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General Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the **even months** at the Library building in Kendall's Road, commencing at 1.00pm.

WE'VE GOT IT COVERED.

You may find errors in this publication. This is in line with our policy of trying to please everyone- especially those who love to find a mistake

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NEW ACCESSIONS

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PREIDENTS REPORT

We have started a new year for BGA. We have a new Treasurer Kris Dinsdale and Gail Dowie is a VP.

We have received a letter from Bundaberg Reginal Council saying our lease on the ground will rise from \$55 this year to \$451 next year. This a large jump for our society, we have approached Mayor and have been told that is the way it is. This means it will take 10-11 memberships tp cover this. We were told to raise our membership to cover it. We would like to hear from members who don't attend meeting.

Some of you will remember Joan Johnson who spend hours doing our publication Letters from Soldiers as well as Obituaries and other newspaper item. Sadly Joan has passed away bt her work will be remembered.

Please remember our Drinan District Book launch on 19th September at Drinan Hall and our Trivia Night on 16th October at Bundaberg Bowls Club. If you are coming to the Drinan Book launch could you bring a plate of goodies for afternoon tea.

Have a browse of our web page as our editor Rowena is doing a wonderful job and has added a section with some of our interesting books from the library as well as our events we are holding. Thank you Rowena.

If you have not paid your 2026-2027 membership this will be your last journal.

Rhonda

NEEDED FOR TRIVIA NIGHT

**Sandwiches, Cent Sale prizes.
Table bookings, help on night.**

**Please come and join the fun and help raise funds for
the Association**

NEWSPAPER ITEMS

Bundaberg Mail 4th May 1911

ANDERSON-FROST

At the residence of the bride's parents Appletree Creek on Wednesday 26th April 1911 by the Rev W Shenton, Arthur Charles, son of Mr C Anderson, Appletree Creek to Margaret Robertson (Maggie), daughter of Mr J Frost, Appletree Creek.

1st February 1940 Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser
WEGNER. At Childers on February 1, Henry Wegner, aged 34 years and 7 months

Friends of the family of the late Henry Wegner are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their father which will move from his residence, West-street, Childers, This (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock for Apple Tree Creek district cemetery (W W Garland funeral director)

Gympie Times and Mary River Mining and Gazette 29th June 1899
KING on 24th June at Appletree Creek, Childers, David KING (aged 60 years), Dearly loved husband of Sophia King and brother of Matthias King of this town.

Bundaberg Mail 12th August 1922
STRINGER

Montague Baldwin Stringer at North Isis on 11th August 1922, aged 65 years.
The friends of Mrs M B Stringer and family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of their dearly loved husband and father to move from their residence at North Isis at 2 pm this day (Saturday) for the Apple Tree Creek cemetery (W W Garland funeral director)

Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser 9th January 1918
HEWERDINE on 31st December, 1917 at their residence Appletree Creek, Childers, the only beloved infant son of Mr and Mrs Walter Hewerdine aged 10 months

TASCHKE Rupert Norman (Maryborough Chronicle 9th December 1954)
At Maryborough on December 1, 1954, beloved son of the late Mr and Mrs H Taschke, of Cordalba, and brother of William (Apple Tree Creek), John (Townsville), Janet (Mrs S Kelly, Apple Tree Creek), Jessie (Mrs Nielser, Scarness), Basil (Wallaville), Matilda (Mrs A Andersen) and Muriel (Mrs G Dent, Bundaberg), Stella Mrs J Crooks, Apple Tree Creek), Victor (Brisbane) aged 61y (buried Maryborough Cemetery)

OBITUARY

MR. A. D. McDONALD
CHILDERS, February 19.

Mr. Arthur David McDonald passed away at the Isis District Hospital this morning, at the age of 61 years, after a prolonged illness. Mr. McDonald was born in Maryborough and had been farming in the Isis district for many years. Thirty-three years ago at Charters Towers he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Cocking. He is survived by his widow but no family.

The funeral took place this afternoon from Christ Church, Childers, to the Apple Tree Creek Cemetery (Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser 22nd February 1937)

FRANCIS JOSEPH BUTLER

Overcome by the heat after walking into Childers from his home at Doolbi, a distance of two miles, Francis Joseph Butler collapsed on the footpath in Main-street shortly after 2 p.m. on Friday. His head struck the concrete pavement with considerable force and he was hurried to hospital by the Ambulance with a severe fracture of the skull. His condition was critical and he passed away at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning without regaining consciousness. Deceased was 77 years of age and a native of Brisbane. He came to the Isis district 42 years ago and engaged in farming. His wife predeceased him by seven years, and he is survived by a son, Peter (Cairns), and three daughters, Mesdames J. Piper (Dallarnil), H. Pitt (Bundaberg) and Miss Eileen Butler (Childers).

