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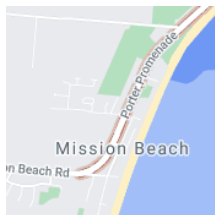
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## Celebrating our first year



On Thursday, October 7, 2021 we celebrated our first year. We had a good turn-out with old and new members, and some guests.

Andy Leonard (Djiru elder and Traditional Owner) with Valerie Boll (President) cut the cake to much fanfare. The cake was delicious too!

The Mission Beach Historical Society began formally in October 2020, as a sub-branch of the Innisfail Historical Society. It followed much work over the years to ignite interest, particularly by Cr Trudy Tschui.

## How MBHS got started



MBHS had a lengthy start. It began informally in 2000 when a teacher and a teacher-librarian worked with two enthusiastic locals to explore the history of the *Mission Beach State School* to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. A book was published to commemorate the occasion. But there were several historians in the area who contributed to various publications before that too.

Despite the area of MB being divided by two councils up until 2008, two major cyclones close together, and developing townships, the area is rich in history and the MBHS was formalized in 2020.

## Porter Promenade



Porter Promenade, Mission Beach is the main road through Mission beach. The Porter brothers were early settlers and owned land at Wongaling Creek in 1910, which is often called Porters Creek. The Porter brothers left the area in 1915 after the ships stopped calling to take cargo, yet retained their land. Grandsons A (Bert) and L (Laurie) Porter returned to live on the land in the 1950s. Family remains in the area. They built a home just south of where Castaways is now.

## 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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