allan J., Bert, and Walter, ifKCd 83 years **MACLURCAN-LEE.-September 27.** at St. Vincent's ... 2970 words

Family Notices

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Tuesday 29 September 1936 p 10 Family Notices

MACLURCAN-LEE.-September 27. at St. Vincent's private hospital, **Hannah**, beloved wife of Robert Lee, of Bilgola, aged 73. Privately cremated .t ... 2970 words

MACLURCAN-LEE the FRIENDS OF THE late HANNAH MACLURCAN-LEE, late of Bilgola House, Bilgola, are Informed that her Remains were privately cremated at Rookwood Crematorium YESTERDAY. MONDAY, 28th SeptembcY,1930 CHARLES KINSELA Funeral Director, Oxford-street-Taylor-square, Darlinghurst. Phones: FL4130-7-B.

Family Notices. (1936, September 29). The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 9. Retrieved, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17265748>

Between Newport and Palm Beach

Under Instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late Mrs H Maclurcan-Lee

THE Loveliest SPOT ON THE COAST "WITHIN ONE HOURS PRIVE FROM THE CITY BILGOLA Is favoured with a glorious beach in a most beautiful setting

Blocks with clean sandy ocean beach frontage

SWIMMING POOL, south end of Beach cut In rocks

PERFECT ROAD APPROACH

Environment and general atmosphere of this unique property are beyond compare

The beauty of this Estate Is enhanced by DUE EASTERLY ASPECT

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'Phone or call Agents for plana and prices of land and full particulars of residences

Cars leave city office daily and Sunday Sole Selling Agents

RICHARD STANTON A. SONS LIMITED and / J T STAPLETON and CO LIMITED Í Stanton House 133 Pitt street SYDNEY S Or Inquire it LOCAL OFÍTCB, AVALON HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE

Advertising. (1936, December 23). *The Sydney Morning Herald*(NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 18. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17296702>

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 2 January 1937 p 17 Advertising
... "BATHURST," 244 **PITTWATER-ROAD**, Compact Weatherboard and Fibro Cottage, in splendid order, and with great ... evenings. J HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE. **BILGOLA**, BEAUTIFUL **BILGOLA**. Between Newport and Palm Beach. Under Instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late Mrs. H. **Maclurcan-Lee**. CHOICE LAND FOR SALE, ... 25405 words

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BILGOLA, BEAUTIFUL **BILGOLA**. Between Newport and Palm Beach.
Under Instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late Mrs. H. **Maclurcan-Lee**.
CHOICE LAND FOR SALE, AND TWO DISTINCTIVE RESIDENCES ON THE **BILGOLA** BEACH ESTATE. ON THE **BILGOLA** BEACH ESTATE.
THE LOVELIEST SPOT ON THE COAST. WITHIN ONE HOUR'S DRIVE FROM THE CITY.
BILGOLA is favoured with a glorious Beach, in a most beautiful setting. Blocks with clean sandy ocean beach frontage. UNSURPASSED FOR SEASIDE HOMES. are now available. . SWIMMING POOL, south end of Beach, cut in rocks PERFECT ROAD APPROACH.
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[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Monday 16 January 1888 p 11 Advertising
... **PITTWATER ROAD**. It is the PICK OF SPOTS along the northern coast, and has a large frontage to **Bilgola** Bay, ... **DON-ROAD**. **RANDWICK**. **BLOCK 7** of LAND having GOft. frontage to **OSWALD-STREET**, near to the **TRAM**. **PITTWATER** ... Estate on its northern boundary, and having an immense frontage to the deep waters of **PITTWATER**. ... 7790 words

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No. 10.401. county of Cumberland, parish of Narrabeen; 11 acres 8 roads 11 perches and 11 acres 3 roads 7 perche*, on Bilgola Creek,-comprises lots Non. 212 and 23 ..f Pittwater Estate, and part of 1200 acres granted to John Joseph Therry.

Advertising. (1897, September 25). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 14. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article28253141>

1. [Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thursday 13 May 1909 p 11 Advertising
... street, off _ Cathcenne-strcct **PITTWATER.-Block**, 17a. 3r. 38p , **Bilgola** Beach, ocean frontage, with ...

