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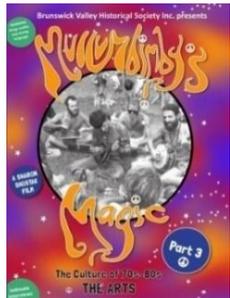


**To our members and supporters  
Merry Christmas Happy New Year.  
May it be a more fruitful and less fretful  
year than 2020**

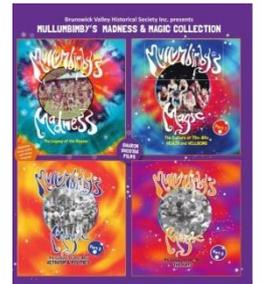
N.B. There will be no meeting in January or a newsletter. The museum will be closed over the Christmas, New Year period: following the market on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and reopening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

The phone will be checked for messages.

News re the AGM is at the end of the newsletter



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



The final screening at the Brunswick Picture House was a sellout event and the ladies got into the glam and bling to celebrate a very successful film.



From left: Bruns Picture House & advertising, Middle: Sarah, Susan & Sharon, Right: Sharon & Susan introducing the doco to a very receptive crowd.

Many thanks to Sharon. It has been illuminating, fun and a real pleasure working with her. Our thanks also to Mullumbimby Newsagency, Stewart's Menswear and The Bookshop Mullumbimby for selling our DVDs and USBs. The latter with all four films on it has proved to be very popular. Both are available at the Museum and on our website.

## Local Government Machinations

Following the pass of the Local Government Act in Dec1905, the Minister for Public Works, **Charles A. Lee**, MLA for Tenterfield, requested Progress Associations, Police Magistrates and other 'local bodies' to each submit a list of 10 names from which he would select 5 to form provisional councils that would prepare the rolls and organise the elections for each of the 134 proposed Shire Councils throughout the State. Nineteen delegates from the Progress Associations of Bangalow, Billinudgel, Brooklet, Byron Bay, Clunes, Coorabell, Crabbes Creek, Federal, Mullumbimby, Myocum and Tyagarah met at Bangalow in Apr1906 and after a couple of ballots nominated in order of popularity, **David Jarman** of Byron Bay, **Thomas Torrens** of Mullum, **George Smith** of Coorabell, **Robert Campbell** of Bangalow, **Donald Kennedy** of Tyagarah, **George Reading** of Bangalow, **George Johnston** of Federal, **Robert M. Crabbe** of Crabbes Creek, **John M. Sharp** of Billinudgel and **John Macgregor** of Myocum as an equitable representation of the various districts within the proposed Byron Shire.

**Jarman** was arguably the most high-profile Byronite in the district at the time, particularly through his prominent position on the Richmond-Tweed committee lobbying for the Tenterfield-Casino rail line over the Clarence's Glen Innes-Grafton line and the Government's preferred Maitland-Grafton route. And his notable oratorical and salesmanship skills probably played a big part in swaying the delegates to marginally nominate Byron Bay as the preferred shire capital, despite a convincing argument from Irishman **William Reilly**, similarly blessed with the gift of the gab, on the merits of Mullum.

They forwarded their list along with their wish that the Bay be proclaimed the centre of activities through '**Honest John Perry**, Progressive MLA for Richmond, who had already received a separate list of nominees from the subversive Mullumbimby Progress Association along with its resolution "*That the name of the new Shire be changed to Mullumbimby*". **Minister Lee**, who had a falling out with Jarman over railway corruption allegations, confounded everyone with his final list of provisional shire councillors, published via the NSW Govt Gazette of 16May1906, nominating Methodist '**Robert Baker** of Main Arm, Presbyterian **John Macgregor** of Myocum, Presbyterian **Thomas Torrens** of Mullum, Anglican **George Reading** of Bangalow and Catholic **Edward Boyle** of St Helena. Byron Bay smelt a rat, or at least a strong whiff of suspicion that there was lobbying through Presbyterian Orangeman Perry.

The Byron Bay Progress Association (whose membership included **Jarman** and mate **Alfred Burgess**, owner-editor of the *Byron Record*) got aroused to say *We consider that Byron Bay should have had more consideration shown it.... We are loath to believe that the Metropolitan Press are correct in their assertion that our opposition to the North Coast railway explains the intentional omission....*, and fired off a complaint to an unsympathetic Premier Carruthers.

The first meeting of the Provisional Council, held at the Bay 12Jun1906, elected cantankerous **Baker** as Chairman, who then proceeded to make unilateral decisions without consultation with his fellow Councillors. They reprimanded him at the next meeting a fortnight later and also voted 3-2 to make Mullum the organisational centre, which provoked **Burgess** to wonder... *Is this another effect to still further inflate the bubble of Mullumbimby?* He also conjured up a conspiracy theory in the council's selection of a Mullumite over a Byronian as the temporary Shire Clerk, a job he apparently wanted himself. It got more entertaining at the next meeting when liverish Baker resigned in a fit of pique because the minister decreed that the Bay would remain as the centre of the shire and there would be no boundary changes. '*The Chairman said he intended to resign everything, he was not going to be made a pigmy of by the Minister*'. **Minister Lee** said 'thanks Bob' and appointed Presbyterian **John Craig Morrison** of Mullum as his replacement, while the councillors elected the more conciliatory **Macgregor** of Myocum as the new Chairman.

