

Lake 27/7/82

Jubilee Sketch Pages 22 & 23
By William Little a city councillor
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Ballarat Jubilee 1887

The Lake 600 acres. Foreshore 3 miles has
deep plantation fringe of *Pinus insignis*
Cupressus Lawsoniana, *Macrocarpa*, Black
& white poplar, *Acacia*, *Juniperus*,
Wellingtonia gigantea.

"Black swan wild duck water hen
& rapacious cormorant. 25 Public
& private bathhouses 135 sailing & rowing
boats 6 steamers 10 yachts 135 sailing &
3 rowing clubs & 40 boats, etc.

Botanical Gardens 83 acres acquired
1858. etc.

Among the zigzag promenades are
the willow acacia walk, the palm
walk decked with petunias, phlox
verbena geraniums, the half-acre
of pegged-down roses dispensing
the fragrance rivaling "Nard &
Cassia's balmy smells.

"Such variety such splendour of
colour such sweetness such grace
in the distribution of perfume
collected here I have never found
^{combined} before & never shall again"

The fernery 460 feet by 63 feet is the
site of rapture, the Nirvana par
excellence. There are ferns & lycopods
of Brazilian density include the
native *Dicksonia squarrosa* and
antartica, ~~but~~ *Cyathea dealbata*, Black
& white Mexican ferns intermixed with
Camelias azaleas ericas, fuchsias
climbing plants & shrubs in blazing
effulgence.

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Panoramic Views The Garden City
of Ballarat & District.

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Picture of Statuary Pavillion
looking north to Emu or Bendine & also

Picture of Botanical Gardens
showing Lions Wallace Statuary &
Entrance & hedge fence.

Black Hill & Battery picture

Black Hill was famous for its gold
production from the earliest times
The Black Hill Coy was formed in 1858
& present Battery erected in 1862.

Also pictures of early Fairland & Bats.

Illustrated "Cities & Towns of Victoria"
Golden Ballarat

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Picture -

"Botanic Gardens Ballarat
Marble Statue of Mercury"
shows layout & trees at the time.
also The Fernery House &
residence

Tuberous Begonias year
1913

Percy Symons (Hort Soc Member) congratulated
by Committee for success at Sydney
Show of 12 varieties Tuberous
Begonias. (Jeff Jordan reports of BHS)

"Tom Toop pioneered Tuberous Begonias
in Ballh" - J. Jordan quote