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Maryborough's Walk of Achievers ... a celebration of how ordinary Australians can achieve extraordinary feats.

It is a tribute to the remarkable and varied accomplishments of more than 80 current and former Maryborough residents who have helped shape our rich heritage.

Those honoured include pioneers, Rhode Scholars, Olympians, inventors, war heroes and others whose endeavours have led to outstanding success and national and worldwide recognition.

PIONEERS

From 1847, our brave pioneers came to this frontier Queensland settlement with little more than hopes and dreams. Within decades the dusty shanty town they built had evolved into one of the finest cities in the colony. Through grit and determination, they established a bustling, thriving port and key industries, such as engineering, sugar and timber, for which Maryborough is still world renown.

MILITARY

From the first ANZAC to land at Gallipoli to a pilot who helped bomb the Austrian lair of Adolf Hitler in WW2, we salute the brave feats of the city's war heroes. A number of these men received some of the military's highest honours for their gallant and distinguished service. Sadly, many did not make it home.

OLYMPIANS

To compete in the Olympics is the pinnacle of a sporting career for elite athletes. For such a small city, Maryborough has produced a remarkable number of Olympic champions and sporting heroes. It has excelled in one sport in particular, with six Olympic hockey players and one Olympic hockey umpire. Four of these players also captained their Australian sides.

RHODES SCHOLARS

Five former Maryborough residents have been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship – the oldest and most prestigious international graduate scholarship program in the world. They secured their place at Oxford University on the basis of intellectual distinction, as well as the promise of future leadership and service to the international community.

INVENTORS

Two Maryborough men are recognised for their brilliant, innovative minds and ground breaking inventions.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Maryborough residents have played significant roles in various fields of science and medicine including astronomy, physics and the advances in cancer treatment and research.

LAW AND EDUCATION

Australia's first Solicitor General is among the former Maryborough residents who have achieved considerable success in the Australian legal system.

WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS

Maryborough is the birthplace of a number of internationally acclaimed authors including Pamela Travers, the author of the much loved Mary Poppins books. Perhaps Travers gleaned inspiration for her famous nanny from her early experiences and stories of Maryborough life. Aboriginal historian and the writer of Australia's first indigenous children's book Olga Millar is another who made significant contributions to the world of literature.

BUSINESS AND POLITICAL LEADERS

From Parliament House to the boardrooms of the one of the world's largest companies, Maryborough residents have made their mark on the world of politics and business.

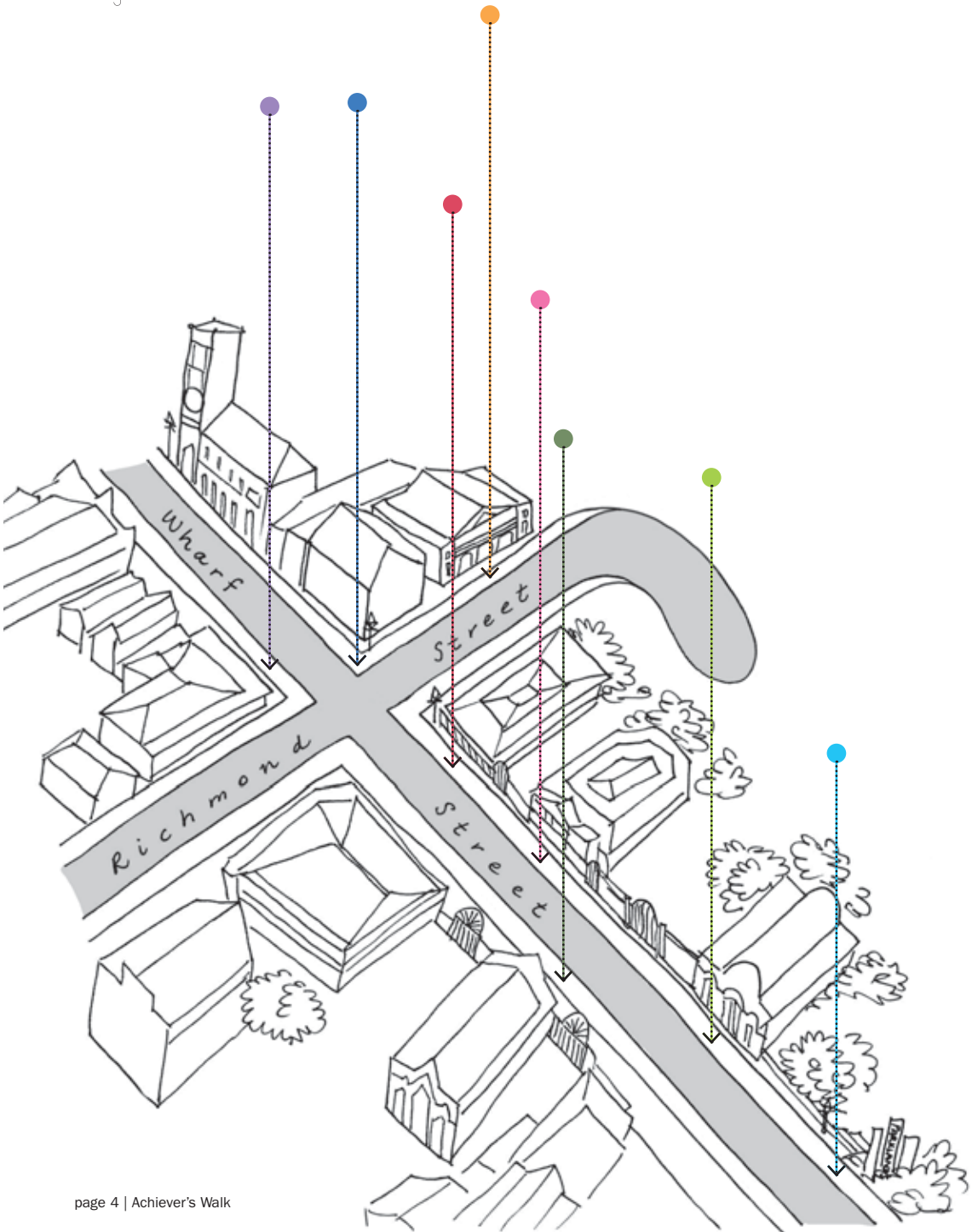
ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

