

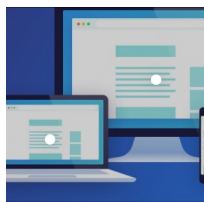
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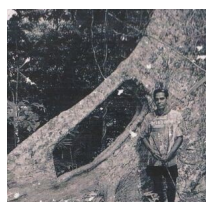
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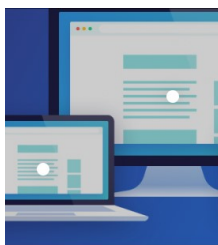


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Last December, 2021, MBHS submitted a funding application through 'The Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism' (CHART) program, administered by the Australian Museums and Galleries Association, for a project called 'Development of an interactive website'.

We are delighted to announce that MBHS application has been successful.

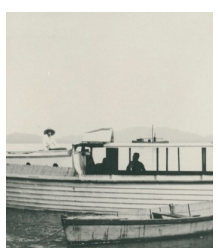
We are starting the new website and design in March, 2022.

In Commemoration of the 10 March, 1918 Cyclone



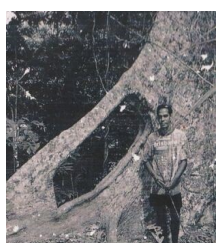
On the 10th of March 1918, a severe cyclone followed by a tidal wave hit the Mission Beach area. The Hull River Settlement and most of the homes of the scattered settlers were destroyed. Supt Kenny, of the Mission, and his daughter died. The exact number of casualties is unknown but up to 100 Aboriginal people may have died. The Mija Memorial at South Mission Beach commemorates the victims of the 1918 cyclone and the ones who died from disease and ill treatment.

The Tomboy



The 'Tomboy' which plied between Brammo Bay and Hull River. Cargo from larger boats was offloaded at Dunk Island, then carried across to the jetty at the mouth of the Hull River before being transported by truck to Tully. Information on the back of photo: "Tomboy – Butlers 1st boat. Started shipping service from Brammo Bay to the Hull. Boat too small after a while so bought the Silver Quay." From the collection of Cardwell Shire Council, digitised from a photographic copy held in the Dorothy Jones Library Heritage Collection - Cassowary Coast Libraries

Photographic Exhibition project (funding dependent)



Mission Beach Historical Society is hoping to present a series of historical photographs and Djiru cultural objects in Mission Beach - coinciding with NAIDOC celebrations - to provide an insight in the diverse history of the Mission Beach area, to foster and celebrate a sense of identity, diversity and cultural connections between Djiru and the wider community. (* The Djiru cultural objects belong to Leonard Andy).

Roger from **Art, Print, Frame**, 12 Stephens St, Mission Beach, has offered to sponsor the exhibition, and start and host an image database for MBHS. He's happy for people to drop images at his place (in an envelope with the person's details and the number of images), he will restore, digitalise and store the images, and provide selected digital copies to the donors.

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The Histories of MB
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MBHS—About Us

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MBHS has received a donation from **Mission Beach Rotary** to cover some administrative costs, and importantly the Incorporation of the society in 2022. This means we will be independent and be able to apply for funding as an incorporated organisation. **Thank you Mission Beach Rotary.**

Photo: MB Rotary. Ms Kyliea Sim, Social Media Officer, Dr Penelope Goward, MBHS, & Mr Chris Wills, President of Rotary.

We need your help!



Deirdre Holmes is exploring and putting together the histories of Mission Beach's street names. Do you know anything about these streets?

Midgeree Bar—location north of Garners Beach

Bingil Bay: Be-Amba Morgano

North Mission: Derby Yamala Wrap Moorain

Wongaling: Whiting Reiman Holland Carrington Alfriston

Carmoo: Lindsay

The histories of Mission Beach continue ...



We have several writers and researchers in MBHS. Ken Gray is the most prolific, he has written and is writing several stories of the historical characters in the area, including John Busst, Hugo Brassey, and Matthew Hyde, to name a few. Deidre Holmes and others are putting together the history of the street names of the MB area. Dr Valerie Boll and Leonard Andy are working on the history of the Djiru people. Dr Penelope Goward is working on a history of the women artists from the islands.

Mission Beach Historical Society—About Us

The **Mission Beach Historical Society** 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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Today's events are tomorrow's history