

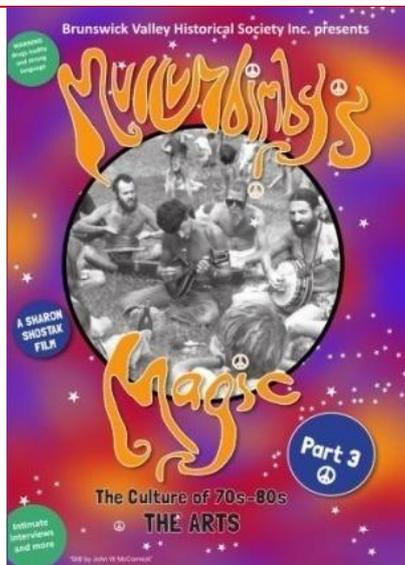


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## MULLUMBIMBY'S MAGIC - THE CULTURE OF 70S-80S PART 3: THE ARTS

What a fantastic response we have had to this last documentary that BVHS commissioned Sharon Shostak to direct. It has been such a delight to work with Sharon in the making of this series. Not only do we have the 4 documentaries but lots of photos, full interviews and transcripts of those interviews. A fantastic resource that is available to the community.

The outdoor screening at the back of the machinery shed was a magical night, with perfect weather and a full moon, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It was a sold out event as was the following Friday at the Mullumbimby Memorial Civic Hall. Byron Bay also proved to be a rewarding night with great applause and sales!



L-R: Outdoor setup for the screening, relaxed crowd Friday night at the outdoor theatre, Susan and Sharon at Byron Bay Community Centre screening.

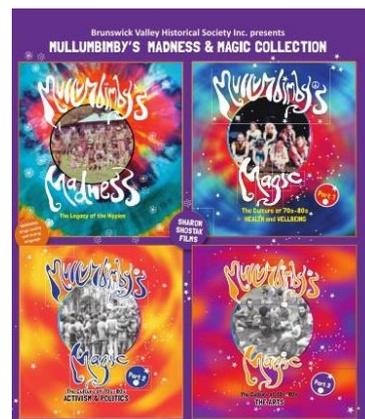
The final screening is at Brunswick Picture House Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – tickets are still available - \$18

<https://brunswickpicturehouse.com/event/mullumbimbys-magic-part-3-the-arts/>

N.B. For this week only, the film is streaming through Byron Community Centre - \$10

For details go to <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mullumbimbysmagic3>

DVDs are available through our website, the Museum, The Bookshop Mullumbimby, Mullumbimby Newsagency and Stewart's Menswear. Now available are all 4 documentaries in the Hippies series on a USB for \$50. Special prices apply for members when purchasing at the museum.

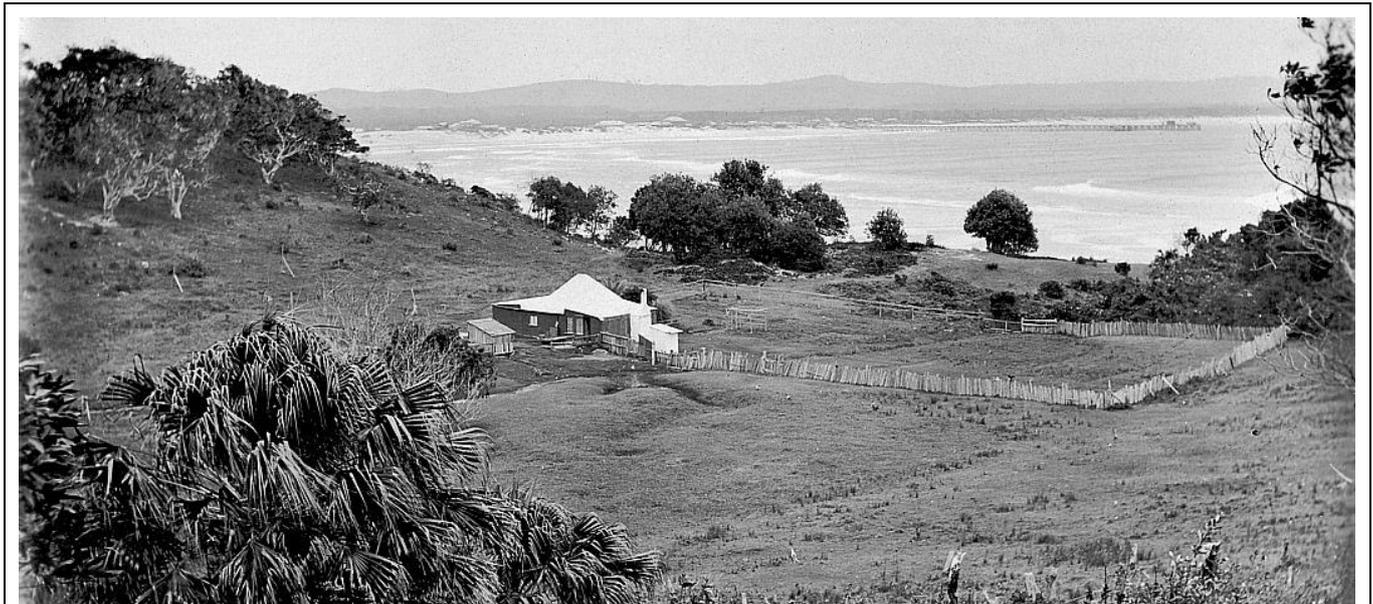


## The Byronic Escapades of David Tillotson Jarman

In the last episode of the Jarman saga our protagonist had abandoned the Brunswick to make his debut at the Bay in 1883, perhaps spotting an opportunity too good to pass up in catering for the selectors multiplying like rabbits around the Ewingsdale-Bangalow district. He chose to live at Palm Valley, the remotest corner of the 'Police District of Tweed River,' enabling him to maintain his low profile away from police and newspaper scrutiny.

