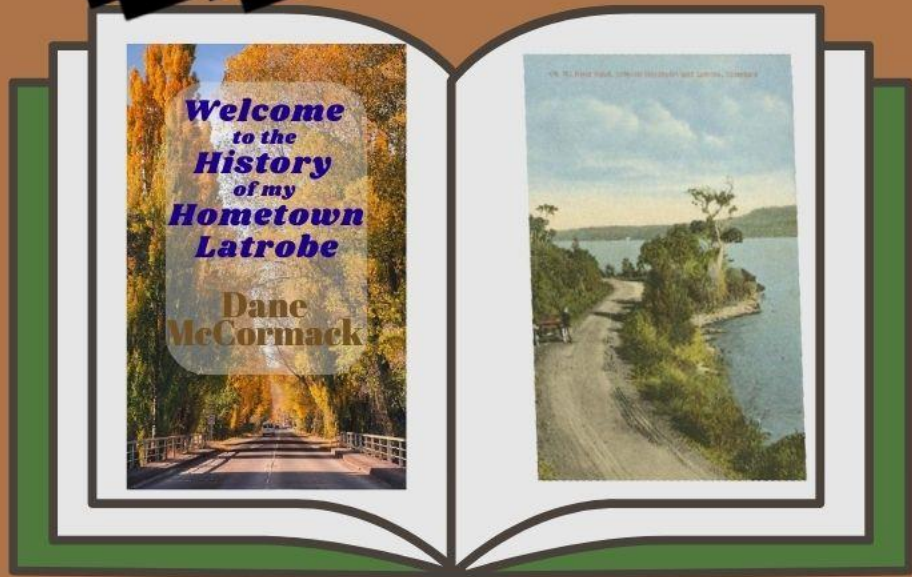


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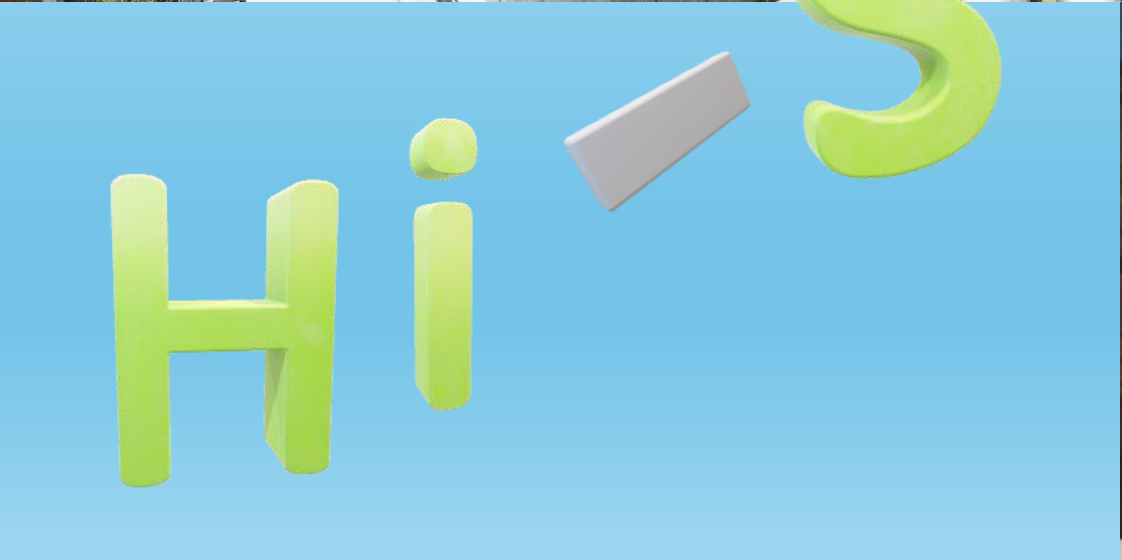


