



NEWSLETTER
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The Service Clubs – Foundation Events

Rotary

Mullum's civic landscape was transformed by the post-WW2 advent of Rotary, Apex and Lions, of which their public-spirited members raised thousands of pounds and volunteered thousands of manhours to community projects over many years. First up was Rotary on 28May1949 when *Visiting Rotarians and their wives from as far north as Bundaberg and as far south as Bankstown were among the 220 people present at the Mullumbimby School of Arts... to see the newest member of the 56th District of Rotary International - The Rotary Club of Mullumbimby - receive its charter at the hands of the District Governor.... The twenty-one members of Mullumbimby Rotary are: William Frederick Arnison, Jack Joseph Blair, Leonard John Bourne, Eric Goynes Davies, Duncan David Gibson, Australia Ernest Gray, Frank Robert Harkness, Cecil Vincent Hisshion, David John Hollingworth, Mark Edward Hector, Hedley Hungerford, Ernest Frank James, Rudolf Lehmann, Claude Ernest Lindsay, Albert John McPaul, Edward Vincent Nelson, Robert Pilgrim (President), George jnr Mallam, William Edward Smith, Norman Oliver Stewart (secretary) and Sgt Robert Theo Wilson.*

At their first AGM at the Court House Hotel in May1950 **Bob Pilgrim** (1887 Marrickville – 1977 Brunswick Heads) handed over to **Eric Davies** and his team of **George Mallam** (vice-president), **Cec Hisshion** (secretary), **Fred Arnison** (assistant secretary) and **Albert McPaul** (treasurer). **Hedley Hungerford** and **Jack Bourne** were appointed Directors. (They rotated at the AGM in May1951, **George Mallam** becoming the new president, **Hedley Hungerford** as the new vice-president and **Tim Young** as treasurer. And refresh on *Pilgrim Memorial Park* at [117.-Newsletter-May-2022.pdf](#).)

In Jun1950 **Dave Hollingworth** addressed a Rotary Club meeting on Mullum's early history and suggested *that some competent person be engaged to collect and write data on the early history of this district so that some permanent record of the pioneering days could be preserved.* There the matter rested until resurrected in 1961 when Rotary, with **Percy Hale Sheaffe** at the wheel, again pressed for *A Brunswick River Historical Society... with the object of collecting and preserving records and relics of the early history of the area....* But once more interest waned. (Refresh on the early Historical Society at [30.-Newsletter-June-2014.pdf](#).)

In Sep1950 they had a bit more luck with *A move to (re)establish a Scout Troop and Cub Pack.... The subject was introduced by Mr Bob Harkness, who mentioned that Mr William Bouveret, primary master, was very keen on establishing some type of youth organisation...,* although it took 18mths to finally get the Mullum group dishing and dobing. In Mar1952 Rotary also had been the initiators of a public meeting to *elect a committee to organise and establish a youth centre in Mullumbimby...,* which finally got up and tumbling in the Masonic Hall in Aug1952, with *Equipment purchased some years ago by the Rotary Club....* But it seems Mullum's fickle youth subsequently turned to other pursuits, and it wasn't until 14Mar1957 that *A club to cater for the recreational needs of Mullumbimby's youth was formed at a public meeting.... Local organisations represented on the committee are the Buffalo Lodge*, which sponsored the move, the RSL, Apex and Rotary*

*The preliminary meeting to form *Lodge Mullumbimby No 333 of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes* was called by ex-serviceman **Louis Chauvier** (1915 Woodburn – 2007 Murbah) and held at the School of Arts 17Jul1946. Their Charter was presented by the *Grand Primo* 2Nov1946, at which time **Hedley John (Mick) Whittaker** (1906 Mullum – 1992 Alstonville) appears to be the 'Sitting Primo' of 'Lodge Mullumbimby'.

It was a non-sectarian and non-political Mason-esque fraternal organization, giving Catholics license to also dress up in decorative regalia and indulge in entertaining rituals. Supporting the Memorial Hospital seems to have been their main charity interest until the Lodge started to fade away in the late 1950s.