Then pretender **Jarman** got fired-up with an open letter in the *Byron Record* on 18Aug1906 to "*Our Disinterested Friend W.R. Baker, and his Estimate of Byron Bay.*"

*I quote from his published letter to the Minister for Works:-*

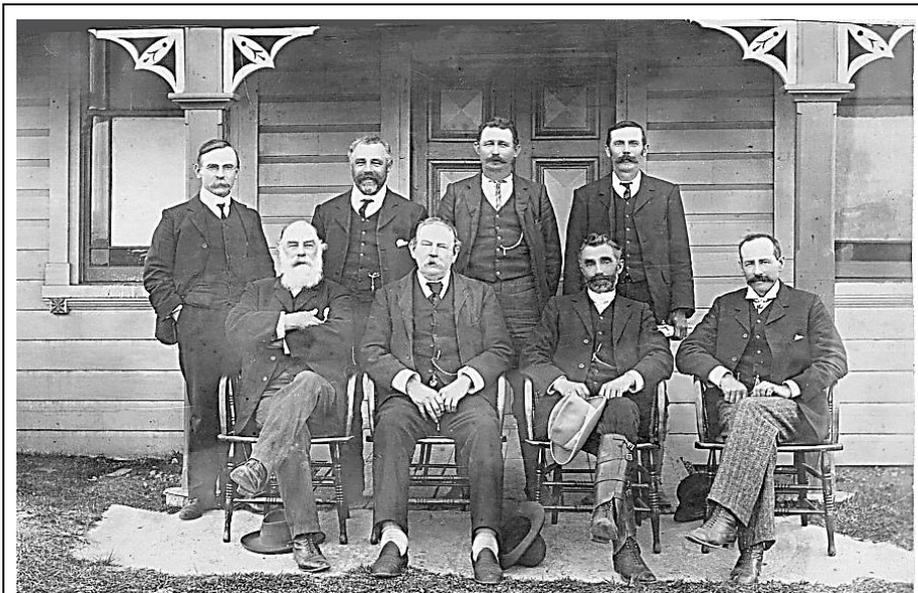
*"We chose Mullumbimby as the principal polling place. You slap us in the face by selecting Byron Bay...."*

*My dear egotistical Baker. - You must have the Mullumbimby fever very severe.... From a sanitary point of view, as a site for a city, is the sticky mud of Mullumbimby flats equal to the dry, sandy, porous soil of the heaths...? The very argument that Mr Baker urges as a reason that Byron Bay should not have foremost consideration is the one indisputable claim that we have to that consideration. And that is, our proximity to the World's Highway - "the deep blue sea."....*

*Men of Mr Baker's stamp have done their utmost to retard the inevitable, but neither Baker nor Mullumbimby can rob this place of its geographical advantages nor prevent it becoming the 'Frisco of N.S.Wales....*

*And, though neither I nor Mr Baker may live to see it, this sandy heath will be a mighty city. 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....*

The election of Nov1906 saw a healthy 41% of the 1040 eligible ratepayers (485 registered in 'A Riding', 232 in 'B' and 323 in 'C') go to 11 booths to elect a 1yr term council (contrasted with apathy at the Federal election 2wks later when 31% of eligible punters at the Bay fronted to re-elect Jarman's mate, Anglican **Thomas Ewing**.)



Byron Shire Council 1907

Standing L to R: J.J. McSheehy, Shire Clerk; Robert Collings; William Bate; Thomas Armstrong.

Seated: D.W. Munro, Engineer; David Jarman; John Macgregor; Jack Banner.

The punters of A Riding (Mullum district) gave the nod to Anglican Englishman **Jack Banner**, farmer of Billinudgel, and Presbyterian Scotsman **John Macgregor**, farmer of Myocum, over Presbyterian Englishman **John Craig Morrison**, a Mullum farmer and auctioneer, and Presbyterian Englishman **Alfred Frederick Wallis**, farmer of Myocum. In the back blocks of B Riding **Robert Collings**, Methodist farmer of Clunes, and **William John Bate**, Anglican farmer of Federal, outpolled Catholic Englishman **Frederick Reading**, farmer of Binna Burra. In C Riding (Byron Bay/Bangalow) Methodist Englishman **Jarman**, major property owner of the Bay, and Anglican Irishman **Thomas Armstrong**, farmer of Coopers Shoot, comprehensively trounced Catholic farmers **Henry O'Meara** of Possum Creek and **Robert Campbell** of

Bangalow. The new councillors elected Jarman as president and Macgregor as vice-president, confirmed Byron Bay as the Shire capitol and immediately started arguing over Riding boundaries, road priorities, lack of money and equitable Riding expenditure. A year later they cemented the place as the centre of the Shire with the acquisition of 'Jarman's Hall' as the permanent Council Chambers. (Macgregor was absent when Jarman, Armstrong and Collings carried the vote over the opposition of Banner and Bate.)

