

NEWSLETTER

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Stories From The Bookshelf

A recent search for the origin of the name 'Nashua', bestowed on the district in the South-West corner of Byron Shire originally known as 'Springvale', led to the 'School History' section of our bookshelf and a browse through the publication *Nashua Public School 1912-1962; Jubilee and Commemoration of Pioneer Schools, Brook Park 1889-1890, Gay's Hill 1892-1912*, compiled by J. and R.B. Hook, Oct 1962. The Hooks say *It is believed that land was selected in the name of two brothers from America, Jim and John Toohey of brewery fame.... The combined selections, each of 640 acres were cleared for the growing of sugar cane.... They named their joint property "Nashua"....* (See Toohey history at [Biography - John Thomas Toohey - Australian Dictionary of Biography \(anu.edu.au\)](#) and brewery history at ["Here's to 'ee": Raising a glass to the Toohey Brothers | My Tributes.](#))

Edition 2 of the Parish Map of Teven shows the Toohey brothers accumulated 1711 acres between Skennars and Emigrant Creeks from defaulting selectors in the period 1881-1883, and perhaps a further 640ac in Jan 1885. A trawl through Trove indicates the brothers, **John Thomas Toohey KCSG** (26Apr1839 Limerick, Ireland – 5May1903 Chicago, USA) and **James Matthew Toohey MLA** (18Mar1850 Melbourne – 25Sep1895 Pisa, Italy), sons of **Matthew** and **Honora**, nee **Hall**, of Ireland, installed **W.H. Thompson** as manager of the sugar plantation to get '*Toohey's Sugar Mill*' up and running. Thompson first comes to notice in the *Northern Star* of 30May1883 as the manager of *Skinner's Creek Sugar Plantation, Tintinbar, Richmond River*, thence *Nashua Sugar Plantation, Tintenbar*, on 18Jun1884. The mill was on the brothers main 640ac property, about where Skinner's Creek crosses what is now Toohey's Mill Road. The new district name 'Nashua' was set in concrete in 1894 when the rail authorities erected a sign naming the embryo station as such. The railway 'platform' appeared about two miles north of the defunct sugar mill, by which time the siding site had an adjacent Post office (attached to John Gay's residence), along with James Johnson's 'Flower of the Forest' hotel and a school at nearby Gay's Hill.

By the time 'Nashua' was formalised the Toohey venture was already a failure, the *Northern Star* advising on 30Aug1890 that *The hands on Messrs Toohey's Nashua plantation have been discharged, and it is the intention of the proprietary to cut up the estate into 100-acre blocks, for dairy farms, and establish a butter factory.* (On 16Nov1889 the *Star* had reported that the mill was *employing about 50 men....*) Nevertheless, the prominence of the Toohey Bros, together with their large mill still providing a major landmark in the district, probably influenced the railway commissioners in their naming decision.

Downstream on 31Jul1937 the *Star* published a letter from Mr A.L.

Goodrich, clerk of the historical society in Nashua, New Hampshire..., seeking the origin of the Australian name. His 'Nashua' derived from A tribe of Indians, the Nashuas, who had their headquarters at Lancaster, Massachusetts..., while



Sleepers being transported past 'Nashua' 1894.

(Courtesy State Records Office of NSW)

Google says the word means 'Land between two rivers', which seems to fit the Australian spot. Ever since then the standard story for the Australian 'Nashua' goes with the American origin, ie John Toohey bestowed the name 'Nashua' on his estate to allegedly commemorate a stopover in the USA on his way from Ireland with his parents in 1841. Perhaps the parents took the opportunity to visit rellies at 'Nashua'?

