Transcription

Hollow Trees – Rex Wheeler Interviewer Suellen Florer Interviewed 13/09/09 Transcribed 13/12/09

"Going back to Eungella again, Eungella Station, going back this is when the natives's were bad, going mustering and had to be home, Eddie McEvoy had to be home every night, his wife had a little baby, had to be home. So we were out mustering and there was a cloudburst we were out the other side of Hazelwood Gorge and we had quite a few cattle. Anyway there must have been a cloudburst because Hazelwood Creek come down in a big flood, impossible to get cross, we had to get home Eddie had to get home to his wife. Anyway those days everyone carried a horn saw for wild cattle and that and we knew on the bank of Hazelwood there's a big old hollow tree just a shell. So we got there and we cut this tree down cut right through and it fell across the Gorge across Hazelwood Gorge, beautiful, right through and it was hollow and big enough to put all the cattle through so we started off and got about half them through, the cattle and some silly bugger cracked a whip and it took us three weeks to muster them out of the branches."