Palm Valley also provided an old cedar-getters' hut with a convenient source of fresh water from a nearby well, probably the same resource that prompted the Bumberbin clan of the Minjungbal People to establish a camp some 1000yrs earlier. It was the main spot from where the timber trade continued to operate through the tricky technique of surfing logs to awaiting ships, but now sharing this sheltered section of the Bay with Ketch 'White Cloud', which had become a regular trader around the time of Jarman's arrival, his surf boat providing the ferry service for people and goods between ship and shore. He was also conveniently placed as a 'half-way house' for selectors and general travellers transiting along the beach between Ballina and Brunswick, inspiring the development of a meals and accommodation service, which had grown into an unlicensed Hotel with canvas additions by Aug1886 when he was legalised with the granting of a pukka Publican's License for the 'Byron Hotel'.

It's likely he was accompanied from the Brunswick by **John Lund**, who opened a store and butcher's shop near Jarman in 1883, passing the place to **George Daniels** of Lismore in 1885, but possibly with **Fred Nixon** of the Brunswick as interim store manager. On 25Nov1885 the *Northern Star* reported the exploits of a couple of adventurers who had arrived via Skinner's Shoot, and *after riding up and down the beach, we at length saw a faded finger-post saying – "This way to Accommodation House," and following a narrow track, came upon two houses nestled under the shadow of a hill, one being Mr Jarman's Accommodation House, and the other, Mr Daniel's Store....* By this time Jarman was also accommodating intrepid holiday makers from Lismore, *...and there is splendid schnapper fishing to be had... from Mr Jarman's boat in the vicinity of Juan and Julia...,* at which time he had just finished building a bigger surf boat.



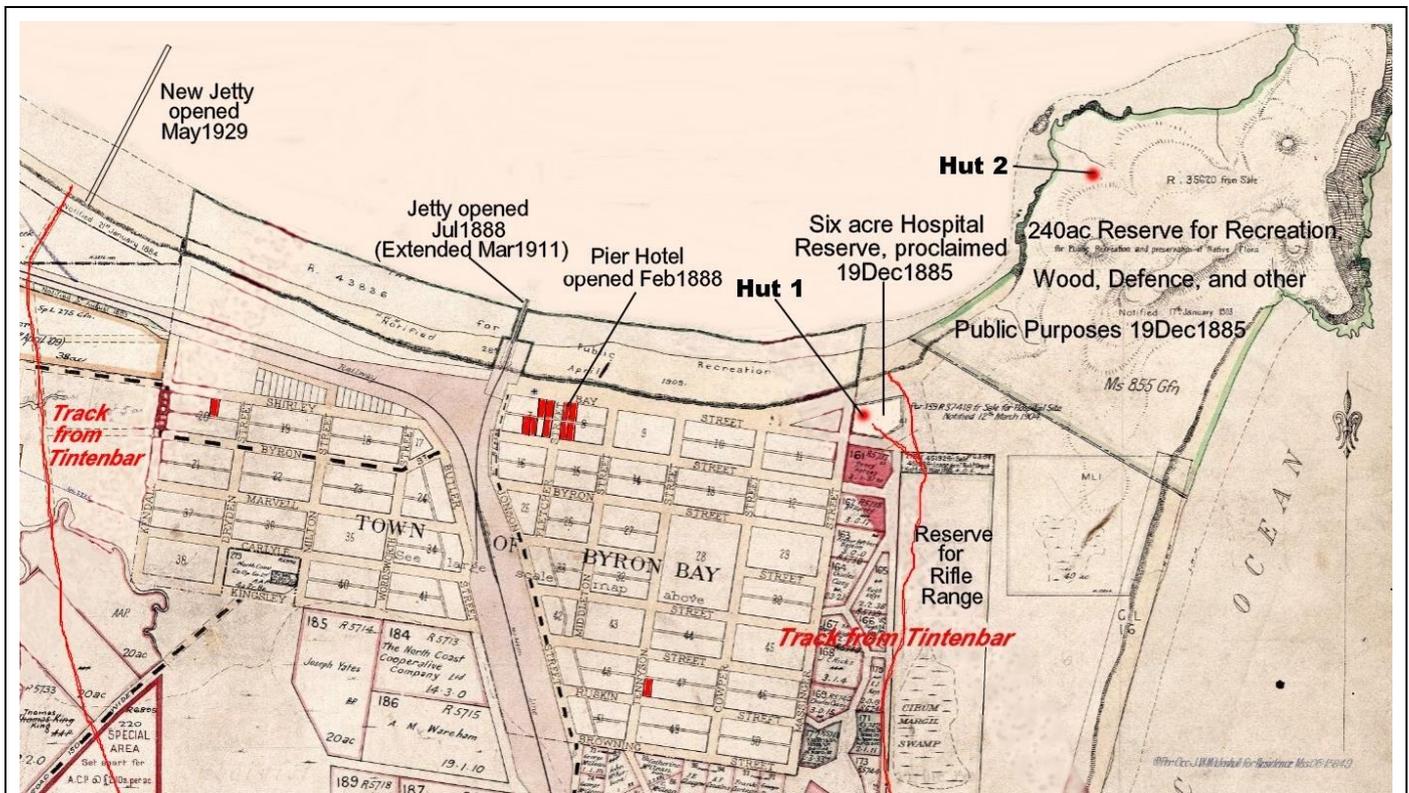
'The Pass' / 'Palm Valley', aka 'Brooke's Farm' and 'Picnic Grounds', ~1910.

(**George Brooke** came from Queensland in the late 1880s and acquired the lease from Jarman ~1890. George died at his residence near the 'Picnic Grounds' 29Dec1913, aged 70-74. In Aug1938 fire destroyed *One of the oldest buildings in the Byron Bay district...,* a 4-roomed cottage occupied by the Field family *situated on the picnic grounds about a mile from town on what was originally the first township site... and was used in the early days as an hotel.*)

When the Reddacliffs passed through on their way to their Myocum selection in 1881, *The party travelled from Ballina to the Three-Mile Scrub (Broken Head) along the beach and then inland to Byron Bay, the detour being necessary owing to the rocky coastline towards Cape Byron. The only sign of habitation in Byron Bay... was a small slab hut on what is now Brooke's camping reserve, and here the second night was spent until 2 am. Not a soul was met, Cape Byron being then a mass of wilderness where it was not swamp...,* said the 1936 obituary for **Mrs Reddacliff** (nee Susannah McAulay). Their future neighbours, the Law family, passed through at much the same time and found *a sign of life visible by one hut at Byron Bay...,* said the 1936 obituary for **William Grant Law**. (Courtesy Richmond River Historical Society)

