

TIMELINES

In fifteen minutes

Number 27

Christmas is here!



We love testimonials! The Murwillumbah Historical Society's Christmas lunch was held on Saturday 29 November. Bev Fairley and Ian Batten took us on a bus trip to the past. (*Timelines* has a copy of Bev's presentation and hopes that Ian's words were recorded for posterity, so that together they can be published in a future edition of the newsletter).

The testimonials:

- Christmas lunch was delightful....great company, very good food, and lovely venue.
- A very good attendance, including a number of non-members.
- The venue for the lunch was good (as was the food).

And the New Year is around the corner...

Timelines In fifteen minutes asked the committee to look back as 2025 draws to a close. Here are some of their assessments:

- The last year has been dynamic and exciting. Many things happening, new members, new happenings. It has been a great year.
- The local community and others have been well served by the combined efforts of our committee members.
- I believe the concept of donating for research rather than a set fee has worked well.

It is in this spirit we begin 2026, looking forward to keeping our community in touch with Murwillumbah's history and listening to and recording the stories it has to tell.

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year

Our next meeting

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

11:00 am on Monday, 12 January 2026, at the President's residence.
(Please call to confirm attendance and for the venue location.)

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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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Committee business

There have been two committee meetings since the last *Timelines* *In fifteen minutes*. Starting with the second, November one, first. Bev Fairley, the Society's President, thanked everyone who had helped at the Murwillumbah Show. Her report: 'Other than a few problems with gates everything went very well. The big storm threatened, we escaped, then very little happened'. Earlier, in late October, she also delivered a talk titled 'History of Our Railway', which was well received by the audience and organisers of the event. The Society is scanning the Cabarita Longboarder Clubs newsletters so that they can be added to the Tweed Regional Museum Collection and is also reviewing the Maisie Eglington papers donated by Marilyn Haan.

The October meeting welcomed Sue Wilson and Toni Kelly Fleeton as new members of the Society. It also received the research report from Joan Cuthel. Among the family and property enquiries, there was also one about 'Perambulator parades'. We know that one was suggested for the 30 July 1915 Australia Day war time fund raiser (<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article191043070>).

Teachers needed!

Have you ever had an idea that you would like to know how to research your family history, and then armed with this knowledge to pass it on to others?

After our inaugural Basics of Family History Programme, we are delighted to report that our three fledgling teachers did a wonderful job with our first three students. We are happy to say that our students now have a firm grip on the basics of Family history and are powering ahead with their own research.

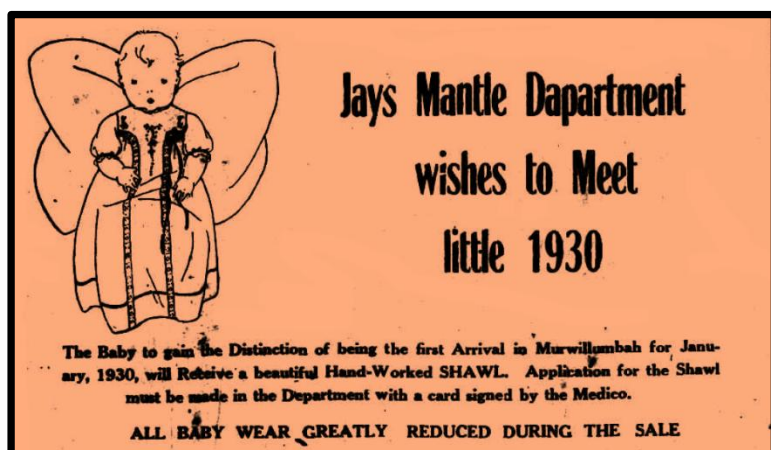
We would love to run another course, this time on a Saturday morning, for those of you who are not able to attend during the week. In order to facilitate this, we need more teachers as our current teachers are not available on weekends. We would be very excited to train about six people who would be available on a Saturday morning from 10.00 – 12.00. We are looking at spending about six hours teaching the three modules which will enable you to pass on to our new students a wealth of information. You do not need any experience as everything will be provided to teach the course, and we will train you. If this sounds appealing, then please register your interest by phone on (02) 6670 2273 or by email to secretary@murwillumbahhistoricalsociety.org.au. You do not need to be a member of the Society, but we hope you will join us after you have become one of our teachers. We are a very friendly bunch and new members are very welcome.

We are hoping to run our First Saturday course at the beginning of 2026 and maybe another Monday course as well. We anticipate running the teaching course before the end of this year.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Bel Neilson

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An advertisement from the Tweed Daily of 29 December 1929. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know the name of the child who received the 'beautiful Hand-Worked SHAWL'?