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EDITORS COMMENTS – Welcome to the Advocate. We at the Museum have commenced a new year, meeting new people and furthering the history of the Maclean area.

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- Schooling and Life at Murrayville in the 1890s.
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### **VALE JENNY WALLACE.**

We were all saddened to hear of Jenny's death and extend sympathies to all her family and friends.

She was descended from an early settling family and history was important to her. Before her move to Broken Hill, she was an active member of our society.

On her return and while teaching at Gulmarrad, she happily rejoined our small group of volunteers. She was always glad to help at special events at our museum and do door duty whenever she could.

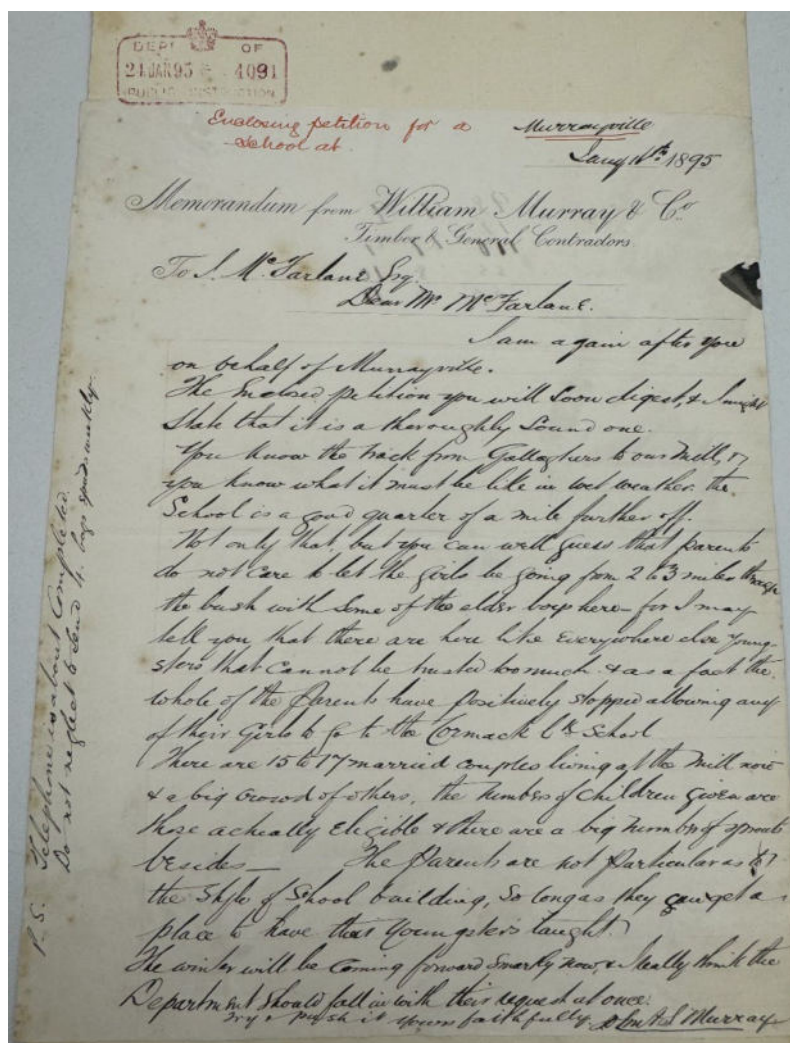
Her classes, when visiting our museum were extremely well behaved and interested, A testament to her skills as a teacher. It was obvious she was respected and more importantly well loved.

She will be missed.

