



THE PROMISE OF THE OATLEY GRANT

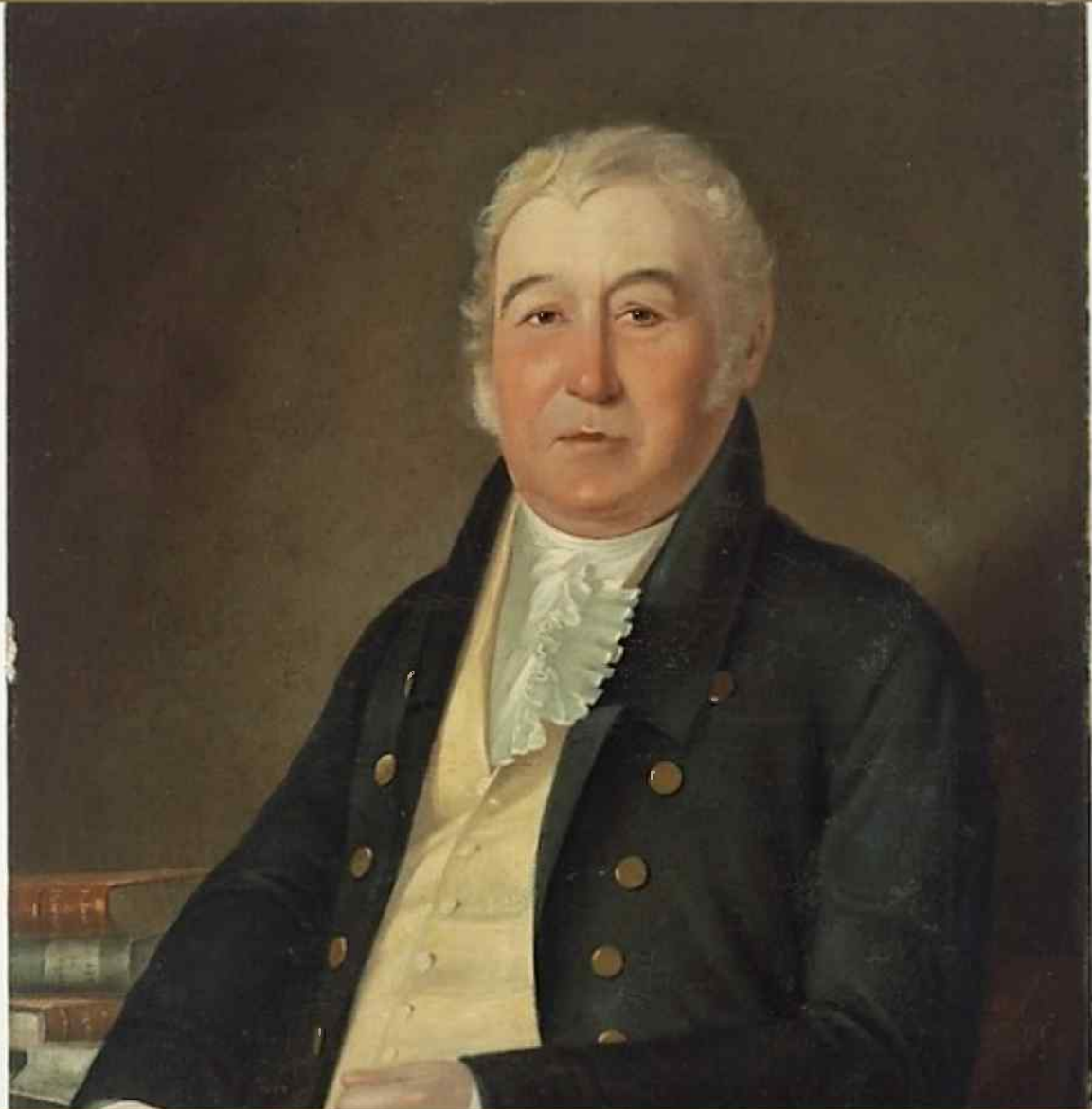
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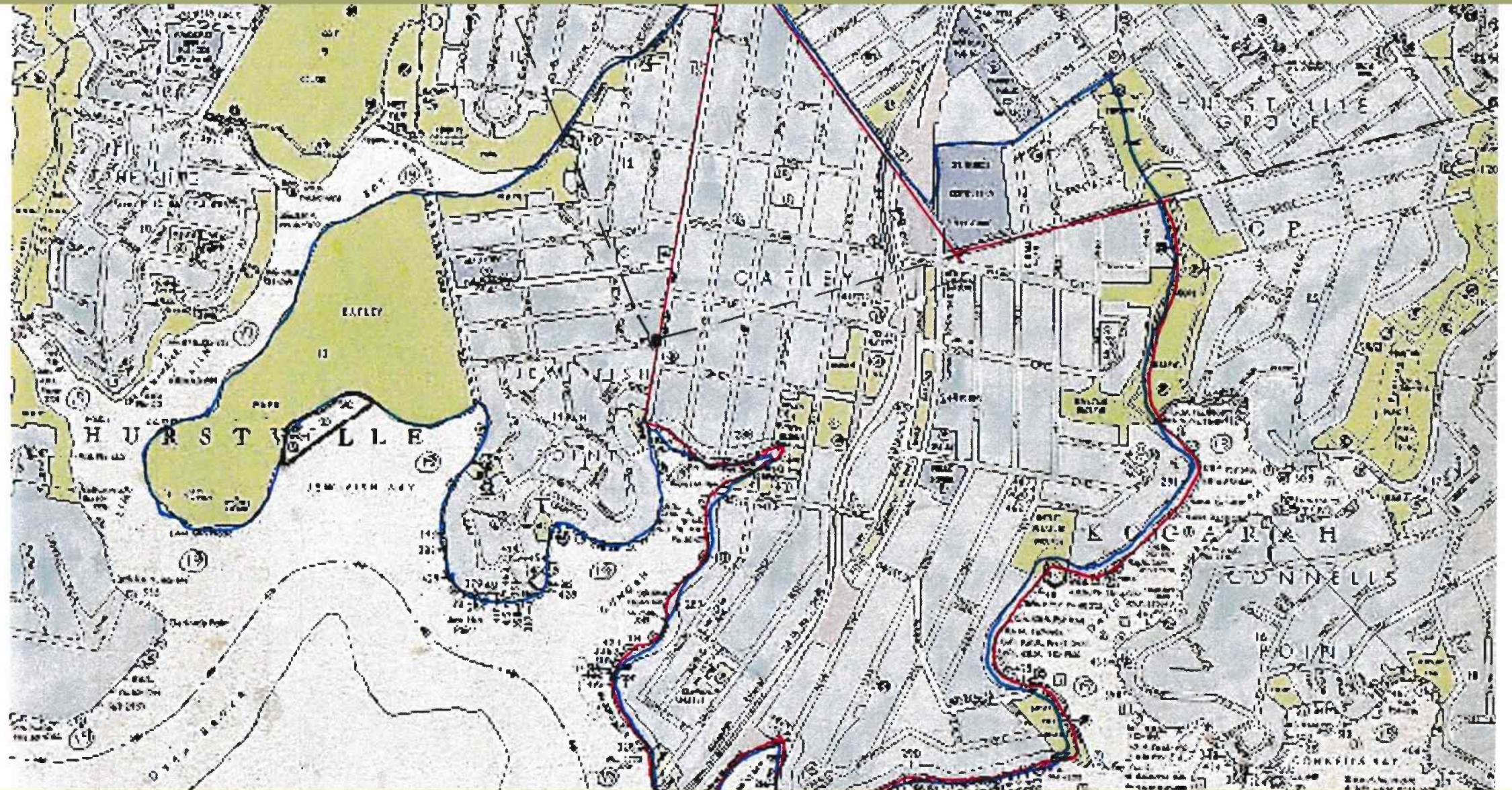
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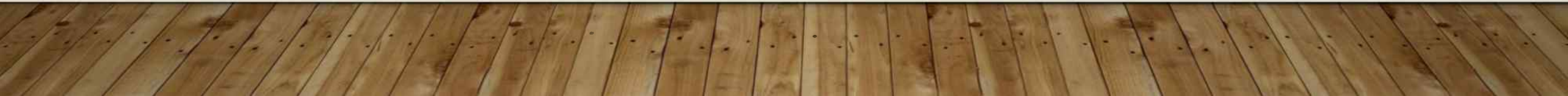
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And Now...

