

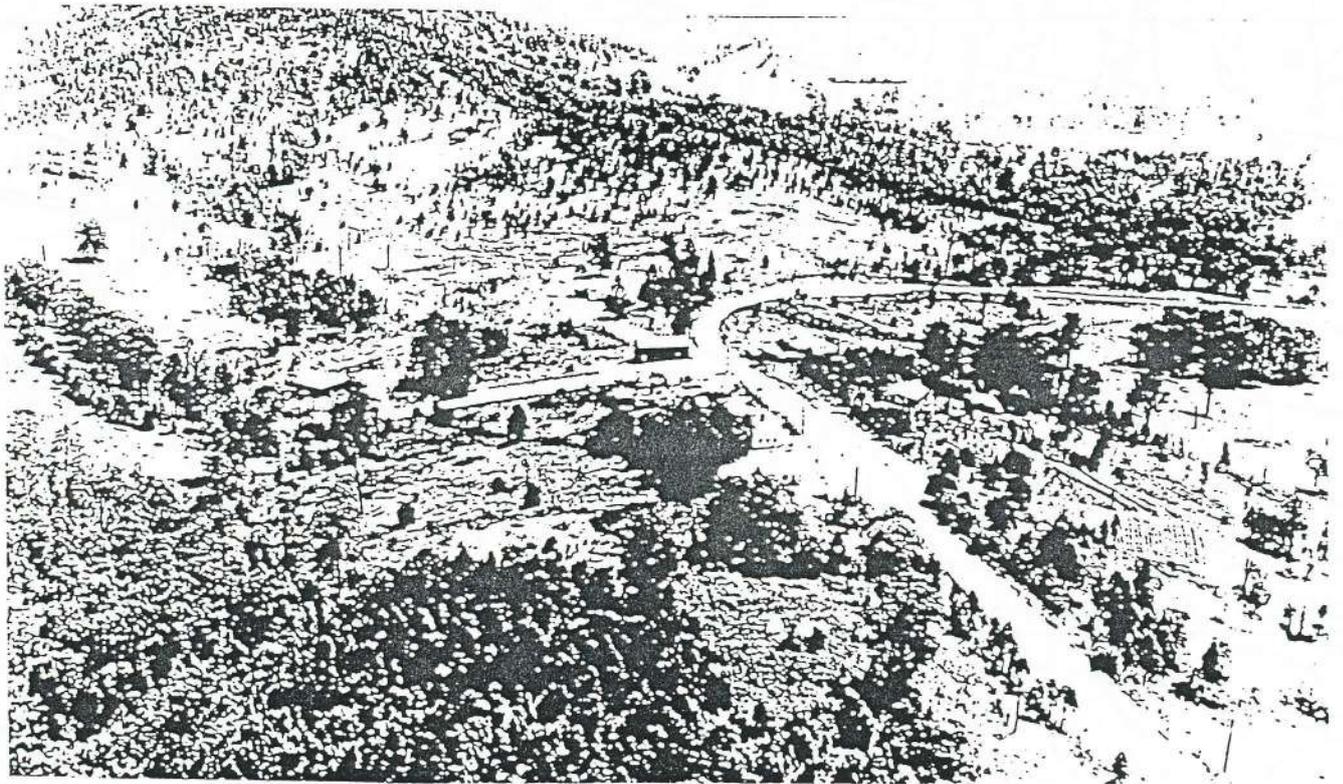
**THE HISTORY OF  
BYABARRA**

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SCHOOL**

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## FOREWORD

We were interested to find out about our local area, so we approached the local municipal library in Wauchope and the Wauchope Historical Society for information. We were astonished to find that there is nothing on the locality of Byabarra in their records. So we set to work to try and find out our history!

The information contained in this document has come from early maps of the local area obtained from the Hastings Municipal Council, old newspaper clippings and from interviews conducted with the following local people: Bun Hayward, Gwen Hayward, Gloria Johnson, Joan Witchard, Mrs Wade and Mrs Val Hardcastle.

Special thanks to Bun Hayward for proof reading our document.

The children of Byabarra Primary School acknowledge and thank these people for their valuable contribution to this document.

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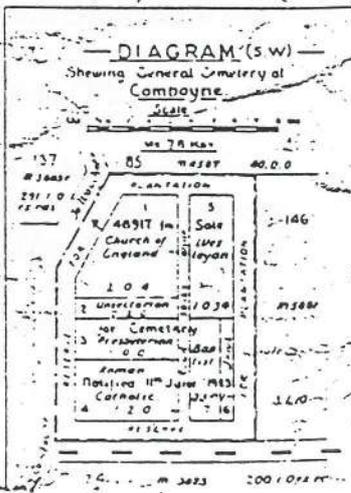
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# THE HISTORY OF BYABARRA

## The name "Byabarra"

*Originally Byabarra was known as "Sleepy Hollow" but it was also known as "Low Town". When the first post office was built the name had to be changed as there was another Sleepy Hollow already with a post office. The name change from "Sleepy Hollow" was made by Mr Thomas Hayward after an old Aboriginal known as Black Charlie who was camped near the Hayward property told Mr Hayward that the Aboriginal meaning for "Sleepy Hollow" was "Byabarra" - thus Mr Hayward made the name change. Black Charlie was buried some years later near his camp by Thomas Hayward and Dick Badam.*

## EARLY SETTLERS

*Early settlers in the 1880's were the following families:*

*Hayward, Matherson, Badam, Blanch, Edward, Mudford, Packhams, Gillis and the Kilmurray families.*

