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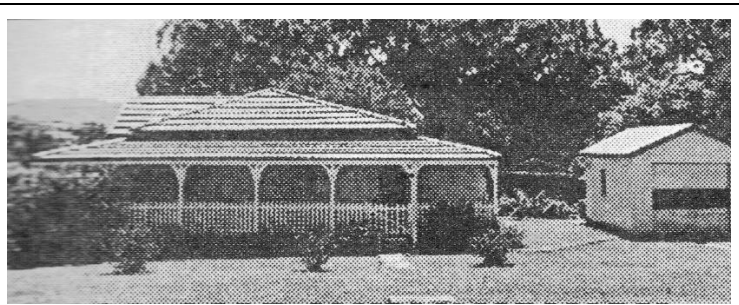
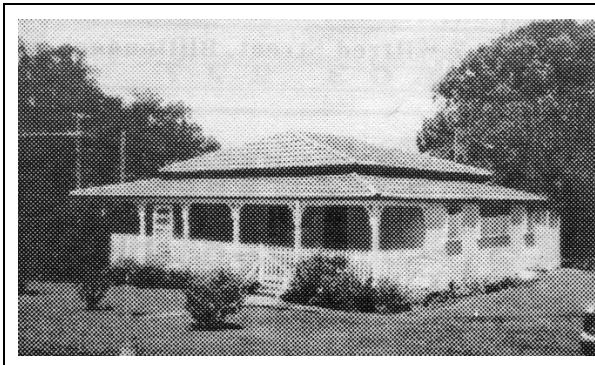
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Wilona Revisited

To make way for **Sylvester Walker's** new home 'Wilona', fronting Main Arm Road near Chinbible Creek, the existing house on the site was relocated elsewhere on the ~6.7ac property. In the Newsletter story 'Heritage Homes' at [123.-Newsletter-November-2022.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#) we speculated that one of the possible new sites for the original building, believed to be known as 'Bellevue' homestead and likely built by **Hector Blanch** in ~1904, was No 22 Coolamon Scenic Drive. However, a recent revisit to 'Emily Hopf Reminiscing' - Emily's 137pg handwritten memoir resting in the BVHS archive - reveals that the house at No 22 was erected in 1947 after 'Dad (Charles Hopf) pulled down an old house at Tyagarah and rebuilt it from the timber, iron, etc....'



22 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Nov1993
(Courtesy Echo Real Estate advert)

Emily claims *Mother* bought it ('Wilona') in 1945, with 6 acres of grounds..., implying that ~0.7ac had been earlier sold off by the Walkers. Unless '6 acres' is simply a rounded-off 'ball-park' figure, the most likely scenario is that the northern portion of Lot 122 on the left bank of Chinbible Creek had been excised, leaving only No 22 with frontage to Coolamon Scenic Drive.



Main Arm Road 2022 (Courtesy Google Maps)

At this time too, 'Wiloona' was receiving a 'rural rating' within the municipality. Later it was reclassified as 'suburban' with a concomitant rate increase, which again went up when the sewerage began (1960-66) so mother had to sell the grounds whenever she could. She had kept five house cows and a lot of poultry, so they were sold and she just kept the house block. Land was very cheap in those days and all had to be surveyed so never received very much for it all. However, now, in 1996, there are 12 homes and a garage service station (No 13 Main Arm Road) built on the 6 acres, besides out home....

Which all begs the question of where the Walkers were living, as on 16Feb1949 **Sylvester Walker** passed away at his home, "Wiloona," Main Arm Road, at the age of 70 years... (and his wife **Lillian** in a Lismore Hospital 19Jul1959, aged 78). **Charles Hopf** died Dec1957, aged 84, and his wife **Ellen** in Dec1978, aged 93, leaving daughter **Emily** as the sole occupant of *Wiloona* at No 5 Main Arm Road.