The latest development is an intention by the Geographical Names Board to baptise a small creek *near the intersection of Cooks Road and Tooheys Mill Road in the suburb of Nashua...*, as Tooheys Creek. See [Tooheys Creek GNB.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Mullum High School

It was hard to miss a comprehensive 129-page hand-assembled 'booklet' living next to 'Nashua' on the bookshelf, rousing the curiosity on High School developments. **Anthony David (Dave) Marrinon** (1934 Willoughby - 2009 Brunswick Heads), Agricultural Teacher at Mullumbimby High School 1959-1989 and amateur local historian, put together 'A History of Mullumbimby High School 1955-1980', recording his first-hand observations of the birth of Mullum's new educational enterprise that will be handy for the school centenary committee of 2055.

Mullum gained a rise in status from an 'Intermediate High School' to a fully-fledged 'High School' wef 1Jan1955, at the same time the 'Primary School' became a separate entity with its own headmaster, and all thanks to a booming banana industry that gave Mullum one of its most prosperous periods ever. Post war the education sector became one of Mullum's major industries, experiencing continuous expansion over the period through to the late 1960s.

The first whiff of 'High School' in the Mullum education package came with the title change from 'Public School' to 'Rural School' in Feb1923, at a time when the first major collapse in the town's supporting primary industries was already well-underway. Upon the appointment of new teacher **A.G. Squires** Dip Ag (Hawkesbury), headmaster **G.T. Hutchison** BA (whose son had just passed the 'High School Intermediate Certificate' at Lismore High) announced that those graduating with the 'Qualifying Certificate' (QC) at the end of their 6yrs primary schooling were now eligible to undertake the in-house 'Rural Intermediate Certificate', consisting of 3yrs of additional education in 'cultural subjects' (English, Maths, Geography and History') coupled with *a course in elementary agricultural and farm work for boys and a course in horticulture and domestic science for girls...*, suitable for those who *do not desire a high school course...*, and instead can now undertake a 'Super-Primary' course with an emphasis on agricultural and practical/commercial subjects.



Mullumbimby District Rural School 1927

The rural subjects include biology, farm mechanics, and elementary agriculture for boys, whilst home management, domestic hygiene and economy, and horticulture (girls), take the place of languages (Latin and French)... in the 'Super Primary' curriculum. The High School takes the boy on to the university or a profession – law, medicine, engineering. The Rural School takes the boy on to the Agricultural College and the land, and eventually on to one of the 'million farms' for the million farmers. "What do we need most, lawyers or farmers?" was Mr Hutchinson's final question. (At the end of the year Mrs Dutton living opposite the school restarted her private lessons in French - 2hrs per week at 3/6d per month.)

W.B. King, president of the P&C, said at his farewell to Grafton in Apr1925, that *He had been assured by those in a position to speak, that the High school course was proving a failure in country centres... and the five years spent by the other scholars, who did not intend following a profession, spoilt them, inasmuch as it made them disinclined to hard work, and AUSTRALIA WANTED MEN WHO WERE NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK.... and every girl soundly instructed in the domestic arts....*

In Jul1925 new headmaster **F.W.A. Lowe**, *proposed during the next few weeks to find out what was wrong*



Ploughing Lessons 1924

with the Super Primary Course at Mullumbimby Rural School.... The Super Primary, that embraced the scholars of 7th, 8th and 9th classes, was a three year course that provided for a good solid, practical, all-round education.... If parents wished their children to take up any of the professions, such as medicine, law, etc, his advice would be "send them straight to the High School." If, on the other hand, they wished them to follow commercial pursuits, trades, or farming, then his advice was send them to the Rural School. It appeared to him though, just at present, that Mullumbimby, perhaps, did not appreciate the Rural School; for out of ninety pupils who have entered on the Super Primary Course, only three of them remained to continue on to 9th class.... In reply to **Mr George Lindsay** as to whether the Rural Intermediate Certificate was equal in status to that of the High School Intermediate Certificate, Mr Lowe said... he thought it advisable to have a ruling on the question, and recommended the secretary (of the P&C) to write and inquire of the Department.



