

“J. V. MULLIGAN CENTENARY TOUR”

**COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE PASSING OF
JAMES VENTURE MULLIGAN**

Contained in this brochure is the confirmed itinerary for a tour to be held from the 24th - 28th August 2007, to commemorate 100 years since the passing of mining pioneer, James Venture Mulligan.

This tour will take in all events being organised in the Tableland and Cooktown Regions. We want to invite all descendants of the Mulligan family and interested friends of JVM to attend this get together in August, to experience the history of the region that our ancestor Mr Mulligan was instrumental in creating.

There will be events that need to be booked and others that you can just turn up to if you are interested. From a book launch, to museums and a four wheel drive trek to historic Maytown on the Palmer Goldfields, this is sure to be a holiday to remember.

Hope to see you there!

Loretta Sullivan (nee Mulligan)

**J. V. MULLIGAN COMMEMORATIVE TOUR
ITINERARY (Revised June 12th 2007)**

DAY 1 - Friday 24th August 2007

- 9am Meet at Mareeba Historical Society to register, view historical exhibition and Visitor Information Centre, have morning tea and informal welcome by Mayor Mick Borzi. Register before 11am.
- 3pm Assemble at Herberton prior to 3:00pm for Official Opening of the rebuilt great Northern Mine heritage listed buildings.
- 4:30 Official Opening of the Explorer's Way Footpath that leads from the main street to the Mining Centre
- 5pm Unveiling of Miner's Monument at the Mining Centre.
- 5:30 Evening meals available at the Royal Hotel Miner's Beer Garden (and other places in town) *At visitor's own cost.*
- 7pm Introductory talk on Mulligan's role on opening up the Tablelands and launch of Eacham Historical Society's book on Mulligan's Fifth Expedition.
- 8:30pm Closure
*The Mining Centre will be open free of charge (donation's would be appreciated.)
 Own accommodation arrangements.*

DAY 2 - Saturday 25th August 2007

- 10am Mt Molloy Cemetery. Unveiling of Honour Roll by Mayor Borzi
- 1:00pm Official lunch at Atherton International Club and welcome by Atherton Mayor Jim Chapman. \$15 per head for 2 course buffet.
- Afternoon Visit Atherton's Chinese Temple and other attractions in the Shire.
Own accommodation arrangements.

DAY 3 - Sunday 26th August 2007.

- 10am Mt Molloy Cemetery. Unveiling of plaques by Mayor Borzi. Prayer service, morning tea
Own accommodation arrangements

DAY 4 - Monday 27th August 2007

- People heading to Maytown or Cooktown will split into two groups for today's activities.*
- 9am **Group A** will head off to the Palmer River Roadhouse at their leisure, then continue on to Cooktown where there are many places to visit or just relax for the day.
- 9am **Group B** will head out to Maytown. Check-in at the turn-off on the Mulligan Highway, and drive along a slow, rough track for around 3 hours following convoy procedures to Maytown campsite. Lunch will be available or There will be maps of the town and mine sites, tours and stories of the mining days. Enjoy a dinner of Mulligan Stew and Damper, Puftaloons and Cocky's Joy. Meet the people who live there and are still mining today. For this trip you **MUST** be **SELF-SUFFICIENT**, or be travelling with someone who is.

*We are investigating the possibility of organising a 4WD bus to take some people in to Maytown who do not have a 4WD. This is not confirmed and would incur a cost per head.
 Vehicles may be able to be left at the Palmer River Roadhouse. Still working on this.
 Own camping equipment necessary if going in to Maytown.
 Own accommodation arrangements if travelling on to Cooktown.*

DAY 5 - Tuesday 28th August 2007

- 9am **Group B** will pack up and head off for the Palmer River Roadhouse then on to Cooktown
 Enjoy the afternoon then meet for a Farewell Dinner at the Cooktown Bowls Club.
Own accommodation arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * A guest book will be available throughout the journey for everyone to sign and submit comments about the trip. This will be donated to the Cooktown Historical Society with copies to Mareeba and Eacham Historical Societies.
- * The Atherton lunch, the Maytown visit and the Cooktown Farewell Dinner are currently the only

- parts of the tour which will incur a cost apart from your accommodation and meals.
- * The itinerary is now confirmed. Atherton lunch will be \$15, Maytown cost is \$25 per head which includes dinner and breakfast. The Cooktown Farewell Dinner will cost \$20 per head. Prices may reduce for these functions if we are able to obtain sponsors for the events. We are still working on several options for sponsorships.
 - * There will be commemorative merchandise to purchase as a souvenir of the occasion as well as several books including Pat McCleneghan's "From County Down to Down Under"
 - * The Eacham Historical Society's book based on James' Fifth Expedition is being launched at Atherton on Friday 24th August 2007, copies will be available. For more information contact the Eacham Historical Society through their website at www.eachamhistorical.org
 - * Every person who registers for the full tour will receive a canvas bag of items of interest. These bags are being sponsored by the Main Roads Department. A Souvenir Programme (also sponsored by the Main Roads Dept) and maps/brochures of the areas in which we are travelling will also be included in the bag.
 - * All participants on the full tour will receive a name badge identifying them as a participant in the tour and whether you are family or friend.
 - * Please note that the Tableland segments of the programme are open to everyone. Registration for the full tour is only needed for people who are travelling on to Maytown and/or Cooktown.
 - * *More information is available on various web sites such as ;*
Mareeba Historical Society www.mbahistsoc.org.au
Tableland Information www.athertontableland.com.au
Cook Shire Council www.cooktowns.com
 - * *Information on accommodation on the Tablelands is available through the above website and in Cooktown through the above Cook Shire Council website.*
Please confirm your attendance with Loretta if you have already sent in a form and for those new to the tour please fill in the attached form and return to...

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All family members, friends and historical tragics are welcome to attend - the more the merrier! Preference will be given to family members and their friends for the Maytown segment of the tour and only if numbers begin to get unmanageable.
Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any ideas, suggestions or questions. No payments for Maytown and Cooktown at this stage. Payments are to be made at registration in Mareeba on Friday 24th August 2007.

NOMINATION FORM FOR J.V. MULLIGAN TOUR

Name _____

How many people in your group Adults _____ Children _____

Address _____

Phone _____

If you could provide an email address we would be most appreciative, as this will enable us to contact you closer to the event.

Email _____

Please tick boxes of the days or events you are interested in attending...

- Day 1 - Welcome in Mareeba at Centenary Park, walking tour of Herberton, Mining Museum & book launch.
- Day 2 - Mt Molloy Cemetery- Plaque unveiling, Honour Roll.
 Atherton Lunch and welcome by Mayor Jim Chapman.
- Day 3 - Mt Molloy Cemetery, Prayer Service, Plaque unveiling and morning tea.
- Day 4 - **Group A** – Palmer River Roadhouse then on to Cooktown.
 Group B – Drive to Maytown and camp overnight (*must have own camping equipment and transport*) *Dinner and Breakfast will be \$25:00 per head*
- Day 5 - Farewell dinner at Cooktown Bowls Club. Two course meal - \$20 per head.

I'd like to contribute a something such as poem/song/short yarn for the Evening at Maytown
YES / NO

I have photos, letters, books or documents that I would like to share with the group.
YES / NO

Other suggestions and ideas are most welcome _____

