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NEWSLETTER

July 2019

IMPORTANT VISITORS TO OUR MUSEUM

On Thursday evening July 4, **Fire and Rescue NSW Station 388 Mullumbimby** visited the museum to update their Pre-Incident Plan (PIP). These are developed within their fire district, together with managers and business owners, for various buildings and critical infrastructure (shops, businesses, industrial premises, schools, public places). The PIPs allow them to know better what to expect when responding to incidents in these locations.

It also gave BVHS the opportunity to give a guided tour not only of our exhibits but also indicating the best access points, power location and the full layout of the building. Even though it was a site-specific drill, lots of fun was had. The 'Furies' enjoyment of the museum was infectious.



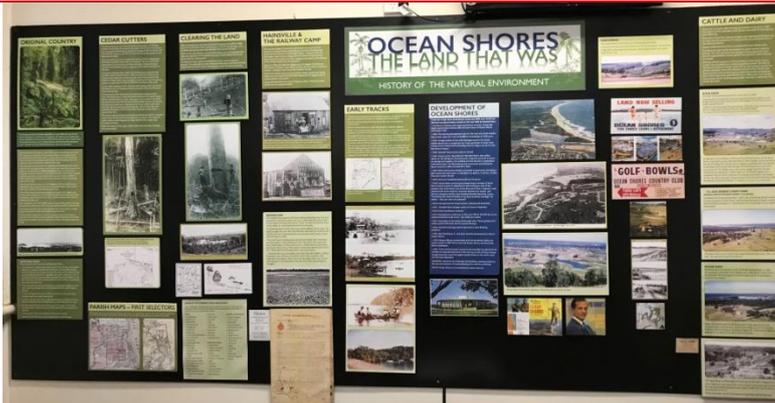
Above left: Finally, a briefing in the shed (after checking out the progress of the refit) before members returned to the station.

Thanks to Station 388 Mullumbimby. It was a very worthwhile visit for all concerned.



Above right: The crew behind the post office counter.

Right: It was not all work. Couldn't resist a photo opportunity



NEW EXHIBITION

Thanks to Sarah, Liz and the Work Experience Participants we have a very informative display on ***Ocean Shores The Land That Was***.

It is worth lingering a while and exploring what Ocean Shores was like before and during the development. This is not the full display. Great work ladies.

The Sectarian Stairway to Heaven

In 1886 the match between Protestants and Catholics in Lismore kept the whole country entertained, thanks to **Mrs Edith O'Gorman Auffray**, an ex-nun who came to the Albert Theatre in Keen Street to give a series of lectures *on the evils of convent life*, at which Jewish Mayor **Dr Ludwig Bernstein** refused to referee the first meeting on 23Oct1886.

At the second lecture on 26Oct1886 500 Protestants engaged 300 Catholics with riding-whips, lawyer-cane, sticks, chairs, horse-shoes, eggs, stones and flour-balls, while women and children escaped through the windows. The third lecture scheduled for 28Oct86 was cancelled after the Catholics threatened to pull down the theatre and the Orangemen threatened to pull down the Convent buildings.

The lecture scheduled for 3Nov86 was postponed at the urging of police, now supplemented by mounted troopers and 128 specially sworn-in constables, all armed. All the pubs were closed and all traffic diverted from Keen Street, but 1200 still gathered outside the theatre, despite Dean **Doyle** keeping all Catholics away. And **Ms O'Gorman** walked away with more money made in Lismore than in any other part of her tour so far.

Fifteen Catholics and five Protestants went to trial, all Protestants discharged and 11 Catholics found guilty, the worst offender given 3mths in gaol and the least offensive given a £40 fine. The *Northern Star*, owned by Anglican Englishman **William Kelleway** was neutral, but accused of Catholic bias, while the *Lismore Chronicle*, owned by Presbyterian Irishman **Robert G. Balmer**, championed the cause of the Protestants. (*The Northern Star* was on the market at the time of the riot and sold to Presbyterian **Thomas G. Hewitt** in Jul1889. The *Chronicle* went belly-up in 1911.)

