

## HUME & HOVELL TIMELINE - ALBURY

- 1824 November 16-20, arrived at Hume River and travelling downstream to find a crossing place they camped nights 16/17 at Dights Hill. Both Hume and Hovell marked trees to show where they first met the river. Hovell's tree remains today, the inscription has gone but is duplicated on a nearby plaque 'HOVELL NOV<sup>R</sup> 17/24'  
November 18 camped at Mungabareena (Albury Waterworks area)  
November 20 Crossed the Hume River a little above the Mitta River junction.
- 1825 January 3, re-crossed Hume River on the return journey at about the current Bethanga Bridge area, about one mile north of the original crossing place.
- 1848 Hume's tree was damaged by fires lit by passing stockmen who often camped nearby. The tree died and eventually fell into the river following erosion of the bank
- 1853 Hovell on a return trip to Albury had a fence erected around the Hovell tree.
- 1858 Hume, when visiting brother-in-law John Dight at Bungowannah Run, showed Dight the tree he blazed with an 'H' at the western turn-around point downriver on the day of November 17, 1824.  
An ornate marble monument was erected at the site of Hume's tree at the 'Crossing Place.' The convenor was Robert Brown.
- 1859 During a visit to Albury, Captain Hovell re-cut the inscription on the tree he had marked in 1824.
- 1883 Thomas Boyd, one of Hovell's assigned servants was an official guest for the opening of the Sydney-Melbourne rail link at Albury.
- 1884 In March the Hume monument was unveiled after its relocation to the Albury Botanic Gardens.
- 1924 November 16-19 week-long celebration activities took place with the unveiling of a bronze plaque on the outside wall of the Albury Council Chambers (now Murray Art Museum Albury – MAMA).
- 1973 Centenary celebration of the death of Hamilton Hume. On Friday November 16, at 3pm, the annual gathering at the famous Hovell Tree.
- 1974 150th anniversary celebration at the Hovell Tree was marked with the planting of five eucalyptus trees by members of the Hume and Hovell families – Ross Hovell, Margaret Spinnay, Stuart Hume, Tom Mitchell and Mrs A Quiggan, President of A&DHS. An additional plaque was attached to the Tree to commemorate this event.
- 1975 Centenary celebration of the death of William Hovell.
- 1988 A special walk over the full distance of the Hume and Hovell Track was conducted to Woomargama. The event saw walkers cover the full distance, matching date, locality and daily distances of the 1824 expedition.

- 1999 Parklands Albury Wodonga completed the final section of Hume and Hovell Track to Albury stretching north through farmland to the established track end coming out of Woomargama State Forest at Tunnel Road. It was opened in 1999 in time for the 175th anniversary celebrations.
- 2012 November 22 – A cloned Hovell tree was planted at Lake Hume Bay by the Woolshed-Thurgoona Landcare Group on the 188th anniversary of the crossing. The tree needs signage and a protective fence. Other trees placed are at Ebden, Tatong, Deer Park, Beveridge, Broadford and Werribee.
- 2018 At the opening of High Country Rail Trail a sign was placed at Ebden cloned Hovell Tree by Albury Wodonga Parklands. The sign highlights the crossing of the Hume and Mitta Rivers.
- 2024 Bicentenary activities and the Hume and Hovell Monuments Bike Ride. Landscaping of garden surrounding the Hovell Tree.