Meanwhile Mullumbimby was still trying to have the marriage annulled, but the two hostile parties, the Shire Council and the *Mullumbimby Separation Committee*, were unable to reach any agreement over equitable distribution of moneys and assets by the time the next election was due on 1Feb1908. So Mullum remained in the Byron fold and contributed to the return of all sitting councillors for a 3yr term, inclusive of **Jarman**, who was again elected President. But the 76yr old went to the underworld 4mths later and at the by-election 72yr old Presbyterian **John Eldeit Glasgow**, builder, auctioneer, brickmaker and President of the Bay's Progress Association, was elected over 48yr old Catholic **Fred Reading** of Bangalow (101 to 75), while 55yr old **Macgregor** of Myocum was voted into the President's chair with 42yr old **Banner** as his Vice-President. Two months later it was revealed that in 1872 Jarman (aged 40) had come down with an unstable strain of the midlife crisis virus, doing a runner on a wife and 9 children in Clare, South Australia, in favour of unencumbered adventures in Echuca, Woodburn and Brunswick before self-isolating at Byron Bay in 1883.

### Principality of Mullumbimby

The disgruntled Mullum Prog Assoc, under the guidance of **Dr Leighton Kesteven**, had wanted to call off the Byron-Mullum wedding ceremony right from the start of the Local Government proposal, sponsoring a public meeting on 14May1906 to discuss remaining single as a municipality, the day after **Bishop Doyle** had counselled his Mullum Catholic parishioners on the benefits of 'incorporation' over mixed marriages. (Also desperate for separation was **Mrs Martha Stevens** who broadcast her marital intentions by setting fire to her house 'because it was the only way to get out of Mullumbimby...', a sympathetic jury finding her not guilty of arson two days later.) **Burgess** of the *Record* exclaimed that *Mullumbimby would be a Municipality - all on its lone! Well, pride sometimes goes before a fall. We, of Byron Bay are humble - very humble, in fact, we ask for nothing with the exception of connection by rail with the Tableland, and merely to be the capital site of Byron Shire....*

By the end of Jun1906 the Prog Assoc secretary **Peter Nelson** had collected 128 signatures (inclusive of 16 women, 1 Chinaman and 2 Sikhs) from in and around town on a petition that set divorce proceedings in motion. More than half of the petitioners had less than 3yrs residency, and it transpired that a fair proportion had no long-term commitment to the place, including temporarily besotted **Dr Kesteven**.

Apart from giving a serve to the brash Byronians, the main cause of the rush of blood to the head was the perception of boundless prosperity, due almost entirely to the exponentially expanding dairy industry. The cow kept laying golden pats, attracting South Coast farmers to the Brunswick district and a return of many Clarence selectors to their abandoned paddocks, along with a concomitant growth in Mullum as speculators introduced a building boom that had transformed the town by the time the petitioners gave their mark of approval.

Growth was such that in Dec1903 **Constable Watts** won himself a deputy to help manage the booming Mullumbimby Police Patrol District, at the same time advising that *When he came three years ago there were 72 dairies; now there were 170.... The increase of population in the patrol district under his charge during that time had been over 1000.... A big percentage of this increase was in the town and immediate districts, and the place was going ahead in leaps and bounds....* He updated in Feb1906, advising that *The population within the police patrol is 2328 and for the town 530. The increase for the year is about 300, an exceedingly satisfactory result...*, despite the exodus of many long-term locals to the attractions of Queensland where crown land was being opened up at a frenetic pace. By late 1905 Mullum's name was on everyone's lips, prompting *Agents of the Government Intelligence Department* to include photographs of **Hugh Livingstone's** 'Ivy Hill' farm at the northern end of the racecourse in a propaganda package to entice British migrants. (Hugh also took advantage of the cash cow, acquiring a piece of Morrison's farm east of the railway station in mid1905 to create the 176 lot Livingstone Estate, selling most within 12mths and eventually joining the stampede to Queensland at the start of the Great Drought in 1911).

On 17Aug1906 the SMH published its observations of wonderland, reckoning that *The two scrub towns which stand out above all others, are Bangalow and Mullumbimby... and they are rivals straining hard for the lead.... Mullumbimby was not so very long ago a mere name on the map..., but is now a seething cauldron of excitement, and its fame may be very fairly gauged by the ease with which its polysyllable name passes from mouth to mouth from the Clarence to the Tweed. It has outgrown its services most alarmingly, and the sooner it becomes incorporated as a municipality, the better it will be for the health and comfort of its people.... The contour of the back country serves Mullumbimby generously, and whatever advancement Bangalow may make, it cannot rob its hideously-named rival of its birthright....*