***Rest In Peace.***

## Schooling and Life at Murrayville in the 1890s. (Compiled by Trish Bowes)

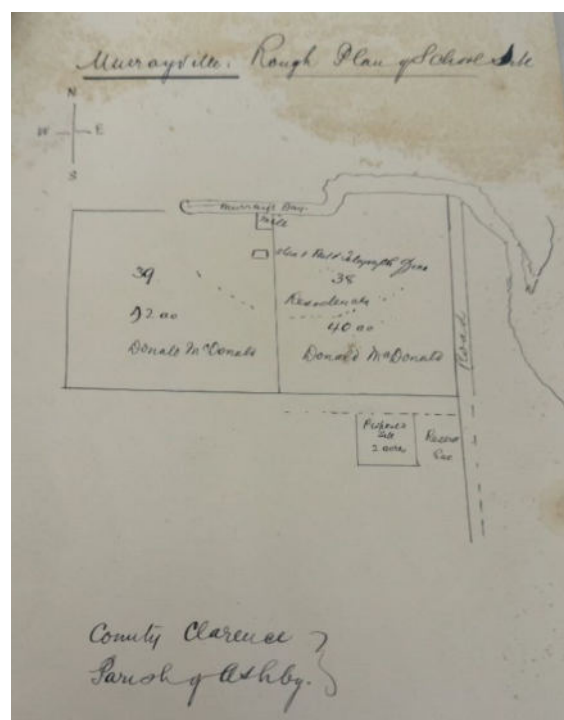
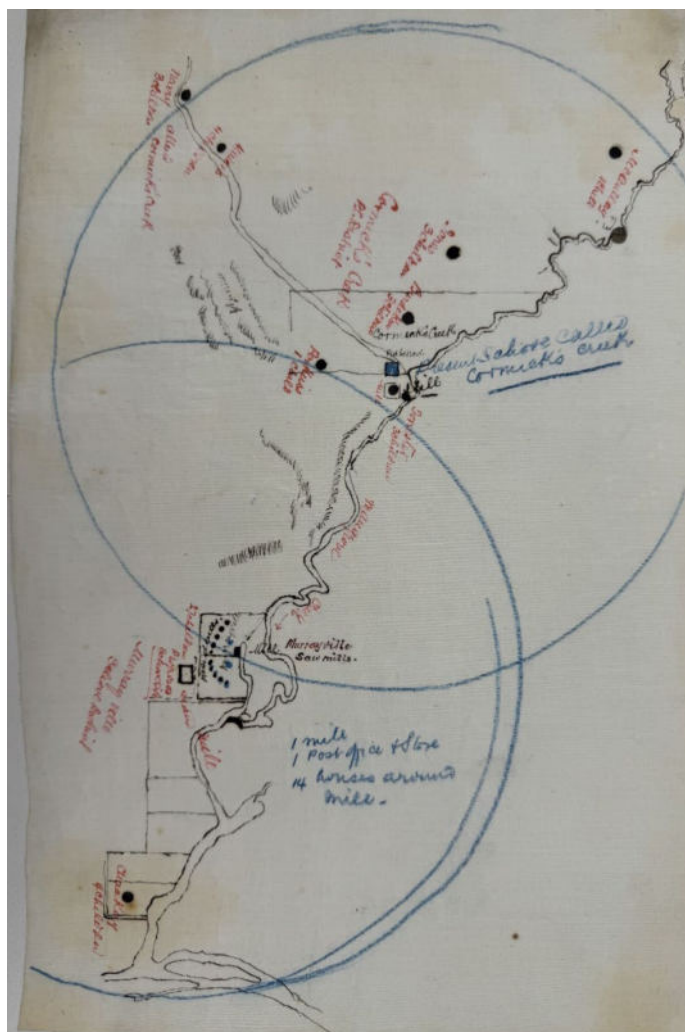
Education is something we all take for granted but in the 1890s this was often not the case, especially for those who lived with their parents “in the Bush.” If it was not for people, such as JAS Murray, a low literacy rate would have restricted the aspirations of future generations. Murrayville was first established in 1894 to supply timber to New Zealand. In 1894 and at the beginning of 1895 there were attempts by John Alexander Sinclair Murray to set up a school at Murrayville. The letter below, was written in January 1895 and addressed to Mr McFarlane, the local member. John AS Murray was obviously well acquainted with him as his advice at the end is “Try to push it” and the postscript asked him to ensure he sent “4 Bags of spuds weekly”.



The letter begins with “I am again after you on behalf of Murrayville. The enclosed petition you will soon digest, and I might state is a thoroughly sound one. You know the track from Gallaghers to our Mill & you know what it must be like in bad weather. The school is a good quarter of a mile further off. Not only that but you can well guess that parents do not care to let the girls be going from 2 to 3 miles through the bush with some of the older boys herein. For I may tell you that there are here, like everywhere else, youngsters that cannot be trusted too much & as a fact the whole of the parents have positively stopped allowing any of their girls to go to the Cormick Creek School.

There are 15 to 17 married couples living at the Mill now & a big crowd of others. The numbers of children given are those actually eligible & there was a big number of sprouts besides. The parents are not particular as to the style of school building, so long as they can get a place to have their youngsters taught. The winter will be coming forward smartly now, & I really think the Department should fall in with their request at once. Try to push it. Yours faithfully, John AS Murray. P.S. Telephone is about completed. Do not neglect to send 4 bags spuds weekly. There was also a hand-drawn map included in the Department of Education file on the Murrayville school and not only does it show the Murrayville Mill but explains that there are 14 houses around the mill with 27 children living there. The dots are also farms/houses where there are children and this includes the Mackays (4 children); Jones (3 children); Burdekins (3 children); and McAuleys (1 child).





*The rough sketch next to the map shows Murray Bay branching off Cormick Creek above the mill and that it and the Telegraph Office are placed on Portion 39 (42 acres) of Donald McDonald's Crown Land lease and the residences (faintly) go over both Portions 39 and 38 (40 acres). There is a road next to Portion 38 which also runs past the site of the proposed school which sits on 2 acres and a reserve next to it of 8 acres.*

The Summary Report by the Under Secretary, J. Coucur and A. Lobban, who was the District Inspector stated on 12 February 1895, "I visited Murrayville yesterday and made full inquiry into its educational wants. I found 31 children between the age of 4 and 14 years, in the immediate neighbourhood of the proposed school. The *raison d'être* of the settlement is the Murrayville saw mill of which all the adult males in the locality find employment. It is less than three miles from the Cormick Creek Public School at which there is an attendance of 18 pupils. This school is also supported chiefly by the children of the employs of a saw mill there. That mill, however, simply works for the local market and is half its time idle. Indeed, its owner speaks of removing it to another locality, and, in that case, the school would collapse. The Murrayville

Mill on the other hand is employed in cutting timber for the neighbouring colonies and New Zealand – a very large contract having been recently taken for hardwood railway sleepers for the latter colony.”