By the time of the first 'Buffaloes' Ball' in Jun1948 **William Hughes** (1915 Casino – 1984 Mullum) was *Sitting Primo*. After RAAF service he became a vice-president of the RSL, while wife Louisa (nee Jarvis) served as president of the RSL Ladies Auxiliary. His civic interests were many, including playing sax in local dance bands and serving on the re-election committee of Larry Anthony MHR.

Other known Buffaloes were **John Carolan, John Thomas Condon, James Cecil Cummings, Ray Gardner, Neil Garrard, Lloyd Gibson, S. Gordon, Bob Harkness, P. Johnston, G. Jones, William Gilmore Leburn, Clive Mallam, Albert McPaul, R. Nelson, Clarrie Plater, K. Prior, William Patrick Reddan, Jack Timbs, Alan Vardy, Edwin Ernest Vaughan, Robert Walker, Fred Wright.**

Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce.... Alas, by Aug1957 Lack of local interest which forced the Mullumbimby Youth Club into recess recently may prevent its future affiliation with the National Fitness Council.... That was the last word on a Youth Club as, true to form, Mullum lacked sufficient interest by parents... and support from kindred bodies....

But the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies were persistent. In May1957 Mullum Council finally approved construction of a clubhouse behind the post office, followed a month later by **Vic Richens**, the diligent president of the Scouts Association, organising the removal and rebuild of the Bowling Club's ex-clubhouse. With volunteer labour, including that from Rotary, Apex and Lions, the building was turned into a spacious 55ft long, 2-storey structure.

Apex

Rotary invited 20 young men of the town... to a meeting in Apr1951, who were provisionally nominated as members of the proposed (Apex) club..., whose principal objectives were the banding of young men

*together to work for charities and give service to the community.... A couple of weeks later 15 of these blokes met at **Tony Peters' Empire Cafe** and elected **Fred Dobbin** and **Gordon Campbell** as the foundation president and secretary. Both are members of the staff of the High School. Vice-president is Mr **Chas Mallam**, and treasurer Mr **Nick Hollingworth**... of the club, which has as its main aim the assistance of all public bodies to develop the social and industrial life of the town.... Their first project was to seek Council approval to renovate and maintain Railway Park.*

The next item on Rotary's agenda was accommodating Mullum's 'New Australians'. On 26Jul1951 *A plea to people of the Brunswick district..., to help migrants become assimilated into the community, was made by Mr **Tony Peters (Pizimolas, 1908 Rhodes – 2001 Brisbane)**, a member of the Mullumbimby Rotary Club, in an address at a club dinner....* At this time various national groups were multiplying like rabbits in the banana growing hills around the district, and Tony reckoned that *sometimes the slowness of assimilation was due to the lack of co-operation of the Australian people....*

He continued as a leading figure in the assimilation movement, addressing Rotary on the history of Greece in Mar1952 and the following month instigating a sister club arrangement with the Rotary Club of Athens. In Jul1952 *the local Scout Troop was presented with a flag from the Greek Community in memory of Australian and Greek servicemen who died in Greece during WW2, and a pennant from the Rotary Club of Meppel, Holland, was presented to president **George Mallam** by Mr **Agt Dhont**..., a recent Dutch migrant.*

In Aug1952 the Commonwealth Employment Officer in Lismore addressed Rotary, saying *There was a limit to what could be done officially to help these people adjust themselves to our way of life, but service clubs, such as Rotary, had a great opportunity to help in assimilating the migrant into local community life....*

Rotarian Mayor **Bill Smith** duly convened a public meeting in Nov1952 and *On the motion of Canon **C. Rowe** the meeting agreed to the formation of NSW's 29th branch of the New Settlers' League.... Mr **A.S. Peters** was appointed president. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, the president of the Rotary Club, Mr **H. Hungerford**, president of the Apex Club, Mr **F. Dobbin**, and the secretary of the CWA, Mrs **N.O. Stewart**; secretary, Mr **R. Blackwell**; assistant secretary, Mr **H. Ainsworth**; treasurer, Mr **W.A. Shay**; committee, Messrs **W. Bouveret**, **T. Psaltis** and **J. De Maar**....*

