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Sent: Thursday, 7 July 2022 11:16 AM

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Subject: FW: Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg [650278]

Importance: High

Good morning Steve,

So you have my contact details. As I mentioned on the phone earlier, could we please get a copy of the development approval to demolish the pool complex as soon as possible. If the approval references any drawings or documents, copies of these should also be provided.

Kind regards,

Catherine Chambers

Director | Heritage

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Cc: Catherine Chambers

Subject: Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg [650278]

Dear Mr Johnston

Please find attached correspondence regarding the Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg.

Kind regards

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Executive Officer, Queensland Heritage Council

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Notice of application received – proposing entry of a place in the Queensland Heritage Register

Notice given under s.38 *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*

Ref: HRN 650278

Mr Steve Johnston
Chief Executive Officer
Bundaberg Regional Council
e: ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Johnston

Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg

On **6 July 2022** the Department of Environment and Science (the Department) received an application proposing entry of the **Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg** in the Queensland Heritage Register (Heritage Register).

The application affects the following property:

Lot	Plan
3	B158227
2	CK3719

You are receiving a copy of this application the Bundaberg Regional Council is the Trustee and also the local government in which this place is located.

The Department will assess the application in relation to the heritage criteria contained in s.35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (the Act) and make a heritage recommendation to the Queensland Heritage Council (Heritage Council) about whether the place is of state-level heritage significance and therefore suitable for entry in the Heritage Register. The Heritage Council, an independent body then decides whether the place should be entered in the Heritage Register. You may choose to make a written response to the Department's recommendation. More information about this is contained in the attached fact sheets.

Submission

You are invited to make a written submission responding to the application. This submission must address whether the place does or does not satisfy the criteria specified in the Act (s.35).

Your submission must be received by the Department before the close of business on **8 August 2022**, and should be forwarded:

By mail - Heritage
Department of Environment and Science
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

OR

By email - heritage@des.qld.gov.au

If you require an extension of time, please contact Senior Heritage Officer, Tyson McCulloch, on telephone **Category B** or **Category B** before **8 August 2022**. All submissions are given to those entitled to receive a copy of the recommendation. Unless

consent to release of personal information is given by submitters, personal details are redacted from these copies, except those given to the Heritage Council.

On **11 July 2022**, this application will be advertised on the Queensland Government website www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/register/applications, calling for public submissions. Interested members of the community are able to make submissions about the application.

Implications of heritage listing

You may have concerns about the implications of heritage listing, including undertaking work at your property. If you have concerns I invite you to discuss them with us. There are a number of tools that allow management of work in heritage places to be streamlined, including exemption certificates issued to permit work that has no more than a minimal detrimental impact on the heritage significance of a place. These are issued by the Department and there is no application fee. Please find enclosed a fact sheet setting out how entry in the Heritage Register may affect your property.

Existing development proposals, applications and approvals

The Act requires property owners to notify the Department of matters below. Please advise of:

- any proposed development on the place at least 10 business days before a development application is made;
- any application for development approval on the place that has been made but not decided under the *Planning Act 2016* within 10 business days from the receipt of this notice; and
- any existing development approval on the place within 10 business days from the receipt of this notice.

Yours sincerely

Category B

Nicole Mulholland
Manager
Queensland Heritage Council & Heritage Register
Heritage Branch

Enquiries:

Tyson McCulloch
Senior Heritage Officer
Heritage Branch

Category B

Date: 7 July 2022

Enclosed:

- Application made under s.36 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.
- Fact Sheet: *Queensland Heritage Register – registering a State Heritage Register*
- Fact Sheet: *Your property has been proposed for entry as a State Heritage Place in the Queensland Heritage Register*

Entry of a place in the Queensland Heritage Register

Use this form to apply to have a place considered for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992.

Before completing this application form:

- read the Application Guide: Entering a State Heritage Place in the Queensland Heritage Register available at www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/
• call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) and discuss this application with the Applications Coordinator, Heritage Branch

1. Applicant details

Form with fields: APPLICANT NAME/S (Category B), TITLE (Mrs, Ms, Ms), ORGANISATION NAME (if applicable), POSTAL ADDRESS, POSTCODE, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE (business hours), MOBILE, TELEPHONE (after hours), EMAIL. Includes a large diagonal watermark: 'Released Under Right to Information Act 2009'.

Entry of a place in the Queensland Heritage Register

2. Applicant consent

Ticking YES in the box below means you give consent to the department to publicly disclose your name with this application. At no time (whether you tick YES or NO) will your personal contact details be made public during processing and assessment of this application. The department removes contact details (i.e. address, email and telephone numbers) from all copies of the application except those provided to the Queensland Heritage Council.

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3. Place details

NAME OF PLACE AND / OR FORMER NAME Anzac Park Memorial Pool formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths	
STREET ADDRESS 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670	
LOT/S ON PLAN/S Lot 3 Crown Plan B158227 Lot 2 Plan CK 3719	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA/S Bundaberg Bundaberg
GPS COORDINATES (IF KNOWN) Lat: 24.86473° S Long: 152.35012° E	

4. Consultation with the owner of the place

Do you own the place that is the subject of this application? Yes No

If you are not the owner of this place, have you consulted with the owner? Yes No

5. History of the place

HISTORICAL SUMMARY

Queensland's hot, sub-tropical climate made swimming very popular from early settlement on, particularly during the summer months.¹ The activity was generally referred to as 'bathing' rather than swimming, and was recommended for hygienic reasons.² In Bundaberg, a country area, rivers and creeks, as well as the ocean served as bathing spots. So it is easy to see why the history of swimming pools in Bundaberg began with 'floating Baths' constructed by F. Olsen in 1878 to provide safe swimming on the banks of the Burnett River.³ This was continued in the 1880's, when E.W. Crow built public swimming baths in Tantitha Street, adjacent to Saltwater Creek. It was known as Tantitha Street Public Baths and was 5 feet deep and 36 feet in diameter. Mixed bathing was not allowed, with different times set for men and women.³ In February 1915, Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club was formed, using the baths as its headquarters. Its membership of 81 men, was topped by the Ladies Club with 85 members. With the closure of the Tantitha Street Public Baths, the club moved to a new venue, an enclosure off Harriet Island. The club was forced into recess not long after, because a large proportion of its members enlisted for active service. After WW1, the club reformed and the Harriet Island enclosure was upgraded. However, in 1921, adverse conditions in the river caused a heavy financial loss to the owner and the Harriet Island bathing enclosure was closed.⁴ With the realization that baths should be built in a position that guarantees their availability to the public at all times and they be profitable to the community, the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths were built.

The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths were constructed on behalf of the RSSILA after the soldiers decided that memorial baths and club rooms should be erected as a memorial to lives lost and those who served in World War 1.⁵ The Baths, 33 yards in length, were funded by public subscription. The foundation stone of the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths was laid on the 25 August, 1923, by Miss Ethel Campbell,⁶ known as the "Angel of Durban". Ethel was said to be much loved and revered by the Australian Troops during the First World War. From 1915 until the end of the war, she met every Australian troop ship arriving in Durban. She was an expert signaller and would welcome the troops with her semaphore flags as she stood on the wharf. When the ships left, she would farewell them and wish them good luck. The Returned Soldiers League (RSSILA) showed their appreciation in 1923 with an invitation to Australia. On the 25 August, 1923, she came to Bundaberg to lay the foundation stone for the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths for which she received an inscribed miniature gold trowel as a memento of the occasion.⁷

The palm trees along the fence line of the Anzac Memorial Pool are a strong symbolic reference to fallen soldiers. Within the context of its time, palm trees were symbolically denotative of triumph, strong character and eternal life.⁸ Many countries who had been involved in The Great War later planted trees at intervals, in open spaces, as living memorials of war.⁹ These trees serve an aesthetic purpose of symbolic commemoration and memory and are still considered by many to be no less significant mortuary markers as headstones.¹⁰

The palm trees at the Anzac Memorial Pool are an aesthetic legacy of memorial intent and of post-war public works programmes funded by the Federal Government and dispersed through local

authorities with the intention of creating jobs for returned servicemen.¹¹ With Bundaberg receiving £374 from Queensland's £300,000 grant, the local branch of the RSL suggested the erection of Memorial Baths.¹² With expenditure of funds limited to labour, it was decided that the funds would be best spent recreating the reserve on Quay street into a park, "to be known as Anzac Park and plant trees in memory of the fallen soldiers."¹³

The baths were officially opened by the Mayor of Bundaberg Alderman WSP Gavegan on 17 November, 1923 and consisted of a concrete pool, 100 feet by 36 feet, ranging in depth from 3 feet to 8 feet with a diving tower and springboard. Construction was carried under the supervision of Mr Les Barbat. The approximate cost was £2600 which was said to include light fittings, piping, electric motor and pump for the purpose of pumping water from the river to fill the baths. At that time, Bundaberg had two memorials, the monument in Bourbong Street and the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths, both worthy tributes to those who enlisted in the district, and particularly to those who gave their lives.¹⁴

Diggers' Sports were an important event on Queensland's sporting calendar, and in 1923 the Diggers' Sports were held in Bundaberg with the proceeds from the event contributing to reducing the debt for the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths and Club Rooms.¹⁵ The Baths had limited opening hours. They were closed for swimming until 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the purpose of cleaning and filling but were open for public inspections during this time. Also, ladies were allocated separate times for swimming.¹⁶

In the 1920's, because of Bundaberg's proximity to the coast and local beaches, learning to swim was an important part of the schools' curriculum. The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths was an important venue for learn-to-swim, diving and lifesaving skills. Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) tests were held regularly at the baths,¹⁷ as were annual general meetings of the RSSILA.¹⁸

In 1937, the baths were sold by the RSSILA to the Bundaberg City Council in exchange for an adjoining block of land on which the new sub-branch was built.⁴

By the mid-1950's Bundaberg was booming. A huge building program modernised the thriving residential, business and industrial sectors, necessitating the City of Bundaberg Town Planning Scheme of 3 April 1954. The mayor at the time, Alderman FH Buss, is remembered for various improvement schemes like sewerage and water services and the beautification of the Bundaberg area through tree planting and the development of parks and playgrounds. A product of this boom was the construction of the Olympic-sized Anzac Park Memorial Pool.¹⁹ The Council decided to build a new pool when one of the concrete walls of the old pool collapsed on July 6, 1955. City Engineer Mr Cliff Brewer reported "about 80 feet of the pool wall collapsed due to fig tree roots forcing cracks in the wall and floor which had not been reinforced when the pool was built 30 years ago."²⁰ The project was Bundaberg's first Olympic-sized pool and diving complex.

Several war memorial public swimming pools were built in Queensland's towns and cities after WWII. Prior to Bundaberg's Anzac Memorial Pool, the Tobruk Memorial Baths in Townsville opened in 1950 and the Aramac Jubilee Pool in 1952. Hughenden Memorial Pool was opened in 1956, the same year as Bundaberg's Anzac pool. Yeronga Park Memorial Swimming Pool was constructed from

1960-64. Mackay Memorial Swimming Centre was built in 1963.^{21, 22}

Each pool included a standard-sized swimming pool and many included a shallow wading pool for children. There were separate changing rooms for men and women, some with partly open-air roofs, which was thought to kill germs and aid in the drying process. The grounds consisted of an open, landscaped site with pathways, lawns, trees and bench seating. Entrance buildings were often symmetrical, constructed from solid materials like brick and concrete. "In line with contemporary architectural trends, some buildings were designed with features such as flat or butterfly-shaped roof forms, selective expression of materials and structural systems, and a horizontal, streamlined aesthetic."^{21, 23}

Designed by the City Engineer, Mr Cliff Brewer and built in 1955 on the site of the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Pool, the Anzac Memorial Pool cost £20000 (\$40000). The complex consisted of a 55yd six lane Olympic Pool with starting blocks, ranging in depth from 3 feet 6 inches to 10 feet 9 inches and a toddler wading pool ranging in depth from 1 foot 6 inches to 1 foot 10 inches. There was a 9ft and 3ft diving board on the river side of the pool. The pool was described by Olympic Squad coach Frank Guthrie, of Sydney, as being one of the finest in Australia for training and racing purposes.²⁴ He had considered bringing his Olympic Squad to Bundaberg to train for the winter prior to the Olympic Games in Melbourne.²⁵ There was also a fountain erected inside the gate and open-air change rooms in an L-shape at the end of the pool. These change rooms were designed by architects Cook and Kerrison in 1956.²³

Walter James Ernest Kerrison was an inter war Brisbane architect who registered in 1929 after winning the Queensland Institute of Architect student gold medal in 1924. Kerrison was employed by Brisbane City Council from 1925 to 1936. In 1934, he was loaned to Maryborough City Council. "Substantial additions were made to the Town Hall to the design of Brisbane City Council architect, Walter Kerrison. These additions included the erection of a clock tower, the construction of a fly tower and the widening and lengthening of the verandas flanking the auditorium."²⁶

In 1939 he formed a partnership with Harold Morton Cook, practising as Cook and Kerrison.

"Mr W.J.E Kerrison, of Messrs. Cook and Kerrison, was an important church architect in the inter-war and post war period, and responsible for a considerable number of church and other buildings for the Methodist church."²⁷ These included the Heritage Listed former Methodist Churches at Ashgrove and Graceville.²⁸ Cubberla Homestead (Fig Tree Pocket, Brisbane) was designed in 1958 by Cook and Kerrison and sold on 5 November 2020 for \$4.65 million.²⁹

Cook and Kerrison designed the open aired changing rooms of the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool in 1956 and designed the residence which opened in 1971.

In 1966, Cook, Kerrison and Partners adapted the Credit Union Building in Ann Street, Fortitude Valley for the use of new owners Royal Automobile Club of Australia.³⁰

Such design accomplishments contributed to Cook and Kerrison's significance in Queensland architecture.

The open-air changing rooms, located in two rectangular buildings, which line two sides of the 50-metre pool in an L-shaped form, are based on a courtyard concept, articulated through a "broken gable". This broken gable is constructed from a series of parallel timber-framed corrugated iron skillions that are represented on the outside walls through sculptural 'buttresses', adding a hint of

'Spanish Mission' to an otherwise functional and modernist ensemble. As funding to construct these pools was often tight, architects were forced to be inventive if they wished to add a little flair to their design. Cook and Kerrison achieved this through embellished buttresses. The change rooms have concrete floors, stucco walls of cream and dark blue, open cubicles, open showers and the roof open to the sky. Leaving the change rooms uncovered had practical benefits. As mentioned, the open air was deemed to improve hygiene and drying but also contributed to the swimming experience by building anticipation. 'As the swimmers methodically undressed under the open sky, exposing their bodies to the warm sun, they could already hear the splashing of the water in the nearby pool. This was a new kind of civic experience for many Queenslanders who had grown up swimming in rivers and creeks.²³

The building housing the filtration plant built in 1969, is located at the eastern end of the 25m instructional pool with the river on one side and the men's change rooms on the other. The Recorder's Box is located at the deep end of the 50m pool, in front of the ladies' change rooms, while the rotunda is between the toddlers' pool and the ladies' change rooms. The residence, also designed by architects Cook and Kerrison and built by Bundaberg Builders JB & LR Murchie, incorporates a ticket office entrance, shop and administration space and a residence for the lessee upstairs.

Anzac Park Pool is therefore significant historically as a demonstration of post-World War II affluence which encouraged the development of new sport and recreation facilities, including outdoor swimming pools.³¹ Post-war expenditure by governments reflected the new understanding that safe swimming instruction in 'artificial' pools should be a right rather than a luxury. In her article on the Venice Biennale of 2016, Hannah Lewi says the Australian exhibition, the Pool, evokes Australia's connection with pools. They are not just historical, designed and 'artificial' sites but also public places full of individual memories and shared social significance. She notes that public pools can also illustrate the changing freedoms of women, indigenous and other racial groups to overcome various segregation rules and fully access the benefits of public bathing.³²

In the article 'Queensland making a splash: Memorial pools and the body politics of reconstruction', Gosseye and Hampson speak of the changing social attitudes to life – 'Glorifying the healthy, capable body under the sun became a way of commemorating the wounded and deceased bodies of war, as Queensland's post-war memorial pools increasingly adopted a key role in building local communities. Enjoying one-self in a public pool, became thought of as a way to not only construct Queenslanders' physical and mental fitness, but also as a civic responsibility: to commemorate those who have given their lives (and bodies) to preserve this quintessentially Australian way of life'.³³ In the documentary, *The Pool*, it is noted that, "water is our nation's lifeblood, where we truly celebrate our freedom and we capture that feeling in the pool... The pool is very much part of our visual identity in this country... The ultimate Aussie playground."³⁴ We clearly see the dual purpose of commemoration and the coming together of community in iconic pools like Anzac Memorial Pool.