From ballet to opera, from the art of hypnosis to the art of Ikebana, Maryborough is proud of its creative, talented sons and daughters who have achieved considerable success in the fields of music, theatre, dance and art.

SPORTING HEROES

Maryborough has built up an enviable reputation across Australia for its ability to produce elite sportsmen and women. It honours six of these gifted athletes in its Walk of Achievers.

These are their stories...



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OLYMPIANS

● *Steps of Portside Parklands*



ROBERT STEPHEN CUSACK

Born in Maryborough, Robert Cusack showed great swimming potential from the age of 11. He swam at the Mexico Olympics in 1968 in freestyle and butterfly

events, winning bronze in the freestyle 4x100m relay with Michael Wenden, Bob Windle and Greg Rogers, behind the USA and Russia.

On retiring from competitive swimming he became head coach at the Indooroopilly Swimming Club until 2013 and coached numerous state and national champions.



ARTHUR CUSACK

Arthur Cusack was instrumental in forming the Maryborough Swimming Club. He spent a lifetime coaching and administering, and was also a handy long distance swimmer.

He coached David Theile from an early age, and guided him to win gold at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics (*Australia's first backstroke Gold Medal*) and the 1960 Rome Olympics. He also coached other champion swimmers: Barry Tudman and Ann Nelson, a 1958 Cardiff Empire Games finalist.

His career is notable for the introduction of a new technique – the Tumble Turn, which is still used today. Arthur died at the age of 80 in 2000.



RAE EVERIST

Rae was born in Maryborough and was an outstanding hockey player. She decided to take up the whistle and rose through the ranks of umpires to be selected as the Technical Officer in charge

of hockey at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.



JOHN MCBRYDE

John was another great sporting all-rounder born in Maryborough. His hockey career included the Rome and Tokyo Olympics and playing and coaching the Canadian team. He was captain of the

Australian team in Tokyo (Bronze Medal), and is an accredited international coach. He is a member of the Queensland "Team of the Century".



SHARYN MCCARTHY

Sharyn moved to Maryborough as a young child and showed outstanding ability on the hockey field from an early age. She represented Maryborough and Queensland and was chosen

in the Olympic team to play at the Moscow Olympics. Because of the boycott of those games, she did not play. She is now a coach and administrator in the sport.



MARK HAGER

Mark Hager came to hockey after continually breaking bones playing rugby league. He joined the Australian team in 1985 and played at Seoul and Atlanta.

He captained the Australian team in the 90s, and on retiring coached teams overseas, before becoming assistant coach of the Australian women's team.



DENNIS WELBELOVED

Dennis was born in Maryborough and started boxing without his parents' knowledge. His career spanned 119 matches, but he was known internationally for his coaching and administrative ability.

He was coach of the Australian team at the Atlanta Olympics.



DON McWATTERS

Don was born in Maryborough and was an outstanding sportsperson. His career in hockey included representing Australia in Rome, Tokyo (Bronze Medal) and Mexico City (Silver Medal). He captained

the Australian team for many years and was the Australian coach during the 1980s.



LARRY SENGSTOCK

Larry was born in Maryborough and played basketball from age eight. He was 17 when he was selected to play for Australia. He played at four Olympics: Moscow, Los Angeles, Seoul and Barcelona.

The MVP of the finals of the NBL is awarded the "Larry Sengstock Medal".



DONALD BAYLEY

Born in Maryborough, Don Bayley was an exceptional all-round athlete. He showed outstanding ability as a weight lifter. He represented Australia at both the Empire Games in Cardiff in 1958

and the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960.



CLOVER MAITLAND

Clover Maitland was born in Maryborough and showed great ability as a goalkeeper from an early age. She represented Australia from 1991 and was part of the Gold Medal team at

the Atlanta Olympics and in 2000, she was their goalie when they again won Gold in Sydney.



CHRISTINE BRIDGE

Christine learnt to sail Thorpe 12s with the Maryborough Sailing Club. She then moved on to 470 and laser classes, representing Australia at the 1992 and 1996 Olympics. She also provides

technical support at Olympic level.



DAVID THIELE

Still regarded as an outstanding swimmer, David represented Australia at Melbourne in 1956 and Rome in 1960, winning gold at both Olympics. He was the first Queenslander to win an individual

Olympic Gold Medal and the only Queenslander to hold consecutive Gold Medals until this record was broken by Keiran Perkins in 1996. He was the first swimmer to use the tumble turn.



