

# TIMELINES

In fifteen minutes

Number 24

## Partnering the Tweed Regional Museum

### A \$2,000 donation

The Murwillumbah Historical Society has donated \$2,000 to the Tweed Regional Museum, a contribution to the strong partnership between the respective organisations. The Society's logo will appear on Museum advertising material and on the Museum on Wheels (MoW). This will maintain the Society's profile in the community, especially at all of the Museum's planned street parties and wherever the MoW goes.

### The Museum's Strategic Plan – Your comment is essential

The Tweed Regional Museum's Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028 is live on the Tweed Shire Council's 'Your Say Tweed' site - <https://www.yoursaytweed.com.au/tweed-museum>. You can help shape the Museum's plan for the next 3 years by reading the [planning document](#); rating the strategy; and, most importantly, making a submission, online at the above link, emailing [tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tsc@tweed.nsw.gov.au), or writing to the Tweed Shire Council, PO Box 816, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484. You can have your say until Friday, 8 August 2025.

(Please note that the Society is a Museum partner. This is a partnership created by the 2004 Memorandum of Understanding that is the bedrock of the agreement on which the Museum was created. The Collection entrusted to the custodianship of the Tweed Shire Council was created by the three Tweed historical societies – Tweed Heads, Uki and South Arm, and Murwillumbah.)

### Speak Easy - On exhibition - 29 July 2025 - 22 November 2025

The Museum's latest exhibition, *Speak Easy*, uncovers the remarkable breakthroughs that shaped how we connect today.

## The Committee meeting

Belinda Neilson reported that the first three weeks of the 'Basics of Family History Research Programme' were very successful. At present these classes are conducted on a Monday, but a Saturday option is being considered, as is an appropriate price for the lessons. Belinda mentioned that more teachers are needed to present the programme.

Are you interested in helping. If so, please contact the Society on the number below!

## Our next meeting

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

**1:00 pm on Monday, 18 August 2025, at the President's residence.**

(Please call to confirm attendance and for venue location.)

CONTACT US: Phone: (02) 6670 2273

**At the Museum: Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and Wednesday and Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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## History in a Box

Can you ever have enough sport? There are jokers who say too much sport is barely enough. *Timelines In fifteen minutes* doesn't want to be left out, so here are the footy results published by the *Tweed Daily* on the third Monday of July 1925, 100 years ago.

### A. GRADE.

Tumbulgum 26.....Pirates 13  
Kangaroos 13 .....Natives 0  
Seagulls 8..... Rovers 3

### B. GRADE.

Canberras 22 ..... Tyalgum 0  
Belle Vues 30..... North Arm 0  
Uki 5 ..... Rovers 0

(Isn't that interesting? The Society's committee meeting was also held on the third Monday of July.) More knowledgeable readers will be able to explain the finer points of these results. "Toorak", writing for the *Daily*, reported the ebb and flow along with the achievement of the more notable players. For ordinary people, the following information can be extracted from the report: Tumbulgum's strip was black and gold; and two players suffered broken collarbones.

It is evident that Tweed rugby league was alive and kicking in 1925. Eleven years earlier its prospects were nowhere near as rosy. League had displaced union in 1914, touted as a more exciting and profitable game. The Rugby Union was wound up and the fifteen men game was replaced by that with thirteen players. The competing teams were Pirates, Buccaneers, Tumbulgum, Chinderah, Cudgen, and Uki. All went well until the deciding game of the season. The Buccaneers were to face the Pirates. A protest about the composition of the Buccaneers' team resulted in an unanticipated and most distressing outcome. This is the report of the game the spectators saw at Knox Park: 'Buccaneers did not make an appearance against Pirates. Pirates kicked off, and scored an undefended try. They then claimed the match.' In the words of 'Chaplain' writing in the *Daily*, this 'dealt the death stroke to football hereabouts, if not for several seasons, then assuredly for the rest of the 1914 season'.



Murwillumbah Pirates. Tweed River District Rugby League Cup Winners 1914.

Source: The Collection, Tweed Regional Museum.

Despite despondent commentary about sportsmanship and dire predictions about the future of the code on the Tweed, the game continued to be played, though the 1915 competition saw only four teams compete – Pirates, Buccaneers, Tweed Heads, and Tumbulgum. It appears that the code went into hiatus for the remainder World War I. The competition re-commenced in 1919 with five clubs - Cudgen, Tumbulgum, Tweed Heads, Pirates, and Murwillumbah Blues. The Tweed Daily reporter expressed the hope that 'the ensuing season should be real good and reminiscent of old times'.