

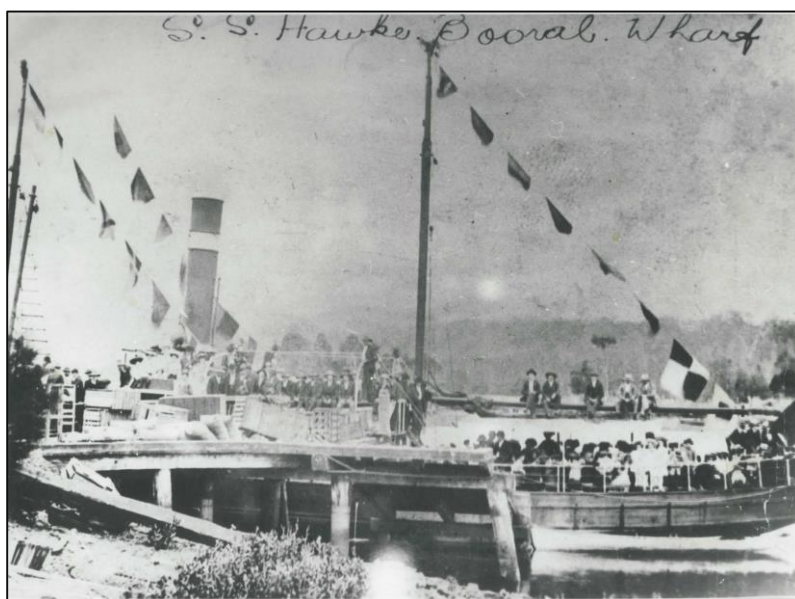


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Allworth

Allworth today, is a quaint, sleepy fishing hamlet set on the banks of the **Karuah River**. But this wasn't always the case. Until the Great Depression, Allworth was a busy, important town which owed its existence to the river. That is for what you could catch and the timber it could transport. [The river remains navigable to Port Stephens to this day and is used to access Nelson Bay!]

Exactly when the township was first settled is not precisely known, but it may be fairly assumed that it was in the 1860's after the **A.A Company** started to disperse much of its Port Stephens Land Grant. The thriving settlement was in existence at the turn of the century and was known far and wide as **New Wharf** or **New Booral Wharf**.

The name Allworth was officially designated in 1913 after **Mr JW Allworth** who was formerly Gov. Surveyor of Maitland.

A provisional school was set up at New Wharf in 1907 and remained until 1943 when it closed, seemingly forever due to lack of numbers. In 1943 the last roll call at the school contained only four names.

Between the turn of the century and the 1920's was the time of the **Hunter River Steamship Co**. It was in this period that a large wharf of timber pylons and heavy decking as well as a large building serving as offices, warehouses etc, was built. The wharf became known as **Booral Wharf** and from it every type of cargo was handled including the old Russian "siege canons" on **Silo Hill, Stroud** which were landed at the wharf in 1909.

Although the majority of timber coming from the old Jarrah Timber Co. was shipped from Pumpkin Point, just a little downstream, a considerable quantity from throughout the district was shipped from Allworth. This thriving industry also meant that there were many other stores and businesses in Allworth at the time, all of which have since passed into history.

The last sawmill to operate in Allworth was owned by Mr Laurence Waters and it ceased operation in the late 1950's.

The social life of Allworth like all country centres depended on the musical talents of a few. Dances were usually held in the Union Church building. In about 1935, Mr & Mrs Waters built their own hall which was used for all public functions up to 1950 when it was dismantled and re-erected at Stroud as part of the RSL Hall we have in Church Lane, Stroud today.

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