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 1 May 1909** p 20 Advertising
... made by reen. Suits tdordor, from 45s,
I **BILGOLA, OCEAN BEACH, PITT WATER 17 ACRES**
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station ... 11026 words

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 8 May 1909** p 20 Advertising
... our Rooms 93 Pitt street at 11 30 I .TJIOHARDSON
nud WRENCH, Ltd. IB (484) | **BILGOLA BEACH ...**
OCEAN BEACH. Th. Cabin, a SEASIDE
CAMPING COTTAGE, with the Land on which it stands,
in area 2 roods ... **OCEAN BEACH** at CRONULLA. Key
of the **Cottage** obtainable from Mrs. Gidding«, local
storekeeper._(4504) ... 10405 words

1. [REAL ESTATE.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 11 February 1922** p 9 Article
... well-known **Bilgola** Estate, just beyond **Pittwater**. This is one
of the choice spots of this popular ... properties, boveral of which
ho sold, and bud very good bidding for I others A two-story **house**
and ... Kinmore, **house**, in Stanmore-road, £750; M inly,

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Friday 17 February 1922**p 14 Advertising
... **Cottage**, near **beach**, in excellent order, S large
rooms kitchen . I, »randall («leap out) Owner will ...
IIOUSF 1 rooms stables, leasehold, £170, pair W B ,
£400 138 Regent st Redfern **BILGOLA ESTATE ...**
driving to **BILGOLA VSTATEc»nd re turn Limited**
number ot Special I ree Tickets from Auctioneers
RAINE AND ... 30380 words

1. [OUR BEACHES. And Their Backgrounds.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 20 March 1926** p 13 Article
... walk along the sea front. Most of us can remember when the
drive to **Pittwater** was a sheer joy, with the ... time-to stop the
work of desecration. At Newport, **Bilgola**, 1 Avalon, and Whale
Beach, the houses ... 1366

[Advertising](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Wednesday 7 December 1921** p 17 Advertising

... **PITTWATER,-Bangalow** Residence, known as "BILGOLA," just beyond NEWPORT. Land about 6} acres. TORRENS. Magnificent ... POSSESSION. TORRENS.!' **PITTWATER.-Balance** of SIMPSON'S GARDEN ESTATE. TORRENS EASY TERMS. BURWOOD.-Brick ... 76382 words

1. [REAL ESTATE.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 10 December 1921 p 11 Article

... a very fine week-end bungalow at **Pittwater**, known as Bilgola, which was the property of the late ... following sales were also effected by Raine and Horne during the **week:-Bilgola**, Newport, £4500; ... for. £3500, and he also sold a **house**, 106 Riloy-street, Woolloomooloo, with a house at the rear, for ... 1586 words

1. [BEACH MYSTERY. SUPPOSED VICTIM OF SHARK. MR. NORMAN WHITELEY.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Thursday 9 February 1922 p 9 Article

... from **Bilgola** Beach **Pittwater**, atoi on Monday coupled with the startling discovery made by Constable ... out survey work near **Bilgola** Beach on the estate of the late Colonel Oswald Watt who was himself ... :

BEACH MYSTERY, SUPPOSED VICTIM OF SHARK. MR. NORMAN WHITELEY.

The mysterious disappearance of Mr Norman Whitely} aged 22 years a surveyor of Macquarie street Chatswood from Bilgola Beach nttv atoi on Monday coupled with the startling discovery made by Constable Gunt who after searching for two days found the ribs and one leg of a human body ml a tattered bathing costume suggests that tho unfortunate man vva3 attacked by a shark and killed while bathing on the beach early on Monday morning

This theory was further strengthened last evening when a friend of the missing man identified tho costume as that of Mr Whitely's

Mr Whitely was an employee of the firm of Messrs P H Muillgan and Co surveyors of Castlereagh street **city He was deputed to carry out survey work near Bilgola Beach on the estate of the late Colonel Oswald Watt who was himself drowned off the same beach on May 21 last year (1921)** Mr Whitely went on Sunday and stayed In a cottage near the beach Early on Monday morning ho was seen by Sydney Stephen Jones, caretaker of the late Colonel Watt s weekend cottage and during the course of a conversation Mr Whitely expressed his intention of going in for t swim and later returning to get some groceries at the local store

He was to have been joined by Mr Walter Cridland who is also a surveyor employed by Messrs Mulligan and Co on Monday morning and both men were to have commenced the work. When Mr Cridland arrived at the cottage he however could find no trace of his partner. He met the caretaker who related the conversation he had had with Mr Whitely earlier in the morning.