Ellen Emily Hopf is remembered with great affection by Mullumites of a certain age. **Robyn Gray** profiled her in a 28Nov2000 story, 'Artist in Sugar', published in her book *The Other Side of Byron; The Shire of Byron, some of its history, some of its people*, Winsor Editions, Eureka, 2006. And supplemented 16Apr2005 in the *Byron News* story at [Mullum cake maker dies | Daily Telegraph](#)

Emily's memoir opens with a comprehensive coverage of her father's military career, her notes showing he was serving with the *Richmond River Light Horse* by at least 1890 and then spending 10yrs with the Lismore Lancers, a Half Squadron of which was formed at Tabulam in 1888. In 1899 he was selected as part of the NSW Lancer's contingent to train with the British Cavalry. After six months training and competing in tournaments at Aldershot, Aberdeen and Dublin, the Boers declared war and the Lancers then in England volunteered for active service, and arrived in South Africa 3 weeks after the war started.... They were involved in the Relief of Kimberly, engaging the enemy at Belmont, Grasspan, Modder River, Magersfontain, before reaching Kimberly. From there the Lancers continued their march through Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Middlesex, and Barbeton, forcing the Boers over the Crocodile River into Portuguese Territory.... Charles' 1958 obituary adds that He was taken prisoner during the campaign....

Charles Hopf was the life-long friend of **Otto Robert Armbruster** (1875 Morpeth – 1952 Ballina, buried Alphadale) who was the son of **Louis Armbruster** (1835 Wurtemberg, Germany – 1910 'Ermilo', Alphadale) and **Mary Ann** (nee **Sellens**). Otto's brother **Charles L. Armbruster** (1872 Morpeth – 1950 Brisbane, buried Alphadale), became a permanent Mullum identity in 1903. He married **Ada Mallett** the sister of Ray of Mullum's *Hollingworth & Mallett* sawmill partnership.

See the Armbruster story in the *Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Journal* of Sep2012 at [Colour Sep-Oct 2012 Pioneer.indd \(aphsmuseum.org.au\)](#)

Otto was selected with the contingent of NSW Lancers which visited England at the time of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. He was an original member of 'G Troop Lancers', at Lismore. In England the troop enlisted for active service in the Boer war, and saw two years' service in South Africa.... On return he married and settled at the crossroads at Alphadale, where the family lived until 1919, when they took up residence at Edenville in the Kyogle district... from where they retired to Ballina ~1947.



Lismore Lancers at Aberdeen, Scotland, 1899.

Back L to R: W. Carter, James Johnson, H. Thomas (of Casino),

Trooper Otto Armbruster, W. Brandon (Casino)

3rd row: G. Cummings (Casino), Henry Chisholm, Charles Robson, Arthur Daley

2nd row: Frederick Seccombe, John Ford, John McKenzie, Alfred Saville,

Charles Webster, J. Dickson (Casino)

Front: John McPherson,, Sgt Maj Harry Robson, Sgt Peter McDonald,

Cpl Charles Hopf.

(Courtesy Emily Hopf)

Emily was the granddaughter of pioneer **Wilhelm Hopf** (1839 Os, Hedmark, Norway – 13Aug1917 Tucki Tucki) who landed 1863 Melbourne, where he worked in the gold mines at Bendigo, and finally coming to the Richmond River, settling at Wyrallah. He was engaged at the Wyrallah sawmill, where he worked almost continually for 27 years. About 12 months

after his arrival in Wyrallah he was married to **Miss Mary Revill**, of Pyrmont, Sydney. When the sawmill closed down he went to live on his farm (two blocks of 40ac each on Tucki Creek, Parish of Tuckurimba, Por 49 selected 1870 and adjacent Por 50 in 1878), where he has since resided continually till the time of his death..., and is now immortalised by **Hopf Road, Tucki Tucki**. (This obituary from the *Northern Star* also adds that he was a native of Germany..., from where the Hopf name originates says Wikipedia. And the *Northern Star* of 5Mar1927 says that in 1866 **William Hopf** was amongst Wyrallah's first Shoalhaven selectors).

