

# TIMELINES



Number 28

## 2026 has begun...

### The January Committee meeting

#### A busy calendar

The President's report looked back on a merry end to 2025 and foreshadowed a busy year ahead.

The innovation of a tandem address to last year's Christmas lunch participants that delivered an appealing story was well received. Bev Fairley's experiences of travelling on the buses in the Tweed in her younger years and Ian Batten's combination of the nuts and bolts of running a bus service along with yarns about people, places, and events garnered positive assessments from those present.

The work to be undertaken includes assembling of the history of Landcare, research for the Pottsville Beach Community Hall Committee in advance of their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and arranging for the reprinting of Ron Johansen's *Tales of Our Times*.

The report also noted that the Budd's sign over the Mitre 10 store has been removed as it was unsafe. In its time it was the marker of an important part of Murwillumbah's commercial history, of the town's heritage. This generated a lively discussion about how to commemorate, if not preserve this heritage. (If you have thoughts about this issue, the Society will be happy to listen to them.)

#### At the Museum



[The Wiiyaan](#), an exhibition bringing to life the cultural storyline artworks through immersive projection and sculpture, is now on at Tweed Regional Museum. The Wiiyaan, the Three Brothers creation story, an unbroken line of origin, the ancestors of the Tweed Bundjalung, explains the origins of the Bundjalung Nation's tribes and their dialects. Curated by Bijang Slabb, knowledge and story from Kyle Slabb with assistance from Ludo Studios. The exhibition will be open until 18 July 2026.

The Museum also has a number of [school holiday fun activities](#): the Star Compass; Sky Wheels; the Clay Caldera; and the Summer Holiday Trail. From 6 February 2026, the weekly Mini Museum Explorers will be on each Friday. (Follow the links for more information.)

### Our next meeting

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

**11:00 am on Monday, 16 February 2026, at the President's residence.**  
(Please call to confirm attendance and for venue location.)

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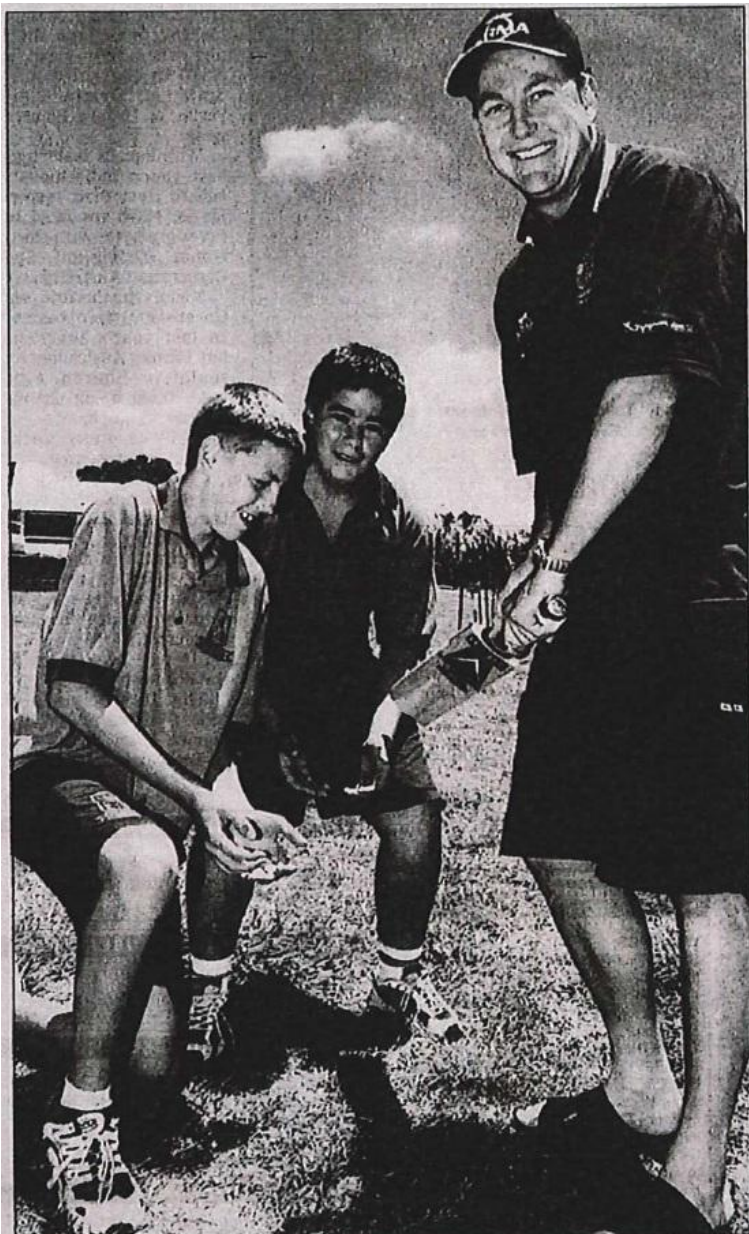
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## History in a Box