The monthly meetings of the Byron Bay Progress Association continued to be *held in Mr Jarman's house...,* and by late 1885 he was an active member, the only non-selector of the 68 listed on the club's membership roll. In Mar1886 he and Daniels were voted onto the committee, at which time there was great excitement in the air with the start of work on the

jetty, the completion of which was anticipated to give a great boost to trade and settlement, so changing the dynamics of the Bay. In Jul1886 came the first sale of Crown Land in the newly christened 'Village of Cavvanba', Jarman securing the corner of Tennyson and Ruskin Streets for £46/5/-, the second most expensive lot in the auction. During a public meeting at the pub in Sep1886 he increased his public profile by advocating 'the Byron Bay Deviation' in the proposed Lismore-Tweed Railway route. Shortly afterwards he threw caution to the winds and resumed his traditional letter writing, singing the praises of Byron Bay to the *SMH*, *Northern Star* and *Richmond River Herald* in Jan1887. (And for a period he was more than likely the RRH's regular 'Byron Bay Correspondent'. And possibly for the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate*.)



Portion of Urban and Suburban Map of Byron Bay, Edition 1, in use 14Nov1898-21Dec1912.

Hut 1, Hut 2, and approx 'Tracks from Tintenbar', as delineated ~Aug1883 by Captain Howard, who camped at Palm Valley during his mapping expedition.

Red squares in the streetscape represent Jarman's known acquisitions. In Jul86 he secured lot 10, section 47, cnr Tennyson and Ruskin for £46/5/-; In Oct87 he acquired lot 1, section 8, cnr Bay and Fletcher for £212/10/-, mortgaged to **T.C. Lodge**, manager of the AJS Bank Lismore who opened the first bank in Byron Aug1892; Lodge/Jarman also acquired adjacent lot 2 on Bay Street for £160/10/-; In Dec1891 **David Jarman** acquired lot 8, section 7, cnr Shirley/Lawson and Fletcher for £201, and lots 11 and 12, section 8, cnr Shirley/Lawson and Fletcher for £52 and £100 respt; at the same time **Elizabeth Jarman** secured lot 10, section 7, northern side Shirley/Lawson St, for £165, and lots 6 and 7, section 7 in Bay St for £255 each in the name of her nephew **A.H.A. Clarke**; On 17Jun1898 **Elizabeth Jarman** acquired lot 11, section 7, for £100; **David Jarman** acquired (or squatted on) a lot in Shirley, probably lot 7, section 20, for £23 at a Crown Land auction in Feb1908; Sometime along the way he acquired lot 7, section 8, Booyung St., Brunswick Heads.

(Note that portion of Shirley Street east of the rail line became Lawson Street in mid1949.)

Lot 8, section 7, NE cnr Shirley/Lawson and Fletcher, was possibly in the hands of **Elizabeth Jarman** by Mar1892 when she opened an all-purpose function hall, dubbed the *Lincoln Hall*, on the Fletcher-Bay Lane portion of the site. In Mar1895 it became the temporary home of the *Post and Telegraph Office* and in Jul1903 was leased by publican **Daniel Quain** who sublet it as a dance hall. It was known as publican *Gulley's Hall* when she sold it to the Shire Council as the permanent Council Chambers in Nov1907 for £530. ('Lincoln Hall' probably so named after Elizabeth's birthplace in Lincolnshire.)

In Jun1899 **Elizabeth Jarman** opened a shop in Shirley Street, with tailor Astley the tenant by Sep1904. (**David Jarman** advertised as an auctioneer and commission agent from an office in Shirley St in Jan1908.)

In Jun1903 **David Jarman** fell behind in his loan repayments to **John** and **Samuel Cornwell** of Castlemaine Brewing, *mortgagees under memorandum of mortgage* dated 20Oct1891..., *over* Allotment 7, section 8, in Booyung Street, Brunswick Heads, allotment 10, section 47 cnr Tennyson and Ruskin Streets, and allotments 1 and 2, section 8 in Fletcher and Bay streets, village of Cavvanba, valued at £2012/3/11, *being principal and interest together with costs and expenses...*

Coincidentally, **Alex Kirk**, lessee of the Pier, died Nov1902, and his wife Ella sold the place to **Daniel Quain** of Coraki in Jun1903. Quain lasted ~18mths before passing the lease to **Fred Gully** of Brunswick Heads in Oct1904.

'Jarman's Cottage' in Shirley Street was home to **C.H. Hodge**, of the Imperial Stores, by at least 1910.

In Dec1915 **Elizabeth Jarman** attempted to sell lot 6, section 7 in Bay St., and lots 10 and 11 in Shirley St.

In Oct1919 **Elizabeth Jarman** attempted to sell lot 7, section 7, cnr of Bay and Fletcher opposite the Pier Hotel.

Into 1887 **Jarman** also resumed his contracting career, winning the tender to supply a punt for the North Creek crossing at Ballina in conjunction with a partner named **Lovring**, and scoring one of the Ballina-Byron road contracts in partnership with blacksmith **Con Schneider**. In May 1887 he was elected vice-president of the Progress Association and a month later was despatched to Sydney to represent to the Hon the Minister for Lands, our requirements..., mainly lobbying for the remaining town lots around the jetty to be put up for sale, as there are no sites available for business premises nearer than about 60 chains from the pier. Upon return he represented the Bay at the Conference of Regional Progress Associations in Lismore.