School Staff 1928

Males Rear L to R: Messrs Clement, Glock, Avery, Morrow,
Front: Mil Feek, Ethel Mawdesley, Bessie Brownlee, F.W.A. Lowe,
Katie Ward, Pauline Asimus, Gwen Thomas

By the late 1920s it seems that only about half the boys in the 'super-primary' course were taking agricultural subjects, the other half split evenly between 'technical' and 'commercial' subjects. And only about a third completed the 3yr course. Things started to improve from ~1932.



Illustrious Alumni at the Mullumbimby Public School Centenary Celebrations 1986.

Back L to R: Stan Robinson, Bruce Stewart, Geoff Henderson, Bill James, Barry Hammond, Max Lindsay, Cyril Wray, Colin Forbes, Reg Byrnes, Dave Morris.

Middle: Dorothy Heyward, Alice Frost, Lima Dean, Audrey Plater, Unknown, Edna Leclere, Ted Watson, Roy Venn.

Front: Barbara Ainsworth, Aileen Watson, Betty Condie, Lyris Bower, Vera Condie, Joan Forbes, Unknown, Unknown, Pearl Giles (McPaul).

By-the-bye: BVHS holds 34 class photos - 7 Public School, 18 Rural School, 3 Intermediate High School, 6 High School – only 11 of which have names. Hopefully one day we'll get them up on our website with a plea for identification. In the meantime any graduate with a good memory will be welcome at the museum to see who they recognise from hard copies.

Agitation for the elevation of the 'Mullumbimby District Rural school' to an 'Intermediate High School' began in the late 1930s, concomitant with resuscitation of King Banana compensating for the chronically exhausted Cow. Wef 1Jan1940 the 'Intermediate High School' was up and running, with *70 pupils taking the first year course...* and ended the year with a total of 181 students undertaking a secondary education. The enrolment of over 500 pupils at the combined High and Primary schools in 1950 was an all-time record, leading to louder noises for a separate primary school and resulting in Kindergarten starting in the partially completed Infants' School at East Mullum in 1952. The High School could boast 690 pupils by the time of the retirement of long-serving Principal **Jack Pearce** in Dec1968.

Dave Marrinon says *The school opened as a full High School in 1955 with 387 pupils (197 boys and 190 girls).... The school was overstaffed, on 1955 standards, with a pupil-teacher ratio of 14.6 pupils to one teacher, owing to a miscalculation of incoming first years. Many who were to enrol remained at small schools.... The school serviced an area from Mooball in the north to Nashua in the south and Huonbrook in the west.... The first intake came from ~24 State and religious primary/small schools, arriving via train, bus, cream carrier and bike, the horse having been retired to pasture. Many of the staff were ex-servicemen....*

Notwithstanding the depressing appearance of the buildings and the neglected state of the grounds, there was an indefinable quality about the school and the community which was sensed very quickly; a quality made up of hospitality, generosity, co-operation, solidarity, a sense of well being and happiness and courage. The setting was sylvan and beautiful – perhaps the best in the state..., says Dave with a blinkered touch of hometown pride.

Our shelves also house school Yearbooks, known as the *Nor' Easter; The Magazine of Mullumbimby High School*, for the years Nov1956 to Nov1963, alongside which is an expurgated copy of *'Fifty-niners and the Town We Left Behind'*, compiled by **Robyn Gray**, memorialising the goings-on at the 40yr reunion of her Leaving Certificate class of 1959, including a fond Ode to 'Old' Mullum (sans the juicy bits).

[Robyn and her colleagues were witnesses to, if not participants in, the town's cognitive dissonance in early 1959. After a



The Fifth Year Cohort, Mullumbimby High School, 1959

Back: L. Alidenes, N. Marks, J. Thompson, A. Campbell, I. Beaumont, W. Clarke, A. Blanch, I. Grant, K. Wood, D. Newton.

Middle: Mr W. Wardman, P. Cornelius, J. Uren, W. Olive, D. McLean, P. Dundas, R. Harkness, J. Gordon, S. Akers, H. McSwan, E. Henry, W. Margetts.