The beach is of small dimensions and as no one could be seen the two instituted a search. As time passed and there was no sign of Mr Whitely the caretaker informed the police and Constable Huckina of Narrabeen hastened to the spot in a motor car.

All day the search was continued but towards nightfall it was abandoned owing to the falling light. The search party's anxiety for the safety of the man was more strained when sharks were seen swimming about in the vicinity.

On the following day the search was continued but without result. About midday yesterday Constable Grant of the Mona Vale Police Station while patrolling the beach found the ribs and one leg of a human being still joined together. A hundred yards away he found the tattered remains of a man's bathing costume.

A friend of the missing man subsequently identified the costume as the one belonging

to Mr Whitely. Constable Grant last night had the remains brought to the Morgue where the Government Medical Officer will carry out an examination with a view of determining how long the limbs had been detached and of finding any indication whether the victim had been bitten by sharks.

1. [BEACH MYSTERY. REPORT TO THE CORONER.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Friday 10 February 1922 p 9 Article

... BEACH MYSTERY. -* REPORT TO THE CORONER. The human remains which were found on **Bilgola Beach, Pittwater**, on Wednesday, and which are believed to be those of Mr Norman Whitely, who disappeared from **Bilgola Beach** on Monday morning after having expressed the intention of swimming off the beach, have ... 123 words

OUR BEACHES. And Their Backgrounds. (BY AMY ELEANOR MACK).

During the past few weeks I have been living in a world of beaches—broad, clean, white beaches, green-flanked, with grassy headlands running out into the sea at either end. At high water the waves wash the feet of the headlands, but when the tide is out it leaves uncovered smooth

terrace's of flat brown rocks which tempt one to walk for miles along the shore.

There is a fascination about those South Coast beaches quite different from those of Sydney—the unexpected charm of smooth, green grass growing right to the water's edge, and of standing crops ripening in the rich soil just beyond the high water mark. But perhaps the greatest joy to the Sydneysider is the open spaces beside the beaches, the absence of cramping habitations pushing their way on to the sands, a sight with which we are all too familiar in most of our popular Sydney seaside resorts, like the district, wherever the road approaches the sea, is nothing but a stretch of green sward to separate it from the ocean, and no ugly "buildings to shut out the view from the traveller. One feels here that the beaches are for all to enjoy, that they are in reality the national playing places, free to rich and poor alike, a thing which cannot truthfully be said of the beaches immediately north and south of Sydney.

This South Coast district is one of the oldest settled parts of New South Wales, and for generations the same families—some of them with illustrious names in our history—have been cultivating the soil, and adding to the wealth of the country, but seldom have they encroached upon the shores of the ocean, it seems to have been an accepted, if unspoken tradition, that the beaches belonged to all, and must be left free for all. The delightful result is that, so far as I have seen, every beach has the background of paddocks or bush, where picnickers can rest in comfort after their struggles with the surf.

A COMPARISON.

How different it is on the popular beaches near Sydney. Comparisons may be in bad taste, but surely there are times when they are inevitable, and after a month's enjoyment of the freedom of these South Coast watering places it is impossible not to compare them with the limitations of such resorts as Collaroy and Narrabeen, so much more lately settled, and already so much more cramped and crowded. There, houses have been built, and are still being built, right at the very edge of the beach, with back yards extending almost to high water mark, cutting off all possibility of a walk along the sea front.

Most of us can remember when the drive to Pittwater was a sheer joy, with the road running for miles within view of the ocean; then losing itself in deep bush. Now, for the whole long stretch from the Deewy lagoon to Narrabeen Lakes the ocean is hidden by rows of shops and houses, with just irritating glimpses of the water flashing into view at the ends of the streets. By the shortsighted policy which has allowed the erection of buildings on the narrow strip of land between the road and the beach we have lost the opportunity of a wonderful marine drive that would have been as great an attraction to tourists as the famous drive at Capetown. If it had been our only beauty spot, no doubt it would have been jealously preserved, but because Sydney is blessed more than any

other city with a prodigality of loveliness we have been careless, and bit by bit, have let it slip away from us.