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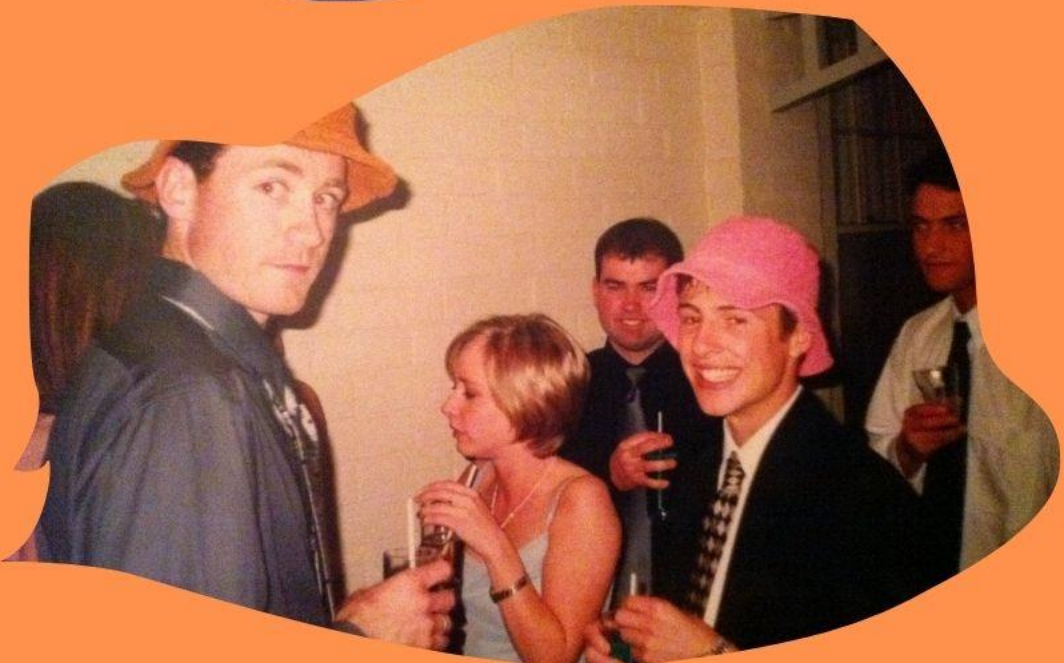
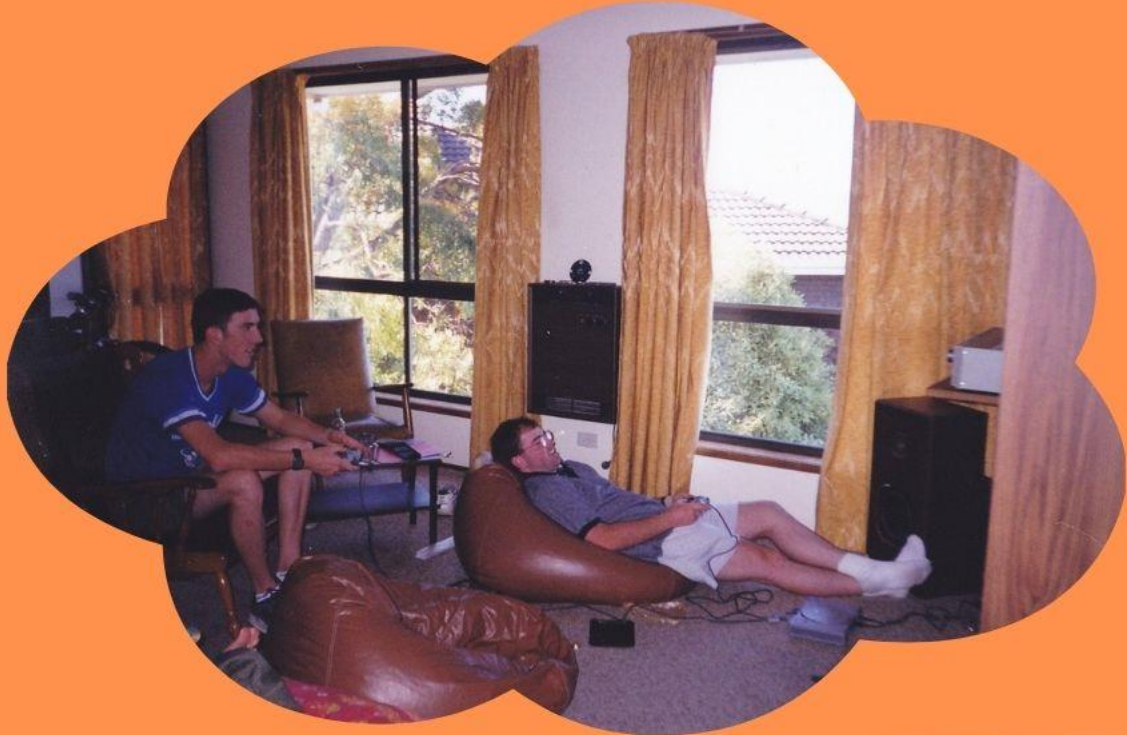