A Date to Remember and
Celebrate -

Monday 15th August
1825



15 August 1835, Sir Thomas Brisbane, James
Cutley of Sydney three hundred acres Cumberland Saint
George, commencing at George's River, and bounded on the
west by a line North, Seventy three Chains; on the
North by Doctor Gowson's farm, being lines South
forty degrees East, fifty eight Chains, and East seventy
five degrees North thirty two Chains, to a creek; on the
East by the creek; and on the South by George's River to
the commencing Point; being the land inserted as No. 12
in the Government Notice of 16th October 1831, but
according to an amended description, James Cutley,
Seven pounds ten shillings 1st Jan 1833 said 1st Jan 1833, &
Thirty eight Acres, fifty pounds.

R. Bourke

Sydney 31 August 1833

Michael Corbett

Rich^d Bourke

County,
Cumberland
Acres,
300.

*11945
Chd.*

BY His Excellency *Major General Richard Bourke* ✓
Captain General and Governor in-Chief of the
Territory of New South Wales and its Depen-
dencies, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

BE IT KNOWN UNTO ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That in order to promote the due Settlement of the said Territory of New South Wales, and in fulfilment of a promise made on or before the *fifteenth* Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and *twenty six* by His Excellency *Sir Thomas Brisbane* as Governor thereof, and in consideration of the Quit-Rent hereinafter reserved, and of the Price of the Redemption of the same, I, the said *Major General Richard Bourke* in pursuance of the powers by HIS MAJESTY the KING vested in me, as Governor of the said Territory and its Dependencies, do hereby Grant unto *James Batley* of *Sydney*

his Heirs and Assigns, SUBJECT to the Reservations and Conditions hereinafter mentioned, *Three hundred acres* of Land, more or less, situated in the County of *Cumberland*, Parish of *Saint George*, bounded commencing at *George's River*, and bounded on the west by a line north *seventy three chains*, on the north by *Doctor Townson's farm*, being lines south forty degrees east, *fifty eight chains*, and east twenty five degrees north thirty two chains, to a creek, on the east by the creek, and on the south by *George's River* to the commencing point, being the land situated

as A. 12 in the Government Notice of 14th October 1831. but according to an accented description.

Appⁿ 24285 pt
" 36002 pt
" 38673 pt
" 40215 pt
Appⁿ 45360 (PT)
" 46710 pt
Appⁿ 47122 pt
" 50336 pt
Appⁿ 52600

to be called _____ with all the Appurtenances whatsoever, SAVING AND RESERVING unto HIS MAJESTY, His Heirs and Successors, all such parts of the said Land as may hereafter be set out for a Way or Ways, by any Person lawfully authorised in that respect, together with the Right of taking and removing all Stone and Gravel, all Indigenous Timber, and all other Materials, the produce of the said Land, which may be required at any Time for the construction or repair of Ways and Bridges, for Naval Purposes, and for Public Works; And also reserving unto HIS MAJESTY, His Heirs and Successors, all Land within one Hundred Feet of High Water Mark on the Sea coast, and





