

APPENDIX B

Peter Lalor Syndicates (or Groups)¹

1. O'Connor Syndicate

Jim O'Connor (Stockade builder)

Bill Syme (Stockade builder)

Clive Lawson (Stockade driver)

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Doug Russell (Stockade driver)

Ern Smith (Stockade plumber)

Dave Burgess (plasterer, withdrew)

Alan Rose (painter, withdrew)

2. Watson Syndicate

Bert Watson

Ernie O'Brien (neighbours O'Brien, Hertzog and Londrigan all helped each other)²

Bernie Keyes

George Wells (withdrew after foundations dug and poured)

Ashley Conroy (withdrew)

Henry Bridge (withdrew)

3. Lonne Syndicate

Ken Lonne

Bill Nelson

Maurie Nelson

4. Wigman Syndicate

Phil Wigman

1. The information on syndicate groups is based mainly on oral testimony. Two syndicate agreements have been located (O'Connor and Watson Syndicates) and the Michael syndicate was reported in the press.

2. It is unclear if this was a formal syndicate. According to Jude Davis (Hertzog's daughter) it was not.

Frank Gregor

Jack Wallish

Roy Wicks

5. Follett Syndicate

Jack Follett (Stockade tile maker)

Ron Moore (Stockade tile maker)

Plus two (unnamed) who withdrew

6. Martin Syndicate

Harry Martin

Reg Lynch

Allan Ramsay

Hugh Indian

7. Michael Syndicate

Vic Michael

Bert Ansell

Percy Murray

8. Charters Syndicate

Jim Charters

Jim McVicar

9. Skinner Syndicate

Gordon Skinner (Stockade carpenter).

George Mackenzie (Stockade caretaker and hardware store manager).

Les Bethune (did plastering at Lalor with Jack Dacey)

Roy Gray

Plus two (unnamed) who withdrew

David Archibald. (George Mackenzie's brother-in-law took over a partly completed home from Les Holland. Some suggest he joined this syndicate to complete that house.)

Jack Dacey (plasterer with Bethune) may also have been in this group.

10. Uncertain Grouping

Doug Bellinger (Stockade tile maker)

Percy Kearney

11. Grouping that was probably not a formal syndicate³

Jack Harvey (Stockade foreman and builder, mostly self-built, but they helped each other)

Arthur Harvey (Arthur's house was probably partly built by the PLHBCSL. Brother Jack is also attributed with building Arthur's house, though Arthur undoubtedly helped.)

Alby Dixon (Jack and Arthur's sister Jean married Alby's brother, Harry Dixon) Jack helped build Alby's house.

12. Failed Syndicate

Frank Hawkins (He was forced to self-build with contractors)

Bob Stanford (withdrew)

Bill Farnell (withdrew)

Norm Griffiths also took over a partly completed house and reportedly joined a syndicate to complete it. However, which one it was is unknown

3. Jack Donnelly thought these three were in a syndicate together. In several instances individuals were mentioned as being in a group, but it was not certain which one. Also, the prefabricated building products and collaborative building ethos means that often there was a blurring of memories between those who were building themselves but with considerable help, and those in formal syndicate arrangements.