Like other pools of the time, and with the emergence of promising local swimmers such as Jann and Dorothy Grier and Rosemary Lassig, the Anzac Pool reflects the huge political and sporting success of the 1956 Olympic Games. The Games were held in Melbourne from November that year; their impact was seen in hundreds of towns around the nation in an explosion of interest in swimming and

a “pool building frenzy.”³⁴ Anzac Memorial Pool was officially opened by Mayor FH Buss on 31 March 1956. However, the pool was unofficially opened on 24 December 1955, to enable children to swim over the Christmas holidays.³⁵

The change of name from Returned Soldiers’ Memorial Baths to Anzac Park Memorial Pool echoes the changing historical significance of the term Anzac in Australian culture. Historian Ken Inglis argues that “the imagery, rituals and rhetoric generated around memorials constitute a civil religion, a cult of ANZAC.” In his 2008 work, *Sacred Places*, he asks why, as Australia's wars recede in public and private memory, and as a once British Australia becomes multicultural, have the memorials and what they stand for become more cherished than ever.³⁶

Later additions to the Anzac Park Memorial Pool complex included a 25m pool and a building to house the new filtration plant. These additions cost about \$32 000. At that time, the filtration plant was one of the most modern in Queensland and served both the Olympic Pool and 25m learners’ pool. A plaque set in the wall of the building housing the new filtration plant was unveiled on 1 November, 1969.³⁷ At the close of the 1968-69 swimming season and with the change from imperial measurement to metric, the 55-yard pool was shortened to comply with a standard Olympic Pool now measuring 50 metres. The need for a residence at the pool was recognised and J.B. & L. R. Murchie, a local builder, was engaged. The Residence was opened on 1 Feb 1971 by Mayor CJ Nielsen. Costing \$40000, the Residence was designed by architects Cook and Kerrison, the same architects who designed the change rooms in 1956.³⁸ A plaque commemorating the opening is located on the wall at the entrance to the pool complex. At the same time, the fountain was removed and replaced by a rotunda.

Anzac Memorial Pool has a long association with the local swimming clubs: members of Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club, formed in February 1915,⁴ had swum at the Returned Soldiers’ Memorial Pool, moving on to the Anzac Memorial Pool when it was constructed in 1956. The Fairymead Boys Swimming Club’s formation coincided with the opening of Anzac Memorial Pool in 1956.³⁹ At a meeting on 25 September 1957, it was decided the name of the club be changed to Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club to allow the amalgamation of the boys and ladies clubs, however female members would not be accepted in the 1957-58 season.⁴⁰ Both Bundaberg and Fairymead clubs shared the pool for training, and separate club nights were held. With the assistance of the schools, relay carnivals were also organized. Both clubs also travelled to various towns in Queensland for interclub competitions,⁴¹ as well as hosting Wide Bay Championships,⁴² City of Charm carnivals, the first being held at Anzac Memorial Pool in 1973⁴³ and the Napier Club from New Zealand.⁴⁴ Friendships made at the Anzac Pool as children, still continue today.

On the 1 April, 2006, Bundaberg celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Anzac Memorial Pool with the “Anzac Park Pool Anniversary Bash”. The celebration featured ‘a jumping castle, free sausage sizzle with donations made to Legacy.’⁴⁵

The link to the Anzacs continued when in April, 2020, an artwork containing thousands of handmade poppies collected from across the state was appropriately erected in front of the Anzac Memorial Pool complex. This artwork honoured the 57705 Queenslanders who enlisted in World War 1.

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Bundaberg has celebrated a number of local state and national swimming champions, many of whom trained at the Anzac Pool: Jann Grier⁴⁶ won bronze at the Empire & Commonwealth Games in 1954. In 1960 Rosemary Lassig set a world breaststroke record at the Anzac Park Memorial Pool of 1:21:22 for 110yards. She went on to win silver in the 4x100m medley relay at the 1960 Rome Olympics.⁴⁷ Other Olympic and Paralympic swimmers include Michelle Pearson (1984 - bronze medal in 200m individual medley), Justin Lemberg (1984- bronze medal in the 400m freestyle) , Tracey Oliver (1992 – bronze medal in 50m freestyle S7, 1996 – silver medal in 50m freestyle S7), Chantel Wolfenden OAM (2004 – gold medal in 400m freestyle S7, silver medal in 100m freestyle S7, bronze in 100m backstroke S7, bronze in 200m Individual medley S7, bronze in 4x100m Freestyle 34 pts and bronze in 4x100m Medley 34 pts.)⁴⁸ and most recently, Isaac Cooper, who at 17 years old won bronze in the 2020 (2021) Tokyo mixed 4x100m medley relay.

In recent years, two of the local high schools have offered a Marine Studies Course as part of the school curriculum. Anzac Park Memorial Pool is an ideal site as the depth of 3.2m in a section of the pool allows students to practise their snorkelling skills prior to an excursion to nearby Lady Musgrave Island.

The importance of the Anzac Park Memorial Pool as a living memorial to these who served is recognised by its listing on Places of Pride - a National register of War Memorials,⁴⁹ Monument Australia⁵⁰ and Virtual War Memorial Australia.⁵¹ The centenary of this site will occur on 23 August 2023, one hundred years since the Foundation Stone of the original pool, the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Pool, was laid by Miss Ethel Campbell affectionately known as 'The Angel of Durban'.⁷ The significance of the architecture of the change rooms is evident by their inclusion in the book "Hot Modernism – Queensland Architecture 1945-1975."²³

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6. Description of the place

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Anzac Park Memorial Pool is located on a 4500m² site on the banks of the Burnett River, adjacent to the Bundaberg Services Club, Anzac Park and the central business district. The site comprises an open air six lane 50m Olympic Pool ranging in depth from 1.09m to 3.28m with concrete starting blocks at the eastern end. The 25m instructional pool has a depth ranging from 780 to 920cms. The pool depths are painted in black on the pool edge. The toddlers’ wading pool has a depth range of 48 to 58cms and is covered with a shade sail. The pools are located in an attractive landscaped setting comprising grass surrounds and linear plantings of advanced palm trees on two sides.

Set into the front brick wall to the right of the entrance on Quay Street are three significant plaques, (img 1557, 1558) The first plaque, a bronze plaque, commemorates the official opening of the Anzac

Park Memorial Pool by Alderman FH Buss, M.B.E. on Saturday 31 March 1956. (img 0616). The second, the marble Foundation Stone for the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Pool laid by Miss Ethel Campbell (The Angel of Durban) on 25 August 1923, was erected to the memory of those who fought in the Great War 1914-1918. (img 0984). The third plaque relates to the official opening of the residence by the Mayor, CJ Nielsen on 1 February 1971. (img 1556)

Architect Tomas O'Malley writes that "the complex evokes an earlier time with the spartan concrete pools fringed with extensive lawns and palm trees. The two-storey administration building and manager's residence features many 1950s architectural motifs including breeze blocks, angled balcony balustrades and cream brick with teal trims. The change rooms...make up for their lack of creature comforts with an honest simplicity of design and construction that fits the egalitarian nature of the public pool."⁵² Anzac Memorial Pool is in the middle of the central business district yet it is a landmark space of beauty and calm.

7. Statement of cultural heritage significance

Decide which criteria are relevant to your application and complete a response for each in the boxes below. Write 'not applicable' against the criteria that are not relevant to your application.

<p>CRITERION A the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history</p>	<p>The Bundaberg ANZAC Park Memorial Pool (1956) is important in demonstrating Queensland's involvement in major world events. In its form, fabric and layout it is an important example of a post-World War II utilitarian war memorial: a "living memorial" with a dual purpose of providing commemoration and a community facility.</p> <p>The Anzac Memorial Pool is also important in demonstrating the pattern of increased popularity of competitive and recreational swimming in this period: memorial pool construction peaked in Queensland during the 1950s – 1960's.</p>
<p>CRITERION B the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>CRITERION C the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>CRITERION D the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places</p>	<p>Bundaberg's Anzac Park Memorial Pool is an intact example of a memorial swimming pool complex from the 1950s-60s. In its form, style and layout it is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of this particular class of cultural place. These characteristics include: a dual role as a public asset, providing commemoration and a sports and recreation facility; its central location; 50m swimming pool; wading pool and site layout which includes formal landscaping and lawn for recreation space.</p> <p>The changing rooms retain their Hot Modernist, mid-century style, based on a courtyard concept articulated through a broken gable and also feature embellished buttresses. The separate male and female rooms are open aired with privacy partitions in the female version.</p> <p>The 50m and wading pools remain in their original locations and retain their form and materials. The restful attractive landscaped area retains its: open environment, concrete and timber bench seats, open lawns and rows of mature palms on two perimeters.</p> <p>Commemorative plaques and a symmetrical layout also feature and are characteristic of this mid-century style of Memorial Pool Complex.</p>
<p>CRITERION E the place is important because of its aesthetic significance</p>	<p>As an established landmark, Anzac Memorial Pool makes a significant contribution to the street-scape with its quintessential Queensland sub-tropical beauty, fringed with symbolic, commemorative palm trees and extensive lawns. Situated on the banks of the Burnett River, it is in the middle of the central business district, yet it is a landmark space of beauty and calm.</p> <p>Designed by Queensland Architects Cook and Kerrison, the complex features many intact mid-century modern motifs including breeze blocks, angled balcony balustrades and cream brick with teal trims. The change rooms are of special aesthetic significance, being open-aired and of mid-century modernist simplicity, creating a powerfully warming connection to the elements and the beautiful Queensland climate.</p>
<p>CRITERION F the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>CRITERION G the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons</p>	<p>The Anzac Memorial Pool has a strong social and cultural association with the Bundaberg Community. As both a visual landmark and a living commemorative marker, the pool is a symbolic reference to the communities' involvement in both World Wars I and II.</p> <p>The pool has served as a popular meeting and gathering place for individuals, families, community and sporting groups for generations leading to a special and</p>

	<p>profound attachment to place. It has, and is, continuing to provide State Government's Learn to Swim classes. Following advocacy by the State Education Department in 1920 for Learn to Swim classes to be included in the curriculum, many generations of Bundaberg children have learnt to swim there.</p> <p>Generations of squad team swimmers have trained at the pool and have added to Queensland's Olympic and Commonwealth sporting achievements. These include celebrated Olympians Rosemary Lassig, Dorothy Grier, Michele Pearson, Justin Lemberg, paralympians Chantel Wolfenden and Tracey Oliver and Commonwealth medalist Jann Grier. The pool was considered by Olympic Squad coach Frank Guthrie to be "one of the finest in Australia for training and racing purposes".</p> <p>At present, there is an active community group (Bundaberg Remembers- Our Anzac Memorial Pool), who are fighting to save Anzac Memorial Pool. This is a clear indication that the pool continues to hold a deep and significant association in the psyche of the community.</p>
<p>CRITERION H the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history</p>	<p>N/A</p>

8. Site plan showing proposed boundary

Attach a site plan to this form. Tick to confirm:

- the site plan is drawn or sketched to scale
- all significant heritage elements of the place are shown and clearly labelled in their approximate locations
- the proposed heritage boundary is shown
- the cadastral (lot on plan) boundaries of the place are shown

9. Photographs

Attach photographs to this application that show the place in its current state. Number all photographs and complete the index table below adding more rows if needed.

If submitting an electronic application, submit the photographs in a digital file attached with the application form. Maximum file size for digital images attached to this form is 250kb each.

If submitting an application in hard copy, submit the photographs as an electronic file saved onto a CD or USB and attach one hardcopy print out of images to this application form.

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IMAGE NUMBER	FILE NAME	DESCRIPTION
1428	Cat B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies change rooms looking N/S Cubicles on right, showers and toilets far end
1429/1430		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies change cubicles
1431		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladies change room - washbasin and shower to right
1459		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m pool deep end to shallow end – E/W, part of 25m pool visible on right
1461		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m pool, blocks 1 and 2, depth marking on pool, seats around pool
1462		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m pool, men's change rooms to right
1463		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m pool showing blocks and men's change rooms to right
0511	Category B 16/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grassed area between 50m pool and residence
0616	22/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaque commemorating the opening of 50m pool on 31 March 1956
0707	24/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking from residence across 50m pool with men's change rooms in background
0708	24/3/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered rotunda with seating in

0984	8/4/2022	foreground, Services Club in right background, Recorder's Building on left with ladies change rooms behind
E1413	25/4/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marble Foundation Stone for the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths laid on 25 August 1923 by Ethel Campbell • Taken from Quay Street showing palms in foreground, 50m pool and seating in middle ground, filtration Building and male change rooms in background
1415	25/4/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken from Quay Street side showing palms lining the southern fence line and residence to the right
1554	5/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • western end of residence
1555	5/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residence taken from south, Quay Street side
1556	5/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaque commemorating opening of the residence on 1 February 1971, architects Cook and Kerrison, Builder JB & LR Murchie
1557	5/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brick wall to the right of pool entrance showing 3 plaques – Anzac Pool opening, marble Foundation Stone, opening of residence
1559	5/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking from residence across 50m pool showing L formation of men's and ladies change rooms and Recorder's Building to right
1560	5/5/2022	
1579	7/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorder's Building with timing clock
1581	7/5/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filtration building taken from river bank • Left – right back wall of ladies' change rooms, middle – end wall of men's changes rooms, right- back wall of filtration Building taken from outside East end of pool
1603	9/5/2022	
2065	22/6/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palms lining Southern boundary of pool with grassed area at Western end

<p>2066</p> <p>2075</p> <p>2079</p> <p>2082</p> <p>9062</p> <p>9066</p>	<p>24/4/20</p> <p>24/4/20</p>	<p>of 50m pool, looking from Quay Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscape showing western end of site • Streetscape showing middle section of site • Streetscape showing residence and pool entry taken from Eastern end • Streetscape showing residence to the right • Streetscape looking to the east towards the residence • Art installation erected for Anzac Day 2020 in front of Anzac Pool boundary with palm trees visible behind. This installation contains thousands of handmade poppies to honour the 57705 Queenslanders who enlisted in World War 1
<p>0070</p> <p>0075</p> <p>0076</p> <p>0077</p> <p>0652</p> <p>0944</p> <p>0987</p> <p>0988</p>	<p>Category B – 8/4/2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25m pool E/W, running parallel to Burnett River, seating around pool • Men's change rooms • Ladies' change rooms, Recorder's Building to right • Western end of 25m pool with depth marking on pool edge, river in background • Looking from river side across 25m and 50m pool towards the CBD • Ladies change rooms, perpendicular to river showing seating • Looking from East to West between 50m pool and men's change rooms • 50m pool showing depth marking on pool edge, residence to left, looking towards Quay Street and the CBD

1766	Category B – 2 April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking from East to West showing 50m pool on left and 25m pool on the right
1771		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shallow end (western) of 50m pool showing palm lined side boundary (quay Street) and end or western boundary with CBD in the background. Swimmer is Michele Pearson (Olympian 1980, 1984) now a member of Rum City Masters Swimming Club.

10. Lodgement

All sections of this form must be completed and attachments prepared (in particular the site plan showing the proposed heritage boundary and photographs of the place) before an application is lodged. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.

Send one copy of the completed form and attachments to:

Email:

heritage@des.qld.gov.au

OR

Post:

Applications Coordinator
Heritage Branch
Arts and Heritage
Department of Environment and Science
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane Qld 4001

Further information

- email heritage@des.qld.gov.au
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) and ask to speak to the Applications Coordinator, Heritage Branch
- visit www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/



LEGEND

	Cadastral boundary	1	50 metre pool	2	25 metre pool
	Proposed boundary - heritage listing	3	Wading pool	4	Men's change shed
5	Women's change shed	6	Recorder's box	7	Rotunda
8	Residence	9	Pool entry	10	Filtration room
11	Palm trees				

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Figure 2

Annette Kellerman, c. 1916. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, DC.

Early pools

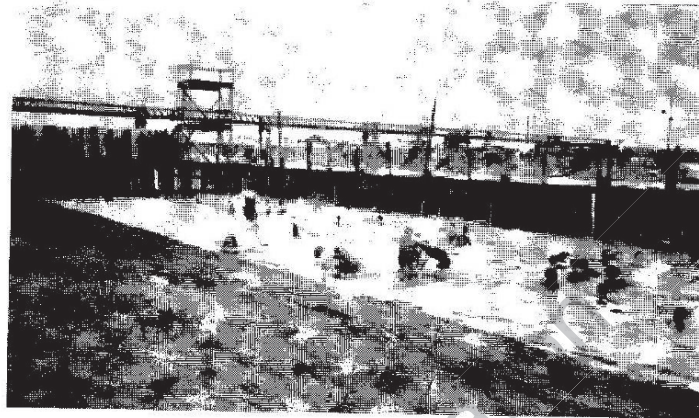
Queensland's hot, sub-tropical climate made swimming very popular from early settlement on, particularly during the summer months.¹⁸ The activity was generally referred to as 'bathing' rather than swimming, and was recommended for hygienic purposes. In country areas, creeks, rivers and waterholes served as bathing spots, while coastline settlers indulged in a dip in the ocean. Unfortunately the majority of the colonists possessed limited swimming skills, and drownings were frequent.