The funeral took place to the Apple Tree Creek cemetery on Saturday afternoon, when Rev. Father Lyons officiated. (Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser 27th December 1938)

Found Dead

Childers Friday – An Isis Central Mill worker Murdock Charles McDonald, was found dead in the mill barracks on Wednesday. Police said death was due to natural causes (Bundaberg News Mail 3rd September 1960)

South Kolan Smash

Train Crashed Into Car

Lucky Wallaville People

Mr and Mrs W C Bailey, of Wallaville had a terrifying experience Yesterday when at an open crossing a train ran into and smashed their car, and momentarily threatened death to its occupants. Their escape without injury savoured of the miraculous.

Travelling from Wallaville to Bundaberg, with Mr Bailey at the wheel the journey was uneventful until South Kolan was reached about noon. Here the government railway from Bingera Siding to Bingera mill crosses the main road, and when the car was approaching, a woman came out with a warning flag. However, Mr Bailey was unfortunate in that his car came to a standstill three-parts across the line.

In a matter of seconds the engine crashed into it, spun it completely round and threw it off the line, into a ditch. Mr Bailey escaped with a cut on the face, and Mrs Bailey was uninjured. The car (a Maxwell) had the whole side stove in, and radiator smashed, while the engine was torn off its bearing and shifted. That the car was not overturned was remarkable.

The staff of Messrs E G Eager and Son Ltd was summoned to recover the wreck and it was towed into town for repairs.

Mr and Mrs Bailey, who suffered a good deal of shock, expressed thankfulness at such a providential escape. (Bundaberg Daily News and Mail 25th April 1929)

THE ACCIDENT PRONE HAGAMAN FAMILY.

Monday 18 October 1926.

Bundaberg Daily News and Mail, page 4.

HOED BROTHER'S HEAD.

Sydney Hagaman, 4½ years of age, residing with his parents at the Cedars, Bingera, was the victim of a nasty accident on Friday afternoon. He was playing with his elder sister, who was digging potatoes, when by some mischance she brought the hoe down on his skull as he was running about, with the result that a nasty gash was inflicted. The little sufferer was brought to town for surgical treatment, the wound necessitating stitching, after which he was returned to his home.

Friday 19 July 1929

Bundaberg Daily News and Mail, page 4.

FELL OVER A BRIDGE.

Yesterday, Henry Hagaman, aged 43, a married man, residing at the Cedars, Bingera, was riding on a cane truck over the tram line bridge spanning the Burnett River at Bingera, when he fell and struck the rocks below. He fractured his right ribs, and suffered abrasions to the right side and left leg. The Ambulance Brigade was called, and, after applying first aid measures, brought the patient to town for medical attention. He was admitted to the General Hospital.

Saturday 30 August 1941

Bundaberg Daily News-Mail, page 4.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT HILL END

Henry Hagamann, 56, married, was killed on Bingera plantation yesterday afternoon. He was driving a horse tram at Hill End. A companion had occasion to leave the locality temporarily. On his return he found the body of Hagamann lying close by the tram rails. Head and body injuries indicated that the man had fallen off a truck. Hagamann had been employed by Gibson and Howes for the past 3½ years. He resided with his wife and family at The Cedars, South Kolan. The funeral takes place this afternoon from the Lutheran Church for interment in the Bundaberg General Cemetery. The arrangements are in the hands of Garland & Son.

School Alterations

Bundaberg Daily Times 12th March 1934

Alterations and additions to the State School, Isis Central Mill, have been decided on, and the Public Works Officer, Maryborough, by advertisement in this issue, invites quotations for the work. Quotations close at the Maryborough office on Saturday, March 31. Specifications can be seen at C.P.S. Offices, Bundaberg and Childers, where quotation forms are available.

Child Injured

Bundaberg Daily Times 12th March 1934

Sustaining a lacerated left thigh when he fell on a kerosene tin at his Rosedale home yesterday, Colin Tomlinson, aged four, was treated in Bundaberg. A Bundaberg Ambulance brigade wagon met the car which was bringing the child down and took him to the doctor after carrying out first aide.