*SS Lynton in front of Murrayville Mill. The timber was taken by this boat to Martin's Point.*



*Ships at Martins Point with timber from Murrayville. Building in background is George Martin's sugar mill. Timber was then taken to Maclean and then out Yamba Heads either to the Queensland and Victorian colonies or New Zealand.*

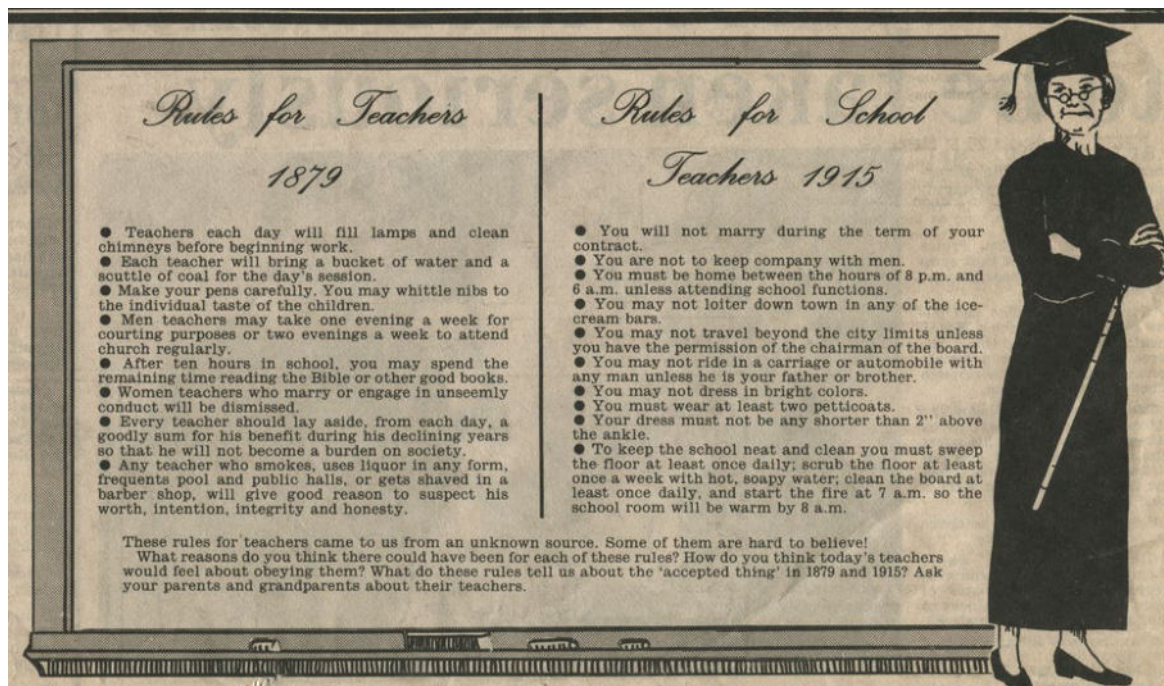
The Summary report continues, “Murrayville has a certain prospect for several years, and the enterprising proprietors are having 20 miles of tramway [*it was actually 11 miles*] laid down in order to get the iron-

bark timber (of which there are vast quantities) brought in quickly from the back country.

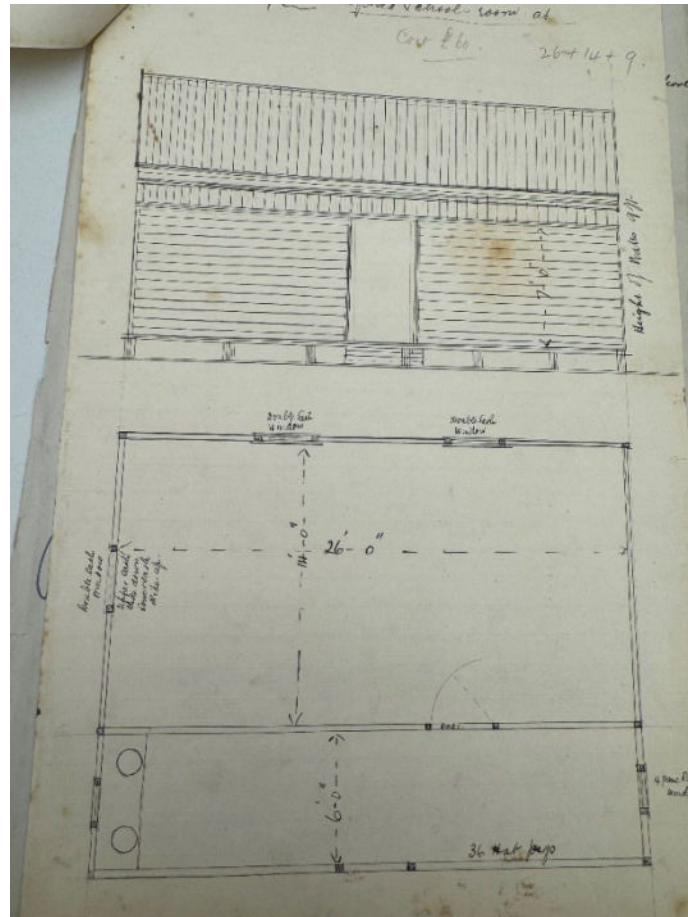
Already a post office has been opened at Murrayville and a telegraph office will be opened very soon, as the line is already nearly completed. The Establishment of a school at Murrayville will not affect the Cormick Creek School, as the former settlement is new and there is no connection between the two places, between which there are only trolley tracks for roads, and the country is infected with snakes.