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SWIMMING POOLS



Baths above ferry crossing - 1878 - ©BDHS&M

Floating Baths

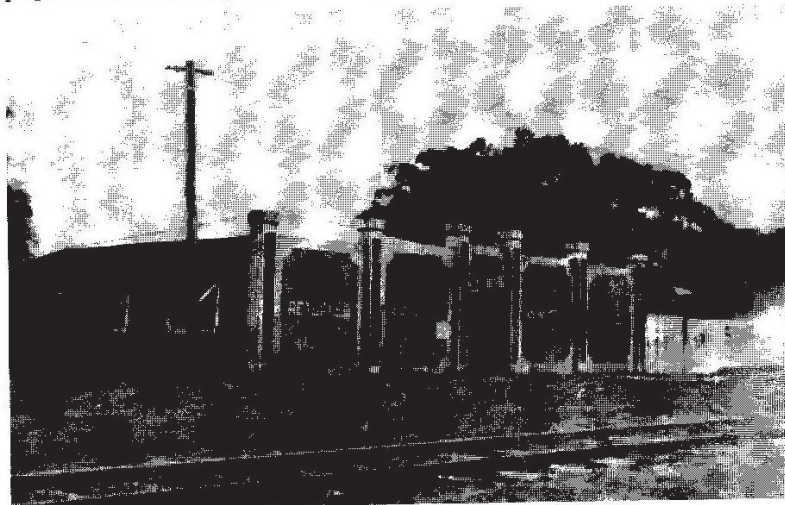
Constructed by F Olsen in 1878 to provide safe swimming on the banks of the Burnett River. It was situated near the Ferry Crossing, just downstream to the Railway Bridge.

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Bundaberg In Focus

Crows Baths

Located in Tantitha Street on the bank of a creek. They were built to retain water brought up the Saltwater Creek at high tide, being flushed during each exaggerated fall in the tide. The baths were not very deep, only about 5 Feet, and 36 feet in diameter. Mixed bathing was not allowed, times for men and women were set during this era (early 1900's). Another popular site for swimming was the pontoon located near the Rowers Club at the mouth of Saltwater Creek. It was very popular on Saturdays and Sundays.



Exterior RSL Memorial Pool ©BDHS&M

Bundaberg Golf Course was selected by the Queensland Golf Council as host for the 1949 Queensland Closed Championship. In addition to amateur prizes, the club also provided £350 in prize money for professionals.

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During the 1880s, E W Crow built public swimming baths off Tantitha Street, adjacent to Saltwater Creek. This facility was known as Tantitha Street Public Baths. Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club used the baths as its headquarters. School swimming carnivals were also held at this venue. The Tantitha Street foundations can still be seen, but this historic link with Bundaberg's past, like so many others, is rapidly disappearing...

Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club was formed during February 1915, with O B Paterson as Chairman and George Stedman, Secretary. The club could boast a membership of 81. Its sister body, the Ladies Club, topped the men with 85 members. With the closure of the Tantitha Street Public Baths, the swimming club moved to a new venue, an enclosure off Harriett Island. However, the club was eventually forced into recess because a large proportion of its members enlisted for active service.

After World-War-I, T Keys upgraded the Harriett Island swimming enclosure and the swimming club re-formed. It held a very successful season during 1920. But Nature had other plans. During 1921, a prevalence of 'freshies' in the river, which persisted during four months of the swimming season, severely disrupted club activities. These adverse conditions caused a heavy financial loss for the owner of the baths. This saw the closure of the Harriett Island bathing enclosure.

A reader's comment ("Old Life Saver") was published in a Bundaberg newspaper on January 19, 1923:

"No one will question the fact that swimming facilities are an urgent necessity, but it is essential that they should be built in such a manner, and in such a position as will guarantee to the public their availability at all times and also that they be a profitable undertaking to the community."

"Old Life Saver" was commenting on a City Council proposal to erect low level baths at the old ferry cutting. Instead, the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths of 30m were constructed in Quay Street, on behalf of the Bundaberg RSL Sub-branch. In a deal made with Bundaberg City Council during 1937, the RSL exchanged the baths for an adjoining block of land. The Anzac Olympic Pool (50m) replaced the old baths in 1951. In this pool, champion Olympic swimmer, Bundaberg's Rosemary Lässig, set a (then) world record for 110m breaststroke in a time of 2m 2s. During

Bundaberg From Pioneers to Prosperity, Neville Rackemann, 1992 – Attachment 3

ABANDONED
SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HALL.
SWIMMING BATHS FAVOURED.

The adjourned meeting of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall Citizens' committee was held last evening, when it was decided to abandon further effort in connection with the proposed Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and to hand over the money already in hand to the Returned Soldiers' League to build swimming baths and club-room combined, or for any other purpose the soldiers may decide upon. The meeting, which was held in the Council Chambers, was presided over by the Mayor (Ald. W. Gavigan), and those present included several ladies. The Mayor, having explained the object of the meeting, which was to decide the fate or otherwise of the proposed memorial hall, in favour of the soldiers' new proposal, that of swimming baths and club-rooms combined, a lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. A. McKie said that after three years' effort the soldiers were only able to raise something like £1800 towards the hall, and the interest of the public in connection with the project was waning. The soldiers, recognising that they could not raise money sufficient to build and maintain a hall, were turning their energies in another direction, that of building swimming baths, which they were confident would prove a paying concern. He moved a motion to the effect that this meeting of the Citizens' committee hand over the money in hand to the Soldiers' League, for the construction of the swimming baths and club-rooms, or for any other purpose they decide upon. Mr. J. C. Payne seconded the motion.

Mr. W. G. Datchler, as one of the representatives of the Sugar Queen committee, opposed the motion, contending that the money should be devoted to the object for which it was raised, that of building a memorial hall. So far as baths were concerned, he thought that this was a matter for the City Council to build.

Dr. A. J. Gibson also strongly opposed the motion. The memorial hall, he maintained, should be proceeded with, even though it was made a part and parcel of a town hall. He doubted whether the baths would prove a paying proposition. At any rate, the money was raised for another purpose, and like many others, he, for one, would feel disappointed if the hall was not erected.

Mr. G. L. Stedman said it was not a question of the Council building baths. The soldiers intended erecting them as a business proposition.

Mr. Geo. Tesch (Sugar Queen committee) expressed disappointment at the turn of events. He opposed the motion.

Mr. H. Williams, speaking as a representative of the Mercantile Queen committee, said that so far as they were concerned, the money was raised for the returned soldiers, and they were willing to hand it over to them

for the returned soldiers, and they were willing to hand it over to them to do what they liked with it.

Mr. J. Kincaid expressed his disapproval of the motion.

After a little further discussion, Mr. Kincaid moved an amendment to the effect that no further action be taken until a meeting of the subscribers was convened, for their views. This was seconded by Mr. Datchler, but was defeated by 22 votes to four. Mr. McKie's motion was then put to the meeting, and carried by 17 votes to seven, and the meeting terminated.



The Queensland Connection of Ethel Campbell: The Angel of Durban

By JOL Admin | 5 April 2016



Ethel Campbell with her semaphore flags. John Oxley Library, Negative No. 193322.

Ethel Campbell with her semaphore flags. John Oxley Library, Negative No. 193322.

The young lady above, with her semaphore flags, was known as the "Angel of Durban" and was loved and revered by Australian troops during the First World War.

Ethel Margaret Campbell, was born in Glasgow in 1886. Her father, Dr Samuel Campbell, was a native of Natal in South Africa, but received his degree from Edinburgh University and practiced medicine in Glasgow, Scotland. He eventually returned to South Africa with his family.

During World War I his daughter, Ethel, devoted herself to the welfare of Australian and New Zealand soldiers who passed through Durban on their way to and from the front. From 1915 until the end of the war she met every Australian troopship arriving in Durban and, being an expert signaller, would welcome the troops with her semaphore flags, as she stood on the wharf. When the ships left she would send them a final farewell wishing them good luck.

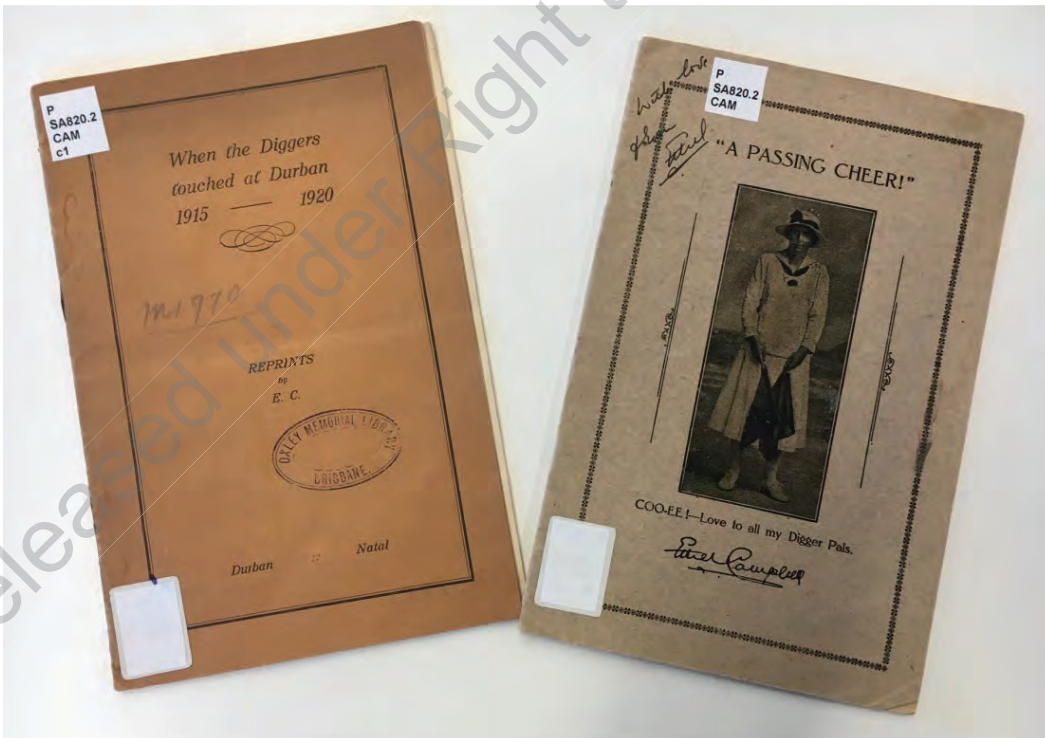
She also worked tirelessly at the YMCA hut in Durban, which was known as the "Soldiers Rest", where the troops could relax, enjoy an inexpensive meal and be entertained by the lady volunteers. Ethel and her parents also looked after the troops at their home in the Durban hills, offering hospitality to the boys far from home. In 1919 Ethel was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in recognition of her war work.



Volunteers at the YMCA hut, Durban, during World War I. Masterton District Library and Archive, Record No. 525639.

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Ethel was also a gifted poet and wrote many verses about the Australian troops she admired so much. These poems were published in newspapers and as compilations of her work. Several of her publications are held in the John Oxley Library including *When the Diggers touched at Durban 1915-1920* and *A Passing Cheer! COO.EEI-Love to all my Digger Pals*.



AUSTRALIANS

(1916).

Written after hearing a wealthy merchant speak disparagingly of
Australians.

"We are not cotton-spinners all, but some love England and her honour
yet."

We stand on the shore of Durban,
And watch the transports go
To England from Australia,
Hurrying to and fro,
Bearing the men of a Nation—
Who are heroes to the core—
To stand or fall by the Motherland,
And they're sending thousands more!

We've watched the ships returning
With the cripple and the maim,
With limbs that trail and falter—
Theirs an immortal name!
The deathless name of "Anzac,"
That thrills from Pole to Pole,
The remnants of the heroes
On the long and glorious Roll.

And now in their tens of hundreds
Come the men to fill their ranks,
And what can we do to show them
Our love, our pride, our thanks?
We can't do much, I own it,
But give them a passing cheer—
While the real elite beat a shocked retreat—
Why they saw one drinking beer!

O God, could we show these misers
The paths that the Anzacs went!
Could they rest in their beds at night time?
Or live in their damned content?
Could they talk with a sneer of Australians
When one or two get drunk?
I'd rather a drunk Australian
Than a wealthy Durban funk!

He's a better man than your are,
Your dear teetotal saint!
You do not drink—you will not fight!
What wonderful restraint!
We stand on the shore of Durban,
For we are not all like you,
And the glorious name of "Anzac"
Thrills us thro' and thro'!

But all we can do is to cheer them,
And throw them an orange from the shore,
We're not millionaires (like some are),
Or perhaps we would try to do more,
They're coming in tens of thousands,
And here's to their honour to-day—
Here's to the Sister Dominion
Who is showing us the way!

By E.M.C.

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ANZACS

What mean these great white ships at sea, plunging their Eastward tack,
Bearing their precious human freight, bringing the spent men back?
They mean that Australia has been there, they mean she has played the
game,
And her wonderful sons have won their share of everlasting fame.

Battered, and worn, and war-scarred—those who had left their land
Strong in their glowing manhood, by England to take their stand;
Those who had sailed, when the war cloud burst, out on a distant foam
To the tune of "Australia will be there"—thus are they coming home!

What mean these absent numbers, the gaps in the stricken line?
You will find the graves which tell you, on the trail by Lonesome Pine:
On the slopes of Aki Baba, on Kojia Chemen's brow,
They died the death of heroes, as Australia's sons know how.

Eager for battle they leapt ashore at the cove where their name was won,
They stormed the cliffs of Sari Bair, where the death trap gullies run;
In the lead-rent scrub by Krithia, on the banks of the Kereves Dere,
High on the shell-swept ridges—Australia has been there!

There is silence on the beaches now, the battle-din has fled
From the gullies, cliffs, and ridges where they charged up, fought and bled.
There's a little cove that's sacred—north of Gaba Tepe Hill—
To the glory of the men who died, and a name that never will!

And now on the fields of Flanders, 'tis eternised once more:
At Pozieres, Armentieres, Messines, Bapaume, and Bullecourt,
At Polygon Wood, and Broodseinde, by the frozen Somme and Aisne,
In the snow-clad front-line trenches—Australia is there again.

There are great white vessels sailing, and they bear the joy and pain,
And the glory of Australia's sons who have not bled in vain;
Tho' crippled, helpless, maimed for life, tho' more than death their loss,
There is more than life in the glory of the burden of their cross.

Greater than jewel-decked Emperor, greater than ermined King,
Clad in their faded suits of blue, the men that the white ships bring;
What tho' their crown a bandage, stretcher or cot their throne,
Splints or a crutch their sceptre—the Anzac name is their own!

Durban,

By E.M.C.

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THEY WERE AT THE LANDING

(April 25th, 1915.)

TO THE FURLOUGH MEN,* A.I.F.

What pæan for the Furlough Men
More dowered than "*They were at the Landing!*"
'Twere meet no song from my poor pen,
Those words a greater epic standing:
Those words—with proud remembrance fraught,
More precious than gold's vaunted power,
More hallowed for a nation's tears—
Recall Australia's crowning hour,
When they were at the Landing!

And when long years have passed, and aged
The heroes on her glowing roll,
Will honours won through worldly pomp
Have power to stir her people's soul?
No!—still the vision of these men,
Tho' bowed with age, and slow of gait,
Will spur their children on to prove
Still worthy of Australia's great,
Still worthy of the Landing!

*Original Anzacs passing through on furlough.

Durban, 1918.

By E.M.C.

Campbell, Ethel, "A Passing Cheer!", p. 8.

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In 1923 Ethel, with her parents, made a tour of Australia where she was feted at receptions across the country which were organised by the Returned Services League.

The Campbell family's visit to Queensland, however, had a special significance. Dr Campbell's sister, and aunt of Ethel, [Marie Campbell](#), who was born in Natal, was married to [Sir Alfred Sandlings Cowley](#), who had been a Queensland politician and a sugar planter in North Queensland. During the war he was chairman and administrator of the Queensland Patriotic Fund.



Sir Alfred Sandlings Cowley. John Oxley Library, Negative No. 16807.

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Lady Cowley, nee Marie Campbell, was the founder and president of the Queensland Soldiers' Comforts Fund. In 1920 she was appointed OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) for her patriotic and fundraising efforts during World War I. Ethel and her parents stayed with the Cowleys at their home, Silky Oaks, in Toowong, Brisbane, during their stay.



Silky Oaks, Toowong, Brisbane. Photograph from: <http://www.silkyoaks.org.au/our-community/our-history/>

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The John Oxley Library holds a presentation address, featuring flowers embroidered on silk, which was presented to Lady Cowley in 1919 by the Queensland Soldiers' Comforts Fund, in appreciation of her war work.