In Jul 1887 he legalised his squattage at Palm Valley with the grant of a special 5yr lease at a rental of £10pa, which he transferred to **George Brooke** around 1890, Brooke then presumably turning the shanty pub into a farmer's residence. At a Crown Land auction in Oct 1887 Jarman paid the top price of £212/10/- for the block on the cnr of Bay and Fletcher Streets with a personal loan from **T.C. Lodge**, manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank in Lismore, whose name went onto the deeds as mortgage holder, but subsequently transferred to **John** and **Samuel Cornwell**, ex-Castlemaine Brewery, Sydney, who were also the owners of Jarman's pub rival, *Beaumont's Hotel*, on the Simmon's sub-division at Belongil. In Dec 1887 the *Richmond River Herald's* Byron Bay Correspondent reported that *Cavvanba is a village destined to be a great city...*, where there are two hotels skirting the town..., with Jarman's new *Pier Hotel* under construction on the Bay-Fletcher corner. *We have also a store (managed by Campbell Ferguson), a blacksmith's and a wheelwright's shop, a private boarding house, and several other dwellings... all on Government land...*

His single-storey *Pier Hotel* was opened 8Feb 1888, shortly after **Campbell Ferguson** had moved his store next door. The official opening of the jetty took place 23Jul 1888 with **Mrs Jarman** catering for 200 at a luncheon and a further huge crowd at a banquet held in the pub's billiard room. Jarman then started a new career as an auctioneer upon disposing of all the surplus stores (inclusive of tents and horses) left by the jetty contractor, **John Walton**. At this time he also became foundation secretary of the short-lived *Byron Bay, Brunswick and Tweed Rivers Steam Navigation Company, Ltd*. In May 1889 he won the contract for *Construction of Goods Shed, Coal Shed, Pig and Calf Pens, Trucks, and Lamp for Byron Bay Jetty...* with a tender of £480. This job was completed in Oct 1889, at which time he'd started erecting a second-storey addition to his pub, at the same time he and Schneider were celebrating the winning of a contract for two bridges over Byron Creek (£1073).

In Feb 1890 he became foundation secretary of the *Byron Bay Jockey Club* (with **C.G. Schneider** as treasurer), and in Mar 1890 was elected president of the *Byron Bay Progress Association*. In a severe storm 17Jul 1889 five ships were wrecked and blown ashore, Jarman and Schneider winning plaudits for their part in the rescue of many sailors and motivating him to get a breakwater built to the Julian Rocks to provided safe anchorage. In Nov 1890 he became chairman of the *Byron Bay Breakwater League*, then went about the region visiting all hamlets and villages gathering support and forming branches of the League. This saga carried on for many years, with a lot of expended effort for no return other than boosting his already high profile. Meanwhile wife **Elizabeth** was into non-secular pursuits, becoming a major donor for construction of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Myocum and presenting a bible upon its opening on the third Sunday in Oct 1890. (It was the district's second church, erected 2yrs after the Wesleyan Church at Eureka.)



Pier Hotel, unknown date. (Courtesy Samantha Elley)

By late 1891 the Bay was surrounded by railway camps and the jetty very busy in receiving materials and provisions, which has converted the usually quiet hamlet of Byron Bay into a busy business centre..., and boasts of the largest number of camp followers, and a good deal of business appears to be going on in the temporary township that has been formed.... And Jarman had the only pub in town, at least until the embryo Great Northern appeared on the scene ~Dec 1891 (both competing with sly-grog shanties and illegal stills in the surrounding bush).

In Apr 1892 the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate* said the magnificent building erected by **Mrs Jarman** for a public hall... was the scene of a Bachelors' Ball, the 100 attendees dancing through to 5am. The hall was the scene of many meetings and

the pub the scene of many functions over the year, further boosting Jarman's prominence. After a political meeting at the *Lincoln Hall* in Mar1893 the *Clarence Examiner* noted that **Mr David Jarman**, the jovial landlord of the *Pier Hotel*, made the speech of the evening – as far as quantity is concerned. There was no hesitation about his utterance of sentiments, and Free-traders... were in no doubt of his Protectionist leaning. It's probable that Mr Jarman has an intention of "running" for Parliamentary honors, and has taken the opportunity to issue another "manifesto" on his own account....

And sure enough he announced his parliamentary intention in Jul1893 and 9mths later caught the ear of *Truth*, which said **Mr David Jarman** has issued his political manifesto to the electors of the *Tweed*. It is a lengthy affair, and deals with almost every known subject.... Alas, he ran last with 4% of the vote, against Free-Trader and fellow South Australian Methodist **W.R. Baker**, owner of the *Tweed and Brunswick Advocate*, on 7%. The *Clarence Examiner* unkindly pointed out that Asking him to contest the electorate, Mr Jarman received a requisition signed by 221 electors. When the numbers went up on Tuesday (17Jul1894) it was seen that only 52 votes were recorded in his favour.

In Oct1894 Jarman leased the *Pier Hotel* to the mysterious **Alexander Thomas Kirk**, a bankrupt hotelier of Nambucca, and in Mar1895 the *Lincoln Hall*, in the centre of *Byron Bay* has been altered and transformed into a *Post and Telegraph office*, and also a residence for the postmaster..., at the same time Norco Director and storekeeper on the corner of *Jonson and Shirley/Lawson*, **George McClean**, took over as host of future meetings of the *Progress Association*.... Thereafter Jarman drops off the radar.

He came back to public notice in Jun1896 when loud noises were being made for the necessity of a *Tenterfield-Casino* railway line, but retreated back to obscurity relatively quickly and didn't make a re-appearance on the media stage until Jan1898 when it was noted that **Mr Jarman** has about completed a small place near his property which is intended as a shop. This property is possibly the one comprising the two quarter acre blocks on the corner of *Fletcher and Lawson*, behind the *Pier Hotel*, where **Robert** and **Louisa Marshall** of *Mullumbimby* and *Brunswick* were residing by at least Feb1903 when *Mrs MARSHALL's Refreshment Rooms* were noted on the site, offering *Large Dining and Oyster Saloon*....

Thereafter there were intermittent Jarman references. In Jul1899 he became foundation president of the *Rifle Club* and in Oct1899 president of the *Civilian Rifle Corps* when Boer War fever was running rampant (and as **Captain Jarman** led the parade upon the Relief of Mafeking). In Jan1890 he was foundation vice-president of the *Mutual Improvement Society*; in Mar1900 he became the new president of the reorganised Brass band; and in Aug1900 again elected vice-president of the *Progress Association*, from where he again became active in pushing for the breakwater. In Oct1900 he led the deputation to confront the Premier in *Lismore* on the necessity of improving *Byron Bay*. Mr Jarman was the principal speaker, and painted a glowing picture of the virtues of the Bay as a sea-port. What he lacked in facts he made up in colour.... And in Nov1900 his oratorical skills saw him appointed leader of the delegation to see the Minister for Works in *Sydney*.



