



Moreton Bay Regional Council oral histories

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Abstract Thirty four oral histories conducted with local inhabitants of the Moreton Bay area.

Scope and content The Moreton Bay Regional Libraries Oral Histories contain video interviews with a variety of people representative of a cross-section of the Moreton Bay community. These recollections provide details of the early days of Moreton bay and include historical information and comments on the changing landscape and culture of the region. Interviewees include: Don Duncombe; Kevin Leitch; Graham Joyner; Jeanette Frahm; Les Marquis; Bill Herron; Yvonne Chapman, former Mayor of Pine Rivers; Keith Kelly; Doris Draper; Lou Hammermeister; John Domrow; Janice Hall (nee Petrie); Verna Myles; Wallace Young; Ken Gold; Brian Francis; Ethel Greenhalg ; Stan Chambers; Hazel Fealy; George Davey; Reg Dickens; Henry Ebert; Rhylle Winn; Jack Mitchell; Noel Battershill; Doris Flynn; Alan Meek; Keith Bryce; Alan Lowe; Bob (James Robert) Ebert; Jack Hanson; Lee Eccles; Gus Gehrman; and Neil Chesney.

System of arrangement Arranged into 1 series

Description 34 oral histories

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Items in this series:

Don Duncombe (11 May 2000)

Unit ID 29449/1

Date 11 May 2000

Scope and content

Interview with Don Duncombe. Don talks about his childhood and schooling; his work in

telephone mechanics; his recollections of the Second World War, as well as the changes to the way of living in the area.

Author / Creator

Duncombe, Don

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (38 min. 40 sec.)

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Kevin Leitch (30 October 2003)

Unit ID 29449/2

Date 30 October 2003

Scope and content

Interview with Kevin Leitch. The interview consists of a visual tour of some of the local areas, such as Leitch's Dairy and Mixed Farm, Cashes' Crossing and Pine River. Kevin talks about the history of his family and the local area.

Author / Creator

Leitch, Kevin

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (9 min. 36 sec.)

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Graham Joyner (25 July 2001)

Unit ID 29449/3

Date 25 July 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Graham Joyner, born 1928. Graham talks extensively about his family history and growing up in Samsonvale.

Author / Creator

Joyner, Graham, 1928-

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (32 min. 22 sec.)

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Jeanette Frahm (26 March 2009)

Unit ID 29449/4

Date 26 March 2009

Scope and content

Two part interview with Jeanette Frahm. Jeanette talks about her childhood and family; her experiences on the family dairy and mixed farm at Sandy Creek; Harrisons Pocket farm; her experiences during the Second World War, as well as the Frahm family history.

Author / Creator

Frahm, Jeanette

Description

Description 2 MP4 files (52 min. 8 sec.; 14 min. 38 sec.)

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Les Marquis (25 March 2003)

Unit ID 29449/5

Date 25 March 2003

Scope and content

Interview with Les Marquis, born 1914. Les talks about his childhood and schooling in Strathpine; the depression; the businesses and history of Strathpine, as well as his experiences of the Second World War.

Author / Creator

Marquis, Les, 1914-

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (1 hr. 2 min. 16 sec.)

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Bill Herron (4 June 2001)

Unit ID 29449/6

Date 4 June 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Bill Herron. Bill talks about his childhood at Cedar Creek, his experiences as a farmer, as well as the changes to the area over time.

Author / Creator

Herron, Bill

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (37 min. 31 sec.)

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Yvonne Chapman (22 January 2002)

Unit ID 29449/7

Date 22 January 2002

Scope and content

Interview with Yvonne Chapman, former Mayor of Pine Rivers. Yvonne talks about her childhood at Youngs Crossing; her family; her work at the Australian Paper Mill at Petrie; her recollections of the construction of the North Pine Dam as well as her memories of the early industries of the area.

Author / Creator

Chapman, Yvonne

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (33 min. 25 sec.)

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Keith Kelly (20 July 2001)

Unit ID 29449/8

Date 20 July 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Keith Kelly. Keith talks about his childhood growing up in Dayboro; his family; playing tennis, as well as his experiences in the army during the Second World War.

