



Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc.

MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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Cnr Myokum & Stuart Streets MULLUMBIMBY 2482

OPEN: TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS 10 AM – 12 PM

MARKET DAYS (3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH) 9 AM-1 PM

A NAUTICAL FAREWELL TO 2018



Society members enjoyed a wonderful morning on the high seas with Simon and the crew from the Eco Rainforest River Cruise, aboard the well appointed 'Jasmine'. The trip along the beautiful Brunswick River from the Boat Harbour to Mullumbimby and return was accompanied by interesting commentary from Simon on the importance of the River and the health of the waterway.

Locals and visitors alike were fascinated to see sea grasses upstream of the Ferry Reserve Caravan Park, the changes in riparian vegetation as the journey progressed

upstream and numerous sea birds including Osprey, Brahminy Kites and Sea Eagles.

As well as the natural beauty of the River, Simon spoke of the practical use of the Bruns in the past to float cedar logs to waiting ships at the Heads, the fishing industry, changes in water quality over time due to human activity and, with assistance from society members, he told tales of river crossings, ferries and bridges.

BEN FRANKLIN MLC ANNOUNCES FUNDING

In January the Parliamentary Secretary for Northern NSW joined Society volunteers for the formal announcement of the grant of \$59,075 from the Federal Government's *Stronger Country Communities Fund*. Mr Franklin acknowledged the role BVHS plays in capturing and preserving the region's history at the Mullumbimby Museum.

As we previously advised in the November Newsletter, the funding is gratefully accepted and will be used to install insulation and line the Machinery Shed exhibition space, upgrade lighting, paint a historical mural on the side and repaint the main museum building. Work to relocate exhibits into temporary storage will commence



shortly under the watchful eye of our Project Manager, Dave Sharonowitz (front right of photo).

GREAT NEW PROJECT FOR NORTEC PARTICIPANTS

Nortec Project Co-ordinator Sarah Newsome is pleased to announce an exciting new initiative for Nortec participants who will digitise records for storage off site. The project will ensure the security of a major part of our document collection so that they are intact in the unforeseen event of a disaster at the Museum.

Our historical photographs are currently stored offsite and this project will compliment our disaster recovery plan.

OYSTER CULTURE LEASE No. 3885

LOCALITY Brunswick River



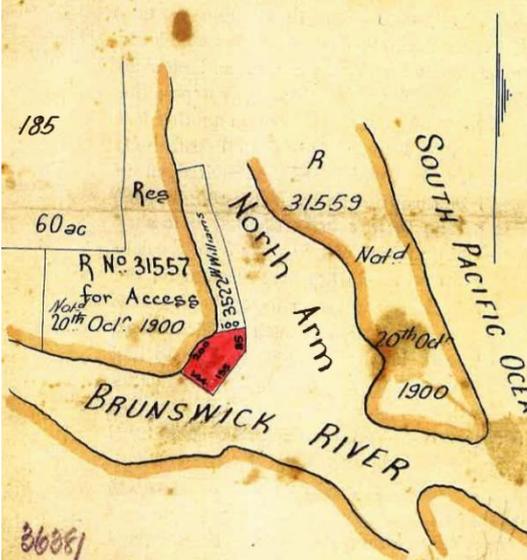
EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: —

Whereas in conformity with the "Oyster Fisheries Act of 1884" application has on the eleventh day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and two been made by William Williams, Labourer of Ballina, in our State of New South Wales, for an Oyster Culture Lease of the Crown Lands hereinafter described: And whereas the Commissioners of Fisheries have duly caused a notice of such application to be inserted in the Government Gazette of New South Wales, published on the Twenty first day of October one thousand nine hundred and two and in the Richmond River Times (a newspaper circulating in the Police District within which the said land is situated), published on the Thirteenth day of November one thousand nine hundred and two.

Now Know Ye that, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, We do hereby grant unto the said William Williams who, with his executors, administrators, and assigns, is hereinafter referred to as the Lessee, an Oyster Culture Lease of All that piece or parcel of Crown Lands in the County of Tous Parish of Billinudgel at Brunswick River containing an area of about six acres.

Diagram
Scale 20 Chains to an inch.



commencing at a stake marked Oyster Lease N° 3885 on the line of mean high water mark on the Western bank of the North Arm Brunswick River at the South Western corner of W Williams Oyster Culture Lease N° 3522 and running thence generally South Westely along the line of mean high water mark in all two hundred lineal yards thence by a line bearing South Easterly about one hundred and forty four lineal yards into the waters of Brunswick River aforesaid thence by lines bearing North Easterly about one hundred and ninety five lineal yards and Northwesterly about eighty five lineal yards respectively to the South Eastern corner of Oyster Culture Lease N° 3522 aforesaid thence by the Southern boundary of that lease bearing Westely about one hundred lineal yards to the point of commencement

This Oyster lease taken out by William Williams on 11th August 1902 on the Brunswick River for an area of 6 acres is an example of the documents that are being scanned.

