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# KANGAROO GROUND CHRONICLE

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Continuing the information about Mary and Andrew Ross.

### **THE PASSING OF MARY ANN ROSS wife of Andrew Ross** **The Evelyn Observer Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1885**

As researched by Jack Stock, an ARM member.

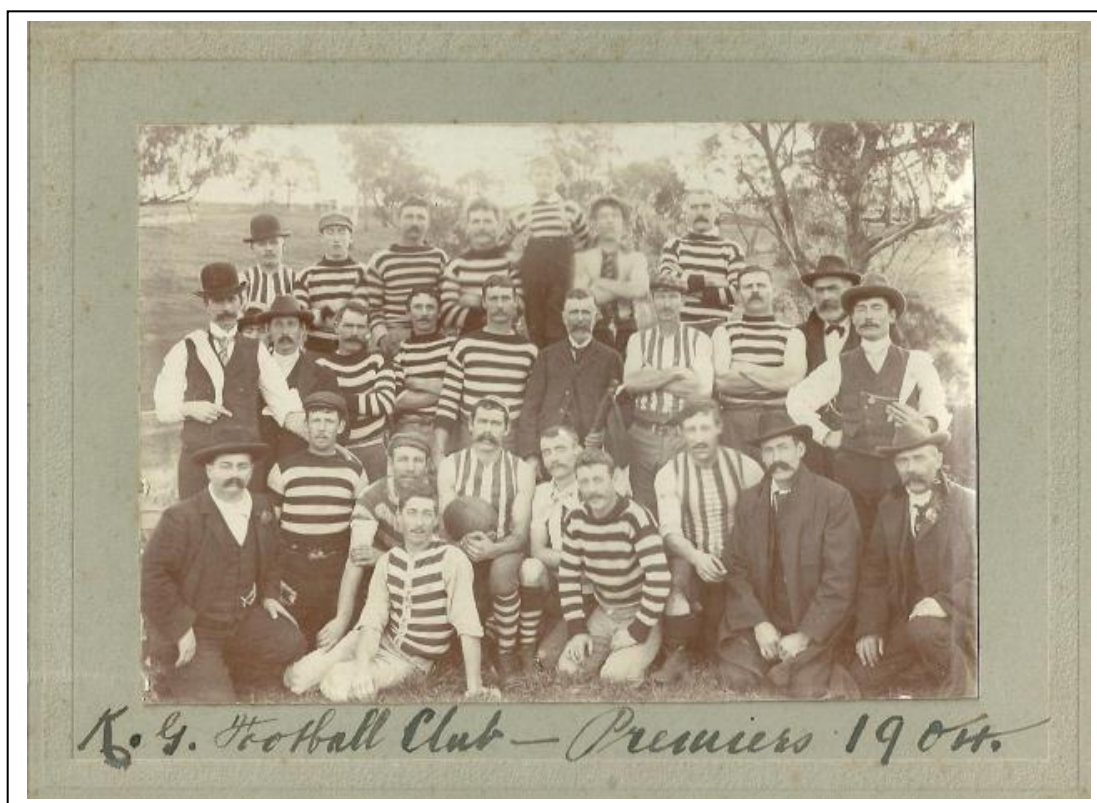
A private letter by the last English mail to an old pupil of the Kangaroo Ground school, announces the death of Mrs. Andrew Ross, which took place at Somerford Grange, Christchurch, Hants, England on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1884. Mr. Ross, who conveys the news of his great loss, says that although Mrs. Ross had been a constant sufferer for nearly two years and could never look forward to be strong enough to return to the sunny south (as he does), yet her death occurred rather suddenly. Mr. and Mrs. Ross started the school at Kangaroo Ground (one of the first in the county) in 1851, and were widely known for their enterprise and hospitality in this county and to the many visitors from Melbourne on the following years when the annual balls at the "School Farm" were quite events. Many of the travellers also through the "Ground" to the then famous Woods Point, before the Garden Hill road was cut, will remember the merry chat and sharp intelligence of Mrs. Ross to be hence forth "a tale of the past".

#### **Death.**

**Ross - At Somerford Grange, Christchurch,  
England (the residence of her husband),  
On 30<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs. Andrew Ross  
Aged 71 years**

*Evelyn Observer, and South and East Bourke Record (Vic.: 1882-1902), Friday 20 February 1885, page 2.*

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**The Evelyn observer Friday 23 September, 1904**  
**WHITTLESEA AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
***THE CHALLENGE MATCH***  
***HAZELGLEN V KANGAROO GROUND.***

**KANGAROO GROUND WIN THE PREMIERSHIP of 1904**

The final match of the season in connection with the above Association, was played between the above clubs on the Diamond Creek Football Ground on Saturday afternoon last in the presence of a good crowd of spectators, among whom were a good number of ladies. The previous match between these clubs was won by Hazelglen by 7 points. This time the play was very even and the excitement was keen right up to the last bell. However, Kangaroo Ground were able to turn the tables on their opponents, and ran out winners by five points, and so won the coveted premiership; and it is only fair to state that they well deserve the honor, as they have played strictly under the local Association rules and refrained from obtaining any outside assistance by "ringing in" men under assumed names, every player being a bonafide resident within the prescribed boundaries. Kangaroo Ground played 14 matches and were only beaten twice – once by Diamond Creek by 7 points, and by Hazelglen, also by 7 points – which is certainly a very good record.

