

Thomas Walker Convalescent Hospital (Rivendell)

(Entrance through the gates at the end of Hospital Road, Concord West)



Open Day

Sun. 11th September, 2011

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

On his death in 1886, Thomas Walker of Yaralla, left a legacy of 100,000 pounds to build a Convalescent Hospital on 13 hectares of his land at Rocky Point, to the west of his Yaralla Estate.

The building was designed by Sir John Sulman in the Federation style based on a pavillion format, the central block for administration with two service wings separated by Italianate Renaissance-style inner courtyards and fountains.



The two storied central block includes an intricately detailed three-storied tower over the main entrance, with its roof supported by caryatids.

One of the more famous patients was the poet Henry Lawson, who wrote "The Unknown Patient" while convalescing there.

Cost: Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Children FREE

Barbecue lunch & Devonshire Teas can be purchased on site

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL:

Contact Lois on 9744-8528

The Concord Heritage Society is privileged to be able to take you on a tour through this magnificent and historic building and some of the outbuildings and tell you a little of the history of the Hospital, Yaralla and the Walker family and their benevolence and place in early history.