Joseph Bede Kelly - Squire of Tyagarah

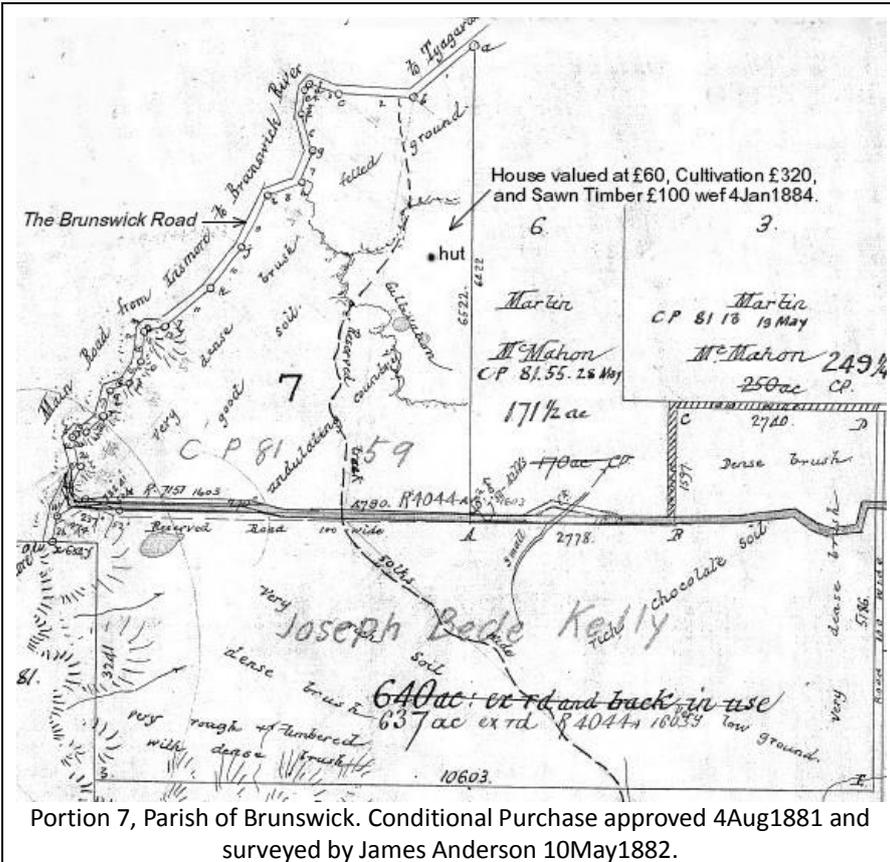
J.B. Kelly, destined to play a large part in the development of the Brunswick district, was born 1May1855 at Popran Creek near Gosford. His grandfather, **Edward Kelly** of Bruff, County Limerick, Ireland, had been sprung for stealing in 1818, aged 27, and penanced to 7yrs atonement in Australia, leaving a pregnant wife **Mary** (nee **McGrath**) and children Honora aged 8, Catherine 5, Mary 4, and John 2. Edward Jnr popped into the world whilst Edward Snr was enjoying the sea voyage.

After undergoing most of his rehabilitation programme on a convict road gang at Parramatta, freeman Edward Snr managed to score a grant of 50 acres at Popran Creek in 1826 to become the first settler in the district. Sixteen years later he was reunited with wife Mary and sons John and Edward Jnr., Honora having died 1828, Catherine 1841 and Mary unknown. Shortly afterwards John and Edward Jnr each had their own farms along Popran Creek.

At Gosford on 10Oct1844 **John Kelly** married a neighbour, 24yr old **Mary Bevan**, the daughter of Joseph Bevan of Glen-Bevan, near Bluff, Limerick, and begat 3 daughters and 5 sons, **Joseph Bede** winning 6th spot in the birth order stakes. Edward Jnr married Hanna Byrnes 1845 and begat 3 daughters and 6 sons, grandson Rev Dr **Patrick Charles Cregan**, serving as a parish priest at Lismore and Murbah in the 1890s before rising within the hierarchy of the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Joseph Bede was educated at Fort Street School in Sydney and upon graduation *entered the Surveyor-General's Department as a cadet*, passing his exams and qualifying as a licensed surveyor in Dec1878. After a stint in Orange he was appointed assistant Government Surveyor with the *North Coast Survey Department* at Grafton, from where he travelled overland to *pitch his camp at Postman's Ridge* (about where the Lismore Base Hospital now sits), and *laid out sections 26 to 33 inclusive* (the block bound by Ballina, Leycester, Dawson and Hunter Streets) *of the future town of Lismore...*, taking out a few lots himself in the subsequent auction, a practice carried on over his surveying career.