Oatley's First Land Grant

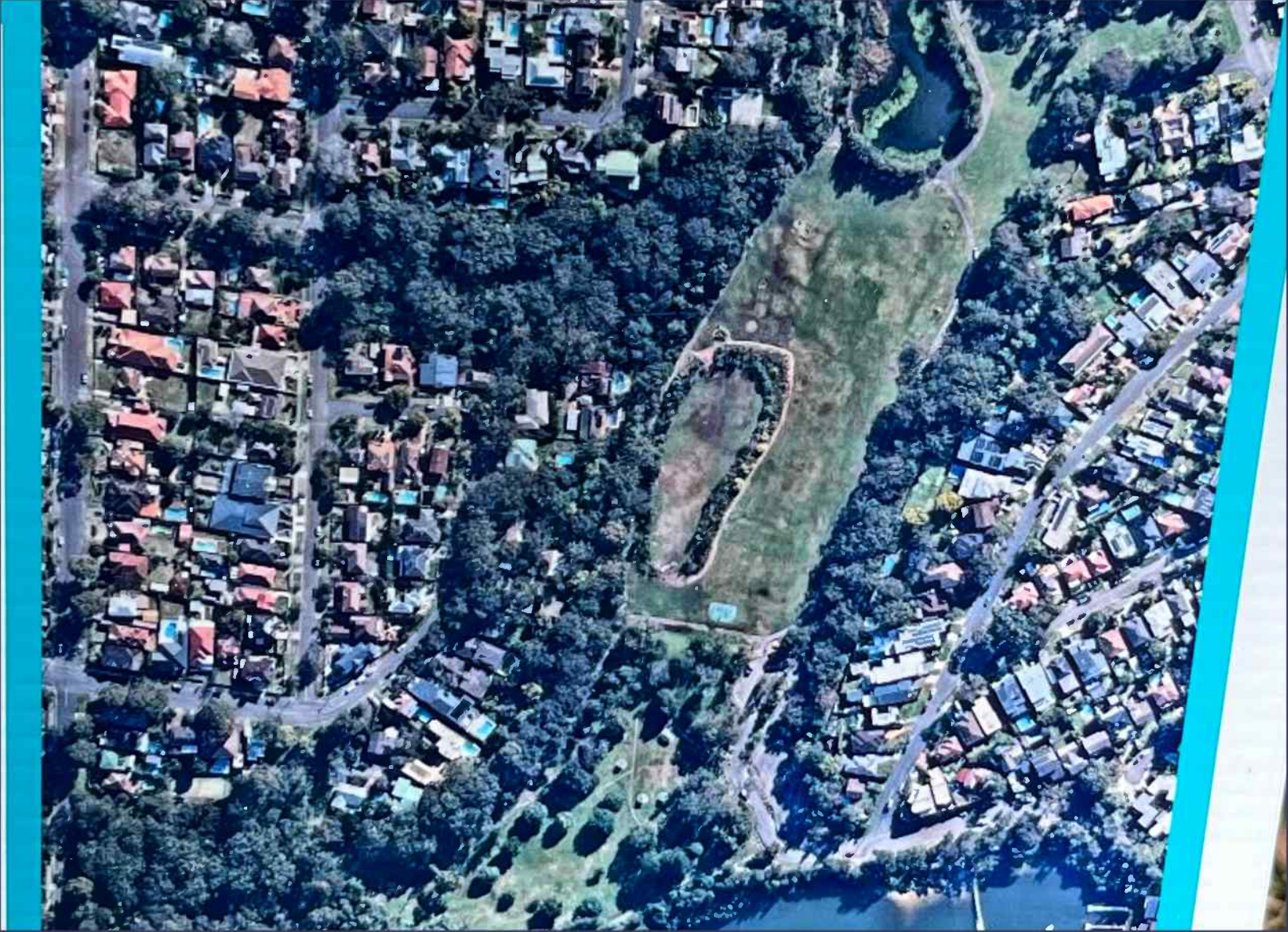


Dr Robert Tomkinson (1817-1873) arrived in NSW as a settler in 1817 and he asked a land grant of 4,000 acres (1770 hectares) in 1818 from Lieutenant Governor Brisbane, including parts of modern day Wollakilla, Oatley, Thrasher's, Mitchell and Penrith. Dr Tomkinson quickly exchanged the Oatley portion of his land for more suitable land in Moree where he spent most of his time. He went on to become a magistrate and a founding member of the Royal Agricultural Society.