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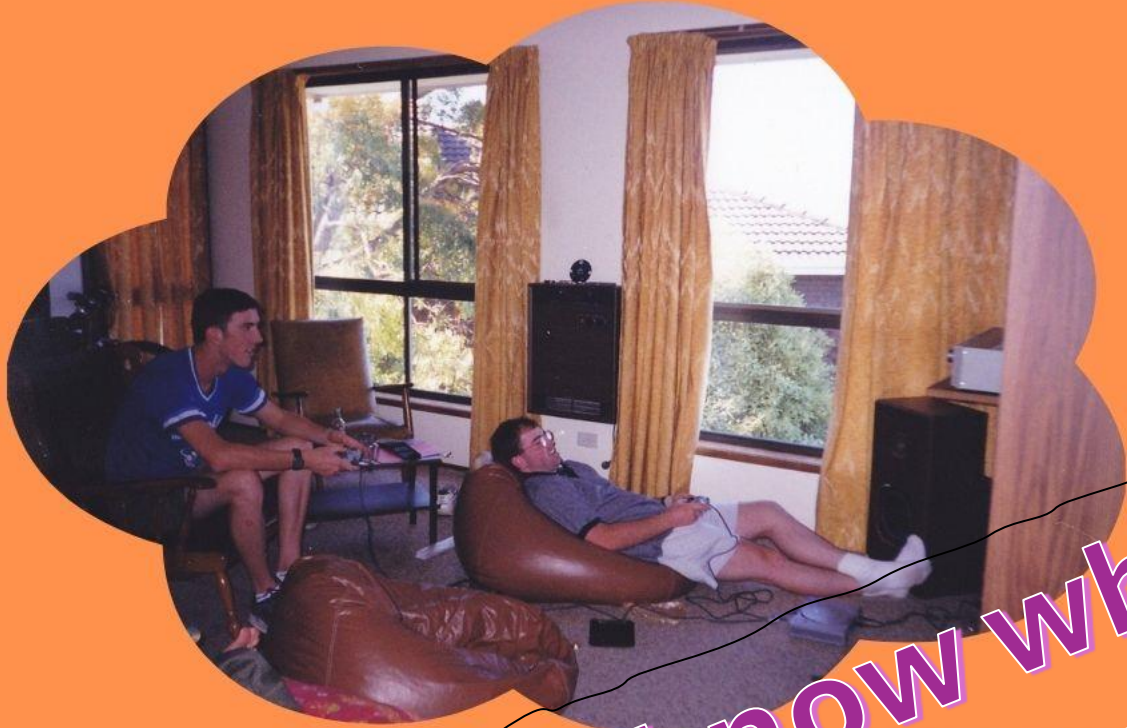


