

TIMELINES

In fifteen minutes

Number 10

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Greetings to 2024/2025!

The Murwillumbah Historical Society's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 15 April 2024 at the Tweed Regional Museum at 1:00 pm. Annual General Meetings are Janus-like events, a last glance cast back before welcoming the promise of the coming year. As Bev Fairley, the re-elected President of the Murwillumbah Historical Society put it, '2023 – 2024 has been a very busy and productive year.' This is the jumping off point for this year's work. 'We deal in local history. Perhaps we should think about research and publishing. We have the talent.'

The Society's 2024/2025 committee elected at the Annual General Meeting is President, Bev Fairley; Vice President, Max Boyd AM; Secretary, Māris Bruzgulis; Treasurer, Bel Neilson (*pro tem*); Social, Betty Hamill; Research, Joan Cuthel; and IT, David Taylor. General committee members are Ian Batten and Henry James.

Around and about...

The Annual General Meeting was followed by a committee meeting. Henry James is now managing the Society's membership register.

The committee decided that the Society will undertake research for free and rely on the good will of enquirers as to how they wish to support the Society in its work.

The pipeline for an active 2024/25 was opened with suggestions for training to be available to members to improve their research skills in general, and specifically in relation to local and family history. If you would like to help plan, or to participate in conducting, these initiatives, please contact the Society at secretary@murwillumbahhistoricalsociety.org.au.

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Timelines is back. [Volume 11, Number 3](#) is available now. It contains Diana Eriksen's memories of Wollumbin Street in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, a short article on West End Street, information about Tweed Valley doctors to 1920, and a 'Back Page' piece on medical reputations.

Volume 11, Number 4 is in preparation. The Editor is happy to receive any and all submissions. We are now well into the 21st century, so it is fitting that the last quarter of the last century becomes the Society's focus. Tell us your story so that we can publish it, and in doing so prevent it fading into the metaphorical mists of time.

Our Next Meeting

**1:00 pm on Monday, 20 May 2024, at the Society's Tony Clark Research Room
at the Tweed Regional Museum.**

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History in a Box

110 Murwillumbah Street

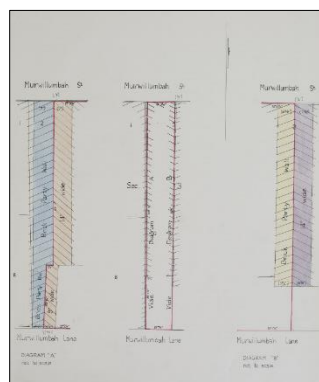
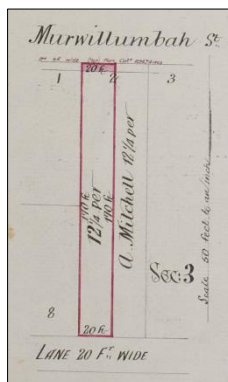
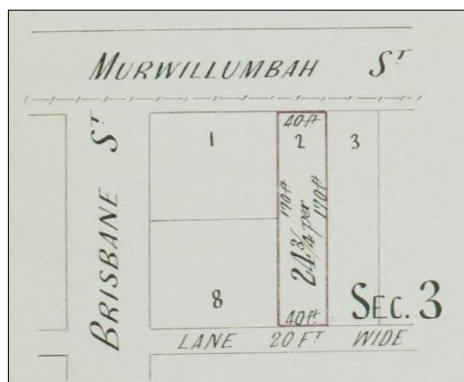
The Society is more than happy to undertake research about local properties. A recent example is a request to provide any photos held in the Tweed Regional Museum's collection of 110 Murwillumbah Street. Locals will recognise this property as having been in its time the location of Hills Hardware and the Civic Café. Sadly, there are fewer photos of these shops than one would expect. Nevertheless, the enquiry also gives the researcher the opportunity to look for information in other places.



From left to right: Civic Café, Murwillumbah Street 1930-1940. Ron Johansen collection [Tweed Regional Museum Collection, Item 39384]; Whittles Chemist, Murwillumbah, 1970s [Tweed Regional Museum Collection, Item 44963]; and [Tweed Regional Museum Collection, Item 44946].



New South Wales Land Services still identifies the property as Hills Hardware Pty Limited. Its title is numbered Lot 1 of Deposited Plan 335913. The prior title reference is Volume 10627 Folio 93. This allows identification of owners of the property all the way back to the subdivision of the Colonial Sugar Refining holding of Murwillumbah South in the late 1880s. Patrick Glynn, a 'laborer', was the first owner of the property in 1894. He subdivided it, selling one part to Agnes Mitchell, and the other, the one of interest, to Kate Spies, wife of the plumber William Wenzel Spies, in 1900. It 1905 it was transferred to Annie Sarah Kelly, wife of Frederick Augustus Kelly, a baker. In 1914 she transferred it to her husband, now an insurance agent in Lismore. In 1921/1925 it was transferred to Richard Sweetnam, farmer; in 1929 to George Donald Gregor, master baker; and in 1936 to the John Charles McIntoshes (senior and junior, the latter a solicitor of Lismore). New certificates of title were issued in 1940 and 1941. In 1957/1958 the proprietors became Peter Stathis and Mark Cassimatis, refreshment room proprietors. This is the last dealing in the public record. Subsequent dealings are not in the public domain.



Plan in Certificates of Title (from left to right) 1141-186, 1313-28 and 7463-6/7. The resumption to widen Murwillumbah Street after the fire of 1907 (middle image in red) was only gazetted in 1909 and recorded in 1919. Easements are shown in the third image. [NSW Land Registry Service, Historical Land Records Viewer.]

What memories do you have of 110 Murwillumbah Street? Do you have any photos? If you do, please contact the Society at editor@murwillumbahhistoricalsociety.org.au.