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Over 400 Indigenous Australians fought in the First World War. They came from a section of society with few rights, low wages, poor living conditions, most could not vote and none were counted in the census. Once in the A.I.F. they were treated as equals, paid the same as other soldiers and generally accepted without prejudice.

Source Kin Tracer March 2011



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Sunshine Coast Council Community Partnership funding assist with costs of our publishing program, including our titles, "And Their Names Shall Live Forever: Book 2 Small Cemeteries" and "Distinction

by Merit: A history of the Nambour Rural School".

A current CPCH grant assists with basic running costs to enable us to offer additional facilities and services.

Sunshine Coast Council Major Grant funding the GSC Learning for Life Community Hub, a 2016 grant for our "Keeping Cool with Solar" project and 2017 new Desktop Computers.

The above support is very much appreciated as we continue to improve our current facilities for the benefit of our whole community.

Sunshine Coast Cultural Heritage - Heritage Levy - Regional Collection Support Program 2017 for a Cloud Storage Project to create online access and backup for a series of Sunshine Coast indexes and data storage - completed 2019.

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Are you 55+ and not working? You can spend 15 hours a week volunteering at our Resource Centre. Morning tea available. BYO Lunch. Enquiries at Reception.



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GSC's Aim/Vision – *To discover, share and preserve.*

Mission Statement – *Sunshine Coast Historical and Genealogical Resource Centre Inc is a Not-For-Profit Organisation run by volunteers. Our goal is to provide quality facilities for the community to research local history and genealogy, using Australian and world-wide resources. We offer innovative, interactive opportunities for life-long learning in a safe, supportive and social environment.*

EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of Kin Tracer!

I have to say, this edition of Kin Tracer is probably the hardest edition I've ever had to do. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would need to do a blurb for Carolyn Slade, my Mum.

I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank-you to Lynne, Christine and everyone else at GSC. Together, you all came together to help our family when we really needed it most. You showered us with love and understanding and helped to heal just a little bit of the pain we feel with losing Mum.

We are trying to put together a book about Mum for our kids. If you have any fond memories or something you would like to share about Mum, can you please send it into GSC. Thanks.

Angela James.

Your Mother's Name

Is your mother's maiden name on her headstone?

Does anyone but you know who she was?

Let's go into cemeteries and identify as many of our family's women as we can while we can, and record them in as many places as we can.

Let's give a name to our mothers' sisters, aunts and grandmothers while we can.

Let's also from this time forward, put a maiden name on the headstone of all our women. They loved their people.

They would love you to see that their identity is not lost.

I hope that you will think about it and help to spread the word –

To give our women back their names.

Source: Generation Vol. 24 No 1, September 2001

WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting you and helping you with your family research.

Don't forget to add your names of interest to our GSC Members Interest list.

A spreadsheet format is available to add names of families, places they lived, ships they arrived on and dates. Or you can export a list from your genealogy software. Just ask and we will help you format the list so we can combine it with the research interests of our current members. We also have interest lists from over 2000 members who have been part of our group, so perhaps you share an ancestor somewhere in our group.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following people. If you see them around please make the time to say hi.



**Peter Watson
Christina Lawrence
Fran Roy
Derek Longworth
Narelle Kirkwood
John Purcell**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Family History Enthusiasts,

I hope you have all kept well in what seems like some of the constantly wettest months on the Sunshine Coast for a long time. While it may be good for indoor research, it has not encouraged many to get out and come into the Resource Centre and we miss you all.

However, the highlight of this time has been the visit from Ireland by Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation on Saturday 17th February in the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club building at the Sunshine Coast Showground, Nambour. The seminar explored strategies for researching Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. The programme content covered the whole island of Ireland, not solely Ulster. We learnt how to get the most out of Irish resources and gained tips and tricks for breaking down brick walls. The event was well attended by GSC members and others from the local community and further away, one even from Western Australia. The seminar was part of a Lecture Tour of Australia and New Zealand conducted by Gillian and Fintan from 10th February – 2nd March.

My thanks go to all those attending and special thanks from our members who have volunteered their time and energy, putting in a sterling effort over the last few months to make the event the success that it was.

It is with great sadness that I must report the death of one of our Lifetime Members, Carolyn Slade on Sunday 3rd March. Carolyn joined Genealogy Sunshine Coast in February 2002. Since then, she has written and published her own books and helped many others to do the same. Most of the books we have published on local and family history would not have been possible without Carolyn's considerable knowledge and willingness to help others. She had devoted many hours to local history research, managing the photographing and indexing of headstones in Sunshine Coast Cemeteries that will help future researchers to find their ancestor's stories. That project is on-going. One of the last projects that Carolyn worked on with Wendy McMullin was "The Palmwoods Pavement Project." They collected the stories of approximately three hundred Palmwoods families who had purchased a terracotta tile that had been etched with their names and a message.

Carolyn will be a hard act to follow but I am confident that we can all keep her dreams going, each in our own ways.

Christine Cutler.



SOME ANZAC DAY TRADITIONS , FACTS AND FOLKLORE

The Anzac Day dawn service includes the bugle call, Last Post, which is played at the exact time of the original landing – 4.28 am.

The Last Post is inextricably part of “End of Day” military traditions which include “Beating the Retreat” and “Tattoo”. The First Post and Last Post came into being in the early part of the 19th century. The First Post was sounded as the orderly officer, the orderly sergeant and drummer (with a bugle) started the Tattoo. They then marched from post to post with the drummer beating the drum. On reaching the final post the drummer would sound the Last Post (Last Post really ends the day).