This sign is near the southern corner of that historic land grant and corner marks indicate its approximate shape. Thrasher's Road on the west, Orrey's Creek on the north, King's Chapel Road on the east, and Marsfield Road on the south.































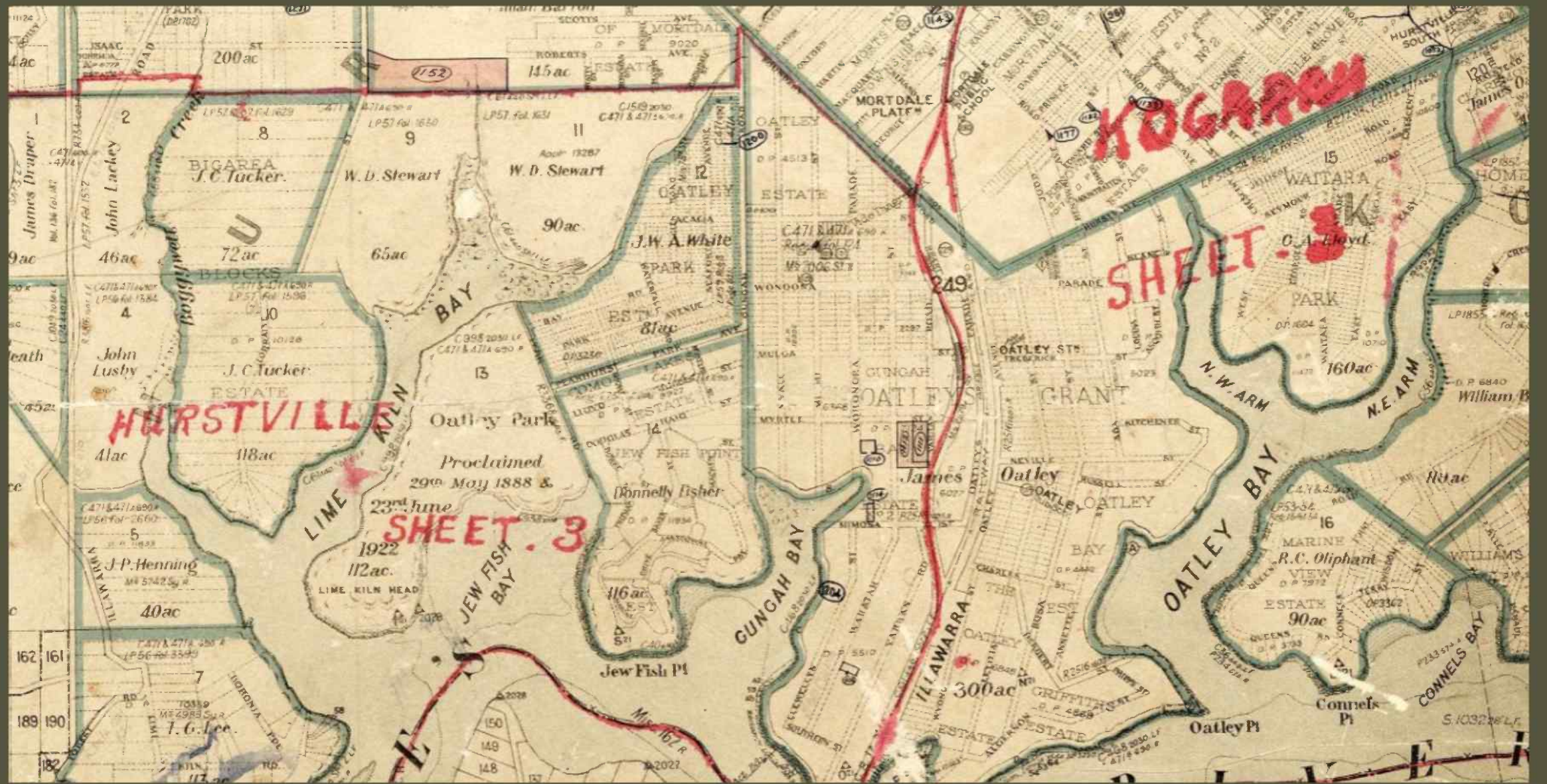












Simpson Reserve



This reserve is named after Charles Joseph 'Charlie' Simpson (1918 – 1982), an active member of the Gungah Bay Progress Association and member of the Australian Labor movement.