In large residential places like Manly, Bondi, and Coogee, "improvements" yvero doubtless to be expected, and it was inevitable that sea ywalls, bandstands, and canvas chairs should take the place of grass and trees and naked rocks. But surely the further beaches might have been preserved in a little of their natural beauty for the enjoyment of generations to come. And there is still time to save a good deal. The work of spoliation is going on day by day, but if, an ordinance could be passed to prohibit building between the roadway and the sea in all those places where the road runs close to the water, much loveliness would be retained, and the future millions of Sydney would not be forced to travel long distances to find pleasant playing places. But action will have to be taken quickly. With motor cars yvlping out distance, there will soon be one unspoiled beach between Botany Bay and the Hawkesbury. From Manly to Narrabeen the mischief is done, and when yvlt. the awakened civic pride which must surely come sooner or later, and the people demand the restoration of their natural heritage, it will cost no small fortune to resume the land that has been so heedlessly alienated. North of Narrabeen there is still time-but only just time-to stop the work of desecration. At Newport, Bilgola, Avalon, and Whale Beach, the houses between the road and sea are still only "single spies," and immediate action could prevent the arrival of the whole battalion.

At Palm Beach-loveliest of all our seaside places-the work goes on with fatal quick loss, and a few weeks ago I was horrified to find that the fine old banksias which made such refreshing shade at the back of the beach were being destroyed, and the spot which most people had regarded as a reserve was being prepared for building. When those trees are gone there will be no shade for holiday-makers, and nothing more than a narrow strip of sunbaked grass between the garden fences and the beach.

HARBOUR BEACHES.

Bad as it is with our ocean beaches, it is even worse with those within the harbour, for here the sands themselves are narrower, and therefore the demand for a yvldor hinterland is even more urgent. Take Balmoral, for instance, the natural outlet of the yvbole of North Sydney and the North Shore line. Statistics told us that last Anniversary Day more tram cars ran to Balmoral than to any other beach, and yet there is the barest stretch of land between the sand and the tramline on the main beach, while on the smaller beach beyond the point the frontages are privately owned, and picnics are held under the shady trees by courtesy of the owners. If the land owners wish to be disagreeable, and erected high fences at their boundaries, the beach would be absolutely ruined as a pleasure resort, and thousands of people would be deprived of the joys which should belong to them by right.

The recent heat wave has sent people in hundreds of thousands to the beaches, and many of these who cannot long distances to the surf have pined for a shady spot to rest in after their bath. "Why do we not have more shade trees?" has been asked over and over again, a question which arises every summer, though seldom so anxiously as this year. It may be years before we again have such a boisterous season, but even during our mildest summers there are many days when it is impossible to sit in the sun, and what shade there is is always eagerly sought. As the years pass, and our population grows, the need will grow greater, and unless we yield our sea ports to lose all their restful charm we must begin immediately to plan for years ahead. If the authorities would now insist that all beach frontages still unbuilt upon should be reserved to a depth of, say, two hundred yards, and that all existing trees should be left standing, and others planted where necessary, future generations would regard us with gratitude and affection. If our present policy of wilful neglect and alienation of the beaches goes on, posterity will surely regard us with a feeling to make us turn in our graves.

OUR BEACHES. (1926, March 20). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 13. Retrieved December from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16264079>

1.	<p>Advertising</p> <p><i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Saturday 21 September 1929 p 28 Advertising ... EVENINGS OFFER OF OVERLOOKING Bilgola Beach and few minutes surf-ridge SITS £150 10 per cent of £3409 ... off Palace st Petersham PITTWATER-Large Area subdivide to 150 000 feet Price 7/ foot Small deposit ... Estate Agent. Grandview street, - PYMBLE HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE JDYMBLE ST IVES PITTWATER ROAD ... 12965 words</p> <p>this resource is very relevant to your query (score: 909,080)</p>
2.	<p>Advertising</p> <p><i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> (NSW : 1842 - 1954) Monday 23 September 1929 p 17 Advertising ... SITE, £160, terms. Fronts main road. ... 7067, Herald. 11V-HLOOKING PITTWATER. Woiidm-ril Views to y Hawkesbury Entrance.-Building Block, £119. j £15 deposit. 7062, Herald, OVERLOOKING "BILGOLA ... 11924 words</p>