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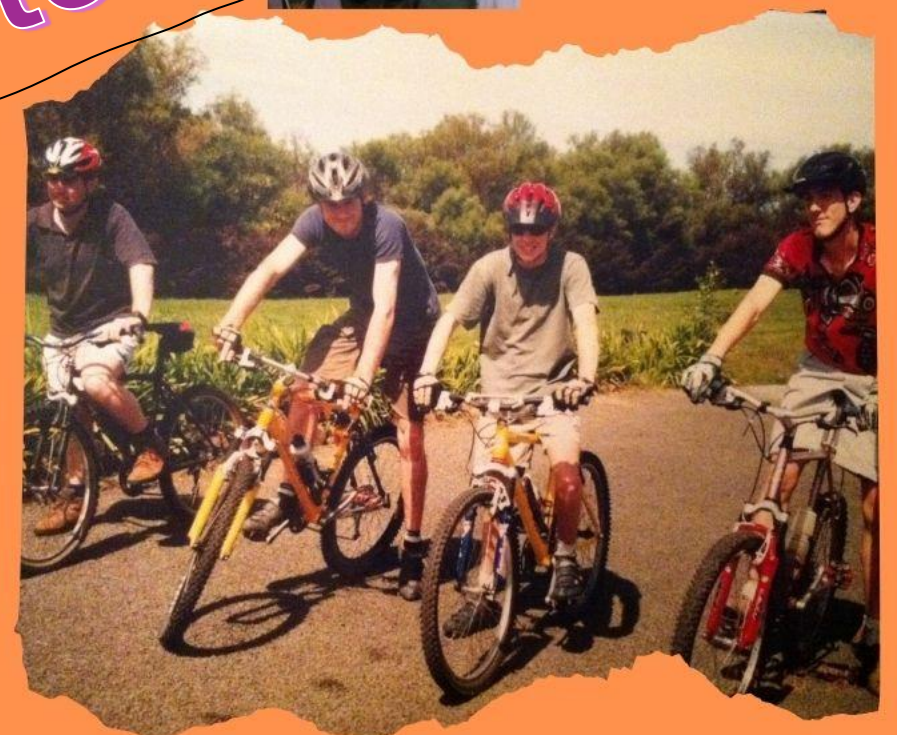
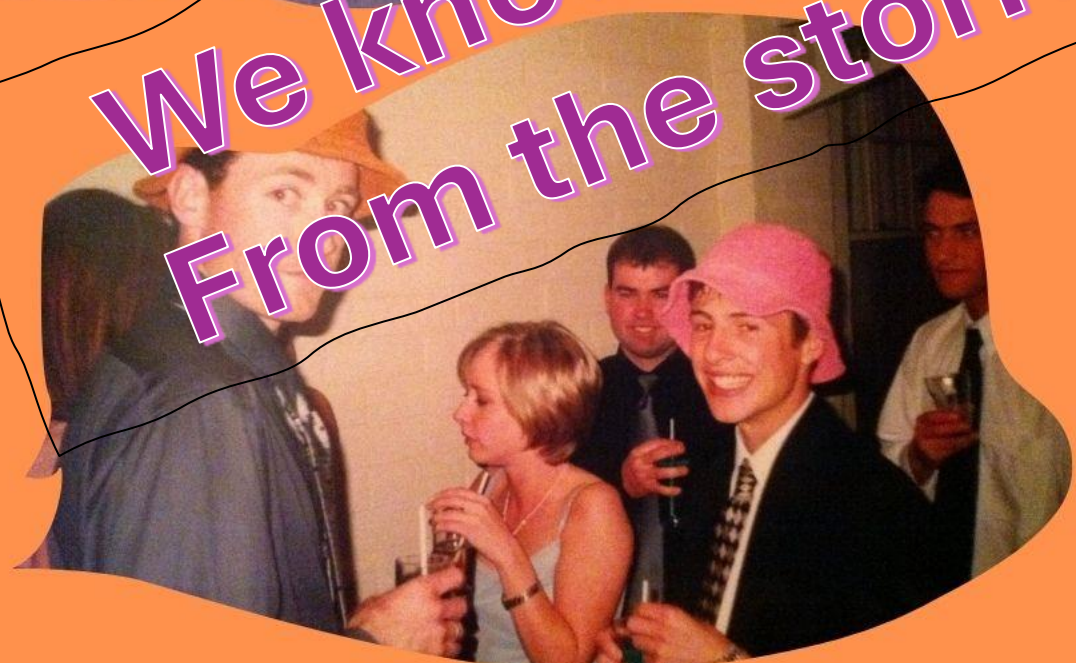


