

## “The Pioneer”

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**Our local bushranger the very famous Frederick Wordsworth Ward**

*“Captain Thunderbolt”*



The Legend of Captain Thunderbolt grew out of the deadly mix of the raw deal ordinary folk like him got from Crown officials and the way he single-handedly decided to jack up and defy them and the law. Everything about him was unconventional, especially his choice of an attractive part Aboriginal wife, Mary Ann Bugg, who could rightly be said to be largely responsible for the rampage they embarked upon. Without Mary Ann there would be no “Captain Thunderbolt”.

Mary Ann was wrongly arrested at least 3 times and jailed once, where it is said she first became ill, leading to her early death. He was wrongly jailed twice, and sentenced to work gangs on Sydney’s scandal ridden Cockatoo Island. His brazen escape, organised by his wife Mary Ann, launched them on a career of plunder and defiance of laws they considered corrupt. Defying convention, their bushranging was social disobedience.

It amassed for them a cult following by oppressed, dirt-poor farmers, and his popularity grew to become a threat to the very authority of the Crown. The locals protected Fred & Mary Ann by letting them know when the officials were around and lied on their behalf as to their whereabouts. The officials saw this as a threat to their control and the reaction was to strike a brutal blow designed to remove the threat permanently, by assassinating Fred. But the assassination back-fired as **they shot the wrong man**, and the embarrassed officialdom was forced to choose between social anarchy or one of the most bizarre cover-ups in Australian history, one that endures to this day. I bet like most of us you thought that Frederick Wordsworth Ward was buried at Uralla..... To find out the real story of what happened to our local bushranger you may like to read this book: “THUNDERBOLT” – Scourge of the ranges - \$25 - G.James Hamilton with B.Sinclair

**Mr Barry Sinclair – Captain Thunderbolt Family Historian researcher and**

**Direct Descendant of Captain Thunderbolt will be BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**on Saturday June 12th 11am – 2pm for another book signing. Come along, buy yourself a copy, meet Captain Thunderbolts relative and have your purchase autographed.**

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*[users.tpg.com.au/users/barrymor/thunderbolt.html](http://users.tpg.com.au/users/barrymor/thunderbolt.html)*

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

**SOLD**



**Lot 52, 846 Bucketts Way, Stroud Road**

**\$265,000**

**Original Farm house from dairy property "Canberra"**

3 Bdm weatherboard residence on approx 1 acre. Charming circa 1930's home. Renovated Tasmanian Oak kitchen. Completely renovated bathroom, main bedroom and lounge . Open fire place. Views looking out to the surrounding mountains. Town water.

**SOLD**



**2316 Bucketts Way, Booral**

**\$360,000**

4Bdm contemporary home on 1023sqm block. Rural views front and back. As new, only approx 2yrs old. Open plan kitchen and family room. Floor tiles throughout living areas. Separate dining and formal lounge. Dbl drive through garage & workshop. Fully fenced back yard. Outdoor entertainment areas. Very tidy, low maintenance property.

## NEW LISTINGS – VACANT BLOCKS

**Lot 1 Washpool Rd, Stroud**

**\$18,000**

1 acre camping block in quiet bushland setting, with lovely distant views overlooking Booral Village.

**Lot 3, 24B Bucketts Way, Wards River**

**\$35,000**

Approx 710sqm block in quiet village setting. Tar road frontage. Power to boundary.

**Lot 1, 37-38 Bucketts Way, Wards River**

**\$45,000**

Approx 908sqm block in quiet village setting. Tar road frontage. Power to boundary.

**Lot 2, 13 Ward St, Wards River**

**\$50,000**

Approx 1012sqm block in quiet side street. Tar road frontage. Power to boundary.

**Lot 3, 37-38 Bucketts Way, Wards River**

**\$45,000**

Approx 862 sqm block in quiet setting of Wards River. Tar road frontage. Power to boundary.

**Lots 1 – 4 "Cotswold Park" Simmsville Rd, Stroud - Strouds Premier Address**

**\$116,000 ea**

Choice of 4 prestige blocks approx 1150sqm each with 23m frontages, tar road access, power, telephone, water & sewer available. Option of Individual home design of your choice - **FREE**. Stroud valley views, yet only minutes to town centre.

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