He continued to work for the Government, but became so enamoured with the big scrub that in 1881 he selected a homestead for himself and eventually settled on 640 acres of the famous Tyagarah cedar scrub five miles from Byron Bay...



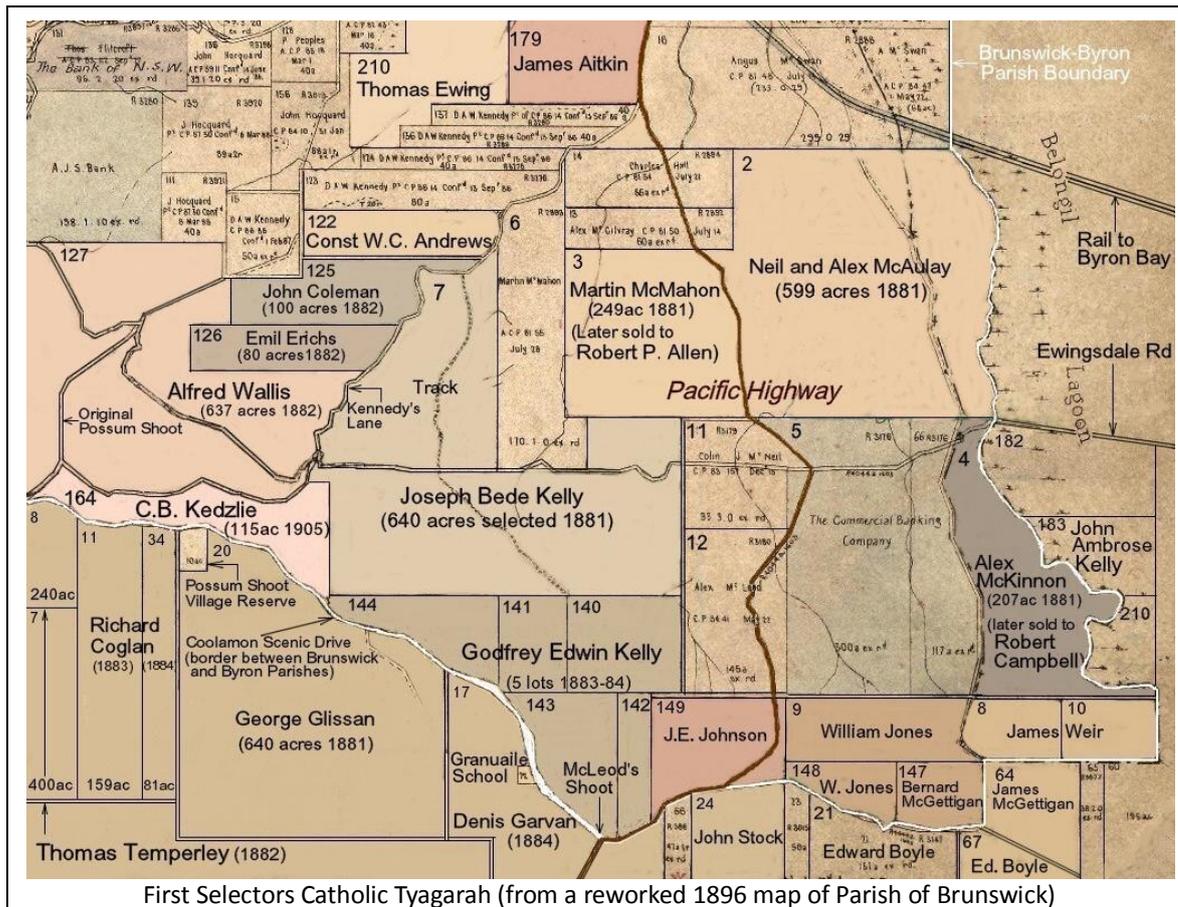
Mr Kelly was a staunch advocate for the development of the district along scientific and up-to-date lines. He took a leading part in the formation of the butter factory at Byron Bay and... was foundation chairman of embryo Norco.