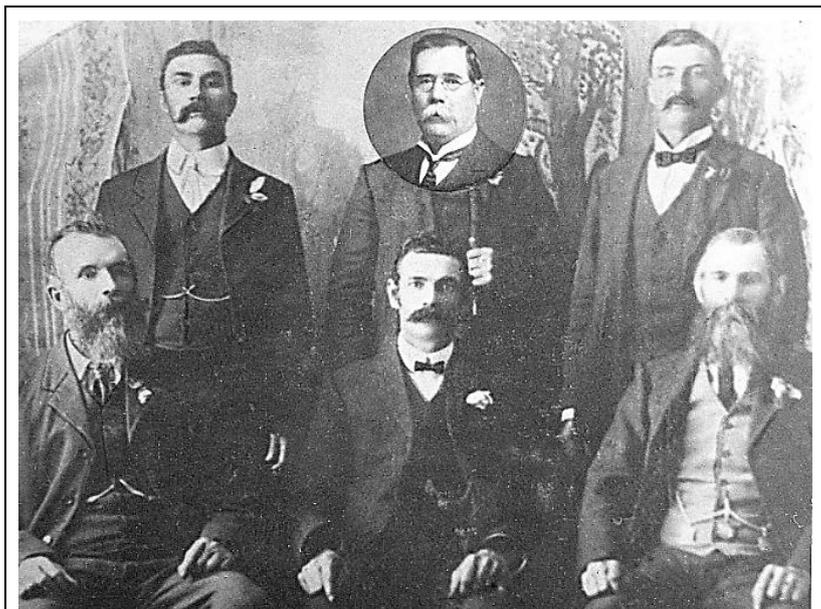
So the Mullumites had a solid rationale for their cockiness, but momentum seems to have been lost from the proposal for separate households by 10Oct1906 when their petition appeared in the Government Gazette, which noted that the 128 petitioners swore *that they are residents of Mullumbimby...*, and **Peter Nelson** swearing that the signatures were genuine and that the petitioners were aware of the liability for *assessments for municipal taxes.... Declared before me... Leighton Kesteven, J.P.*

They had an opportunity to get in Premier Carruthers' ear during his whistle stop on 25May1907, but he deflated the enthusiasm by urging them to go the 'Urban Area' route rather than seek 'Incorporation'. He and his entourage, including **Honest John Perry MLA**, were entertained at a reception at the Middle Pub where **W.R. Baker** eulogised *the Carruthers Government...* (and later sang the praises of Liberal Perry for the election of 10Sep1907, out of harmony with Shire **President Jarman** chanting his endorsement of Independent Liberal Temperley of Ballina). While Mullum continued to dither over seeking 'Incorporated' status, the Shire Council voted to proceed with 'Urban Area' status for Bangalow and Byron Bay shortly after the Premier's visit.

Incorporation got closer for the municipal evangelists when the Gazette of 14Aug1907 notified *that it is proposed to reconstitute the Byron Shire by dividing it into two areas, viz., an Area to be constituted Byron Shire, and an Area to be constituted Mullumbimby Municipality...*, and that anybody with objections to this marriage dissolution has 30 days to do so or forever hold your peace. It was heartily endorsed by conciliatory (or satirical) **Alfred Burgess**, who reckoned that *Mullumbimby residents deserve to have their petition granted for they are a level-headed, patriotic crowd, willing to do much for the advancement and to uphold the dignity of their town*, but following the controversy over the Shire Council's purchase of 'Jarman's Hall' as its permanent Council Chambers changed his lyrics to *Mullumbimby is again "riding the high horse".... The indignation regarding the purchase..., is simply the outcome of jealousy....*

Nevertheless, in Oct1907 the Minister made a last-ditch effort to mediate with the arguing parties by sending his Local Government Engineer to arbitrate reconciliation. **President Jarman** reiterated his stance that they could all play happy families if Mullum would only accept 'urban area' status within the shire, while Municipal devotees, Messrs **Kesteven, Reilly, Morrison, Nelson** and **Richard Windeyer Thompson Jnr** (the previous temporary shire clerk, now shire valuer) begged to differ, stating that *they preferred to have their own officers, feeling that they could better arrange their own affairs than it could be managed for them. Mr Jones pointed out that under an urban area they would have all the privilege of a municipality, and would receive a subsidy of 25s in the £, whereas if formed into a municipality they would only receive 3/4d. The deputation were, however, strenuous in their advocacy for a municipality...*, so he'd give them his blessing. The final proclamation was made in the Gazette of 24Jun1908, nominating 1Jul1908 as the day for signing the

divorce papers, leaving the splitting of assets and other financial arrangements to be argued over later. And I, adjudicator **Charles A. Lee**, do hereby authorise an election....