Local Presbyterian population growth continued to outpace the State average, a development brought about by the ambitions of the Rev **Dr John Dunmore Lang**, the fiery Scottish Presbyterian preacher, populist politician and anti-papist, who played a large part in encouraging Scotsmen to populate Northern NSW. The inheritor of Rev Lang's pulpit was Presbyterian Irishman **Rev Dr William Marcus Dill-Macky** who formed the *Protestant Defence Associations*, establishing the one at Mullum in Mar1903 during his triumphal march through northern NSW. Two years later his brother, the **Rev Richard Dill Macky**, was appointed to the 'Byron Bay Charge' (encompassing the area from Broken Head to Crabbes Creek and inland to Nashua).

Mullumbimby

By 1933 the **Rev Lang's** migration ministrations, coupled with the phenomenon of chain migration, had resulted in the Mullumites enjoying the distinction of having the proportionally largest Presbyterian enclave in the Richmond-Tweed region (18.6% v. 15.1%) and double the state average (9.9%).

Nevertheless, the Catholics were first on the Mullum scene with a church in Stuart St in May1900. In Nov1907 **Bishop Doyle** opened the new St John's across the river, at which ceremony **W.J. Reilly** said *that one of his proudest boasts was that every denomination helped one another in Mullumbimby....* Next on the scene was the Salvation Army in Sep1900, with a Barracks/Citadel erected in Dalley St. They'd had a hard time getting established in the region, ex-Presbyterian Scotsman but now Anglican convert, Cannon **Robert Kirkwood Ewing** of Lismore, leading the fire and brimstone charge.

The Presbyterian church was opened in Stuart Street in Jun03 and 12mths later Catholic Irishman **W.R. Reilly** purchased the old School of Arts and converted it into a residence for Scotsman **Rev C.H. Hain**, the first Presbyterian Minister inducted to the Byron Bay Charge in 1901. The Anglicans decided to build following an Aug04 meeting of 500 people at the School of Arts, at which some people weren't happy *about untoward remarks* by Englishman **Rev Edwin J. Dodd** of the Anglican Parish of Byron Bay *about another denomination. Several prominent and staunch Church of England adherents regret the fact, recognising that in a small community like this, there is no room for religious intolerance.*

Governance

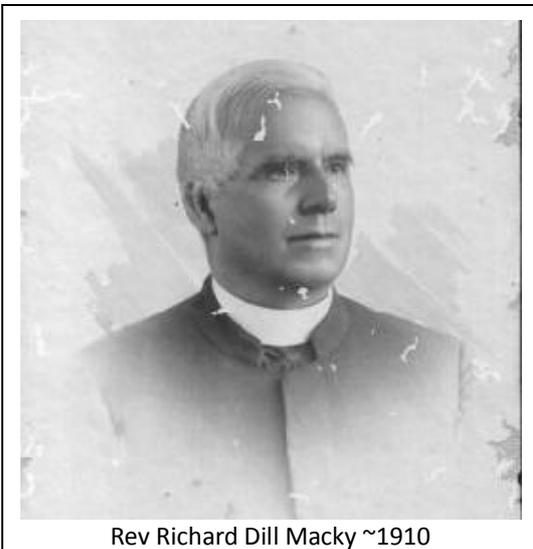
In 1908 Lismore-born Presbyterian **Joseph Hollingworth** was elected Mullum's first mayor, ably assisted by Presbyterian aldermen **Thomas Torrens** of Kiama, **James Davidson** of Scotland and **John Stewart** of Scotland, with Catholic alderman **William Reilly** of Ireland playing the devil's advocate alongside Methodist **William Baker** from South Australia. (And of the 8 candidates who missed out at the election, 5 were Presbyterian. Through to WW2 Mullum had 8 mayors, 4 of whom were Presbyterian, 3 Methodist and 1 Anglican, very disproportionate to Mullum's religious distribution of ~17% Presby, ~13% Meth, ~37% Anglo, ~23% Cath, ~10% Other/Unrecorded.)