His Brunswick selection had about a mile frontage to what became Kennedy's Lane, Tyagarah, which in turn formed part of the 'Brunswick Road'. In 1883 his brother, **Godfrey Edwin Kelly**, selected 5 blocks on his southern boundary totalling 362 acres. Godfrey was active in the Byron Bay Progress Association and the Jockey Club, but in 1891 installed tenants or share farmers at Tyagarah and acquired a property at Doon Donn near Uki, dubbing the place 'Kellara' and milking cows for the next 28yrs before handing over to a share farmer and returning home to a farm at Popran, Lower Mangrove. His name was the first to be placed on the roll of St Joseph's College,

Hunter's Hill..., which he attended as a 14yr old in 1879, the same alma mater as Fr Cregan, the first ex-Joey's student to become a priest.

Meanwhile JB was making his mark locally. He became active in the Brunswick Progress Association upon its formation in early 1883, but by late 1883 was involved in getting a rival organization started at Byron Bay, the formation of which eventually led to a regional split into two fiefdoms with competing interests. Under Kelly's helmsmanship the Byronians

steamed ahead while the Brunswick sailed into the doldrums, necessitating the appointment of three Byronites as trustees of the Brunswicks cemetery in Mar1885 (Kelly of Tyagarah, **Robert Campbell** of Bangalow and **Edward Boyle** of St Helena).



First Selectors Catholic Tyagarah (from a reworked 1896 map of Parish of Brunswick)

At a Byron Association meeting at Jarman's pub on 24Oct1885 Chairman Kelly explained at a considerable length..., that the Brunswickers wanted to amalgamate and wished to lay before this committee certain proposals by which a union might be effected if we could come to terms... **Mr (Peter) Nelson** (who was the chief Brunswick spokesman) said that it was desired that the Association when amalgamated, was to be called "The Byron Bay and

Brunswick Association"; and that every alternate meeting was to be held at the Bay and Brunswick.... The Byronians said 'no thanks' and the associations sailed away on separate courses, with Kelly continuing to steer the good ship Byron to line honours. (He also played a steering role in *The Alliance of District Progress Associations*, formed in 1887 by Prog Assocs across the Richmond-Brunswick region. He was Chief Helmsman by 1890).

As the Byronians watched the last piles being driven for their jetty in Feb88 they started laying the groundwork for their next demand - getting a dogleg deviation to the proposed railway route to make the Bay the hub of the region. By Sep88 the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner* was getting concerned that Clarence interests were being sidelined because of the lobbying of a *Sydney syndicate that has large properties in the vicinity of what is known as Byron Bay...*, and Kelly's surveyor mate, **Thomas Ewing MLA**, was singled out as *working in with the party referred to....* Eight months later the *Lismore Chronicle*, pushing for Richmond River entrance improvements, joined the Byron bashing when it looked like the breakwater to Juan and Julia's Rocks was a goer. *We did hear that one of these land-grabbers went into parliament especially to serve his own purpose* (presumably Ewing)....

The *Examiner* followed up with an editorial on 31Aug89, stating that most regional rags *all condemn... The Byron Bay Job... in no measured terms..., and that... Mr EWING* (owner of the 800 acre farm 'Unara' at Bexhill), *and Mr GARVAN* (MLA Eden, with large Bangalow land interests) *do not represent the views of the people.... But the Northern Star and Richmond River Express* supported the jetty, harbour works and railway deviation. **J.B. Kelly** was one of the few supporters to stick his head up with defensive letters.

At a meeting held at Mr Kelly's (in Jun1890), *a resolution was enthusiastically carried. "That this Association views with satisfaction the recent action taken and resolution passed in Lismore RE Lismore-Tweed-Railway and Byron Bay breakwater, and entirely agrees with... the desirability of marking in a special manner its approval of Mr T.T. Ewing's action; and this Association desires to record its high appreciation of Mr Ewing's services....* The *Examiner* got a bit overwrought and reckoned that there were **FIVE PERSONS PRESENT** (Messrs. **Jarman, O.B. Wareham, J.B. Kelly, F.V. Wareham, and James M'Gettigan**)..., deciding what's best for the region.

While resentment of 'the Byron' continued to grow, the railway deviation went ahead. As well as Byron Bay now included on the rail route, Mullumbimby also scored a spot on the line, winning resentment from Brunswick Heads. In early

Sep1891 **Robert Palmer Allan**, the brother-in-law of **Ewing MLA**, paid an extraordinary £600 for **William House's** 50 acre selection adjoining the proposed Mullum railway station, then had a chunk of it subdivided into 264 lots by surveyor **Joseph B. Kelly**.

Only 6mths earlier the Minister for Works had arrived in Lismore for the '*turning of the first sod*' to formally launch the railway. *The party met with ovations everywhere, great parties of horsemen assembling day by day, and proceeding with them almost the whole of the journey...* from Lismore to Mullum. *Over 100 horsemen escorted the visitors to the Bay. The town was decorated with bunting and triumphal arches. Fifty persons attended the banquet in the evening, chaired by J.B. Kelly* of the well-oiled machinery of the Byron Bay Progress Association.