*This article appears thanks to Brendan Cunningham's enquiry about a cricket match played at Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah, on Friday 23rd November, 2001 and Margarita Peloché's work in finding the Daily News reports at the State Library of New South Wales.*

### Tweed District prepares for. Blues pace onslaught



□ **TWEED** junior cricketers were hoping to catch NSW skipper Shane Lee off guard when he and members of the Blues team visited Lindisfarne Anglican School yesterday. Photo: HUGH KEARNEY D65829.

early next month.

NSW captain Shane Lee said the side was looking forward to the game - their last big hit-out before the top-of the table clash with Queensland.

"Most of us are from the country so it is always good to get back," he said.

"This will be a good hit-out for us and we won't be going too easy on them. The bowlers will still be charging in off their long run-up.

The 50 over match will start at 10am with NSW batting first.

*Daily News, Friday, November 23, 2001, pages 40 and 37.*

Tania Phillips

Tweed District cricketers will face a full-on pace attack as the NSW bowlers warm-up for Sunday's Pura Cup Cricket match against Queensland at the Gabba.

The in-form NSW cricket team arrived on the Tweed yesterday ahead of today's Country Challenge cricket match at Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah.

The Tweed side will be led by Mark Boyle, who is available to play despite an injury worry earlier in the week.

"He was going to contact me if he couldn't play and he hasn't rung," Tweed District president Michael Seery said.

"But I will have the whites there and ready just in case," he joked.

While there were several "Tooheys Cup" exhibition games in the 80s and 90s, it has been 62 years since the full NSW team has been on the Tweed.

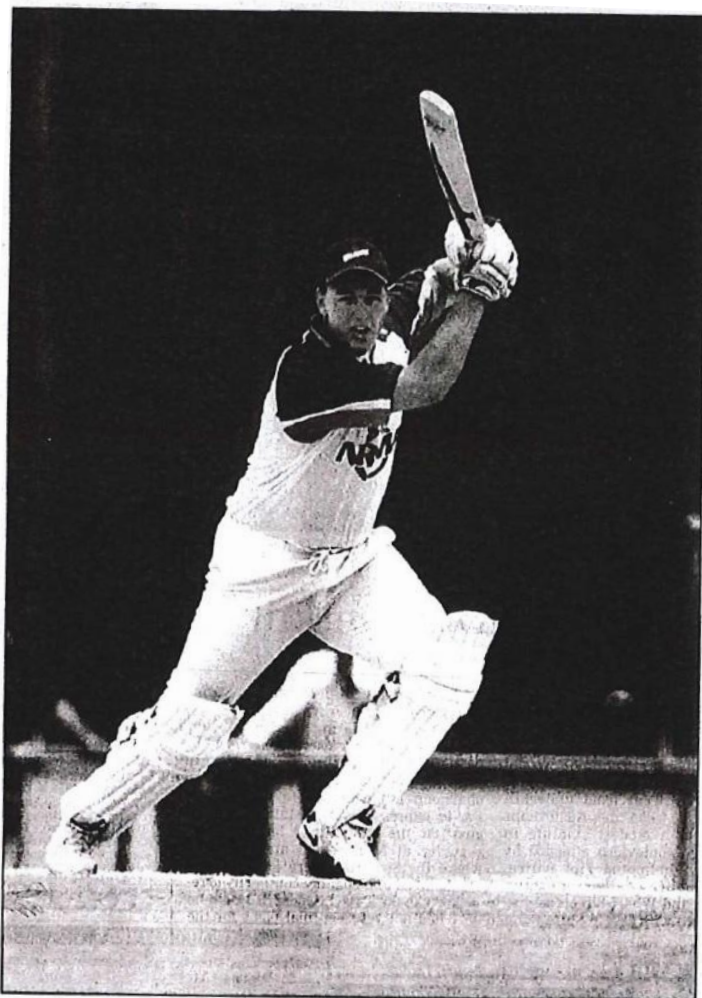
On that occasion NSW, which included Don Tallon, Stan McCabe and Sid Barnes, won by 84-runs with legendary Tweed player, John Rabjones taking 2-35. Today's Tweed side will be strengthened by the inclusion of NSW Country representatives including 2000-01 NSW and Australian country cricketer of the year, South Coast wicket keeper-batsman Randall Starr and Lismore pace bowler Ian Gregory.