In Sep1906 Irish Envoys Donovan and Devlin visited Mullum on a money raising mission to fund the campaign for Home Rule, resulting in formation of a local support committee. At the 6th anniversary celebrations of Mullum's *Loyal King*

Edward Orange Lodge in May 1907, the Rev **Richard Dill Macky** said *The men who advocated Home Rule were under priestly dictation.... But Ulstermen were Protestants, and they would not be priest-ridden.... The Roman Catholics were now running after the Labor Party....* At the annual "12th of July" celebrations the following year the Rev Dill Macky said *They all loved Roman Catholics, but pitied them because they were under such a delusion. For his part he would love and pray for them... but always aim at the overthrow of their misguided faith....*

Joe Hollingworth found that the priest-ridden were at times their own worst enemy, demonstrated in 1911 during arrangements for Empire Day. Irishman **Fr William Sullivan** of Bangalow, who included Mullum in his Parish, had been invited to give a 'patriotic address' to the school children of Mullum and on 6 May 1911 replied: *I regret that the parents and citizens of Mullumbimby think me as childish as themselves in expecting me to join with them in wishing success to the Empire... and take part in those loud manifestations of loyalty and success. Faithfully yours, W. Sullivan.*

The SMH reported that **Alderman Hollingworth** (whose brother married a Catholic) *said it was an insult to the people of the town, the Commonwealth, and the British Empire....* The *Mullum Star* carried the story on 18 May 1911, after it had already made the news in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, with variations - *If **Father Sullivan** had no more respect for his own country, or anyone else's, he was not a fit mentor for young Australians....* On Empire Day the Revs **R. Dill-Macky** (Presbyterian), **H.J. Velvin** (Anglican), **R.J. Murray** (Methodist) and **Ensign Purcell** of the Salvation Army addressed the school kids, reported with a stirring editorial on patriotism.



Rev Richard Dill Macky ~1910

The Papists got better organised with formation of the Mullum branch of the Catholic Federation in early 1914. Inaugurator **Percy Tighe**, a Catholic lawyer and political aspirant of Ballina, said *He hoped that whatever his co-delegates or himself might say would not be taken as bigotry or looked upon in a sectarian manner. The Federation is no sectarian organisation, it does not foster bigotry; its objectives are purely defensive. It is for the purpose of defending Catholics against injustices....*

Despite a few aberrations the Mullum citizens tried to play Happy Families, and at the farewell to the **Rev John Robb** in Jul 1925 after 5 yrs ministering to his Presbyterian Charge, he was praised for winning *the respect and love of all sections of the community, irrespective of creed....* *Sectarianism (of which, fortunately Mullumbimby has ever been singularly free) is severely discouraged by the reverend gentleman....*, said the *Mullum Star* just over a month since it carried large adverts from the *Loyal Orange Lodge* and *Protestant Federation* urging people to steer clear of the Catholic

dominated Labor Party in the latest NSW election because it is *A Vote for Rome....* (The Rev Robb was Foundation President of the Mullum Branch of the Protestant Federation in Jan 1921. He chaired the meeting at which the chief organizer, Anglican **Walter Henry Clutton**, a fan of the Ku Klux Klan, said *the Catholic Church was a world-wide political organization... and it was now beyond all doubt that the Roman Hierarchy had set itself the task of disrupting the British Empire....*)

Politics

In 1894 the prominent **Joseph Bede Kelly** of Tyagarah (a Protectionist) became the second Catholic to win a regional seat by defeating Catholic **James Garvan** of Bangalow (Protectionist) and Catholic **James Murphy** of Murbah (Labor) in the new electorate of Tweed. In 1895 Kelly defeated Anglican **Norman Kirkwood Ewing** of Murbah (Independent Protectionist) and Anglican **Sam Rosa** of Sydney (Labor). In 1898 he was defeated by Catholic **Richard Meagher** of Sydney (Independent).