At the close of 1891 Kelly's prominence was such that he was given the honour of cutting the ribbon to formally open the Mullumbimby School of Arts. On 'Anniversary Day' 1892 he was also present for the opening of the Brunswick Heads School of Arts, of which he was the major donor of books to form the new library.

Sugar and Cream

In the meantime he had been one of the leading agitators for sugar cane growing to make the district economically viable. Atkin's Sugar Mill had appeared at Tyagarah in 1887 and with the advent of the railway Kelly figured *the whole of the route was more or less suited for cane growing...*, with the produce exported through the Bay. At a meeting in Lismore in Dec1890 he and his mate, **John Macgregor** of Myocum, the current manager of the *Richmond River Sugar Company*, Rous Mill, were appointed to the committee to push the matter, and in Aug1892 he was secretary of a meeting at Mullum, attended by potential growers from Burringbar to Tyagarah. Eight months later it was reported that *The patches grown by Messrs Kelly, Macgregor, Reddacliff, Chisler, and others on the Mullumbimby road are looking splendid...* He was also secretary of "A Monster Meeting" held at Clunes on 29Jun1893 to consider the *Cane Industry Along the Railway Line* in conjunction with a *Central Creamery for the Richmond River...*, attended by **Ewing MLA** and other heavies. At a follow up meeting the growers decided to form a cooperative, but by this time enthusiasm for cane was on the wane and the cow was gaining the ascendancy. The switch from cane to dairying accelerated after Premier Reid's Free Trade Government lifted the duties on sugar in mid 1897.

The initial meeting to establish the central creamery had been held at Clunes in Dec1892, Kelly taking a prominent part and elected as one of the provisional directors in Jul1893. In Nov1893 the directors of the nine existing creameries in the neighbourhood voted to make Byron Bay the central site, while Kelly proposed forming a co-operative and the selling of shares to finance the venture.

By the time of the first meeting of shareholders in the North Coast Fresh Food and Cold Storage Co-operative Company, called by chairman **J.B. Kelly** in Jun1894, they had sold 3300 £1 shares, Kelly holding 550 and making him the largest shareholder by far. By then he was well-known throughout the region and was drafted to represent the Protectionists in the new Electorate of Tweed at the State Election of 17Jul1894.

Politics

For this election there was a redistribution, the old three-member seat of Richmond giving way to the new single-member seats of Ballina, Tweed and Lismore with a first past the post voting system. Anglican **Ewing** elected to stand in Lismore, Presbyterian Sydney resident **John Perry** in Ballina, and Presbyterian Sydney resident **Bruce Baird Nicoll** in Tweed.

The Tweed had a different flavor to all other regional electorates and had a heap of Labor-biased railway navies and camp followers influencing the voting. Kelly won Murbah, Mullum, Byron Bay and Byron Creek (Bangalow), but not enough to beat Laborite **John Willard** who won the big navvie booths of Burringbar and The Pocket (Billinudgel). It didn't help that five Protectionist candidates split the vote, Nicoll coming home third in the popularity stakes. (Kelly's leading advocate in the Mullum district was **John Macgregor** of Myocum, while in the Murbah district it was rumoured that **Fr Patrick Kenny**, Parish Priest of Murbah and a classmate of **Fr Cregan** at All Hallows College, Dublin, advocated Catholic Kelly from the pulpit.)

It then came to light that Willard hadn't fulfilled NSW residency requirements, prompting Kelly to launch a petition to have the election result overturned. The courts agreed and a new election called for 6Dec1894, at which Kelly's main competitor was Catholic lawyer **J.P. Garvan** of Byron Creek also standing as a Protectionist. (Garvan was MLA for Eden

