This book tells the story of a small part of the coast of New South Wales: Bawley Point, Murramarang and Kioloa; with some mention of Durras, Pebbly Beach and Termeil. Why this small area? And why me? The two questions are certainly connected. My parents, Les and Alma Hamon, moved to Bawley Point in 1918, when I was less than a year old. I lived there till 1930, and have been back there every year since, so I have known the place for about three-quarters of the time since its settlement.

The idea of writing a history of the area came late. When the Kioloa property, one of the early grants in the area, was given to The Australian National University in 1975 by Joy London, the ANU asked one of their historians, the late H. J. Gibbney, to collect material and prepare a history. Unfortunately, he was not spared to complete the job.

Mrs Lorna Froude and Mrs Dorothy Watts took the project further, but were unable to finish it, so it landed on my plate. My main aim has been to present the history of the area since first European settlement. The pre-settlement background of the district has been covered already in several publications, so is mentioned only briefly here.
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