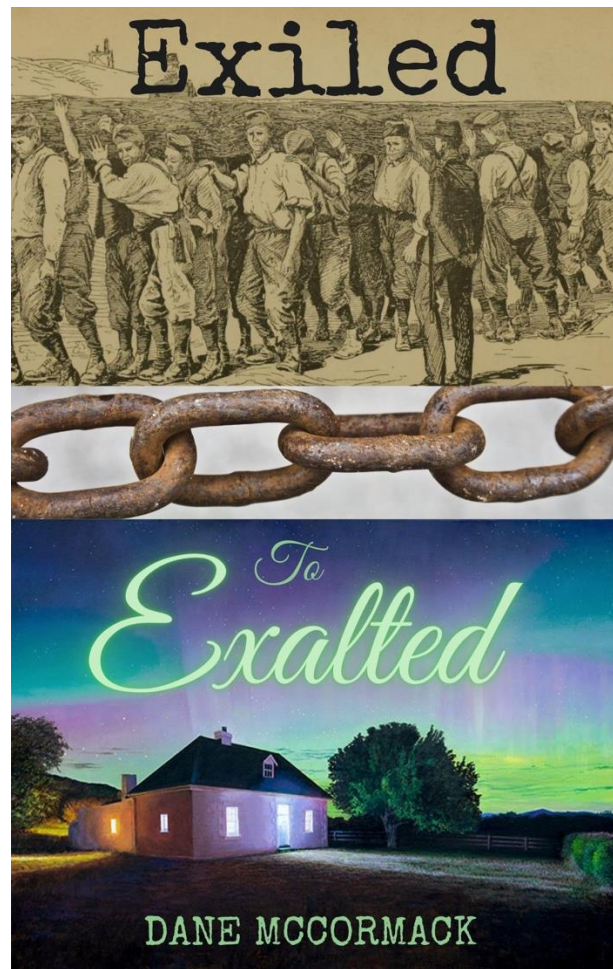


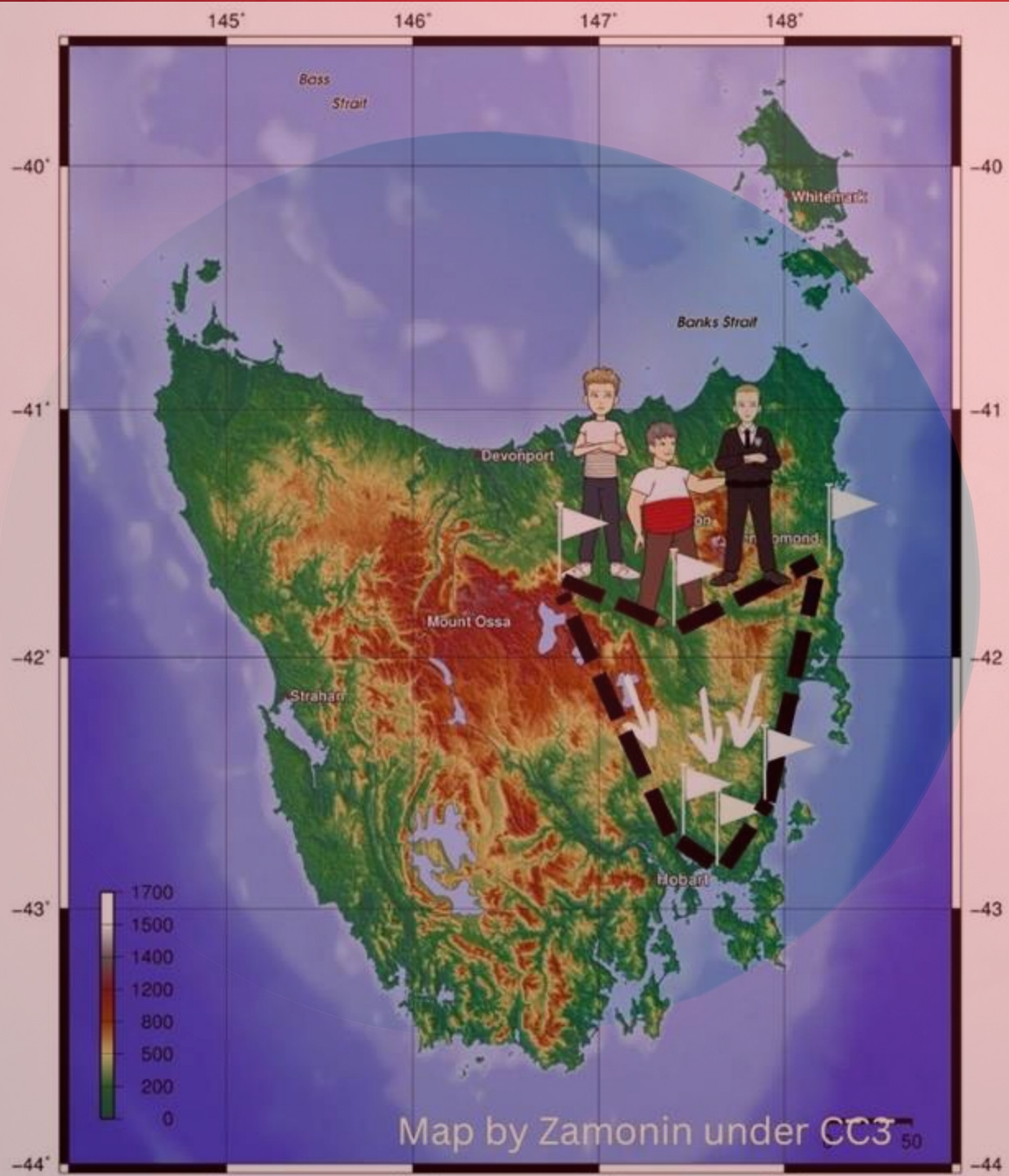