This aberrational run of Catholics came to an end in the election of 1904 when there was a rearrangement of boundaries, the Tweed absorbed into the new electorate of Rous and Bruns/Byron hived off into the reconfigured Richmond electorate. Meagher MLA decided to go with his strongest supporters and stand in Rous, where he was defeated by Anglican **John Coleman** of Lismore, an active member of the Protestant Defence Association. *With reference to the sectarian cry, Mr Meagher said he attributed his defeat principally to this agent.... Mr Meagher exonerated the Church of England from such tactics, but denounced the Wesleyan Methodist and Presbyterian churches in scathing terms.... even the late great statesman, Mr Gladstone, would be defeated at Clunes and Eureka....* Coleman died 6 mths later and at the bye-election Meagher missed out to Presbyterian auctioneer **George Hindmarsh**. Once again he cried that all the local newspapers were against him, but... *Notwithstanding all this solid phalanx of opposition..., the vile weed of sectarian rancour was the worst....*

In Richmond Presbyterian '**Honest John**' **Perry**, ex-Ballina electorate and now standing as a Progressive, managed to scrape home ahead of Anglican **Thomas Temperley** standing as a Liberal; Catholic **Robert E. Campbell** Jnr, standing as an Independent (but was closet Labor); and Anglican **Philip Morton**, an opportunist banker of Sydney standing as an Independent Liberal.

The election didn't get as dirty as Rous, but **Temperley**, a selector at Coorabell in 1882 and founder of the *North Coast Anti-Alien Society* in 1895, accused **Perry** of releasing a forged letter to the press *made to appear that he had written a letter to the Rev Dill Mackey appealing for support on sectarian grounds. But it was a false and diabolical attempt to injure him....* Catholic **Campbell** of Bangalow won no booths and said *He considered that any candidate who asked the support of a religious body should be hounded out of the district....*

In Mar1917 the competition for the newish electorate of Byron saw Perry just scrape home ahead of Bangalorian **Oliver Virtue**, a Wesleyan Methodist from Northern Ireland. Post-election Virtue and **J.D. Condon**, a prominent Catholic of Main Arm, offered a *Fifty Pounds Reward... to be paid to any person or persons who will give information of such a nature as will lead to the conviction of one or more of the Sectarian Microbes responsible for the circulating of the following infamous lie - "That Oliver Virtue gave a substantial donation to the Mullumbimby R.C. Church Funds in order to capture the Catholic Vote."....* The Catholic Press said **Mr Perry's anti-Catholic public career is nearing an end.... He has been no friend to the Catholics, while Mr Virtue has at least the reputation of being trusted by everybody to do the right thing apart from sectarianism influence.**

Sectarianism remained in vogue when the punters went to the polls in early 1920 under a new electoral system that saw the introduction of proportional representation, with the electorates of Lismore and Clarence now absorbed into Byron for the election of three members. Monsignor McGuire thought *too many elections are contested and won in this district by appeals to the anti-Catholic bias.... Throughout the coming week if any candidate or any Lismore journalism should appeal by insinuation or directly to anti-Catholic prejudice..., then give him a miss.* The *Northern Star* of 18Mar1920 called him out on his purported statement from the pulpit that *There is a paper published in this town which is run in the interests of the Orangeman....*

The Romanists continued to air their grievances and on the 18Feb21 Irishman **Bishop Carroll** uttered a few words on State Aid, prompting Mr **W.F. Oakes**, Foundation President of the Lismore Branch of the Protestant Federation, to say *the right reverend gentleman dwells at length upon the following subjects:- (1) The criticism his church received from certain public speakers recently in this district. (2) What he declares to be the glaring injustice inflicted on the Roman Catholic community because the State does not subsidise their sectarian schools. (3) The hoary, evergreen, and eternal question of alleged injustice to Ireland....* In Apr1921 the Star changed ownership when Presbyterian proprietor, **Thomas Mackenzie Hewitt**, became a minority shareholder upon selling out to Presbyterian Lawyer **J.C. McIntosh** and a bunch of mates.

As for the election, after preferences Anglican **Stephen Perdriau**, Presbyterian Irishman and Orangeman **George Nesbitt** and Presbyterian **Tom Swiney** were given the nod. By the Mar1922 election the Protestant Federation had refined its advertising campaign, intimidating most candidates into signing its platform, but Anglican **Perdraiu** took exception to their tactics, saying *I am not in accord with these (questions put to candidates by Pastor P.J. Pond, District Master of the Loyal Orange Lodge) which I consider to be narrow and intolerant and anti-Christian.... I may say that I view with considerable regret, the deliberate efforts of some to turn this campaign into an orgy of sectarianism, and I desire to completely dissociate myself with this brand of Protestantism.* Perdriau figured Nesbitt's win was due to *a cleverly contrived sectarian coup, and not to any political issue....* Nesbitt became vice-president of the Lismore Branch of the Protestant Federation in 1925.