JENNY MORRIS

Jenny was born in Maryborough and started playing hockey at the age of seven. She was chosen to represent Queensland at age 12. She joined the Australian Squad in 1980. She played for Australia

in their Gold Medal games in Atlanta and Sydney, with the final game in Sydney being her 150th game for Australia.



GEORGE FURBER

Known as the "First trader on the Mary", George Furber pioneered the Wide Bay region and was the first white man to permanently settle in Maryborough, establishing a wharf and wool store in 1847. He also set up the first inn on the south bank of the Mary River, overlooking the original township. He once rode for more than three days on horseback cross country to Ipswich to seek medical help after suffering a severe head wound during an altercation with local aborigines. He was later killed in 1855, along with his son-in-law, by aborigines at Tinana Creek.



JOHN CARNE BIDWILL

The first Commissioner for the Wide Bay, Bidwill was also an explorer, magistrate, horticulturalist and a prodigious botanist. The bunya pine (*Araucaria Bidwillii*) was named after him and he is credited with introducing the mango, banana, guava and pawpaw to Australia. Bidwill reportedly found gold near Gympie while surveying a shorter overland route to Brisbane 15 years before the discovery by James Nash. When he died aged 38 in 1853, his collections were divided between the Sydney Botanical Gardens, the Brisbane Botanical Gardens and Kew Gardens in London. A number of specimens returned to Maryborough – including the Bunya Pine and Sausage Tree in Queens Park.



WILLIAM HALLIWELL DEMAINE

Billy Demaine spent his life campaigning for better conditions for workers. He formed the Eight Hour Union to lobby for daily working hours to be reduced to eight hours, and was the first secretary of what is now known as the Australian Workers Union. Demaine also campaigned to remove Kanaka labour from the sugar industry and organised support for the great Shearers Strike in 1890–91. He attended the first meeting of the Australian Labor Party and went on to serve the party in various roles for over 50 years, almost half of that time as President of the Queensland central political executive. Demaine was devoted to

Maryborough, taking on the role of Mayor and Alderman. At age 78, he became the oldest man to enter State Parliament.



JOHN THOMAS ANNEAR

An early settler, John Annear came to Maryborough in 1867 and built a number of our heritage buildings, many of which are still standing. He was a Mayor and Alderman, and moved into state politics where he represented Maryborough for 18 years.



EDMUND BLUCHER UHR

The true pioneer – reported to be shipping wool from the Mary River in 1847. He owned many properties around the district. He built the first boiling down works on the site of Queens Park and he lived in Wharf Street, where two of his children, Fanny and Mary, are buried.



THOMAS ORPEN IRVINE KING – TOMMY KING

Tommy King was born in Ireland in 1851 and came to Australia in 1862. He joined the police force at age 15, and had a great affinity with the Butchulla people, being allowed to join with the men in their different rites. He and his brother, Nat, were noted for their tracking of felons, at one time tracking aboriginal murderers from Northern New South Wales to Mackay. He was even sent with Butchulla trackers to Glenrowan to help track down Ned Kelly and his gang.

He was commended for his work during the 1893 floods when he rowed from farm house to farm house warning people of the flood, taking them to the town, and then taking food back to those people who would not leave their farms.

He retired to Hervey Bay where he built and ran the Urganan Hotel. He ran horses and cattle on Fraser Island where he died in 1917 aged just 66.



ROBERT HART

In 1865, he entered into a partnership with Andrew Wilson and James Bartholomew to build a sawmill on the banks of the Mary River. The business became known as Wilson & Hart. The mill burnt down in 1881, and they moved to the other side of the river on the site of the present Broлга Theatre.



Mary River and wharves, Maryborough



ANDREW HERON WILSON

One of the partners with Robert Hart and James Bartholomew in the sawmill on the Mary River. After the death of James Bartholomew the business was known as Wilson & Hart Sawmill.



JAMES BARTHOLOMEW

He was trained in the timber industry in Scotland and was one of the partners with Hart and Wilson of the timber mill on the south bank of the Mary River.

James Bartholomew drowned in 1875 when he returned to the mill during a flood.



JOHN WALKER

John Walker set up the Union Foundry in Ballarat with partners, Thomas Braddock, James Wood and William Sandry. They recognized the importance of the gold rush in Gympie and decided

to build a branch of their foundry at Maryborough. This business became Walkers Limited. He retired in 1879, but continued to work for the town which became his home.



WILLIAM FREDERICK HARRINGTON

One of the partners of Walkers Limited, Harrington was regarded as a child prodigy and brilliant mathematician. He was a driving force behind Walkers, and twice

convinced his partners not to abandon the company during difficult periods. He was very

committed to Maryborough, and although he served only one term on Council, is credited as being instrumental in helping establish Australia's first telephone exchange, the gas works, the new School of Arts building and both the Boys and Girls Grammar schools. Harrington also lobbied strongly for a rail link to Hervey Bay and a jetty at Urangan.



JAMES FERGUSON WOOD

One of the original partners of Walkers Limited. He made the decision to bring the foundry from Ballarat to Maryborough because of the gold rush. He also was instrumental in building the

dairy factory in Maryborough.



EDGAR THOMAS ALDRIDGE

One of Maryborough's first pioneer settlers, Aldridge is considered the founder of Maryborough. He arrived in 1848, and quickly built a wharf, store and inn and began

farming. He also took an active role in the public affairs. He settled close to the original township and named the area "Baddow" after his home in England. It is here Aldridge built "Baddow House", considered Maryborough's finest heritage home. The belltower in front of St Paul's Church is a legacy from Aldridge, which was built in memory of his wife Maria.