There was a slight wind blowing which did not affect the play very much, but had the tendency to keep a lot of the play on the south wing. Hazelglen, kicking to the creek end, were the first to score with a minor point. Kangaroo Ground several times attacked strongly, but were more fortunate as from their three shots they scored two goals, one of which bounced through, and they had a lead of 8 point at quarter time. On the change of ends a very even and tough battle ensued and although "the Grounds repeatedly worked the ball to their forward line the Glen backs were very solid and defended very well, and they were unable to score; but the Glen increased their lead by two points, so at the half-time bell they had a lead of ten points. The Kangaroo Ground team however, had not lost heart and during the interval they expressed the

opinion that they could yet win; and the supporters of the red and white, knowing that they are good finishers, were also of the opinion that they were not yet done with. On resuming play the Grounds started with great dash and determination and very soon had a goal to their credit, kicked by Cary; and this seemed to encourage them to further efforts, and soon after the same player booted another goal. The Glen, although working very hard, were unable to score; and Grounds added two more points, which gave them a lead of 4 points. The play in the last quarter was, as is generally the case, a bit vigorous and free kicks were numerous, but the Grounds had the best of the play, although the Glen twice, by some very good passing and marking, worked the ball down to their open goal but only scored a single point. The Grounds added two behinds one of which just sailed over the goal post, being kicked from a very difficult angle by Cary. In the last quarter, Cary, of the Kangaroo Ground team, received a nasty fall and although he did not appear to be hurt, and continued playing, he felt his shoulder very stiff and sore and on being examined by Dr. Chapman it was found that his shoulder was slightly fractured. The game resulted in a win for Kangaroo Ground by five points, and there was great hand-shaking and congratulations amongst the red and whites and their supporters.

The final scores were:	Kangaroo Ground	2 – 9	21points
	Hazelglen	2 – 4	16points
Goal kickers:	Kangaroo Ground	Cary	2
	Hazelglen	Fraser and Bates	

As to individual play, on the winning side, E. Cary and E. Spry who took turns at roving, were a pair who played the best game of the day. G. Sutton was the best man in the ruck and played well throughout. J. Murphy played well in a place and following as did J. Kennedy and A. White, Geo. Love did good work on the wing and Archie Cameron did well on centre. A. Love, J. and F. Bell and R. White were most prominent.

For the losers, Bailey (roving) was best on his side. Hicks was fast on the wing and Collins worked hard in the ruck. “Snowy” Griffiths, Hammond, Lobb, Triller, Gay, and Nelson were most noticeable.

Umpire Beasley had charge of the game and appeared lenient in the first half, but in the second half kept the men well in hand.

Messrs. Hickey and Alex. White were goal umpires and Mr. F. Ramseyer timekeeper.

*The Evelyn Observer was only published weekly, on a Friday.*

*(Hazelglen was in the area that is now Mernda.)*

Information researched by Jack Stock an ARM member.

## **ANDREW ROSS MUSEUM AGM**

***You are invited to The AGM of Kangaroo Ground Andrew Ross Museum which will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, at the Museum, at 10.00am.***

***Nominations for positions on the board or committee can be submitted to the Secretary prior to, or on the day.***

## **HOUSEHOLD HINTS from 100 YEARS AGO**

*Taken from the Evelyn Observer Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1912*

- ❖ To trap slugs place a teacup, or any small pot or tin three parts full of milk in the soil, so that the slugs can get into it. They are as fond of milk as leeches are to blood and they will drink until they fall in and get drowned.
- ❖ Picture glass should not be washed. To remove spots rub them with a damp cloth wrung out in water to which a little ammonia has been added. Take special care that no water runs under the frame, and so onto the picture.
- ❖ To clean windows quickly dip a cloth in clear warm water, and with it wash over the entire window, wiping it quickly. Then go over each window with a tiny sponge damped with spirit, afterwards polishing with a linen cloth or tissue paper. If the window frame needs washing as well as the glass, that should be attended to first.
- ❖ To remove ink stains from books take a quantity of oxalic acid, diluted with water, applied with a camel hair pencil, and absorbed with blotting paper, two applications will remove all traces of the ink.
- ❖ Keep a dish of oatmeal on the toilet stand and rub it freely on the hands after each washing. This dries and softens the skin, preventing it from becoming red and rough when exposed to the air.