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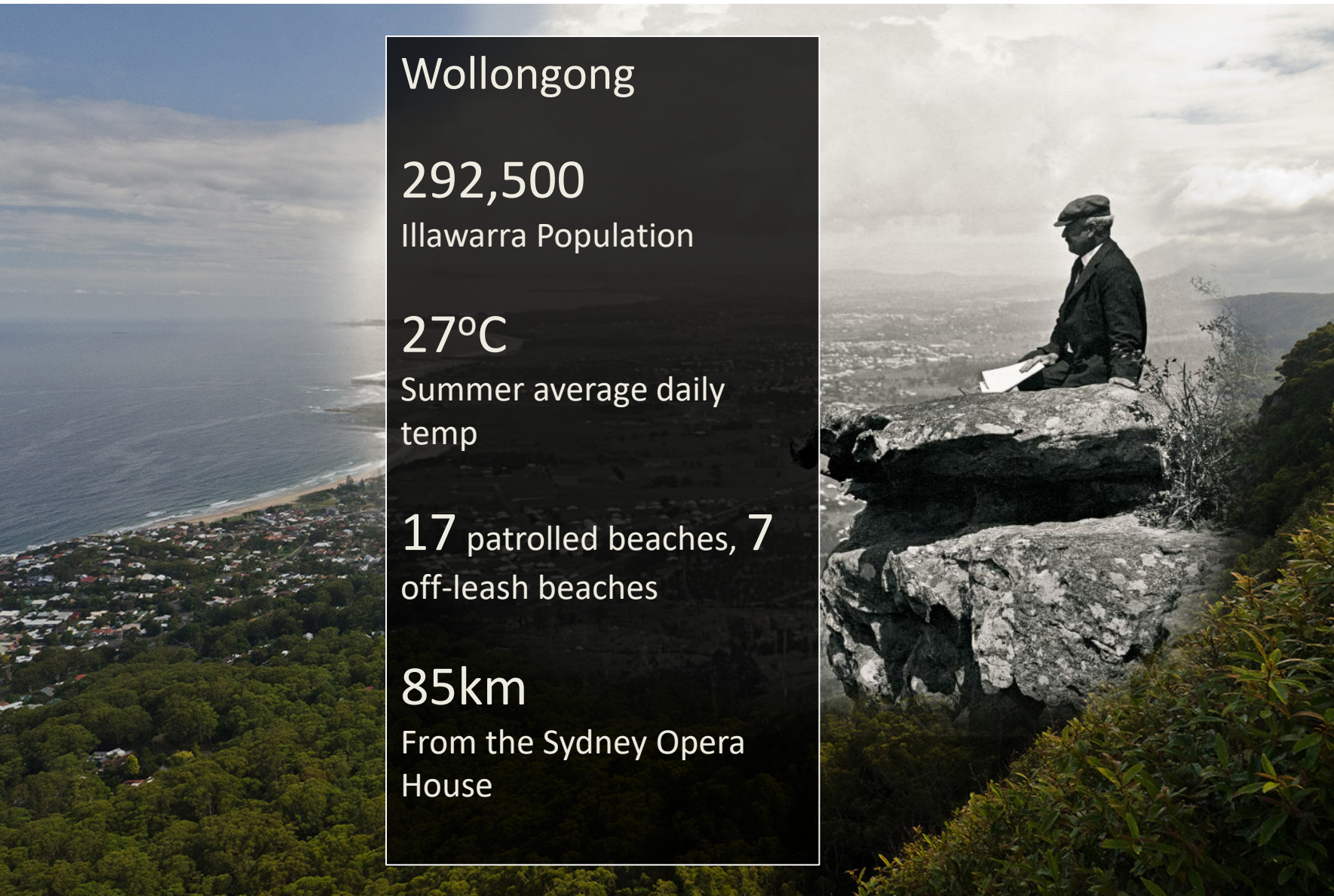
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a collaborative project

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## View of Wollongong from Sublime Point