HENRY PALMER

A pioneer – he came overland to the Mary River and then set up business in the new town on the corner of Wharf and March streets. He was a large land-owner. He was very community minded and was

elected as the first Mayor in 1861. He acquired the title of “the grand old man of Maryborough”, dying in 1916 at the age of 94 years and having lived in Maryborough for 68 years.



GEORGE AMBROSE WHITE

George Ambrose White gained his wealth on the gold fields. He had advanced ideas on farming and education. He gave the money to build the floating baths after the death of a neighbour’s child.

In 1906, during a conversation with the Mayor, William Dawson, he offered to give the city the money to build the Town Hall. The trowel used to turn the first sod can be seen in the foyer of the City Hall.



THOMAS BRADDOCK AND FAMILY

Thomas Braddock came to Maryborough with the partnership of John Walker, James Wood, and William Harrington. He was a very energetic man, with many

interests. While maintaining his working interest in Walkers Limited, his main interest was sugar. In 1893 the Maryborough Sugar Factory was formed and until the early 2000s the business was run by his descendants.



THE HYNE FAMILY

The history of the Hyne family began in Maryborough in 1873. Richard Hyne (pictured left) acquired the lease of the Royal Hotel and became involved in the timber industry in 1879. During his tenancy the ships *Agnes*, *Mayflower* and *Hopewell* were built to transport timber for sale. His family continued the success of the mill and expanded throughout the state. The Hyne family



continue their dominance of timber in this century and have built one of the biggest mills in the Southern Hemisphere at Tumarumba in NSW. Both Richard (above) and Henry Hyne (below) were mayors of Maryborough.



FRITZ KINNE

“Our Fritz” came to Australia as a butcher, but ventured into the building industry and built many of our heritage buildings. He attended the inaugural meeting for the proposed sugar factory as a

major shareholder. He was interested in all things to do with the advancement of Maryborough, being an Alderman and Mayor of the city.



THE GREGORY GIRLS

In an age when women stayed at home, the sisters, Margaret (Irwin) (pictured left), Elizabeth (Goodwin) (pictured centre), and Sarah (Blue) (pictured below left), were all successful businesswomen.



They ran hotels and various other businesses in the town. During the gold rush, when all the men left town to try their luck, Sarah Blue ran the hotel now named the Criterion, which was the first stop for people coming off the ships on their way to the diggings.



THE HORSBURGH FAMILY

George Horsburgh came to Maryborough and set up a hardware business in Richmond Street in 1867. His business serviced the Wide Bay region and the gold fields of Gympie. He was

a founding member of the Maryborough Bowls Club. His sons continued the business well into the 20th century before it was taken over by Christopher Skase.



JOHN EATON

John Eaton was born in Australia in 1811. He came to the district in 1855 and pioneered the cattle industry at Teebar, and he was involved with the first sugar trials in the area. His home, Rosehill,

still stands at Tinana. He was our second Mayor and always heavily involved with the business of the community.



Original Maryborough site



WILLIAM PETTIGREW

William Pettigrew came to Australia with the Reverend John Dunmore Lang. He built Wolston House at Goodna. He formed a partnership with William Sim to mill timber at Dundathu. He had

many business interests, was Mayor of Brisbane and a member of the Legislative Assembly, but died penniless after the big floods of the 1890s.



WILLIAM SIM

William Sim with his partner William Pettigrew decided to build a sawmill on the Mary River at Dundathu. The timber came from the district and also from the Cooloola forests. The sawmill

was surrounded by its own township. William Sim was killed in a logging accident in the Cooloola forests.



NICHOLAS EDWARD NELSON TOOTH

Tooth was a member of the Tooths brewery family and came to the district with his brother. With partners he established the Vulcan Foundry. He was an Alderman for

12 years and our Mayor on five occasions. He moved to Pialba where he was also involved with local politics. Nick Tooth was profoundly deaf.



RICHARD BINGHAM SHERIDAN

Sheridan came to Maryborough as the Customs Sub-Collector for the Port of Maryborough. He represented the government in many areas, and was well known

for his progressive attitude to the Kanakas from the South Sea Islands. He is called the "Father of our Botanical Gardens" and was instrumental in obtaining money for the first hospital.

ACHIEVERS

● *Outside Customs Residence*



DESMOND TOCCHINI – RONRICO

Des was born in Maryborough and on moving to Brisbane worked in radio. From an early age he had had an interest in hypnotism. As well as performing worldwide,

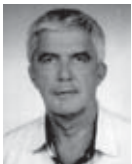
he used his skills to help people with various problems. In Germany in 1979, he kept a subject in a trance for eight days.



DAPHNE COBURN

Daphne was born in Maryborough and was regarded as a child prodigy. At the age of five she passed her first piano examination. She went on to play the piano in England, USA

and Europe, but her career was cut short by the Second World War. She returned to Australia where she continued her career, but died in 1968.



IVAN JOHN DANZIGER

John Danziger was born in Maryborough and went on to study physics at UQ. His field was nuclear physics which he used in his subsequent career in astronomy. He is the Professor

of Astronomy at Trieste University, where he also studies his main interest, nuclear fusion, and producing energy from the stars to light our planet.



OLGA MILLER

Olga, a member of the Butchulla tribe, was born in Maryborough. Olga spent her life teaching her people the legends and stories from their past. She wrote prolifically and was held in great

esteem by her people and a wider group of Australians who recognized her great ability.