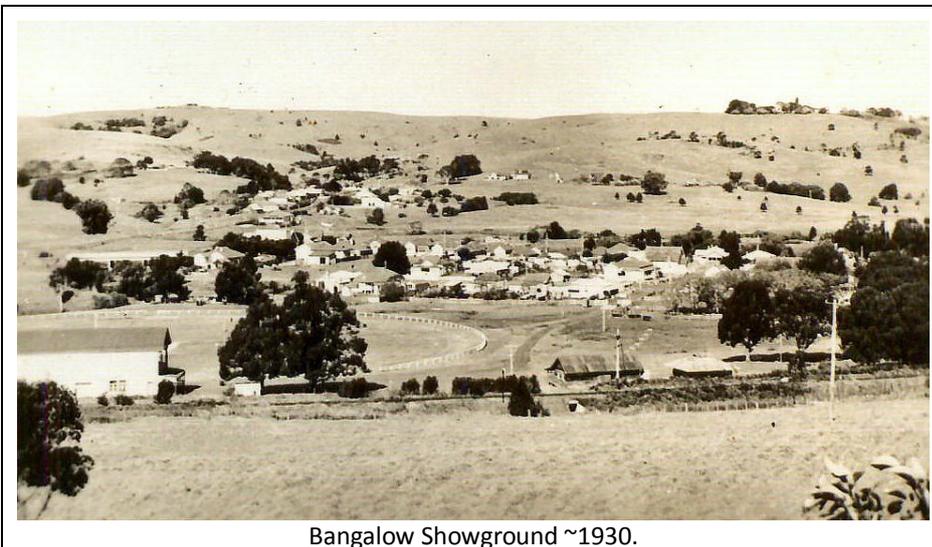


1880-94 but decided to contest Tweed after his defeat for the seat of Bega 12Jul1894). Garvan claimed Byron Creek, Tumbulgum and Tweed Heads, but Kelly won the other 7 booths, scoring a seat in parliament and necessitating his resignation from the chairmanship of Norco. His properties, now including 300 acres near Murbah, were left in the hands of share farmers.

In Jul1895 another election came around and at a political meeting at Mullum's School of Arts *A motion "That Mr Kelly is a fit and proper person to represent the electorate in Parliament" was put by Mr MacGregor, seconded by Mr H.R. Owen, and carried by a large majority...* And it came to pass that the recalcitrant Mullumites gave the nod to Independent Protectionist **Norman K. Ewing**, solicitor of Murbah and brother of Thomas (now MLA for Lismore), but the other 9 booths in the electorate went with Catholic Kelly, giving him 52% of the vote. The exodus of the remaining Labor-voting navvies had followed the opening of the railway 24Dec1894.

At the next election in Jul1898 the punters once again ignored Presbyterian Macgregor's strong support for Catholic Protectionist Kelly, who was turfed out by a smooth-talking Sydney Catholic lawyer, **Richard Denis Meagher**, standing as an Independent Everything. He came promising the world, regularly repeating the mantra *"I've never seen an electorate so neglected."* The booths at Byron Bay, Byron Creek and Coorabell overwhelmingly stuck with Kelly, while the Mullum contrarians had just as strongly fallen for raconteur Meagher, who scored 64% of the electorate vote. Said Macgregor: *The conflict is over... Truly may ...we... exclaim "O tempora! O mores!" ...eloquence and oratory have subverted our balance.* Macgregor's judgment proved correct, and Kelly never forgave the trusting Tweedies for falling for Meagher's spin, rejecting their subsequent call for him to re-nominate.

In Sep1898 the Byron Bay Progress Association placed *on record the services of the late member for the district...*, and in Feb1899 met to plan the *Kelly Testimonial*, at which meeting his strongest opponent at the election, Proprietor Nicklin of the *Tweed Herald and Brunswick Chronical*, said *Mr Kelly's name today stands second (if not first) on the roll of pioneers who battled against overwhelming odds in starting off God's best gift to the Richmond and Tweed districts - the North Coast Cooperative Creamery. For that reason - one out of many we might quote if the space was available - the 'Tweed Herald' asks for a liberal filling of the subscription lists to be sent out at an early date.*



Bangalow Showground ~1930.

Kelly opened a private surveying business in the AMP building, Magellan Street, Lismore in Feb1899, but retained an active interest in Byron/Brunswick goings-on, and remained as Patron of the *Bangalow Agricultural and Industrial Society*, whose show he opened in Mar1899. He was elected vice-president of the Lismore Chamber of Commerce in Nov1900, shortly to become its long-serving president.

Lismore

His first major undertaking in Lismore was to rally support for a new North Coast daily newspaper to give Catholics a voice over the perceived bias of the other regional rags. Canvassing for subscribers, shareholders and financial backers started in late 1904, with Kelly, **T.J. McIntyre**, **Thomas McDermott** and **Albert Belson**, late of Mullum, as provisional directors. (Belson arrived from Maitland in 1898 and established 500 acre 'Bella Vista' at Mullumbimby Creek). Later Catholic shareholders and directors included **Patrick McMahan**, 'Sugar King' of the Tweed, **Robert Campbell**, founder of Bangalow, and **James Francis O'Flynn**, mayor of Lismore 1889-1891 and 1896-1899.