Wollongong

292,500

Illawarra Population

27°C

Summer average daily  
temp

17 patrolled beaches, 7  
off-leash beaches

85km

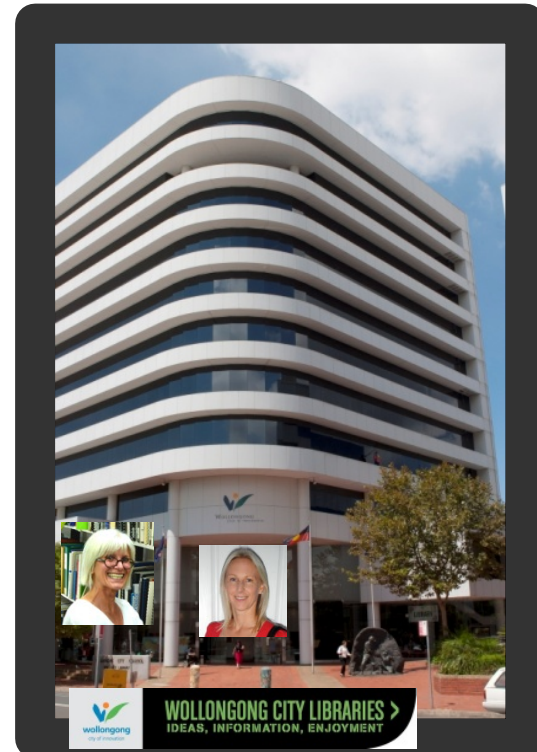
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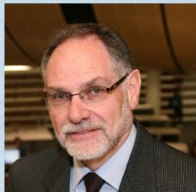
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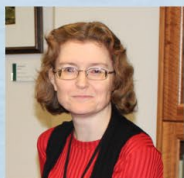
