

The next meeting of the Korumburra and District Historical Society will take place on Thursday 7th. October at the meeting room adjacent the library in Korumburra, at 7.00 p.m.

Please remember to sign in with the QR code when you arrive at the meeting. For those who are not able to sign in in this way, our list of attendees should suffice as a form of identification as to who attends. The shire does not provide an alternative to the QR code sign in.

We can plan for a meeting at this time anyway. It seems best at this time to book the meeting room for the next month and see how we go.

From the Weekly Times, Saturday 20th. November 1897. An article published on this date featured a number of Korumburra businesses. Below is information on A.J. Mill, a name which doesn't seem to be one of long standing in the town. The article also included a photo of Mr. Mill's double fronted shop.

Mr. A.J. Mill is an enterprising young tradesman of Korumburra, who has two fine shops in Commercial street, one for ladies goods and the other for men's clothing and general drapery. Mr. Mill started in his business in the West of England about fifteen years ago, and was three and half years with great firm of Hepworth & Co. who now have a business in Sydney in addition to the English establishments. On coming to the colony Mr. Mill was for two and a half years with Messrs. Foy and Gibson and two years with Messrs. Ball and Welch.

Three years ago when Korumburra was booming, Mr. Mill took up his residence there and purchased a property in Mine road a short distance from the town where he opened a drapery store. He rapidly built for himself a substantial business and in February last he removed to the main street and opened the commodious premises he at present occupies. At this establishment everything in the drapery line can be obtained for a very large stock is displayed and a staff of assistants is kept to pay prompt attention to customers. Men's suits are made to measure at Melbourne prices.

Mr. Mill has very recently undertaken responsibilities of matrimonial life and is settling down as a citizen of the town. He is one of the committee of the local mechanics institute.

What do we take from this? Well, men's suits were more sought than they are today. Mr. Mill was well experienced in his trade. Three years ago the town was booming. Do we take from this that the rush to develop had settled, that things had slowed? Is there something else to draw out?

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