GERTRUDE CONCANNON

Gertrude was born in Maryborough, and after training as a lyric soprano, she performed in the USA and Europe. She returned to Australia at the beginning of the war and continued her career while

also training a new generation of singers.



MARY HANSEN

Growing up in Maryborough, Mary Hansen was involved in a number of musical pursuits, a passion which she would continue throughout her life. Living in London in 1992, she joined

the band Stereolab as a second vocalist and guitarist. She also contributed percussion and keyboards in the eclectic and highly distinctive group. She remained a member of the band until her accidental death in 2002. Stereolab has been recognised as one of the most influential and innovative bands of the 1990s.



PROF. LESTER PETERS AM

Lester Peters, grandson of Maryborough pioneer Marcus Boge, and a 1960 graduate of Maryborough Boys High School, went on to become an internationally renowned and

honoured cancer specialist and researcher whose work contributed significantly to improved treatment of cancers of the head and neck region. He spent much of his professional life in the USA and was the first non-American to be elected President of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). He was appointed inaugural Professor of Radiation Oncology at Australia's eminent Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne in 1995, and was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2001. In his later years, he set up the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation to foster ongoing advances in cancer research and treatment.



TOM BURNS AO

Born in Maryborough in 1931, Tom Burns held many senior positions in the Australian Labor Party (ALP) and the Queensland Parliament. He was the Federal President of the ALP from

1970 to 1973, playing an important role in the election of the Whitlam Government in 1972. He served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Queensland Parliament from 1974 to 1978 and was the Deputy Premier between 1989 and 1996. Following his retirement from parliament, he was the chairperson of the Queensland-China Council and the Queensland Government Special Representative to Vietnam.



JOHN SINCLAIR AO

For more than four decades, a proud Maryborough boy John Sinclair led the fight to get the wisest use of Fraser Island's natural resources and to see his beloved island recognized

on the World Heritage List. Although his pro-conservation advocacy was unpopular in Maryborough at the at the height of his campaign in the 1970s, he was honoured in 2014 as an Officer of the Order of Australia for "distinguished service to conservation and the environment, through advocacy and leadership roles with a range of organizations, and to natural resource management and protection".



DAVID MEIKLEJOHN AM

David was born and educated in Maryborough and went on to become a director of a number of major Australian companies. In 2007 he was also elected the 25th President of the Melbourne

Cricket Club (MCC), Manager of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), and was the first non-Victorian to hold this position in its 175 year history. In recognition of his outstanding service to the club, he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the MCC in 2012.



MARK MOFFATT

Not only is Mark Moffatt one of the most experienced and respected producers to emerge from Australia, he is also an accomplished musician (guitar, pedal steel), engineer, and writer.

Born in Maryborough, he worked in London through the 70s as a session guitarist for top London recording studios. He gleaned production skills that would ultimately help create landmark releases back in Australia through the 80s and 90s, including works with Slim Dusty, Anne Kirkpatrick, The Saints, Ross Wilson, The Divinyls, Neil and Tim Finn and Yothu Yindi.

He relocated to Nashville in 1996 at the invitation of Ten Ten Music, where he is still based today, and worked extensively in the development of superstar Keith Urban.

In 2013 he was appointed US representative of APRA (Australian Performing Rights Association), and in this role he advocates for the hundreds of Australian songwriters and recording artists visiting and working in the US.



IAN & PHILLIP TRUSCOTT – FAMILY

Ian (left) & Phil Truscott (below left) were born in Maryborough to a musical family. Their grandfather was Bill Boys.



They each followed their own careers until they became involved with the Christian singing group – *Family* – made up of Ian, Phil and Ian Smallbone. The group was successful over a twenty year period with their albums released

in the UK, Japan, USA and Australia. They performed at many important functions, and still hold the record for the largest concert audience for a Christian band (12,000+ in 1983 at Sydney Entertainment Centre).

They had their own TV specials on ABC, Channel 7 and 9 and received a US Record Company Award for their contribution to Gospel music. *Family* still holds the record for selling collectively the most records, tapes and CDs of any Australian Christian artist or group.



NATHAN FLICK

Nathan Flick excelled at school and sports in Maryborough and went to Gatton College to study Food Technology & Nutrition.

With an interest in power-lifting and the help of Gary Steinhart and the Maryborough Powerlifting Club, he quickly rose to become the World Bench Press Champion, lifting 170 kgs at age 21. He competed in the World Drug Free Powerlifting Championships for 4 years (1995-1998), and was champion in the open division and/or 23yrs division each year. He broke 6 world records – three of which still stand.

DR BARBARA BAIN



Barbara was educated in Maryborough, and gained First Class Honours and the University Gold Medal for Medicine at Queensland University.

She works in haematology/oncology and is a Professor of Diagnostic Haematology at St Mary's Hospital, London. She has lectured extensively, is admired as a teacher and has received numerous awards. She has published in all the major medical journals of the world. In 2016 she received the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Microscopical Society for distinguished services to microscopy.

ACHIEVERS

● *Outside Customs House*



SID MELKSHAM

A “rough diamond” Sid was born in Maryborough. He saw the potential of Fraser Island and moved tourists around on the island in old model cars. He built the first barges to the island and went on to own Eurong Resort. Fraser Island now attracts 400,000 visitors a year.