This allotment was part of the first Gungah Bay subdivision of Charles Griffiths' Oatley Estate

It was reserved for community use and in 1956 Hillier Council created a park and children's playground called Yarran Road Reserve.

When the Gungah Bay Progress Association was formed in the late 1950s Charlie Simpson advised that the remaining funds of the Association should be used to construct a concrete cricket pitch, increasing the use of the reserve





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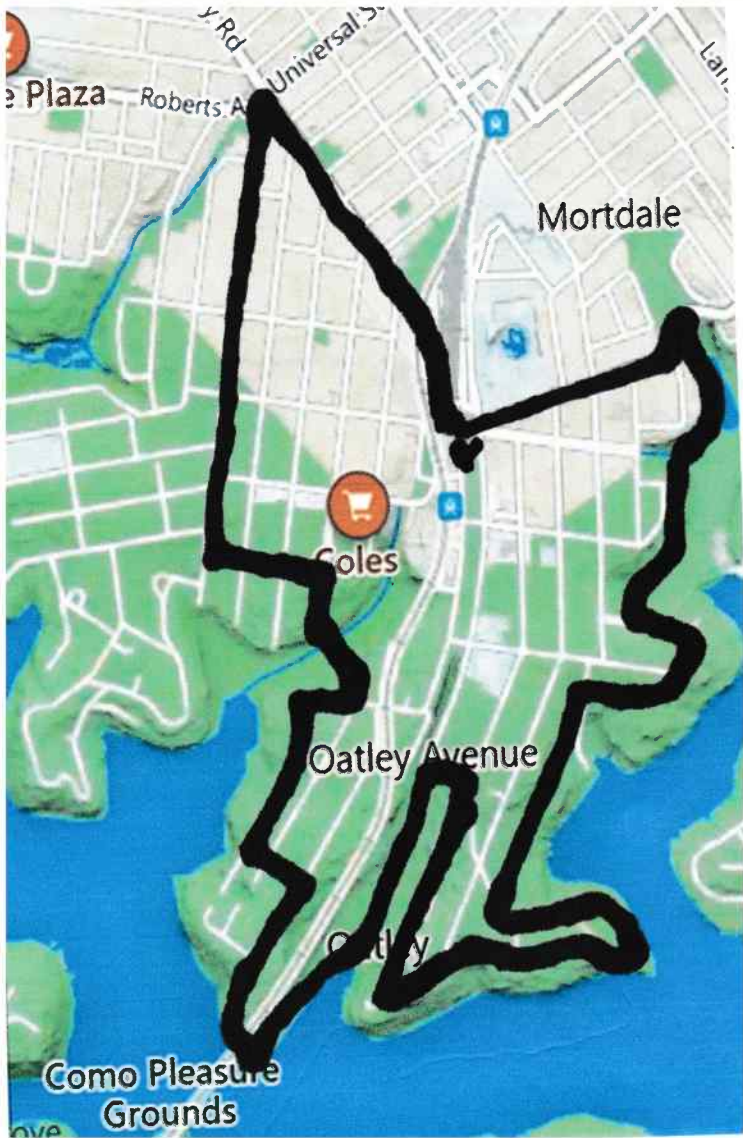