Some of the Delegates to the 1905 Tenterfield Railway Conference  
(L to R: **George McClean** (Byron Bay), Ald Jones (Armidale), **David Jarman** (Byron), J. Strauss (Tenterfield), **John E. Glasgow** (Byron)  
(Courtesy *Sydney Mail* 20Dec1905)

In Jun1901 he again nominated for the seat of *Tweed* as a supporter of Opposition Leader **Charles Lee**, an ex-Free Trader and now leader of the *Liberal Reform Party*. But to avoid splitting the vote, he was urged to step aside for **Alex Eastaughffe** of *Murbah*, who was trounced by orator and ex-Protectionist **Dick Meagher**, leading to lamentations over orator Jarman's withdrawal from the race. Jarman then became secretary of the *Tenterfield-*

*Casino Railway and Breakwater League*, and over the next few years again expended a lot of effort for no return. (Upon raconteur Meagher winning the seat of *Tweed* in 1898 the prominent **John Macgregor** channeled Cicero in bemoaning *Truly may... we... exclaim "O tempora! O mores!"... eloquence and oratory have subverted our balance.*)

In Jul1903 the orator got the news that **John** and **Samuel Cornwell** were foreclosing on four Jarman properties over which they held the mortgage, including the *Pier Hotel*. (John and Sam were connected to the *Cornwell's* of *Tyagarah* who had acquired **Henry French's** 640ac selection). Coincidentally, **Ella Kirk**, widow of pub proprietor Alex, had just passed the *Pier's* lease to **Daniel Quain** of *Coraki*. A month later **Jarman** stood down as president of the *Rifle Club*, but remained vice-president of the *Progress Association*, which had become his main platform for speaking out on a range of matters, mainly published in the *Byron Record* where he had an agreeable rapport with owner-editor **Alfred Burgess**. By this time he was over 70yrs old and had assumed 'wise elder' status, and often now called upon to chair public meetings and functions at the Bay.

He went over the top with some intemperate language and accusations of vested interests when the Government announced in Sep1905 that its preferred railway route was the North Coast Line, with the Maitland-Grafton link to take precedence over the Tenterfield-Casino link. He had a falling out with old mate **Charles Lee**, MLA for Tenterfield and now Minister for Works in the Carruthers Liberal Government, who challenged him to substantiate corruption allegations. He also got off side with various newspapers, the *Richmond River Herald* repeating the *Macleay Argus* comments that *It is a standing joke on the northern rivers that the old man for 20 years past has never been known to make a speech at a child's birthday party or a dog fight without dragging in the breakwater and its railway appendage.... And It's an infernal shame that such a great district as the Richmond should be ridiculed in the eyes of the world because a few cranks have got off their tether...* added the RRH.



David Jarman 1907  
(Courtesy Sydney Mail 16Oct1907)

The *Tenterfield Courier* said *We are afraid Mr Jarman's letter will not have the desired effect he imagines it will. The Tenterfield people are happy with Lee's performance..., without outsiders, who are not even electors in his constituency, attempting to jam down their throats these phantoms of alleged delinquencies. A question that is more likely to concern the Tenterfield public is, 'Who is this Mr Jarman, who has the temerity to pose as their political dictator? Echo answers "Who?" Nevertheless, a conference of delegates from all over the Northern Rivers meeting at Tenterfield in Nov1905 condemned the Government's decision and reaffirmed Jarman as the secretary of the New England and Northern Rivers Railway League.*

But his priorities were temporarily rearranged following the Government's passing of the Local Government Act in Dec1905 and the prospect of an early subdivision of the State into Municipalities and Shires. In Apr1906 **C.A. Lee MLA**, Minister for Public Works charged with administering the Act, instructed the various Progress Associations to each submit a list of 10 names from which he would select 5 to form provisional councils. Jarman addressed a meeting of Prog Assoc delegates at Bangalow with his grand vision of a railway bringing the produce of the Tablelands to a vast harbor at the Bay and swayed the delegates to marginally nominate the Bay as the preferred Shire capital, and give him top spot on their list of preferred provisional councilors.

Suffice to say that Jarman ended up as the first President of the Byron Shire, but how the drama unfolded will be covered in the story of the formation of Byron Shire and the Municipality of Mullumbimby in the next Newsletter (along with his bold prediction that Byron Bay would *become the 'Frisco of N. S. Wales...*, of which *Mullumbimby may then have the honor of being an outlying suburb, chiefly distinguished as being the Catchment Area for the pure water to the City of Byron Bay.*)



Shire Council Meeting Jul1907 (according to the calendar on the back wall.)  
L to R: William Bate, Jack Banner, Robert Collings, Thomas Armstrong (foreground), David Jarman, John Macgregor, J.J. McSheehy (Shire Clerk).  
(Courtesy Richmond River Historical Society)

The first meeting of the new Shire Council was held in Gulley's Hall, the rebranded 'Lincoln Hall', aka 'Jarman's Hall', on 4Dec1906 and a week later Jarman resigned from the Progress Association after 22yrs continuous service. In the meantime he was honing his oratorical and salesman skills at *The School of Arts Literary and Debating Society*.