In the same spirit the Rotarians took the initiative in organising 'Civic Week' 12-19Apr1953 *to create greater interest in civic affairs.... Mayor Smith said An entirely new approach to civic responsibility of everyone is becoming an urgent reality in the changing conditions of the day..., while 14yr old budding feminist **Helen Bashforth** (Gosbee), daughter of Edgar and Lydia, won Rotary's prize for the best essay in listing the qualities of a good male citizen. In brief..., He should be honest, unselfish, trustworthy, and willing to help those in need of it. Ask yourself a question and answer it honestly. Do you possess these qualities? If so, in my opinion, you are a good citizen. If no, you should strive your hardest to become one....*

Despite initial resistance from the BGF and RSL, Rotary continued to draw attention to the rules of hospitality, and in Jul1953 *In an address to about 120 people at a "welcome" for New Australians..., Tony Peters again spoke on assimilation efforts. Christian charity demands it.... Seven different nationalities were represented amongst the guests. Many vocal and*



On 28Sep1957 the Mullum Scouts finally gained a permanent home, having previously shared the Drill Hall, including during the Troop's earlier incarnations Apr1921-Jun1924 and Jan1936-Jul1943.

musical items and dancing were enjoyed during the evening... at the Presbyterian Hall.

The devastating Ithacan earthquake of Aug1953 saw the Mullum community united in rendering assistance, the reformed RSL opening *a fund to assist the people of the earthquake-smitten Greek islands....* The Mullum Rotarians presented **Steppa Stephens** MLA with a list prepared by the local Ithacans of relatives left homeless, requesting him to expedite their resettlement in Australia through Mr Holt MHR, Minister for Immigration. In the meantime the local club approached Rotary International for financial assistance to fly homeless families to Australia.

In Apr1960 *Praise for the part immigrants were playing in the community life of Australia was given by Apexian **Bob Irvine** at a special dinner held by Mullumbimby Apex Club with the theme "International Goodwill." Eight immigrant guests from various countries were welcomed at the dinner.... A toast to "New Australians in our community" was proposed by Apexian Robert Arthur Irvine (1929 Federal – 2016 Canberra) and responded to by Mr **Gerald Jansen** (of Holland).*

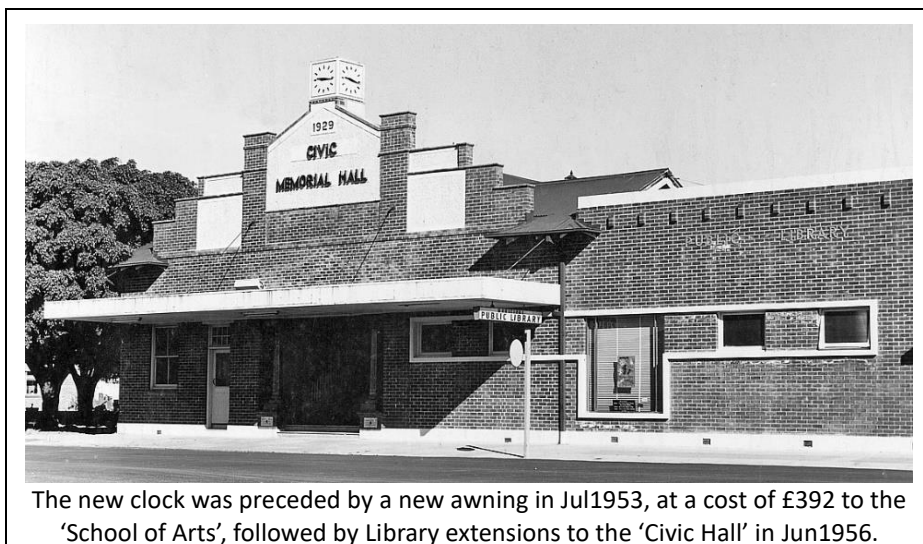
Lions

The *Brunswick-Mullumbimby Lions Club* was born at a meeting at the Hotel Brunswick on 2Sep1952. The publican, **Jim Richardson**, became foundation president, backed by **Neville Cook** as first vice-president, **Ted Healy** as second vp, **Ray Phippard** secretary, **John Darville** (or **Kim Leal**?) treasurer, **Sven Hansen** lion tamer, **Jack Darville** tail twister, **Wal Hayter**, **George Selwood**, **Tom Kilroy** and **Alan Vardy** as directors, and **Jack Timbs** organiser of the charter presentation. They decided that their first project would be planting an avenue of trees in Argyle Street.