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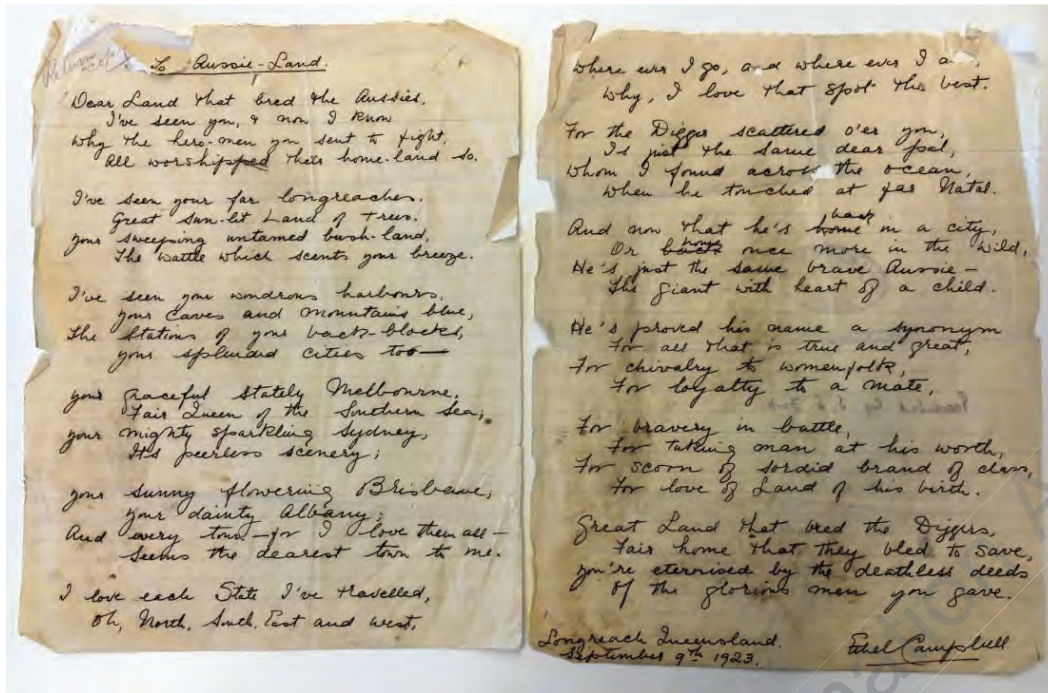


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In honour of her Australian tour Ethel wrote the poem *To Aussie Land*. A hand-written and signed copy is held in the John Oxley Library, (OM 80-52).

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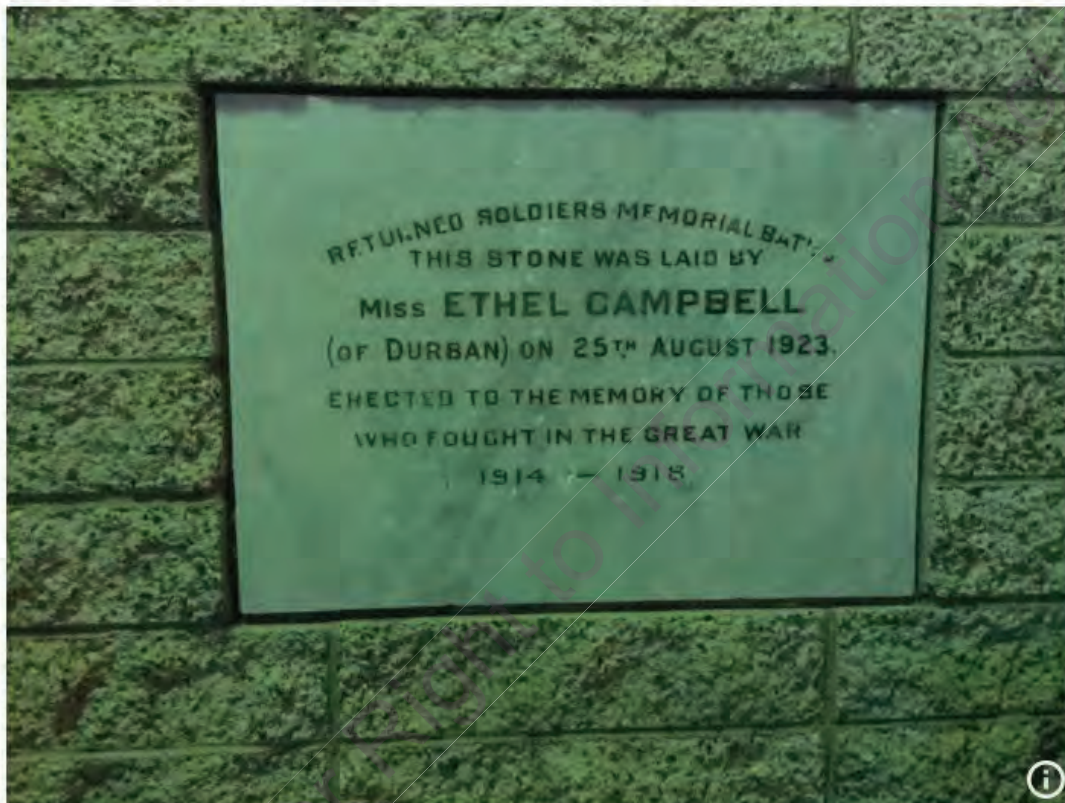


Sadly, with the advent of World War Two, Ethel was again called to duty with her semaphore flags as she welcomed the diggers of the second A.I.F to Durban. When she suffered a nervous breakdown in 1944 she moved, for health reasons, from Durban to Hilton, which was about 70 miles away. Not to be deterred, many soldiers found their way to her new home which she called "Little Australia", and which was filled with the gifts she had received from grateful soldiers. She had a two-up tower erected in the garden for the amusement of her Australian friends.

Ethel died in April 1954 and was mourned throughout Australia, but especially by the diggers she had served so tirelessly and faithfully during the dark years of war.

Lynn Meyers, QANZAC100 Content Curator

The Foundation Stone of the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths now called Anzac Park Olympic Pool in Bundaberg was laid by Miss Ethel Campbell. Known as the *Angel of Durban*, Ethel "was loved and revered by Australian troops during the First World War". Another [blog post](#) tells more of Ethel's story.



Foundation Stone of the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths. Image source: SLQ.

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Ethel was welcomed to Bundaberg by the residents "in hundreds", the Caledonian Pipe Band played and there were speeches of welcome and thanks. The following day, amongst her official duties, Ethel laid the foundation stone of the opened the memorial baths.

R.S.S.I.L.A
MEMORIAL BATHS
CEREMONY OF LAYING OF
FOUNDATION STONE
Will be performed by
MISS ETHEL CAMPBELL, M.B.E.
AT ANZAC PARK,
(Opposite Bank of New South Wales).
THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30 p.m., Sharp.
Brief Address by Several Speakers.
A Special Appeal on behalf of the
MEMORIAL BATHS.
The Function will commence punctual to time
so as to avoid clashing with South School
Fete and Soccer Match.
J. A. CRANE, Hon. Secretary.

Bundaberg Mail Sat 25 August 1923 p 5

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“THE DURBAN ANGEL.”

MISS ETHEL CAMPBELL, M.B.E.,

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

“I thought it was a kangaroo's egg,” remarked Miss Campbell, amidst laughter, as she accepted a gift of a silver mounted emu's egg from the local branch of the R. S. & S.I.L.A. last evening. Miss Ethel Campbell, M.B.E., better known to the “Diggers” as the “Angel of Durban,” and “The Girl with the Flags” who is on a visit to Australia, with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, arrived from the north by last evening's mail train, and was given a warm-hearted reception, by the returned soldiers and citizens generally. Miss Campbell's arrival was preceded by a heavy fall of rain, but this did not dampen the spirits of the people bent upon doing honour to one who did so much for the soldiers at the port of Durban, and they attended at the railway station in hundreds. The Caledonian Pipe Band, under Pipe-Major A. K. McKelvey, were present in full strength, and as the train drew into the station, they played “The Campbell's are Coming.” Miss Campbell, on alighting from the train, was seized by the “Diggers” and “chaired” while her worthy parents were escorted to Mrs. Boreham's motor car, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags, greenery, and flowers, prominent among which were gum leaves and wattle blossoms, emblematic of Queensland, while extended across the front of the car was a streamer of Campbell Tartan. Headed by the Pipe Band, and followed by the large concourse of interested onlookers, the visitors were taken to the Olympia Airdome, Miss Campbell being borne on the shoulders of the “diggers” in the uniquely constructed chair. The Airdome, which had been appropriately decorated, was filled to overflowing, and the visitors were given a remarkable reception. The Mayor (Ald. W. Gavegan) presided and there were also on the platform with him, representatives of the various Local Authorities, patriotic organisations, and the R.S. & S.I.L.A. Mr. Don Urquhart, organiser R.S. & S.I.L.A.

them that she had never before experienced such a unique joy ride as the diggers gave her from the station. She was not only pleased to renew acquaintances with the “diggers” but she was pleased to meet their parents, particularly the mothers, because without the mothers there would have been no diggers. (Laughter and applause). In honouring her they were also honouring the women of South Africa, where at the ports of Durban and Capetown much good work was done for the boys by the women. (Applause).

Dr. Campbell, after thanking the Mayor and citizens, and the Pipe Band, for the warm-hearted reception accorded them, went on to relate some interesting and humorous incidents with the diggers at Durban which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The Mayor thanked the Pipe Band for their presence, and also Mr. Garrick, for placing the Airdome at his disposal, and a vote of thanks having been accorded the Mayor the gathering sang the National Anthem and then dispersed.

The distinguished visitors were subsequently escorted to the Royal Hotel where they will stay during their visit.

This morning, the visitors will be taken for a drive through the Woongarra. In the afternoon, Miss Campbell will perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Memorial Baths, after which she will be present at the Soccer-Football match and later at the South-East Bundaberg School Fete. To-night, Miss Campbell and her parents will attend the pictures at the Olympia Theatre.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

BUNDEBERG RUGBY LEAGUE.

THE WEEKLY MEETING.

The usual weekly meeting of the Bundaberg Rugby League governing body was held Thursday evening. Mr. J. B. Clarke (President) presided over a well attended meeting of delegates. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence, inward and outward read and endorsed. From Messrs J. Dobber and E. Olsen, appealing against their suspension. It was decided to reopen the case, and after a

the R.S. & S.I.L.A. Mr. Don Urquhardt, organiser R.S. & S.I.L.A. Brisbane was also present.

The Mayor thanked the people of Bundaberg for attending in such large numbers, to welcome Miss Campbell, and her parents to Bundaberg. They had heard from time to time during the war, of the interest taken in the "Diggers" on their arrival at Durban, by Miss Campbell, whom they correctly termed "The Angel of Durban." It was splendid he said, to think that they had in Durban a girl like Miss Campbell always ready, with flags in hand, to signal a welcome to the troops as they hove in sight in the transports, and to entertain them so generously during their brief stay in that port. As Miss Campbell saw the boys during the war, so she decided to see them in times of peace, and he was pleased when Miss Campbell and her parents accepted the kind invitation extended them to visit Bundaberg. Fortunately they struck Bundaberg at a time when the sugar industry was in full swing, and through the kindness of Dr. Gibson, arrangements have been made for them to visit Bingers on Monday. On behalf of the citizens of Bundaberg, he extended a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, and to Miss Campbell (Applause).

Mr. J. Forgan (Clerk Woongarra Shire Council) and Mr. S. F. Luke, (Clerk Gooburrum Shire Council), extended a welcome to Miss Campbell, on behalf of the residents of those areas.

Mr. H. L. Harvey, Vice-president R.S. & S.I.L.A., extended a hearty welcome to Miss Campbell and in doing so recalled one fine spring morning, of four years ago, as the transport, by which he was travelling, was approaching the port of Durban a girl was observed waving two flags signalling words of welcome to the "Diggers". That proved to be Miss Campbell, who not only welcomed the "Diggers" but organised entertainments for them during their stay in that port. (Applause). On behalf of the local branch of the League, Mr. Harvey presented Miss Campbell with a silver-mounted emu's egg, suspended on a silver stand. In accepting the gift, Miss Campbell remarked, "They told me I was to get a kangaroo's egg". The humorous remark provoked much laughter, which was renewed as a "Digger" called out "Look out they don't present you with a 'gosanna' farm."

Mr. W. G. Marsh, President of the Red Cross Society, expressed the Society's appreciation of the interest Miss Campbell had taken in the boys as they called in at Durban, and on behalf of the members she presented Miss Campbell with a vase of red and white flowers, emblematic of the Red Cross Society. Miss Barker, presented Miss Campbell with a basket of flowers from the R.S. & S.I.L.A., and little Miss Miller, daughter of a returned soldier, also presented "The Durban Angel" with a bunch of sweet peas.

Mr. Don Urquhardt, then made a stirring appeal to the people of Bundaberg to render the League assistance financially to enable them to complete the memorial baths, the foundation stone of which was to be laid on the following afternoon by Miss Campbell.

Miss Campbell, on rising to express her thanks for the reception given her, was received with loud applause. She said she would not readily forget the greatness of the welcome she and her parents received in Bundaberg. She assured

MEMORIAL BATHS.

THE FOUNDATION STONE

LAI D BY MISS ETHEL CAMPBELL

In the presence of a very large and representative gathering, estimated at upwards of 2000 Miss Ethel Campbell, M.B.E., on Saturday afternoon, performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Memorial Baths. Splendid arrangements had been made for the ceremony by Mr. Les. Harbal, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch, while the appeal for subscriptions resulted in a sum of upwards of £100 being raised.

The neatly designed marble stone bore the following inscription:— "Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths. This stone was laid by Miss Ethel Campbell (of Durban), on 25th August, 1923. Erected to the memory of those who fought in the great War, 1914-1918."

As a memento of the occasion, Miss Campbell was presented with a solid gold miniature bricklayers' trowel, suitably inscribed, and it was mentioned that a similar souvenir was presented to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his laying of the foundation stone of the new Town Hall in Brisbane.

In introducing Miss Campbell, who was accompanied by her parents, Mr. H. L. Harvey, vice-president of the R.S.S.I.L.A., thanked the citizens of Bundaberg for attending in such large numbers, showing in a practical spirit, that their interest in the welfare of the "diggers" was not waning. Their presence was also an honour to Miss Campbell, who was kind enough to accept the invitation extended her by the League to come to Bundaberg and perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of their Memorial Baths and Club Rooms. He explained that the League was greatly in need of a hall in order to hold their membership, which has been dwindling of late years, all for the want of a suitable hall, which they had been endeavouring to erect for the last three or four years, and towards which a sum of upwards of £2000 had been raised, but as at least £30,000 would be required to build the hall. It was decided to abandon that idea and build memorial baths and club rooms combined. As a result of the appeal during the past few days, another £1,000 had been subscribed, and he was hopeful of the baths being opened free of debt.

Mr. Roy Wright, a member of the Executive, R.S.S.I.L.A., Brisbane, was present, and appealed to the returned men to become members of the League which had done a good deal, and was still doing much for the "digger." Among other things, the speaker made mention of the £10,000 raised by the Brisbane "Courier" for the relief of distressed diggers, and which had

been distributed through the channels of the League. He expressed the hope that the Memorial Baths would be opened free of debt.

A stirring appeal by Mr. Don. Urquhardt, Organiser, R.S.S.I.L.A., Brisbane, for donations towards the building of the Memorial Baths, resulted in a sum of upwards of £100 being raised. Of this Mr. Horace Bess contributed £50. Miss Ethel Campbell, Mr. W. B. T. Cavanagh (Mayor), Mr. L. H. Maynard, Mr. Robert Whittred, and Mr. Nielsen, each contributed £5. Miss Campbell trowel in hand, then proceeded to lay the stone, which was carefully lowered into position, and applying a little concrete, Miss Campbell declared it well and truly laid, amidst applause.

Addressing the vast assemblage, Miss Campbell said that that great man, General Birdwood, laid the foundation stone of the beautiful memorial statue, erected by the citizens of Bundaberg to the memory of those gallant men who left Bundaberg to take part in the fight to maintain the Empire, and the high traditions and ideals which have always been precious possessions of the British race, and made the supreme sacrifice. That proud monument stands for ever as a perpetual reminder of the heroic and glorious deeds of your sons, which stands enshrined in the history of the Great War. She felt deeply touched that, through the generous efforts of the community, she was able to lay the foundation stone for the erection of a further memorial in honour of these brave men. She would remind them, however, that the amount required to erect the memorial was not yet fully subscribed, and the appeal, coming as it does, from the "cobbers" of the men who died, and who themselves have counted not the cost nor turned back in the time of battle, was a debt which everyone knew was going to be honoured. (Applause). Away over in Durban they have a little military cemetery, and there lie some of the Queenslanders who died of meningitis on the troopships. These graves were honoured and carefully tended. She was thinking of those men this afternoon, and feeling that Bundaberg was honouring them that afternoon also.

Oh, the rows and rows of faces that were absent from the deck,

When your great big ships were heaving, but little themselves would rock,

For they died for Australia's honour, gladly they sailed and died,

And who can paint their glory? Not I; indeed, not I.

Dr. Campbell also briefly addressed the assemblage, and thanked the League for privileging his daughter with the honour of performing such an important ceremony. (Applause).

Subsequent to the ceremony, Miss Campbell inspected the guard of

honour formed by the Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Leo. Whittred.

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REPATRIATION GRANT

TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Recently the Commonwealth Government voted a sum of £500,000 for allocation to the local authorities through out the Commonwealth to be spent on special works as a means of giving employment to returned soldiers. Queensland's share of the above grant was £60,000, and of this amount £571 was voted to each municipality, including Bundaberg. A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening to decide how their grant shall be spent. His Worship the Mayor (Ald. M. Dunn) presided, and there were also present Aldermen C. W. Buss, W. Dunn, W. Gavegan, J. Peterson, S. H. Pabst, R. Ruddle, J. Heaps and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. T. McCarthy). An apology for absence was received from Ald. R. J. Campbell.

A letter was read from the local branch Returned Soldiers' League suggesting that the Council's vote of the grant be utilised in the erection of municipal baths.