Wife **Mary Revill/Revel** (1844 Pyrmont, Sydney – 8Dec1916 Tucki Tucki), came to the river in the sixties and was married to **Mr William Hopf**, who survives her, but is practically an invalid. The whole of her married life has been spent in Tucki and Wyrallah.... She suffered a severe bereavement many years ago in the loss of her beloved son, and later a sad blow in the death of her daughter, **Mrs J. Grennan**, who confided to her care five young children, a trust she fulfilled faithfully and well....

Wilhelm and **Mary Hopf**, married 1868 Richmond River, begat

1. **William Alexander** (1869 Wyrallah – 1943 Wyrallah)
2. **Henry** (1871 Wyrallah – 1877 Wyrallah).
3. **Charles** (1873 Wyrallah – 1958 Mullumbimby). Married **Ellen Mary Payne** (1885 Moruya – Dec1978 Mullumbimby) 1905 Cedar Grove, Tregeagle. 9 Children. (Ellen's sister **Alice May Payne** married **George Jung** 1915 Cedargrove, Tregeagle)
4. **Emilie** (1876 Wyrallah – Oct1937 Lismore, late of Bexhill and Bangalow). Married **Michael Milgate** (1877 Dungarubba – 1950 Ballina) 1903 Tucki. 4 surviving children.
5. **Elizabetha** (1879 Tucki – 1905 Lismore, late Tucki Creek). Married **James Grennan** (1876 Holborn, Middlesex, England – 1954 Ballina) 1897 Lismore. 5 Children.
6. **Henry** (1881 Wyrallah - 1961 Lismore). Married **Olive Stone** (1888 Lismore – 1943 Newtown, late of Tregeagle, formerly of Empire Vale and Wyrallah). 1909 Ballina. 3 Children.
7. **Anne Mary** (1884 Tucki - 1954 Ballina). Married **Joseph George Payne** (1883 Moryua – 1952 Ballina) 1907 Cedargrove, Tregeagle. 6 Children.
8. **Christina Georgina** (1887 Wyrallah – 1968 Lismore, late Tucki)

Charles Hopf, farmer of Wyrallah, married **Ellen Mary Payne**, Domestic Duties of Cedargrove, at St Peter's Church, Cedargrove, Tregeagle, 2Aug1905, and begat:

1. **Darandah Mary** (Dorrie) (1906 Tregeagle – 2004 Carroona, Goonellabah). Married **David Easson** (1891 Casino – 1976 Lismore) 1928 Kyogle.
2. **Alice Georgina**, Dorrie's twin, (1906 Tregeagle – 1927 Edenville).
3. **Ellen Emily** (1908 Tregeagle – 2005 Mullumbimby)
4. **Annie Lyla** (1909 Tregeagle – 2006 Bomaderry, late of Cambewarra). Married **Carlton William Pheeny** (1914 Nowra – 1991 Cambewarra) 1941 Mullumbimby.
5. **Thelma May** (1912 Alphadale – 2008 Toowoomba, late of Warwick). Married **Frank Burton** 1935 Mullumbimby.
6. **Charles Wilfred** (1913 Tregeagle - 1978 Adelaide). Married **Gweneth Vaughan Pheeny** of Bomaderry, 1935 Berry (with Lyla Hopf bridesmaid and Carlton Pheeny best man.)
7. **Gladys S.I.** (1915 Kyogle – 2003 Warwick). Married **Laurie Leaske** of Goondiwindi 1962 Warwick.
8. **Gordon Payne** (1917 Kyogle – 1993 Myocum). Married **Edna May Fraser** (1917 Casino – 2008 Mullumbimby) 1949 Casino.
9. **Beryl Peace** (1919 Kyogle – 2005 Nanango). Married **Harland Miller** of Woodford Qld., 1947 Mullumbimby.
10. **Ronald Kingsley** (1921 Kyogle – 2018 Murwillumbah). Married **Fay Margaret Williams** (1924 – 2017 Murbah) 1945 Mullumbimby