And while the Lions were busy organising, 50 Apexians turned up for their AGM in the Presbyterian Hall in Jul1953. *Members of the new board were introduced by incoming president, Apexian **Stan Pilgrim**, as follows: secretary, **Harold Poynting**; treasurer, **Keith Chittick**; vice-presidents, **Fred Dobbin** and **Howard Timms**; and Apexians **Alan Pilgrim**, **Roger Sheaffe**, **Col Watson**, **Rex Goode** and **Pat Dalton**.* [Stan (1926-2001) and Alan (1941-2013) Pilgrim took over the Mullum Cordial Factory from father Bob in 1953. (Ref [154-Newsletter-September-2025.pdf](#).) Their brother-in-law, electrician Col Watson (1923-2003), was on the executive committee of the New Settlers League.]

Theirs was followed by the Lions AGM in Sep1953, president **Jim Richardson** proclaiming that *"It's great to be a Lion" in summing up the first year's activities...*, which involved raising £576 for the year and giving hundreds of manhours to community projects, including the painting of the hospital. Jim was re-elected president, supported by *first vice-president, **Nev Cook**; second, **Ted Healy**; third, **Stan Clark**; secretary, **Bruce Bartlett**; treasurer, **Ray Stewart**; Lion-tamer, **Max Mills**; Tail-twister, **George Selwood**; publicity officer, **Kim Leal**.*

The following year the Lions were first up with an AGM at the Brunswick Hotel in Jun1954, mine host **Jim Richardson** elected for a 3rd term. They decided to take over responsibility for maintenance of the triangle of land near the railway gates to match Apex's custodianship of the park adjacent to the railway station. Next up was Rotary in Jul1954 when Town Clerk **Len/John Bourne** replaced teacher **Cec Hisshion** as president. Their good deed was to provide a £300 clock for the Civic Centre. And in Aug1954 **Howard Timms** took over from **Stan Pilgrim** as president of Apex, stating that they'd raised £125 for the Boy Scouts, as



The new clock was preceded by a new awning in Jul1953, at a cost of £392 to the 'School of Arts', followed by Library extensions to the 'Civic Hall' in Jun1956.

well as various charities and the provision of manual labour and financial support during the floods. The three clubs excelled themselves during the 1954 cyclone and the subsequent flooding and storm damage.

At the Jun1955 AGM of *The Brunswick-Mullumbimby Lions Club* they boasted of raising and distributing almost £500 in the last 12mths, with many other voluntary labour projects completed. There was a minor reshuffling of executive seats, viz President, **Bruce Bartlett**; secretary, **Don Creighton**; treasurer, **Noel James**; tail-twister, **Tom Brignall**; Lion tamer, **Reg Byrnes**; first vice-president, **Bill James**; second vice-president, **Ron Bower**; third vice-president, **Jim Richardson**; two-year directors, **Bill Ball** and **Nick Alidenes**; one-year directors, **George Selwood** and **Alan Vardy**....

At the *Annual Changeover Meeting* of Rotary in Jul1955 *New officers who assumed office were: President, Mr **Thomas Edwin (Dick) Blackwell**; immediate past president, Mr **L.J. Bourne**; vice-president, Mr **C.E. Lindsay**; secretary, Mr **P.H.***

Sheaffe; treasurer, **Mr T.A. Young**.... It is expected that the clock made by Rotarian **Hilton Ainsworth** will be... illuminated and officially presented to the town by the State Governor, **Sir John Northcott** on 2Nov1955. (Solicitor Blackwell also became secretary of the New Settlers League in 1955.)

Five days later the Apexians held their Annual Installation Dinner in the Presbyterian hall. *Presenting his report on the year's activities, Mr Timms said the only retrograde step had been loss of membership.... Officers installed at the dinner were as follows-* President, **Col Watson**; vice-presidents, **Howard Timms** (senior) and **Wal Wardman**; secretary, **Wal Wardman** (replacing **Frank Rowe**); treasurer, **Keith Chittick**....