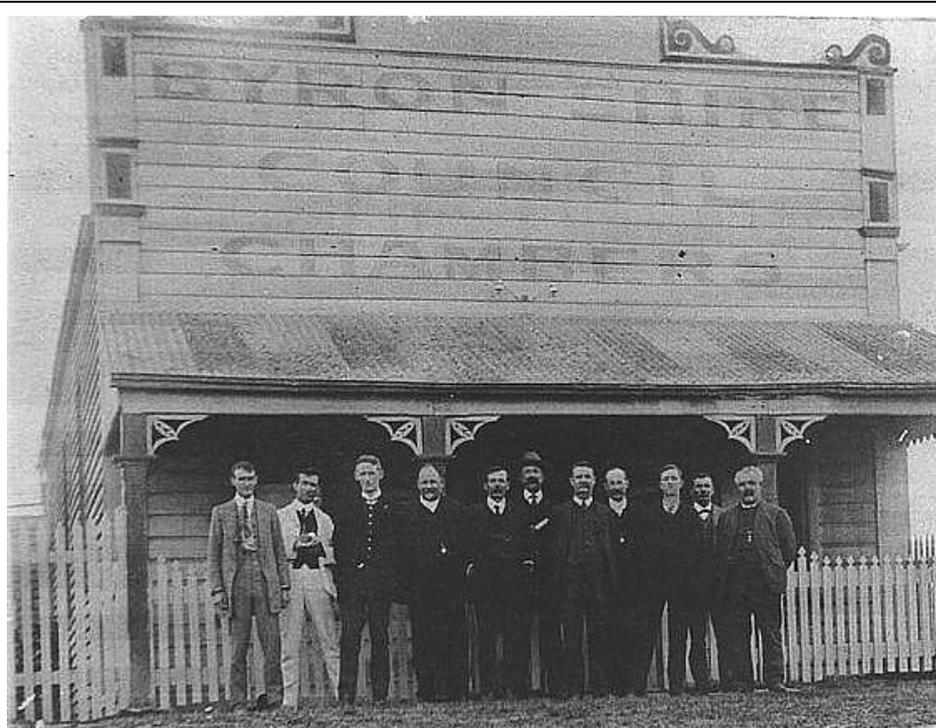
At the height of his popularity and hubris in early 1907 he intimated he might stand for the seat of Tenterfield in opposition to **C.A. Lee MLA**, provoking the *Tenterfield Courier* to state that *we can promise him a very "hot" time, so far as this end of the electorate is concerned...*, and the *Richmond River Herald* to

comment that **Mr Jarman** might just as well play the part of *Don Quixote* as anybody else..., and, later when the rumour wouldn't die, added that *Once more that Dreary David Jarman is to oppose Hon C.A. Lee for Tenterfield. Jarman might well*

save his time – and cash! He ended up throwing his weight behind auctioneer Pyers of Casino, which provoked the *Clarence Examiner* to say that Jarman will now have another opportunity of wasting his eloquence in denouncing the... North Coast Rail Line. (He'd also fallen out with Burgess of the *Byron Record* by this time. For the electorate of Richmond in the 1907 election Jarman backed Independent Liberal **Thomas Temperley**, while the *Record* supported endorsed Liberal and sitting member 'Honest John' Perry).

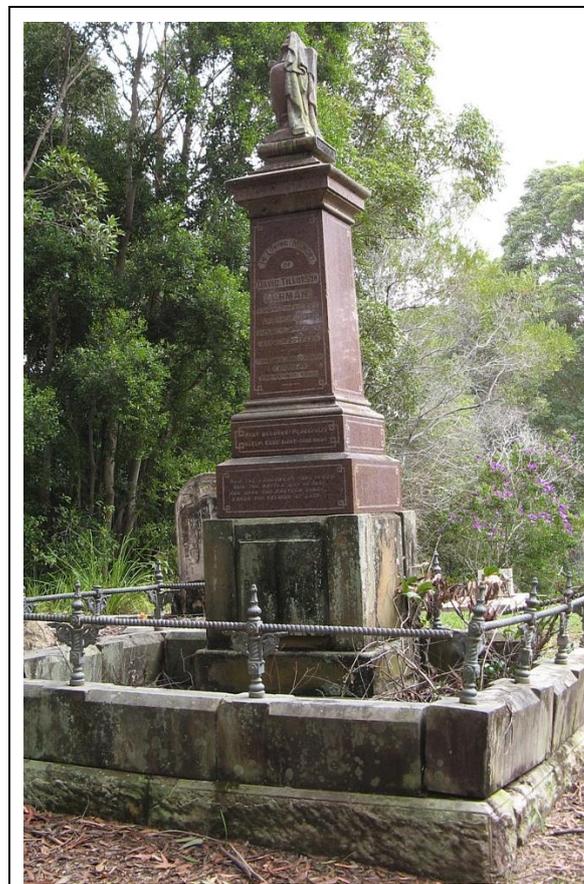
In Apr1908 he fell ill and was initially treated by **Dr Margaret Amelia Corlis** (1840 Townsend, Ontario, Canada – 1925 Grafton, buried Bangalow), until he opted to place himself under *Dr Corlis Snr*, from the Corlis family of doctors operating from a Jarman building in Shirley/Lawson Street. But they couldn't work miracles and he died 10May1908, allegedly aged 72

(but likely 76), receiving extravagant eulogies from every newspaper in the region (that would have surprised residents of Echuca and Clare). The *Northern Star* was first up in stating that *Byron Bay loses one of its best citizens, if not the best it ever had.... He was a good platform speaker, and with better advantages would have been a great orator. Many of his deliverances before his health began to fail were worthy of being termed oratory of a high order.... The procession was the largest ever witnessed here. All parts of the district were represented among those present....*



Byron Shire Council Chambers

(In Nov1907 **Mrs Jarman** became £530 richer when the Councillors voted to buy 'Jarman's Hall' as the permanent Council Chambers, **President Jarman** participating in the vote.)



*In Loving Memory  
of  
**David Tillotson Jarman,**  
First President of Byron Shire,  
Died 10May1908, aged 72 years.*

*Think Well What a Man  
Should Be  
Well He Was That*

*Rest Beloved: Peacefully  
Sleep, Good Night-Good Night  
Now The Labourer's Task is O'er  
Now The Battle Day is Past  
Now Upon The Farther Shore  
Lands The Voyager At Last.*

He was farewelled with Anglican rites and now lies amongst the Presbyterians.

And is now immortalised by Jarman Street at Suffolk Park.

His wife Elizabeth faced down the opprobrium and continued to live at the Bay until retiring to Adelaide 1919.