*These settlers were involved in the timber industry. Red cedar and white beech were the main timbers here and were the best quality around according to the old-timers in the area. Timber was widely sort for poles, logs, sleepers and boat building. The best timbers were the tallowood and the ironbarks. Bullock teams were used extensively. The first logging truck travelled at a slow 5 miles an hour and picked up and dropped of at the site where the school now stands.*

*The original land holders were the Hayward's, Kilmurray's, S.W. Mudford, H.J. Grant, Patrick O'Sullivan, R.M. Cumming, Gleeson family, Saunders, Colles, Beck, Torrens, Turlyes, Mcwhirther, Suters, Darkes, Hicks, Donald Gray, the Wade family, Mary Nowlan, and the Mattan family. The later families were the Jones, Hollis, Tobert, Cavanaghs, Kendall, Newton, Sullivans, Nowland and Witchard.*

*In those days the families were very large. The Lewis family had 15 children the Torrens family had 13 children, the Blanch family had 13 children, the Kilmurray family had 12 children, the Kelly family had 11 children and the Hayward family had 9 children.*

*The first Justice of the Peace in Byabarra was Fred Hayward, the father of Bun Hayward.*

*There are many burial sites around the local area.*

## About Byabarra

Sir,

I would like to reply to Mrs Hazel Suters' query in the Gazette 9-4-87 — re the name change of Byabarra in the early days.

I was born at Byabarra in 1904. My parents were among the early settlers to arrive there and the area was known then as Sleepy Hollow.

The name change was made by Mr Thomas Hayward after an old aboriginal known as Black Charlie who was camped near the Hayward property told Mr Hayward that the aboriginal meaning for Sleepy Hollow was Byabarra — thus Mr Hayward made the name change. Black Charlie died in later years and was buried near his camp by Mr Hayward and my father Dick Badam!

The property selected by the Mattan family at Byabarra in those early days was named "Greenburn" thus Mrs Suters' confusion.

R. J. Badam  
"Pleasant Hills"  
Dubbo N.S.W.

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## THE SIZE

*The question was asked "How big was Byabarra?"*

*In the early days Byabarra housed some 52 dairy farmers. They supplied cream to Comboyne by horse and cart. Later on Byabarra began to become smaller when they introduced milking, because the bales were not up to specification and the families could not afford to build them to meet specifications.*

*In March, 1922 - Mr Hayward purchased a T-Model Ford Truck purchased for 365 pounds 14 shillings and 6 pence. This lorry had to come from America and had solid tyre wheels on the back. It was the only cream lorry at the time in the Hastings District. About 18 months later W. Shales from Beechwood purchased one.*

*It was the first truck in Byabarra and they used it to cart cream to Wauchope to the butter factory while Mr Joe Blanch still transported cream by horse and cart to Comboyne. They found it quicker by car than by horse and cart. It wasn't long before Mr Hayward purchased another truck.*

*"Extract from Hastings Gazette" - May 1984.*

*Many years ago there was about 60 farms in the area, so it is a very sad occasion to see the last of our industries close down. Fred and Bill Witchard's dairy finished on the 13th April after 45 years of milking.*

*There were a lot of pigs reared as well. They would take the pigs in the cream truck to town but eventually because of health reasons this was no longer possible. Corn was a main crop grown. It was nothing to have 30 acres of corn planted every year. This would feed the animals as well as families. The best time for picking was on a hot day because your hands wouldn't get so sore.*

## CRICKET PITCHES

*There was a lot of cricket played. The first cricket pitch was in Jim Whites paddock in the early 1900's and there is still a bit of the remains there today. Mr Hayward's grandfather owned this land in the early 1920's. In 1924 -1925 the cricket pitch moved up to the football ground. In 1927 a man came here by the name of Cecil Hopkins who played for N.S.W. against Queensland and he was a top cricketer, a great cricketer. He would call a 6 before he hit it and then it would be a 6. He was also an exceptionally good bowler who would take his right shoe off and wear a hole in his sock every time. The last cricket game was played in 1950.*

1 Be the First Motor Delivery of Cream  
to Wauchope Factory per Motor Lorry  
Ford 50. was on March 8-1922  
Delivered by F Hayward. B. Gabarra  
the only Cream Lorry at the time in the  
Hastings District.  
About 18 Months later W. Shales Beechwood  
A little later R. Bose. Long Flat

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Purchase of 50. was December 1921 - Deposit £25.0  
Delivered March 8-1922. Cash £340.14  
£365.14

Lorry 50. Registered at Port Macquarie 8/3/22  
This Lorry had to come from commercial  
Solid Tyres Wheels on the back  
W. Shales was the same  
at this time Long Flat Cream was  
going to Manton Creek per Haversham  
W. H. H. H. had a chain driven other  
Lorry in the company at the time  
I bought mine to only earn out in  
fine weather. Signed  
F Hayward

## RACES

*A lot of races were held in Byabarra. The first race paddock was on Mrs Kilmurrays paddock (where Paul Preston owns today). It was a horse shoe shaped paddock ending up where you started. Mr Hayward bought the race-course from Mrs Kilmurray and later it moved. Where the judges box stood then is the middle of Bagnoo Road today. Horses would come from far and wide, there were some characters in those days.*

*In 1938 there was woodchopping inside the race-course with 28 axemen competing. There was a lot of timber cutting done in these days. Ack Hayward was the best axeman around. He was a world class axeman, winning world champion but unfortunately was given too big a handicap.*

*In 1939 there was 27 races held in one day. The races were 2 furlongs and everyone would race no matter how big or small they were.*

*There was another race-course at Burt Blanch's farm. The course at Burt's farm was only a straight course and they couldn't make it 2 furlongs.*

As promised — an extract from the past: Quote — minute book. Byabarra Public Hall Committee:

"A public meeting was held at the school, Byabarra on December 30th, 1923. Mr. W. Mudford presided and explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of

winding up the Race Committee and handing over all profits to the treasurer Mr. W. Wade. The total monies handed to Mr. Wade was £29 15 3. There was another £5 to come in from Mrs. Coombes and somewhere in the vicinity of that amount to be paid out for cordials, advertising etc., which everything being considered was very gratifying to the committee when the inclement state of the weather was considered.