The promoters have applied for a Provisional School but as the population warrants the establishment of a Public School, I recommend:

1. That a Public School be established at Murrayville in the Public School District No. 44, Sub District of Chatsworth.
2. That buildings as per attached plan be erected upon the site selected by me and described on separate papers; and, that the Tender of Messrs Murray Brothers for £66 be accepted.
3. That the Minister's decisions be communicated to Messrs Murray, Mr J. McFarlane UIP, and the Chairman of the Public School Board at Chatsworth Island, CR Stephen Esq. JP, Harwood Island.







*The design of the school. It was 26 feet by 16 feet with a cap room and lavatory and 2 outhouses. The walls were 9 feet high and the roof was made of iron. It had weatherboard walls and floors. The Murray Brothers had the school built but did not charge for materials or labour. However, the Department did supply the school furniture although it had to be “picked up from the Wharf, Maclean” and taken to the school. (Letter dated Feb. 8 1895 from the Murray Brothers to the District Inspector of Schools, Grafton.)*

Included in the Murrayville School File was a list of families who lived at Murrayville and their children’s names plus religion. It also asked them to write how far they would be from the proposed school and all of them were 100 yards except for A. Liant (150 yards) and Patrick Ryan and Hector McLean (1/4 mile).

ANNEX to Application for the establishment of a Provisional School at  
Murrayville

We, the undersigned parent, (or guardians) of children residing within the undermentioned distances of the proposed Provisional School at Murrayville hereby undertake that our children, whose names are inserted below, shall attend the said school regularly and punctually.

Name of Parent or Guardian. (To be written by hand.)	Distance from proposed School.	Distance from nearest existing school.	Full Name of Child.	Age.	Religious Denomination.
M. Hills	100 yds.	2 1/2 miles	Catherine Mary Hills	6 3/4	Roman Catholic
			James Joseph Hills	5 3/4	
J. Kirkland	100 "	2 1/2 miles	George Oliver	10 "	Presbyterian
			Henry Robert Kirkland	6 "	
			Charles Harold Kirkland	5 "	
James Earl	100 "	2 1/2 "	James Earl	9 "	Church of England
A. Grant	150 "	2 1/2 "	William Henry Jackson	13 "	Scottish Church
James Golden	100 "	2 1/2 "	Elvira Jane Golden	9 "	
			Alice Alberta Golden	8 "	Methodist
			Ediga May Golden	6 "	
			William Alfred Peter Golden	5 "	
Spurgeon	100 "	2 1/2 "	Alexander Crighton	12 "	
			Christina Crighton	11 "	Presbyterian
			Charles Crighton	9 "	
			Matilda Crighton	7 "	
John McWhorter	100 "	2 1/2 "	Eileen McWhorter	8 "	Roman Catholic
			Kathleen McWhorter	6 "	Catholic
			Michael McWhorter	5 "	
Patrick Ryan	1/4 mile	2 miles	Patrick Joseph Ryan	6 "	Roman Catholic
E. Seale	100 yds.	2 1/2 miles	Victor Everson	11 "	Church of England
W. Spencer	100 "	2 1/2 miles	George Spencer	13 "	Roman Catholic

\* If the Parent or Guardian be unable to write, his mark must be witnessed by one of the Local Promoters.

Hector M<sup>c</sup>Lean 1/2 mile, 2 1/2 { William Henry Spence 8 years } Methodist

John Jones 50 yds., 2 1/2 { Walter Hughes 6 " } Methodist

{ Reginald Otto Jones 11 " } Church of England

{ William Henry Jones 9 " } Church of England

{ Percival Jones 7 " } Church of England

{ Frederick Jones 5 " } Church of England

Mr. McKay - 4 children within area.

The school was approved and on the 9 April 1895 Mr A. Lobban noted that the works had been completed in a "highly satisfactory manner" and the first teacher was Alfred Boyne Crossman who dutifully noted the attendance each week from the week ending 26 April until that of the 7<sup>th</sup> May. He did note that the last week was low in attendance because "11 of the children had influenza."

Murrayville: Proposed  
Public School  
Return of the Public School, Murrayville  
for the four weeks ending 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1895.

Week ending	No. of Children on Roll			Average Weekly Attendance		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
26 <sup>th</sup> April	15	11	26	14.8	10.0	24.8
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	16	11	27	15.0	10.0	25.0
10 <sup>th</sup> May	16	11	27	14.2	9.6	23.8
17 <sup>th</sup> May	16	11	27	9.4	5.0	14.4
				53.4	34.6	88.0
			Averages:-	13.4	8.6	22.0

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29 MAY 95

The low attendance for the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May is due to the fact that eleven of the total number of children enrolled were ill with influenza.

Submitted  
22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Approved  
24<sup>th</sup> 23-5-95

Alfred B. Crossman  
Teacher.  
17<sup>th</sup> May 1895

Under Secretary  
I recommend that  
this school rank in the  
Fourth Class

Wm. Oliver  
25-5-95

B.C. 22-5-95 (3 a. 7 113 1 May)

However, it was not until August 8, 1895, that the Murrays were officially informed that the Secretary of Lands has approved of "the permanent dedication of 2 acres viz. Portion 11 Parish of Ashby County of Clarence, as a site for Public School at Murrayville, and of the temporary reservation of 8 acres, being Portion 12 adjoining for School paddock." (Reference No. B95.2320, Misc. 95.5757Dept.) In the NSW Government Gazette, it was noted that the Crown Land was dedicated as a public school site on 11 November 1896 in line with the Crowns Act of 1894. On 23 February 1897 this dedication was noted by Mr. William Houston who was the Under Secretary of Public Instruction.