The *Casino and Kyogle Courier* rhapsodised that *His large mind grasped the potentialities of the district, and did not descend to trivialities.... In common with great men who are continually sowing seeds of progress, he chafed at the delay in the consummation of his desires... and his epitaph should read:- "Well done thou good and faithful servant." ... and when the seeds sown by **David Jarman** germinate, and his schemes of progress fruitefy, his personality will undoubtedly permeate the atmosphere of the scenes of his success; and the people should remember to do honor to the lady who was his companion during the silent hours of his work in the service of his district.*

*The Grafton Argus* reckoned *Deceased was a native of America and came to South Australia as a young man.... The Richmond River*

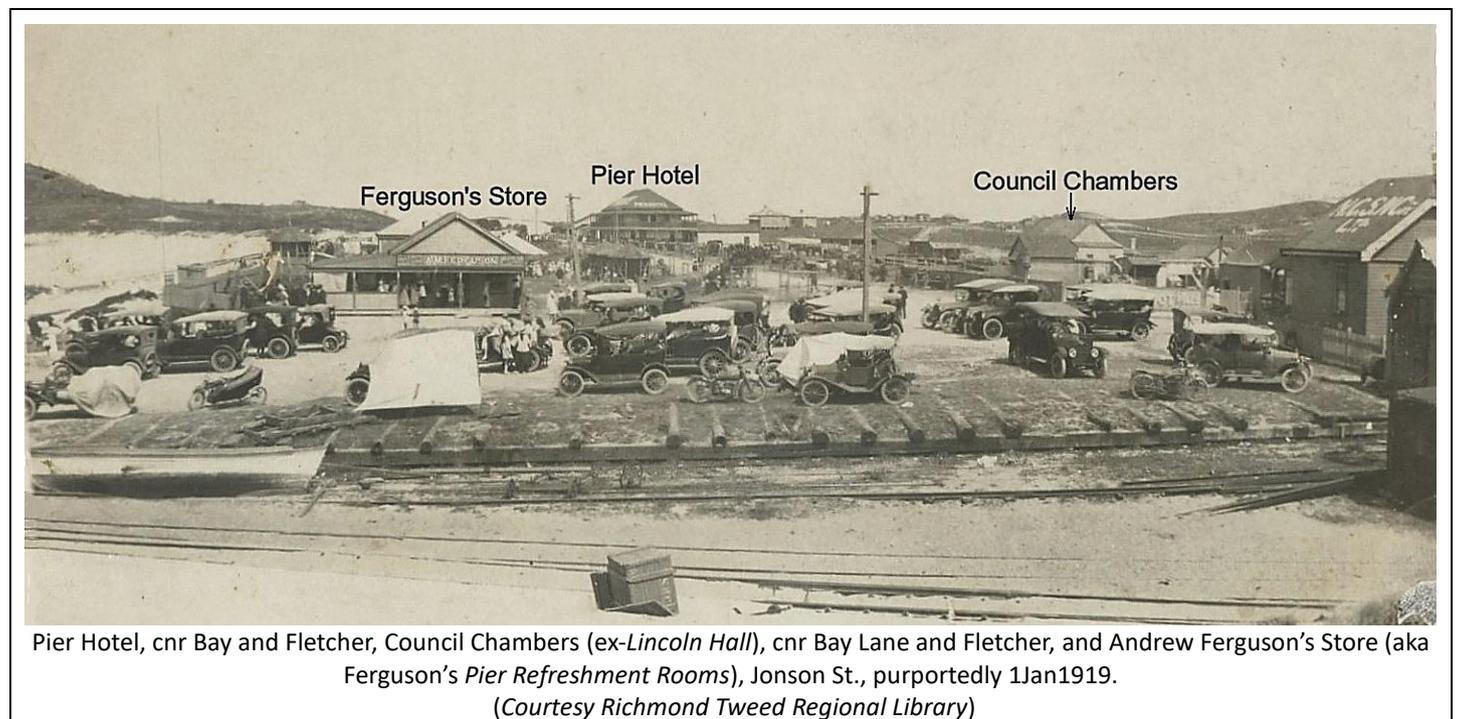
*Herald* painted a picture of *A born fighter, who plodded on and on with whatever he took in hand until either success*

crowned his efforts or rebuff came his way. Defeat he never acknowledged, in fact his outstanding characteristic was the indomitable pluck and fervor with which he led forlorn hopes in many a worthy cause.... An American by birth, he landed at Woodburn.... Despite defeats, none questioned his honesty of purpose, his rectitude, and his conscientious devotion to what he conceived to be his duty.... He leaves a widow but no family, and his funeral on Tuesday last was the largest ever seen in Byron Bay.

The Byron Bay Record said **Mr Jarman** had been a resident of Byron Bay for the past 25 years, and being a man of strong personality his name is interwoven with the public events of the town.... The funeral cortege was composed of vehicles to the number of 35 also 24 horsemen and about 30 on foot....

Administration of the estate... granted to **Elizabeth Almena Jarman**... (who left for a prolonged stay with her sister, **Mrs Don Patterson**, of Moss Vale, Southern Highlands, on 6Jun1908).

On 11Jul1908, under the heading *Sensational Statement*, the Byron Record announced that some sensation has been occasioned in town during the past week by the advent of **Mr. William Henry Jarman**, of Clare, (S.A.) (1857 Clare – 1933 Clare), who states he is a son of the late **David Jarman**. That David Jarman deserted his wife and nine children (five sons and four daughters) about thirty-six years ago. Mr W.H. Jarman further states he is here in the interests of his mother, for whom he carries a power of attorney.... The late David Jarman died intestate and Mr W.H. Jarman is making inquiries in respect to properties to which his mother may be entitled....



On 2Aug1909 *The Northern Star* recorded that the members of the Shire Council and a number of other old residents..., at the invitation of **Mrs D. Jarman**, took part in planting another large batch of ornamental trees in Shirley Street (probably meaning the portion that became Lawson).... It was an ardent desire of the late President Jarman that ornamental trees should be planted in the streets of Byron Bay, and, with the consent of the Shire Council, his widow is faithfully carrying out his wish.... After the trees – which consisted of different pines, figs and firs – had been planted, the company adjourned to Mrs Jarman's drawing-room, where the health of the lady was drunk....

To which the unforgiving Byron Record added: *It is incumbent upon us to correct the above quoted paragraph, and we are authorised by Mr W.H. Jarman, of Clare... to contradict the statement that his mother, widow of the late D. Jarman, took any part in the above mentioned tree-planting function in Byron Bay... (and is not responsible for the plague of Norfolks now polluting the place.)*

An erroneous impression is apparently gaining credence in the district that the claim made by the Jarman family on the Intestate Estate of the late **D. Jarman** is not a legal one.... But it is a proven fact that **Mrs Jarman** and her family residing at Clare, S.A., is the widow and family of the late D. Jarman.