It was decided to form a working committee of seven gentlemen and five ladies, to be called 'The Byabarra Public Hall Committee' with the object of doing everything possible to further the construction of a hall at Byabarra. On the motion of Mr. G. M. Hunt and Mrs. Ron Blanch. The following committee was appointed Messrs W. L. Mudford, T. Haywood, G. M. Hunt, J. A. Sauzier, W. H. Wade, D. Kilmurray and T. Gleeson; Mesdames E. Kilmurray, D. Kilmurray, W. L. Mudford, J. Sauzier and T. Gleeson. Mr. W. L. Mudford was elected President, Mr. W. H. Wade secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. M. Hunt and Mr. T. Haywood vice-presidents."

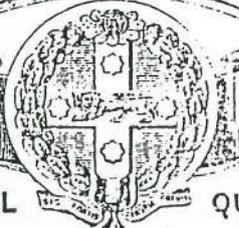
It is nice to remember those people who in past years worked so hard to help others.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

ELECTOR'S

RIGHT



RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION.

*The Washmgs and*  
Electoral District of *The Macleay* Division *Wauchope*

TITLE HOLDER WHEREOF,

*Charles William Hayward*  
*None Creek Kar Jinnon*

whose name is signed hereunder, is entitled, being duly enrolled, to vote at Elections of Members of the Assembly in the above Division of the above District, being qualified in respect of Manhood and of Residence in such Division.

*George Lewis pro* Registrar

*Charles W. Hayward* Absentee

The *14<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 189*4*

This Elector's Right will expire on the 31st day of December, 1896.

ELECTOR'S RIGHT

## WILD CATTLE

*There were tons of wild horses and cattle on "Owens Hill". They were not as good as domestic horses but it was interesting trying to catch them. Sometimes people would go up into the bush and set traps to catch wild horses.*

## BOXING

*In 1937 Boxing was booming in Port Macquarie. Everyone thought they could fight so they all went to Port in the back of the truck. On a gate on the corner of William and Horton Streets there was a sign "Byabarra vs Port Macquarie". There were 7 fights and 8 fighters. Byabarra won every fight except for the first where O'Sullivan lost.*

## FIRST BUS

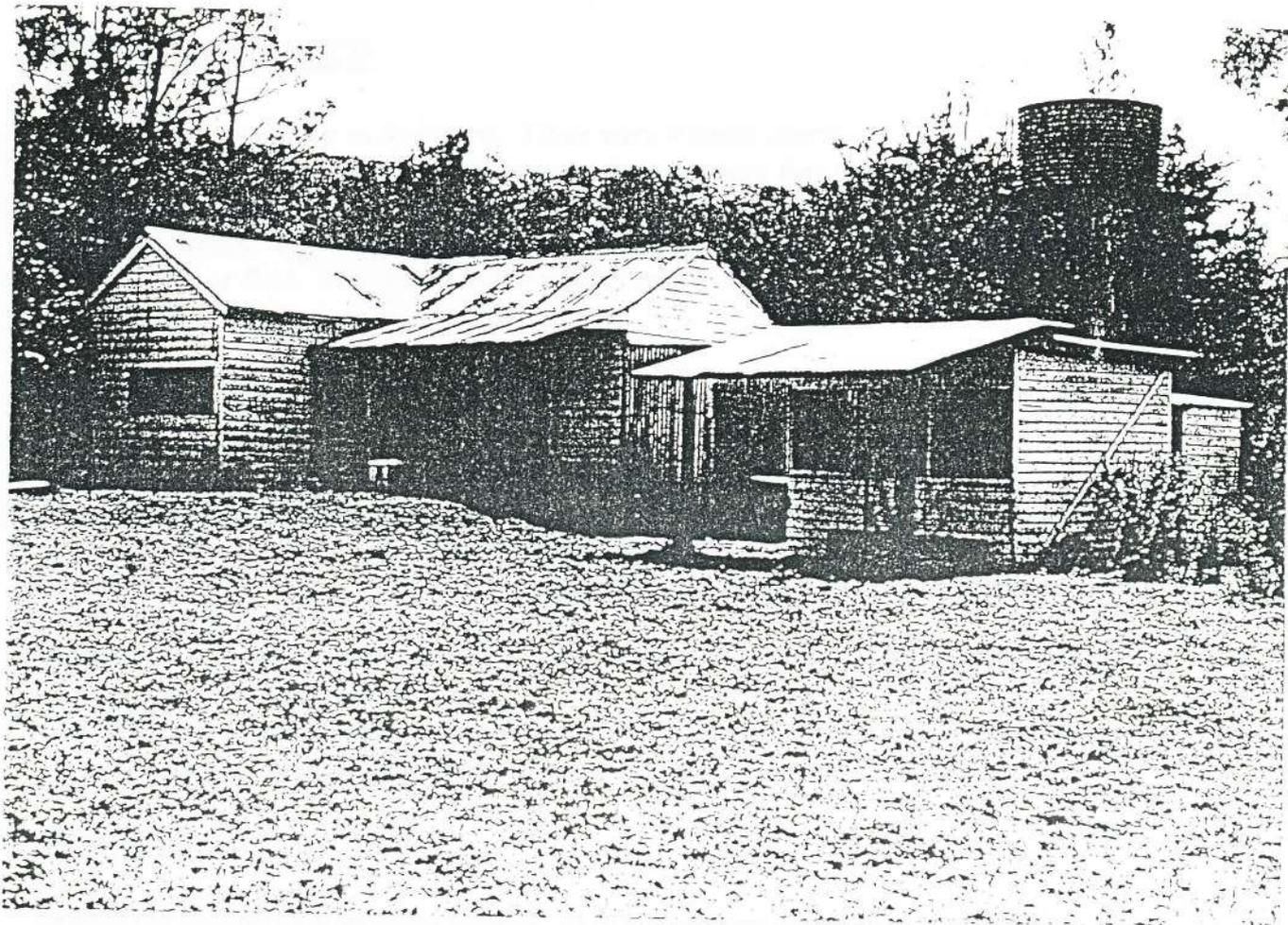
*The first bus was named "The Red Hearse" because it looked like a hearse and was red. In 1945 Jack Parsons bought a Red Chev which could fit 10 inside when loaded. With the amount of hills from Wauchope to Byabarra and Comboyne sometimes the Red Hearse would not make it up the hills because it was vacuum feed, so they would have to turn the bus around and go up the hills backwards. One day when they were travelling through Wauchope, two butchers saw the bus coming and stood outside, took off their hats and bowed and that's how it got it's name.*