HUNT'S CROSSING

Bundaberg Daily News 29th January 1909

A Correspondent writes complaining sharply about the condition of Hunt's Crossing of the Kolan River. He says the defective state of the crossing and the entire absence of any warning notices as to the dangers attending the fording of the stream nearly involved the loss of a number of valuable horses, which he was taking to a property on the other side of the stream. The animals got into several huge holes in mid-stream, and then extricated themselves from these and assyed the land, they got into a bed of quick sand where they floundered for some minutes and were ultimately saved by being driven back into mid-stream and swum further up river to a firm landing place. In view of the recognised dangers of the crossing the contracting council should certainly do something, he adds, to prevent travellers unacquainted with the stream getting into a little better than a death trap in the absence of information concerning it.

RESCUE FROM DROWNING

Bundaberg Mail 6th January 1913

Once again the need for life saving appliiances at the Sandhills was manifested yesterday afternoon, when two lads had a very narrow escape from drowning. It appears that about 3.30 p m, a lad named George called out for assistance, and it was seen that he and a bigger lad , who resides at Comino's were in difficulties, having been caught in the undertow. Staff- Sergeant Major I S Cole son of Alderman E R Cole, who is spending a holiday with his parents, and who is fortunately a good swimmer, swam out and got hold of the bigger lad, successfully bringing him to the shore. An attempt was made by some other boys to reach young George, and there being no line or rope available, they tore down the hessian from the dressing screen, and tried to make a rope of that, but it was useless. Sergeant Cole, having affected the first rescue, went back for young George, and succeeded in bringing him ashore also, but the latter was in a very exhausted condition and had a narrow escape of losing his life, it being some little time before he recovered. It may also be mentioned, as was stated in paragraph, a few days back, that sharks are very bad on the coast this year, and a large one getting in the basin at Sandhills yesterday made a great scatter among bathers, coming within 25ft. of the shore, and in fact so close it was driven away by stones.

GREECE FAMILY HISTORY

Tracing Greek family history requires identifying your ancestor's exact home village and original surname. Because many Greek records are kept locally in municipal and church archives rather than in a single centralized online database, you must first trace immigration and local records before researching abroad.

Starting Your Research Locally

- **Immigration & Passenger Records:** Check arrival and naturalization documents in your home country (such as passenger arrival lists via the National Archives of Australia if your ancestors migrated to Australia) to find their last place of residence or hometown.
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- **Church and Vital Records:** Greek Orthodox baptism, marriage, and death certificates from local diaspora churches frequently list the specific village or region of birth in Greece
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- **Family Documents:** Look for old letters, military papers, or naturalization files that often note native municipalities.
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Understanding Greek Naming Traditions

- **Patronymics:** Traditional naming uses the father's first name as part of a person's identification instead of a middle name.
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- **Grandparent Naming:** The first-born son is traditionally named after the paternal grandfather, leading to repeated names across generations in the same village.
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Accessing Records in Greece

- **Civil Registration:** Civil vital statistics (births, marriages, deaths) began around 1840.
- **Church Registers:** Greek Orthodox parish records can date back to the 1700s or earlier.
- **Archives:** The [General State Archives of Greece \(GAK\)](#) houses historical administrative, census, and church records. Many researchers utilize guides provided via [FamilySearch Greece Genealogy](#) to locate specific regional record repositories.

Clues in Family History and Names

- **Surnames:** Many Greek last names end in suffixes like *-ou*, *-akis*, *-idis*, *-opoulos*, or *-atos*.
- **Naming Traditions:** Families often named the first son after the paternal grandfather.
- **Religion and Culture:** Practice of the Greek Orthodox Church, traditional Greek naming customs, or preserved culinary traditions often point to heritage
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Records and Research Tools

- **Immigration Documents:** Look at old passenger ship lists, naturalization petitions, or census data which often list the specific Greek village or city of birth.

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- **Church Registers:** Greek Orthodox baptismal or marriage records in your local diaspora community frequently record ancestral birthplaces in Greece.

Greek Ancestry

- **Online Archives:** Databases on platforms like MyHeritage or dedicated projects like Greek Ancestry contain searchable historical records from Greece

Research Tips & Challenges

- **Name changes:** Surnames were often shortened or Anglicized upon arrival in destination countries.
- **Geographic shifts:** Village names and municipal boundaries frequently changed over time; verify historical changes through government administrative lists.
- **Access:** Many records remain on-site in local Greek municipal offices or regional archives, requiring direct requests or on-site researchers. For a broader guide to collections, visit [FamilySearch Greece Records](#).]