Author / Creator

Kelly, Keith

Description

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Doris Draper (28 January 2003)

Unit ID 29449/9

Date 28 January 2003

Scope and content

Interview with Doris Draper. Doris talks about growing up at Clear Mountain; school days; her family; working around the farm; her hobby of sewing;, as well as the changes to the town over time.

Author / Creator

Draper, Doris

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (1 hr. 3 min. 12 sec.)

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Lou Hammermeister (31 May 2005)

Unit ID 29449/10

Date 31 May 2005

Scope and content

Interview with Lou Hammermeister, born 1920. Lou talks about his life at Mt Nebo; the families that lived in the area; his long career in the timber industry; the mills of the area; the Mt Nebo school, as well as the changes to the area over time.

Author / Creator

Hammermeister, Lou, 1920-

Description

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John Domrow (23 January 2003)

Unit ID 29449/11

Date 23 January 2003

Scope and content

Interview with John Domrow. John talks about growing up at Camp Mountain; the family banana plantation; his family; his marriage, as well as his long farming career. The video includes John showing the camera crew around his farm while he talks about the changes to the farm over the years.

Author / Creator

Domrow, John

Description

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Janice Hall (30 April 2003)

Unit ID 29449/12

Date 30 April 2003

Scope and content

Interview with Janice Hall, nee Petrie. Janice talks about her childhood; her family; her father's involvement with the Volunteer Defence Corps; school; going to the pictures and town dances, as well as her father's death.

Author / Creator

Hall, Janice

Description

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Verna Myles (17 May 2001)

Unit ID 29449/13

Date 17 May 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Verna Myles. Verna talks about the Houghton family history; her experiences at school; her childhood in Strathpine, as well as the way the area has changed over time.

Author / Creator

Myles, Verna

Barter, Leith

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Wallace Young (17 April 2001)

Unit ID 29449/14

Date 17 April 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Wallace Young, born in Lawnton in 1923. Wallace talks about his family history; his childhood in Petrie and Lawnton; the changes to the town over time, as well as his work as a drover and dairy farmer.

Author / Creator

Young, Wallace, 1923-

Barter, Leith

Description

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Ken Gold (8 February 2000)

Unit ID 29449/15

Date 8 February 2000

Scope and content

Interview with Ken Gold. Ken talks about his family history; the history and founding families of the Terrors Creek/Dayboro area; the change of farming over time, as well as his childhood and schooling.

Author / Creator

Gold, Ken

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (36 min. 39 sec.)

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Brian Francis (18 June 2001)

Unit ID 29449/16

Date 18 June 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Brian William Francis, born 1936. Brian talks about his family history; the work and processes of the Paisley Cornflour Mill; the many mills and businesses the Lawnton area, as well as his family. The video includes some images of pictures and artefacts from Brian's life.

Author / Creator

Francis, Brian, 1936-

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Ethel Greenhalgh (10 December 2002)

Unit ID 29449/17

Date 10 December 2002

Scope and content

Interview with Ethel Greenhalgh. Ethel talks about the Kallangur Marsden Boys Home, the video includes images taken of the Marsden Boys Home buildings as they were at the time of the interview.

Author / Creator

Greenhalgh, Ethel

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (45 min. 24 sec.)

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Stan Chambers (6 May 2002)

Unit ID 29449/18

Date 6 May 2002

Scope and content

Video of Stan Chambers demonstrating the traditional method of shingle splitting, used by early settlers to build their homes.

Author / Creator

Chambers, Stan

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (3 min. 47 sec.)

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Hazel Fealy (20 July 2001)

Unit ID 29449/19

Date 20 July 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Hazel Fealy. Hazel talks about her family history; her childhood at Dayboro; the various businesses around Dayboro, as well as her involvement in the local community groups.

Author / Creator

Fealy, Hazel

Barter, Leith

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George Davey (20 April 2001)

Unit ID 29449/20

Date 20 April 2001

Scope and content

Interview with George Davey, born 1915 in Nambour. George talks about his childhood in Samford; his school days; working on bullock and dairy farms; the Samford village town, as well as the difference of farm life over time.