## BYABARRA SALEYARDS

*Mrs Wade lived at the Byabarra Saleyards and had nine children. They all went to Byabarra School and were christened at the Byabarra Church. When the drought was on in 1944 they used to walk the cattle from Mount View up to Bulli Creek everyday for a drink of water. They lived at the saleyards for 11 years and Mr Hayward and son Keith were contracted to build the saleyards. Mrs Wade and family left Byabarra in 1958.*

## CONVICTS

*There was no known convicts in Byabarra.*



## TENNIS COURTS

*Tennis was very popular in Byabarra. There were 4 tennis courts. One court was at Tom Hayward's, there were 2 courts were they are today, one at Billy Mudford's place on the creek side of the road and one at Stan Parish's place at Hyndmans Creek. There was a comp every Sunday between ladies and men, this was in about 1945 or 1946. This involved the whole family.*

## SAWMILLS

*The first sawmill in Byabarra was in 1923 (Where the De Heer family live today). They had the mill near the creek because it was run by steam. They would cart the water from the creek to fill the boiler in kero tins because they had no pumps. Pumps were not invented. There was a lot of sawn timber and they would use 4 to 6 horses or bullocks to take the timber to town.*

*The second mill was started in 1948, the owner was Alan Hancock and the property is owned by Bun Hayward today.*

*In 1978 the Johnson brothers started the mill in Bulli Creek Road but it only lasted a few years because suitable logs became harder to find.*

## FOOTBALL

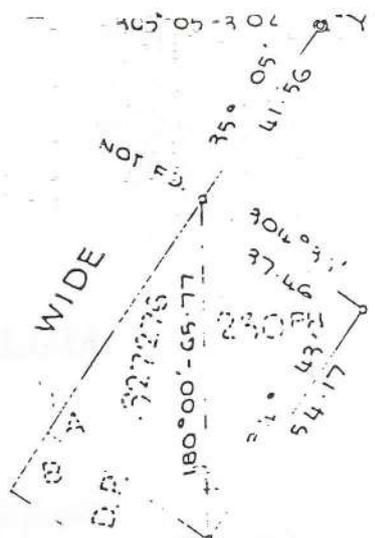
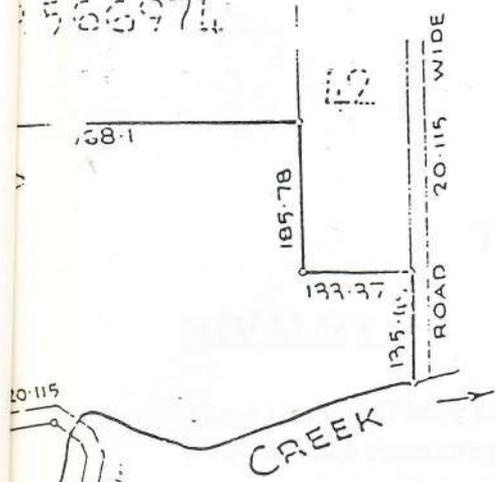
*In 1920 the Hastings League was formed. In 1921 Byabarra Football started at Low Town which is now owned by Paul Preston today. There was 23 orange trees (very big) on the field and the oranges would be eaten by the cattle. In 1927 to 1928 - Mrs Kilmurray sold the property to Mr Hayward. Then the football was moved to running beside the creek at Jim Gillis's property until 1951 when the football finished.*

*In 1975 the football club was reformed. At the time Mr Bun Hayward was the President for the Hastings League and with Mr John Wittenberg and the Preston Brothers being the driving force in Byabarra they held a meeting at the hall to reform Byabarra Football Club and 72 people attended this meeting to reform. In this first year Byabarra made the Grand Final against West Wauchope, unfortunately West Wauchope won by 3 points.*

*The kiosk used at the football field was a homestead built in about 1940 for Mrs Torrens.*

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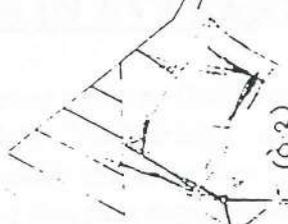
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## TRIVIA AND NOSTALGIA

