

Neil Cunningham & Noel Strack were talking about the original road from the Diggings back to Nebo and later on, the road we know as the Diggings Road joined on at the Broken River crossing at the Diggings.

Neil: Bulls as in bullocks and that 's where they used to spell the bullocks after delivering gear to the Diggings Mine and before heading back up the Stark Track back to Nebo. But it is called the bull paddock and there was an old rogue bull running there for years. Grandfather told me that this black fellow ended up killing the bull with an axe, but the bull must have been had it for him to be able to do that.

Noel: Might have run him into a tree and an axe was all he had to hit him with.

Neil: The slip rails must have been on the boundary of the block that Laurie Hansen and Troy McEvoy have. Old Laurie when he first got the block walked for ages to see if he could find any evidence of it, but it's long gone, too many bull dozers and too many bush fires.

Del: Find evidence of what?

Neil: The old post and rail gateway.

Neil. The old road used to go up Websters Gulley, and around the Lady Norman up to the Quarry and up the head of Red Gulley and up across and come out where the track goes in where Cotter has his gear there. In along that gulley when the grass was short you could see the old corduroy crossings in the gulley. They were still there 40 years ago, but I bet if you went there you would still find them.

Noel: Yes bits and pieces of them.

Neil: It was all messmate.

Noel: That's what they reckon that down at Koumala, the corduroy was all messmate.

Del: What is corduroy?

Neil: You lay logs down to drive over because it was really muddy.

Noel: Just cut them the width of the track and just lay them.

Neil: Lay them cross wise.

Noel: Put them across the muddy patches so they wouldn't get bogged all the time.

Neil: Yesterday a few blokes were talking about the jail at Hatton. The first jail was a big messmate with a few heavy chains spiked to it. If you played up, they hooked you up with one handcuff and that is where you stayed. Then they built a bit of a jail house there, but the only Jail I knew is where the existing one is now.