On Anzac Day, Reveille or Rouse breaks the silence that follow the playing of the Last Post, symbolising the awakening of the dead in the next and better world. Rouse is the bugle call more commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post and is often incorrectly called Reveille by the layman. It is rarely used because of its length.

Source: Sunshine Coast Daily, (unknown date), Maroochy Library Reference Collection.

The Anzac Biscuit

The Anzac biscuit began life during the First World War when Australian women folk of soldiers serving overseas were concerned about the nutrition of food supplied to them. The biscuit of Scottish origin based on oats was first called ‘Soldiers Biscuits’ but changed to Anzac Biscuit after the landing at Gallipoli.

To keep the biscuits crisp they were packed for despatch in used tins, like Billy Tea tins.

Eggs were in short supply so Golden Syrup or treacle was used as a binder.

Today many other ingredients are often added to enhance the flavour.

Source: Sunshine Coast Daily 23 April 2003

In the Sunshine Coast Daily of 19 December 2007 it was reported that ‘copper thieves have turned tomb raiders, targeting plaques and vases in cemeteries amid a boom in stealing the metal to sell as scrap. NSW energy minister **Ian Macdonald** said yesterday that surging demand for copper in India and China had pushed the price of scrap copper to \$7,500 a tonne’.

Submitted by Wendy McMullin

Up-Coming Events

Sat 18 May	General Meeting
Sat 25 May	Volunteers Morning Tea 9.30 am -12 pm
Sat 22 June	9.30 am to 12 pm – Roots Magic Workshop \$8 for members, \$15 for non-members
Sat 22 June	1.30 pm to 3.00 pm – Family Search Workshop \$8 for members, \$15 for non-members
Sat 17 August	Nominations due for the Annual General Meeting

MONTHLY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

COME AND JOIN US

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP: 3rd Monday of every month from 1:00 pm. to 3:30 pm.

Bob May shares his extensive knowledge of DNA and its relevance to family history research. Come and share a cuppa with the group and find out more about the subject.

IRISH GROUP: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9.30 am. to 12:00 pm.

Join this very active Interest Group which continues to make great progress in unravelling and unearthing the myriad of information available to assist with the search for Irish ancestral origins and in unravelling some fascinating aspects of Irish history.

WRITERS' GROUP: 4th Tuesday of the month from 9.30 am. to about 12:00pm.

We all have plans to write our family story. Come along and share ideas on how to go about the task and gain practice in creative writing on a variety of themes.

ROOTS MAGIC and FAMILY SEARCH etc: Hands-on help 3rd Tuesday of every month 1.00 pm. to 3.30 pm. Librarians are available to help with Roots Magic, Family Search, Findmypast and Ancestry family trees and software.

We would like to reboot the following groups.

Please get in touch if you are interested in attending.

EUROPEAN & ENGLISH GROUP: 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:30 am. to 12:00 pm.

Share your family names, places and years of interest.

SCOTTISH GROUP: 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9.30 am. to 12:00 pm.

New data now on-line has given the group much to discuss and opens up new avenues of research.

We are changing our **CONVICT Group** to an **AUSTRALIAN Group**, to be held on the 1st Monday of every month. This will include convicts, immigration and other aspects of life in Australia.

Please phone 5329 2315 if you are interested in any of these groups and need more information.

<https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-interest-groups>



RESEARCH IN OUR GSC LIBRARY

Research queries for visitors, non members and members who cannot attend our library can be carried out by our Research Officer.

Details can be entered on the form in the GSC Research Queries folder which can be followed up by our Research Officer.

The fee is \$20 which includes at least 3 hours research and entry into a family history program, plus photocopy costs.

There will be an extra cost for research in outside repositories. There will be consultation with the enquirer regarding extra costs.

Cheques written to GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST and receipt only from treasurer.

RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

46 Delaware Street, Chermside, Brisbane. Ph: 07 3355 3369

Opening Hours:- Monday (2nd & 3rd Mondays only) 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 am to 4:00 pm

<http://www.qfhs.org.au>

We also have two Queensland Family History Society membership cards available for use by our current members. These may be collected from our Resource Centre prior to your visit to Brisbane, but must be returned to Genealogy Sunshine Coast.

If you plan a visit to any of the following societies, take your current Genealogy Sunshine Coast Membership Card with you. You will be charged their daily fee, not the visitor's fee at these societies:

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.

Opening Hours: Thursdays (except the 3rd Thursday) 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Third Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, followed by the monthly meeting.

Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm;

3rd Saturday in each month 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Sunshine Coast Turf Club, 170 Pierce Avenue, Caloundra. Ph: 0450 297 939 <http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au> Email:hello@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

LANDSBOROUGH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

4 Maleny Street, Landsborough. Ph: 5494 1755

Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

<http://www.landsboroughmuseum.org.au>

GYMPIE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

1 Chapple Street, Gympie. Ph: 54828211

Library Hours: Wed. 9:30 am to 2:00 pm; Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 pm

<http://www.gympiefhs.egympie.com.au>

COOROY-NOOSA GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

17 Emerald Street, Cooroy. Ph: 3129 0356

Opening Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.genealogy-noosa.org.au>

VALE - CAROLYN SLADE - LIFE MEMBER #638

Carolyn's willingness to serve the society comes from a keen interest in the society in general and seeing it run to the advantage of all members.