What is the most common surname in Greece?

The most common surname in Greece is **Papadopoulos** (Παπαδόπουλος). It literally means "son of the priest", combining the prefix *pap-* (priest) with the patronymic suffix *-opoulos* (son/descendant).

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Other Common Greek Surnames

According to data from the Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection (ASEP), many top Greek surnames relate to a religious title, an ancestor's first name, or a regional descriptor.

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- **Pappas:** Priest
- **Karagiannis:** Dark-haired John (*kara* is Turkish for black)
- **Vlahos**
: Person of Vlach or Aromanian origin
- **Ioannidis:** Son of John
- **Economou:** Son of the steward or treasurer
- **Papageorgiou:** Son of Father George

Common Surname Suffixes

Greek last names often feature regional or ancestral suffixes:

- **-opoulos:** Most common in the Peloponnese
- **-akis:** Common in Crete
- **-idis / -adis:** Common among people with roots in Asia Minor, Pontus, or Northern Greece

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Book Launch,
Cake Cutting to celebrate 100y
Raffle, Afternoon tea
Book available for sale.
Price \$25 plus Post \$15
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DRINAN DISTRICT

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And

RESIDENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

16th October 2025

Bundaberg Bowls Club

Doors open 6.30pm

Eyes down 7.30pm

Raffles, Cent Sale.

Light Supper

Tables of no more than six

\$5 per person

Bar will be open.

All Welcome

TO THE ELLIOTT TO HOWARD

The Bundaberg & Mount Perry Mail - 5 January 1887

Rambling Notes - To the Elliott - By Augur - On Monday morning last I started from Bundaberg on the Maryborough coach, behind a team of four horses "tooled" along by Bill CROFT. Between the township and Elliott, there is nothing particular to note, the roads were remarkably good, traversing through a flat undulating country of a swampy, spongy nature denoting a sourness in the quality of the herbage it produces, in a wet season, and giving unmistakable evidence of being a very dry belt during a drought. But, withal, a large number of settlers have taken up their residence, and are improving their holdings. All along the route neat dwellings may be seen nestled among the trees, all bearing evidence of the orthodox comfort, independence, and the sweet solitude of a country life, and no doubt the time will come when the farmer will bask in his orchard, and sing, in the words of the famous Robinson Crusoe, "I am the monarch of all I survey".

But I will leave time, - that leveller of all ranks - to decide as to the future. I should imagine there would be a want of water on most of these selections, but I notice Mr HOLMES, with keen foresight has made preparations to obviate any difficulty that may arise in this way, by erecting an American pump, by which means he can raise sufficient water for domestic purposes, and even irrigation, if necessary. Just before arriving at the Elliott we pass a public school, which is a very neat and commodious building, with teacher's residence detached. This school is conducted by Mr DRUERY, with whose name I have been familiar for many years as a genial knight of the quill, who now teaches the young ideas with more success than he ran the broadsheet. He has a fair average attendance of scholars, and parents are apparently satisfied with his labors. Elliott derives its name, I am informed, from a G. ELLIOTT, after whom the river was called and which runs in close proximity to the hotel. It is by no means a township, in colonial parlance, as it does not possess the inevitable blacksmith's shop and other essentials to make it worthy of the designation. However, I shall have more to say about the place in a future paper.

Bundaberg & Mount Perry Mail - 10 January 1887

Rambling Notes - From Elliott to Howard by Augur - Nine o'clock on Tuesday morning found me safely on the outside of a little bay horse provided by the genial host of the Elliott Hotel, pursuing my peregrinations en route for Howard, the present terminus of the railway from Maryborough. On leaving the hostelry, I soon found that Elliott possessed more live sinners than I anticipated. First I came to a general store and butchers shop, kept by WARE BROTHERS. From here the road deviates to the left over a new culvert to the Elliott bridge, a course which was found necessary permit the laying of the railway. Here I found myself in a miniature carrier's town, possessing people of various trades and pursuits, whilst a quarter of a mile further, on the other side of the river, I discovered another comfortable and well stocked wayside inn, known as the Elliott Arms Hotel, kept by Mr J. HOUGH.