Ald. Heaps said he took it that the money was to be expended in labor only and not in material, also that only returned men were to be engaged on the work. Therefore the suggestion to erect baths could not be entertained. He favoured the idea of devoting the money to improving the top end of the reserves which were in a deplorable condition and would be the means of giving employment to returned men, and would also keep one returned man in constant employment looking after the grounds.

Ald. Buss endorsed the suggestion of Ald. Heaps pointing out that the time had arrived when that portion of the grounds were improved.

Ald. Heaps moved that the money be spent in improving the top gardens. Ald. Buss seconded the motion.

Ald. W. Dunn said the suggestion of the previous speakers were worthy of consideration, but he had in view the matter of beautifying the reserve in Quay street, overlooking the wharves. His idea was to convert that particular reserve into a park to be known as Vaux Park, and plant trees in memory of the fallen soldiers.

Ald. Ruddle supported the remarks of Ald. Dunn, agreeing that the reserve in question could be transferred into a beautiful park.

Ald. Gavegan supported the Quay street reserve being beautified.

Ald. W. Dunn moved an amendment that the money be spent on the Quay street reserve overlooking the wharves.

Ald. Ruddle seconded the amendment

Ald. Ruddle seconded the amendment which was supported by Ald. Pabst.

On being put to the meeting the motion was defeated, and Mr. Dunn's amendment was then put and carried unanimously.

The matter of making preliminary arrangements to proceed with the work was left in the hands of the Mayor with instructions to seek the assistance of an expert gardener.

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MEMORIAL BATHS.

OPENED ON SATURDAY.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

"These baths fulfil a long felt want in Bundaberg, and it gives me great pleasure to declare them open," declared His Worship the Mayor (Ald. W. S. P. Gavegan) who at the same time took a neat header from the spring board amidst loud applause.

Under boisterous weather conditions, with rain threatening at any moment, the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths were officially opened on Saturday afternoon by the Mayor (Ald. W. Gavegan) in the presence of a large and interested gathering of the public. Everything had been in order for the occasion, and the beautiful pool of clear salt water which had just been pumped in from the river was very tempting to the onlookers to take a plunge. The concrete pool is the full regulation size, 100ft. in length by 36ft. in width, the depth of water varying from 3ft. to 8ft. On either side of the pool are substantial dressing rooms, 34 in all, and on top thereof are the galleries for the spectators. Another large gallery is built at the northern end, the whole providing seating accommodation for upwards of 800 people. A kiosk is erected in the south-east corner of the enclosure the whole of which is well lighted. The baths, which were constructed under the supervision of Mr. Lea Barbat, compared more than favourably with anything of the kind yet attempted in Queensland, and the "Diggers" are to be commended upon their enterprise. To date they have cost £2800, and more money is required to complete the structure, which includes the club rooms.

Rattray's Jazz Band was in attendance, and after the opening ceremony a number of swimming events were decided.

The Mayor, who was formally introduced by Mr. H. L. Harvey, in the unavoidable absence of the President of the League (Captain J. F. Barker), said that on the 25th August last, the foundation stone of the baths was laid by Miss Ethel Campbell, the "Diggers' Angel."

Campbell, the "Diggers' Angel," from Durban. That day was a memorable one for Bundaberg, particularly for the "Diggers," and to-day was another important day for the people—the opening of the baths which the public have been clamouring for years. (Applause). Bundaberg, he said, had reason to pride itself on having two memorials in its city. He referred to the beautiful monument in Bourbon street, and the memorial baths—worthy tributes to the men who enlisted in this district, and particularly to those who gave their lives. Those two memorials revealed the generosity and patriotism of the citizens, and he hoped that the £200 yet required to complete the club rooms would be forthcoming. It gave him pleasure to head the list with £5. (Applause). He touched upon the importance of baths to a town, and said that the Council was contemplating erecting a pool in the old ferry cutting when the soldiers stepped in and decided upon baths as a fitting memorial. He then formally declared the baths open, and divesting himself his clothing, substituting bathing "logs," His Worship took a plunge from the spring-board and as he emerged from the sparkling water he was greeted with applause. The Mayoress was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet, presented to her by little Miss Morrow on behalf of the League.

During the afternoon a programme of events were decided with the following result:—

School Boys' Race. (33 yards).—E. Campbell 1, B. Wilkin 2, Walter Mark 3.

Open Handicap (66 yards)—First Heat.—H. King (4secs.) 1, E. McDougall (6secs.) 2; time 43 secs. Second Heat.—E. Miller (6secs.) 1; J. Lawrey (8secs.) 2; time 43 2/5th secs. Third Heat.—H. Morahan (3 secs.) 1; H. McDougall (3secs.) 2; time 41 1/5th secs. FINAL.—H. King 1, H. Morahan 2, E. McDougall 3. An excellent race, King winning by a yard. Time 44 2/5th secs.

Open Handicap (33 yards)—First Heat.—E. Cooper (5 secs.) 1; E. McDougall (4secs.) 2; time 22 4/5th secs. Second Heat.—H. King (2secs.) 1; M. Hort (5sec.) 2; time 21 1/2 secs.

FINAL.—E. Cooper 1, M. Hort 2, E. McDougall 3. Won by half-a-yard;

DIGGERS' SPORTS.

Intending acceptors for the pedestrian events are reminded that acceptances are due not later than 6 p.m. this evening with the secretary at the Memorial Baths. Given fine weather the sports this year will exceed all previous functions and undoubtedly will help to revive same and once again make Bundaberg the premier sporting city of Queensland. The committee are deserving of every praise for their efforts in organising same and giving away such liberal prize money, which has been the means of attracting several southern competitors and making the Diggers' sports recognised as the premier programme offered in Queensland for many years past. The people of Bundaberg and surrounding districts are assured of witnessing some excellent racing both in the cycling and pedestrian events, and as all proceeds are to be devoted to wiping off the existing debt on the Memorial Baths and Club Rooms another record is confidently anticipated in the attendance.

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RETURNED SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL BATHS.

A meeting of the management committee of the Memorial Baths was held during the week, when consideration was given to several matters appertaining to the future welfare of the Baths. A new time table has been arranged and will come into operation from Monday next, 23th February. In future the Baths will be closed for swimming purposes until 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, for the purpose of cleaning and filling the pool. The Baths will be open for public inspection during these periods and all are invited to inspect same. Ladies have now been allotted Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings and during all these sessions none other than ladies will be permitted entrance to Memorial Baths. A full copy of the time table is on view at the Baths and patrons are asked to make themselves conversant with same, so as to save disappointment. The Hornett Swimming Club were granted use of the Memorial Baths for March 5th for the purpose of holding their annual carnival.

LIFE SAVING TESTS

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LAST NIGHT'S EXHIBITION.

YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION.

It was a pleasure to visit the Soldiers' Memorial Baths yesterday afternoon and to see the large number of enthusiastic children disporting themselves in the water. Some were mere beginners, others more proficient, and what's more to the point, was the number of school teachers, and school children, numbering fully 500 from the State and Christian Brothers' schools. Mr. F. O. Venning, hon. secretary of the Queensland head centre Royal Life Saving Society, Brisbane, and Mr. T. O'Cavanagh, an old life saver from Brisbane, were present, and were immensely impressed with the enthusiasm displayed. They expressed pleasure at seeing the Christian Brothers' and the State school teachers present taking an interest in the boys. A display of life saving by the South School boys, showed some energetic teaching, and ere long these boys will earn their certificates for proficiency. It was learned that some of the schools attend only once a fortnight. This is not sufficient. Once a week is scarcely enough, but every fortnight—it is a wonder anything is done at all. It behoves every child to learn to swim, and it is the duty of the parent to see that it does. It saves a lot of worry, when the parent knows that although the child be near the river, waterhole or creek, it can swim. Consequently it is necessary that the child be encouraged to attend the baths as frequently as possible. Master Gordon Finemore, a pupil of the Christian Brothers' High School gave a very finished display of diving, including a one and a-half somersault. Messrs Venning and O'Cavanagh, ventured the opinion that they have not seen as good work in the south, especially for so young a boy, who fairly amazed the interested on-lookers.

The examination for awards of the Royal Life Saving Society of the Bundaberg Branch of the R.L.S.S. was held last evening in the Baths. The tests for the bronze medallion, proficiency and elementary certificates, comprise land drill of rescue and release methods, and the

and release methods, and the Schafer method of resuscitation in the water, carrying a patient 20 yards for four methods of rescue, three methods of release, recovering an object from bottom of the bath, swimming a distance of 100 yards on the breast and 50 yards on the back, also a complete knowledge of the Society's hand book on the heart, lungs, respiration, &c. The examiners were Messrs A. Lunn and F. Q. Venning. Mr. T. O'Cavanagh was also present. F. C. Amos was awarded an hon. instructor and hon. teacher's certificate. The following received bronze medallions for proficiency and elementary:— N. E. Pyle, J. P. Feeney, W. J. Laurey, E. J. Martens, A. W. Pidgeon, N. J. Feeney, W. H. Harvey, T. J. Miles, H. R. Melbourn; elementary certificates were awarded to C. F. Amos, H. E. Nilsson, A. L. Nilsson, R. C. Amos, a total of 33 awards.

Mr. F. C. Amos was congratulated on the excellent work of his team. Mr. Amos stated that he has another class preparing for the award of merit tests, also the Christian Bros.' boys and a ladies class. Mr. A. Lunn, who acted in conjunction with Mr. Venning, has been appointed hon. examiner for the Bundaberg district. The team that patrols the beach will be examined shortly for their surf awards, showing that Bundaberg is well on the map in life saving matters.

This afternoon Messrs Venning and O'Cavanagh will visit Nielson Park and inspect the life saving equipment. They return to Brisbane this evening.

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BUNDABERG DIGGERS.

Enthusiasm was the keynote of the annual general meeting of the Bundaberg branch, R.S.S.L.A., which was held at the Memorial Baths, Bundaberg, on Friday. Under the presidency of Mr. A. D. Loyland, the following members took part in the proceedings: Messrs. W. H. Macleod, Col. A. J. Barker, Rev. A. H. Osborn, J. K. Murphy, C. Cheetham, H. W. Goodfellow, I. C. Meyers, J. W. Mott, F. Searle, J. Cannon, O. J. Derrick, T. Irish, J. Nilcox, G. D. Aiken, D. Drysdale, G. Totten, E. Geaton, and the secretary, Mr. J. Jorgensen. The annual report was presented, following the reading of which, many eulogistic references were made, and the services of the more active officials were lauded in highly appreciative terms. The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted in an overwhelming re-appointment of those who did such good service last year, namely, President, Mr. A. D. Loyland; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. K. Murphy, R. Fleming, Col. J. F. Barker, Rev. A. H. Osborn, H. W. Goodfellow, I. C. Meyers, W. H. Macleod, and C. Cheetham; treasurer, Mr. H. Lane; secretary, Mr. J. Jorgensen. The working committee was also appointed.

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Praise Of Swim Pool Appreciated

Aldermen of Bundaberg City Council last night expressed pleasure at a statement by Olympic squad coach Frank Guthrie, of Sydney, that the new Bundaberg Olympic swimming pool was one of the finest in Australia for training and racing purposes.

Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee (Ald. D. G. Rattray) said he considered it was a tribute to the Council Engineer (Mr. C. S. Brewer), who had designed the pool, the council itself and the workmen who built it.

Ald. G. G. Boreham said it was gratifying to see Mr Guthrie take such a good view of the pool. When people like Mr. Guthrie made statements like he had made in Bundaberg yesterday it was a great thing for the town. There was a good deal of interest in the pool throughout Queensland.

The Mayor (Ald. Buss) said he had had a long talk with Mr. Guthrie and he had been hopeful of bringing between 18 and 22 swimming stars to train in Bundaberg.

His main worry, however, was about accommodation. He wanted suitable accommodation for the girl members of the team. He would like to have them quartered in a home with a chaperone.

It would be a pity if among the 6500 homes in Bundaberg one could not be found to accommodate the girl members of the team. The visit would mean a great fillip to swimming in Bundaberg. If anybody knew of accommodation being available he would like to know.

He said it was desired to have the girls together but the boys of the team could be billeted separately.

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other, Ronald, Burke, Craig, Davidson, Harvey, Langley, Lindsay, Mackay, McDonald.

MAY TRAIN AT BUNDABERG

BUNDABERG, April 25.— The famous swimming coach, Frank Guthrie, may bring his Olympic squad of 18 to Bundaberg to train during the winter if the Bundaberg Swimming Club decides at a meeting tomorrow night to raise about £1000 required to board the swimmers between the beginning of July and August 7, when the Australian Swimming Association will take over the payment of expenses.

Part of the £1000 will be defrayed through exhibition carnivals.

Mr Guthrie said today that the Bundaberg pool was perfect for training.

Bundaberg officials consider that if the visit is arranged, swimming will get its greatest boost for years.

TONGAN K.O.'s DON COCKELL

WINNER, April 14, IAAF Meeting.—The Tongan boxer, K.O. Don Cockell, has won the British and Empire heavyweight championship. Don Cockell, in the second round of their 10-round non-title fight in London tonight, in a previous round, Don Cockell sent down in six rounds to take his heavyweight title, who defeated in a technical knockout in the Jamaica heavyweight, Don Cockell.

SELLWOOD'S 4th WIN FOR SEASON

WINNER, April 25.— The Sellwood club today won their fourth victory of the season at Bundaberg today and their 11th total since the 1955-56 season. The club's victory was secured by a 10-0 win over the Bundaberg club.

Sellwood was represented by: Billie, David and Fred Brown.

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Conclusion

Glorifying the healthy, capable body under the sun became a way of commemorating the wounded and deceased bodies of war, as Queensland's post-war memorial pools increasingly adopted a key role in building local communities. Enjoying oneself in a public pool became thought of as a way to not only construct Queenslanders' physical and mental fitness, but also as a civic responsibility: to commemorate those who have given their lives (and bodies) to preserve this quintessentially Australian way of life.

Fearing that the physically crippled and mentally scarred victims of the war would become dependent on the state, the memorial pool initiative was financially supported by the Commonwealth, which deemed swimming a healthy leisure pursuit, able to reconstruct both mind and body, and to forge a new, modern post-war community. In the second half of the twentieth century, these fears and aspirations were carefully translated into the design of Queensland's memorial pools, producing a large and varied collection of predominantly humble and economical buildings that were rarely ordinary or dull, and came to define Australia's quintessential democratic and social space.

Endnotes

The authors would like to thank both anonymous reviewers for their comments on an earlier version of this article.

- 1 *The Pool* was an installation built in the Australian pavilion for the 2016 Venice Biennale of Architecture. This installation, a shallow, angular pool surrounded by wooden decks, was to stimulate critical engagement of architects in a broader public debate about the civic and social value of the spaces they create. See Linda Cheng, 'Creative team revealed: Australia's 2016 Venice Architecture Biennale', *Architecture Australia*, 21 April 2015, <http://architectureau.com/articles/creative-team-revealed-2016-venice-architecture-biennale>; Amelia Holliday, Isabelle Toland and Michelle Tabet, 'The Pool: Inside Australia's pavilion at the 2016 Venice Biennale', *Architecture Daily*, 29 May 2016, <http://www.archdaily.com/788471/the-pool-inside-australias-pavilion-at-the-2016-venice-biennale>.
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- 4 We would like to thank Paul Sayer for the detailed information he provided on war memorial tax deductions.

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NEW BATHS OPEN FOR HOLIDAY SWIMMING

The new Bundaberg Olympic swimming pool will be opened unofficially on December 24 to enable children to swim over the Christmas holidays.

This was announced yesterday by the City Engineer (Mr. Brewer) who said construction on the job was proceeding well, although a good deal of work remained to be completed.

A temporary fence would be erected around the pool before Christmas as a safety measure in preventing access from Anzac Park.

The pool would be painted on the inside and concrete surroundings had now been completed.

It would be impossible to have lawns laid before the unofficial opening but the temporary fence would confine the area around the pool to a small one and two foot pools were being constructed to allow people to wash their feet before entering the baths.

Mr. Brewer said until pumping equipment had been installed in the well adjacent to the baths, from which it would draw its own supply, the pool would be filled from the town supply, but it would be filled at a time when it did not interfere with supplies to business premises and dwellings in the city.

Filling would be done at night when there was less drain on the town supply, and during that period the emergency pump in the Tantiha well would be turned on.

This should prevent the town supply being diminished to an extent that domestic consumption would be affected.

Mr. Brewer said the pool would hold 2,600,000 gallons of water, which was about half a million gallons above the daily average water consumption in the city.

Referring to the new Walker Street bridge project which would cost over £11,000, about four-fifths of which would be borne by the Main Roads Department, Mr. Brewer said work had reached the stage where the first pour of concrete was yesterday on the floor for the structure. (The floor is the cement base on the creek bed).

Mr. Brewer said the bridge, when completed, would be 24 feet wide from kerbing to kerbing, and there would be two six-foot footways.

Construction was expected to take four to five months, he said, but it was hoped that the flow of traffic over the bridge would not be disturbed

for more than a couple of days.

The bridge was being constructed in sections so that part of the new structure would be available for traffic while the old bridge was being demolished.

The new bridge would be three feet higher than the existing bridge, which has been a traffic bottleneck in times of severe flooding in the city when it has been the only means of access for people living in southern and eastern suburbs and Bargara and Elliott Heads.