### RIVALRY

*There was the "Thone Creek Boys" and the "Bulli Creek Boys". Every Sunday swimming was the main event which was down at the Thone River at a big water-hole. They would take their dogs, roosters or whatever and it would be nothing to see 10 to 14 dogs tied up while they were swimming. Then after their swimming they would have dog and rooster fights, their parents would know nothing of this and then the boys would end up fighting.*

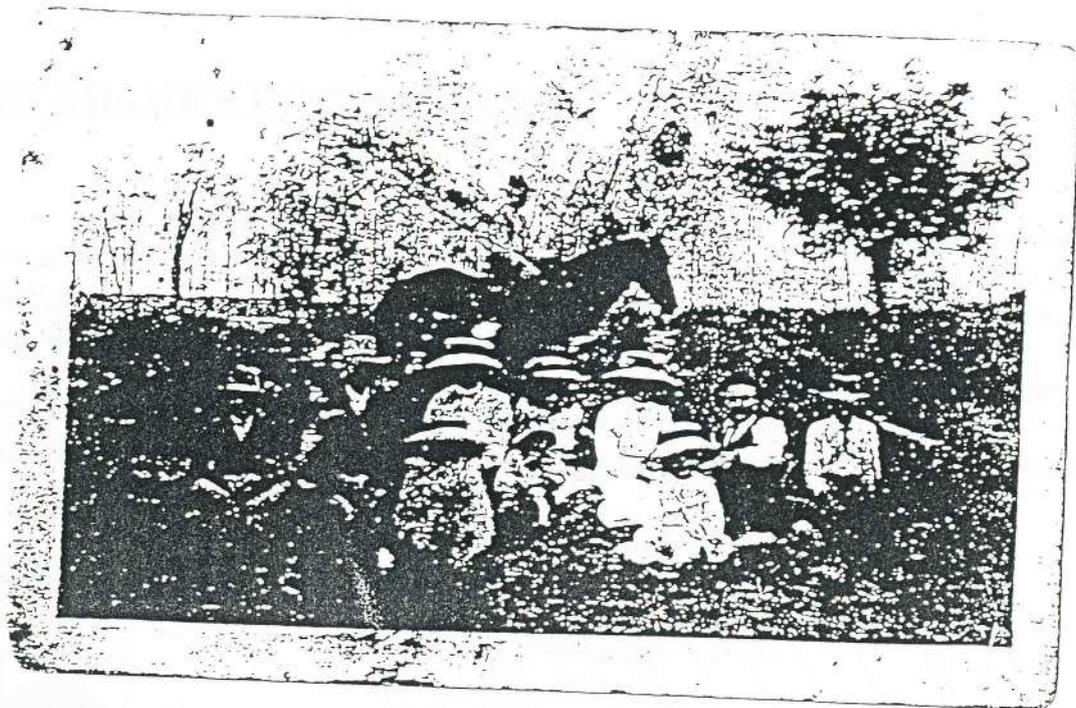
### GHOST STORIES

*There are a few places within Byabarra where there are supposed to be ghosts. Low Town as it was known is supposed to be haunted, with chains rattling etc, they also used to hear hollow sounds in the bridge. The wooden bridge near the Schmitzer family today is supposed to have Sandy's Ghost.*

### CIRCUS IN BYABARRA

*The first circus came to Byabarra in 1926-27. It was held on the flat near the pear tree near Bulli Creek Bridge. Another time they came it was held where the tennis courts are today and then they came again to the football ground in later years. There was a lion in a cage and with children making so much noise disturbed him and you could hear him roar!!!!!!*

Charles  
Hayward  
on the horse



## BYABARRA POST OFFICES

*Mail in those days went by horseback to Huntingdon. The Lewis family were involved and Clara and Flo would ride by horseback to Thomas Hayward's place for delivery. Around 1910 the first five post offices was established on top of the hill on Bagnoo Road. There are no signs of this left today.*

*A second post office was established which was burnt down. The third post office was in the home of Jim White. The fourth post office was established in Hargraves home opposite the school site. The fifth post office was established near by but this was burnt down and never replaced.*

*The first mail car was a T-model ford with hard tyres.*

## THE LAST MAIL —



A combined total of 70 years, almost unbroken in sequence, was chalked up by Parsons Bus Company on two rural mail delivery contracts from Wauchope Post Office. On Thursday week afternoon, Parsons staff collected their final bag of mail for customers at Byabarra and Pembroke. These runs have been amalgamated with existing Long Flat and Telegraph Point services by Australia Post and consequently now form part of another contract. Parsons first delivered the Byabarra mail in the late 1930's and began the Pembroke service when the school bus run was established in 1957. In a tribute to the Parsons company and staff drivers this week, Wauchope Post Master Mr. Alan Madigan said that during the 26 years he had been a postmaster they were among the best contractors he had dealt with "I am not aware of one complaint being recieved from customers at Byabarra or Pembroke about these people in the 12 years I have been here in Wauchope" Mr. Madigan said. One closely associated with the mail over the years was Reg Tarrant, who next month completes his 26th year with the company.