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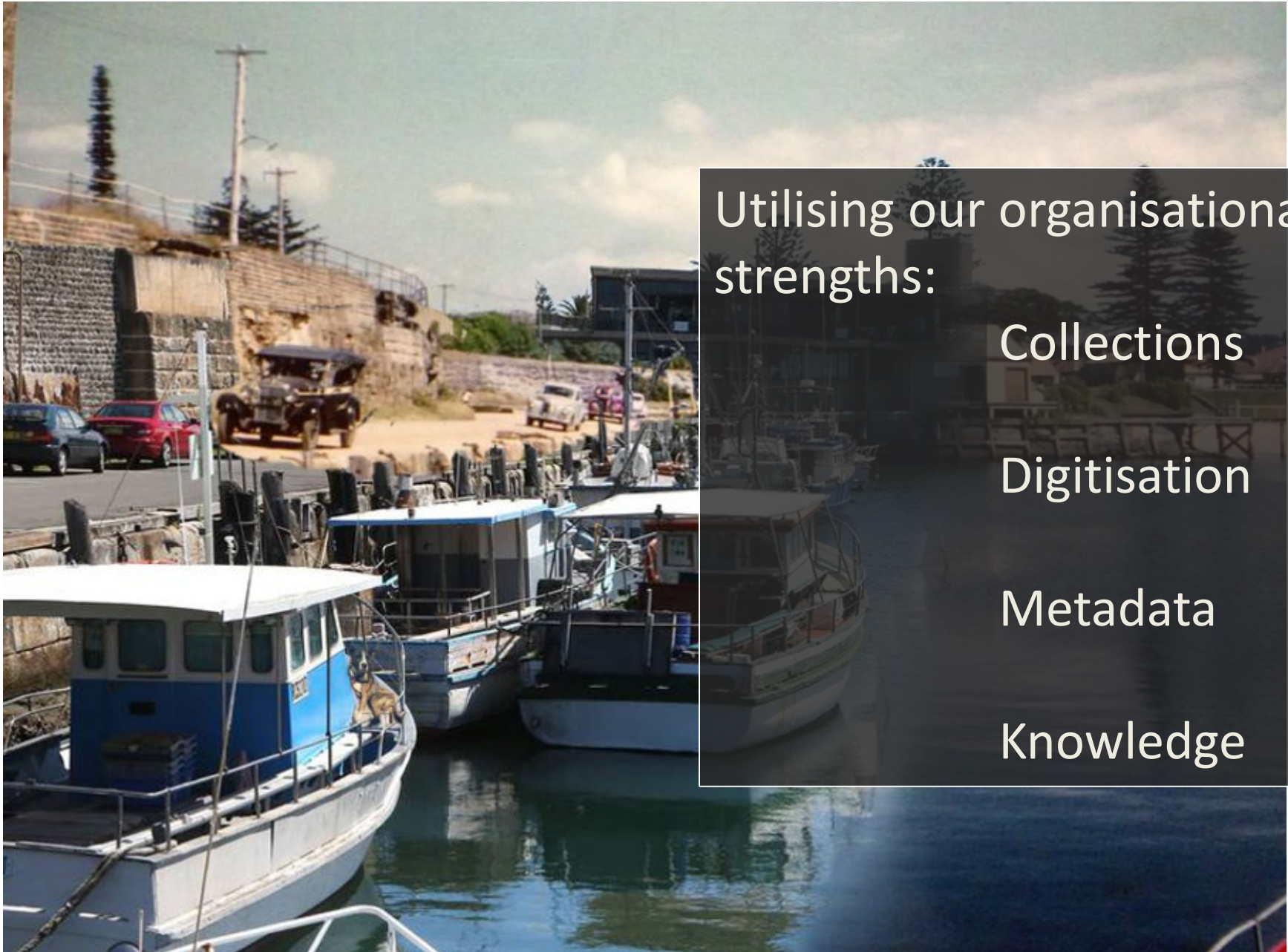
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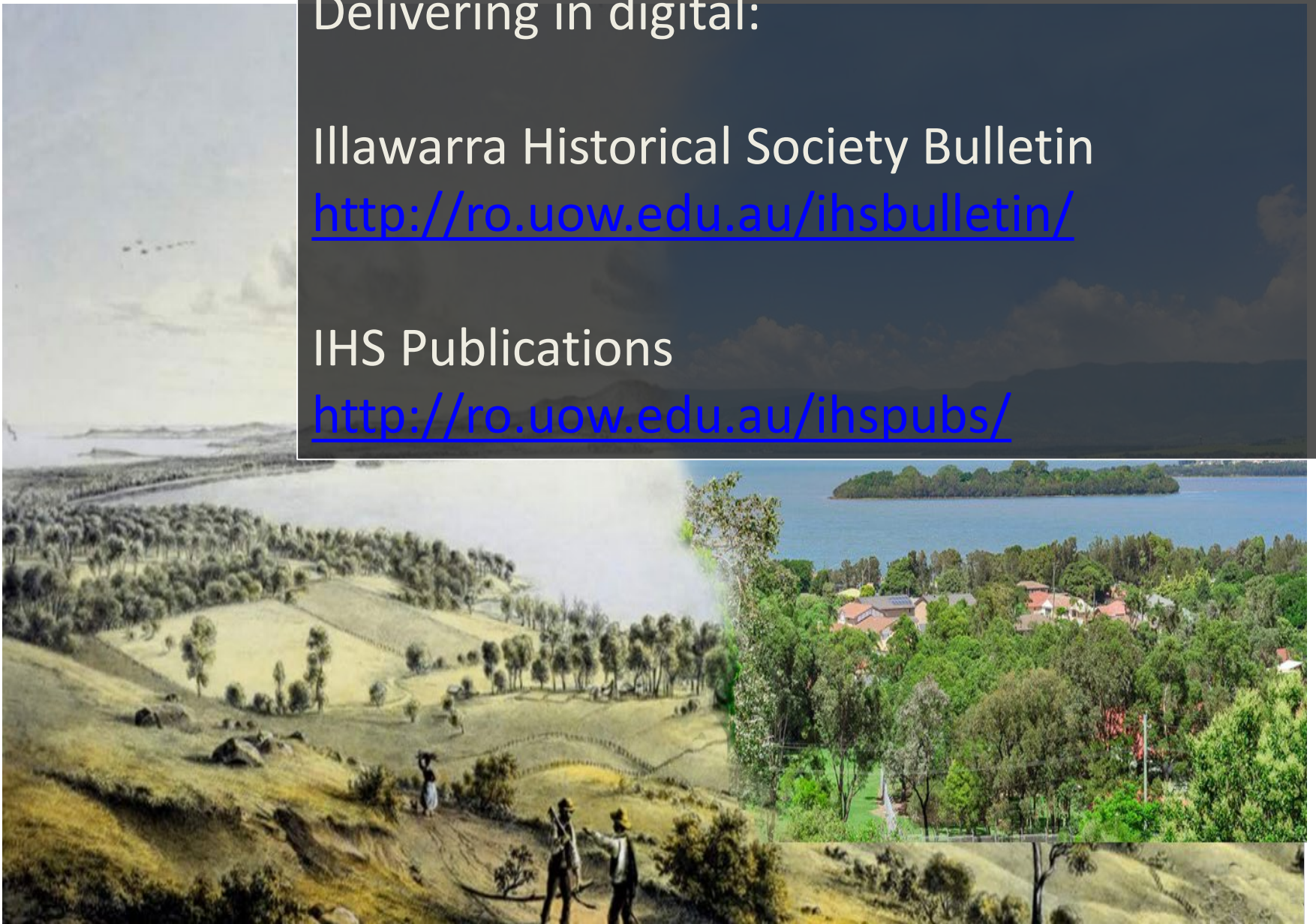
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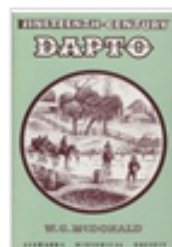