In the last big flood in Bundaberg there were traffic queues over half a mile long on each side of the bridge, which is narrow and dangerous.

SIX PHONES IN HOUSE

ROCKHAMPTON, Monday.—A bookmaker who had six telephones in his house where police found 21 betting slips, ranging in amounts from five shillings to £50 last Saturday was fined £150 in the Court of Petty Sessions today.

Peter Kevin Conaghan, 45, of Rockhampton, pleaded guilty before Mr. H. P. Applin, S.M., to a charge under the 1954 Racing and Betting Act last on December 10 he kept a common betting house. S.I. Inspector A. Purcell said Conaghan was acting in complete defiance of the law.

Mr. Applin said it was surprising to him that a man could have six telephones in his private house when not so long ago people were crying out for telephones.

He said they indicated that Conaghan was operating in a big way.

Welcome Break In Drought

Much needed rain fell in most mill areas yesterday.

Bingera mill gauge registered 125 points and Givelda 149. Fairymead received 24 points and Fairymead plantation at Childers 180 points. Goodwood plantation received 44 points.

Rainfall at Alloway was 81

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Pool for learners opened by Mayor

Bundaberg's new learners swimming pool, at the Olympic Pool site, was officially opened on Saturday by the Mayor, Ald. C. J. Nielsen.

Ald. Nielsen unveiled a plaque set in the wall of the building housing the new filtration plant which, with the learners pool, cost about \$32,000.

The filtration plant, one of the most modern in Queensland, serves both the Olympic Pool and the learners pool, saving about 20,000 gallons an hour from the underground water supply.

Ald. Nielsen said the pumping capacity of the plant was about 40,000 gallons an hour. The plant completely changed the water in the small pool every four hours, and in the main pool, three times a day.

He said the water in both pools was being sterilised with chlorine, and was being tested frequently to ensure freedom from bacteria.

1967 project

Ald. Nielsen said it had been hoped that the learners pool might have been opened three years ago, when it was originally proposed as a Centenary Year project.

Several applications had been made for loan funds but each bid up until last year had been rejected.

Outlining the history of swimming pools in Bundaberg, Ald. Nielsen said the original pool, built in memory of World War I returned soldiers, was opened by Miss Edith Campbell on August 25th, 1923.

A small pool, this served Bundaberg until 1956, when the present Olympic Pool was opened by the late Mr. F. H. Buss, M.B.E.

Ald. Nielsen said the council was now giving consideration to the construction of a combined caretaker's residence and canteen, which could be expected to cost about \$25,000.

Following the unveiling ceremony, Ald. Nielsen presented special Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club badges to several swimmers to recognise their performances at last season's State titles.

Greg Boneham had a record - breaking success in the State under 12 breaststroke final, and Jan Widdowson and Ann Nixon received badges as members of the Bundaberg State High School team, which won the girls sub-junior title.

POLL IS DECLARED

The Wide Bay poll was declared by the Divisional Returning Officer, Mr. R. L. Willis, at the Maryborough Electoral Office on Saturday.

At that stage the figures were: Hansen (A.L.P.) 27,749, Kehoe (D.L.P.) 1843, Neville (C.P.) 20,625.

Mr. Hansen, who has retained the seat, said the result was very pleasing to himself and his supporters.

"No amount of boundary adjustment will save the Government when the people are in a mood for a change as they were on election day," he said.

"It now appears that the Liberal-Country Party coalition has been saved temporarily by the preferences of the D.L.P., but they have yet to resolve their differences of prior to the election plus those that have now arisen since the election. How long they will remain in office could well depend on how they heed the electors' message of October 25."

Mr. Hansen said the most pleasing feature in Wide Bay was the increase of over 1000 in Labor's vote in the Nanango and Wondal subdivisions which were considered to be strong Country Party areas. This vote, along with the improved vote for all areas, had given the A.L.P. a record overall majority in Wide Bay, he said.

BOOKS LIBRARY

Free books now available at Bundaberg School of Arts

market in Europe and the States.

The clues lead to two separate lines of inquiry. In Beirut, the expedition is forced to split in two. One group posing as an advance film unit, follows the perilous trail to the opium farm in the secret valley where the deadly poppy is grown. The other, back in Beirut, infiltrates the murderous organisation which is planning to export a hundred million dollars worth of heroin.

This is a tense story set against the usual authentic and well-searched back-

Official opening of pool block

An impressive two-storey administration block at Bundaberg Olympic Pool, built at a cost of almost \$40,000 was officially opened last night by the Mayor, Ald. C. J. Nielsen.

The new structure, planned for some years by the City Council but delayed because of problems with finance allocations, provides the latest in facilities.

The official opening attractions included a carnival organised by Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club and Fairymead Amateur Swim Club.

Ald. Nielsen praised the clubs for their work in learn-to-swim campaigns and commented on the encouragement given to youth to participate in swimming.

Progress

He said that the new building marked further progress at the pool and added to the city's prestige.

A few years ago parts of Quay Street could not be regarded as a "beautiful street", but the City Council, and private enterprise which also established new buildings, had since changed this situation, Ald. Nielsen said.

He said that the previous pool building had outlived its usefulness and had not been in keeping with other pool amenities.

The new structure, besides being an asset to the council, would be a "service to patrons and a convenience to the lessee."

Ald. Nielsen praised the work of the architects, Cook and Kerrison and Partners, the contractors, J. B. and L. R. Murchie, and the pool lessee, Mr. W. Pearson.

He said that the council was very pleased with the services of Mr. Pearson

and had extended his lease.

Ald. Nielsen spoke of the workings of Commonwealth, State and local government.

"Local government receives the least consideration of the three as far as finance is concerned, but the council feels that it has played its part in developing the pool facilities," he said.

Ald. Nielsen unveiled a plaque at the garden-setting entrance to the pool.

The new building incorporates a ticket office entrance, shop and administration space, provision for a cafe, and residence for the lessee upstairs.

The council has provided a sheltered area over what was once a fountain at the pool. This area, in which chairs are provided, is expected to be decorated with plants and shrubs.

Ald. Nielsen said he expected it would be a popular resting area for parents with children at the pool.

SURPRISE ARRIVAL

PERTH: Staff at the Fremantle Hospital casualty ward were standing by at 8 a.m. on Friday for the arrival of the new sister in charge.

Sharp on the hour an ambulance arrived with a patient, a woman driver whose car had rolled over.

The casualty was Mrs. Bernice Colleran, the new sister.

Sister Colleran had been only superficially hurt.

FAIRYMEAD SWIMMING CLUB

The first meeting called to discuss forming a swim club was held on 3rd April 1956. Persons present at that meeting were: Mr. H. Murdoch, who chaired the meeting, Mrs. C.A.N. Young, who had called for the meeting to be held, Mr and Mrs. B. Croucher, Mr and Mrs. E. Naumann, Mr and Mrs H. Fourro, Mr and Mrs A. Crocker, Mrs Dittman, Mrs Slater, Miss O. Slater, Mrs Reynolds, Mr. John Dexter and Mrs Murdoch.

Minutes of the meeting of Fairymead Swimming Club held in the Sunday School Hall on Tuesday April 3rd, 1956, commencing at 7.30pm.

At the commencement of the meeting Mr. H. Murdoch explained why the meeting had been called. In support Mrs C.A.N. Young stated that it was in the interests of Thursday Night Swimming and the Fairymead men and boys that a Swimming Club be formed. After this discussion it was unanimously decided to form the Fairymead Swimming Club.

Thereupon followed the election of Officers, with the following results:

President: John Dexter, nominated by Mr. H. Murdoch. Carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr A. Crocker, nominated by Mr H. Murdoch. Carried.

Election of Committee Members: It was moved by Mr B. Croucher that all present form the swimming committee. This was carried.

Fees: J. Dexter moved, E. Naumann seconded that the fees be Adults 5/-, children under the age of 16 years 2/6d.

Constitution: It was moved by H. Murdoch and seconded by B. Croucher that the Constitution of the Women's Club be adopted. Carried.

Election of Officers: As the present season had almost drawn to a close, it was decided that the present officers hold office for the following season.

Conduct of swimming Programme: Discussion then centred round the conduct of a swimming programme. Mrs. Young intimated that Mr. Ellis and his band of helpers would be only too pleased to help with the conduct of same. It was pointed out that some help from the Fairymead body would be appreciated. It was felt that at the present the club would be very pleased to have the use of the Officials of the Women's Club.

Donation of Prizes: Mrs. Young stated that she would donate a prize this year for the boys' events. Next season it would be the responsibility of the club. The President thanked Mrs Young for her kindness.

Breaking-up Night: Mrs Young informed the meeting that there was only one swim night remaining. This programme would terminate with a supper. Those participating were invited to bring along some form of refreshment. It was agreed this would be very acceptable as support from the town members is not very strong in this department. The President suggested the children be notified at school with regard to the requirements in refreshments for the night's supper.

Drivers for Thursday Night: Mr Murdoch and Mr Naumann offered to drive members to the Baths on Thursday night. Offers as drivers also came from Messrs H. Fourro, A. Johns and J. Dexter. As the programme at the Baths was due to start at 7pm and terminate at 8.30pm it was decided to leave from Murdoch's at 6.40pm.

Coaching of Swimmers: At the close of the meeting Mrs Young made reference to Mr Ellis' offer to coach swimmers during the Saturday morning session.

As there was no further business the President declared the meeting closed.

Results printed in the News Mail on Friday April 6th 1956.

Fairymead Boys Beginners 16 yards: L. Green 1, R. Reynolds 2, R. Crocker 3. 31 seconds.

Fairymead Boys Beginners Breaststroke: L. Green 1, R. Reynolds 2, E. McNeilly 3. 14.2 secs.

Fairymead Boys Beginners Backstroke: L. Green 1, R. Reynolds 2, R. Crocker 3. 14.2 secs.

Fairymead Advanced Boys Freestyle 55 yards: W. Rodman 1, G. Slater 2, O. Norman 3. 66.1 secs.

Fairymead Boys Backstroke: W. Rodman 1, G. Slater 2, O. Norman 3. 74.4 secs.

It was agreed that the club be opened to all males on payment of a registration fee according to the club rules and that no restrictions be placed on membership. The registration fee for the 1957-58 season to be 3/- for Juniors under 16 years and 6/- for Senior members over 16 years.

All events under 55 yards distance to be held on Saturday mornings between the hours of 9am and 10.30am.

The club's finances to be changed to the Commonwealth Savings Bank Cheque Account and that the President and Treasurer be authorised to operate this account.

It was agreed that the club badge be the same as previously, with the exception of the base which will in future be gold and that all children over 9 years of age wear a uniform costume with the club badge attached in all championship and inter-club events.

There was a general discussion regarding the Fairymead Mill Pool which would be available to the Fairymead children for the purpose of training and improving their swimming ability, and Mr S. Edmonds stated that he would assist in the coaching of the children whenever possible of an evening. The meeting agreed that the use of the pool by the children would give them every opportunity of becoming better swimmers.

The affiliation fee of four guineas was forwarded to Q.A.S.A.

At the meeting held on 25th September 1957, which followed the Annual General Meeting, Mr. A. Crocker was elected to the position of Senior Vice President.

In regard to the matter of Vice Presidents, it was moved that the number of Vice Presidents be unlimited. The following persons were then nominated: L. Slater, F. Axam, B. Croucher, C. Clements, George Dittman, J. Dexter, H. Wilson, Wm. Peake, George Reynolds, E. Naumann, H. Murdoch, H. Fourro, M. Baker, H. Balkin, H. Gahan, W. Moodie, A. Johns, Theo Dittman, R. Puttack, J. Russell, J. Praetz, W. Olsen, P. Keys, E. Hunter, T. Duffy and D. Lung, with power to add.

At this meeting it was decided that the name of the club be changed from 'Fairymead Boys Amateur Swimming Club' to 'Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club,' subject to the approval of the Q.A.S.A.

A lengthy discussion took place at the meeting held on 11th November 1957 regarding the alteration to the Club's Constitution as shown on forms supplied to each member present, and it was unanimously decided to alter the Constitution as suggested and the club would from now on be known as the Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club, and that it be open to both male and female members. However it was decided not to accept female members this season, 1957-58.

The Treasurer's Report at this meeting showed a credit balance of one hundred and seven pounds twelve shillings and eight pence.

At the meeting held on 24th November 1957 it was moved that Life Membership be conferred on Mrs C.A.N. Young for services rendered to the Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club and to its members over a period of years. Carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion took place during General Business at the meeting held on 9th December 1957 over the debarring of F.A.S.C. swimmers from the Open Carnival Handicap Events.

A letter was sent to the Apex Club informing them of the dissatisfaction caused within the club regarding the refusal of entry of the F.A.S.C. members to swim in the handicap events at the Open Carnival held on Saturday night 7th December 1957.

A Committee of five members was appointed to meet with officials of B.L.A.S.C. to endeavour to obtain some amicable agreement regarding future swimming carnivals in the Bundaberg Olympic Pool and the prospects of arranging interclub competitions between F.A.S.C. and B.L.A.S.C.

Mr R. Mazeth suggestion at the meeting held on 10th February 1958 that a Dutch Show might be staged for the benefit of the club was received with thanks and it was left for him and the President to confer on the matter.

Mr J. Gray offered to arrange a Tennis Tournament to raise funds for the club.

Messrs Harold Croucher and H. Murdoch were appointed delegates to the Wide Bay Regional Swimming Committee on 19th June 1958.

Move For Interclub Swimming Events

Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club officials believed that interclub swimming would improve the sport in Bundaberg. Mr. H. Croucher, Fairymead club president, reported at the annual meeting last night.

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Girls: U. Seawright, M. Pearson, K. Hillcoat, P. Walker, J. Spratley, P. Kingston, D. Hartley, D. McCarthy, K. Murchie, D. Hillcoat, R. Gottz, A. De Bruin, B. Seawright, K. Seawright.

The secretary, Mr. E. Cullen, said that the club learn-to-swim classes for this year at the Olympic Pool would begin tomorrow morning.

Results

Results, winners only —
 Freestyle: 25 yd. D. Cullen, B. Pitt, C. Primerecca; 55yd. D. Bugden, A. Green, L. Black, D. Green, M. Bugden, J. Spratley, C. Pearson; 110 yd. R. Freeman, G. Brasch, M. Linnane, P. Byrne.

Breaststroke: 25 yd. C. Primerecca, D. Green, L. Davis, 55 yd. S. Gottz, D. Hartley, J. Crossley, J. Anderson, P. Quivooy, R. Gottz, R. Freeman, G. Grimes, G. Anderson, B. Seawright; 110 yd. P. Davis, D. Sauer.

Backstroke: 25yd. A. Green, L. Davis, D. Cullen, G. Kingston, P. Kingston, 55yd. M. Pearson, M. Byrne, M. Linnane, P. Byrne; 110 yd. P. Davis.

Butterfly: 25 yd.

"The one and only interclub swim staged last season, before the Wide Bay championships proved very successful and several record times were set," he said.

The interclub competition was organised to select the best swimmers to represent Bundaberg.

"This scheme of interclub meets should go ahead if closer co-operation existed between the two clubs concerned," Mr. Croucher said.

He stressed the urgency of parents becoming members of the club and assisting in the goal of teaching all children how to swim.

"I believe swimming is a clean, healthy sport, building up a physique which has no equal," Mr. Croucher said.

He added that children interested in the sport seemed to have a clean outlook on life and kept clear of undesirable elements.

Successes

"Olympic champions have been found in clubs similar to ours, so let us keep up the good work and see if we can produce one also," the president said. Members could be proud of the carnivals during the season.

"I would like to impress on parents that clubs such as our swim club are not child-minding centres, and I urge the parents to boost the morale of their children and assist us in our efforts," Mr. Croucher said.

He said that one of the most important parts of the club's activities was the coaching scheme, but it had been neglected.

Mr. Croucher said it called for help and co-operation on the part of parents to assist the few who were striving to maintain the high standards of swimming in the club.

Membership for the past season was 334, the second largest for a Queensland country club.

Mr. Croucher paid a tribute to the skill of the handicappers and to the enthusiasm of swimmers.

Western Districts Club Brisbane, is expected to visit Bundaberg again this season.

Mr. Croucher thanked club officials, members, and outside individuals who assisted during the past season.

Re-elected

The club's 1962-63 season will start on October 20.

Mr. Croucher was re-elected president.

Other elections were: Mr. C. A. N. Young patron, Mr. J. Mordue secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Hall, Mrs. J. Simmonds handicappers, Mr. D. McDougall registrar-recorder and starter, Mr. W. Russell judge, M. H. Croucher chief timekeeper, Mr. A. Nixon boys' club captain, D. Hart vice-captain.



BUNDABERG

29 SWIMMING RECORDS BROKEN IN WIDE BAY TITLES

Twenty-nine records were broken during an amazing night's swimming at the Wide Bay championships in the Bundaberg Olympic Pool on Saturday.

Eighteen men's records and 11 women's records were lowered during the running of 42 finals. Bundaberg and Fairymead club swimmers won 26 events.

Fourteen-year-old Jennifer Thorn, of Kingsgrove, set a record for the junior women's 440 yards freestyle time from 5 min. 41 sec. to 5 min. 17.6 sec.