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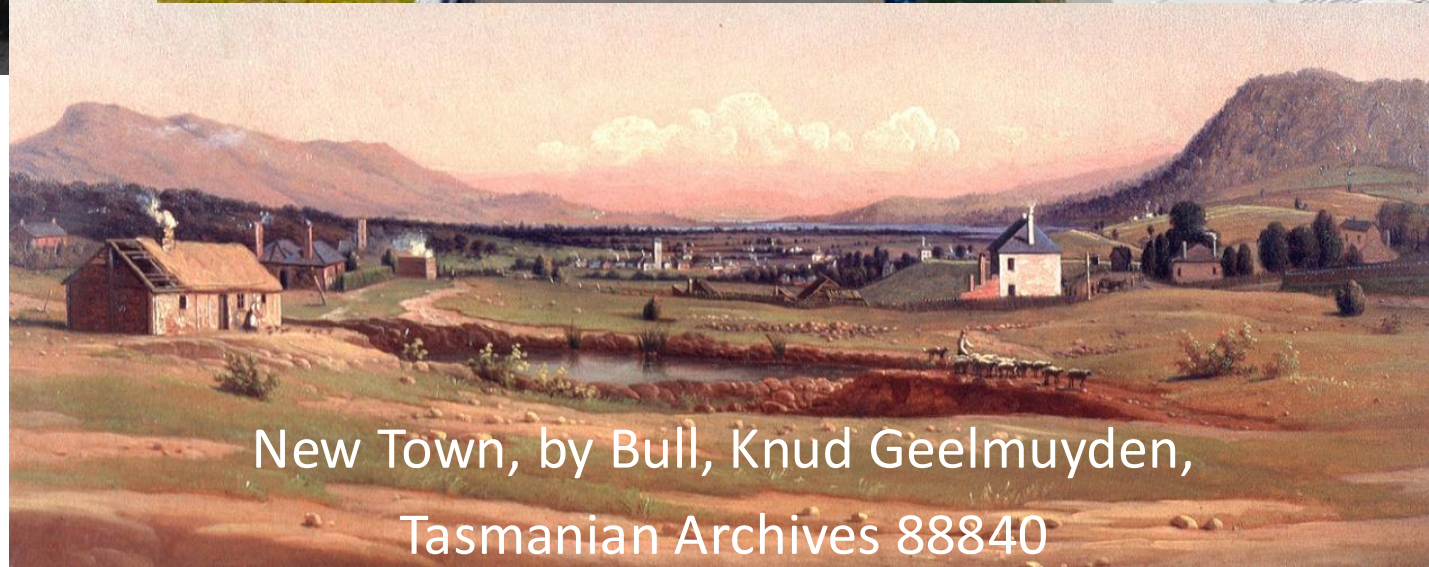