Carolyn says:

"In 1978 the age of technology had not yet arrived at our Nambour home. I couldn't even type and wrote all my stories longhand – with pen and paper.

I have always been a keen bible student and with it came an interest in history. In the Old Testament the Tribes of Israel 'were reckoned by their genealogies' (1 Chron 9:1) but the New Testament chronicler, Titus, warns to avoid 'vain genealogies'. So I did – for some years.

My main concerns back then were caring for my three small children as well as a widowed mother and two widowed and childless aunts – genealogy was far from urgent. Unhappily, I didn't talk to these important people about the family while they were alive – not that they would have revealed much. Children were not to know such things.

But the mystery of the family never relinquished its hold. Who were these people? Dad's father remained cloaked in mystery, his age and birth date changing with every notable stage of his history, so I visited Genealogy Sunshine Coast, by then situated in their own premises in peaceful Petrie Park ('at the end of the car park opposite the swimming pool').

The library wasn't extensive – little more than a cupboard of fiche and a few shelves of books – but it held more than enough to confuse me, enthuse me and get me signed up. By this time we had been thrust, unwillingly or not, into the age of IT and I bought myself a second-hand computer complete with Windows 95. Very modern.

I took immediate interest in the meetings. Somehow I was recruited to look after publicity in 2002, a position I thankfully handed over to Betty Garrad in 2003.

Having worked in book production and photography as a commercial artist in Brisbane I then took on the much more comfortable job of assistant Kin Tracer editor. Working with Wendy was a pleasure and together we quickly learned the intricate and stubborn workings of an ancient photocopier, late to be thankfully replaced by more modern copiers and printers. I became temporary Kin Tracer Editor while Wendy and Athol were on an extended trip around Australia.

A couple of years later, with the threat of having to close the society through not having a secretary, I volunteered as a temporary fill-in for the job only to find that one is not allowed to resign from this important position. Thus I served in that capacity from September 2002 to August 2006, taking on Assistant Secretary for a short period. It was an energetic and stimulating time, and a wonderful opportunity to learn.

I am a loner by nature, but always made a particular effort to show a presence at open days, Heritage days and RSL displays held by GSC and other societies. I was also happy to drive other members who didn't have transport. They were interesting times, comparing family notes with other members as we travelled to one meeting or another.

I worked best when helping with scanning, writing and book projects and setting up books for others and am happiest when creating books for research. These have helped to gain income to provide more resources for GSC. Doing a poster here and there is all part of the ongoing work for GSC.

Looking back over the old interior photos of the centre, I can barely believe the progress we've



made as a volunteer society. From scant beginnings with very few resources we have built the library to one of the best family history archives in Queensland – perhaps Australia.

It all began with a family search that turned into caring more about the society and its future than gathering family names and dates. The fun doesn't stop, nor does the search for information. I have learned so much, and research is becoming easier because I put in those earlier years working for the society rather than expecting the society to work for me."

Carolyn is very much missed by everyone, including her 'partner in crime', Wendy.

On Tour



Doug Slade



Angela & family

Carolyn & Wendy McMullin
2017 book launch



ULSTER HISTORICAL LECTURE TOUR

Marlene Hoskin - After sitting in on the BDM session of the Irish Lecture tour, Researching Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors on Saturday 17th February in Nambour with Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Northern Ireland I did gain some references that were very helpful.

My husband's great grandfather came from Dublin - a mariner and a free settler but we know nothing of his background. A brick wall. All we have are his Mariner's qualification, a reference and his mother and father's Christian name from the great grandfather's Death Certificate in Brisbane.

On noticing that National Archives Ireland offered a free search, I wrote to them and received within 1 day a most comprehensive and helpful 2 page reply. I did get a tiny reference to his mother and the fact that he may have had a brother and wife living in the house at the address I have. This information came from the Armagh Guardian which is indexed on Find My Past. I also was given some other references to help in my research. I was grateful for this help and interest shown in my request.

Wendy McMullin - How lucky we were when the weather turned on a perfect day for our Irish Seminar on 17 February after the previous day was so wet.

The event was held in the club house of the SCACC (Antique Car Club) at the Nambour Show Grounds.

The guest speakers for the day were Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation of Northern Ireland. They are both accomplished speakers with an amazing knowledge of researching Irish family history. They certainly kept the audience of sixty three GSC members and visitors enthralled. Once we got used to their accent we were able to better take in the information on each of the subjects presented. Having to concentrate on the accent certainly put any idea of 'nodding off' firmly out of my mind anyway.

After assuming for years that records in Ireland were too difficult to find or were destroyed in the Belfast Courthouse fire, it was enlightening to discover how many other records are available to fill in these missing records. These can mostly be accessed for free and on-line from the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the National Archives of Ireland, and other local archives covering many diverse and unusual subjects often not considered as sources.

Subjects covered during the day were church records for baptisms, marriage and burials for use in genealogy research, census substitutes for 18th and 19th centuries and other lesser known miscellaneous material. Also covered were land records, tithe applotment and defaulters books, freeholders and early election registers as well as printed sources – newspapers, street directories and publications of the Irish Manuscript Commission and British Parliamentary papers. The final session covered sources of research for the Great Famine in Ireland, including church and land records, newspapers, records from the Board of Guardians and government records. This was a most enlightening subject, looking into the hardships endured by the Irish people during that time.

