

# GARTH'S POINT



Edward Garth (1840 - 1921) was the first European settler on the free selection of Warawiba in what is now known as Mannering Park.

He owned eighty acres in Mannering Park north of Waverley Road, including The Point.

He was the licensee of the Bridge Hotel, which was the first building of any kind in Wyong.

Edward lived at The Point in a simple hut. He had a smoke house for curing fish and, reputedly, also a piggery, often feeding his pigs mullet from the abundant supply in Lake Macquarie.

*Edward Garth(1840-1921) pioneer and first white settler at Garth's Point, now known as Mannering Park, Lake Macquarie, NSW.*

At The Point, Edward Garth's son, Benjamin Humphrey Garth, drowned at the age of 13 months. The little boy fell face first into the lake from a makeshift jetty. Benjamin is buried in the Anglican Cemetery in Cooranbong. The Garths had left Benjamin and two older siblings in the care of their older brother, Murray, aged 9. He had to supervise his siblings all day as well as making sure the smoke house fire didn't go out, all while his parents were away working in the bush.



*Early aerial shot of The Point*



*Vales family enjoying a picnic at The Point*

The Coroner, at the inquest, reprimanded the Garths for leaving the children under Murray's care and control for the whole day and blamed them for their son's death. Not long after this incident, the Garths left Mannering Park.



The Point became known as Garth's Point.

Edward Garth sold the 80 acres of land to Henry James Corden then James Vinrace Vale purchased it for our pounds (eight dollars) in 1911.



*Two members, Joe (left) and Max of the Catalina Flying Boat's Aircrew. The men were Javanese  
Photo taken by Thelma Wynn*

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*Catalina Flying Boat flying over The Point. Two were stationed at The Point, Mannering Park during World War II.*

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