Mr. A.B. Crossman was inspected at the school for his Provisional Certificate in October, 1897 but he also left Murrayville in that month and A. Lobban, the District Inspector, makes reference to the "late Teacher Mr. A B. Crossman" who was reported as Ability to Organise –

Good; Ability to Discipline – Good; Ability to Teach – Fair to Very Fair; and Practical Skill and Usefulness – Fair to Very Fair. They certainly emphasized unusual criteria in the 1890s.

Indeed, teachers in the 1890s began their teaching careers when they were very young and did not have to have degrees. Furthermore, the Department moved them around the smaller schools, especially if they were single. Alfred Boyes Crossman was employed on Probation as a Pupil Teacher at Seven Oaks when he was 16 in 1887. He was from Class IV to Class III in 1888 and went to Kempsey West in 1889. In 1891 to Class I and given admission at Training School. However, he failed the exam but was given temporary charge of Bonville and then Corindi Public Schools at the salary of £90 a year. After sitting an exam in June 1894, he was awarded III A Provisional and sent to Murrayville Public School on 17 April 1895. He was then instructed, 5 October 1897, to act as Teacher at Lavadia Public School on the salary of £113 followed by Bucca Creek Public. He married Florence Casson in 1899 and then moved to Argents Hill Public in 1908. (*NSW Teachers' Rolls 1869-1908*) In 1923 he is listed as being classified as a 2-B teacher at Richmond North, Sydney with a salary of £481 of which £39 was deducted annually for rent of the school residence. (*New South Wales, Australia, Public Service Lists, 1858-1960*) He died on 28 Dec. 1940 at Grafton although his address is listed as Ryde and his occupation as Retired School Teacher. He left an estate of £830. (*No. 25730. NSW Index to Deceased Estate Files 1859-1958*)

Mr. Albert Boyes Crossman was replaced by Mr. John Henry Rothwell who only lasted until February 1898 as he said he was returning to England. John Rothwell had a varied teaching career and as outlined in the NSW Teachers' Rolls of 1869-1908, he resigned when at Murrayville.



Rothwell, John Harry  
Age 18 1/2 years.

Employment on prob: as P. 1st - Five Black P. auth: 4<sup>th</sup> July 1890.

Apprentice confirmed Informed 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1891

5.8.91 Failed to obtain promotion at examination of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1891

6.1.92 Quoted & informed that he will be summoned } 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1891  
for examination in December next.

Promoted to Class III (Ex. 16.12.91) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1892

Removed to Cleveland St. Pub. 27<sup>th</sup> May 1892.

Promoted to Class II (exam 11.12.92) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1893

Removed to Brynden Public 16<sup>th</sup> January 1894

8.14.2.94 Promoted to class I (exam: 18.12.93) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1894

1<sup>st</sup> Inst to act as Tchr of Middle Arm Prov. 17<sup>th</sup> January 1895

1.1.95 Failed to pass exam for admission to Training School 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1894

Inst to act as Tchr of Leavadia Pub. 17<sup>th</sup> July 1897

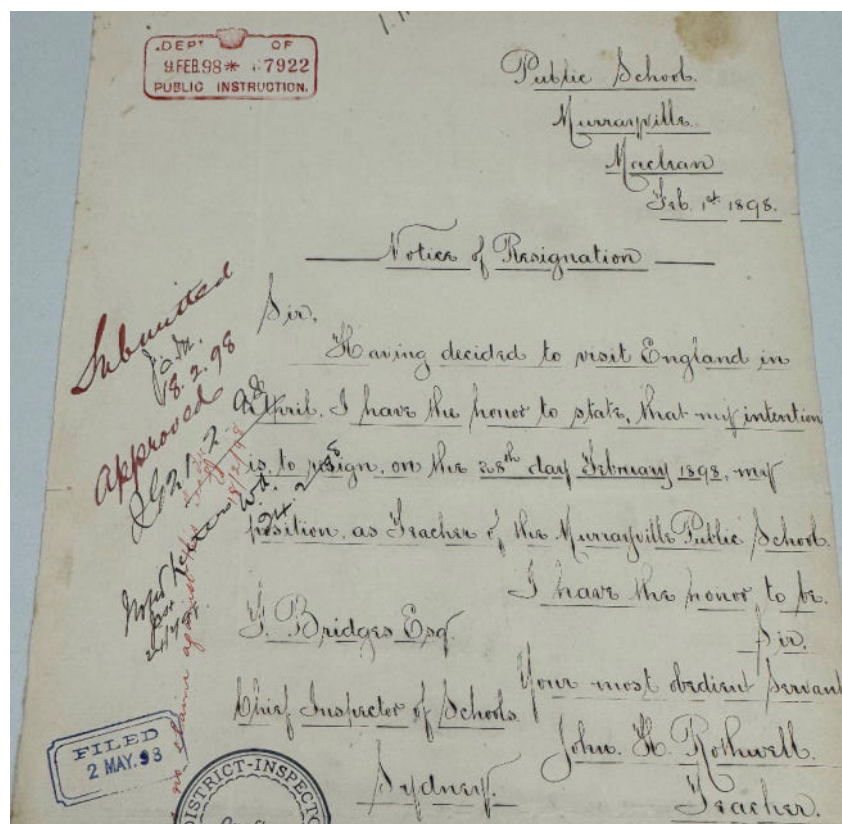
Inst to act as Tchr. of Murrayville Pub. P.R. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1897