After their marriage **Charles** and **Ellen** settled at Marom Creek, where Charles mostly worked in the timber industry. In 1907 they tried share-farming with the **Fischer** family at Tregeagle, but 2yrs later took over **Joe Payne**'s milk run at Alphadale, their house on the corner known as the 'Crossroads', where the macadamia factory now stands, serving as the Post Office. On the opposite corner was the home of Charles' life-long friend **Otto Armbruster**, both serving with the Lismore Lancers from an early age. In Apr1913 Charles and Ellen sold to **Pat McGowan** and moved to a 104ac block at Edenville, Kyogle district, near **Joe** and **Annie Payne**, and joined by the Armbrusters in 1919.

They named their property, at the northern end of what was Stratheden Station, '**Aldoris**', next to which the Edenville school was opened Feb1918. They sold the farm to Bill Gardner in Nov1927 and semi-retired to a new house on 12ac nearer Kyogle. But after a big flood in 1928 they were prompted to move to a 120ac farm on McAuley's Lane, Myocum,

leaving Wilfred at Edenville, Lyla working in a solicitor's office at Kyogle and Dorrie farming at Pretty Gully near Tabulam. The remaining children were happy to learn that they were about to start dairying all over again, milking 40 cows by hand twice a day for the next 8yrs, after which there was a more leisurely pace in cultivating a market garden. That leisurely pace included the building of a tennis court beside the 'big house' (the original Reddacliff homestead), which became the focal point for socialising with Myocum neighbours. The property, dubbed 'Ascot', straddled both sides of McAuley's Lane and had Pipeclay Creek running through it.

They left Myocum in May1945 and were given a farewell party in Jul1945 *when their Myocum friends gathered to tribute them... at their new home in Mullumbimby...* where they were the recipients of a memento (an 'electric cooker' presented by **Mrs L. Tulloch** who became their neighbour at No 3 Main Arm Road in Jul1970).

And so we come full circle, the Hopfs retiring to '*Wiloon*' on Main Arm Road and in 1996 Emily recording that *Mother bought it in 1945, with 6 acres of grounds...*, but no mention of the vendor, leaving a Walker residential mystery. The likely explanation is that upon sale the Walkers moved across the road to their property at No 10 Main Arm Road, to where the mailman diverted letters addressed to '*Wiloon*'.



Charles Hopf Family, on their Tennis Court, Aldoris, Edenville, 1924.
Front L to R: Alice (18), Beryl (5), Charles (51), Ronald (3), Ellen (39), Gordon (7), Dorrie (18)
Back: Wilfred (13), Thelma (12), Gladys (9), Emily (16), Lyla (15)
(Courtesy Emily Hopf)

Sylvester Walker had acquired and subdivided the ~6.3 acres bounded by Main Arm Road and Chinbible and Yoga-Bera Creeks, across from '*Wiloon*', sometime pre1945, creating 15 Lots, all fronting Palm Avenue (known as Walker Street pre1966). The one on the corner, although accessed from Palm Ave., won a Main Arm Road address, and was the home of Syl's son **Jack** for most of his life. Nevertheless, if this is where the Walkers relocated in 1945, and even if '*Wiloon*' remained a synonym for '*Walker*', it doesn't solve the mystery of '*Bellevue*'.

[For the record, on 5Feb1947 **Graham Vagg**, 6, narrowly escaped drowning when he fell into Chinbible Creek while attempting to cross it near the residence of **Mr Syl Walker**. The prompt action of Mr Walker's son, **Jack**, who jumped fully clothed into the water, saved the boy's life.... On 4Feb1947 An engagement of district-wide interest is that of **Miss Beryl Hopf**..., of Main Arm Road..., to **Harland Miller**.... The pre-wedding party... was held at the home of **Mr and Mrs L. Tulloch** of Myocum....]