Front: M. Eklund, F. Buchan, H. Alidenes, P. Bailey, P. Barnes, I. Shweitzer, P. Taylor, J. Mackney, E. Roberts, W. Snow.

(Thankfully the chaste school dress code remains in place. Tenete Traditiones.)

screening of the wicked *'Peyton Place'* to record crowds at the Empire Theatre in Jan1959, the Mullumites then did penance with an over-the-top embrace of Billy Graham's fire and brimstone evangelism. By Apr1959 *Arrangements are almost complete for a direct relay of the Billy Graham Sydney crusade to Mullumbimby...*, prior to which they will hear *A series of six counselling lectures, each of one half-hour duration, on tape recording....*

And that same year TV came to Mullum, 3yrs after the one-armed bandits and 4yrs after the end of the 'six o'clock swill' (although despite the overwhelming State-wide referendum result in favour of pubs closing at 10pm, Mullum remained firmly conservative, voting 850 to 516 to retain 6pm closing). These social shifts contributed to a fundamental change in the community's way-of-life; by the early 1960s the Empire Theatre was on life support as audiences fell away in favour of home entertainment, while pokie profits pouring into the clubs enabled expansion of facilities and increased patronage. By the close of the 1960s Mullum's future was looking dodgy with the collapse of the supporting rural industries and continuing drift of its youth to the cities and industrial belts. The town's population hit a low of 1891 in 1971, but was rescued from the downward spiral from 1972 with the arrival of the alternate lifestylers and the shaping of a new corporate identity. Enrollments at the High School *passed the 700 mark for the first time* in 1972 after settling at 650 in 1970. Upon the opening of the Byron Bay High School in 1987, Mullum was left with 962 pupils and a teaching staff of 66 still accommodated in a heap of demountables.]

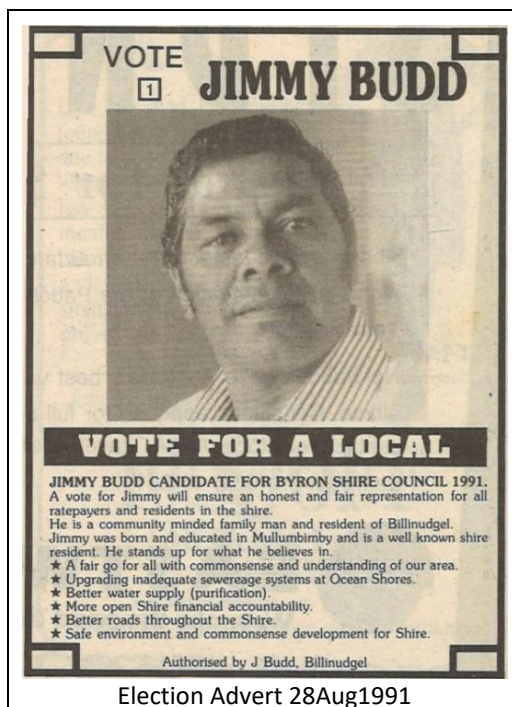
[One of the 'fifty-niners' long-suffering teachers was **Dave Marrinon**, who took respite from his day job to undertake a bit of sleuthing into what he called a *closely guarded Brunswick secret....* Over the period 1964-1980s he collected voluminous documents on a purported ancient Aboriginal 'sacred mound' in the vicinity of Saddle Road. Without his diligence in tracking down original diaries, sketches and general correspondence the whole saga, dubbed 'Australia's Stonehenge' by the comedians and 'Fordham's Folly' by the sceptics, may have been lost to history. He handed his collection of documents to BVHS in 1999. See [First-People-of-the-Brunswick-Part-2.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#) for the full story. (Dave also co-authored *The Silver Jubilee; The Year of 1958*, along with J.P. Pearce, E.D. Gaskell and others.)]

[The **School Centenary Books** make entertaining reading, so for those interested in the 'way it was' a list of BVHS holdings on the crowded school history section of the bookshelf can be found at [Resources/Services – Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#).]