Our volunteers did a great job from the early organisation of travel, accommodation, organising the program, to setting up for the day's event. Catering went very smoothly with donations of cake etc. and many helpers to prepare food.

The whole day was very successful with all involved to be congratulated.

My thanks also to all involved.

LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE - ALI ORUAIRC

Gaelic: the Feast of Brigid pronounced 'law ayl-yeh breedj'

On February first, St. Brigid's Day continues to be marked by the popular tradition of making St Brigid's crosses and heralds the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring in Ireland. One of the customs associated with Brigid's feast day was to hang Brigid's crosses in the rafters or over entryways of buildings, thus invoking the saint's blessing and protection for the remainder of the year. Families would gather rushes on 31 January, the eve of Brigid's day.

The Brat Bríde or Bratog tradition of St Brigid's Day involves hanging a cloth or scarf on your door overnight on the eve of St Brigid's Day, often a red cloth as the colour red is associated with St Brigid's cloak. The belief is that the saint will bless the garment and it can be used throughout the coming year to avoid ill-health. Pieces of blessed cloth are wrapped around money or tied to prams.

The traditional meal at St Brigid's Day was a supper of potatoes and freshly churned butter. Brigid's festival is a time of lambing and new fertility and so Brigid is associated with fertility and midwifery, and in some traditions, it is believed that Brigid is present at every birth.



She is also a lover of the little birds. Linnets are called Brigid's birds and the oystercatcher, that haunter of the seashore with the plaintive call, was called Giolla Bríde – the servant of Brigid.

She has always been associated with Dandelion – one of the first spring flowers with nectar for the bees.

Different styles of St Brigid's Cross

Saint Brigid was born Brigit, and shares a name with a Celtic goddess from whom many legends and folk customs are associated, some of which have been combined with the celebration of St. Brigid.

Her mother was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery. Many stories of Brigid's purity followed her childhood. She was unable to keep from feeding the poor and healing them. Little is known about Saint Brigid's life after she entered the Church, but in 40 she founded a monastery that was built above a pagan shrine to the Celtic goddess Brigid, which was beneath a large oak tree, hence the name Cill Dara, (Kildare) Church of the Oak.

Brigid and seven friends organised communal consecrated religious life for women in Ireland and she founded two monastic institutions, one for men and one for women. She later founded a school of art that included metalwork and illumination. It was at this school that the Book of Kildare, was beautifully illuminated, but was lost three centuries ago. There is evidence that Brigid was a good friend of Saint Patrick. Saint Brigid helped many people in her lifetime, but on February 1 525, she passed away of natural causes; hence we have Feb 1 as St. Brigid's Day.



THREE GENERATIONS OF MEDALS - LEE GOLEBY

Recently, my ex-RAF husband, Peter Hall, received a Nuclear Test Medal posted from the British High Commission in Canberra. After more than sixty years, the recognition is too late for many, especially those who died as a result of radioactive poisoning during the atomic tests in the 1950s and 1960s.

Peter joined the Royal Air Force at the age of 15 and served for 9 years. He spent two and a half of those years at RAF Edinburgh Field in South Australia, before being posted back to England via Singapore, where he celebrated his 21st birthday. Peter served as Clerk, Progress (Statistics Branch) and attained the rank of Corporal.

The receipt of the medal took our thoughts also to Peter's father (Jack) and grandfather (William) and their medals.



Peter Hall Medals



Jack Hall's Medals
1939-45 Star, Defence Medal
War Medal 1939-1945
Royal Air Force
Long Service & Good Conduct

Peter's father, "Jack" Hall, joined the Royal Air Force in 1925 at the age of 15, and was discharged from the Air Force in 1950. Jack served as a Carpenter Rigger and Airframe Fitter, and attained the rank of Flight Sergeant. His overseas service included India, Norway, Rhodesia and North Africa.



William Hall's Medals
China War Medal 1900
1914-1915 Star
British War Medal 1914-20
British Victory Medal
Royal Navy Long Service & Good Conduct Medal

Peter's grandfather, William Hall, joined the Royal Navy in 1895 at the age of 15 years, and served until 1910. He was a Signaller, and attained the rank of Warrant Officer. William served in and/or visited many places around the world during that time, including the Mediterranean, Japan and China. He re-enlisted in 1914 for the length of the war.

Yes, medals may sometimes remind us of the suffering and deaths of military personnel and civilians in times and places of military actions. They also remind of the contributions of our individual military ancestors and their families in the context of the times in which they lived.

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN ANZAC MEMORIAL

April 25 2024 is the 100th Anniversary of the Unveiling of the first Australian Anzac Memorial erected in Toowong Cemetery in 1924.

Our fallen soldiers of the First World War were buried where they fell before repatriation to their own national cemetery on the battlefield; because of the large numbers none were repatriated home.

The human grieving process requires us to mourn our dead at their resting place but because few were able to travel to the battlefields, memorials were erected on home ground. The Imperial War Graves Commission determined that a standard symbolic design befitting the Fallen would offer comfort to their loved ones.

Much public debate ensued until the common design elements of a Cross of Sacrifice and The Stone of Remembrance were agreed to. These were first erected in Toowong Cemetery in 1924.