Emily rounded off her memoir 27Mar1998.

Correction/Amplifications

In the 'Heritage Homes' story at [122.-Newsletter-October-2022.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](https://mullumbimbymuseum.org.au/newsletter-October-2022.pdf) we speculated that the 'Headmaster's House' at 14 Jubilee Avenue would make a worthy addition to the Heritage Register. Further investigation revealed that this house is relatively new and acquired by the Education Department from **Mrs Jane Fisher** for £1000 in 1925 after the original teacher's residence, built in 1896, was destroyed by fire. Even so, the 'Fisher house', built 1921, is scrubbing up well with the ongoing restoration by the current owner.

By-the-bye, the same 'Heritage' Newsletter described the heritage significance of **George Mortimer's** 'Somerset House' at 12 Azalea Street. For additional info., George's background can be found in three books on our shelves – the 25pg booklet *The Mortimer Family*, author unknown, and *From SOMERSET to the PROMISED LAND; The story of Alfred & Fanny Mortimer and their family*, compiled by Rosemary Playford, researched by Margaret Playford, Alstonville 1998, (and summarised in *What They Did* by Neta MacKinnon, BVHS 1998).

And that 'Heritage Newsletter' also described 'Batsonia' at 2-4 Dalley Street. The Batsons hold a significant place in Mullumbimby business and the Byron Shire economy, their story briefly covered by Neta MacKinnon in '*What They Did*'. **Denise Batson** has since fleshed out the family history with '*How It All Began; Batsons At Work*', 102 pages self-published 2004.



Batsonia ~1960
(Courtesy Denise Batson)



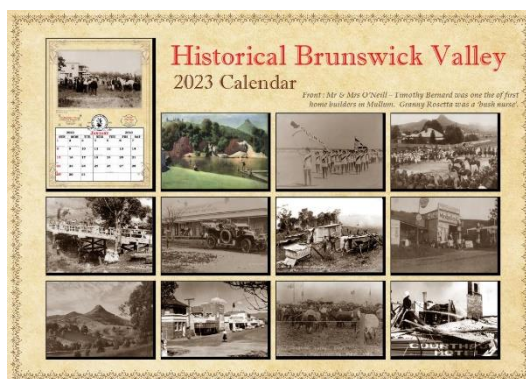
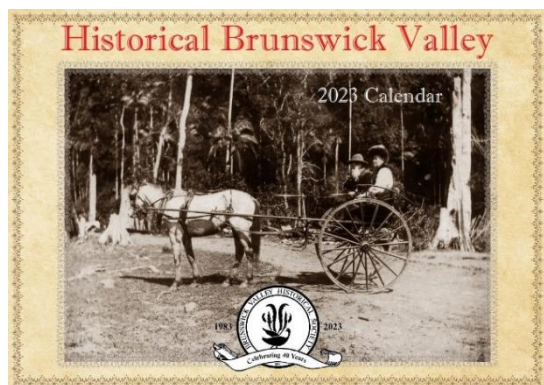
Batsonia Feb2010
(Courtesy Google Maps)

Another update concerns the Heritage House at 18 Tincogan St (on the NW corner of Tincogan and Dalley). **Henrik Nelson** and family were living in the place, dubbed 'Mornington', from 1914 after selling their Mullumbimby Creek farm. The Nelson Estate leased it to the Ambulance Service in 1937 after the death of Henrik's wife Bodil, but sold it to A.J. Brown 1943.

For the record, the first attempt to list Mullumbimby's heritage houses appears to be in *BYRON SHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY, Working Paper No 6 – Heritage, prepared by Tim Shellshear, sub-consultant to Planning Workshop Pty Ltd, August 1983*. He listed, described and photographed 4 Dalley St (Batsonia above), 22 Gordon St (built 1922), 6 Jubilee St (currently 8 Jubilee Ave), 8 Jubilee St (currently 6 Jubilee Ave), 5 Fern St, 140 Dalley St (Cedarholm), 87 Station St., Lot 2 Azalea St (currently 'Summerset' at 12 Azalea), 2 Main Arm Rd (currently 'Magnolia House' at 2 Murwillumbah Rd), Casuarina St Manse (accessed from Murwillumbah Road).