BYABARRA PUBLIC HALL  
BALL  
LADY'S 3/- Ticket  
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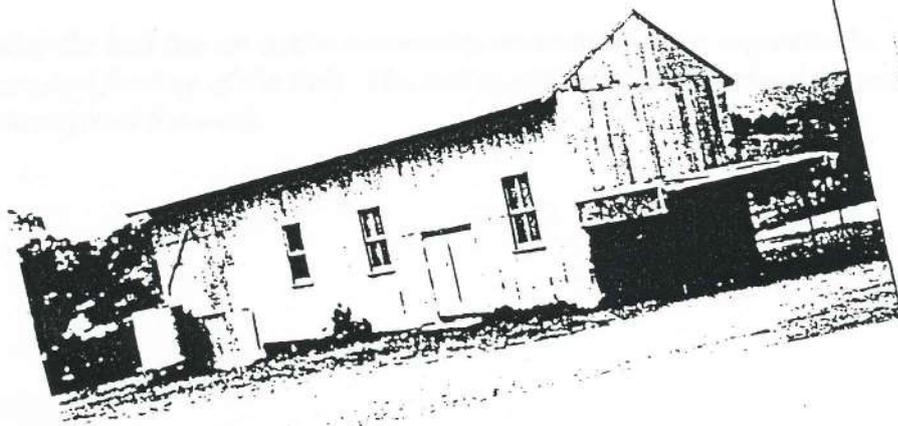
Byabarra Annual C. of E. Ball

BYABARRA HALL

Friday, ~~June 28~~ JULY 11.

LADY'S TICKET W. 3/-

Byabarra Annual C. of E. Ball  
BYABARRA HALL  
Friday, June 28.  
GENT'S TICKET 3/-



## HALL

*The Byabarra hall was used as the church in 1880's. The first hall was situated near the Bulli Creek bridge. Dances were held there and usually only six to eight people attended. That was on a good night!*

*The second hall was on the site of Jim White's place just up the road from the school on Comboyne Road.*

*The third hall was built in 1926 which is the hall in use today situated next to the school. The builder of this hall was Billy Maxwell of Wauchope.*

*On 30th December, 1923 it was decided to form a working committee of Seven Gentlemen and Five ladies, to be called "The Byabarra Public Hall Committee" with the object of doing everything possible to further the construction of a Hall at Byabarra.*

*On 12th January, 1924 it was decided to purchase 2 acres of ground at five pounds per acre for the purpose of erecting a Hall.*

*On 30th January, 1926 the plan of the building (25x30 ft) was adopted and building to be proceeded with at the contract price of twenty pounds.*

*Then on the 21st August, 1926 the decision was made to add 16 ft to the building, consisting of a 10 ft stage, 2 dressing-rooms at the back and a supper room below.*

*The Official Opening of Byabarra Public Hall was on the 25th June, 1926.*

*The three trustees of the hall were local residents Fred Hayward, Billy Mudford and Billy Wade.*

*In the 1930's this hall was used as an extra classroom by the Byabarra Public School because of the cramped conditions.*

*A grant of \$24,000. was made by C.E.P. to build a supper room along the southern side of Hall and to convert the old supper room to toilets. The additions commenced on 15th April, 1985. The opening night of the additions to Byabarra Public Hall was on 13th September, 1985.*

*Today the hall has an active community committee which organise the maintenance and funding of the hall. The hall is still used by the school for numerous activities throughout the week.*

# BACK TO BYABARRA WAS A GREAT IDEA

Organisers of last Saturday's "Back To Byabarra" festivities have hailed the venture as a most successful and rewarding experience, not only for themselves but for the many ex-residents who returned for the day.

Mrs Val Hardcastle, herself a local Byabarra resident for 26 years, and one of the principal organisers behind the day, said testimony to this success had been the fact that over 400 people, all with either past or present connections with Byabarra, had signed a specially struck visitors book.

Actually, the theme "Back To Byabarra" sprung from the anniversary of the local hall, erected 60 years ago on a central block in the village.

"It seemed appropriate that we organise a celebration for the 60th year and we decided to have the day in October in preference to June, the month the hall first opened.

"We certainly got that right, the weather is perfect," Val said on Saturday as the many familiar faces, old and new, renewed acquaintances of past years, as well as those of the present Byabarra generation.

"Our special "Back to Byabarra" dance on Saturday night brought a capacity crowd of 260 paying customers into the hall.

"Everyone had a great time," Val said.

The Byabarra Hall actually opened on June 25, 1926, built by Bill Maxwell at a contract price of 20 pounds. His carpenters were paid two



Stan Parvis, left, who went north to Casino 31 years ago, Stan Hayward and Doug McWhirter, both of Wauchope, toast the good old times at the Byabarra Hall on Saturday.



Mrs. H. Emma Madori (left) and Mrs. Jane Nilsson, Byabarra's most senior female residents, cut the 60th anniversary cake at the hall celebrations on Saturday afternoon.

shillings per hour by the two Hall trustees. The committee completed extensions valued at \$37,000, when the local government contribution amounted to \$8,000.

shown, indicated by the fact three distant Queensland centres provided visits from former Byabarra identities.

Peter Gunsberger was there from Weta, Rex Gillis from Gladstone and John Barnes from

Maroochydore.

Aid. Bob Woodlands and Mrs. Woodlands were special guests during the day and made a number of special presentations to the senior residents in attendance.

## The History of Byabarra Primary School

*The first school at Byabarra was built around 1894 by the then local builder and farmer, Charles Hayward. This school was constructed on the present one hectare school site for a cost of ten pounds. It was a slab and bark construction measuring twelve feet by twelve feet and adjacent to the present wooden school building. Charles Hayward was the grandfather of Wauchope resident, Mr Bun Hayward.*

*This school opened in 1895 with 5 students, one of them was Mr Hayward's father Fred Hayward, Maude Lewis was another. On the second day the sixth pupil Clara Kilmurray arrived. (She later married Wauchope butcher Billy Mar.)*