Municipal Aldermen 1908

Rear L to R: Thomas Torrens, William R. Baker (with Peter Nelson's body), James Davidson

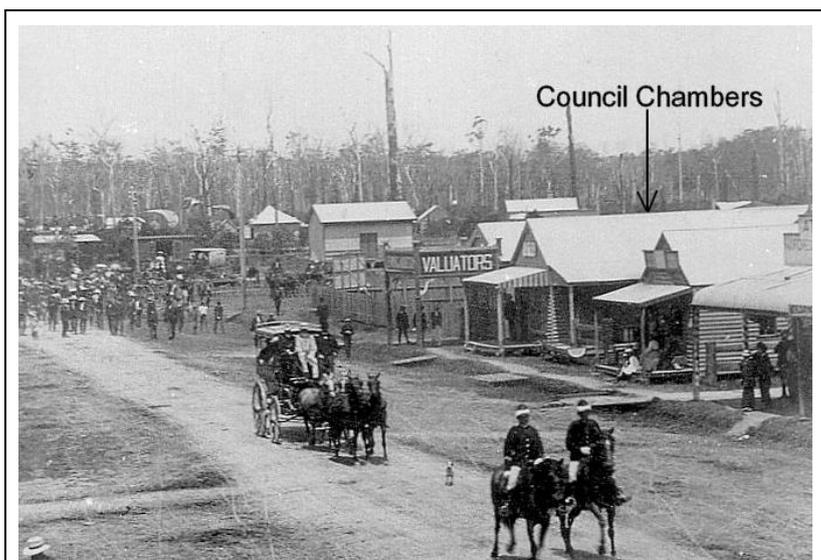
Seated: William J. Reilly, Joseph N. Hollingworth, John I. Stewart.

Apart from the aldermanic suitors pitching their credentials, the only election issue was raised by 'Cornstalk' on 3Sep1908 with an appeal to the 'White Australia' fans. *I think the question of the Hindoo nuisance should be a test one at the coming council election. Let the character of each candidate be carefully scrutinised, and if any shows a partiality for coloured residents and low class living, strike his name out no matter what other claims he may have... and show to other councils on the North Coast that the motto of Mullumbimby Municipality, the latest addition to their ranks, will be 'White Australia' right from the start....*

The election went ahead on 12Sep1908, with a fair swag of the 274 eligible ratepayers on the roll probably being absentee landlords and transient shopkeepers. Only 180 interested punters bothered to front to choose 6 aldermen from the healthy field of 14 candidates, with **William Robert Baker** resurfacing to score 110 votes,

second to Presbyterian **Joseph Hollingworth** (129) and just ahead of the Hollingworth mill foreman, Presbyterian Scotsman **John Stewart** (106), followed by Presbyterian Scotsman **James Davidson** (91), Catholic Irishman **William John Reilly** (90) and Presbyterian colonial **Tom Torrens** (89).

Laborite **Hollingworth** was elected mayor and clashed with Liberal **Baker** right from the get-go, the latter throwing in the towel in Mar1909 following an ironic letter-to-the-editor informing one and all that *His Worship... runs the council to suit his own silly ideas.... With two servile supporters (Davidson and Torrens) it is a one-man Council...*, subsequently nominating to run against his mate, **Honest John Perry**, for a seat in parliament. At the Council by-election 65 voters turned up to erect 44yr old Anglican auctioneer **James Parrish** over 55yr old Anglican Dane **Peter Nelson** (33 to 32.) At the Council election in Jan1911, 6wks after the death of Parrish, 113 ratepayers fronted to give the Mullumites a continuing Labor dominated Council by returning all sitting councillors and giving Nelson the vacant seat.



Lord Chelmsford parading down Burringbar Street from the station in Nov1909. (Buildings R to L are Atwell Billiard Saloon, McGougan's Lane, Venn Bros Plumbers, Council Chambers, auctioneer A.R. Morton under 'Valuator' sign, sale yards, Station Street).

At the AGM of the Prog Assoc in Jan1909 **Dr Kesteven**, having been chairman of all public meetings in connection with the creation of the municipality of Mullumbimby..., was re-elected president, along with **Nelson** as treasurer. Upon taking the chair Kesteven seized the opportunity for an attack on the Town Council on the lines of his previously recorded utterances..., but didn't hang around to see what he'd wrought, moving to Sydney 2mths later. (In May1906 **Leighton Kesteven**, the relatively new arriviste, had convened the original public meeting at which **Bob Baker** proposed 'That the time has arrived when Mullumbimby should be incorporated'.)

Did Kesteven, Baker, Nelson, et al, call it right? Or would Byron Shire have been a more cost-effective provider of services to Mullum? Were those 128 fellow travellers, listed hereunder, given both sides of the argument?... (Without

these culprits bearing witness it's questionable whether divorce would've received Ministerial blessing).

