

Bowan Park also known as Big Flat.

The first school was built on the property of an old pioneer of the district Mr Baker.

1st school master Mr George Stafford served from 1879 to 1884. then came Alfred Charles Nichols from 1884/5 to 1896. George Stafford introduced education for adults at night. 20 to 30 adults would attend these classes. The distance for some of the pupils that attended the school was too great to travel. So a second school was opened at South Bowan park – 28 pupils attended Mrs Fry was the first teacher then Miss McCarthy then Miss McKenzie, then Miss Clancey. Following the closing down of the butter factory in later years the drift of the population - both schools closed down in the year 1910.

The Butter factory owned by Mr Dick Reed. Farmers around would take their milk to the factory to have it separated each day. Then take the separated milk back home to feed the calves. Times came when each farmer had their own separator and many went out of dairying this caused the factory to close down. Those that did have cream, would send it into Canowindra in a van drawn by two horses.

Local Footballers rode to Bathurst to play for a benefit, then road back the same day.

William Green grew the first vineyard. He came from Ireland 1870. His stillery made wine and brandy and was where all the local lad met of a Saturday night. He also grew wheat and potatoes.

A Hawker half Irish and half Chinese sold his wares to the homesteads around the district.

The Racecourse was on the property of Mr Danial Joseph O'Neil.

First Show was held in 1906.

First Car a dodge was bought by Mr Garret Healey.

Mr John Smith bought the first sheep into the district.

Sports of the year were ploughing matches held on the local show ground. Football, cricket, tennis were other sports.

Many Kangaroos Foxes and Dingoes were seen in the district.

One of the oldest pioneers of the Bowan Park district Mr Tim Green would play the violin at all the local dances.

The story goes – an old bullock team driver that always travelled with Mr John Seale, would never pass a horse shoe, or bolt, lying on the road. He would pick them up to re-make for his team.

John Seale, Danial O'Neil and Bill Regan with their bullock teams would cart wool to the outback in exchange for flour, sugar, tea etc.