By Dec1906 they'd raised the capital to erect their own brick building in Magellan Street and in May1907 the first edition of the *'North Coast Daily News'* rolled off the press. Kelly, the largest shareholder, was and remained Chairman of Directors of *North Coast Daily Newspaper Co Ltd.*, while the first Managing Director was **Norbert Stephens**, *an active participant in church affairs.*

The first editor was staunch Laborite **Edward J. Dunn** who only seems to have lasted a few months before apparently

returning to the *Tweed Times and Brunswick Advocate*, while freelancing for the *Bulletin*. In 1910 he was secretary of the Richmond Electorate Council of the Labor Party and by the time of his death in 1932 was editor of the Lang-biased *Sydney Labor Daily*, previously having enjoyed a career with **John Norton's** *Truth* newspapers in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth.

Then followed a succession of editors, journalists and managers until Jul1912 when young **Godfrey Kelly**, nephew of Chairman J.B., was recruited from the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*. (At the same time **John Ambrose Kelly**, Godfrey's father and J.B.'s brother, became the proud owner of 70 acres in the Parish of Byron, Portion 183 in the swampy area off Ewingsdale Road.)

Godfrey seems to have hung in to the death knell, which occurred in Sep1914 when publication was suspended. They blamed 'war exigencies' and attempted to bring out *The North Coast Weekly News*, but it only seems to have survived for five minutes, getting no sympathy from **E.J. Dunn**, newly appointed editor of Perth's *Truth*, who said on 17Oct1914 that it was all due to nepotism: *Able journalists who entered its service were invariably pinpricked by noodle clerkings and young relatives of directors till they cleared out, and the noodles got their jobs and drew the increased emoluments. An insurance agent was once made "manager" (W.G. Gillett Aug1911-Aug1912) because a well-known director's missus believed in him! No paper could have succeeded, and the concern is darned lucky that it has even a feather left to fly with, or to be able to call itself the "North Coast Weekly News."*

Godfrey seems to have been editor of Sydney's *Labor Daily* for a period before joining the *Sydney Daily Mail* in 1922, at which time **E.J. Dunn** came from WA to join the *Labor Daily*, eventually rising to editor.

Coincidentally, in May1915 the eccentric Catholic Irishman **Michael Conlan O'Halloran** arrived in Lismore to establish *The Northern People*, probably rebranding the NCDN in some convoluted arrangement. He was rabidly left wing and was beaten up and had his office trashed after the first Conscription Referendum (Oct1916). At the second referendum on 20Dec1917 he was arrested and found guilty for publishing 'statements likely to prejudice the recruiting of His Majesty's Forces in Australia'. Six months later he was rearrested for 'publishing statements likely to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign Powers', and once again found guilty, probably the prompt to pack up and leave town around the end of 1918, and for the first time ever leaving the Presbyterian-flavoured *Northern Star* with no competitors.

Kelly Retires

Coincidentally, **Joseph Bede Kelly** also decided 1918 was a good time to retire to his birthplace at Popran. In the meantime he had become heavily involved in church affairs and become the strong right arm of **Bishop Doyle**, in particular helping the Bishop launch his project for the building of St Carthage's Cathedral and the rebuilding of St Mary's Convent. The latter was opened on St Patrick's Day 1906 and the Cathedral in August the same year, Kelly being one of the main guarantors for the huge debt (along with **Thomas McDermott, Thomas McIntyre, Daniel Buckley**). At a ceremony in the Cathedral in Mar1909 Kelly, McDermott and **Robert Campbell** were invested as "*Knights of the Order of St Gregory the Great*".

On the secular front he was actively involved in the establishment of the Canning Factory at Byron Bay, as well as finding time to lobby for the establishment of a new jetty at the Bay and the Tenterfield-Casino railway. He also *took a keen interest in the Tuckean drainage scheme and was one of the foremost men in the various agitations to improve the scheme, right up to the last inquiry....*

He was on the *executive committee of the Tenterfield-Casino Railway (Richmond) League...* and over many years often led delegations to Sydney. The *Byron Bay Co-Operative Canning and Freezing Co Ltd's* new meat works was opened by Perry MLA in Oct1913, employing 30 blokes making tinned corn beef and providing tallow, hides and blood and bone fertilizer as a by-product.

As well as his day job surveying all over the region, he continued to buy and sell farms, but in 1916 began to break up 'Tyagarah'. In Jun1916 he sold 73 acres to **F.H. Flowers** of Burringbar through the **W.A. Back** agency. In Jan1919 Back sold a further 120 acres to **S. Joyner** of Tyagarah, 74 acres to **G. Woodford**, 100 acres to **John Hart** of Mullum. The last 90 acres of 'Tyagarah' was sold by Back in Apr1933.