CLEONE McROBERTS

Cleone moved to Maryborough when aged four. Although quite tall, she was an outstanding dancer. She could not join the Australian Ballet because of her height but she danced for the “Bluebells” in Paris. She had to return home because of illness and has given her life to teaching dance to the children of Maryborough.



WANDA MAREE HENRY

Wanda Henry was educated in Maryborough and was an outstanding student. She gained first class honours in mathematics with physics, gaining many honours in her chosen field of fibre optics. Her life outside of work was devoted to helping the poor. She died at the age of 34.



MILDRED GOLDSMITH

Mildred Goldsmith was born in Maryborough and always had a love of flowers and flower arranging. Mildred became interested in the art of Ikebana and has become a Master of this floral art form, travelling extensively to pass on her skills.



HAYDEN LEONARD KENNY

Born in Maryborough, he was an outstanding swimmer. He moved to the Sunshine Coast where he manufactured his own surfboards. He was the first “Iron Man”, and also was involved with the Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service. His son Grant followed in his footsteps.



GEOFF DYMOCK

Geoff was born in Maryborough and played cricket from an early age. He was a bowler achieving a tally of 425 first class wickets and is the only Australian bowler to take all 11 batsmen in the same test match.



ACHIEVERS

● *Opposite Customs House on corner*



THE WARRY FAMILY

Thomas and Richard Warry came to Maryborough in 1880 and started in business as a produce and importing house. In the 1920s the business moved into manufacturing grocery lines

under the label "Auburn" and were partners in the Buderim Ginger products under the name "Marybud".



SIR CHARLES THOMAS POWERS

Charles Powers was educated in Maryborough, practised as a solicitor in the city and was the Mayor and Alderman on a number of occasions. He was

admitted to the Bar in 1894, was a member of the team who developed the Constitution, and became Australia's first Solicitor General in 1903. As president of the Commonwealth Court of Arbitration he introduced quarterly cost of living adjustments to the basic wage. His peers considered him the "greatest brain" exported from the area.



HENRY LIONEL HARVEY

Henry Harvey was born in Maryborough and was an outstanding scholar and athlete. He became a Rhodes Scholar in 1906 and on returning to Australia worked as a teacher until enlisting

in the First World War. He died in Bundaberg as result of his experiences in the war.



GORDON ALLAN DUNBAR

Another exceptional student who went through the Maryborough Boys Grammar School, Gordon Dunbar enlisted in the First World War in which he was twice severely wounded and won the Military Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

He became a Rhodes Scholar and went on to become the first manager for Colgate Palmolive in Australia.



PERCY "INKY" STEPHENSEN

He was born in Maryborough and became a Rhodes Scholar in 1924. He was an outstanding writer, a friend of D.H. Lawrence and Aldous Huxley and edited the

first 'uncensored' version of "*Lady Chatterley's Lover*". He was interned in Australia during the Second World War because of his extreme political views.



ROBERT EDWIN WHITE

Robert White was educated in Maryborough and studied soil science at UQ. He gained the Rhodes Scholarship for his study of soil nutrients. His work in the field of essential plant nutrients

has led him to work in many countries of the world, and he is the Foundation Professor of Soil Science at Melbourne University.



VALENTINE McDOWELL

Val McDowell was born in Maryborough, studied at Sydney University Medical School and used the first battery operated X-ray machine in Queensland. He was a founder of the Queensland

Radium Institute. With Thomas Elliott he went on to produce the first live radio broadcast in 1921. In 1935 he made the first television transmission in Australia, transmitting a legible page of *The Courier Mail*.



PETER JOHN OLDS OAM

A brilliant inventor and designer, Peter Olds was born in Maryborough. It was his ideas and invention which gave Maryborough the "*Mary Ann*", an exact working replica of the first engine built

in Queensland at Walkers Limited in 1873. His contribution to our city cannot be measured.

ACHIEVERS

● *Outside Courthouse*



PAMELA LYNDON TRAVERS

The author of the famous Mary Poppins novels began life in Maryborough as Helen Lyndon Goff in 1899, the first daughter of bank manager Travers Robert and

Margaret Agnes Goff. Travers was only a small girl when her family left the city. Travers began to have her poems published while still a teenager and wrote for *The Bulletin* while also gaining a reputation as an actress. She toured Australia and New Zealand with a Shakespearean touring company before leaving for England in 1924. There she dedicated herself to writing under the pen name P. L. Travers. A life-sized bronze statue now stands outside her birthplace on the corner of Richmond and Kent streets.



ELLIOTT BENNETT

An Aborigine from the Maryborough area, his potential as a boxer was seen quite early. Although the Australian Bantamweight Champion, he was not allowed to contest the world title as the

holder was a South African and Elley Bennett, as an aborigine, could not enter that country under their apartheid laws. His world record for the most punches landed in one round still stands, and he was the Dual Australian Crown Holder – Bantam and Featherweight Crowns in 1951. His later life was dogged by health problems and he died in Bundaberg in 1981.



DUNN – A NEWSPAPER FAMILY

Andrew Dunn was offered a position with *The Maryborough Chronicle* in 1888 and spent many years building a newspaper dynasty. Each of his sons learned

the trade from the ground floor and went on to manage the newspapers of Rockhampton, Warwick, Ipswich, Nambour, Mackay and Toowoomba. In 1988, the papers were taken over by Australian Provincial Newspapers.



KAY KINDERVATER-LEHMANN

Kay was born in Maryborough and excelled at all sport. Hockey became her great love, and she was selected to play for Queensland at age 18.