NSW Country selectors have also included Central Coast batsman Mark Cattley and Taree left-arm paceman Mark Chicken, so they can have one last look at them before picking the Country side



# History in a Box (continued)

## Fans flock to Tweed v Blues clash



□ NSW skipper Shane Lee hammers the ball through the covers during yesterday's one-day match with Tweed District at Murwillumbah. Photo: CRAIG SADLER D65852

By Tania Phillips

More than 2000 cricket fans packed Murwillumbah's Rabjones Oval yesterday to watch New South Wales take a Tweed District representative side in a limited-overs match.

The crowd was treated to some big hitting and top fielding displays as the NSW side, the first State side to visit the Tweed in 62 years, ran away with the game by 189 runs.

NSW scored 6-239, including a swashbuckling 92 from Test discard Michael Slater and a quickfire 49 off 23 balls by Mark Higgs.

Up-and-coming paceman Nathan Bracken steamed in from the Elizabeth Street end to take 3-5 as Tweed, helped by four NSW Country players, made 140 off 36.5 overs. Cudgen duo Terry Wilson (45) and man-of-the match Craig Wilson (37) top scored for the home team.

Match report, page 60.

Were you one of the '2000 cricket fans' who watched this game in 2001? You may even have been one of the two 'Tweed junior cricketers ... hoping to catch NSW skipper Shane Lee off guard. Drop us a line! Timelines would love to publish your memories of the game...

## Slater cuts loose

Cricket

By Tania Phillips

Test discard Michael Slater took the first step towards resurrecting his international career with a slashing 92 for NSW against Tweed District at Rabjones Oval, Murwillumbah yesterday.

Slater led the way as NSW cruised to 6-329 on a perfect Rabjones wicket before restricting the Tweed side to 140.

His performance brought a smile to the face of NSW coach Steve Rixon who was looking for Slater to regain some form in time for tomorrow's Pura Cup clash against Queensland.

"I was happy with a couple of aspects of our performance – particularly Slater's performance," Rixon said.

"He needed to score some runs and spend more time in the middle."

Slater was in a run-scoring mood right from the start bringing up his 50 from just 26 balls before slashing a Craig Wilson delivery past the Bill Dawes Stadium and onto the road.

He and in-form opening partner Greg Mail belted an unbeaten 151-run stand before retiring.

Mail's 59 included the biggest six of the day when he square cut a Kyle Plamer delivery from the northern end on to the clubhouse roof.

NSW captain Shane Lee hit 45 before falling victim to a jubilant Jason Wilson.

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Mark Higgs, scorer of the fastest 50 in this season's ING Cup competition, was another to cut loose, bringing up 49 off 23 balls before he was brilliantly stumped by NSW Country player Randall Starr off the bowling of Craig Wilson.

Lismore and NSW country bowler Ian Gregory captured 3-47 with Kyle Palmer, playing his last game on the Tweed before moving to Townsville, taking 1-61.

Norm Silley looked set to get the Tweed off to a good start with two fours off Stuart Clark's bowling but Ashes tourist Nathan Bracken had other ideas.