Ronald James (Jimmy) Budd OAM (1935 Mullumbimby - 2017 Billinudgel)

A distinguished postwar graduate of the 'Intermediate High School' was **Jimmy Budd**, who went on to become Byron Shire's first Indigenous Councillor in 1991. Following in his footsteps through Mullum High were his illustrious cousins, **Bob Bellear** (1944 Murwillumbah – 2005 Sydney), and **Sol Bellear** (1951 New Brighton – 2017 Redfern). (Refresh at [88.-Newsletter-September-2019.pdf \(mullumbimbymuseum.org.au\)](#), but many more detailed references are available through Mr Google).

Jimmy was the son of **William John Budd** (1914 Casino – 1988 Brunswick Heads) and **Phyllis Noter** (1913 Mullumbimby Creek – Sep1949 Billinudgel). Phyllis was the daughter of **James Noter** (1874 Tanna, New Hebrides - Mar1949 Billinudgel) and **Lena May Williams** (1889 Qld – 1974 Billinudgel). **James Noter/Nouta** was the brother of **John Corowa/Karuah** who married **Eva Williams** (1885 Qld – 1928 Billinudgel) and begat **Sadie Corowa** (1919 Billinudgel – 2007 Banora Point), who married **Sol Bellear Snr** (1917 Mullum – 1998 Tugun). Local interconnections continued in 1951 upon Jimmy's father's remarriage to **Dulcie Joan Kay** (1929 Tallow Creek – 2021 Mullumbimby), who, with her sisters, **Lorna Kelly** (1924-2005), **Linda Vidler** (1938-2009) and **Yvonne Graham** (1945-1998), was later instrumental in the Arakwal gaining Native Title Rights over the area from Broken Head to the Brunswick River.



Shortly after his mother's death in 1949 Jimmy went off to work on the Walker dairy farm at The Pocket, followed by many years working in bananas and sugar cane. In 1959 he married **Carmel Dennis**, a born and bred Brunswick Heads girl, and settled in her hometown where sons Larry (1960), Ronald (1961) and Brett (1963) entered the world, and from where Jimmy commuted to their Palmwoods banana patch. Their plantation was wiped out during a severe storm in 1976, prompting a subsequent change in vocation and 7yrs running the Empire Café in Mullum, after which Jimmy concentrated on his labour contracting business, employing up to 200 people for fruit picking as far afield as Robinvale, Mildura, Bourke and Darwin. This venture was followed by the acquisition of a property at The Pocket and settling down with a family nursery business.

Then came his run for Council in 1991, competing with 18 other candidates for one of 10 seats. At this time he was employed full-time as a *Placement Officer* with the *Department of Industrial Relations and Employment*, being temporarily handicapped for



Tweed Heads 1959
(L to R behind Jimmy and Carmel: Darby Raisin, Ron Dennis, Lena Noter, Ellen Dennis, Monica Curtis)
(Courtesy Carmel Budd)

farm work after a 'two-hip replacement operation'. He topped the poll at the Brunswick Heads booth and was elected on the 13th count with a flow of **Ron Tucker's** preferences, presupposing that he was of a Conservative bent. (On first preferences he came in fifth with 793 votes, against Tucker on 794.)

The 'alternate' *Echo* branded him a member of the dominant 'pro-development' faction, which presumably reflected the community's voting intentions. The launch of the new Byron Shire Council's four-year term was marked with **Cr Anudhi Wentworth** sniping about a 'National Party caucus' lined up against her.... This portends of less-than-plain-sailing.... It was a turbulent period in Byron Shire history and by the end of the council's term the 'Progressive' forces were gathering in strength, manifest in the election of Sep1995 when 38 candidates competed for council seats. Jimmy had basically retired from the fray, at least from midyear after giving evidence to the ICAC enquiry into the doings of the Byron Shire Council... and didn't stand for re-election. The election result was greeted with the *Echo* headline *New, 'Greener' Council Elected*, although **Cr Tucker** scored a huge primary vote of 2735, which is twice the required quota..., easily winning the race to be first councillor elected..., despite the 'Green' cause getting a huge boost from the screening around the shire of **David Bradbury's** film, 'The Battle for Byron'..., which was challenged by Cr Tucker as a 'one-sided' doco and an election commercial in "flagrant" breach of the Electoral Act.... (BVHS holds a copy of the 52 minute 'Battle for Byron' DVD. Members may sign it out.)