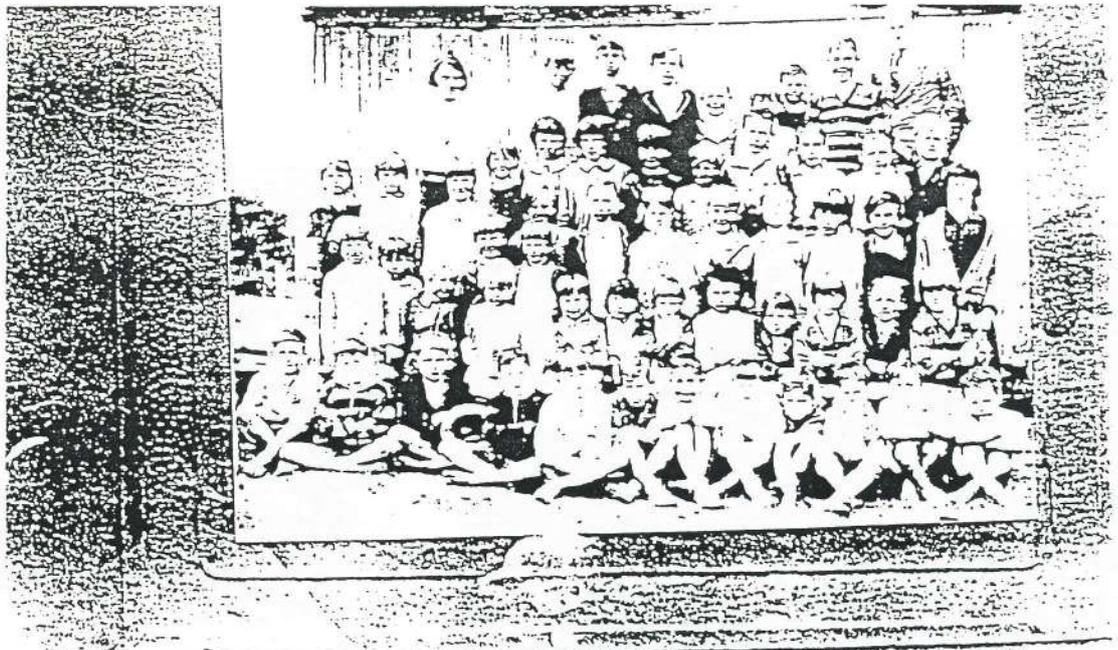
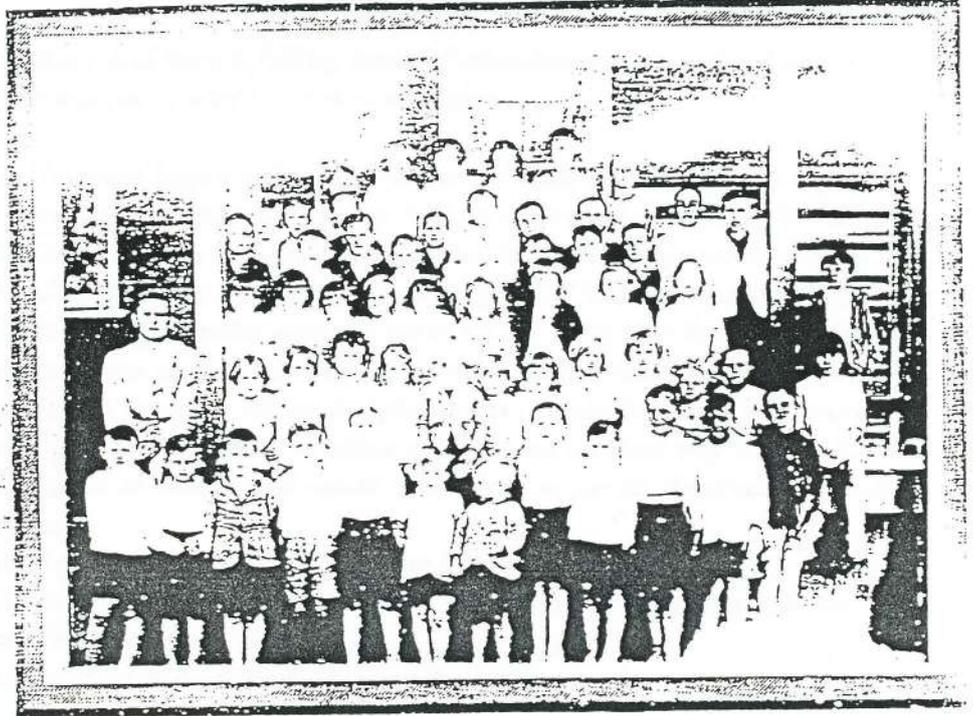
*This school burnt down after 8 to 10 years - around 1905. For some years there was no school at Byabarra.*

*In 1914 a new wooden school building was erected complete with a brick fire place. This building, although modified, still stands and is in use today. Mr J.W. Roach was the first appointed teacher to the school. The school opened on 26th October 1914. Seven children were enroled on the first official day. They were: Thomas Blanch (7 years), Norman Towle (6.11 years), John Blanch (5.0), Fredrick Towle (4.4), Tom Gillis (7.0), Olive Mattan (6.11) and Violet Lewis (6.6). Thomas and John Blanch came from Gannon's Creek School and Norman Towle came from Kindee School. In 1915 three more boys arrived Raymond (6.10) and Roy Blanch (5.8), and Stanley Mudford (6.8years). In 1916 Clara Lewis (6.10 years) arrived. Some children rode horses to school. Children came from as far as Hyndman's Creek and Lower Bagnoo to the Byabarra School. At one stage Mr Bun Hayward recalls that 93 children attended this one classroom, one teacher school!*

