

TIMELINES

In fifteen minutes

Number 3

What the Social Director Does ...

Last issue we were anticipating Murwillumbah Historical Society's visit to Fingal and Chinderah Cemeteries. In this edition Betty Hamill, our Social Director reports on a successful outing...

Tour of Cudgen/Chinderah and Fingal graveyards and local history with Uncle Franc Krasner.

The eighth of July found some thirty people taking advantage of the amazing local knowledge of Slockee family descendant uncle Franc Krasner. At the river side at Chinderah Uncle Franc spoke about early sites bearing the names Cudgen and Chinderah, as well as other historical facts. We then drove down the Tweed Valley Way to view the two graveyards there, learning the South Sea Islander story. The next stop was along Fingal Road, near the location that was The Caves, and a living area for Indigenous, and later Islander people, where we learned some chilling facts. Our visit to the Fingal Cemetery was again full of interesting knowledge. Uncle Franc concluded the tour with a traditional smoking ceremony. The end of the day was lunch at the Tumbulgum Tavern. Uncle Franc's knowledge and relaxed style were impressive, and we are very grateful to him. Thanks also to Bev Fairley who initiated and had the right connections to make this happen. Stay tuned for the next event.

Betty now has important things on her mind.

The Burringbar Hotel has been mentioned. So too the Victory Hotel at Mooball. As many will know, there was more than one patron of the bar at Burringbar who felt betrayed when, on appeal, the licensee of the Burringbar Hotel won his case to transfer the licence to Mooball. The Victory Hotel officially opened on 1 September 1934, with a rain-delayed grand Sports programme, followed by a dance that evening. Is Betty wondering if it is possible to have a pub crawl from a hotel that no longer exists to its upstart successor? Or is she deep in thought about more practical matters?

Standing Invitation. We're looking forward to hearing from you and welcoming you as you take an active part in your Society. Remember, we're on the lookout for a Treasurer. It could be you! Come to our next meeting:

1:00 pm on Monday, 21 August 2023, at the Society's Research Room at the Tweed Regional Museum.



"Rather an irony for a teetotaler"

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History in a Box

With hotels an item of interest in this edition, it is worth noting that the Society's President, Beverley Fairley, has brought to our attention the Tooth and Company Limited yellow cards, part of the collection of the Noel Butlin Archives held by the Australian National University.

'The large Tooth and Company collection includes many files, financial records and photographs about their operations at the Kent Brewery in Sydney and throughout New South Wales. For heritage architects, local and family historians, the 'yellow cards' which were maintained from the 1920s to the 1970s provide valuable information about hotels in NSW and include thousands of photographs. Some photographs have been digitised and are available in the ANU Open Research Repository.' (Source: [Tooth and Company Yellow Cards.](#))

The item entry provides further information: 'The yellow cards contain photographs of the exterior of most hotels in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory whether or not they were owned by Tooth and Company Limited. The cards also contain names of licensees, a summary of the quantity of beer and other beverages supplied by Tooth and Company Limited and information about who owned the hotel.' And: 'Items 1 to 784 document hotels in metropolitan Sydney in alphabetical order by hotel name. Items 785 to 2470 document hotels in country New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and are arranged by town. Items 2471 to 2606 document hotels in the Riverina area of New South Wales and are arranged by town. Items 2607 to 2683 document hotels in the Far West of New South Wales and are arranged by town. City hotel cards are in alphabetical order by hotel name. Other cards are in alphabetical order by the name of the town the hotel is in.' (Source: [Deposit N60-YC - Tooth and Company yellow cards.](#))

The photos and information that follow are from the yellow cards for Burringbar and Victory Hotels, courtesy of the Noel Butlin Archives Centre, Australian National University.

The first photograph below is Burringbar Hotel, found on the back of first yellow card for this site. The second card of this set is endorsed 'License transferred to Victory Hotel Mooball 25-7-34'. The reverse notes the bar measurement of '18 ft x 14 ft', and the weekly public bar trade £70, and house trade £15 in 'normal times'. Though the Burringbar Hotel burnt down on 21 October 1932, Tooth and Company continued to provide stock under that name until the end of 1934.



Notations on the second card for the new Victory Hotel (pictured on the right, above) commence from the third quarter of 1934. At the Murwillumbah Licensing Court in July 1934 when the name of the hotel was changed from 'Burringbar Hotel' to 'Hotel Victory', A A R Hynes, acting for the licensee J H C Watterson, said that he initially did not think that the new name was a good idea 'in case it might be taken as a flaunting gesture in view of the feeling which had existed between the people of the two centres in relation to the hotel, but he had been assured such an attitude was non-existent' (*Tweed Daily*, 26 July 1934, page 4). 'Sympathiser' from Burringbar was not as credulous as Hynes: 'I can assure Mr. Hynes that many of the people of the Burringbar district consider the name very poor tact, particularly in view of the fight waged against the removal of this hotel' (*Tweed Daily*, 7 August 1934, page 2).