In Jul1994 Jimmy used his Councillor credentials to urge the State Government to

acquire the land at North Ocean Shores that included two of the largest bora rings in New South Wales..., at which time he was also Chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission's North Eastern Indigenous Regional Council.... The Hon **Richard Jones** MLC was delighted to receive a copy of a letter from Councillor **Jimmy Budd**... in support of my efforts to acquire this important site. It is unfortunate that over the last two or three years, severe damage has been done to important Aboriginal sites and endangered species habitat areas.... The situation is at crisis point in that 13 of the 22 registered Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have been damaged.... In other moves nine environmental groups have written jointly to NSW Premier John Fahey calling on the Government to buy land at North Ocean Shores....

A couple of weeks later Jimmy was disappointed in his fellow Councillors for not supporting the Jali Land Council claim over Taylor's Lake. (**Cr Higgins**..., During discussion of the Aboriginal land claim on Taylors Lake (see news pages), launched into a strident speech against Aboriginal ownership which consisted of equal parts of ignorance and invention.... It was left for **Cr Budd** to point out with accuracy, and some emotion, that Aboriginals....)



Pat Dixon and Jimmy Budd at the Aboriginal Local Government Network Conference, Byron Bay Beach Resort, Sep1994.

Some 73 delegates from councils throughout NSW attended.... Conference organiser and Network NSW Chairman, Byron Shire Councillor **Jimmy Budd**, was very pleased with the event. Also participating was **Pat Dixon**, Aboriginal Policy Officer for the Australian Local Government Association in Canberra. A former Armidale councillor, Ms Dixon was instrumental in setting up the Network in the late 80s.... The Network arose from a Department of Aboriginal Affairs forum prompted by racial tensions in Moree. Now, according to **Cr Tom Slookee** of the Eurobodalla shire, its employment strategy has resulted in 191 Aboriginals being taken on to councils throughout NSW.... Byron Mayor **Ian Kingston**..., who attended the last conference at Blacktown..., mentioned the bora rings and middens at North Ocean Shores and the current negotiations with the Taylors Lake custodians to establish an Aboriginal Place....

As regional chairman for ATSIC, Cr Budd was also involved in a finance training program with TAFE at the resort this week....

Tom Slookee, the grandson of **Tony Slookee** (1859 Tanna, New Hebrides – 1940 Fingal) and **Roseabelle Murray/Mari** (1880 Qld – 1911 Mullumbimby), identifies with the Noonuccal People of Stradbroke Island. He went on to become Deputy Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire, inaugural Chairman of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office, foundation Chairman of the South Eastern Aboriginal Regional Management Service (SEARMS), and an ordained priest in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra.

In Nov1994 **Cr Budd** was the Byron Representative to the first *National General Assembly of Local Government* in Canberra, attended by 60 indigenous delegates, including cousin **Cr Slookee** of Euroballa.

Jimmy had become the Chairman of the 'Aboriginal Network Committee of Local Government' around early 1993.