Sir Edwin Lutyens, the renowned English landscape architect was very specific about the dimensions for the memorials. Each stone must sit on a platform of three steps, and the upper and lower steps must be twice the width of the centre step to give due dignity. The one great Stone should be of fine proportion, 12 feet long and without ornament – just inscribed in clear letters “Their Name Liveth For Evermore”. Toowong Stone and its Cross are of sandstone hewn at the State Government quarry at Helidon and finished off in the cemetery by master stonemason A.L.Petrie and Sons.

The Cross follows the original design of Sir Reginald Bloomfield and across the Western Front the Cross is designed to suit the dimensions of each cemetery. Toowong’s Cross stands on a hexagonal block resting on three steps. The length of the two arms is one-third of the height of the Cross; a gleaming, inverted bronze sword – the Sword of the the Spirit – is embedded into the pale stone of each Cross.

Anzac Day observances following a format devised by First AIF Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Canon David Garland of Queensland’s Anzac Day Commemoration Committee have been held every April 25 since 1916, the first anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

A crowd of more than 3,000 gathered on the morning of April 25, 1924 at the Toowong Cemetery entrance. The Stone was draped with a huge Union Jack while the Cross was covered in a Royal Navy battle ensign from the visiting light cruiser HMS Dragon. The procession singing Rock of Ages and marching in funeral measure was led by the Brisbane Citizens Band to the Stone of Remembrance and Cross of Sacrifice.

A 26 strong honour guard of sailors from Dragon fired a three volley salute and an aeroplane flew overhead dropping a shower of flower tokens. The unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Stone and Cross was performed by Governor-General Henry William Forster.

This year the current Governor-General David Hurley unexpectedly inspected Toowong Cemetery helping to recreate the first historic tableaux of Lord Foster.



Source Edited from Sunday Mail 7 March 2024-article by J.Keogh

MAROOCHY SUGAR: ITS FIRST 50 YEARS

Maroochy Sugar: its first 50 years.

The warm humid climate in south-eastern Queensland was regarded from the earliest days of European settlement as suitable for tropical crops such as sugar, coffee and tobacco.

In 1864, the new Queensland Government passed special legislation to encourage settlers to grow sugar and to take up additional sugar lands.

William Peter Clarke began to grow sugar on his property in the Bli Bli area in 1865. By 1871, Clarke had thirty acres under cultivation. In 1869 a group of Quakers established cane growing at the junction of Sippy Creek with the Mooloolah River and erected Maroochy's first mill.

The floods of the early 1870s ruined the cane and the mill and the Quakers moved to Buderim where a number of small sugar farms had been established during the late 1860s and early 1870s. The first cane farmers on Buderim included Joseph Dixon, Thomas Ridley, Donald Coghill, William Grigor and John Caton. Harvested cane was shipped to Brisbane. During the 1870s and 1880s, labourers from the Pacific Islands were used to assist growers.

In 1876, Dixon bought a sugar mill at Burpengary and moved it in pieces to Buderim – the mill crushed from late 1876 to 1896.

The sugar expansion of the 1880s in other parts of Maroochy was serviced by several small mills in the Petrie's Creek, Bli Bli and Diddillibah areas. The economics of sugar growing was threatened during the mid to late 1880s by the competition from beet sugar (from Victoria and overseas), by the Queensland Government's decision to stop the import of Pacific Island labour and by the costs of transport to mills and the low productivity of small mills.

All these factors were sounding the death knell of small mills. The government passed the Sugar Works Guarantee Act in 1893 which was designed to encourage growers to support central district sugar mills. The government offered subsidies to help in mill building. At this stage, the Maroochy growers were also affected by floods and by the severe Australia wide 1890s depression.

Although the climate and soils of the Maroochy district made it a logical choice for the establishment of a central mill, the actual site of a mill was a matter of considerable discussion – Rosemount, Yandina and Dulong were all suggested.

The Agriculture Department chose Nambour as it was situated and served by a railway. The Moreton Central Sugar Mill Company was formed late in 1894 and was built and began crushing in 1897.

The viability of the mill was always under question. In 1899, the company asked the government to take over the mill. The company struggled on until 1904 when the government took over the mill and ran it until 1907.

The early years of the century were also drought years which particularly threatened sugar farms west of Nambour. The industry was also beset by transport difficulties. It was hard to transport cane over the poor roads to the mill and the tramway system was initially slow to develop.

Despite these problems, more land was put under cane. Many of the farmers on the range sold their farms to dairy farmers and sugar lands began to spread eastwards. By the beginning of World War I, the Mill was no longer centrally situated to the cane lands, but marginally situated on the western edge.

The 20th anniversary of the mill closure in 2003 was held at the TramCo terminus in Mill Street

Nambour just close to where the mill once stood, on the 2nd December 2023 . Former mill workers, cane growers and other interested persons gathered to acknowledge the anniversary, share recollections and catch up with old friends.

A few locals who can reminisce about their time at the mill are Don Fewquandie now 71 who was an engineer, and remembers the double story barracks for mill workers which stood across the road from the terminus. Workmate Greg Rigbye a fitter and turner, tells how a steam whistle blew at change of shift three times a day: twice half an hour before and once on the turnover. He remembers the whistle being so loud it could be heard at Dulong. He built a replica which was sounded at the get-together, although not quite as loudly.

Valdora cane farmer, Gordon Oakes, turned pineapple grower, can remember visiting the mill as a child. His father Wensley Oakes used to go to the mill to get the latest sugar test results and Gordon was left at the barracks to just watch activities. Later he rode home on a cane tram. Eventually he worked at the mill from 1974- 1985 and it meant enough to him that he returned to see the last cane bin being emptied.