A sister of Olympian Robyn Thorn, Jennifer won three silver medals at the national swimming championships at Perth. Jennifer Thorn also impressively won the junior 110 yards freestyle in the smart time of 1 min. 32 sec., which was two seconds outside the record.

29.1sec. Off

Warren Kinne, of the Fairymead Club, slashed the biggest margin off a record, when he easily won the open men's 200 yards breaststroke in 3 min. 51 sec., which was 39.1 sec. better than the record.

Kinne, who has shown tremendous improvement in recent months, won by more than half a lap.

In the sub-junior men's 55 yards backstroke heats, five swimmers broke the record of 39 seconds. In the final, I. Kennedy (Maryborough) who won the race and the placetoppers K. Taylor (Maroochy-Nambour) and G. Plath (Bundaberg) broke the record again.

Kennedy won the final in the excellent time of 25.8 sec. He was only inches ahead of Taylor and Plath.

The sub-junior men's 55 yards freestyle heats and final were exciting, and in the heats the six qualifiers for the final broke the record.

Touch Ahead

Maryborough youngster I. Vary won the final in the record time of 30.9 sec., finishing a few strokes ahead of K. Tay-

lor (Maroochy-Nambour) and clubmate G. Scott (Maryborough).

Jenice Griffin (Bundaberg) churned the water desperately over the last five yards of the sub-junior women's 55 yards breaststroke. She finished only a touch ahead of I. Bendixen (Maroochy-Nambour) and Mary Joyner (Bundaberg).

Other swimmers to perform creditably at the championships included Denise Edmonds (Bundaberg), Trevor Dippleman (Fairymead), Ann Joyce (Bundaberg), Patricia Edmonds (Bundaberg), Lyn Logan (Bundaberg), Garry Seymour (Fairymead), and K. French (Kingsgrove).

Denise Edmonds won four events, three of them in record time. Her sister Patricia also swam impressively, breaking two records.

The sub-junior 220 yards freestyle was won by Denise Edmonds in effortless style.

Two outstanding swimmers were those by E. Taylor (Maroochy-Nambour) in winning the junior men's 110 yards freestyle and open 110 yards backstroke final.

Taylor, who represented Queensland last season, won the 110 yards in 68 sec., which was almost a second faster than the second recorded in the open time won by Trevor Dippleman (Fairymead).

In the open backstroke event, Taylor swam brilliantly to be timed at 1 min. 4.3 sec.—7.6 sec. better than the previous record.

More than 180 swimmers took part in the championships. Penalties were presented by Mr. E. J. Walsh, M.L.A.

TITLE DETAILS

Women

Open 440yd. freestyle: D. Edmonds (B) 5, 52.2 (rec).
Cavie (B) 2, K. Izard (M) 3, 5-21.9 (rec).

Under-16 55yd. freestyle: N. Kinne (F) 1, P. Edmonds (B) 2, K. Whitaker (M) 3, 5-17.5 (rec).

Under-15 55yd. backstroke: A. Joyner (B) 1, J. Carstairs (M) 2, G. Lewis (K) 3, 49.2.

Sub-junior 55yd. butterfly: D. Edmonds (B) 1, J. Simmonds (F) 2, R. French (K) 3, 37 (rec).

Junior 440yd. freestyle: J. Thorn (K) 1, P. Lohse (B) 2, 5-17.5 (rec).

Under-10 55yd. backstroke: P. Edmonds (B) 1, R. Whitaker (M) 2, P. Gray (F) 3, 46.8 (rec).

Open 110yd. freestyle: I. Logan (B) 1, K. Izard (M) 2, D. Cavie (B) 3, 70.8.

Under-12 55yd. breaststroke: A. Joyner (B) 1, M. Hammons (F) 2, F. Hogan (G) 3, 47.1.

Junior 110yd. freestyle: J. Thorn (K) 1, L. Logan (B) 2, F. Lohse (B) 3, 1.52.

Sub-junior 55yd. backstroke: R. French (K) 1, D. Edmonds (B) 2, G. Swan (M) 3, 39 (rec).

Open 110yd. backstroke: L. Logan (B) 1, K. Izard (M) 2, D. Cavie (B) 3, 1.28.5.

Junior 110yd. butterfly: C. Shellbach (M) 1, 1.53.9. Only starter.

Open 220yd. breaststroke: J. Griffin (B) 1, M. Joyner (B) 2, K. Izard (M) 3, 2.22.5 (rec).

Under-10 55yd. freestyle: P. Edmonds (B) 1, A. Greenwood (K) 2, B. Cooper (G) 3, 26.8 (rec).

Sub-junior 220yd. freestyle: D. Edmonds (B) 1, J. Griffin (B) 2, G. Newport (G) 3, 2.62 (rec).

Sub-junior 55yd. freestyle: D. Edmonds (B) 1, J. Simmonds (F) 2, I. J. Simmonds (M) 3, 22.3.

Junior 220yd. breaststroke: G. Maclean (M) 1, A. Joyce (B) 2, P. Lohse (K) 3, 2.23.8.

Open 110yd. freestyle: A. Joyce (B) 1, K. Seewald (B) 2, G. Lewis (K) 3, 23.6 (rec).

Open 110yd. butterfly: K. Izard (M) 1, D. Cavie (B) 2, H. Hallam (F) 3, 1.37.

Sub-junior 55yd. breaststroke: J. Griffin (B) 1, C. Bendixen (M) 2, M. Joyner (B) 3, 33.5.

Junior 110yd. backstroke: L. Logan (B) 1, P. Lohse (B) 2, C. Shellbach (M) 3, 1.24.3 (rec).

Men

Open 440yd. freestyle: G. Seymour (F) 1, J. Irvine (M) 2, J. Skillen (B) 3, 4.16 (rec).

Under-10 55yd. breaststroke: G. Wright (M) 1, P. Austin (M) 2, J. McKoon (B) and E. Pert (M) dead heat 3, 37.

Under-12 55yd. backstroke: A. Davis (B) 1, B. Kidd (G) 2, J. Ashdown (M) 3, 41.7.

Sub-junior 55yd. butterfly: M. Sauer (B) 1, G. Plath (B) 2, J. Scott (M) 3, 33.7 (rec).

Junior 440yd. freestyle: R. Skillen (B) 1, G. Biddle (G) 2, M. Juncumson (G) 3, 3.41.

Under-10 55yd. backstroke: F. Stephens (M) 1, M. Sauer (B) 2, G. Wright (M) 3, 46.8 (rec).

Open 110yd. freestyle: T. Dippleman (F) 1, G. Seymour (F) 2, B. Forrest (G) 3, 62 (rec).

Under-12 55yd. breaststroke: D. Wilson (F) 1, A. Davis (B) 2, P. Cogrove (M) 3, 42.2 (rec).

Junior 110yd. freestyle: B. Taylor (M) 1, R. Skillen (F) 2, L. Hess (F) 3, 53 (rec).

Sub-junior 55yd. backstroke: I. Kennedy (M) 1, W. Taylor (M) 2, G. Plath (B) 3, 35.8 (rec).

Open 220yd. breaststroke: W. Kinne (F) 1, D. Grimes (M) 2. Only starter: 3.61 (rec).

Sub-junior 220yd. freestyle: G. Scott (M) 1, M. Sauer (B) 2, I. Vary (M) 3, 2.28.9 (rec).

Junior 110yd. butterfly: B. Taylor (M) 1, K. Cross (F) 2, G. Biddle (G) 3, 1.14 (rec).

Under-10 55yd. breaststroke: F. Stephens (M) 1, G. Wright (M) 2, F. Ashdown (M) 3, 2.20.1 (rec).

Open 110yd. backstroke: B. Taylor (M) 1, T. Dippleman (F) 2, D. Grimes (M) 3, 1.14.3 (rec).

Sub-junior 55yd. freestyle: I. Vary (M) 1, K. Taylor (M) 2, J. Scott (M) 3, 20.9 (rec).

Junior 220yd. breaststroke: K. Cross (F) 1, L. Hess (F) 2, B. Crane (M) 3, 3.20.4 (rec).

Under-12 55yd. freestyle: D. Wilson (F) 1, A. Davis (B) 2, T. French (K) 3, 34.1 (rec).

Open 110yd. butterfly: G. Seymour (F) 1, W. Kinne (F) 2, D. Grimes (M) 3, 1.10.2 (rec).

Sub-junior 55yd. breaststroke: G. Plath (B) 1, S. Pearson (G) 2, B. Crane (M) 3, 42.2 (rec).

Junior 110yd. backstroke: B. Taylor (M) 1, N. Wilkinson (F) 2, I. Kennedy (M) 3, 1.14.7 (rec).

Sub-junior 55yd. breaststroke: (B) Bundaberg, (F) Fairymead, (G) Kingsgrove, (K) Maroochy-Nambour, (M) Maryborough.

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City of charm draws elite

NORVILLE Park pool will take the appearance of a tent city this weekend as 36 clubs from around the state bring 406 swimmers to Bundaberg for two days of high level competition.

The program of 154 events has attracted 2381 nominations, making it one of the biggest carnivals outside the Brisbane metropolitan area.

Clubs are coming from as far afield as Miami, Brisbane, Gladstone, the Darling Downs and Rockhampton.

The City of Charm Carnival has yet again attracted an elite field, with swimmers who have represented Australia at the Olympic and Commonwealth games, the World Championships and other international meets competing.

The 154 event program for swimmers aged eight and under to open divisions is the last meet swimmers use to qualify for the State Championships in January.

This year each swimmer will receive a swimmer pack containing goods from a range of Bundaberg businesses.

The feature event of the meet will be the City of Charm News-Mail Mercantile Relay where teams of swimmers will take their chances at winning part of the \$800 prize pool. In addition to the relay prizes over \$5000 worth of trophies, medals and gifts will be awarded.

Age champions will be awarded and the swimmer of the meet will be decided by the swimmer who breaks the longest standing record.

Members of the public are encouraged to come down to the Norville Park Pool to watch the event.

Entry is \$2, (children under eight are free) and competition starts each morning from 8.30am.



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The entry building was officially opened by Mayor C.J. Nielsen on 1 February 1971.

Community celebrates 50 years of Anzac Pool

By way of formal resolution at its 23 February 2006 meeting, Council resolved to support what was dubbed the "Anzac Park Pool Anniversary Bash".

The resolution read "[t]hat approval be granted for the conduct of 50th Anniversary Celebrations at the Anzac Park Swimming Pool on 1st April, 2006."

The Anzac Pool's 50th birthday bash featured a jumping castle, free sausage sizzle with donations made to Legacy and free pool entry from 10 am to noon.

Invited guests included previous pool managers, councillors, executive members (past and present) and local swimming clubs.

GREAT SWIM BY BUNDABERG GIRL

AMONG WORLD'S BEST

BRISBANE, Jan. 29.—Bundaberg girl, Jan Grier, clocked one of the best times in the world for a junior breaststroke at the Valley pool to-night. She recorded 3 min. 7.3 secs. to beat the Australian open champion Joan Fehr, of Ipswich in the State breaststroke 200 metres title.

Igné Sorensen in Berlin in 1936 is believed to be the only junior girl to better Jan's time. Grier defeated Fehr by .5 secs. to register the fastest time over 200 metres in Australia this year.

C. Weld shattered the first minute in Queensland for the freestyle 100 metre to-night. He clocked the State's best ever time with 58.8 secs. He cut the former world record of 60.5 secs.

Ken Harper, of Maryborough, also broke the minute with a great 59.8 secs. to be second. Dorothy Grier (Bundaberg) with 69.8 beat her own best by a Queensland record of 70.1 to win the women's freestyle 100 metres. Jan Munro of Brisbane, who finished a second ahead of Gwen Grainger, of Toowoomba recorded 70 secs. to establish a new State junior time.

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A FAMILY of CHAMPIONS



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Two miles, 1500 and 118

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Gallant	10	10	118
Blue	10	10	118
Black	10	10	118
Grey	10	10	118
White	10	10	118
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Green	10	10	118
Yellow	10	10	118
Orange	10	10	118
Pink	10	10	118

THE GRIER FAMILY, of Bundaberg, Queensland, is a family of swimming champions. Dorothy Grier, 17, in the water, is a former Australian junior freestyle champion and holder of four senior Queensland titles. Jann Grier, 14, is junior and senior breast-stroke champion of Queensland. Their father, Reg. Grier (talking to the girls) is a former Australian 100 yards and 220 yards champion, and their mother a former Olympic swimmer.

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LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

Jan Grier, 14-year-old Queensland swimmer, has established a unique record.

Picked for the Empire Games, she is the first daughter of an Olympian to gain international representative honours.

Jan on times is the second fastest girl breaststroke swimmer in the British Empire.

She is a daughter of Dorothy Grier, who as Dorothy Thompson represented Australia at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics.

Good style

Dorothy, who was Australian breaststroke champion, has arranged for her coach, Mabel Springfield, to coach young Jan.

Jan's father, Reg, also was a noted swimmer, so it is not surprising that she should be a champion.

Grier was Australian 100 yards record-holder for many years, and represented Australia in Japan.

Jan has a splendid style for breaststroke swimming.

She could win the Empire Games event. She has swum 3min 7.9sec. Best in the Empire in the past 12 months was 3.8.3.

Strong team

The Grier family has a public baths at Bundaberg.

It is likely that Sydney Games team members Jon Henricks, Gary Chapman and Lorraine Crapp will train there before leaving for Canada.

The Australian swim team is particularly strong.

Every help will be given the Sydney members of the team in their training.

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Bundaberg Olympian was a trail blazer

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BUNDABERG has lost one of its sporting greats with Olympic silver medalist Rosemary Lluka (nee Lassig) passing away in Sydney.

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BUNDABERG has lost one of its sporting greats with Olympic silver medalist Rosemary Lluka (nee Lassig) passing away in Sydney after complications caused by Alzheimer's disease.

Rosemary Lassig was born on August 10, 1941, and passed away peacefully in Sydney on November 1.

The red-head beauty was born and raised in Bundaberg.

The daughter of Fred and Linda Lassig, she began her swimming career at eight to manage her asthma.

Her talent was spotted while attending Bundaberg South Primary School and her skills progressed at the Fairymead Swim Club, training at the Anzac Pool under the tutelage of her coach Tom McIntyre.

Mr McIntyre went on to coach her at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

They weren't easy days in the pool either, when Bundaberg Memorial Baths closed for major maintenance, Rosemary's swimming squad had to train in the Elliot River.

Rosemary represented Bundaberg for seven consecutive years from 1954 to 1960 at the state titles and Queensland for five years at the national titles (1956 to 1960).

Along the way she broke an amazing 14 state and nine national records across multiple disciplines.

She became the first Queensland woman to hold a world swimming record by breaking the 110 yards breaststroke record in 1960 with a time of 1.21.22. in the Bundaberg Olympic Pool.

Her breaststroke kick was so powerful that at one time, prior to the Australian trials, a protest was made against her leg action which was eventually cleared.

She then went on to set a second world record the same year in the 4 x 110 yards medley relay at the Australian Olympic teams pre-games training camp in Townsville.

The pinnacle of her career was a silver medal in the inaugural 4x 100M medley relay at the Rome Olympics.

Alongside teammates Dawn Fraser, Marilyn Wilson and Jan Andrew, Rosemary accepted her medal.

Unfortunately in 1960 the Olympic calendar only had five events for women.

Rosemary's pet event, the 110 yards individual breaststroke, was not an Olympic event until 1964.

Rosemary's family said she was always proud of her Bundaberg heritage and had a passion to remain physically active throughout her life.

She was an avid tennis player in Sydney and a keen snow skier in Australia and overseas.

In 2000 she was a torch bearer at the Sydney Olympic Games.

Rosemary's son Guy Lluka said his mother was the most successful Bundaberg athlete of any sporting discipline at a summer or winter Olympics since 1896.

Rosemary is survived by her two children Trudy and Guy Lluka, grandson Max as well as cherished sister to Keith and Margaret Lassig, Ray and Valerie (dec'd) Lassig, Bill Lassig and loved aunt of their respective families.

Rosemary paves the way with talent

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Rosemary Lassig Lluka was well known for her powerful breaststroke.

Paving the way for talented swimmers after her, Bundaberg was put on the sporting map with the help of Olympic silver medallist Rosemary Lassig Lluka.

Rosemary's name is proudly displayed on the Sydney Olympic Park Path of Champions highlighting not only her Olympic medal win, but also world record set during Olympic training.

Born on 10 August 1941 in Bundaberg, Rosemary peacefully passed away in Sydney in 2017 at the age of 76.

The daughter of Fred and Linda Lassig, Rosemary was born and raised in Bundaberg and began her swimming career at age 8 to manage her asthma.

Her talent was spotted while attending Bundaberg South Primary School and her skills progressed at the Fairymead Swim Club, training at the Anzac Pool under the tutelage of coach Tom McIntyre.

Tom went on to coach her at the 1960 Rome Olympics and they weren't easy days in the pool. When Bundaberg Memorial Baths closed for major maintenance, Rosemary's swimming squad had to train in the Elliot River.

It is understandable why Rosemary was chosen as part of the 1960 Rome Olympics considering she was a member of the four x 100 yards medley relay team, which set a world record during Olympic training in Townsville a month prior to the games.