In May1956 Mr **James D. Richardson**, of Brunswick Heads, was elected Governor of District 201, covering the whole of Australia, at the fourth annual convention of Lions International held in Parliament House, Brisbane. In Oct1956 he and Governor-elect, Bill Sommerville of Lismore, flew to the USA to address the world convention of Lions International..., as Australia is the country in which the greatest expansion of the Lions movement has taken place within the last year.... In California, Mr Richardson will present a baby kangaroo to the mayor of San Francisco.... Jim was elected as vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of Lions International and decorated with the *Ambassador of Goodwill Award* and the *Presidential Award Medal*.

Commenting on members' activities at the Apex AGM in Aug1956, president **Col Watson** said that the *Apex Park project was nearing completion. Much money and voluntary work had been expended on fencing, levelling and grassing...*, and Mullumbimby Municipal Council had offered to provide a bubble fountain for the convenience of the large number of young people who use the park.... He said that more than £400 had been raised and spent by Apexians in the town during the past 12 months.

At Lion's annual changeover in Jun1957, retiring president **Bill James** reviewed the year, reporting that *membership had risen from 21 to 29 during the year...*, and they'd mowed public lawns as a community service. He passed the presidency to **Ron Bower**, who was backed by vice-presidents **Reg Byrnes**, **Noel James**, **Barry James**; secretary **Ted Flowers**; asst sec, **Bill Rummery**; tres, **Tom Kilroy**; asst tres, **Dave Pryce**; lion tamer, **Bill Ball**; and tail twister, **Bill James**. (Refresh James Family at [84.-Newsletter-May-2019.pdf](#) and [83.-Newsletter-April-2019.pdf](#).)

At the Rotary Changeover at the Hotel Brunswick in Jul1957 retiring president **Claude Lindsay** reported *the provision of a shelter shed at the Mullumbimby Cemetery...* and then handed the baton to **Percy Sheaffe**. The following month **Doug Macartney** passed the presidency of Apex to **Frank Rowe**, who hosted the farewell party for the Macartneys in Nov1957 after Doug won a teacher exchange post to England.

Mullumbimby Rotary Club has conferred on a former mayor of Mullumbimby, Mr **C.J. Latter**, an award for the town's most outstanding citizen. The award was announced at the club's changeover night (Jul1957) when Mr Latter was presented with a framed picture by retiring Rotary president Mr **Claude Lindsay**.... His good deeds included his work in connection with the local electricity undertaking and water supply; his chairmanship of a "Win the War" rally which was responsible for raising £7600; his work as captain of the Mullumbimby Fire Brigade....

More Good Deeds

The enthusiasm of many senior citizens led to the formation last night (24Mar1958) of an "Autumn Club" at a public meeting sponsored by Mullumbimby Rotary.... The meeting attended by more than 50 people elected **Mrs McLeod** as the initial secretary....

Rotary Club president Mr **Percy Sheaffe** said the "Autumn Club" would ultimately be provided with a clubroom, library,



Jim Richardson, District Governor of Lions District 201 (Australia), presents Lions Charter to **Stan Cook**, President of the Byron Bay Club, 1Mar1957. (Richardson, 1910 Temora – 1987 Bruns Hds, was an ex-WW2 Bomber Pilot.)
(The Bay's foundation meeting occurred 11Oct1956 with the enrollment of 14 members.)



The Mayors of Mullum, 1958.
Rear: Newly elected Mayor Fred Uren with Bill Smith.
Front: Charles Latter, Bill Arnold, Ernie James, Eric Davies.
(In 1943 Ex-Mayor Latter resigned the presidency of the Mullum branch of the Country Party to join the Labor Party, but repented postwar.)

games and other amenities.

Whilst **Jim Richardson** was still playing on the international stage his fellow Lions elected, wef 1Jul1958, *President, Reg Byrnes; first vice-president Noel James; second vp, Barry James; third vp, Cliff Rummery; secretary, Bill Rummery; assistant secretary, Jim Street; treasurer, Dave Pryce; assistant treasurer, Geoff Poynting; liontamer, Tom Kilroy; tailtwister, Jim Richardson....* At the same time Mullumbimby Apexian **Col Watson** has been elected *District Governor of Far North Coast Apex Clubs...* and Optometrist **Fred Wicks** was installed as new president of Rotary, one of whose projects for the past year had been planting and tending 25 Firewheel trees between the High School and the cemetery.