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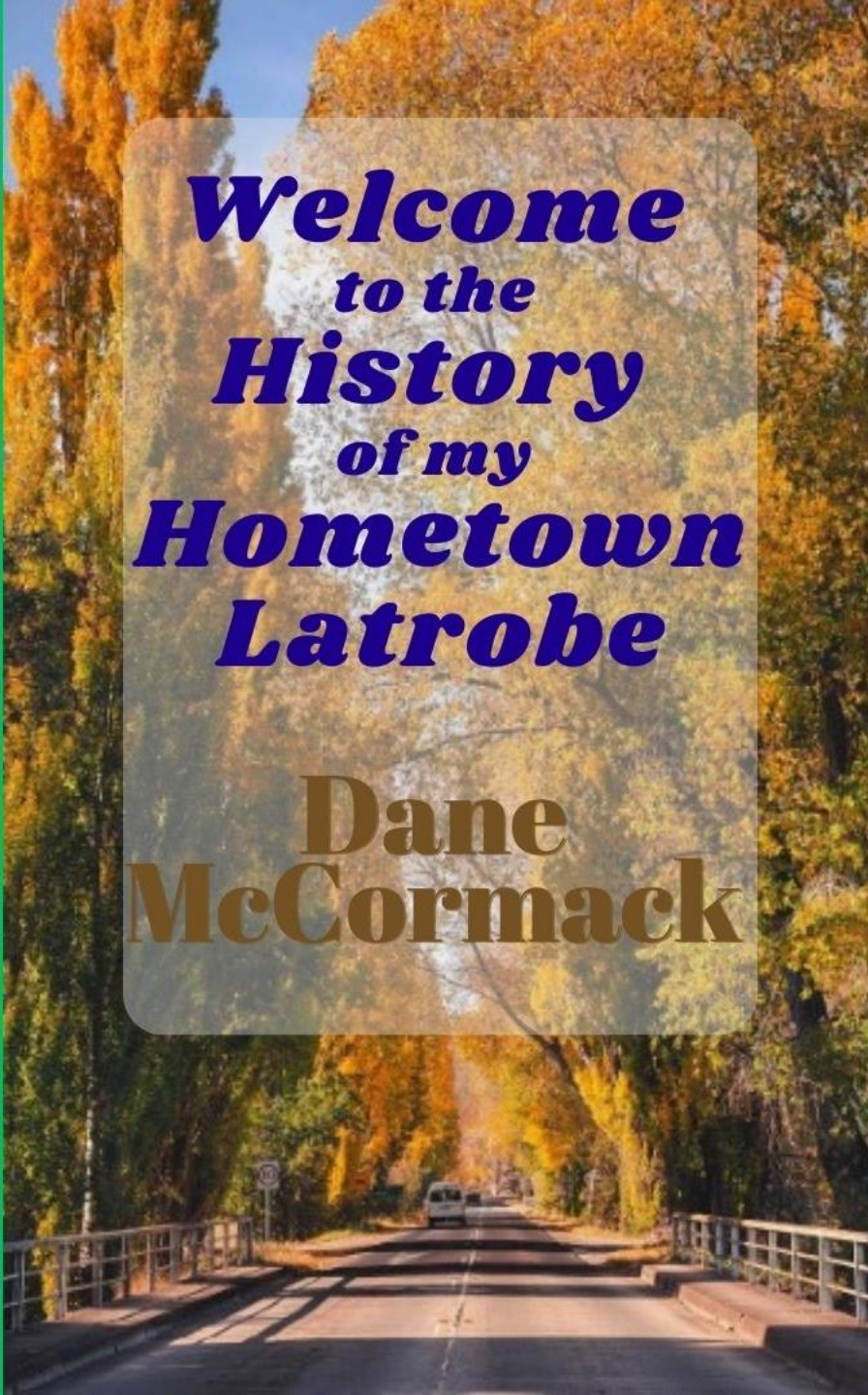