On a separate front she also continued to set the standards by setting an individual world record for the 110 yards breaststroke in 1960 at the Bundaberg pool in the lead-up to the Rome Olympic Games.

Unfortunately Rosemary's favourite 110 yards/100m breaststroke event was not included on the Olympic program for women until 1964.

Rosemary also won her 200m heat but failed to qualify for the 200m final.

At the 1960 Rome Olympics, Rosemary was part of a stand-out team, winning a silver Olympic medal in the 4 x 100m medley relay.

She swam the breaststroke leg while Dawn Fraser swam freestyle, with Jan Andrew butterfly and Marilyn Wilson backstroke.

Lassig was undefeated in the 100m and 200m breaststroke at the Australian Championships between 1958 and 1960, setting multiple Australian records in breaststroke events with a recognisably powerful kick.

She retired from the competitive swimming scene but Rosemary stayed active in her later life as an avid tennis player and skier.

She also carried the Olympic Torch during the torch relay before the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Rosemary's family said she was always proud of her Bundaberg heritage and had a passion to remain physically active throughout her life.

Rosemary is survived by her children Trudy and Guy Lluka, grandson Max, and was a cherished sister to Keith and Margaret Lassig, Ray and Valerie (deceased) Lassig, and Bill Lassig.

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Rosemary Lassig (left) teamed up with Dawn Fraser to win the medley relay silver medal in Rome in 1960.

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ROSEMARY LASSIG

ROSEMARY Lassig is an Olympic silver medal-winning breaststroker and former world record holder.

Born in 1941 in Bundaberg, Lassig (now Luka) attended Bundaberg South State School and Bundaberg State High School, although it would be Kepnock High that would later name a sporting house in her honour.

She started swimming at the age of eight as a means of managing her asthma, and soon after her talent in the pool caught the eye of a teacher at her primary school.

Lassig's home club was Fairymead, but she mostly trained at the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths (now known as Anzac Pool), thriving under the tutelage of well-known coach Tom McIntyre, affectionately called "Mr Mac". He would coach her through to her selection for the Rome Olympics in 1960.

That year was an extraordinary one for the young swimmer from Bundaberg. After smashing her own 110 yards national breaststroke record several times throughout

1959, she started 1960 off with a world record in the event in January, following it up with a relay world record in the 4 x 100m medley in August, just weeks before she and her teammates set off for Rome.

At the Olympics, she combined with legendary Australian freestyler Dawn Fraser, backstroker Marilyn Wilson and butterflyer Jan Andrew for the inaugural 4 x 100m women's medley relay at the 1960 Rome Games, in which they won silver.

Unfortunately, her preferred distance of the 110 yards (or 100m) breaststroke was not an Olympic distance in 1960 and she was forced instead to swim the longer 200m distance. She was eliminated before the finals.

"She always felt a sense of disappointment she didn't have the opportunity to attempt her goal of an individual Olympic medal at the distance in which she was the fastest in the world at the time of the Olympics," daughter Trudy Luka told the NewsMail.

Lassig retired from competitive swimming after Rome. Aged 19 and with little prospect of being able to sustain a living from the amateur sport, she went into the retail beauty industry and moved to Brisbane in 1961.

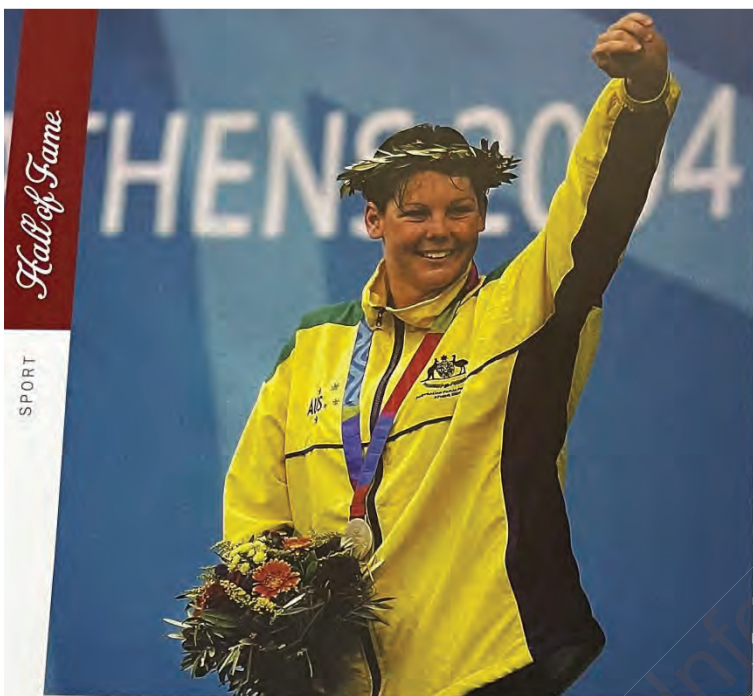
Despite no longer being involved in high-level sport, she continued to stay fit and loved to go snowskiing on slopes around the world, and also played local competition tennis once she moved to Sydney in 1981.

Lassig's trip to Rome also sparked a lifelong love for travel.

But she always remained a proud girl from Bundaberg. She visited family there regularly, and would often tell people how honoured she felt that a country girl like her could be selected to compete at the Olympics.

She also carried the Olympic torch in 2000 during the relay leading up to the Sydney Games opening ceremony.

Lassig has two children, Trudy and Guy, whose son Max is working on perfecting his breaststroke kick.



Swimmer Chantel Wolfenden won six medals, including one gold, at the 2004 Athens Paralympics and was later awarded an OAM.
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WOLFENDEN HELD WORLD RECORDS IN THE 400M AND 100M FREESTYLE AND THE 200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY, AND BROKE HER OWN AND OTHERS' RECORDS AT LEAST 18 TIMES

CHANTEL WOLFENDEN

CHANTEL Wolfenden is a multiple medal-winning Paralympic swimmer whose amazing efforts at the 2004 Athens Games earned her an OAM.

Born in Lithgow, NSW, in 1986, Wolfenden has spent most of her life in Bundaberg, moving there with her family at the age of two and attending Norville State School and Bundaberg State High School.

She started swimming at the age of five as therapy for her cerebral palsy, but from the age of 11 she started competing and taking her swimming more seriously.

One of Wolfenden's early coaches at Fairymead pool (and sources of inspiration) was Tracey Oliver, herself a Paralympian, and she was later trained by Paul Simms, with whom she stayed for the rest of her career.

She tasted her first international success at the 2002 IPC world swimming championships in Argentina, where she won gold in the women's 400m freestyle S7 event.

Wolfenden arrived at the Athens Games as an 18-year-old who was by now a seasoned competitor, an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder and a Queensland Academy of Sport scholarship holder.

And she took the Games by storm, winning gold in her pet 400m freestyle S7, silver in the 100m freestyle S7 and four bronze medals – in the 100m backstroke S7, 200m individual medley SM7, 4x100m freestyle 34 pts relay and 4x100m medley 34 pts relay.

She ended the meet as the most successful Australian female swimmer.

Wolfenden took a long break after Athens and had hopes of getting back into the pool, but decided to give up swimming in 2006 after finding it too difficult to return to the highly disciplined life of a swimmer. "I took too long a break," she told the NewsMail.

Wolfenden left her mark on the sport, though. Throughout her career, she held world records in the 400m and 100m freestyle and the 200m individual medley, and she broke her own and others' records at least 18 times.

She still lives in Bundaberg, as do her mother Michelle and siblings Daniel and Kristy-Lee, and she is kept busy by three children, Aydan, Emily-Kate and Gracie.

TRACEY OLIVER

TRACEY Oliver is a multiple medal-winning Paralympic swimmer.

Born in 1975 in Bundaberg, Oliver (now Proctor) attended Woongarra State School and Kepnock State High School, and started swimming as therapy for her cerebral palsy.

She began swimming at the Asthma Foundation (now the Salvation Army Tom Quinn Community Centre) and later was coached by Helen Stitt, who stayed with her throughout her swimming career.

Oliver's first big foray into competition came at the age of 13, when she represented the Queensland Sporting Wheelies team at a meet in New Zealand, winning seven gold medals and breaking several records in her age group.

At the age of 17, she won selection in the Australian team for the 1992 Barcelona Paralympic, where she won a bronze medal in the women's 50m freestyle S7.

Oliver became a scholarship holder at the Australian Institute of Sport from 1995-96, and at the Atlanta Games in 1996 she took silver in the 50m freestyle S7. She also swam in the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke S7 events.

Although she was just 21 after the Atlanta Olympics were over, she retired.

"There were no heated pools in Bundaberg back then, so I was swimming in 21-22C pools during winter," she told the NewsMail.

"You couldn't have a job because during winter you needed to train in the middle of the day.

"And after hours every day of swim and gym sessions, I decided I'd had enough."

Oliver became a teacher aide, starting with Bundaberg East State School and moving to Kalkie State School, where she remains. In the early part of that time, she also coached.

She was given another Olympic honour in 2000, as a torch bearer in the Bundaberg leg of the Sydney Games torch relay. She was thrilled to receive the torch from fellow Olympic swimming medalist Michelle Pearson.

These days, not many of Oliver's primary school students know of the grand swimming career she once had, except for occasionally if she is asked to bring in her medals for particular discussions about sport.

"They just know me as Mrs Proctor," she said.

She is married to Chris, and they have a son, Callahan. They also had a daughter, Karni, but sadly she died from SIDS when she was a few months old.



Paralympic swimmer Tracey Oliver with her silver medal. CONTRIBUTED



Michelle Pearson with her bronze medal she won in the 200m individual medley at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

MIKE KNOTT

MICHELLE PEARSON

MICHELLE Pearson is an Olympic bronze medal-winning swimmer who specialised in freestyle and the individual medley.

Born in 1962 in Brisbane, Pearson moved to Bundaberg with her family the following year and attended Bundaberg West State School and Bundaberg State High School.

She started swimming training with her father and Fairymead Swimming Club coach Tom McIntyre, before later switching to Ken Wood, whom she trained under partly in Townsville.

Pearson made her international debut at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada, where she made the finals of the 200m and 400m individual medley (IM) but did not win a medal.

She made her Olympic debut at the 1980 Moscow Games, where she was eliminated in the heats of the 100m freestyle but was part of the team that came fifth in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

In 1981, Pearson became one of the first athletes to attend the newly established Australian Institute of Sport and she was named the AIS Athlete of the Year in 1985.

She won her first international medals at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, taking silver in the 400m IM and bronze in the 200m IM behind Australian star Lisa Curry, who won gold in both.

But Pearson came into her own at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, making three individual finals and one relay final, collecting bronze in the 200m IM, edging out Curry.

Pearson won gold at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games in 1986 in the 4x200m freestyle relay. She retired from competition in 1987, and was later inducted into the AIS Hall of Fame.

Pearson now teaches Year 6 at Norville State School. She is married to Allan and has three boys, Benjamin, William and Lachlan.

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About Places of Pride

*"They gave their shining youth and built thereby
 Valour's own monument that shall not die." C.E.W. Bean,
 Inscription at Tamworth war memorial*

Places of Pride, the National Register of War Memorials, is an Australian War Memorial initiative to record the location and photo of every publicly accessible war memorial in Australia.

Memorials conceived and erected across Australia after the First World War, were pivotal in allowing communities and families to grieve and pay their respects. They provided a way for towns to express their loss through remembrance and became a focal point for civic pride in the courage, loyalty and the sacrifice of their local servicemen and women. This sentiment continues to this day with memorials across Australia bearing testament to conflicts and peacekeeping operations from the Boer War to Afghanistan.

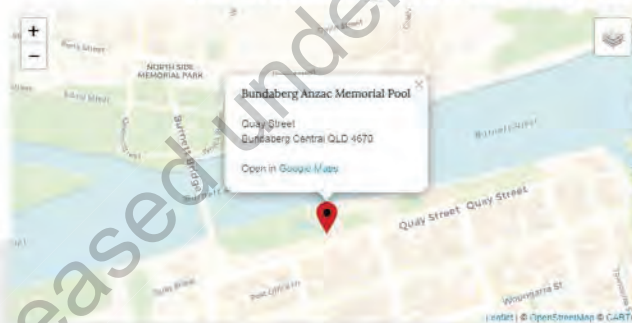
At the heart of Places of Pride is an interactive map allowing you to explore, connect and commemorate with war memorials spanning the length and breadth of Australia.

War memorials are diverse and include public monuments such as obelisks, memorial gates, cenotaphs, stones, statues, trees; as well as rolls of honour and honour boards and community buildings and areas such as parks, halls, swimming pools, and hospitals. With your help, Places of Pride aims to represent memorials in all their diversity.



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Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool



Key Information

Memorial Name: Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool
Address: Quay Street, Bundaberg Central QLD 4670
Memorial Type: Other
Conflicts: First World War, 1914-18
 Second World War, 1939-45
Dedication Date: 25 Aug 1923
Accessibility: Public

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Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths - ANZAC Pool [Print Page](#)

The swimming pool commemorates those who served in World War One. It is now known as ANZAC Pool.

The foundation stone for the Memorial Baths and Club Rooms was laid by Miss Elsie Campbell on the 25th August 1923 who received an inscribed miniature gold trowel as a memento of the occasion. The baths which were built at a cost of £2000 were officially opened by the Mayor of Bundaberg on the 17th November 1923. *The Brisbane Courier (Old) 27th August 1923, 19th November 1923.*

Location

Address:	Quay Street, Bundaberg, 4670
State:	QLD
Area:	AUS
GPS Coordinates:	Lat: -24.864517 Long: 152.349115 <small>Note: GPS Coordinates are approximate.</small>

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Details

Monument Type:	Structure
Monument Theme:	Conflict
Sub-Theme:	WW1
Actual Event Start Date:	04-August-1914
Actual Event End Date:	28-June-1919



Dedication

Actual Monument Dedication Date:	Saturday 25th August, 1923
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Source: MA,SKP



13-October-2015

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The screenshot shows the Virtual War Memorial Australia website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Enter keywords..." and a "Sign in / Register" link. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Explore, Community, Education, Collections, Help, Donate, and About. The main heading for the current page is "Bundaberg ANZAC Park Swimming Pool", with a "Back to Search" button to its right. The page features a large image of the swimming pool at night, a map of Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, and a "Details" section. The details section includes the following information:

Location	19 Quay Street, Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia
Type	swimming_pool
Description	Swimming Pool
Built	Not yet discovered
Opened	25 August 1923
Inscription	ANZAC POOL
Condition	Good

Below the details section, there is a "Links and Documents" section with a "Research Links" sub-section. A watermark "Released under Right to Information Act 2009" is visible diagonally across the page.

Plunge into the history of Anzac Pool



Is there any piece of civic architecture more evocative of Summer in Australia than the municipal pool?

From the infinitely Instagrammable North Sydney Olympic Pool, to the funky modernism of Brisbane's Centenary Pool, to the multitude of modest azure blue rectangles surrounded by scorching concrete scattered across the country; the public pool is a touchstone of what it is to be Australian.

Where else in the world is sufficiently self-deprecating to name an aquatic centre after a former Prime Minister who famously drowned?

Since 1923, Bundaberg has enjoyed a public pool on the banks of the Burnett River on Quay Street. Originally established by the RSL as the Memorial Baths, the current facility opened in 1956 as the ANZAC Pool. A staple of Bundaberg Summers for generations of families, it is an oasis in the heart of the city.

While aging, the complex evokes an earlier time with the spartan concrete pools fringed with extensive lawns and palm trees. The two-story administration building and manager's residence features many 1950s architectural motifs including breeze blocks, angled balcony balustrades and cream brick with teal trims. The change rooms, open to the sky (great on a warm sunny day, not so on a drizzly September afternoon), make up for their lack of creature comforts with an honest simplicity of design and construction that fits the egalitarian nature of the public pool.

The way we use public space has changed over the years, particularly facilities like municipal pools. An increase in private pools for recreation means that public pools are often largely the domain of lap swimmers, or transition to quasi

water parks. ANZAC Pool has changed over time too. The diving boards have been removed and so has the lungfish that resided in a tank at the entry.

Recent announcements for redevelopment of the site signal the end of the line—or the lane rope—for ANZAC Pool. A new, modern aquatic centre will be built elsewhere to replace it, and ANZAC Park will be expanded and revitalised to provide a vibrant public space connecting the business district to the river. This may be the last Summer for a place that holds memories for many locals and visitors, so why not jump in to swim a few laps, soak in the history and character (as well as the chlorine), and grab some red frogs or a packet of Burger Rings on the way out.

Architect Tomas O'Malley designs buildings that reflect Central Queensland's climate and lifestyle.





THIS POOL WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED
BY
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
ALDERMAN F.H. BUSS, M.B.E.
ON
SAT. 31ST MARCH, 1956.

ALDERMEN

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RETURNED SOLDIERS MEMORIAL BATHS
THIS STONE WAS LAID BY

MISS **ETHEL CAMPBELL**
(OF DURBAN) ON 25TH AUGUST 1923.

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO FOUGHT IN THE GREAT WAR

1914 — 1918



ANZAC POOL

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THIS BUILDING WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED
BY

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ALDERMAN C. J. NIELSEN

ON 1ST FEBRUARY, 1971.

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