As I do not intend to deal with my ostensible business - that of treating with the railway line - in this paper, I shall confine myself to various matters having an interest to your numerous readers. The Gregory River was the next place called at, which has the appearance of the orthodox digging village, with its numerous tents, some of which bore the significant in bold large block letters, "Boarding House", and "Dining Rooms". Here stand Mr BRENNAN's pub, and Messrs HURLEY and Co's general store. As both partners, or proprietors of this latter

establishment were absent, I had to confine my interrogations to the floury looking individual, who dressed in the raiment of brief authority, informed me that business was excellent, and there was more money taken there than at Bundaberg. This pretty well satisfied me of my friend's capabilities of drawing an imaginative picture, and I ventured to make a good retreat, but oh, "horror" my vain hopes were blasted; he button-holed me, and assuring me in the most solemn terms that war was inevitable between Russia and England, and that the British lion would shortly have to succumb to the Russian bear, I at length was allowed to depart, and after satisfying the cravings of the inner man, I proceeded on my way rejoicing in the reflection of a new method of Government.

Nothing of importance transpired till I arrived at the Isis Junction where I halted at Mr HOWARD's Hotel, so much has been said and written about this wonderful Isis, that bone of contention between Maryborough and its sister rival, Bundaberg, that I must crave the indulgence of my readers, to hear what I have to say about this El Dorado, upon which Maryborough capitalists have lavished so much money to obtain her sympathy and commercial trade, in which she has been materially backed by a Liberal Government to acquire. The Isis Junction township is situated about half-a-mile from the Isis river, six miles from Newport, and about seven from the commencement of the far famed Isis scrub, and on a barren sour-looking spot, devoid of anything picturesque in its scenery, or anything that would captivate a stranger.

Such is the natural aspect of the place - but here I pause. There is a future for this isolated village which time alone must reveal. As matters stand at present, Maryborough investors are laying claims, and are obtaining the trade accruing from the district. The Mortgage Investment Company has advanced heavily in various industries in the neighborhood. They have been the means of establishing a most replete sawmill, with all the modern appliances, and a first class Canadian machine capable of turning out a large amount of wood. It is supplying Messrs STEVENS and BRUNN - the railway contractors - with sleepers for the bridges and building material for the Isis scrub and neighborhood. It is worked under the management of Mr PIZZEY who has a share in the emolument derived from the venture.

Again they are interested in the central general store, which is tolerably well stocked with merchandise suitable to the place and naturally run a good trade among the workmen on the line, and farmers in the district with whom they concentrate their business relations by exchanging the necessities of life for the products of the soil. This has hitherto been accomplished at a disadvantage, but now the railway station is almost an established fact their exertions will be accelerated to a great degree for some time. Of course, the laying of the rails is to be carried on with all speed to the Gregory, but, I learn, as soon as this is done the men are to proceed with the branch line for about six miles, thus tapping the scrub. This is viewed as antagonistic to the general welfare of the district, because it is acknowledged to be one of the primary rules in the formation of railways, to complete the main trunk before off shoots or branches are interfered with. This is another piece of diplomacy on the part of the Maryborough Beaconsfields which, although they are intuitive enough to know they are fighting to surmount a barrier which presents obstacles that under their self-imposed task an impossibility to achieve.

Leaving Newport out of the question for the nonce, Bundaberg, from its close proximity, its better harbor facilities - being nearer the coast by something like 30 miles than Maryborough - and its command of the Rockhampton market, which is a great outlet for corn, is certainly the natural outlet for the Isis scrub farmers, which experience will teach them

sooner or later. If this once remote locality is properly developed, and its area of 25,000 acres of prime land utilised to the best advantage there will certainly be a share for each without the introduction of this avaricious element of grabbing, by any means, the loaves and fishes for their own aggrandisement. With regard to Newport, its position, if report speaks correctly, holds an enviable position. The Burrum is only five miles from the coast, and has long been known as a seaport for vessels of light tonnage, and which has been navigated for over 20 years. It has a rise in tide of over 5 feet, and when full has 16ft of water on the bar, and this is in its virgin state, Mr CHARLTON has just finished surveying a township there, and also a private one has been laid out. This speaks well of Newport.

There are also indications of coal in the neighborhood, as the diamond drill on Wednesday last cut a seam 16 inches wide at a depth of 150ft. Although there is not tangible evidence of its value as a coalfield, it is so favorable as to cause deeper researches to be made with the object of discovering larger veins of the deposits. Scientific opinions differ as to the probabilities and improbabilities of the investigations now being made by Mr ESPRIKE on behalf of the Government and Company. This coal seam is about four miles from the Isis Junction.

