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MBHS has been awarded a Cassowary Coast Regional Council Community Grant to purchase 2 lockable display cabinets. Please visit the Mission Beach library and the Mission Beach Visitor Information Centre to check our displays.

Grateful thanks to Shane Knuth MP, and the CCRC for their contributions and invaluable support. 'This project was proudly sponsored by the Cassowary Coast Regional Council'

Mystery of the cover of the MBHS 2025 calendar



Following the publication of a MBHS article in the Wet Tropic Times in November 2024, Lois Dinnen (née Humphries) reached out. Her brother, John Humphries, recognised the photo illustrating the cover of our 2025 calendar.

In 1950, their father, Richard, along with Joe Daffon and Tiny Garnston, caught the massive Golden Spotted Cod and brought it back ashore.

The mystery around the little boy's name remains. If you have any information, please let us know.

Mission Beach Street & Place Names



Volume 4 of Place & Street Names history covers the villages of South Mission Beach and Carmoo—now available.

This impressive research was done by Deirdre Holmes.
Click on the map: https://mbhs.com.au/index.php/our-town/
streets-volume-4 to see your street name explained.

With many thanks to Sharlene and Matt at ONE FISH Technology, our webpage now shows the origins of 169 street and place names on an easy-to-use interactive map.

New histories on the MBHS website



We have added many new histories to our webpage recently such as, our past Cyclones, building Ulysses Link, The Bride of Banyan, our Road making history, Pre-History and a story about an inspiringly kind women who lived in the district in the 1920s and 30s: Lilian Webb nee Hopkins.

There is also a link to the many stories told by Nikki Harris on our Young Historians page – about the escapades of her grandfather, Perry Harvey.

Go to: mbhs.com.au

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Every three months the historical societies of Innisfail, El Arish, Mission Beach, and Cardwell meet up to exchange ideas, let each other know what projects they are working on, network, and socialize. The Innisfail Historical Society hosted the meeting, which was held on the 4/12/2024; it was well attended with representatives from 3 societies, the Mayor, and several staff from CCRC. The informative networking event and the 40th anniversary of the I&DHS celebration took place at the Crown Hotel.

Echo of the Past Exhibition—Touring



The photographic part of the show (framed photos and slide show) is back at the Mission Beach library, until late April.

From early May to early July, the exhibition will be showcased at the Tully library, 34 Bryant St. Monday: 10am to 5pm, Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 5pm, and Saturday: 9am to 12pm.

With Thanks to FRRR - Tim Fairfax Family Foundation and Cassowary Coast Libraries and Museum.

Tully 100 events in 2025



In 2025, Tully Sugar will celebrate its Centenary with a variety of events being held between the 15 -24 May for the community and industry. The Centenary celebrations will include 2 cemetery tours, a Gala dinner & book launch, a Smoko, car displays & Mill family picnic day, Historical displays, an Art exhibition and a Sugar industry field day.

For up-to-date details visit the Tully 100 website: https://www.tully100.online/

About Us—Mission Beach Historical Society Inc

The *Mission Beach Historical Society Inc* is a friendly group of amateur historians. We are putting together stories of our local people, industries and events. We also collect photographs, family histories and newspaper articles.

Interested? Like to volunteer some time? Become a member?

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