Across the road (on the Mayfield Sport and Recreation Club site) was one of the Chinese Gardens which supplied Mayfield residents with vegetables. They had no machinery and watered the gardens by hand from a well. Each market gardener had a draught horse and wagon to sell the vegetables door to door.

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The first school in Mayfield, a slab and shingle hut, was built on this site, which was part of Crebert's land in the 1850s. Peter Crebert, a vine dresser from Germany, came to Mayfield in 1853. He planted vines and produced the first wine in Newcastle. The school was called Folly Public School. Children from the river islands (which today make up Kooraingang Island) would row to Inglis Street wharf and walk up the hill to the school. How different would schooling have been 100 years ago here at this school?

In the 1920s an amateur archaeologist called D.F. Cooksey, who lived in Mayfield, discovered many Aboriginal artefacts on the banks of the Hunter River. He tried to establish a museum in Newcastle, but was unsuccessful and so sent the items to England.

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