

Heron Cove Research

Dolphin found at Newport, Crystal Bay:

http://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/whales/sighting_details.cfm?obs_id=89

1920; Jack Miles, the Avenue, Newport, set up boat building and engineering business at Old Mangrove Bay, Newport

Sydney Items by "Observer."

SYDNEY TO NEWPORT.

On Saturday last a large number of excursionists availed themselves of the holiday to visit Newport, which is situated at the head of Pittwater, about three hours steam from Sydney; and as there has been for some time continual allusions to the attractions in and around its locality, I took a ticket at a cost of 5s. for the trip, and must say the amount was well spent, the excursion turning out pleasant beyond all expectations. On landing at Newport, with an appetite sharpened by the steady steam trip of fifteen miles to Barranjoey, against a light north- easterly breeze, and being composed by the smooth run of four miles up the Pittwater inlet, **the sight of a good supply of peaches with the bloom on them, pears, apples, and passion fruit, etc., beneath a tent erected by some enterprising' local farmer, was a welcome surprise, and it is needless to say the fruit suffered severely.** After this the Newport Hotel was visited, and, as dinner was ready, this had to be attended to at the moderate cost of 1s. 6d. ; but, the time being limited, the roving portion of the excursion began, and I soon found **beautifully-shaded glens, with picnic parties sitting upon beds of light green moss, beneath broad-topped trees. There were ferns of many kinds to gather ; the native cabbage-tree, rock lilies, and stag horns, could be seen growing to perfection ; and then the climbing-plants attached from the bottom to the top of the high gum trees, and drooping, in naturally-formed festoons, 'from the ends of each bough to the ground, and, passing on to other trees, formed a picture not soon forgotten.** Afterwards the sea beach was reached in about three quarters of a mile from Newport, and we learned of numerous caves to visit, but they were left for a more convenient time, and the fear of being too late for our steamer soon brought us to **Newport beach, where oysters are numerous;** and there must be good fishing ground near, as some fair samples were hauled ashore by those people who, came prepared with lines and other articles.

It is lucky the caves and other things we heard of did not tempt us, for it was not long after reaching the wharf that the **Illawarra's** whistle gave its last shriek, and we were -just arranging how to while away the time on the homeward trip, it never being considered pleasant to go back the way you come. On turning the first point after leaving the Newport wharf, a beautiful scene of hill and dale on both sides of the noble expanse of the

broad lake-like Pittwater, with bold grotesque shaped sandstone headland projecting at numerous parts on both sides, and neat white sandy beaches nestled at the ends of irregularly formed bays, stretching 4 miles to Barrenjoey on the west side, and to the Hawkesbury Head on the east, with an island in view between these points, of couchant lion shape, as if guarding the entrance of the angry sea when setting from east to west, and on turning Barranjoey Head for home to observe the created waves dashing against the rocky projections causing white fairy like foam for a moment, and at times when dashed high enough, the prismatic colors of the particles of sea water were so brilliant that one might be excused for wishing they would not fade so soon. At this stage of the trip, however, the pleasures ended for me, as the steady rolling waves caused curious feelings, culminating in irregular movements over the side of the steamer, and making me wish myself safely moored in Sydney, as was the case at 7.20 p.m.

Sydney Items by "Observer.". (1881, January 6). *The Maitland Mercury & Hunter River General Advertiser* (NSW : 1843 - 1893), p. 6. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article814463>

EXTENSION OF THE PENNY POSTAGE AREA.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Monday 10 November 1902** p 7 Article

... EXTENSION OF THE PENNY POSTAGE AREA. The Commonwealth "Gazette" Gassotto " contains a formal mal notification that **Pittwater** (**Newport** and **Bayview**) view) is now included in the Sydney metropolitan penny postage area. , ... 33 words

1928; tree lined bays with occasional seaside home

PITTWATER. (1928, January 2). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 4. Retrieved November 9, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article16431002>

FISHERIES MATTERS.

A meeting of the Fisheries Board was held on Wednesday, when a number of important matters were dealt with.

An oyster lessee wrote in reference to 12,400 yards of oyster foreshore which he, proposes to secure for fattening and cultivation beds in the Newport Arm of Broken Bay. He intended to undertake oyster cultivation on modern scientific and practical lines, and asked for authority to lay down protecting dwarf walls at various places to prevent the seas which occasionally break in the Pittwater bays from washing the oysters away. He proposed to put down some thousands of bags of oysters as soon as the desired permission was granted. The board, while approving of the scheme, found that it was a matter for the Navigation Department, and referred the question to that body.

FISHERIES MATTERS. (1906, July 6). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 3. Retrieved November 9, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article14783997>

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954) **Saturday 1 January 1881** p 5 Article

... steamer excursions to Chowder, Athol Gardens, "Vaucluse, Clontarf, Fern Bay, . Tennyson, **Newport, Pittwater, and Broken Bay. The Kameruka and the Hunter, steamers, will proceed to Newport.**

Blackfish are being caught freely at Bayview and Newport on rods and hand-lines with sea moss halts. The fish are plentiful round the various wharves of the Pittwater arm of Broken Bay. and the species being just now in the pink of condition are welcome dishes for hungry folk. Blackfish are equally plentiful along the ocean frontage close to the rocks, anti rock-Ushers are becoming adept at using a lone- lantiing.net to get them out.

ANGLING. (1910, June 11). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 16. Retrieved November 9, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article15129289>

Objections to Extensive Oyster Leases.-recently the Fisheries Board decided to lease 10,000 yards of foreshore In Pittwater to an enterprising man for oyster-fattening beds. The area was not continuous, but scattered around Pittwater, Bayview, Newport, Careel Bay, The Basin, and Saltpan Point. Several objections were, however, referred to the leasing, residents having water frontages urging that there would be depreciation of their property, interference with their water. approach, and deprivation of not-fishermen by taking away their hauling grounds. They, also pointed out that unsightly stakes and stonebeds would be only on the leases in connection with oyster culture, and that the sewage from houses round this arm of Broken Bay would make the oysters dangerous food. Mr. F. Farnell (chairman of the board) and Mr. J. A. Brodlo (chief inspector) paid a visit to the place a few days ago to investigate the validity of the objections, and reported that none of the objections was tenable. Provision had been made for boat access to properties abutting on the lease, the hauling grounds were not to be leased, the Navigation Department had no objection to the erection of ballast walls to protect the oyster banks at Careel Bay and Saltpan Point so long they did not extend further out than low water mark, and there was no danger of the oysters becoming affected by sewage. With this report before it the board decided to grant the majority of the leases, but set apart Towler's and Lovett's Bays and other parts used by the public for public oyster reserves.

FRANCE REFUSES SOCIALISM. (1906, August 4). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 10. Retrieved November 9, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article14791145>

A Meeting of the residents of Pittwater was held on Saturday evening at the Bolton Hotel, for the purpose of urging the Government to make the road from the Lagoon to Newport. Mr. Crawford, who was voted to the chair, explained the object of the meeting, and drew attention to the state of the road, which in some parts was almost impassable. He stated that he was convinced it was only necessary to bring the matter under the notice of the Minister for Works to get the work done. After several speeches had been made, the following gentlemen were appointed to form a deputation to wait upon the Minister :-Messrs. M'Koowa, Dr. Tibbitta, J. Riley, B. James, and F. Smith.

NEWS OF THE DAY. (1883, March 28). *The Sydney Morning Herald* (NSW : 1842 - 1954), p. 7. Retrieved November 9, 2011, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article13531240>