1. [MAN DROWNED. At Bilgola Beach. CAUGHT BY UNDERTOW. GALLANT RESCUE OF GIRL.](#)
The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Wednesday 2 January 1929** p 11 Article
 ... MAN DROWNED. -1» . At **Bilgola** Beach. CAUGHT BY UNDERTOW. GALLANT RESCUE OF GIRL. Mr. Stanley ... rescued with great difficulty at **Bilgola** Beach, near -Newport, late yesterday afternoon. Both had ... and their daughter, who resided at Fuller's-road, Chatswood, «vere picnicking at **Bilgola** Beach In ... 419 words
2. [SUMMARY.](#)
The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Tuesday 8 January 1929** p 1 Article
 ... the coastal districts of North Queensland. At an Inquest yesterday on a drowning accident at **Bilgola** ... 1200 words
3. [MOTOR ACCIDENTS. Car Over Embankment. MAN CRITICALLY HURT.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Monday 17 February 1930** p 12 Article

... MOTOR ACCIDENTS. Car Over Embankment. MAN CRITICALLY HURT. Mr. Henry Hunt. 59, of "Avon" Station, Coonamble, suffered a fractured spine when a motor car went off the road above **Bilgola** Beach ... The road above **Bilgola** is cut round the side of hills which slope down 300 feet or more to a gully ... 853 words

4. [MOTOR ACCIDENTS. OLD MAN STRUCK BY CAR.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Tuesday 18 February 1930** p 12 Article

... Coonamble, died in Manly **Cottage** Hospital yesterday afternoon from the injuries he received on Sunday when the car in which he was riding ran off Pittwater-road on a narrow section above **Bilgola** ... 227 words

1. [CAR OVER CLIFF. 200ft Plunge. SEARCH FOR DRIVER.](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Wednesday 22 April 1936** p 13 Article

... George Coote, of Parramatta, plunged more than 200 feet from the edge of **Bilgola**, near Avalon, early ... They did not hear any calls. WENT TO A DANCE. Coote was building a week-end **cottage** at Avalon while ... **Bilgola** Head. The four men alighted, and preparatory to continuing the journey, Coote re-entered ... 526 words

- o **Tagged** as: [Northern Wireless Patrol](#)
- o Text **last corrected** on 18 July 2010 by [vk2sky](#)

A bid of £900 was refused for seaside bungalow Hiawatha Bilgola Avenue Bilgola and a large residence, Bilgola House, Bilgola Avenue was passed In for private treaty.

REAL ESTATE. (1940, October 19). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 7. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article17712408>

Colonel Watt. Drowned near Newport – Splendid war record.

"Colonel Walter Oswald Watt, late of the Australian Flying Corps, and a director of the firm of Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Ltd., was found drowned at Bilgola Beach, about a mile north of Newport, on Saturday morning.

Colonel Watt was staying at his week-end residence there, and went down to the beach alone, evidently for the purpose of collecting wood. He had taken off his bath robe, which he was wearing over his bathing costume, and this, together with his towel, was found on the beach. A number of sticks were piled in a heap close by. These were close to a point where a number of slippery rocks run down to the water's edge, and not at the place where Colonel Watt usually entered the water when swimming. When the body was examined on Saturday afternoon a bruise was found at the back of the head and a cut in the middle of the forehead. There were also some scratches on one cheek, and these signs suggested that Colonel Watt slipped on the rocks referred to, and fell, striking his

head. It is believed that the fall stunned him, and that he was drowned in comparatively shallow water, into which he rolled after the fall.

Mr. Sydney Jones, a caretaker at Colonel Watt's residence, was the first to notice the body floating in the water. He hurried to Newport to obtain assistance. From there some fishermen proceeded in a boat, and recovered the body. Constable Grant, of Mona Vale, and Mr. Bulfin made strenuous efforts to restore animation, but it was realised from the beginning that there was no hope of success, and after half an hour's work they had to admit failure. Dr. Richards, of Narrabeen, pronounced life extinct.

...It was in aviation that Colonel Watt achieved his greatest distinction. He was, in fact, one of the first in Australia to take it up seriously.

...Colonel Watt was at this time anxious to become thoroughly proficient in the art of flying, which was still practically in its infancy.

...France declared war on August 2 – two days before Great Britain – and on the same day Colonel Watt offered his services to the French Government, expressing his willingness to serve in any capacity. At the same time he handed over his monoplane to the French Government as a free gift.

His services were readily accepted by the French Government. This was regarded as a great compliment and an excellent testimony to the value of his services as an aviator, as at that time there were only seven foreigners who were allowed to serve with the French army. He was one of the most popular pilots in the French army, and, for the first 18 months of the war, he flew regularly every second day, and met with the greatest possible success.

...Colonel Watt was awarded the Croix de Guerre, to which were subsequently added three of the highly-coveted palm leaves. These were personally presented to Colonel Watt by General Joffre."

