



George Alexander Cruickshank (1853-1904)

Member for Gwydir (New South Wales) 1901-1903

George Cruickshank was born in Dubbo, New South Wales. He was educated at the Collegiate School, Bathurst and travelled extensively overseas before settling in the Inverell district, where he was a successful grazier. He represented Inverell in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly before entering the Federal Parliament.

Cruickshank, a Protectionist, was elected as the member for Gwydir in the House of Representatives in 1901 at the first federal election. Highly regarded for his dedication to his local area and constituents, Cruickshank retired from Parliament in 1903.

A generous man and philanthropist, Cruickshank died in Bowral in 1904.

The electorate of Gwydir was named after a local geographic feature (Gwydir River, named after Lord Gwydir. Gwydir is also an Aboriginal word meaning 'red river banks').