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MURDER AT THE HELL HOLE IN ILLAWARRA

A D 1826

THOUGH Wollongong has grown ever more rapidly from a small country town to a city of over 150,000 people, there are still, within three miles of its centre, places untouched by the changes of the last forty years. One such is the deep valley between Mt Keira and Mt Nebo through which runs the stream shown on modern maps as Byarong, Byarong or Millbrook Creek, known earlier as the Millbrook and, according to Alexander Stewart, known earlier still as Hell Hole Creek.

The name of Mill Brook was derived from two water mills built on the creek by James Stares Spearing who, Stewart states, had been a master miller in the Old Country and also had a windmill at "Paulsgrove", his home at Mt Keira.

But whence came the creek's sinister old name?

In the deep valley of Byarong Creek, at the time of writing, the outermost point on a trafficable road is at the end of Koloona Avenue. From there, looking back, the Mormon Church in Yellagong Street can be seen, close to the site of Spearing's house. From the end of the road a track leads through sliprails and a fence to an old road following up the left bank of the creek.

Perhaps even by Wollongong standards it is flattering to call it a road, but it is something more than a track - a good deal of construction work has been carried out at one time or another - and only by much cutting and filling as it been possible to avoid crossing and re-crossing the creek. Where the main creek, descending from the neighbourhood of the Mt Keira Scouts' Camp, is joined by a good sized tributary coming from the direction of O'Brien's Gap it crosses to the other bank and starts to climb the back of Mt Nebo towards the road made by Cornelius O'Brien in Governor Macquarie's day (ante-dating by some thirteen years Major Mitchell's Mt Keira Road) which runs up an eastern spur of Mt Nebo and along the razorback connecting it to the main range.

At or about the junction of the two creeks the name of Hell Hole still figures on the parish maps. There is nothing hellish about it now. At the junction the narrow