Resigned position of Tchr. of Murrayville Pub from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 1898

Resignation accepted Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1898

In 1897 the village of Murrayville “enjoys a population of about 250. It has a general store, blacksmith and wheelwright shops, slaughtering yards (where from 14 to 10 bodies are killed weekly), butcher's shop, and a hall suitable for holding public meetings, all of which are the property and under the direct management of the firm, There is also a telephone station and receiving office, where two mails per week are delivered, besides a public school which has an average attendance of 20. The buildings occupied by the employees are quaint but comfortable, and are scattered in every direction, according to the choice of each occupant. By this means each of the men have separate sleeping apartments and only come directly in contact with each other at their meals or while engaged at work. The industry employs about 150 men in all, and fully £1500 per month is paid away to the labouring class. This represents in round figures an item of £18,000 per annum, or more than a quarter of the amount paid to laborers in connection with the sugar industry on the river. Besides this vast sum, Mr. Murray expects to pay away next year £15,000 in freight alone.” (*The Clarence and Richmond Examiner* 11 September 1897)

Life must not have been easy for the teachers at Murrayville Public School, and they appear to be very different to the champion axemen and hardy bushmen who inhabited Murrayville. In 1897 Mr. W. Munro had his foot smashed in three places when endeavouring to place a large piece of timber on a truck. It slipped and came onto his foot and Dr McKay is not yet sure whether the fractured toe will have to be amputated. A man named Thomas Power, while stooping down to shift a girder at Murrayville, was accidentally struck by the back of an axe in the hip, inflicting a nasty cut, necessitating the wound to be closed by four stitches. (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner 12 January 1897*). While squaring timber at Murrayville Mr. J. Hedley sustained a severe gash in the instep and side of his foot, through the axe slipping. (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner 19 July 1898*). There were also tiger snakes and brown snakes and when Mr. Perkins, of Murrayville, was bitten by a tiger snake he was conveyed to Maclean and given an injection of strychnine. (*Clarence and Richmond Examiner 13 December 1898*)



**Designated school file – Murrayville Administrative file school records 1876-1979 Item No: [5/17013.6] I School: Murrayville I Date: Pre 1939. NSW State and Record Archives.**

# \* 100 Years Ago \*

JANUARY 1925

## **L.C. HOSPITAL. MATRON ENTERTAINED.**

Matron Clarkson was invited to the "meeting of the committee of the L.C. hospital this week and was entertained by the committee prior to her leaving for an extended holiday to Norfolk Island.

The chairman said that the report of the treasurer showed that the hospital, was in a good, healthy condition, and this was due in a large measure to the careful management off the matron. He wished her "bon voyage" and a safe return home.

Mr. K. McDonald said that he was glad of the opportunity of congratulating the matron on the work she had done for the institution. The committee fully realised that the matron had been managing the institution in a very capable manner. The hospital had continued to do its good work, and would continue to do so, and much of the responsibility rested on the matron. They extended to matron their hearty good wishes and hoped that she would come back restored in health and strength.

Messrs. Daniels, Harrison, Rankin, Munro, Henderson, Hannah, and McDonald also joined in wishing the matron a most enjoyable trip.

The matron, in thanking the meeting for the remarks, said that she very much appreciated them, also that it was her intention to return to take up duties at the Lower Clarence Hospital.

## **DREDGING BACK CHANNEL AT YAMBA.**

The Under-Secretary for Public Works has advised Messrs. Nesbitt and Missingham, M's.L.A., with reference, to their further representations and conversation in regard to dredging the Back Channel at Yamba, as desired by Mr. Charles Pullen, Cowper, that the dredge 'Tethys commenced work at the Yamba Channel on November 24, and when tides were suitable, covering 13 days, deepened the channel, improving it from 4ft. to 64ft. at low tide. Owing to rough seas, which had shoaled the Richmond bar, it was found necessary to transfer the 'Tethys to that entrance. It is anticipated that this dredge will return to the Clarence River early next week.

## FEBRUARY 1925

### TULLYMORGAN

A public indignation meeting of the ratepayers of Tullymorgan was held last week to oppose the Harwood Shire Council in supporting the Jackadgery scheme. A good attendance was present and Mr. R. Sutherland presided.

Mr. R. Sutherland moved that this meeting strong protests against the action of the Harwood Shire Council in its resolution to link up with other councils in support of the Jackadgery scheme, and that we ask the council to rescind its motion in the interest of its ratepayers.

Mr. Geo. Eagleton seconded the motion, and said, he thought ratepayers were quite justified in objecting to a scheme which was going to bring a lifelong burden of taxation upon us if it came. He referred, to the millions of pounds the scheme would cost which must be a failure, as he could not see what industries or other means of revenue there would be to make the scheme pay for itself. He thought that we should move against the scheme and ask the co-operation of every public body within the Harwood Shire.