It is also contemplated to make a cement dam above the railway bridge on the Isis river. This is also to be made by the Maryborough syndicate, with the aid of the Divisional Board, having for its object the storage of water for a refinery which it is anticipated will be erected when the farmers at the scrub are in a position to supply the necessary commodity in the shape of juice from the cane. This is all, however, in the prospective, and I am inclined to think depends a great deal of Mr POWERS success on the London Stock Exchange whether these brilliant effects, will be speedily realised, or whether the ultimate success of the Isis District (like Bundaberg) will have to rely upon its own resources or to be saddled with a heavy debt - a debt scarcely warranted in its infantile state - to meet the ends of the speculators. With reference to the Isis Junction, I have squeezed my lemon dry.

Under the enervating influences of a tropical sun, and surrounded by a dreary wallum scrub for a portion of the way your "rambling" correspondent wended his journey towards Howard on Wednesday last. Along the route there is very little to note beyond a continuous stretch of barren useless land that would not produce a cabbage nor give nourishment for a bandicoot to exist upon, until you pass the Cherwell bridge, where a marked change takes place, not that the country can by any means be described as approaching anything like the medium in duality, but it is more open, and the timber healthy compared with the stunted nature of that which I have traversed between the Elliott and the locality indicated. The land is fairly grassed and interspersed with small waterholes, but I observed very little stock even on the best spots.

On arriving at Howard, which is ten miles from the Isis Junction, I must confess I was not a little astonished at the dimensions of the primitive town, and the numerous buildings which peeped out from the green foliage through and around this small village. Howard derives its name from an old pioneer in the district who was subsequently fortunate enough to invest largely at the Isis Junction, a place where at one time no sane man would dream of settling down, and upon whose property the railway line runs, and the station is erected immediately opposite his hotel. Of course, it is currently reported that Mr HOWARD holds large interests in the Maryborough Investment Co., which now places him in an independent position. Howard can boast of three hotels (rather a cut above the usual rum pedlars Australian

shanties) each possessing good accommodation and bearing the signs "The Royal", "The Black Diamond", and "The Miners' Arms". It also contains a fair proportion of business places, which are supplemented by the erection of additional establishments. There are various places of worship which, as usual, are contracted in size, and like many of the Queensland towns have a very demented and woe-begone appearance. The Post and Telegraph Office is a commodious building, under the charge of Mr BATH, an exceedingly courteous and obliging official and who certainly has too much to do single-handed. The school which appears in every way suitable to the requirements of the district, under the superintendence of Mr ... [Compilers' note: there is a three-quarter inch wide piece torn from this paragraph] .. and is fairly attended. Mr WILLIAMS Here with machinery of sufficient ... the demands of the town, which Limited at present. Brick and stone Not in the ascendant at Howard ... boast of anything of a substantial nature ... a bridge which crosses the railway ... of the town, the approaches disgraceful, and the power to attend to them. The railway ... every respect to others, in the ... to be sufficiently large for the Requirements of the population. Police quarters ... terminus of the railway ... doubt been an incentive to ... say rapid advisedly, because ... 6 years old, during which ... converted from a shapeless barren Thriving place ..

In farming there is nothing worth mentioning ... gardening appears to be at the Was exemplified by the fact that ... the irresistible heathen Chinese, within Of the town. The main backbone to Howard and upon which is builds its future advancement is its coal deposits, which supply a vast amount of labor, in the neighborhood. The Queensland Company's shaft is down 200ft and is now working on a seam 3ft 9ins wide, which produces a fair return of good coal. At the Dudley mine a shaft has been sunk to the depth of over 300ft, but this shaft has been abandoned, owing to the expensive nature of working it, and the limited finances of the Company, but they are engaged sinking another shaft, which is now down 40ft and they expect to strike a payable seam at 60ft. Messrs POWER and THORBURN are heavily interested in this mine, who will no doubt be instrumental in investing the wherewithal to develop the mine, and [reveal] the hidden wealth, if it contains any. Howard has a population of not less than between 3 and 400, has connection twice a day with Maryborough, which together with the coaches that meet here, have created a necessity of the expenditure of a certain amount of coin of the realm. Having now satisfied my morbid craving for information on the various topics of interest that is likely to come within the dominion of public reading, I will hasten to give an outline of the progress being made on the Bundaberg and Maryborough railway, which, when completed, will soon prove who is to take premiership in the commercial world. This much I do know, Maryborough would soon languish for both corn and sugar were it not for Bundaberg, whilst the latter has not got to look to her older sister for the remotest particle of assistance from her soil or her industries. This is an established fact as shown by statistics.



