

DR. BUCHANAN DRIVE
(Research by the Coolamon & District History Group)

In December 1910, Dr. Duncan Buchanan was a medical practitioner living in Melbourne when he answered, an advertisement inserted into the “Melbourne Argus” and “Sydney Morning Herald” by the Grand United Order of Oddfellows Lodge (Coolamon) calling for a qualified Doctor for the town. Dr. Buchanan answered and he was appointed on the 14th March 1911.

Dr. Buchanan would go onto become one of Coolamon’s most respected Medical Practitioners.

A tribute, unique probably in the annals of New South Wales, which demonstrated the communities appreciation of the Doctor and his wife occurred on the 10th June 1932 when in Furner’s Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan were presented with a sedan motor car, fully equipped, registered and insured. The Motor car, the total cost of which exceeded 400 pounds was a gift from the residents of the Coolamon district in recognition of their self-sacrificing services to the community over a period of 21 years.

The presentation was made in the presence of one of the largest gatherings ever seen in Coolamon.



Dr. D. Buchanan (standing), Mrs. Buchanan in driver’s seat