She has been named in the “World Best 11” and in Queensland’s “Team of the Century”, and in 2002 was inducted into the inaugural Queensland Hockey Hall of Fame. She was our first international lady player.



DAVID FIELD MAHONEY

David Field Mahoney was born in Maryborough and studied Veterinary Science at Queensland University. His interest was in cattle and the various diseases of the tropics. In the USA he

developed a new test for malaria, which later related to testing for tick fever. His studies set the standard and were acknowledged worldwide with honours in Europe and America.



THE DE JERSEY BROTHERS

Their father was the headmaster at the Albert State School, and each boy showed outstanding ability from an early age. Peter, (*above*)

born 1942, studied medicine and set up the Renal Unit at the Cairns Hospital. His brother John (*left*) born 1946, studied science with Honours in Biochemistry. He is now the Professor of Biochemistry at UQ. The youngest brother

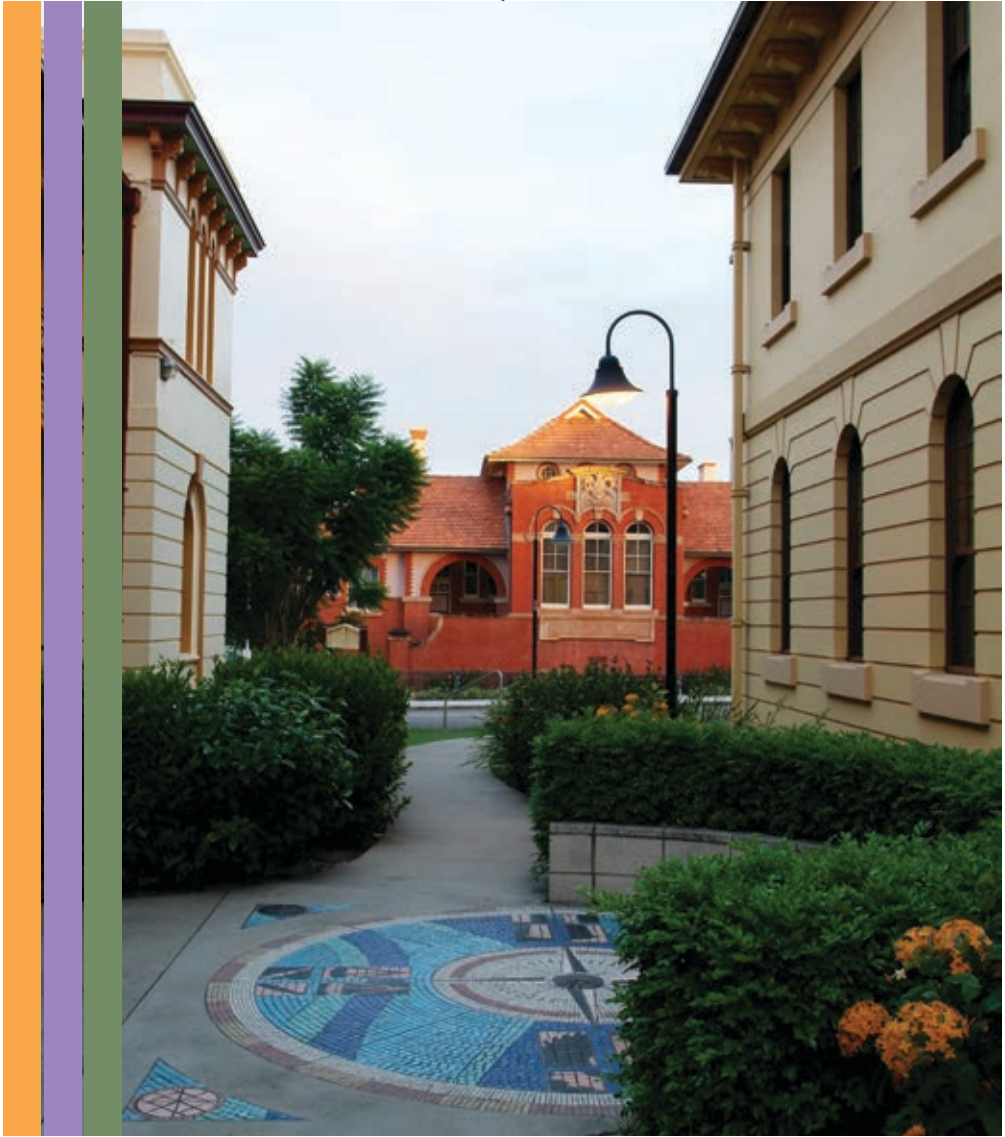
Paul de Jersey (*below*) born in 1948, studied law at Queensland University and excelled in his field becoming a QC in 1981. He was appointed the Chief Justice of Queensland at age 49, and appointed the Governor of Queensland in 2014.



SIR ROBERT NORMAN

Born in Maryborough, he had a dream as a six year old to fly planes. He started a company in North Queensland which was named Bush Pilots. The company helped to open up the far north

and for many years flew mercy missions to outback stations of the Cape.



PETER RAYMOND HILL

A car accident left Peter Hill a quadriplegic. His passion for swimming never left him and his sporting record includes 24 gold medals. He competed overseas at Stoke Mandeville, in Europe and Asia. He was named Young Australian of the Year in 1980 and works in the field of wheelchair design.