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VALE Edward Watson

Edward Watson (known as Ed or Ted) was a member of the society for many years and it was thanks to his photography skills that we have a great collection of photos. He was always up for a chat when he visited and we will miss him.

Genevieve Barr, our oral interviewer, writes the following:

I was saddened to hear of Ed Watson's passing. Ed was a genuine, considerate and humble man.

Ed was working on his biography, his life story, and I had the pleasure of working with him as copy editor. Ed's talent for words and his expression of his experiences reads with authenticity and his 'voice' rings through the stories with verve and personality. When he recalled details of episodes throughout his childhood, each story was a colourful, funny and honest account. The day-to-day activities, the details, the descriptions, and even direct quotes he could recall, lends the book a comparison with the great classic stories and books.

Ed's voice was a strong one. Ed's voice was unique.

We took a break from the writing process when his wife Florence became ill and then her passing. We were also slowed down with covid, and then came the floods. Both myself and Ed were affected by the floods. I was living in Lismore, and then went to emergency and temporary accommodation. Ed called me and continued to make follow up calls to check that I was going okay. This is, in itself an expression of Ed, his kindness, his thoughtfulness and his humanness.

Ed Watson was a good voice. He was a unique voice. And Ed was a good human. He is missed.



SERENDIPITY

At the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce Christmas party held at Main Arm General Store on 13th December 2022, there was a serendipitous moment when Gerard Walker thought he recognised the pizza oven from his first workplace.

In the very early 1980s Gerard started work with Smith's Cake Shop in Burringbar Street and recalls the oven was located in Mrs Smith's house in Argyle St.

At some stage thereafter the oven made its way into the Empire Café, but by the time Luciano and Maria Toressi purchased the café in the mid 1980s the oven was no longer operational. It was resurrected when Luciano went 'up the coast' to learn from some Italian pizza shop owners how to make pizzas, then opened the first pizza shop in Mullumbimby. (See: *Luciano Toressi; the story of a young immigrant* in our library). Elsa their daughter, in red in photo above, says that the business paid for her parent's house, a trip to Italy, and a new car. 'Her father made the best pizzas'.

We next find the oven in the Bangalow Bakery, but how and when it got there remains a mystery. In 2002 it returned to Mullumbimby when rescued by Seymour Walters of 'Doughboy Bread', who used it to make sourdough.

It finally ended up in the Main Arm Store when current owners, Marianne Dichiera (on the right in the photo) and her husband Alex, acquired the oven from Seymour five years ago as part of a major update and upgrade of their store. (Marianne also makes great pizzas).

The oven is a 'Sterlec' made in Australia, probably Melbourne, in the 1960s. Seymour describes it as a simple but efficient oven, a good workhorse. He remembers it having Bakelite switches.

(Thanks to Gerard & Sue Walker for the photo and memories on their Facebook page, [Stewarts Menswear](#) – a great local story)

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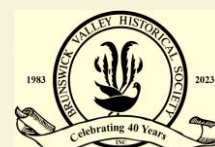
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@10.30am**

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and Fridays 10.00-12.00
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Next Market- Saturday Feb 18

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CELEBRATING

FORTY YEARS

There will be a variety of events/acknowledgements over the year. Below is a tentative programme to be finalised and confirmed. Further information will be in each newsletter, in the Echo and on Facebook.



Left: Stewart's Menswear window

Above: In the museum there is a timeline of events that happened each month in 1983 from the *Advocate* with photos from our collection.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY – In Stewart's Menswear window there is a timeline of how the society was formed and the acquisition of the museum with photos and some post office memorabilia.