A couple of weeks after the election **Bishop Carroll** was in Mullum to launch the Catholic Carnival and said things didn't augur well, because of *the methods employed by some supporters of the government to get into power. Their methods were disgraceful and degrading. Some of them used calumny and religious hatred and bigotry to secure their place in Parliament....* Two weeks after that (27Apr22) **Neil McKenzie**, of the "*Sentitle*", the official organ of the Protestant Federation in Brisbane, was invited to attend the AGM of the Mullum Branch of the Federation and said *The recent elections... had been characterised as a sectarian fight....*

Conscription Referendums

The election dynamics around the region had been changed with the ructions of the 1916/17 Conscription Referendums. Conscriptionist **George Cameron** of the *Mullumbimby Star* returned to his hobby horse of compulsion in reporting the efforts of a couple of recruiting Sergeants on 8Jun1916, reckoning that *Cajoling and coaxing and threatening men with ostracism, the sending of white feathers, and all the rest of the damphoolery would never have been needed, the term*

"shirker" or "cold-footer" would never have been heard, and Australia would have got its men without any fuss... if only we had officially sanctioned compulsion.

In early Sep16, the hypotheticality of conscription became reality when George informed the Mullum citizens that the Prime Minister had whimped-out in favour of letting the mob decide the conscription issue rather than introduce legislation, and *The least that can be said is that William Morris Hughes... is a shirker.*

In early Oct16 A meeting was held in the School of Arts to make arrangements for the running of the coming referendum in favour of conscription.... The attendance was very small.... The motion was seconded by Rev **Velvin**, who said that if Conscription was not passed Australia was not a place for a white man or a free man to live in.... Rev **McLennan** also supported the motion.... It was unthinkable that Conscription would not be passed.... Two weeks later **Perry MLA** spoke from the balcony of the School of Arts saying *The question that was before them was not conscription or anti-conscription, but Honor or Dishonor....*

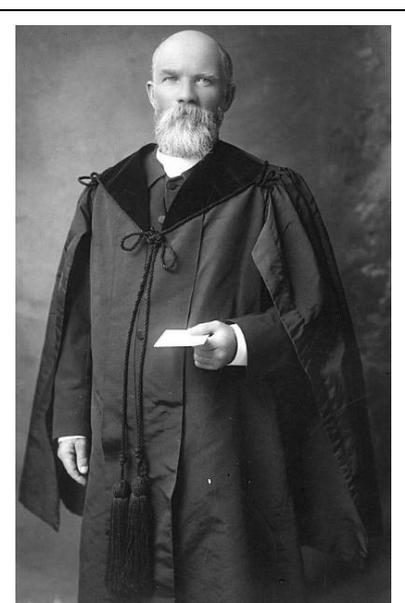
George published the referendum results on 2Nov16, showing the subdivision of Mullum within the Federal Electorate of Richmond had voted 65% YES to conscription, placing it 5th in the 16 subdivision hierarchy after Kyogle (78%), Byron (77%), Ballina (73%) and Alstonville (71%). Richmond, the only country electorate to say Yea, ran counter to the rest of NSW, which turned down conscription with a vote of 57% NO.

Belatedly, George acknowledged the existence of a bunch of Catholics preaching a different doctrine. *Last Thursday evening an anti-Conscription meeting was held from the verandah of Nelson's Buildings. Mr J.D. Condon was chairman and introduced the speaker, Mr M.C. O'Halloran, to a good crowd. There is now no benefit to go over the arguments that were used in asking his hearers to answer "No," and none will be given. The crowd was well behaved, although the interjections were numerous.... Long after the meeting, however, there were little crowds all over the street holding meetings on their own. The police were there in force and when an argument got heated the official word cooled the heads.*

(Catholic Irishman **Michael O'Halloran** was President of the Lismore branch of the Political Labor League and proprietor of *The Northern People*, the left-leaning competitor of the right-leaning *Northern Star*. After the referendum he was beaten up and had his office trashed by the democratic Lismoreians who had voted 60% YES. Unintimidated, he ran against Liberal Nesbitt MLA for the seat of Lismore in 1917. Catholic Laborite **James David Condon** of Main Arm was President of the Richmond-Tweed Tenant Farmers Union and brother of Michael John, President of the Country Press Association.)