(Courtesy Byron Shire Echo of 21Sep1994)

Aboriginal activist, **Lorraine Mafi-Williams** of Suffolk Park, in frustration over having her efforts for the establishment of an *Aboriginal Cultural Centre* rejected, wrote to *The Echo* on 12Oct1994 saying *I would like to say that a lot of people voted **Jimmy Budd** in thinking he was Aboriginal but he is from New Caledonia and white parentage. I know that Australian Government had all of us darker skinned people lumped together under the one body (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) but I think the time has come for a better deal for Aboriginal people in this part of the country and no offence to the islanders who live here.... Edited for Legal reasons – Ed.* (He was caught between a rock and a hard place with a Mafi-Williams outburst in Mar1994: *'And you Jimmy Budd, you better stand up and be counted. Make up your mind who you represent, your Shire Council colleagues, or the Aboriginal people as a ATSIC representative....'*)

It was reckoned in Aug1997 that as Chairman of the *Many Rivers Regional Council of ATSIC*, Jimmy was *holding one of the most powerful positions in the NSW Aboriginal Community...*, with a bailiwick stretching from the Hawkesbury to the Tweed. At this time the Council was headquartered in *Lismore* with a staff of 19 overseeing the third-largest ATSIC area in NSW, incorporating an estimated 26,000 Aboriginal people.... A large percentage of his budget of \$18 million to be distributed... will go toward work-for-the dole and group apprenticeship schemes..., and purchase of businesses, old aged homes and building enterprises.... Jimmy has also been involved with pushing for designated Aboriginal seats in the NSW State Parliament.... In May1999, when Byron Shire Council made its Chambers available for a meeting of the 12-member Council, it was claimed that Many Rivers was the third-largest of ATSIC's 37 Regional Council's throughout Australia, and is growing rapidly. The abolition of ATSIC in 2005 was a big blow to a man who'd dedicated many years to the Aboriginal cause.

Over the years Jimmy had been very active in Indigenous affairs. He followed his Belleair cousins onto the Boards of the *Aboriginal Legal Service* and the *Aboriginal Housing Office* and went on to establish the *Regional Aboriginal Legal Service of Many Rivers*, become a member of the *Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council* and Chairman of the *Tweed Aboriginal Housing Cooperative*. He *empowered Aboriginal communities across NSW through his tireless advocacy...* said his obituary, and was posthumously inducted into the *Tweed Aboriginal & Islander Hall of Fame* at the *Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Museum* in South Tweed Heads.

And many more honorifics and accomplishments, all faithfully preserved by Carmel, along with many of Jimmy's career landmarks, in 3 X A3 scrapbooks, to the joy of historians. After Jimmy's death Carmel continued to run the farm for 3yrs before selling and moving into Mullum to live with her sister Lola, both having a hair-raising adventure during the devastating flood of 28Feb2022.



Meeting Lismore Council Chambers Sep2011 to discuss recognition of Indigenous Australians in the constitution.
(Jimmy Budd seated centre next to Janelle Saffin and Rob Oakeshott MHRs. Des Williams of TBLALC white shirt to his left.)

This is the final call to renew your membership for 2023

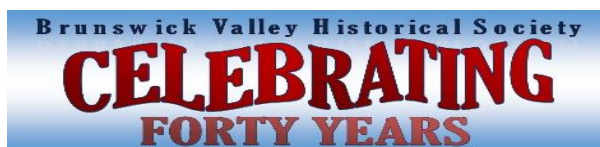
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VISITORS TO OUR MUSEUM

Recently we have seen a lot more visitors to the museum and it is great to see schools returning. We hosted 18 Year 4's from Shearwater Steiner School this last week.

The Brunswick Valley U3A visited last month touring the museum and the shed. No-one can resist the Hippie Board for a photo shoot. They provided a lovely morning tea for their group and our volunteers. Please come again!



We postponed our garage sale as some of us had double booked ourselves. A later date will be advised.

At the May market we are putting up a maypole and hopefully attract many participants. It will be fun to join in and/or watch. Hope we can be as successful as these children.

BVHS is a part of [Blue on Burringbar St.](#), which is on next Saturday in Mullumbimby. See the following page for all the information. Come and join us for a picnic in the main street from 4pm – 8pm and share your flood story.