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**Welcome
to the
History
of my
Hometown
Latrobe**

**Dane
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WHEN A RAGING FIRE SWEEPED LATROBE

"THE WILD IRISHMAN'S" RECOLLECTIONS.

[Mr. J. Crowe, who writes under the pen name of "The Wild Irishman," gives many vivid personal recollections of the Latrobe of his boyhood in his "Back to Latrobe" essay.]

For Deering's woods are fresh and fair,

And with joy that is more than pain
My heart goes back to wander there,
And I find my lost youth again.

—Longfellow.

LATROBE! What memories even the name brings to the mind of the writer, being either blessed or cursed, with a retentive memory and a vivid imagination, I don't know which—there was not much that happened of any importance in the old town during my sojourn of nearly 25 years which escaped my observation. Of course, as most people know, the

roar of a cannon. This happened at Sherwood, on the west of the river, nearly 100 years ago.

With the discovery of coal, the settlement grew rapidly. Several houses were built on the eastern bank of the river and this was destined to be Latrobe. Of course, it was soon recognised that the district around was not only coal-bearing but also fertile, and the rich growth of sassafras soon attracted many pioneers. A splendid class of men they were, and the names and deeds of the Rockliffs, Ingrams, Spurrs, Roehes, Cutts and Bramichs bear witness.

FATHER OF LATROBE.

Another grand old pioneer of the town was Mr. George Atkinson, who was for many years known as "The Father of Latrobe." In his capacity as auctioneer for many years, this big hearted old soul gave many a one a lift along the road of life.

The late James Monaghan Dooley,

charity behind him in the church. His purse never had much in it, for it was open to everyone. I once saw him take it out to give a couple of shillings to a beggarman, and it was awfully shabby from so much opening and shutting. Dear old "Parson" Hogg hardly allowed himself enough to eat, in the great depression of the 'nineties, and, although his body rests in the quaint little cemetery at Thirlstane, his beautiful soul is in Heaven. Once as a boy I stood and watched the benign-faced and angel-voiced clergyman recite the burial service, and his presence reminded me of something far above this earth of ours.

Another minister whom I well remember was Rev. Hebblethwaite, who was possessed of a kindly and poetic soul; and then there was good old Salvation Army Joe (God rest him), who died in after years on the West Coast whilst ministering to fever patients. Poor Joe would stand in the street and preach to a lot of us youngsters, who didn't pay much attention to him, pointing his fingers this way and that. But now the years have passed by I am satisfied that whether poor Joe's fingers pointed north, south, east or west, they pointed to Heaven.

THE FEDERAL BAND.

Latrobe in the past, as at present, had a fine institution in the Federal

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