Mr. H. Forrester also spoke to the motion by endorsing everything said by the two previous speakers. He considered that such a power placed at the disposal of a shire council, to commit a community of unfortunate struggling ratepayers on the land without a defence to such an outrageous debt, did not appear to him as humane. The ratepayers should at least have the option of a referendum, on such a huge scheme. Our share of the benefits of that scheme, would undoubtedly be similar to that, of the Federal main road grant, namely, "Nil," every time, so why should we be taxed for a white elephant. He thought that so far as the Jackadgery scheme was concerned the ratepayers of Tullymorgan (would be much snore anxious to victimise themselves to some scheme that could be advocated to establish a good solid metal road from Maclean to Tullymorgan since the developmental main roads board would not give them a hearing.

Mr. J. Larkin said that he strongly supported the motion, which was eventually put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

It was decided to write to every public body and association within the Harwood Shire asking their co-operation in protesting against the action of the Harwood Shire Council to support, the Jackadgery scheme, and asking the council to rescind its motion.



It is understood that Cr. Olive intends giving notice of motion to rescind the resolution pledging Woodburn Shire to link up with Jackadgery. When the matter first came before the Council no action was taken, then certain facts, and figures were laid before the council by a deputation and it decided almost unanimously to join up, and now there is promised this further discussion. The council surely ought to know its own mind in this matter, but if the "further information," which Cr. Olive say he possesses is based merely on the supposition and propaganda of the only newspaper in the whole of the North opposing the scheme, then, in fairness to the scheme itself and to his fellow councillors, he would do well to submit, along with the press assault, the complete rejoinder furnished by Mr. R. J. McDonald, of the South Arm, one of the soundest and best-known public men, and primary producers, on the Lower Clarence. The scheme, of course, will go on whether Woodburn Shire joins it or not, but the council would do well to pause before making itself look ridiculous in the eyes of the public. As someone has truly said, if half the energy displayed in keeping the North Bank were devoted to pushing it ahead the Rivers would be infinitely better off than they are to-day. — Coraki "Herald."

### **MACLEAN COUNCIL.**

Maclean Motor and Engineering Works wrote requesting that they be appointed official house installers of electric and fittings. — It was decided to file the letter for consideration when appointments are being made.

The P.P. Board wrote asking council to co-operate, in having lantana declared a noxious weed, but it was decided to take no action in the matter.

### **MARCH 1925**

### **ANOTHER £500 CHALLENGE. SEARLE BUTCHER BOAT CREW.**

A second challenge of £500 was issued yesterday on behalf of Searle brothers, of the Lower Clarence, the butcher boat champion crew.

The Searles, over, three years ago, met and defeated the Newcastle butcher boat crew on the Clarence. That race created considerable interest throughout the State.

The Searles have now issued a challenge to race any other crew in Australia in butcher boats for a side bet of £500. They stipulate that they must get five months notice of acceptance of the challenge, also that the race shall take place on the Clarence River at Ulmarra.

### **YAMBA ROAD TRAFFIC.**

The bridge across the oyster channel on the Yamba road, between Maclean, and Yamba, is at present undergoing repairs and vehicles are being conveyed across the channel by means of the relieving steam ferry. The ferry is running between the old punt approaches. The approach to the punt on the Maclean side of the channel is about 60 yards to the right hand side of the bridge, and entrances to the approach is gained through a small paddock. The punt, we understand, is not working to a set timetable but runs as required. Less extensive repairs than were at first thought necessary, will have to be made to the bridge, and the work will be completed

### **CARPET SNAKE v. FLYING FOX.**

Some excitement was occasioned at a Corinda home on Sunday evening by a battle between a huge carpet snake and a flying fox. The fruit on a figtree at the back of Mr. J. Whatling's residence, was being devoured by hundreds of flying foxes, and during the proceedings a heavy thud was heard. An investigation showed that a carpet snake had taken possession of a flying fox and was holding it firmly. Both were alive when found.

### **MACLEAN TIMELINE**

- 1862 Alexander Cameron selects land on the site of Maclean township.
- 1867 Opening of the Free Presbyterian Church.
- 1885 Post Office adopted the name Maclean (formerly Rocky Mouth).
- 1893 Formation of Lower Clarence Caledonian Society First Highland Gathering.
- 1898 Maclean Pipe Band formed.
- 1899 Raising of the Maclean company of the Scottish Rifles.
- 1901 Seventy-four members of the Maclean Scottish Rifles performed at the Sydney Federation celebrations.