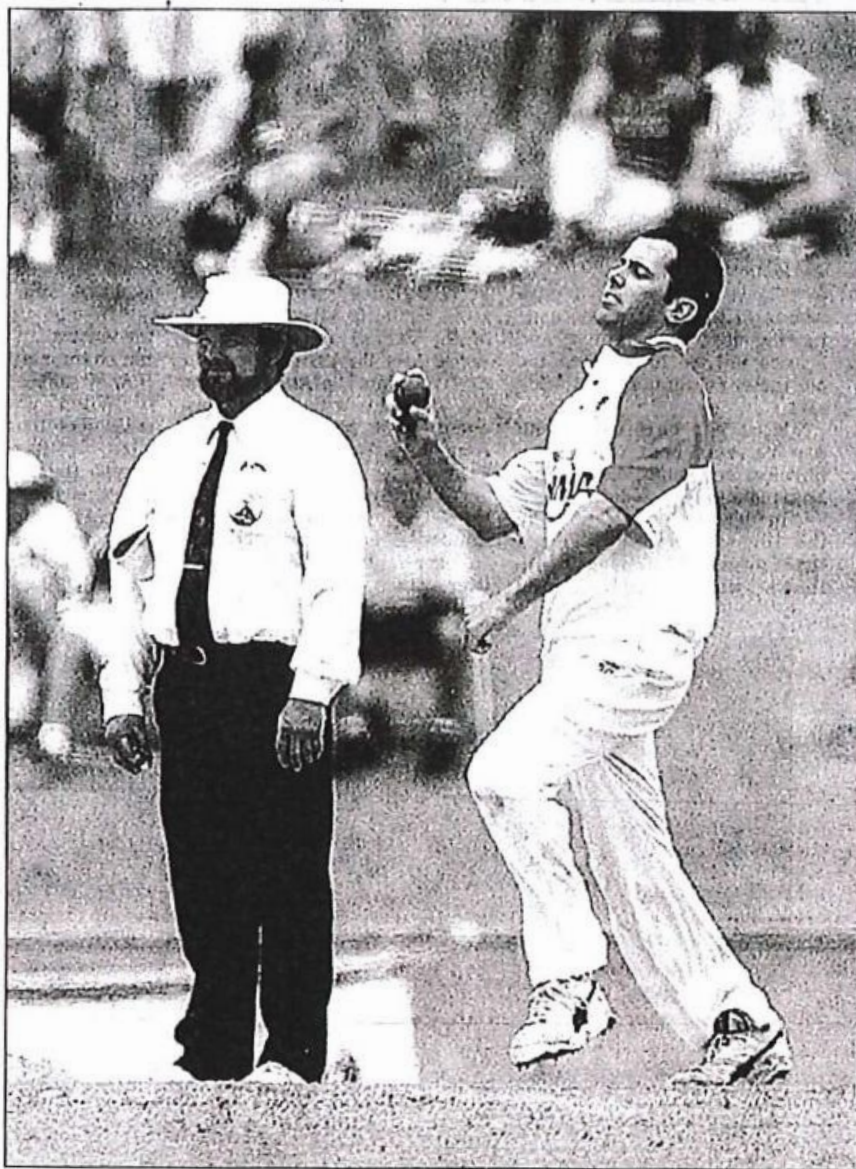
In his fourth over, Bracken despatched Silley (12) and Tweed captain Mark Boyle (0) in successive balls before dismissing Mark Cattley at the end of the over.

Reeling at 3-13, Tweed looked to opener Terry Wilson who steadied the ship with a solid 45. Wilson and Cudgen teammate Craig Wilson put on a 76-run partnership.

Craig Wilson, in a man of the match performance, smacked 37 off 38 balls including a six off Anthony Clark's bowling on to the cane drain hill.

But Tweed succumbed to some bowling, losing their final six batsmen for 43.

*Daily News*, Saturday, November 24, 2001, page 60.



□ **TWEED'S** Jason Wilson prepares to unleash a delivery as umpire Barry Overall watches on during yesterday's clash with NSW at Rabjones Oval. Photo: CRAIG SADLER D65852