

ART EXHIBITION

At Annandale's Hunter Baillie Church Hall.
Cnr. of Johnston and Collins Sts., on
October's 8-Hour Day Weekend.

Alderman Bill Hume will open the exhibition at 8.00 p.m. on
Friday, 3rd October.

A Tour of this famous Blacket Church
with recitals on the fine Hill Organ, will be
part of the exhibition, proceeds of which will go to the restoration
of the Church.

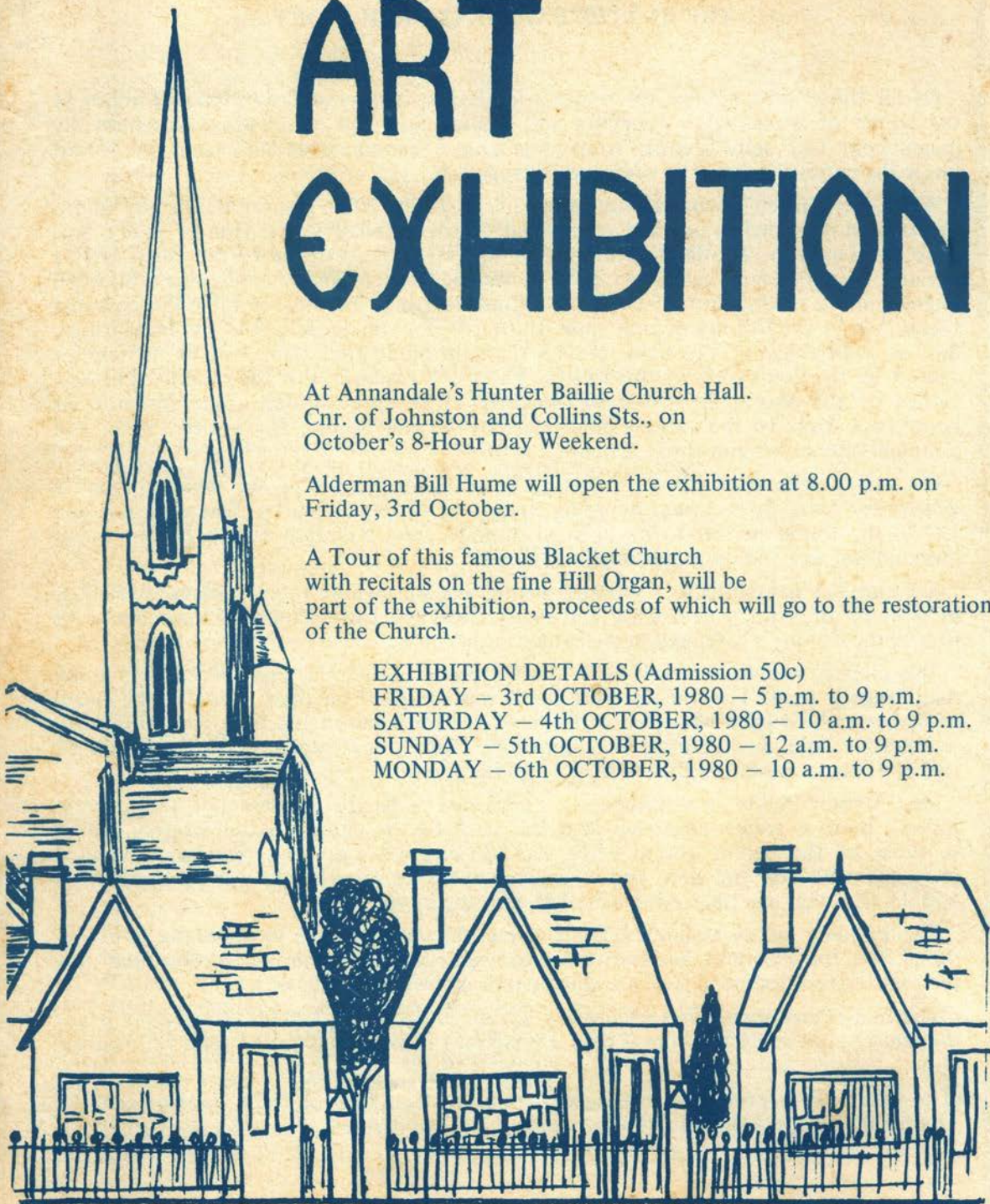
EXHIBITION DETAILS (Admission 50c)

FRIDAY - 3rd OCTOBER, 1980 - 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY - 4th OCTOBER, 1980 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SUNDAY - 5th OCTOBER, 1980 - 12 a.m. to 9 p.m.

MONDAY - 6th OCTOBER, 1980 - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



THE HUNTER BAILLIE CHURCH STORY.

Of all those who stream by the Hunter Baillie Memorial Presbyterian Church at the corner of Annandale's Johnston and Collins Sts., and of all those to whom the magnificent 182' spire is easily Annandale's most recognizable landmark, few would know the curiously romantic origins of this church.

When this church's foundations were laid in 1886, John Hunter Baillie, to whom the church was dedicated, had been dead for over thirty years. Hunter Baillie was born in Hamilton, Scotland in 1818 and migrated to Australia in the early 1840's because of indifferent health. In 1844 he married Helen May Mackie, also a Scottish migrant and a sister-in-law of Dr. John Dunmore Lang, the most notable Presbyterian Clergyman in the Colony at that time. Hunter Baillie, immensely able and industrious, did, as a Director of the Bank of N.S.W., help guide that Bank out of difficulties caused by the depression of the 1840's. The rapid expansion of the banking business caused by the great gold rushes of the early 1850's necessitated numerous arduous stage-coach trips to the various gold-fields by Hunter Baillie. His health broke, and although only in his mid-thirties, he died in 1854.

His young wife took his death badly. Married for ten years, she would remain a widow for forty-three years, devoting herself to Christian works. When, in the late 1870's she found herself to be in a position to erect a church as a memorial to her husband, she insisted upon nothing but the best.

She engaged as architects, Cyril and Arthur Blacket, whose father, Edmund Blacket, as architect of Sydney University and many churches, had established himself and his firm as the Colony's foremost in Architecture.

The church was to be built of White Pymont Sandstone, not the cheaper brick then usually used. For the interior there was designed an open medieval tie beam roof, fine stained glass windows, cedar pews, a carved pulpit and font, rich stonework and marble, and finally, there was imported a very grand organ, made by Arthur G. Hill of London, which, at that time, cost 4,000 pounds.

Mrs. Hunter Baillie was intimately concerned with the planning of the church. Indeed, there is some suggestion that the style of the church is deliberately similar to those of the earlier period when she was married. Certainly, she twice rejected plans submitted for the spire and it was not until the spire height was increased from 150' to 182' that she finally was satisfied with the design.

The building, as an example of late neo-gothic architecture in Australia is exceptional, but the Pymont Sandstone has over a century been prone to wear, and now the basic restoration need is to prevent further intrusions of the weather.

The State Government has generously advanced a sum of \$60,000 to weather proof the church, but sadly this sum is only a small part of what is required for a full restoration.

(The historical information contained herein is taken from a 1973 booklet entitled 'Hunter Baillie' by Alan Robert and Elizabeth Malcolm).

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