The Rev and Mrs Velvin on their Wedding Day, 1908 Coramba.



The Rev Donald McLennan, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, 1910.

Presbyterian Scotsman **Rev Donald McLennan's** comments at the Orange celebrations on 12Jul17 kept the conscription debate alive in the lead-up to the second referendum, "*Catholic Parent*" reckoning that *After the usual attack of calumny from that quarter, with the insults piled up on all that the Roman Catholics hold dear, the Rev Mr McLennan concluded with a parting shot "That the RC Church had done very little for the spiritual welfare of the troops.".... We cheerfully gave our best and bravest to fight for King and country.... We have gone through a sad parting with our sons, from which Mr McLennan has been spared....*

Rev McLennan retorted: *I disdain to enter a newspaper controversy with a nameless individual.... I am not an Orangeman, and at the United Service I took special care to indicate that the address, which has caused so much misapprehension, was to set forth the points of agreement and difference between Romanism and Protestantism.... 'Unfortunately my remarks were taken out of context in the necessarily abridged newspaper report..', to which the Anglican Scotsman owner/editor George **Cameron** added: *It has always been the privilege of politicians to blame the reporter when a mistake was made. It is to be presumed others should have the same privilege - Ed.**

"Catholic Parent" advised that if Mr McLennan professes to follow in the steps of the Lowly Nazarene, he should instruct on the eight Commandment, viz, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour...", to which George added: This correspondence is now limited to letters from **Mr J.D. Condon** and **Rev Mr McLennan** - Ed. Secretary Condon of the Mullum Branch of the Catholic Federation, had weighted into the argument in the same edition with his version of Martin Luther's '95 Theses' condensed into 7 bullet points. *I may be pardoned for asking that rev gentleman who still claims the friendship of my co-religionists, to substantiate his wicked calumnies with the necessary proof, ere we assume an estranged and vindictive attitude....*

The **Rev McLennan** never responded and died 2mths later (10Oct17) aged 66. At his funeral ...*all creeds were present to pay a tribute to the memory of the departed....* The cortege was one of the longest ever seen in Mullumbimby.... (A fortnight later the Catholic Parish of Bangalow was divided and Irishman **Fr Williams** became Mullum's first resident priest.)

The only regional newspaper baron to be an exception to the pro-conscription rule was Catholic Irishman **O'Halloran**, who was arrested, found guilty and fined for publishing 'statements likely to prejudice the recruiting of His Majesty's Forces in Australia' on 1Sep17. Presbyterian Lawyer **J.C. McIntosh**, a member of the Nationalist Party and President of Lismore's 'Win-the-War League', led the prosecution and urged the Magistrate to impose a fine *such as defendant would not continue*. But he did, and six months later was rearrested for 'publishing statements likely to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign Powers', a new addition to the War Precautions Act, and once again found guilty.

The results of the 20Dec17 referendum show Mullum's resolve hadn't weakened much, coming in with 64% Yea, while Byron had backed down to an average 69%, although with a confusing pattern throughout the subdivision - the Bay itself dropping from 80% to 74% YES, Tyagarah increasing from 63% to 68% YES, Bangalow decreasing from 79% to 69%, and Ewingsdale doing a big switch from 56% YES to 64% NO. Up the Tweed road, where Murbah remained the proportionally largest Catholic enclave in the region, Mayor **Ernie Newell** had resigned because *he was not prepared, for business and other reasons, to take the active part in the referendum campaign which his position called for*, and where **Fr Henry Van Riel**, Catholic Parish Priest of Tweed Heads, had to do penance for 'statements likely to cause public alarm' a week before the poll, things had reversed, from 54% YES to 54% NO, helping bring down Richmond's total YES vote from 60% to 57%. The overall NSW vote increased to 60% NO, Richmond remaining the only country electorate in NSW to remain steadfast, along with the 4 loyal Sydney electorates. (Anglimethbyterian Ernie Newell was the son of Northern Irishman John, a saddler in Mullum ~1905-1911.)