MARCH – exhibition of Community Groups past & present in the Brunswick Valley

APRIL – weekend Sat 15th & Sun 16th screening of our DVDs at the Drill Hall – 2 sessions each day
- a special market on 5th Saturday "Swap Meet"

MAY – Supporting the Aquarius Festival
- Maypole at the market

JUNE – Treasure Hunt for kids – starting at the market – finding as many 40 tokens as they can

JULY – Exhibition of Sporting groups in Brunswick Valley

AUGUST – at the market – Official recognition of 40 years with speeches & cutting of the cake etc

SEPTEMBER – launch of our "Immersive Sound Trail"

OCTOBER – at the market – 80s dress up

NOVEMBER – exhibition of Courthouse Hotel

DECEMBER – Members' party

The timeline on display in Stewart's Menswear window for new members and a refresh for others

Feb 1982	16 people attended a public meeting called by Mrs Robyn Gray of people interested in forming a historical society. A working party was established.	
May 1982	The group names itself the Brunswick-Byron District Historical Society . Executives elected were: President: Mrs Robyn Gray , Secretary: Mr Jim Brokenshire , Treasurer: Mr Christopher Gray	
Sep 1982	First constitution adopted	
Oct 1982	In accordance with constitution requirements, the provisional committee of the Brunswick-Byron District Historical Society was wound up and new elections held. The old executive was returned with Vice-President Mr Maurie Summers an additional office bearer.	
1983	The search for land began. Started raising money	
Apr 1983	Australia Post was asked whether the Mullumbimby Postal Services were likely to be reviewed and the building replaced with new premises. Society would make a bid for the old building	
Jun 1983	Australia Post replies: the building is not available for disposal	
Jul 1983	Land in Stuart St becomes a possibility, and a meeting is arranged with council officers	
Aug 1983	Brunswick--Byron Historical Society holds its first annual meeting (early so as to tie in with the financial year)	
Nov 1983	Negotiations for land begins with council	
Dec 1983	Word is out that the PO is to be removed. A petition to save the building is started. Society sought the views of the post master As Byron Bay has formed the Byron Bay Historical Society (June 1983), members are asked to approve name change to Brunswick Valley Historical Society .	
Jan 1984	Formally changed to Brunswick Valley Historical Society. President Maurie Summers meets with officials from Australia Post who indicate that they would favour our society taking over the post office, making way for new premises.	
Feb 1984	Council and Lands Office supports application for the use of Crown land in Stuart & Myokum streets. Australia Post Regional Office formally recommends that the post office building be made available to the society. Removal cost quoted as \$8000	
Mar 1984	Advised that the society could consider the land 'ours' by Lands Office Staff. Paperwork continues.	
May 1984	Society offers a tender of \$4950 to remove Post Office	
Aug 1984	Arranged an overdraft. Tender for removal accepted Advised that temporary offices should be ready by end of September	
Sep 1984	Lands Office and Council agree on leasing arrangements	
Oct 1984	Advised that PO would be vacated 10-11 November. Move prepared for 20, 22 or 27, 29. Early work to prepare for the move would take place from 13 th	
Nov 1984	Removal dates firm at 27 and 29 23 - first blows to prepare for cutting. Cutting done and building placed on 70 poles 27 - First half moved 29 - Second half moved	
Dec 1984	Re-stumping begins	
Jan 1985	Held first open house - Australia Day: McGoughan's Gaslight Derby. Naturalisation ceremony.	
Apr 1985	First exhibition - Heritage week	
Apr 1988	The museum was officially opened by Don Page MP, and the plaque is in the foyer.	
Jun 1999	Brunswick Valley Historical Society was Incorporated as a not-for-profit association	
Dec 2012	Registered charity with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission	

(Adapted from The Brunswick Notebook Vol 7 No 1 Autumn 1997 p.18 by C. Gray)