

“The Pioneer”

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“The Wild Colonial Girl”



There were only two "female bushrangers" in Australia, one of them was Mary Ann, wife of Frederick Wordsworth Ward (Captain Thunderbolt). Little is recorded on the life of our female bushrangers. In the case of Mary Ann, she is responsible for Fred Ward being at large for so long. "Mrs Captain Thunderbolt," wife of NSW's last "professional" bushranger was the wildest colonial girl of the 1860's. Her husband's six and a half year "career", the longest of any bushranger in Australia, was due to her assistance. Without her there would have been no Thunderbolt, for it was her devotion and support that made Thunderbolt so successful. Mary Ann Ward or Mrs Thunderbolt had four children while being pursued by police and citizen possies. Mary Ann Bugg was born in Monkerai on May 7th, 1834. Her father was a shepherd for the A.A Co. and her mother was an Aboriginal woman from the local Gringgai tribe. Mary Ann was obviously a very intelligent and smart woman. She was also reported as being very attractive. She was only slightly darker of complexion than most countrywomen and had European looks rather than Aboriginal. Her weakness was that she fell in love with the "wrong man" but even there, she was proud of her association with Ward. Several times Mary Ann put herself in the line of fire to save Thunderbolt. She was beautiful, educated and knew the native ways of the bush.

Booral, Stroud and the surrounding areas were where Mary Ann & Thunderbolt spent a lot of their time over the years. They met in the main street of Stroud in Nov 1848, & were married in St Johns church - Stroud in Nov 1860.

To find out the real story of what happened to Thunderbolt after Mary Ann's death in Nov 1867 read this book:

“THUNDERBOLT” – Scourge of the ranges - \$25 - G.James Hamilton with B.Sinclair

‘R & R’ Property has arranged a book signing by Mr Barry Sinclair – Captain Thunderbolt Family Historian researcher and Direct Descendant of Captain Thunderbolt on Saturday May 8th 11am – 2pm.

Come along, buy yourself a copy, meet Captain Thunderbolts relative and have your purchase autographed.

We will be celebrating the opening of our new Bakery – “Ma Bakers”

Special thanks go to Barry Sinclair for permission to reproduce the only known photograph of Mary Ann Bugg (above) and reproduce material from his website : users.tpg.com.au/users/barrymor/thunderbolt.html

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FOR SALE



15 Lowrey St, STROUD

\$270,000

Charming 2 Bdm plus sleepout weatherboard & terracotta tile home on approx 1100sqm. Lovely sunny Family room with combustion wood fire and air conditioner. Air conditioners in bedrooms. Formal lounge room. Beautiful gardens creating privacy. Sunny front deck. Weatherboard & terracotta tile garage. Lovely street appeal and overlooks historic St Johns church. Only a minutes walk to shopping and town facilities. Perfect location in a quiet street.



15-17 Wye St, STROUD

\$395,000

5 large Bdms plus office brick & tile home on approx 1 acre-in 2 x separate titles. Spacious and modern interior. Family room with combustion wood fire. Formal lounge & Dining. Main with walk in robe and ensuite with spa. Queenslander room with pool table. Split system air conditioners. 8m in ground swimming pool. Town water & sewer. Quiet side street short drive or walk to shops. Rural outlook.



77 Cowper St, STROUD

\$415,000

2 x separate commercial sites. (Freehold-buildings for sale only) In the heart of Strouds main street shopping strip. Both with excellent tenants. Separate 2Bdm residence at rear with huge potential and could be easily filled with a tenant due to the lack of rentals available and the constant enquiries received. Set on 297sqm site. Opportunity to purchase Commercial Buildings in Stroud which very rarely come up for sale. GST will be applicable upon purchase.



"Nevermore" 37 Terreel Rd, WARDS RIVER

\$489,000

Charming 2 Bdm weatherboard home on approx 28 acres. Home includes combustion wood fire and split system air con. 2 x lge dams. Wards River meandering through. 4 Bay machinery shed, 3 bay garage, 2 car carport, teenagers retreat or granny flat. Cottage set amidst stunning gardens with mature trees. Suitable for a lifestyle change, B&B, Hobby Farm, Farm Stay or weekender retreat.



Lot 115 Mill Creek Rd, STROUD

\$620,000

Approx 100 acres in premium area of Stroud. Properties in this area very rarely change hands. Fully fenced. Colorbond shed with 3 x high roller doors and bathroom. Steel cattle yards and race. Elevated position with undulating pastures dotted with shade trees. Small percentage remains natural bushland. 5 dams – 2 being spring fed. Currently carrying approx 30 head. Well maintained gravel drive to shed from road frontage. Panoramic views.

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