James David Condon with wife Ellen Mary (nee Daley) and Catholic progeny 1920.

Rear L to R: Frank, Mary, Jack, Imelda, Maurice, Nellie, James

Seated: Patrick, Anthony, James David, Ellen Mary, Marjorie, Michael. Front: Gerard, Richard, Noel

(J.D. Condon was foundation secretary of *The Richmond-Tweed Tenant Farmers' Union* and foundation president of the *Nashua Liberal Association* before doing a big switch to become a leading Laborite.)

Religious Distribution - Census Data

Municipality/ Shire	1861	1871	Anglican %					Catholic %					Presbyterian %					Methodist %				
			1891	1901	1921	1933	1947	1891	1901	1921	1933	1947	1891	1901	1921	1933	1947	1891	1901	1921	1933	1947
Ballina			40%	44.7	44.5	39.8	41.4	26.8%	27.5	21%	22.5	22.5	20.5%	14%	17.7	15.7	14.2	7.8%	6.4%	11.5	10.6	9.5%
Casino			40.8%	39.4	37%	35%	34.3	33%	32%	31.4	30.7	33.3	11.7%	13%	16.7	13.6	13.5	9.6%	11%	8.8%	7.6%	7.6%
Coraki			46.7%	27.8	39.5	33%		30.9%	31.8	27.4	28.5		13.6%	17.8	19.8	15.6		3.5%	7%	6.4%	5.5%	
Lismore			34.4%	33.6	37.5	32%	33.7	29.9%	28.5	27%	29%	28%	14.7%	18%	15.8	15.9	15.7	10.3%	10.4	9.7%	9.2%	10.7
Mullumbimby					37%	38.9	33.7			25.7	23.2	22.2			17.6	18.6	16.2			11.3	12.4	15.8
Murwillumbah					34.5	30.3	34.2			34%	29%	27.8			17%	18.4	15.7			6.1%	8.9	9.4%
Byron Shire					45%	41.4	38.3			19%	18.8	19.9			15%	14.6	14.7			14.4	13.7	16.1
Gundurimba					36.2	34.1	33.5			26.2	23%	24.1			18.7	16.9	17.4			13.3	12.7	14.5
Kyogle					45%	40.2	39.3			22%	21.7	20%			16.3	14.1	14.7			10.5	10.3	11%
Terania					46%	41.3	38.1			15.4	16.3	20.6			15.6	14.4	17.2			18%	16%	15.2
Tintenbar					34.8	37.6	36.7			18.6	20.8	19.1			11.5	12%	11.3			15.9	20.4	20.7
Tomki					41.7	42.3	40.2			26%	24.5	28.8			15%	13.7	11.5			9.7%	7.5%	9.1%
Tweed					42.8	37.5	38.2			25%	23.8	23.2			15.4	15.5	13.7			10.3	8.9%	9.5%
Woodburn					41%	35.2	37.2			27.8	24.5	27.5			18.3	17.9	17.3			6.1%	8%	6.9%
Rich-Tweed			35%	37%	41%	37.3	36.8	29%	29%	23.6	23.6	24.3	17%	17%	15.8	15.1	14.8	10%	10%	11.7	11.1	11.6
Anglican	53%	45%																				
Catholic	25%	28%																				
Presbyterian	13%	15%																				
Methodist	3%	4%																				
NSW					49%	44%	43.4%			23%	21.4%	22.7%			10.5%	9.9%	8.8%			8.7%	7.8%	8.3%

Richmond-Tweed in 1851 and 1856 = Police District of Tabulam; 1861 = Richmond River Registration District (Part of Clarence Pastoral District);

1871 = Police Districts of Richmond River and Tweed River (included County Rous, County Richmond and portions of County Drake and County Buller.)

Religion 1871: 284 people in Township of Casino, of whom 129 were Anglicans (45.4%), 74 Catholics (36%), 25 Presbyterians (8.8%) and 21 Wesleyan Methodists (7.4%)

In the Village of **Lismore** were 93 people; 49 Anglicans (52.7%), 22 Catholics (23.7%), 13 Presbyterians (14%), 5 Wesleyan Methodists (5.4%)

In the combined Richmond River and Tweed River Districts there were 4977 people, with religious percentages as above.