Representatives of at least 10 district organisations decided at a public meeting in the Council Chambers on 12Nov1958 to begin a new campaign for the construction of a new hospital at Mullumbimby.... Mayor Uren chaired the meeting attended by representatives of the *Municipal Council, the RSL, BGF, Rotary and Apex Clubs, Agricultural Society, P and C, Hospital Auxiliary, CWA and Red Cross....*

In May1959 Mr **J.D. Richardson**, of Brunswick Heads, has been re-nominated for a further 12 months' term as an *International Director of Lions International....* He will represent the whole of the *South Pacific on the board....*, while **Noel James** was installed as president of his local club, with brother **Barry** as first vice-president and brother **Bill** as secretary. The Apexians starred with the construction of 4 new tennis courts at the High School, opened in Mar1959 at the same time the Minister for Education baptised the new two-storey classroom block. And **Rus Maslen** took the reins at Rotary.

Quota

Mrs G. Mallam has been elected *foundation president of a Quota Club formed at a meeting at Mullumbimby on Saturday (25Jun1960)....* Other officers elected at the inaugural meeting are: *Secretary, Mrs R.O. McPaul; treasurer, Mrs S. Clark; social secretary, Mrs A. Stanfield; vice-presidents, Mesdames F.M. Uren and F. Wakely....* And on 20Sep1960 *Twenty-two foundation members of the recently-reformed Mullumbimby Quota Club were initiated into Quota International and received the club's charter at a special function at the Hotel Brunswick....*

Carrying on the Rotary theme of hospitality to 'Aliens', in Oct1960 *Members of the recently-formed Mullumbimby Quota Club entertained Mesdames H. Thornley, A. Caponas and L. Benedet at a social evening at the home of Mrs E.G. Davies at Brunswick Heads. The guests represented England, Greece and Italy respectively, and the function was organised as a contribution towards United Nations Week activities. The guests were entertained with television....*

In Mar1962 *Retiring president of the Mullumbimby Quota Club Mrs Gwen Mallam (nee Lowe) was presented with a coffee percolator as a farewell gift from members. Mrs Mallam will leave Mullumbimby this month to live in Sydney....* (Husband George had died 29Oct1960, aged 55). At the AGM 3wks later **Mrs Sadie Olive** was anointed as the new president.

By Mar1963 Apex was running out of puff and told Council that *it was experiencing difficulty in carrying on the mowing service... at Apex Park. Council procrastinated for 8mths until agreeing at a meeting in Nov1963 to take on the job and budget £104pa in next year's estimates. The club was re-energised by the time of the annual convention dinner of 'District 2 Apexians' at Mullumbimby on 18Jun1966 when Mayor Uren said Mullumbimby Apex Club had won the respect of every citizen and had gained the name of being the greatest working organisation in the district....* Over 200 Apexians from The Tweed to Tamworth crowded the Bowling Club where *Ald Uren described the function as the largest he had seen at Mullumbimby....* (During Mullum's Apex rejuvenation a Byron club was formed Mar1967 and took on conversion of Esplanade Park at the beach into Apex Park.)

At the same time *Brunswick Heads school teacher Miss Lorraine Boyd has been chosen by district service clubs for nomination as a candidate in the 1966 Miss Australia quest. Decision to support her candidature was made at a meeting of Mullumbimby Quota Club attended by representatives of Apex, Rotary and Lions. Trying to match the others in civic-mindedness, in Nov1966 the Quotarians sought permission to develop an area of land at the Everitt's Hill road junction for picnicking... near Rotary's 'Tomahawk', but it was refused by the Department of Main*



Frederick Martin Uren (1907 Niangala – 1984 Mullum)
(University graduate and headmaster Byron Bay until acquiring Ward's Emporium business 1949 and taking on a host of civic duties, including 13yrs as mayor from 1958)



Mrs George Mallam (nee Gwen Lowe), president of Mullum's Quota Club, having her badge-of-office pinned by Madge Eages, Governor of the 24th District of Quota International, Sep60.