The future leaders of Mullumbimby celebrating May Day at the school 1903

MAGIC MULLUM PRESENTS

BLUE on BURRINGBAR ST

STREET CLOSURE CELEBRATION

SAT 6 MAY 4PM-8PM



Celebrating resilience, sharing stories, honouring the Mullum flood recovery



LIVE MUSIC
ART INSTALLATIONS
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ENTERTAINERS:

8-piece Palm Wine Ambassadors will get you shakin' it with their Kora and funky percussive world beats.

Way Out West – masters of western swing, rockabilly, jazz, and rhythm and blues – will have you jiving and slinking.

Recent Blues Festival stars, Mullum-born-and-bred alt rockers Loose Content will take out the night from 7:15pm

MC Joel Salom.

WASTE FREE & ALCOHOL FREE FAMILY EVENT

FOOD AVAILABLE AT LOCAL VENUES

THE COURTHOUSE BISTRO
Full bistro – open 5.30pm-9pm

THE PATCH
Taco night 5pm-9pm

THE EMPIRE
Burgers, snacks, drinks and classic cocktails

CHINNY STORE
Burger sliders and chips
\$12 or 2 for \$20 4pm-8pm

BANYA
Coffee, drinks and dumplings
(use cafe entrance wooden door)

BAKERS & DAUGHTERS
Bunny Chow (traditional South African curry), encased in bread roll – meat/vege options

YAMEN
– open until 8pm

CULTURE
– will be open

SPICE IT UP
– will be open

BLUE ON BURRINGBAR PROGRAM

2:00pm – 10:00pm Burringbar Street closed to traffic for event

FORMALITIES:

4:00pm Opening – Paul Prior, Mullum Chamber President
Acknowledgment of Country – Cr Sarah Ndiaye
Mayor Michael Lyon

MUSIC STAGE:

4:00pm – 4:45pm **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**

5:30pm – 6:15pm **WAY OUT WEST**

7:15pm – 8:00pm **LOOSE CONTENT**

STREET RUNWAY:

4:45pm – 5:30pm Wearable Art – Joel and Erik wandering commentary

6:15pm – 7:00pm Joel + Eric
Street Chats – Fire and Rescue, Police, RFS etc

LANEWAY PROJECT 1 (near Baker and Daughter)

4:00pm – 6:00pm Eco-arts sculpture workshop (up to 10 yrs)

6:00pm – 8:00pm Zine workshop with Byron Youth Services (8-18 yrs)

LANEWAY PROJECT 2 (near Chinny Store)

4:00pm – 6:00pm Live painting display by three young local artists, also community painting space will be set up

6:00pm – 8:00pm Hot Mess Life Drawing (14 yrs+)

BLUE CUBE PROJECT - TALKING SQUARE

4:00pm – 7:00pm Fire and Rescue will facilitate discussion and the telling of stories by those who choose to engage

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4 - 8 PM 6TH MAY

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CUBES CLOSE FOR STORIES - 30TH MAY
JOIN US FOR THE BLUE CUBE STREET EVENT
4 - 8 PM 6TH MAY

MULLUMBIMBY FLOODS 2022

Blue Cube

TELL YOUR STORY

The small blue boxes that you will see appearing around town are for depositing your written stories and images of the recent flood event, that has so devastatingly effected our town and surrounding region.

Flooded Homes
Tell the story of how the flood came into your house or your neighbours. How high the water came and from which direction, its ebb and flow and of the damage caused.

Lost businesses
As the flood water unexpectedly inundated the town centre, businesses lost stock and equipment, left unable to operate. How were you effected in the aftermath, cleaning up, and restoring your business to be able to operate again.

Helping Hands
Tell your story of the people who rescued or helped at the height of the flood. Of those who came to cleanup and assist when it was most needed. The stories of bravery and daring, of dangerous situations made safe and the ones who were rescued.

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*Deadline for newsletter items
LAST FRIDAY of the month

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 9th May

@10.30am

**MUSEUM HOURS – Tuesdays
and Fridays 10.00-12.00**

Market Saturdays 9.00 - 1.00

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