

# TIMELINES

In fifteen minutes

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## Events

### Murwillumbah Show!



The Tweed River Agricultural (Murwillumbah) Show will be held on Friday, 1 and Saturday, 2 November 2024. The Society will be there. Drop in and have a chat with us at the Trade Pavilions. The Showground gates open on Friday at 4:00 and 8:00 am on Saturday.

### Murwillumbah Railway Station 130th anniversary

While a date for this event is to be confirmed, the Society has been busy collecting photos that relate not just to the coming of the railway to Murwillumbah, but also to other modes of transport seen across the Tweed Valley over the years.

### Christmas Lunch

The theme of this year's Society lunch will be sharing our Christmas stories. Members and their friends are invited to take a walk down the halls of memory and bring their tales of Christmas past to entertain the festive company. Look out for updates about this function.

## With the Committee

The past editions of the Murwillumbah High School magazine *The Parnassian* have been scanned and added to the Tweed Regional Museum Collection. Ian Batten has already begun to scour these issues for stories that will inform us about education in Murwillumbah in former times.

The Society also has been provided with cemetery maps by the Tweed Shire Council Cemeteries Business Coordinator Greg Puch. These will allow our researchers to expedite the many enquiries that the Society receives seeking the location of the last resting place of family and friends.

The pricing of publications sold by the Society has been revised and the relevant web page will be updated accordingly. (Grab a bargain at your first opportunity.)

There is much information about Murwillumbah and the Tweed Valley held by other organisations and web sites. The Society is looking for members who can help to index this information for easy access.

## Our Next Meeting

The Society warmly welcomes new members. We meet on the third Monday of every month.

**1:00 pm on Monday, 18 November 2024, at the Society's Tony Clark Research Room  
at the Tweed Regional Museum.**

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# History in a Box

## Continuing the story of Charlotte Higgins...

Title Volume-Folio	Lot/Section/ Deposited Plan	Valuation	Inflation Calculator	Present Address of Property	Present Valuation
1413-103	1-2 8 2087	£1,120	\$156,979.27	42-56 Wollumbin Street Sunnyside Mall (9 of the 14 prior titles shown on the NSW Land Registry Services Online Portal were held by Charlotte Higgins in 1914)	Unavailable
1280-45	8 2087	£665	\$93,206.44		
1036-173	9-15 8 2087	£4,115	\$576,758.67	132 Murwillumbah Street	Unavailable
2426-182	12 4 2087	£600	\$84,096.04		
1130-142	9-10 4 2087	£2,000	\$280,320.13	140* and 142 Murwillumbah Street	\$625,000
1897-223	7 4 2087	£450	\$63,072.03	146 Murwillumbah Street (part of Murwillumbah TAFE)**	\$944,000
1745-198	1-5 23 4364	£1,338	\$187,534.17	19 to 27 Byangum Road	\$3,975,000
1836-241	1-12 2 5077	£400	\$56,064.03	409 to 413 Tweed Valley Way, 2 and 4 Smith Street, and 102 to 106 River Street	\$6,025,000
1117-40	1 4 2974	£1,530	\$214,444.90	1 and 3-5 Prospero Street	\$1,400,000
1294-200	2 4 2974			1 River Street*	
1344-249	3-8 4 2974	£200	\$28,032.01	3, 5* and 7 River Street	\$1,350,000
1185-88	3-5 10 2087	£1,858	\$260,417.40	1-3*, 5 and 11* Wollumbin Street	\$850,000
1357-203	10-12 3 2087	£1,960	\$274,713.73	Part of 10-16 Brisbane Street and 81 Wollumbin Street	Unavailable
591-188	1 1 Town				
2126-219	12 1 Town				
1006-198	Part of 2 1 Town	£12,642	\$1,771,903.54	99-101, 105, 107-111* and 115* Murwillumbah Street (Imperial Hotel)	\$850,000
1006-113	Part of 2 1 Town				
1617-23	Part of 3 1 Town				
Total		£28,878	\$4,047,542.36		\$16,019,000.00

This is the last instalment about Charlotte Higgins. The table on this page lists her property holdings at her death and their value in 1914 as itemised in her will and, using the Reserve Bank of Australia's inflation calculator, their present-day value. The last two columns show the present-day addresses of her property holdings and, where available, a valuation from the OpenAgent website (using CoreLogic data). Items marked with "\*" do not have an OpenAgent valuation; the valuation for the 146 Murwillumbah Street marked with "\*\*" is probably for the whole TAFE site, not just the lot owned by Charlotte Higgins. The present-day addresses have been determined by reconciling information available on the NSW Land Registry Services Online Portal and Historical Land Records Viewer. It is no wonder the *Tweed Daily* wrote that 'Murwillumbah might have been appropriately named Mooretown, for the larger and more substantial part of it had been erected by this far-seeing and keen business woman'.

The table also shows the distribution in the will of these properties. Her daughters Elizabeth Nash and Gertrude Kirby were her executors and trustees. The colour coding of the rows shows each child's inheritance. From oldest to youngest, with their age in 1914: **Clara Charlotte Osborne** (45); **Alice Maud Osborne** (42); **Elizabeth Nash** (37); **Lily Dora Moore** (34); **William Thomas Moore** (33); **Gertrude Kirby** (32); and **Alma McTackett** (27).