MELWYN HENRY NEILSEN

Mel was born in Maryborough and was involved with brass bands from an early age. He played the euphonium at the age of 12 and later moved to the Eb Bass and the Bb Bass. He has been Australian Champion on many occasions, and in 1982 won the Keller Memorial trophy which is contested by Australian and New Zealand bandmen, and English bandmen by invitation.

ACHIEVERS

● *Outside Heritage Centre*



CLINTON DINES

Born in Maryborough, Clinton Dines graduated with a degree in Asian Studies in 1979. He left Australia that year on an 18-month postgraduate program to China and has remained living there.

He worked for a number of companies in the early years of the emergence of China and now is the General Manager of BHP Billiton in China – the world's largest diversified resource group. He has been listed in the 100 Most Influential Australian Expatriates.



JOAN DUNN

Lilias Joan Dunn was born in Maryborough and studied medicine at the University of Queensland. She was the first Queensland graduate to obtain a higher degree in anaesthetics.

She is credited with helping establish anaesthetics as a specialty in Queensland and was appointed the first Director of Anaesthetics at the Brisbane Hospital in 1951. She was held in high esteem for her leadership abilities and her skills as an administrator.



LORRAINE BRAY

Lorraine was a notable all-round sportswoman until injury led her to the croquet greens. She has had a remarkable career representing Queensland and Australia and has supported her chosen sport with many years of dedicated service as administrator.



BEVAN ROYLE WHITAKER

Entrepreneur Bevan Whitaker has played a leading role in Queensland's aviation and tourism industry. Born in Maryborough, he left school at 13 to help run the family service station business

and began a mechanical apprenticeship at 17. After starting his own repair business he

branched out into selling harvesters, trucks and cars, expanding his interests to include dealerships across Queensland. In the early 1970s he turned his attention to the aviation industry and founded Sunstate Airlines (which he later sold to Qantas). This evolved into numerous interests in Queensland's tourism industry including the purchase of Lady Elliot Island and Great Keppel Island.



JAMES MAHONEY

James Mahoney was born in Maryborough, became a Rhodes Scholar and continued a distinguished career at the University of Queensland as a Professor of French Studies.

He received the *Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur* for his contribution to the study of the French Language.



QUENTIN DEMPSTER AM

A successful broadcaster, journalist and author, Quentin Dempster was born in Maryborough and began his career at The Maryborough Chronicle. He has worked as an investigative

journalist and presenter for the ABC for many years. He was awarded the Order of Australia for services to the media, "particularly in the fields of journalism and current affairs" and was honoured with a Walkley Award for his "outstanding contribution to journalism".



PENNY HARLAND

Penny was born in Maryborough and at a young age it was realized that she was blind, and not longer after she began to have difficulties with her hearing. She later developed co-ordination

problems, but her determination to study led to her becoming the first profoundly deaf and blind person in Australia to receive a University Degree.

MILITARY

● *Outside Military Museum*



DUNCAN CHAPMAN

Born in Maryborough, he always had an interest in the local regiments. Duncan Chapman enlisted at the beginning of the First World War, and trained in Egypt prior to the Gallipoli

Campaign. He is reputed to have been the first man ashore at Gallipoli – this being recorded in the official war records. He was killed in 1916 at Pozieres in France.



JOHN RONALD SHAFTO ADAIR

Ron Adair was born in Maryborough and had a distinguished career flying during both World Wars. He went on to build a passenger and

freight airline in Queensland, which he named Queensland Airlines. It was later to become Ansett-ANA.



FRANK LAWRENCE

Frank was a Maryborough boy, who enlisted at the beginning of the Second World War. After training he went to England and flew Halifax and Lancasters over Germany. On Anzac Day 1945,

they flew to bomb Berchtesgarden, the Austrian lair of Adolf Hitler.



BERNARD KUSKIE

Bernard Kuskie was born in Maryborough, and before World War Two was one of the few people in Australia who could speak and write the Japanese language. He was interred in Japan during the

war and was later exchanged for a Japanese diplomat. He worked on ciphers on his return to Australia but died in 1951 as a result of his treatment at the hands of the Japanese.



SIR THOMAS WILLIAM GLASGOW

Thomas Glasgow was born near Maryborough and was interested in a military career from an early age. He served in the Boer War and also the First World War.

Through the war, he rose to the position of Commander of the 1st Australian Division, one of only a few Australian soldiers to reach that position.



NOEL WILSON WEBSTER

Noel Webster was educated in Maryborough and won the George Medal for bravery. The George Medal is the highest award that can be granted in wartime not in the presence of the enemy. His

plane was shot down and through his bravery he managed to get his crew to safety. After 33 hours in the water they were washed ashore on Sumba Island, and after many weeks with natives he would not be flown to safety unless all of his crew came with him.



PHILIP THOMAS BYARD CLAYTON

“Tubby” Clayton was born in Maryborough, studied in England and during the First World War developed the Christian ethos of TOC H, a service order devoted

to the relief of soldiers returning from the front. TOC H continues today by helping young people in under-developed countries to achieve more through education.



BRIGADIER THOMAS PARSLOW

Educated in Maryborough, the son of a very poor family. He had an outstanding military career in the Second World War, raising to the rank of Brigadier, and after the war trained to eventually

become a QC and Queensland’s Solicitor-General.

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 community is its people. Our heritage
 lives on and it is important to remember
 these amazing people for the contribution
 they have made. Although many of them
 have left the city, they are our strength
 and prove that even a small city can
 produce people with outstanding skills.

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