

## The Bakery at Kallista

The Bakery at Kallista had an interesting history involving a number of families over its years. When Belgrave Road was made in 1914, a triangle of Gilmour's land in South Sassafrass (now Kallista) was cut off at the corner of The Patch Road. It was there that Mr F. T. (Tom) Le Juge built his general store and bake house in 1914. The bakery was directly opposite the present Kallista Primary School in the area of the current nursery.

Le Juge had been an early settler who had set up the first bakery at Sennitt's Corner in

The Patch and had been delivering bread in the area in 1898. He then opened a bakery in Emerald in 1904 before building the South Sassafrass bakery. Le Juge went on to later buy Roberts' Bakery in Monbulk in 1930.

In 1920 the Bakery was purchased by R.V. (Bob) Wiley who, with his family, played an important role in the community for about ten years. During this time South Sassafrass became Kallista.

Early in 1931, Allen and Linda Graham and their children Jack, who was nearly 8, Jean 3,

and baby Marjorie (Pop) came to live in Kallista. The Grahams bought the Store and Bakery from a Mr Batstone. Alan and Linda's youngest child, Lesley, was born in 1934. They raised their family in the residence behind the shop.



Kallista Bakery Shop 1938 at the corner of Main and The Patch Roads Kallista. Built by Tom Le Juge in 1914. Demolished 1946-7

Allen Graham would bake his bread very early in the morning. During the war there was a shortage of petrol so when doing the more distant deliveries to places such as Sassafrass, Selby, Ferny Creek, and One Tree Hill, he would deliver it by horse and cart. For the nearer customers he used his baker's van.



Kallista Bakery. Ern LeJuge, Bill Coleman, Emilie and Norman Wiley, in T Model Ford - Dudley Dethridge c1926

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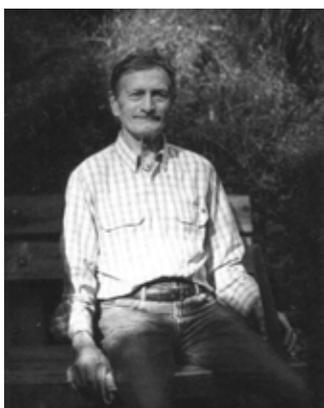
The Grahams were very involved with community affairs. The children went to the Kallista Primary School and took part in productions put on to raise money for the school and hall. In September 1932 the Kallista Cricket Club was formed with Allen Graham as President.



Kallista Bakery - from School side. Jean, Lesley, Marjorie (Pop) and Jack Graham 1937

The Grahams kept the Bakery until after the Second World War and then continued to live in Kallista after the Bakery was demolished in 1946-47. Their family all married and also continued to live in the area. Jack married Elizabeth Earney, Jean married Vic Resson, Pop married Donald Argoon and Lesley married Bob Maxwell. Lesley Maxwell (nee Graham) shared her life story with Monbulk Historical Society in 2003 and it was published in 'Patch Pioneers Volume 2.

Sadly Lesley passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Our condolences go to her family.



#### VALE DAVID WILSON

It was very sad to farewell David Wilson, a MHS long time member. David grew up in Kallista and shared his wonderful memories with us all. David passed away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June after a long battle with cancer. A valued member and friend who will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Janet and their family.

## Celebrating 'History Week'

Monbulk, Kallista & The Patch

Monbulk RSL  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
2016

10.30am - 1.00pm

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