By advt., in this issue it will be noted that the late **D. Jarman's** North Coast Co-op Coy's shares are to be sold at public auction. No mention is made of his personal effects, and the allotment of land – which was deceased's property beyond dispute – is not to be submitted to public auction but has been, we are informed, disposed of privately. (The 24 Norco shares, with a reserve of 15/- each, were passed in.)

That was the last reference to **Mrs Elizabeth Jarman** in the Byron Record. The Northern Star indicates she gave time to the

Methodist Church (opened Dec1911 Carlyle St) and probably lived off rental income from various properties. On 1Dec1915 she advertised *For Immediate Sale... the whole of her property, comprising lot 6, that valuable corner lot opposite the Pier Hotel and facing the Ocean. Lot 10, with two large Cottages, and all conveniences, Shirley Street. Also lot 11, Two large Front shops, with residences attached. Also good four-roomed cottage and outhouses at rear. All splendid properties in the heart of Byron Bay. Freehold. Torrens Titles. Apply Mrs E.A. Jarman, Byron Bay.* She then seems to have taken an extended holiday.

On 15Oct1919 **J.E. Glasgow** advertised the auction of all her furniture and miscellany plus her lot 7, section 7 cnr Bay and Fletcher, and on 3Nov1919 the *Northern Star* noted that **Mrs Jarman**, the oldest resident of Byron Bay, left on Saturday by the Wollongbar for Sydney en route to South Australia, to return to the scenes of her early youth. Mrs Jarman came from Brunswick to the Bay over 40 years ago with the late **David Jarman**, a man of many parts and an orator by nature.

On the 30Jun1916 *The Australian Christian Commonwealth (The Organ of the Methodist Church in South Australia)* had reported *Our Sainted Dead. Mrs Mary Ann Jarman, nee Goldsworthy, has died aged 81. There is no record just when Mrs Jarman joined the Church, but her class tickets date back to 1861, so she was one of the pioneer members whose leaven has worked so graciously in this district... She loved her church... and supported its work... by prayer and gifts. Her interest in foreign mission work is shown in the fact that she was a member of the Clare Branch of the WFMA from its inception... and gave liberally to its funds. The middle period of Mrs Jarman's life was a struggle... but her religion was her strength and comfort... and she would say "God knows best." ... The world had no attractions stronger than Jesus. He was the foundation on which she.... On Sunday, April 30, we laid her body to rest in the White Hut Cemetery....*

**Elizabeth Almenea Jarman** (nee Griggs) died 25Jul1920 at the Methodist Memorial Hospital in her 75<sup>th</sup> year, late of 5 Clifton Parade, Hyde Park (the same address as nephew **Mr Arthur Henry Arnold Clarke**), the dearly beloved sister of **Mrs James Vanstone**, of Opey Avenue, Hyde Park, and **Mrs Don Patterson**, Kensington, Sydney.... A colonist of 71 years. Born at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, England, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1845. Elizabeth A. Jarman, of Unley..., left an estate of £1300, and owned the Clifton Parade house.

In Apr1926 **Mr A.H.A. Clarke**, Glenelg, on behalf of the Jarman estate, whinged to Byron Shire Council over the rates and assessments made on land at Byron Bay....

[**Arthur Clarke** (1860 McLaren Vale – 1936 Helmsdale, Glenelg) was the son of John William Clarke (1836 Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire – 1870 Willunga) and **Caroline Dorcas Griggs** (1838 Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire – 1922 Hyde Park, Unley, Adelaide). Caroline remarried widower **James Vanstone** (1831 Devon, England – 1924 Granville, Sydney) of Willunga, 1871 Adelaide. James and Caroline Vanstone were Byron Bay residents 1903-1908. James, an invalid, was a member of the Byron Bay Progress Association at the time of Jarman's resignation Dec1906, and Caroline was a member of the Bay's Bible Society. Arthur was a Deacon of the Glenelg Congregational Church and Councillor on Unley City Council.]

*The last of the pioneer generations of the Jarman family died at Clare on 27Jul1954, in the person of Miss Clara Jarman, aged 84, who was born on Feb 11, 1870, the year of the Franco Prussian War. She was the*

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\*Deadline for newsletter items

Friday 30 October 2020

### NEXT MEETING

**AGM Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 @10.30am**

**MUSEUM HOURS – Tuesdays and Fridays**

**10.00-12.00**

**Market Saturdays 9.00 - 1.00**

**MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET**

Next Market- Saturday 21st November

[mullummarkets.com.au](http://mullummarkets.com.au)



youngest of nine children, and was educated at the schools of White Hut and Clare. The "Rosebank" homestead at White Hut, is now occupied by a great nephew, **Mr Don Jarman**, and has been owned by the Jarman family for five generations. The late Miss Jarman ran a maternity Home with her sister, Mrs Waller in Gleeson Street for many years, and has since lived in retirement in Agnes Street....

Whatever his family legacy, Jarman's ghost may still be heard haunting Byron affairs, the animated narcissist having brought his personality and character traits to the running of the many organisations that gave rise to the meme shaping the Bay's corporate culture.

Peter Tsicalas

## OPENING OF THE MULLUMBIMBY GATEWAY



Because of Covid-19 protocols the official opening of the Mullumbimby Gateway held Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October had 2 ceremonies. Firstly with government representatives, politicians and council officials and secondly with the very important donors, artists, etc. The rain did not stop the event but made social distancing a problem. Above was taken at the second event. BVHS were auspices for Mullumbimby Gateway. Richard Mordaunt, the mover and shaker behind getting the Gateway updated could not stay for the second event. Greg Aitken, in front, who was also on the committee represented him at the second ceremony.

The 'Information Board' (out of the picture to the left) is headed 'Welcome to Arakwal Country'..., and footed with *Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people are the recognised traditional custodians of the Byron Shire area*, leaving considerable confusion over the status of the Durungbil and Minjungbal.

*Photo courtesy of C. Dean, Creative Mullumbimby.*

**Important  
Notice**

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 10.30 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

All positions will be declared vacant and members are welcome to nominate.