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# **Read all about it: Historic records keep past alive**

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An iconic piece of Towong Shire's history has been made permanently available at the Tallangatta and Corryong libraries.

Digitised copies of the original Upper Murray and Mitta Herald spanning 1885 — 1920 are now available to the public. Towong Shire Council sourced the files from the State Library of Victoria and is continuing discussions to gain access to the records covering 1921 to the 1970s.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann said the files were a wonderful addition to the library collection.

"The old Upper Murray and Mitta Herald is an iconic piece of our local history," he said. "It told the story of our Shire, reported on our most important events and prolific identities. For more than 100 years it kept our residents informed of the Shire's most important developments and helped shape our identity."

"It's important that these historical records are preserved for future generations. But more importantly, it's essential that they are available to the public as a way of keeping the links to our past alive."

"The files are searchable so if you have an approximate date for the story you're looking for, you should be able to easily find it."

The Upper Murray and Mitta Herald was founded by Charles Jarman and printed in Tallangatta from 1885. The paper remained in the family until sold in 1993, ending a 108-year-old tradition.

The files are available on USB drive. Residents wanting to view the files should enquire at library reception.

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