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Address</b>
Agnew, John	baker	Mullumbimby	McDougall, Andrew T	tobacconist	Mullumbimby
Anstey, Henry R.	Pub. Sch. Teacher	Mullumbimby	Mellor, Thomas	farmer	Mullumbimby
Armbruster, Charles L	storekeeper	Mullumbimby	Moehead, Eric D.	butcher	Mullumbimby
Arnold, Louis H.	compositor	Mullumbimby	Morrison, John Craig	dairyman	Mullumbimby
Baker, E	householder	Mullumbimby	Murray, Samuel	dairyman	Mullumbimby
Balzer, William E.	cordial manuf.	Mullumbimby	Nelson, Eliza	domestic duties	Mullumbimby
Belson, Charles	farmer	Mullumbimby	Nelson, Henrik	farmer	Mullumbimby
Bennett, A.N. (H.A.?)	storekeeper	Mullumbimby	Nelson, Peter	storekeeper	Mullumbimby
Brazill, Clarence S.	baker	Mullumbimby	Nielson, W.	carpenter	Mullumbimby
Bridge, Ethel F.	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	O'Meara, Henry	farmer	Coorabell Crk
Bridge, James Albert	dairyman	Mullumbimby	O'Neil, Rosetta	household duties	Mullumbimby
Bridge, John	dairyman	Mullumbimby	O'Neill, Timothy B.	teamster	Mullumbimby
Broomham, Charles	apiarist	Mullumbimby	Olson, Peter	farmer	Mullumbimby
Burns, David John	baker	Mullumbimby	Parrish, James	auctioneer	Mullumbimby
Burns, Hannah N.	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	Petcovich, Mattio	farmer	Billinudgel
Butt, A.E.	captain, Salvation Army	Mullumbimby	Plowright, Emily L.	household duties	Mullumbimby
Byrnes, Arthur	farmer	Mullumbimby	Plowright, Joseph H.	proprietor M'bimby "Star"	Mullumbimby
Byrnes, Martha	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	Poolman, Percy S.	dental surgeon	Mullumbimby
Cameron, Allan	storekeeper	Mullumbimby	Popkin, Cedric B.	contractor	Mullumbimby
Clark, Helen	household duties	Mullumbimby	Prindable, John	labourer	Mullumbimby
Clark, Thomas J.	teamster	Mullumbimby	Reilly, Bertha A.	household duties	Mullumbimby
Coghlan, Edmund	machinist	Mullumbimby	Reilly, Mary A.	household duties	Mullumbimby
Connor, Fred G.	med. pract.	Mullumbimby	Reilly, William John	land owner	Mullumbimby
Dargie, William	tailor	Mullumbimby	Richards, Albert Joel	storekeeper	Mullumbimby
Davidson, James	farmer	Mullumbimby	Richards, Walter M.	Storekeeper's asst.	Mullumbimby
Donaghy, John	dairyman	Learmount	Robertson, Alex.	builder	Mullumbimby
Dorrington, John	settler	Mullumbimby	Row, Frank Aldrich	storekeeper	Mullumbimby
Duffey, Charles Alfred	plumber	Mullumbimby	Royal, Julia	boardinghousekeeper	Mullumbimby
Ennis, Joseph	fireman	Mullumbimby	Russell, Arthur	fencer	Mullumbimby
Foley, John	hairdresser	Mullumbimby	Savill, Henry Arthur	mill hand	Mullumbimby
French, Henry	auctioneer	Mullumbimby	Selwood, William E.	saddler	Mullumbimby
French, Jane	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	Simpson, Charles E.	land owner	Mullumbimby
Garrard, James A.	sawyer	Mullumbimby	Simpson, Julia E.	domestic duties	Mullumbimby
Giles, Robert	canvasser	Mullumbimby	Singh, A. de	dealer	Mullumbimby
Gillard, Thomas H.	auctioneer	Mullumbimby	Singh, Munshi Lall	dealer	Mullumbimby
Gillard, Thomas	auctioneer	Mullumbimby	Smart, C.J.	nurse	Mullumbimby
Goding, John Alfred	carpenter	Mullumbimby	Smart, James	builder	Mullumbimby
Gray, Francis R.	cordial maker	Mullumbimby	Smith, Charles	coach proprietor	Mullumbimby
Gregory, H.C.F.A.	carpenter	Mullumbimby	Southwood, Henry T	plumber, &c	Mullumbimby
Hancock, W.H.	teamster	Mullumbimby	Starr, Alfred H.	farmer	Mullumbimby
Hawkins, Samuel	butcher	Mullumbimby	Stewart, Archibald	carter	Mullumbimby
Hawley, F.C.	storeman	Mullumbimby	Strong, A.	dairyman	Mullumbimby
Healy, John	farmer	Mullumbimby	Tarlington, William J.	farmer	Billinudgel
Healy, Daniel Patrick	farmer	Mullumbimby	Thompson, Ralph Windeyer (jnr)	auctioneer	Mullumbimby
Hollingworth, Joseph Nicholson	sawmill proprietor	Mullumbimby	Thompson, Ralph Mate	bank manager	Mullumbimby
Jarrett, Alice Theresa	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	Torrens, Alexander J.	carter	Mullumbimby
Jarrett, Bernard A.	contractor	Mullumbimby	Torrens, Mary Ellen	domestic duties	Mullumbimby
Jones, G.	fruiterer	Mullumbimby	Torrens, Thomas	butcher	Mullumbimby
Kane, A.M.	wheelwright	Mullumbimby	Torrens, William	butcher's asst.	Mullumbimby
Kelly, Arthur E.	watchmaker	Mullumbimby	Turnbull, Frederick G	chemist	Mullumbimby
Kesteven, Leighton	surgeon	Mullumbimby	Vran, O.M.	photographer	Mullumbimby
Lamb, Marmaduke	carpenter, &c	Mullumbimby	Walker, Patrick	farmer	Billinudgel
Latter, Alfred Edward	coach-builder	Mullumbimby	Wall, Patrick	boardinghouse keeper	Mullumbimby
Law, David William	farmer	Mullumbimby	Walton, A.B.	gardener	Mullumbimby
Livingstone, Hugh McD.	farmer	Mullumbimby	Watts, Alfred	boardinghouse keeper	Mullumbimby