1878: Fr Doyle finds 3 Catholic families in the town of Lismore (??) upon taking up appointment of Richmond Parish (District of Lismore 80 Catholic families, Casino 62, Wardell 33, Swan Bay 31, Coraki 27, Tweed 23, Ballina 20.) The folklore goes that Fr Doyle's was the 500th and last signature required on petition initiated by Catholic William English to have Lismore incorporated as a municipality. Lismore became a municipality 1879 with non-sectarian James Stocks as foundation mayor (1879-81). Presbyterian Church built 1881 when town population was 992. (Other Catholic mayors: J.F. O'Flynn 1889-91 and 1896-99, J. Quilty in 1907 and J.B. Carlton in 1911. Stocks later a Catholic?)

1891: Ballina: 1084 people - 434 Anglicans (40%), 291 Catholics (26.8%), 222 Presbyterians (20.5%), 85 Wesleyan Methodists (7.8%)

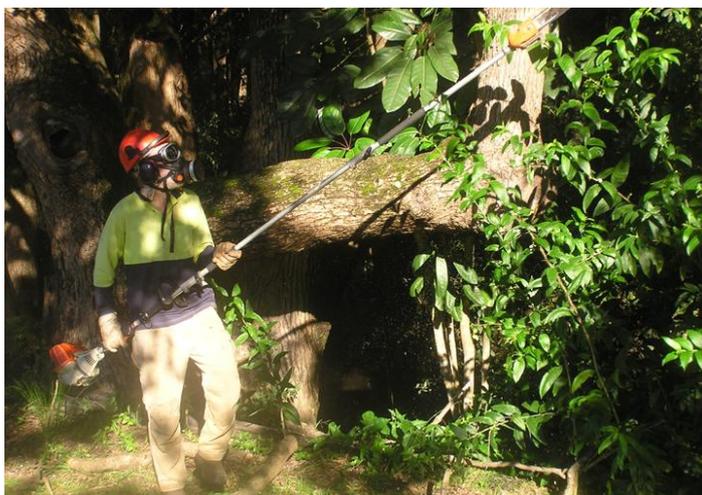
Casino: 1486 people - 606 Anglican (40.8%), 490 Catholics (33%), 174 Presbyterians (11.7%), 143 Wesleyan Methodists (9.6%)

Coraki: 538 people - 251 Anglicans (46.7%), 166 Catholic (30.9%), 73 Presbyterian (13.6%), 19 Wesleyan Methodists (3.5%)

Lismore: 2925 people - 1006 Anglican (34.4%), 875 Catholic (29.9%), 429 Presbyterian (14.7%), 300 Wesleyan Methodists (10.3%)

In the combined Counties of Rous and Richmond were 21,711 people, with religious percentages as above. [From about the death of Bishop Doyle 1909 the Presbyterians and Methodists started to exercise political, commercial and media influence way beyond their numerical significance. (See http://freepages.misc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aliens/chapter_11.htm)]

WORKING BEE



It was all hands on deck on Tuesday morning, pruning lantana and camphor laurels and then packing it up for a big tip run.

Top: Peter is very handy with the long pole saw.



Bottom: Ken and Rollie making it more manageable to load into the trailer

Thanks guys for the great work!

Meanwhile Dave and Susan were painting the side of the shed in preparation for a mural



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NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 13 Aug 2019
12.30pm
See you there!

*Deadline for agenda items
Friday 9 August 2019

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

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REMINDER 40th Anniversary Celebrations

At the Channon Market
Sunday 11th August 2019

BVHS will have a stall at the celebration so come and say hello!

Commemorative
**Environmental Protection
Activism Expo Day**
Northern Rivers
In conjunction with
The Historic Terania Rainforest Logging Protest
40th Anniversary Commemorative Celebrations
Sunday 11th August
At the famous Channon Markets
(Home of the original 1979 Terania Protest March)

Bring your Environmental / Community Organisation
Join the Festive Expo - Erect a Display Gazebos
Special Market Celebrations Day Area
Displays - Speakers - Music - Presentations - Screenings
Children's Book Launch
The First Rainforest Walkers - Terania
Sunday Market Hours
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