

Fairyland and Lake Wendouree

a Beautiful place of relaxation
and recreation - a scene of peace and
tranquility for all the family.

First reference to Lake Wendouree
- Spelvooye

Council decided in December 1857
to make a quarry on the banks
of Guille's Swamp or Lake
Wendouree

Council March 1858 the road
around the Swamp to be called
"Wendouree Parade"

Beginnings

first settler in 1838 with a sheep run

William Cross Guille's first
white man's habitation on
Lake Bergin where Pleasant
Street Primary School now stands.
Guille called it the Black
Swamp.

In 1851 the miners called it
Guille's Swamp.

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Ballaarat
A favourite camping place
for Ballaarat tribe of Aborigines
— Ballaarat ~~known~~ meaning
"resting place" or "elbow place"
because water was available

The first water supply for
early Ballaarat was piped from
the swamps to Short Street
at Lyons ^{RAGLAN} ^{HISTORICAL SOCIETY SAYS LYDIARD ST.} ^{OR?} Street where a water
pipe stand was installed & water conveyed by
water tankers around the city.
? LATER TO LYDIARD ST - PETER BOTTER'S TALK

Lairdland — from early
days a favourite spot for
picnic ^{ers} [&] rowing family
outing, ^{Hired} boating trips through
the calm, ^{and} ready waters
Motor boats [&] ^{pleasure} steamers, &
rowing boats & yachting ever
so popular past times — Volume
of Racing ferry and boating caused
accidents

In 1870 James Ivey invented
 a machine to cut down rushes
 and ^{lake} reeds - a steamer type but was not a
 success.
 He built a huge shed near
 New Point (later occupied by
 the Yacht Club and subsequently
 removed)
 Here he moored a fleet of 3
 Pleasure Steamers

- Queen
- Prince Consort
- Ballarat.

a year earlier
 In 1869 Thomas Gill had
 the first steamer for hire
 known as "Wendouree"

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4 Cole (800's of 1860's) & UNTIL EARLY 1970'S
From early days there were
three who operated Steamers ^{MOTOR BOATS} and a large
fleet of ^{rowing} ~~hired~~ boats - ; "The Golden City" originally
owned by Thomas Edward Gill
& later followed by his son

Douglas Alfred Gill
and later his sons
Chris Harry and Tom Gill
They ^{operated} the Steamer "Golden City"
until 1966 then sold to a Caribbean
Garden's operator ^{which uses} repurchased back
in 198? now being refurbished and
ready to start again in a few
week's time -

The "Gem" and "Lord Roberts" ^{historical} ^{gatch}
owned and operated by Bob Jayton
^{also hired out} with a large fleet of family ^{SIZED} rowing boats
from a huge shed and jetty next to the first
yacht club ^{shed}.

Bill Luke with his sons
owned and operated a
motor boat the "Nelson" for many
years ^{also} owned and hired a fleet of
rowing boats

Fairland⁽⁵⁾ — white swan
a home and nesting haven
for water birds of many ~~kind~~
kinds for centuries past.

now we have black swans,
black ducks? teal ducks. Water hen?
" musk ducks" — Seagulls

coots diving up and down
all at home nesting around the area
and rearing their young.

Tom Toop, James Oddie on birds