

## PIONEER CELEBRATIONS

### 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

The 1963 Centenary Celebration in Forster was a major community milestone, focusing on the towns history and the pioneer legacy of the first European settlers.

Planning began in the early 1960's when a proposal was put forward to then Stroud Shire Council regarding the recognition of the early settlers to the area. This set in motion the planning and erecting of a monument dedicated to such families.

The sandstone monolith, possibly acquired from the Coolongolook rock quarry, was transported by barge down river to the Forster punt approach. It was then loaded onto a sled for the bullock team, driven by Arthur "Purdy" Palmer to be pulled to the location of Mark, Breckenridge and McIntosh Street, being the vicinity of George Garlick Godwin's homestead.



### THE PIONEER MONUMENT

TO COMMEMERATE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SETTLERS TO THIS DISTRICT.



The memorial stone was unveiled by the Hon. C.A. Kelly M.L.A. Chief Secretary Minister for Tourism on the 5th October, 1963. Following this the celebrations began with a street parade led by a bullock team and residents dressed in period costume. Activities at the local recreation ground included wood chopping, egg and spoon and three legged races.

A heritage display at the hall exhibited a collection of pioneering relics, old photo's and historical items for the residents to view.

GEORGE GARLICK GODWIN AND FAMILY, JANUARY 1862 and other early settlers.  
Many of the Godwin descendants are still living in the area as well as other descendants of the pioneers who came after, being a large part of the development and history of our beautiful area.