Locke, Albert James	carter	Mullumbimby	Watts, Margaret	household duties	Mullumbimby
Loewenthal, Charles Jacob	commercial agent	Sydney	Weaver, George	contractor	Mullumbimby
Mallam, George	storekeeper	Mullumbimby	Weigall, Harold W.	solicitor	Mullumbimby
Mallett, Raymond Robe	sawmill proprietor	Mullumbimby	Wells, W.A.	sawmill hand	Mullumbimby
Mallett, William Walter	sawyer	Mullumbimby	Whelan, Michael Joseph	general carrier	Mullumbimby
Man Wah, Charlie	fruiterer	Mullumbimby	Whittaker, J.C.	store assistant	Mullumbimby
Martin, Leslie Carlyle	carter	Mullumbimby	Wilson, Alexander C.	hotelkeeper	Mullumbimby
McAulay, Kate M.	domestic duties	Mullumbimby	Wilson, James	bank manager	Mullumbimby
McCarthy, E.	tailor	Mullumbimby	Withford, John	hotelkeeper	Mullumbimby

Peter Tsicalas

## INTIMATE APPAREL

The latest exhibition features beautiful & interesting pieces of underwear from our collection supplemented by a few pieces from Taylor's Props. Accompanying it is a timeline of the History of Underwear.



## AGM Report

It is with pleasure that we welcome 2 new members to our committee, Mark Edwards and Ann Burnett. Their experience and expertise will be greatly appreciated by the management committee. Other positions remained the same except that Sarah has taken on minute secretary as well. Thanks to all.

It was not a successful year financially for BVHS with a loss of \$30,908; there being no markets and no visitors providing income for several months because of the corona virus, but still leaving continuing expenses. Prior to the virus we had already lost 2 markets to very wet weather. Our market started back in September, small but slowly rebuilding.

Attached, for members, is a condensed copy of the audit report. The full report consists of 14 pages and if you would like to peruse it a copy is available at the museum and will be available on the ACNC website soon.

## President's Report

Welcome to 2020 BVHS AGM

Unfortunately because of Covid-19 restrictions, I have only been able to write half a speech.

I sincerely hope your QR, that's quick response reader, has logged you in correctly and you are all traceable and not asymptomatic.

If you are not using the official NSW Government app you will probably be getting ads for retraining in the immediate future.

I will broadly summarize the BVHS year in reverse chronological order for obvious reasons.

Ok... last week we struggled to erect a 60's metal sculpture "Heritage" by Kevin Brereton. It had previously stood on Mullum's cenotaph next to the Mullumbimby Memorial Civic Hall. The Mullumbimby RSL Sub-branch had decided to donate it to us and it sat in a shed in Sydney for three years waiting restoration.

Recently returned by the artist's son we naively believed (naive is Spanish for snow) that the sculpture installation would involve a simple 5 minute exercise in lifting and positioning.

Everything had been measured and measured again: the imposing khaki plinth constructed and prepared by Peter Tsicalas with a small group of semi-reluctant helpers.

All hands on deck for its erection. However, nothing was ship shape when the sculpture was unwrapped. Between curses PT patiently and persistently persevered. Now which way should it be facing?

The grounds they are a-changing.

Mullum Town Landcare group has returned once a month to work on the creek banks. Fifty metres of non edible taro has been removed from the creek bed.

Ken Robertson has continued the bush regeneration project as well as a plethora of other garden beautification tasks. Barry mows on noiselessly.

Byron Council have pruned some dangerous camphors in preparation for safer markets.

The grounds continue to be popular day and night.

We have only managed to hold a few markets this year. Our income negligible compared with other years. However through good management from our treasurer and generous donations we haven't had the same financial pressures as other regional museums.

A new exhibition at the museum was revealed by Susan and helpers titled 'Intimate Apparel', a History of Undergarments. A festive new window display has recently appeared at Stuarts Menswear in Burringbar Street. We also contributed to the Mullum Gateway Project, providing a selection of historic photographs for the entrance to Mullumbimby.

The last and latest of our films on Arts and Culture was successfully screened at a number of venues last month. It was heart-warming to observe previously isolated groups of locals lounging about on the grass enjoying food and drink under the full moon. Mercifully screened between two wild and wet nights the event at the museum exceeded expectations. The other venues were also very good, selling out. The complete series of films on USB proved popular providing some financial relief after such a dire monetary year. Well done Sharon Shostak, producers, projectionists, volunteers and participants.

Unfortunately a number of our otherwise regular and long-term volunteers have relocated, been evicted, resigned or been trapped OS during the year. However we have been fortunate to welcome a new wave of volunteers (Anne, Mark, Nathan, Frederick, Toni, Gerry, Maria and more) thus injecting a healthy dose of new blood into our dwindling but only slightly anaemic society. Long may we prosper and provide a safe and interesting environment for all.