In Mar1918 Kelly took in fellow Catholic **Stan Hosie** as a partner, advertising themselves as *Engineers, Surveyors and Land Valuers*, and sometime later that year transferred the practice to him. Stan, the nephew of Presbyterian banker **Edwin James Hosie** of Mullum, went on to become the third Catholic mayor of Lismore.

Bachelor Kelly was firmly ensconced on his property at Popran by early 1919, looking after his three spinster sisters and

becoming active in the *Lower Mangrove Progress Association*, while still making regular visits back to the Northern Rivers to monitor progress on his pet projects. The NCDN drifted on as a ghost entity until he initiated the appointment of receivers in May 1925 to wind up and dissolve the partnership. In Oct 1926 the *Northern Star* transferred its wholesale stationery Department to the building, and in Apr 1927 **Patrick McMahon** organized the auction of the long-dormant printing machinery and office fittings.

On 11 Jun 1931 the *Gosford Times* said *A dreadful shock was inflicted on the whole community by the sudden death of Mr Joseph Bede Kelly, KSG, on 5 Jun 31, after he collapsed and died while mustering cattle on his property at Popran, Lower mangrove.... His unexpected demise will bring a sense of personal loss to communities in many parts of the State, for wherever he lived he not only compelled admiration by his peerless qualities but inspired affection by his vivacity and charm, his convincing manner and striking personality and his simplicity, the invariable quality of the truly great.... The funeral which took place at the local Catholic Cemetery on Sunday afternoon was one of the largest ever seen there.... He came of a deeply religious family and led an exemplary Christian life....* and left an estate valued at £23,450 (~\$2.13m in today's dollars).

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You, your family and friends
to attend the

OFFICIAL OPENING

by
The Hon Thomas George MP
Member for Lismore

of the new

KYOGLE MUSEUM

featuring an exhibition of - **KYOGLE IN 100 OBJECTS**
on Saturday 9th March 2019
at 10.00am AEDST

The Official Program will begin in the
Kyogle Memorial Institute Hall
Summerland Way, Kyogle, NSW, 2474

Followed by cutting of the ribbon at the front of the Museum
19 Bloore Street, Kyogle

Complimentary Morning Tea will be served in the KMI supper room



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All members are invited to contribute to this newsletter

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Alternatively email to:
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NEXT MEETING **Tuesday 12 March 2019 12.30pm** **See you there!**

*Deadline for agenda items
Friday 8 March 2019

MUSEUM HOURS **Tuesdays & Fridays 10am - 12pm** **Market Saturdays 9am - 1pm**

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MUSEUM HOSTING TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

BVHS Inc's Mullumbimby Museum is hosting a new exhibition from the Australian National Maritime Museum that uncovers Australia's fascinating shipwreck history.

SUBMERGED

STORIES OF AUSTRALIA'S SHIPWRECKS

The exhibition opens **Tuesday 12th February** and runs until **Friday 22nd March**.

68 Shipwreck stories were nominated and 14 of the most compelling were selected to feature in the exhibition.

PS Wagga Wagga was the last operational paddle steamer on the Murrumbidgee River. It had spent 40 years plying the treacherous waters between Hay and Wagga Wagga before it hit a snag and foundered in 1913 at Narrandera. Screw-driven steamer *Wollongbar (II)* was carrying cargo when it was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and sank at Crescent Head near Port Macquarie in 1943.

The exhibition also features wrecks of merchant vessels, trawlers, schooners, whalers and a submarine. The oldest wreck featured is WA's *Batavia*. Its 1629 loss on Beacon Island, and subsequent mutiny, is one of the most dramatic events in Dutch and Australian history.

Other wrecks include *Sanyo Maru*, a Japanese motor vessel lost in 1937 in Boucaut Bay NT, British merchant ship *Sydney Cove* lost in 1797 off Preservation Island, Tasmania and the Fijian fishing trawler *Degei* which struck rocks on Donington Reef, SA in 1974.

The exhibition also features one shipwreck from outside Australia – Australia's second submarine **HMAS AE2** which was lost in 1915 during the First World War in the Sea of Marmara, Turkey.

Schools & Community Groups welcome by appointment.

DON'T FORGET!!

New monthly meeting times this year – 2nd Tuesdays at 12.30pm
2019 Membership Subscription is due now!



BRUNSWICK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. MUSEUM RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

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What's On at Lismore Regional Gallery



The Terania Creek Protest

An exhibition of photographs, archival material, film and music generated to protect the rainforest at Terania Creek.

16 February – 7 April 2019

11am Thursday 21 February: Floor Talk with Michael Murphy and David Kemp

11am Saturday 2 March: Floor Talk with Hugh Nicholson

image: David Kemp, *Terania Creek Protest* 1979, inkjet print from photographic negative, 63 x 48cm, courtesy the artist

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