Roads on the grounds of reducing driver visibility.

Chincogan Fiesta

One of the major missions undertaken by the service clubs was raising money for a swimming pool, costed at £9000 in 1955, but by the time it was opened in 1967 after nearly 20yrs of money raising efforts by the dedicated committee, came in at \$67,000, inclusive of the amenities block constructed by working-bees. Their legacy was the Chincogan Fiesta, which continued as Mullum's major community knees-up for another 30yrs before reaching its use-by date.

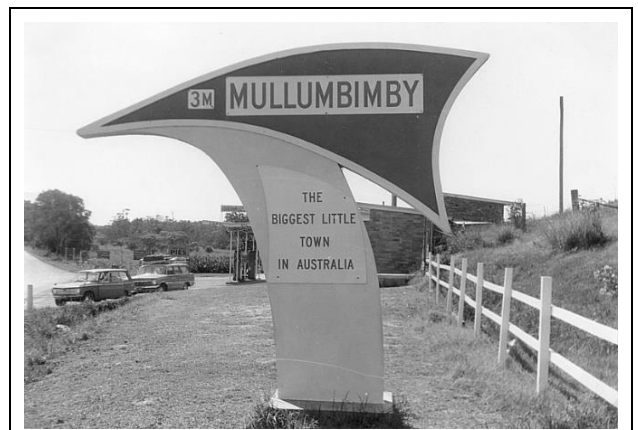
The embryo Chincogan Festival got underway in 1960, a year after **Ald Harry Richards** had remarked that *Mullumbimby was the only town of any size in the district where nothing was done about an annual festival....* One of the money raising gimmicks was a 'Queen' contest and an elephant race, which were initiated in May 1965 while the circus was in town. The elephant race was won by jockey **Bill James**, representing the Lions Club; other jockeys were **Hilton Ainsworth** (Rotary), **Allan Curtis** (Band) and **Ron Munday** (Apex).... The race attracted one of the biggest crowds ever seen in Burringbar Street....

In 1968 a "Matron of the Mountain" contest replaced the old 'Queen' contest. Eight candidates will contest on 28Sep1968..., viz Mesdames **Robin Crandell** (Apex), **Kay Thompson** (Basketball Club), **Flo Pearce** (Bowling Club), **Bessie Graham** (Golf Club), **Mona Clark** (Lions Club), **Ollie Hammond** (Quota Club), **Irene Mortlock** (Rotary Club) and **Eileen Bailey** (Surf Club and Swimming Club)....

After completion of the swimming pool and infrastructure with the help of ~6000hrs of voluntary labour, in Apr1971 the Mullum Baths Committee passed management of the Fiesta... to Rotary, Lions, Apex and Quota.... And at the Sep1971 Fiesta A total of \$4225 raised completely liquidated the debt on the Memorial Baths..., while a Lions project created Stewart Park adjacent to the pool. Queen of the Mountain title went to Miss **Barbara McPhail**, of Huonbrook, sponsored by Apex....

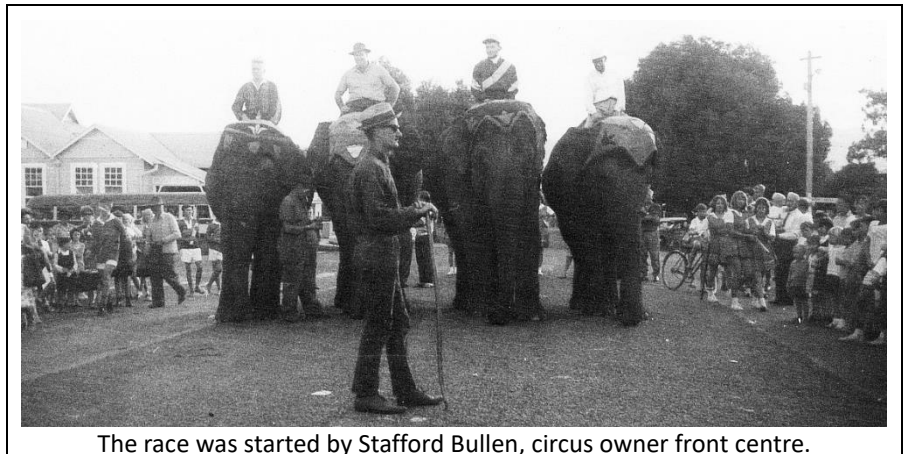
And then came economic, social and cultural upheaval with arrival of the 'hippies' to fill the void left by the collapse of Mullum's traditional supporting primary industries. In Mar1972 **Mr Colin Scattergood...**, a leader in the commune colony which has taken over a 400-acre tract of Main Arm country, addressed a meeting of Rotary, saying that the commune, comprising 15 people at present..., when it reached full strength would house 35 "hippies.".... But the movement grew exponentially throughout the district, taking Mullum's cultural evolution in a new direction and compelling the Service Clubs to adapt their *modus operandi*.