Daily Telegraph, 23 May 1921.

Bilgola House

"Perhaps no more appealing stretch of coastline exists within the whole of the State than that glorious golden chain of beaches lying between Manly and Barrenjoey.

Of late years, thanks to the advent of surf-bathing, and the quick transit afforded by motor vehicles, this glorious district is now recognised as the most popular of our natural playgrounds.

Each individual beach presents its own peculiar characteristics and attractions, and claims for itself a proportionate share of the public patronage.

May we suggest, however, that it is somewhat to be regretted that with the trend of seaside popularity, and the opening up of new resorts, many of the beaches are becoming spoiled and robbed of their natural charm.

A small section of careless and unthinking folk, void of all sense of appreciation of the beautiful, and lacking all regard for the welfare of the oncoming generations, are ruthlessly destroying the existing vegetation, and leaving in their wake a sorry spectacle of their wanton selfishness.

Little wonder is it that the nature loving section of the community direct their attention to the farthest beaches, hoping, by so doing, to partake of a brief, unmolested sojourn before these spoilers of the beautiful thunder down on their tracks.

...This little article was prompted by a recent visit to Bilgola House, the beautiful dream home of Mrs. Maclurcan, of the Wentworth.

This most enterprising person, who ranks amongst the keenest and most popular of Sydney's business women, has indeed displayed a wise choice in her selection of a sea-side home.

Bilgola House lies snugly amongst a particularly fine grove of well developed native palms (Corypha Australis) in the most thickly wooded portion of Bilgola Beach – that delightful little bay immediately over the hill from Newport.

There is really no need for us to eulogise upon the comfort and charm associated with this ideal rest haven.

...From our own point of view as home beautifiers, we would just like to conclude by stressing the fact to our readers, the great possibilities offering for seaside home beautification.

Our beaches are deplorably lacking in shade and shelter, and with their rapidly increasing popularity, a little attention bestowed on this important matter would be mightily appreciated by the community at large.

Might we suggest that much good could be accomplished by owners of seaside residences embarking upon a general tree planting, and our advice in this direction as to the adaptability of the various species will be gladly tendered to all enquirers."

The Garden Magazine, 1 December 1926

From;

http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library/local_history/Pittwaters_past/bilgola

Bilgola is an Aboriginal word thought to mean swirling waters. James Meehan marked Belgoula in his survey of 1814.

Bilgola Plateau crowns the peninsula rising 164 meters above the ocean beach to 169 metres. Bilgola lies between Newport to the south and Avalon and Clareville to the north. This area was included in the 1833 grant of 1200 acres to Father Therry. In the 1870s WB Dalley purchased land from Therry's estate and is believed to have built a weatherboard house there. **The house was rebuilt in about 1919. It became a guest house and served afternoon teas.** Dalley's son, John, a satirical novelist, lived at the house and drowned while fishing at the beach in 1935.

Bilgola - possibly after the Aboriginal name Belgoula, reputed to mean 'a pretty beach with steep slopes in the background studded with cabbage palms', but more than likely it was either the name of this location or the Aboriginal word for the cabbage palm (right). Brief history: For many years, the village of cottages in the area was known as Dalley Beach, because W.B. Dalley, the first Australian Privy Councillor, had a weekend home here. Before World War I, attempts were made by Rev. J.J. Therry to mine coal commercially at Bilgola Head, but they failed due to lack of interest by Sydney businessmen.

Also: Bilgola is an Aboriginal word thought to mean swirling waters

Architects for Wentworth Hotel: [90/317-1319 Diazo print, polychrome, extensions: ground plan, elevation & sections. Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. Prevost, Synnot & Ruwald, 14/10/31](#)

90/317-1316 Pencil drawing, office detail sketch plan.
Wentworth Hotel, Sydney. Cyril Ruwald, 05/01/32

BANKRUPT CHARGED.

Large Sums Mentioned.

Robert Lee, of Bilgola House, Bilgola Beach, Newport, appeared before Mr. Laidlaw, C.S.M., at the Central Sumons Court on two charges under the Bankruptcy Act alleging fraud. Eric Sydney Spooner, of Sydney, charged Lee that between May 22, 1929, and October 28, 1930, he was guilty of an offence against the provisions of Section 212 (1a) of the Bankruptcy Act, 1924-28, in that he was a person against whom a sequestration order was made on October 28, 1930, and, incurring a liability with the Bank of New South Wales, obtained £36,938 worth of credit, with intent to de-fraud. The second charge was that he was guilty of an offence against the provisions of Section 210 (3d) of the Bankruptcy Act in that he was a person against whom a sequestration order was made on October 28, 1930, on a petition presented on October 15, 1930, and obtained £1031/9/6 from the Bank of New South Wales with intent to defraud.