The movie of the final days of the sugar industry 'The Last Crush' was also screened.

Artefacts from the Moreton Mill can be seen at the Nambour Museum in Mitchell Street adjacent to the Mill site.

Also available in local libraries is the publication 'Moreton Sugar Mill' –Sweat Heart of Nambour – a comprehensive history of the local sugar industry written by Berenis Alcorn and Robin Dunn and published in 1997.

Source: Magnificent Maroochy Feature , 27 June 1990.

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Wendy McMullin.

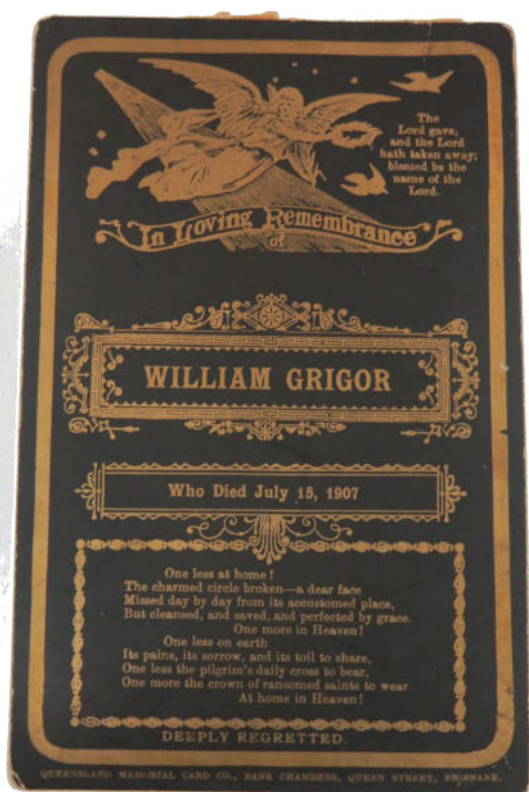


*Flickr - Dave Murchie
Aerial view of Nambour's Moreton Central Sugar Mill.*

BEYOND THE GRAVE - SEARCHING FOR FUNERARY EPHEMERA

It is not only the stories of the people buried in cemeteries which are interesting. The funerals, mourning culture and forms of remembrance are significant religious and community rituals. Historian Dr Lisa Murray is seeking stories, memorial cards, funerary ephemera and photographs connected with graves in Sunshine Coast's cemeteries.

Lisa Murray is a current participant in the Historian-in-Residence program run by the Sunshine Coast Council. Her focus is on the general cemeteries located at Beerburrum, Beerwah, Buderim, Caloundra, Diddillibah, Eumundi, Kenilworth (Gheerulla), Kulangoor, Landsborough, Mapleton, Mooloolah, Nambour, Peachester, Witta, Woombye, and Yandina. She is looking at the evolution of these cemeteries, the monumental masons who produced gravestones and funerary culture. She is interested in the cemetery landscapes, gates and entrances, unique memorials, grave furniture and floral displays. Memorial cards, photographs of funerals and newly produced graves can all provide a valuable window into the mourning culture of the Sunshine Coast.



Memorial cards were produced after a funeral to send to family and friends. They were a token of remembrance and as English historian Trevor May explains 'had their origin in much older reminders to pray for the soul of the departed'. The cards, often just the size of a business card or small greeting card, noted the name and death date and sometimes the locality of death or where the person was buried. The memorial cards were decorated with symbols of religion, remembrance and death, such as a Christian cross, angels, ivy, lilies, or doves. By the late 19th century, the cards were often produced by specialist firms, such as the Queensland Memorial Card Company.

Memorial cards were an important part of mourning culture in the 19th and early 20th centuries, but are often ephemeral in nature. Kept by families for one or two generations, these items of material culture rarely find their way into major cultural collections and, when they do, are often disconnected from their family stories and associations. There are possibly

many memorial cards in historical society collections, but they are generally not individually catalogued making them difficult for cultural historians to identify. You often need to know a family name to even begin to find these items. There is an important group of memorial cards in the Bankfoot House Collection. But what else is out there?

Have you come across a memorial card in a local historical society collection?

Do you have a memorial card in your personal family history papers?

Or a historical photograph of a funeral or grave visitation?

If so, Lisa would love to hear from you. She can be contacted at sydneyhistory@gmail.com

Lisa will be researching for the next 6 months and will be presenting her findings to the public in mid-May 2024.

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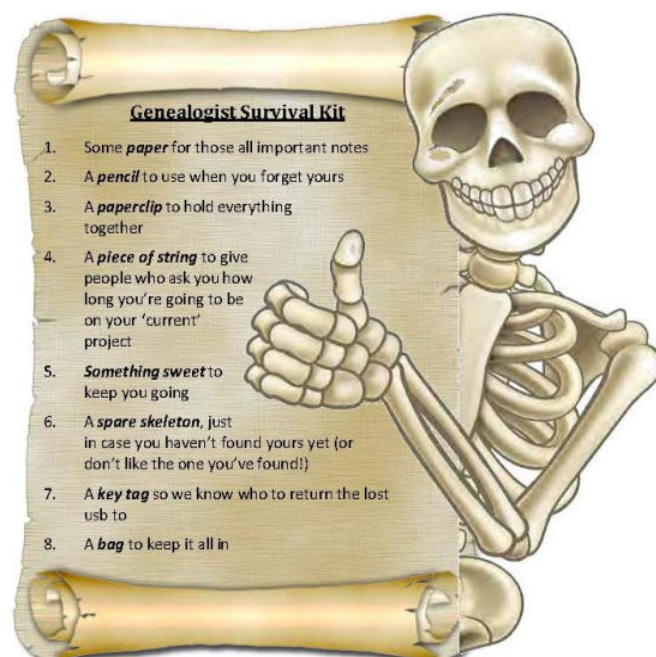
Trevor May, *The Victorian Undertaker*, Shire Album 330, Shire Publications Ltd, 1996.