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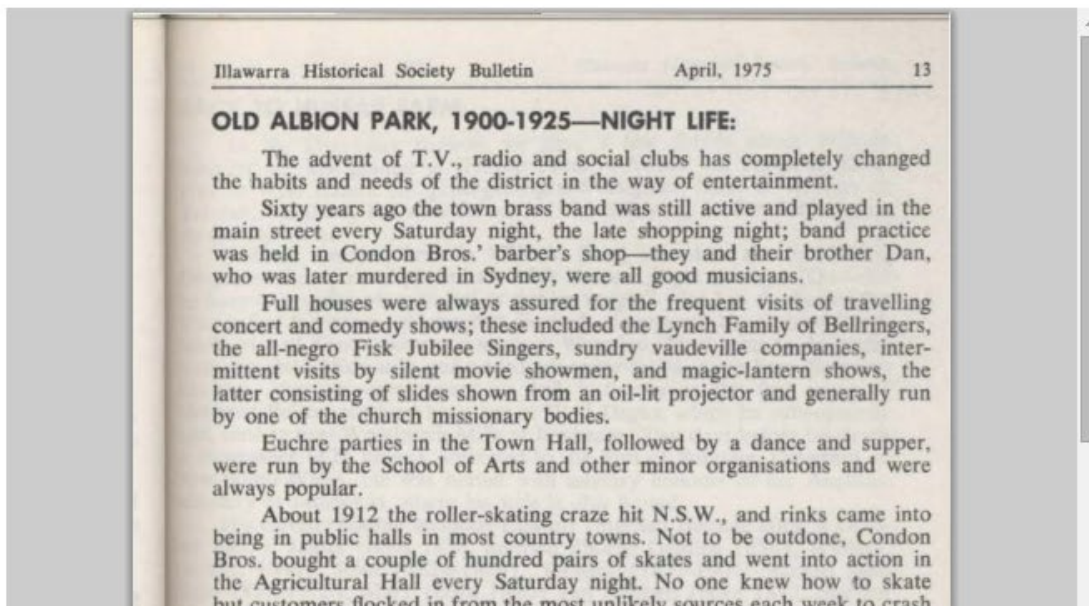
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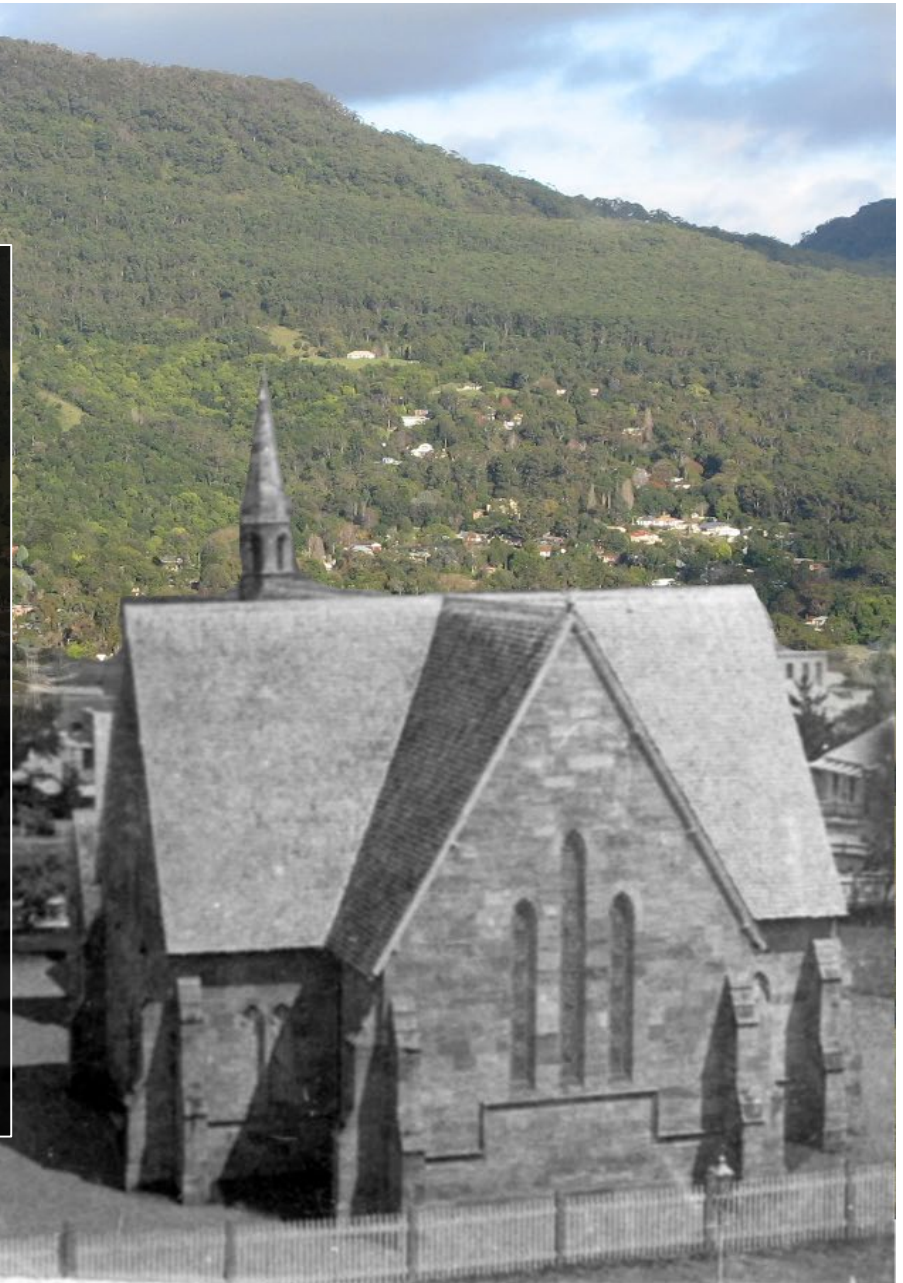
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