Stay tuned for episode 2: 'The Service Clubs – Evolution and Devolution'.



Tuckett's Tomahawk 1965

(Rotary under the presidency of chemist **Stan Tuckett** took on promotion of Mullumbimby with the erection of Tuckett's Tomahawk - that's what they're calling the "Biggest Little Town in Australia" sign down at Uncle Tom's corner... that did not take long to make a hit.... A sign was needed to tell passing people that a fine and very self-contained community was just three miles off the highway and well worth a look....



The race was started by Stafford Bullen, circus owner front centre.



The Upper Main Arm Community Shop and Sunflower Restaurant (with wholemeal bakery), Stuart St., 1973/75, revitalising a 1906 building. In 1976 they expanded into the old Devon Cake Shop next door, which was later occupied by Santos Health Foods, another hippie enterprise started in the old Norco building in 1976.

BRUNSWICK VALLEY BUTCHER SHOPS

On Friday 24th October BVHS invited local butchers, past and present, and their families to the new exhibition in the museum. A very enjoyable afternoon/evening was spent by all, catching up on the news and gossip. The exhibition was really well received and will be in the museum until early December.

The valley has had butcher shops operating for over 100 years with many different owners – all is revealed in the exhibition.

Many thanks to the members who helped with the exhibition and with the launch. Your participation is invaluable and very much appreciated.



Some of the guests enjoying the exhibition and the catch-up



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LAST FRIDAY of the month

NEXT MEETING:

Tues 11th Nov @ 10.30

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

Market Saturdays 9.00 - 1.00

Other times by appointment

**MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY
MARKET (8.00am – 2.00pm)**

Next Market- Saturday 15th Nov

mullumbimbycommunitymarket.com.au



Brunswick Valley Historical Society will be represented at the show this year, in the pavilion. The theme for the pavilion is “Local Tradies and their Tools”. We will have a display featuring local blacksmiths and their tools. Come and support the show and check out the display.

Mullumbimby Show 2025

7th, 8th & 9th November 2025



For tickets go to <https://www.123tix.com.au/events/50239/mullumbimby-agricultural-show>

Another Community Event we will be involved in

KEEP LOCAL MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITY

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL?

JOIN THE CHRISTMAS SALE TRAIL!

THE FUNDRAISER PROJECT

CBD TRADERS

FOODS & ELECTRONICS THE FUNDRAISER FOR WREX

MULLUM COMMUNITY GARDEN - PLANTS, PRODUCE & MORE

MULLUM CE ANNUALS - THE BIRDS & BEES

TEEA MARKET @ THE BYRON COLLEGE

Join Mullum's brick and mortar traders in this special Shop Local event

Register now to secure your spot at the Mullumbimby Christmas Sale Trail event Sat Nov 29, featuring pop-up stalls for local creatives, community groups needing extra funds and traders who usually sell online.

Register using QR code. OR GO TO URL <https://forms.gle/HATcJPMB0GHkno6>
OR email Sasha_shopnow@buythisinstead.co

The Christmas Sale Trail is a collaboration between Mullumbimby's Chamber of Commerce and Mullum Cares that is set to take the Chamber's annual Christmas *Shop Local* campaign to the next level!

On Saturday November 29 we will have a stall in the main street.

For more information to take part in the Christmas Sale Trail go to: <https://salvageculture.au/christmas-sale-trail/>