Illustrations

Caption: Memorial Card for William Grigor, died 15 July 1907. Produced by the Queensland Memorial Card Company. (Bankfoot House Collection, BH3260)

Caption: Mary Hartfiel tending the grave of Carl Wilhelm Ferdinand Hartfiel. c.1920s. (Kulangoor Cemetery Office)



POOR LAW IN ENGLAND - MARLENE HOSKIN

In England, overseers of the poor administered poor relief such as money, food and clothing as part of the Poor Law system. The position was created by the Act for the Relief of the Poor 1597. Overseers of the poor were often reluctant appointees who were unpaid, working under the supervision of a justice of the peace.

COUNTY OF DORSET.		The RETURN of the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of <i>Portsmouth</i> in the PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION OF <i>Portsmouth</i> in the said County, of MEN QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON JURIES.				
DIVISION OF <i>Portsmouth</i>						
Parish, and in Town, and the Name of the Town.	Overseers and Assessors of the Parish.	Trade, Quality, Calling or Business.	Amount of which assessed in the Four Years.	Amount of which assessed in the Four Years as qualified as Special Jurors.	How specially which Persons are qualified as Special Jurors.	
<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>Bills, Herbert</i>	<i>Farmer & Tinsmith</i>	<i>Freehold Rent</i>	<i>125.00</i>	<i>Special Jurors</i>	
<i>Widcombe</i>	<i>Chapman, Alfred Palmer</i>	<i>Gasfitter</i>	<i>Occupier</i>	<i>68.00</i>		
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An **overseer of the poor** was an official who administered poor relief such as money, food, and clothing in England and various other countries which derived their law from England such as the United States.

Overseers of the poor were often appointees who were unpaid, working under the supervision of a justice of the peace. The law required two overseers to be elected every Easter, and churchwardens or landowners were often selected.

Duties

Overseers had four duties:

- Estimate how much poor relief money was needed in order to set the poor rate accordingly;
- Collect the poor rate;
- Distribute poor relief; and
- Supervise the poorhouse.

Boards of guardians were *ad hoc* authorities that administered Poor Law in the United Kingdom from 1835 to 1930.

The law required two overseers to be elected every Easter and church wardens or landowners were often selected.

They were introduced in 1691. The overseers were responsible for apprenticing poor children. This would ensure that they would learn a trade and be able to support themselves.

Provisions of the Elizabethan Poor Law of 1601

- a compulsory poor rate to be levied on every parish.
- the creation of 'Overseers' of relief.
- the 'setting the poor on work'
- the collection of a poor relief rate from property owners.

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**AJPH : Australian Journal of Politics and History, Volume 69, Number 1, March 2023, Special Issue
by The University of Queensland**

This volume of the journal contains an edited collection of papers from the “Second Rethinking & Researching 20th Century Aboriginal Symposium”, held at the University of the Sunshine Coast in October 2021. The editorial, written by Judi Wickes, Kella Robinson and Lucinda Aberdeen is titled “Living under Aboriginal Exemption: Negotiating State Governments’ Policies and Practices”. There are another eight articles by various authors, examining related Aboriginal issues. Enlightening and absorbing reading.

169 p. Accession No: 17353 ; Shelf Location: Aboriginal HIS

**At Scarlet Beach : The Story of a Soldier
by Vincent Edwin Graham ; edited by Fr. Paul Bateman (1995)**

The personal war-time journal of Pte. V. E. Graham, Service No. NX167445, who was killed in action on 18 October 1943, aged 22 years, at Scarlet Beach, New Guinea. The journal begins on 8 August 1943 on board HMAS Manoora, and finishes 30 August, before his unit went into action. Appendix 1 includes biographical notes about Chaplain Tom Gard and Lieutenant Colonel John Cameron Coen. Appendix 2 includes scanned copies of handwritten letters of condolence.

40 p. : b&w photos , maps

Accession No: 17330 ; Shelf Location: MIL WW2 BIO



**Broad Horizons : The Story of Allora's Schools
by Peter DOHERTY and Debbie SMITH (1992)**

A useful little book for those researching the Allora area up to 1992. The first half of the book is about Allora State School, Secondary Department and Preschool Centre. Allora district schools include: Goomburra, Inverramsay, Berat, Glengallan, Wilsonville, Mt Marshall, Spring Creek, Spring Creek Upper, Upper Forest Springs, Tabletop, Elphinstone, Hendon, Deuchar, Victoria Hill and Talgai West. Most of the smaller school sections have at least one photo of pupils. There are short lists of pupils (often first day and/or last day pupils), and some lists of staff members.