- 1902 Caledonian Hall erected.
- 1907 Maclean Chamber of Commerce formed.
- 1911 Maclean Scottish Rifles disbanded.
- 1951 Maclean Intermediate High School opened.
- 1953 First Venetian Carnival (an initiative of the Maclean Intermediate High School)
- 1961 Maclean High School opened (girls uniform featured the Maclean Hunting Tartan).
- 1966 Pacific Highway Bypass of Maclean occurs.
- 1969 Maclean Historical Society rebuilds Museum (Stone Cottage).
- 1972 'Our Town Project' undertaken to explore the idea of new town image for Maclean.
- 1974 First Cane Harvest Festival.
- 1984 Reformation of the Maclean Chamber of Commerce.
- 1986 July Public Meeting to promote the town of Maclean as 'The Scottish Town in Australia'. August formation of The Scottish Town in Australia Committee (STiAC). November publication of Maclean, The Scottish Connection by E. McSwan.
- 1988 Scottish Bicentennial Ball and Scottish Debutant Ball initiated by the STiAC. Dedication of the Bicentennial Cairn in Herb Stanford Park and proclamation of Maclean as 'The Scottish Town in Australia'. Town Precinct Heritage walk developed and associated plaques produced by the STiAC. Maclean Shire Council allows street signs to be produced in both Gaelic and English.
- 1989 Scottish Shop opened by STiAC. Maclean Shire Local Environmental Study published without reference to the area's Scottish heritage but with mention of the rural and indigenous history.
- 1990 July 1st, Tartan Day celebrated by STiAC. First issue of "What's on in Maclean" produced.
- 1992 Maclean Precinct Study undertaken by J Butterworth to beautify and conserve the town centre (known as the Butterworth Plan). Maclean Shire Tourism Case Study undertaken (and resultant document makes no mention of the Scottish heritage of Maclean). First Windsail Banners erected in Main Street by the STiAC.

- 1993 Ex-Services club weekly flag lowering ceremony initiated to commemorate the fallen (the flag is lowered to the sounds of a Piper). Links between Portree, on the Isle of Skye, and Maclean established.
- 1994 Construction of the Pioneers Memorial Wall and Walkway at Herb Stanford Park.
- 1995 First Kirkin' 'O' The Tartan Service held in Herb Stanford Park by the STiAC.
- 1997 STiAC presents Maclean Dress Tartan Kilt to Information Officer at Maclean Shire Council.
- 1998 Maclean Heritage 2001 Main Street Project launched - BBC filmed Maclean as part of a series on Scottish Settlements outside Scotland.
- 2000 Maclean Shire Council adopts Town Centre Development Control Plan.



*Shop Front Decorated 1981*



## RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

*Email us with details of what you already have plus what you would like, and we will endeavour to help. Research fees are \$25 per family, postage extra. If it is a large body of research, we may ask for a little more.*

- Information was received via Facebook on photographs taken by Poulson Bros. who were in Maclean between 1890-93.

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### **MDHS Report to the North Coast Chapter Meeting.**

After our summer break we have resumed our regular opening hours. They are Tuesday 9.00am to 12.00noon, Wednesday 1.00pm to 4.00pm and Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

We have set up two new displays: 50 Years of Girls in Scouts and 100 years of Clarence Canegrowers (Cane Harvest Festival). Both are supported with models and photographic displays to cover the subject. Visitors and tourists alike are invited to join the residents of Maclean and surrounds for a Modern-Day Cane Harvest Festival on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, as we celebrate 100 years of Clarence Canegrowers.

Research continues to be a good source of income for the Museum, it comes a close second to admission. It is always a pleasure to help families sort out their pasts. We currently charge \$25.00 per family and recently have found that we may be doing the work at a bargain basement price. I am interested in the thoughts of other Museums as to what they think. I am aware that some Museums charge an hourly rate others have a set fee like us. Is it appropriate to charge an hourly rate if we are not qualified researchers. If you are like us at Maclean, we do a great job as self-taught researchers.

We are currently in limbo at the moment as we wait for Clarence Valley Council to start our fire safety upgrade on the building. It was to have commenced towards the end of February this year (2025).

Our volunteers are working hard to keep the Museum functioning and we are very grateful for that. The ever-present reluctance of new volunteers coming forward is still present.

*Ken Muller. (President MDHS)*



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### PUBLICATION COSTS

Book Title	Total Cost Posted (\$)	Book Cost (\$)
A Tour Among the Mills (Sugar Industry)	20.95	10.00
Amateur Dramatics - Maclean to 1962	20.95	10.00
Brooms Head Revisited	25.95	15.00
Brooms Head Revisited - CD	20.75	10.00
Champions in Sport	15.95	5.00
Clarence Valley WW1 Volunteers	47.95	30.00
Discovery and Settlement of the Lower Clarence	16.75	6.00
Do You Remember Them?	52.95	35.00
Ferries of the Lower Clarence	20.95	10.00
Ferries of the Lower Clarence - CD	20.95	10.00
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Fishing Industry Lower Clarence River	30.95	20.00
From Canefields to Battlefields	35.95	25.00
Gold in the Sands	35.95	25.00
History of Education on the Lower Clarence - Maclean	25.95	15.00
History of Education on the Lower Clarence - Maclean High School	30.95	20.00
History of Education on the Lower Clarence - Past Schools	25.95	15.00
Lower Clarence Cemetery List	25.95	15.00
Maclean and the 'Great War'	21.35	10.00
Maclean Brass Band	25.95	15.00
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Maclean, The First Fifty Years	54.35	40.00
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Rivers, Rowing, Racing and Regattas	39.35	25.00
Shark Creek Tales	17.75	7.00
Twins of Townsend	20.75	10.00
Villages of the Maclean Area	38.00	25.00
Wings Over Calliope	25.95	15.00

The Museum has published a substantial list of publications on different aspects of the history of Maclean and the surrounding area. Including the areas, World War 1 history and the Schwonberg publications. This updated list of our publications shows the total cost of sending the publications to interested parties via the post. Total cost is a combination of the cost of the publication itself, plus the packaging costs and postal costs. These two costs are based on the size of the publication.

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