*Early in 1930 a row of trees were planted along the Comboyne Road by the students of the school. Two to three children shared the planting of each tree. There are three pine trees that stand along the boundary today which were part of this planting. Mr Bun Hayward was involved in this planting, however his tree was stolen a few days after and he, along with his mates, replaced it with a turpentine tree which still stands in the school yard today.*

*By 1931 There were over sixty children enroled and the school now had two teachers - Mr R.S.Cowie and Miss Margaret Walker. The school inspector noted in October of 1931 that "some difficulty arises from the lack of accommodation and consequent use of hall." The local Byabarra hall was subsequently used by the school until 1933 when a new room was added to the original wooden building.*

1928



1930

*As Mr Bob Cowie was married with children a school residence was built two blocks down from the Saint Peter's Anglican Church on Comboyne Road by Mr Billy Mudford. This house is still standing today.*

*By 1940 there had been a falling away of attendance at the school and it returned to a one teacher school for a period of time.*

*Mr Bun Hayward began school at Byabarra Public School in 1926. In those days children wore no shoes nor socks, they had no umbrellas and either had to walk to school or ride their horses. The horses were tied to the school fence where the tennis court is today, and they would eat down the grass. Children who rode horses to school would be let out 10 minutes early to clean up the mess that the horses left behind. This manure was used on the school garden patch behind the school building.*

*In those days it rained a lot in the afternoons (maybe because there were more trees back then) and the children often got very wet on their way home. Some kids would ride horses to school and would come from as far as Hyndman's Creek and Lower Bagnoo.*

*Names of some families were McWhirters from bagnoo - the Sullivan's from Waterfall- the Mooney's from Bulli Creek- the Jones' from Jones road- the Kelly's & Murray's from Hyndman's Creek- the wades from Tom's Hill and the Haywards, Gillis, Canvanahs & Kilmurrays.*



Contributed.

A successful dance, considering unpleasant weather conditions, was held last night, 21st inst., the hospital benefitting by £2. This is getting one of the most popular districts for dances. Last night we had two bands engaged, so that you can realise the dancers got the money's worth.

We had four very cold and breezy days last week, which were followed up by three frosts—that's why people want to dance.

Last week we had a new arrival to our education department, Mr Turner, who has come in place of Mr Cowie. Miss Macaulay was a very relieved person, having had the full teaching responsibility on her shoulders for a fortnight.

Mr. Fred Pratt's beans got a severe setback with the frosts, but otherwise everything is progressing very well, and the people of Waughope will shortly be sampling vegetables that are grown under ideal conditions. He is drawing better than ever now, and can find time to undertake any kind of sketches to suit anyone's requirements at any time.

Mr. Ted Hayward has divided his property into two, and has built a house and cow bails, which are the envy of all the district, and worth anyone's time to go and inspect. Messrs. Bill Cameron and Les Murray take over that part of the farm on the 1st of next month. There is a strong rumour that the latter gentleman may shortly be married.

Mrs. Torrens and family, who have been residents of this district for many years, are leaving their farm at the end of this month. Unfortunately, things do not look bright for them, as they have not yet secured another place, and there are few available.

Since our last, Mr. Arthur Gleeson our postmaster, has removed the office from his farm to settle in the township. He left his farm in the able hands of his son-in-law, Mr. George Hollis, and his son Pat. They are working hard, and have made quite an impression on the look of the countryside during the past few weeks.

We congratulate Mr. L. O. Martin, our representative in the House on his appointment to be Minister of Justice in the new Stevens' Cabinet.

There is a big attraction in Byabarra next month, when our annual dance is due to come off. The date is not fixed yet, but it will be advertised; look out for it, and make a note of the date, as it is hoped it will be even brighter and better than anything ever staged here before.



Benny Mudford & Fred Hayward  
on their 80th Birthday

### Sad Fatality.

It is with feelings of sincerest regret that we have to record the sad demise of Mr. Charles William Hayward, of Thone Creek, which occurred rather suddenly on Monday evening, whilst riding home from Waughope. He left Waughope about 5.15 p.m. in his usual good health, and whilst in the vicinity of Huntingdon School, whilst having been seized with apoplexy, as he was found by H. J. Carney lying on the road dead. He was about 8 p.m., and Mr. D. Lindsay immediately informed Constable Livingstone, of Waughope. The constable and Dr. Dougan then went out and inspected the body of the deceased, who was a brother of Messrs. Frederick Hayward, J.P., District Coroner, and John Hayward, of Port Macquarie, was 81 years of age, and leaves a widow and a grown-up family to mourn their irreparable loss.

The funeral left Waughope on Wednesday morning and arrived at the Port Macquarie cemetery at about 3 p.m. There was a large crowd of people at the graveside. Dr. Doodney, in the absence of Canon Morrison, read the last sad rites. Mr. James Peed had charge of the funeral arrangements.

To the bereaved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## THE BYABARRA CHURCHES

*The Saint James' Anglican Church is situated up the road from the school on Comboyne Road. This was founded as a Church of England Church. This church was built in 1931 by the then local builder Thomas Hayward. The first wedding was on the 1st July 1931. Mr Long and Miss D Torrens local residents were married on this day.*

*The church has been used by numerous denominations over time.*

*The church was renovated in the 1960's.*

*This timber building stands today and is used by the Anglican Church on the first Sunday of the month for their holy communion service. Occasionally weddings are held there.*

*The Catholic religion had no church in Byabarra until the early 1950's. They would hold their own church in the hall. Mrs Canvangah and Mrs Nicholson started collecting and raising money to build their own Catholic Church. They finally had the church built which was situated (Where Denny Mumford lives today). The church was later shifted to Lake Cathie where it still stands today. Because of a decline in the population, followers left without a church finally went to Comboyne.*