112 p. : b&w photos, map

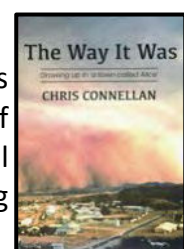
Accession No: 17281 ; Shelf Location: QLD SCH 4362

**The Way It Was : Growing up in 'a Town Called Alice'
by Chris Connellan (2022)**

Chris Connellan describes the life he experienced while growing up in Alice Springs in the 1950s, as well as events before and after that time. It includes the history of Connellan Airways (later Connair). The author recalls family members, Aboriginal people, and many others. He covers a wide variety of topics, including the flying doctor, airmail services, and movies filmed in the area.

132 p. : b&w and col photos, maps

Accession No: 17345 ; Shelf Location: NT BIO Connellan





Craft Tools of Yesterday
by Photo Precision Ltd. (c 1974)

A small book with illustrations of tools used in British crafts. Topics include: basket making; thatching; millwrights and carpenters; glass work and the glazier; saddlery; blacksmith and farrier; printing; cloth and wool working; brickmaking; the clogmaker; shoemaker and cobbler; the wheelwright; the cooper; agricultural implement. Useful for background information when writing or learning about ancestors who worked in these trades.

32 p. : col photos

Accession No: 17335 ; Shelf Location: UK GUI Occupations

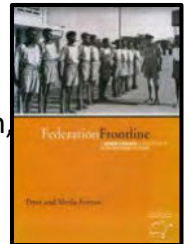
Federation Frontline : A People's History of World War II in the Northern Territory

by Peter and Sheila Forrest (2001)

Packed with photos, this book, published as part of the Centenary of Federation, remembers the Northern Territory people, their experiences, contributions, achievements and losses, before, during and subsequent to the attacks by the Japanese on Darwin. Not just official facts and figures, the book also abounds with reminiscences from, and stories about, the ordinary individuals caught up in the events.

107 p. : b&w photos, maps

Accession No: 17371 ; Shelf Location: MIL WW2 HIS



History of New Guinea Survey Section, Later 8 Australian Field Survey Section

by Jack S. VICCARS (c 1988)

A self-published book about a small surveying unit creating maps in operational areas of New Guinea during WW2. The persistent work of these men, in a forbidding terrain and adverse climatic conditions, contributed to the halting of the advance of the Japanese through New Guinea. The author contacted 24 ex-members of the unit, whose combined memories, diaries and photographs provide the basis for the book. Official documents supplement and clarify this material.

Appendices:

- A. Nominal Roll
- B. An Outline of the Members ... [brief biographies]
- C. [Photographs]
- D. [Maps]

43 p.: b&w photos, maps, 4 appendices

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Lion over Korea : 77 Fighter Squadron RAAF 1950-1953

by David Wilson (1994)

For those interested in aerial operations of the Korean War and/or in the Mustang and Meteor fighter planes. The work is based on contemporary documents, interviews and recollections from many of those who served with 77 Squadron, offering first-hand accounts of the Squadron from its time in Iwakuni (Japan) prior to the Korean War, and through all its action in the war. The appendices cover the individual aircraft, casualties, prisoners of war, pilots, honours and awards, and a complete list of those who served.

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215 p. : b&w photos, 8 appendices





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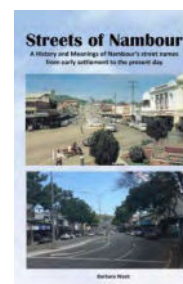
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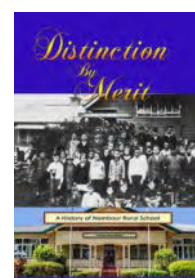
2nd Edition 2017 - by Barbara Want. Early streets of Nambour were officially named in 1896 although some of the names were in popular use before then. This book covers the localities of Burnside, Dulong, Highworth, Parklands, Rosemount, Coes Creek, Image Flat, Nambour, Perwillowen and Town Mountain, describing the origin and history of the street names. Many interesting stories, people and photos from early settlement to the present. **Price: \$ 15.00 per book. P&P extra.**

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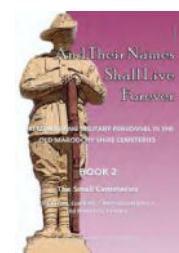
From the first school at Parklands in 1879 to the School in Carroll Street, Nambour, the Rural School, the first in Queensland, has rich history. This book traces the development of the school until it became Nambour High School, with separate Infant and Primary schools. Many memories, photographs and index of names. **Price: \$35.00 P&P extra.** <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-publications/distinction-by-merit-nambour-rural-school>



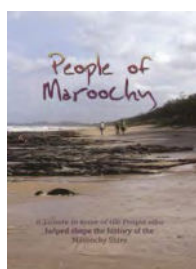
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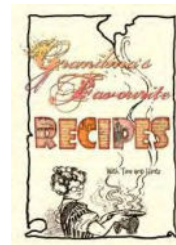
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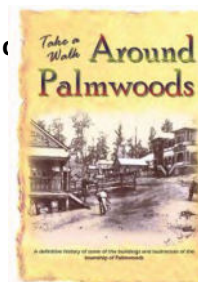
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The pavement has been redesigned to become Piccabeen Green with the names transposed from the original terracotta tiles to the current boardwalk, making them a little harder to find.

Owing to the loss of the distinctive tiles, we at Genealogy Sunshine Coast have collected stories behind the names nominated by local residents and tried to give some history of the town and its people from the early days to 2020.

Some of the stories have been written by the families featured in the book. Others have been gleaned from newspaper stories and historical documents. All add to the colourful flavour of the town, making it a popular place to live and raise a family. Many Photos plus Index.

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