So we move back, back in time to August and Susan zooming with other northern rivers market organizers enabling a clean and safe transition back from lockdown. Signs, crosses, arrows and every other variation and permissible warning was positioned and posted everywhere you looked. The no dancing signs were a personal favourite. Perhaps if these health events continue we may have to provide virtual tours of the museum. There were no tour buses, school groups and very few visitors this year.

July - Nothing

May -Nothing

April - Nothing

March - Very little.

We had only just begun the year before we stopped.

Tomorrow never knows.

## **Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc. Newsletter**

This newsletter is written by and for the members of the BVHS Inc

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### **All members are invited to contribute to this newsletter**

Please email contributions for the newsletter to

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\*Deadline for newsletter items  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
2021 @10.30am**

**MUSEUM HOURS –  
Tuesdays and Fridays**

**10.00-12.00**

**Market Saturdays 9.00 - 1.00**

**MULLUMBIMBY  
COMMUNITY MARKET**

Next Market- Saturday 19 Dec

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



**BRUNSWICK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

ABN: 63 214 408 620

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>INCOME</b>	\$	\$
Market Stall Fees	7,561	20,262
Membership Fees	590	620
Donations Received	10,699	100,294
Sales	4,850	16,421
Research	80	392
Interest Income	1,400	873
Reimbursements	432	2,443
Grants Received	4,500	0
Filemaker Contract	8,189	59,940
Other Income	1,015	35
	<u>39,315</u>	<u>201,280</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration & Office Costs	3,383	4,605
Assets Purchased	924	8,144
Audit Fees	1,595	1,210
Bank Charges	78	69
Display & Collection	710	3,922
Donations - Gateway	9,387	0
Electricity	921	823
Filemaker	13,017	59,334
Film Production Costs	17,390	13,233
Insurance	4,126	4,285
Market Expenses	7,682	14,180
Permits, Licences and Fees	540	540
Printing & Photocopying	4,663	6,431
Repairs & Maintenance	2,422	8,141
Subscriptions, Conferences & Courses	600	268
Water & Garbage Services	792	851
Other Costs	1,994	2,294
	<u>70,223</u>	<u>128,330</u>
<b>Profit / (Loss) after Income Tax</b>	<u><b>(30,908)</b></u>	<u><b>72,949</b></u>
<b>BANK ACCOUNT OPENING BALANCE PRIOR YEAR</b>		9,885
<b>RETAINED PROFITS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>139,536</u>	<u>56,701</u>
<b>TOTAL RETAINED PROFITS</b>	<u><b>108,629</b></u>	<u><b>139,536</b></u>

The accompanying Notes form part of this Financial Report.

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2	108,629	141,136
Trade & Other Receivables	3	0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>108,629</u>	<u>141,136</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant & Equipment			
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>108,629</u>	<u>141,136</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	4	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Loan To COREM	5	<u>0</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>108,629</u>	<u>139,536</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained Profits			139,536
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			<u>139,536</u>

**BRUNSWICK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020****CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$	\$
Market Fees Received	7,561	20,262
Sales Income	4,850	16,421
Membership Fees Received	590	620
Donations Received	10,699	100,294
Interest Received	1,400	873
Other Income	14,215	62,810
Payments to Suppliers	<u>(70,223)</u>	<u>(128,330)</u>
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	<u><u>(30,908)</u></u>	<u><u>72,949</u></u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0
Proceeds from disposals of Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0
Purchase of Investments	0	0
Proceeds of disposals of Investments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Proceeds from Bank Loans		
Repayment of Bank Loans	<u>(1,600)</u>	<u>(2,400)</u>
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities	<u><u>(1,600)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,400)</u></u>

Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(32,508)	70,549
Cash at Beginning of Financial Year	141,136	60,701
Cash Bank Account Adjustment Prior Year		9,885
Cash at End of Financial Year	<u><u>108,629</u></u>	<u><u>141,136</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standard, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		\$	\$
	Westpac Account 201192	965	24,442
	Westpac Account 158901	67	4,895
	Southern Cross Credit Union Account	8,744	19,425
	Southern Cross Credit Union Term Deposit	60,883	60,000
	Summerland Credit Union Term Deposit	31,076	30,568
	Paypal Account	186	230
	Southern Cross Credit Union - Gateway Monument	630	0
	Southern Cross Credit Union - Terania Project	1,417	1,417
	Southern Cross Credit Union - Creative Mullumbimby	4,500	0
	Southern Cross Credit Union - Member Share	10	10
	Cash on Hand	150	150
		<u><u>108,629</u></u>	<u><u>141,136</u></u>
<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Trade &amp; Other Receivables</b>		
	Invoices Outstanding	0	0
		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b>Note 4</b>	<b>Trade and Other Payables</b>		
	Trade Creditors	0	0
		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b>Note 5</b>	<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
	Loan to COREM	0	1,600
		<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>1,600</u></u>