An adjournment until February 17 was agreed upon. Lee was allowed bail of £100.

Mr. Bathgate (instructed by Messrs. Clayton, Utz, and Co.) appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Fraser appeared for the defendant.

BANKRUPT CHARGED. (1932, February 11). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 5. Retrieved December 21, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16839905>

THE KOOKABARRA CLUB.

The club run to Galston having been cancelled owing to the bud weather, a number of members on Sunday journeyed to Springwood. The mountain roads were found to be in good order. Mr. DU'BOIBO found no difficulty in surmounting the grades with a 13 passenger in his side car. A contingent spent the day at the club camp, "Bilgola beach, clearing the boundary line for the surveyor to complete his work. The camp is pleasantly situated and, no doubt, will be the venue of many outings during the winter months.

MOTOR CYCLING. (1913, June 4). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 4. Retrieved December 21, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article15424902>

THE HOLIDAY.

HOW IT WAS SPENT. EXODUS FROM THE CITY.

Probably no two succeeding days in the calendar are so different in character as Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The former is essentially a family day. Then, if at no other time in the year, the family, where distance is not too great, draws together and the day is given over to matters of intimate moment. The morning is spent in opening and contemplating gifts, the afternoon in rest. The beaches and

other forms of outdoor exercise are not of Christmas Day, but of Boxing Day

Favoured with out-of-door weather, then, it was no surprise that yesterday saw Sydney making himself and herself thoroughly determined to find enjoyment in violent exercise. It is said that in the old-fashioned days Boxing Day was the day devoted to the boxing of New Year gifts, but that idea is apparently considered unenlightened to-day. In Sydney, at all events Boxing Day is given over entirely to making merry and escaping the woes of the office, the bench, and the counter. Between Christmas and the New Year, minor sports are not much held. So many club members take the opportunity of getting away to the beach or the bush that it is considered advisable to postpone them until after the holiday season. Had anyone looked yesterday for an athletic meeting or a swimming meeting therefore, he would have looked in vain. There was the usual exodus from the city—not so great perhaps this year, as on previous occasions because of the onrush of depression—and an almost overwhelming advance on the benches. This cheap form of amusement was probably the most popular. For a modest outlay one could become thoroughly sunburned, thoroughly tired, and completely satisfied with the day's enjoyment. It was true that the wind blew the wet bathing costumes, and blew sand on the sandwiches but these are matters of small concern when Sydney makes holiday. The three harbour beaches with shark-proof fences (Parsley Bay opened for the first time, Nielsen Park, and Clifton Gardens) resembled from afar mounds of multi-coloured ants moving restlessly here and there. At each there was a record crowd. The surf beaches were crowded with suntanned people too, right along the low* expanse of coast.

Of the sporting fixtures the second day of the Australian Jockey Club's summer meeting at Randwick was the most important but much of the joy of that was tarnished by Mr Lang's betting tax and the success, in the first two races, of long-priced horses. Subsequent winners were more popular with the crowd, which was not so numerous as on previous occasions although estimated to be much better than Saturday's poor attendance. At the Sydney Cricket Ground nearby, New South Wales second eleven continued its struggle against Victoria, and was watched over a fair crowd. A solid response to the southern States challenge. On other grounds the Martin, Daily Telegraph, and Poklevin-Grny Shield matches were continued.

Although the wind was trying and caused many a good shot to go astray, in spite of the heat and the dry fairways the demon golf held its many devotees in thrall. At every course in and about Sydney there were morning and afternoon contests of one kind or another. Harbour tinnies and ocean excursions ever popular on holidays, took many to the comparative cool of the water. Although there were very few sailing or speed boats on the harbour this is accounted for by the efflux to Pittwater in readiness for the regatta which takes place to-day on that picturesque stretch of water. The city itself which had been like a city of the dead all the afternoon hurriedly when the theatres poured forth the thousands which had found diversion in the stage and screen. There were attractive programmes in each and additional attractions with those signs of Christmas, the pantomimes.

THE HOLIDAY. (1930, December 27). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 8. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16741685>