Gin Gin Cattle Station

Another attempt is to be made to induce the Government to repurchase the Gin Gin cattle station, and throw it open to selection^' The previous attempts have failed to secure this valuable property. I look upon keeping land looked up, depasturing a few head of oattle, when said land is wanted by the people as almost a crime. The land could be put to better use, than growing bullocks, especially as the railway line runs through it, and the land has been pronounced to be capable of growing almost anything. This township is greatly hampered' by its cramped position. From Maroondan. to Watawa, forming as it does a huge crescent, is the land: in question, and a big reserve, vested in the Divisional Board in the centre. The said .reserve is practically useless owing to its being unfenoed. Part of it, or the whole, should be endosed with a substantial fence ; then anyone wishing to use it oould pay agistment fees; The reserve could be made a source of income to the Kolan Board if they were so minded. I know several who would be glad to rent part of it at a fair price. The Board before mentioned are looking about to see how they can curtail expenses. Here is a suggestion given gratis rent your reserve.

Taken from the Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser 5th November 1901

Once owned by Sir Thomas McIllwraith and now by the Walker family.

In Affectionate Remembrance of
SARAH COOK,

Who died at Grandchester, Queensland, Australia,
OCTOBER 18, 1876,
AGED 56 YEARS.

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”
REV. xiv. 13.

Memorial Cards that were given in early years

Cook family 150-year celebrations

TO commemorate the 150th year since their arrival in Australia on November 22, 1855, a Cook family reunion will be held in Gatton on Saturday November 19 at the Royal Hotel.

From Somerset England, Phoebe Cook, her sons John and Joseph, who was married to Sarah, and their children, William, George, Edward and Sarah, sailed to Australia on the ‘Ramilies’ in 1855.

Gatton, Laidley, Grandchester and Rosewood were the places the Cooks

chose to settle.

Phoebe ran the ‘Rising Sun Hotel’ in Rosewood in 1860 and Joseph had a mail run from Ipswich to Drayton from 1857 to 1864. Eventually the Cooks turned to farming in the Lockyer Valley when the railway went through.

The Royal Hotel was chosen as the venue for the 150 year celebration as a feature of the recently revamped pub will be the ‘William Cook Bar’ named after the eldest son who was the original owner and licensee of the first hotel on that corner site. — **GREG COOK**, Ipswich.

OUR LIBRARY ROOMS FOR RESEARCH

There are numerous family histories on shelves. Some by members and ex members and others donated by family members. They are unde L11. Too many to name, just browse.

Some of Joan Johnson's newspaper books include Obituaries Vol 1 to Vol 10, Letters from Soldiers Part 1 and Part 2 Local and General 1913-1914 and 1915, Isis Recorder Deaths and Obituaries 1960-1965 and 1966- 1969, Personal Column 1913-1914 and 1915.

Linda Kirby's Newspaper Index and papers from 1998 to 2020 when Bundaberg News Mail ceased. Index is on computer near fridge.

Gail Downie and Joan Symonds Railway books Bundaberg to Gladstone and Bundaberg to Mt Perry, Shipping Intelligence 1872 to 1892.

Bundaberg Rates Books by many of our members and also Gin Gin Rates.

Gail Downie's Obituaries, Death, Marriages etc 1862 to 1907

Numerous School books including Admission Rolls, Histories and celebrations.

Moreton Bay Courier and Moreton Bay Free Press.

Booyal from newspapers Vol 1 to Vol 5

Cemeteries from various localities, Local and Australia wide as well as Scotland and Ireland.

Lone Graves Vol 1 to Vol 4 including photos if available.

Newspaper Indexes 1907-1940, 1941-1943, 1944-1947, 1948-1949, 1950, 1992 to 1997

Newspaper clippings in White Folders which are available for loan.

Early Settlers of Kolan District

Family Life through their eyes

Biographical Pioneer and Supplement.

Other Pioneer Books Australia Wide.

Rambling Rook, Flood and numerous other.

Try browsing it is amazing what is available for research in room.

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