

## History of Clyde Cameron Reserve

### The Early Settlers of CCR:

Frederick and Julianna Heckendorf decided to follow his brother's glowing description of a free country with vast areas of undeveloped land and arrived in Australia in 1856 from Germany.

After trying to prosper in several South Australian locations, they followed a common German migration pattern and arrived in Wodonga in 1869 and by the early 1870's were known as dairy farmers in the area.

An original pise house or mud straw home on the bank of House Creek was the family home until the brick homestead was built nearby in 1896 on the site that is the Murray Valley Private Hospital.

The original owner's granddaughter, Alma Boyes (nee Heckendorf) acquired 400 acres when the family property was sold off in 1939. Alma's son Les Boyes and his wife Nancy ran a dairy and cattle farm here until the Development Corporation acquired their land in 1973. The area included Clyde Cameron Reserve, Willow Park and Willow Rise. The Boyes are now living on House Creek adjacent to this reserve.

The Hospital buildings were originally built as the Clyde Cameron Trade Union Training College by the Hawk Government but the 1890's home being vacant was vandalised and destroyed by fire in 2009. Only the separate garage and 2 wells on the floodplain remained. The smaller well was recently exposed after heavy rainfall in early 2019, to indicate over 100 years of pioneer dairy farming for the community of Wodonga.