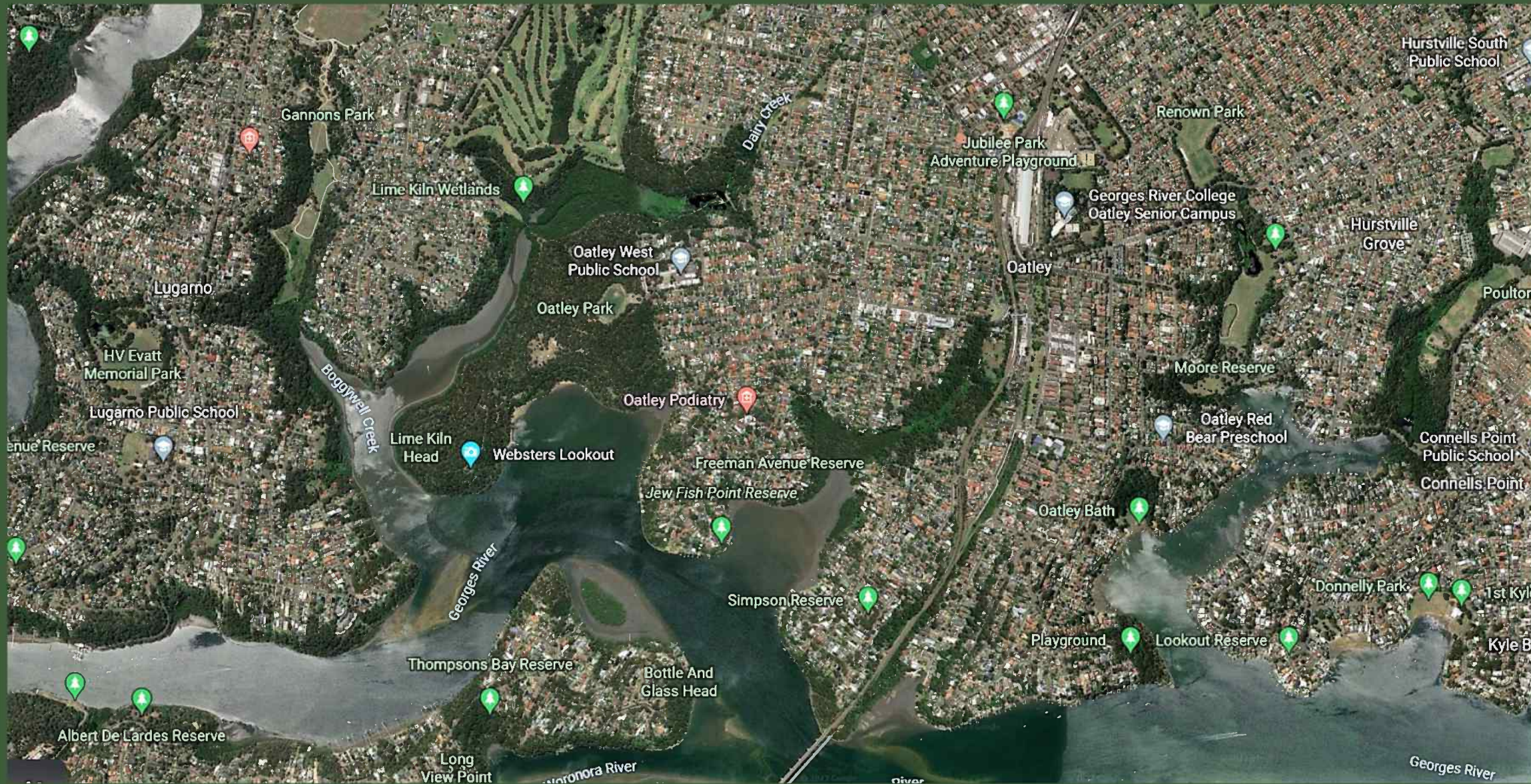
























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- **Julian Sheen**
- **Oatley Heritage and Historical Society**
- **February 2023**