Author / Creator

Davey, George, 1915-

Barter, Leith

Description

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Reg and Dennis Dickens (5 May 2010)

Unit ID 29449/21

Date 5 May 2010

Scope and content

Interview with Reg Dickens, born 1920. Reg talks about his experiences in the army during the Second World War; meeting his wife; working on his farm; drought, as well as joining the RSL and bowls club. Reg's son, Dennis, then talks about his own childhood experiences in Kallangur.

Author / Creator

Dickens, Reg

Dickens, Dennis

Barter, Leith

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Henry Ebert (29 February 2000)

Unit ID 29449/22

Date 29 February 2000

Scope and content

Interview with Henry Ebert, born in Strathpine in 1922. Henry talks about his family history; his childhood; Albany Creek; Cashes' Crossing; farms in the area; North Pine River; working in a corn flour mill, as well as the way the area has changed over time.

Author / Creator

Ebert, Henry, 1922-

Description

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Rhylle Winn (30 November 2000)

Unit ID 29449/23

Date 30 November 2000

Scope and content

Interview with Rhylle Winn. Rhylle talks about his family history; some history of Samsonvale; his experience with the timber industry; his experience with the bullock and dairy industry, as well as his childhood.

Author / Creator

Winn, Rhylle

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Jack Mitchell (18 July 2001)

Unit ID 29449/24

Date 18 July 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Jack Mitchell, born 1922. Jack talks about growing bananas in Samford; the history of Samford and its industries; his family, as well as the future of the industries. The video includes a visual tour of the area with Jack.

Author / Creator

Mitchell, Jack, 1922-

Description

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Noel Battershill (15 March 2004)

Unit ID 29449/25

Date 15 March 2004

Scope and content

Interview with Noel Battershill, born in Strathpine in 1931. Noel talks about his family history; the history of the Samsonvale area, as well as his experiences with dairy farming.

Author / Creator

Battershill, Noel, 1931-

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Doris Flynn (3 February 2000)

Unit ID 29449/26

Date 3 February 2000

Scope and content

Interview with Doris Flynn, born 1919. Doris talks about her childhood and schooling in Petrie; 1931 floods; the businesses of the area; working at Cook's store; her experiences of the Second World War; life on a farm, as well as the changes to the area over time.

Author / Creator

Flynn, Doris, 1919-

Barter, Leith

Description

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Alan Meek (30 March 2004)

Unit ID 29449/27

Date 30 March 2004

Scope and content

Interview with Alan Leslie Meek. Alan talks about the Wyllie family history; his childhood; the history and businesses of the area; the transport of the time, as well as the changes to the

area over time. The video includes some images of pictures and artefacts from Alan's family.

Author / Creator

Meek, Alan

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Keith Bryce (1 March 2005)

Unit ID 29449/28

Date 1 March 2005

Scope and content

Interview with Keith Bryce. In the first part of the interview, Keith talks about his family history; his work as on the railway and as a dairy farmer; his children and home, as well as the changes to the area over time. Part two contains Keith showing the community work medal he received from the Queen.

Author / Creator

Bryce, Keith

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Alan Lowe (16 October 2001)

Unit ID 29449/29

Date 16 October 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Alan Lowe. Alan discusses his experiences in the air force as a flight mechanic during the Second World War, including his work with Spitfire machines.

Author / Creator

Lowe, Alan

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (1 hr. 1 min. 37 sec.)

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James Robert 'Bob' Ebert (14 November 2000)

Unit ID 29449/30

Date 14 November 2000

Scope and content

Interview with James Robert 'Bob' Ebert. Bob talks about his family history; his work as a farmer and a butcher; his childhood; his father's farm; the races; the cornflour mill and life in town over the years.

Author / Creator

Ebert, Bob (James Robert)

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Jack Hanson (27 March 2001)

Unit ID 29449/31

Date 27 March 2001

Scope and content

Interview with Jack Hanson. Jack talks about his career in the Normanby Rum Distillery. The interview includes footage of Jack walking around the site where the distillery use to stand.

Author / Creator

Hanson, Jack

Description

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Lee Eccles (8 June 2004)

Unit ID 29449/32

Date 8 June 2004

Scope and content

Interview with Lee Eccles. Lee talks about his life and long career at the Lawnton Sawmill, including the history of the mill.

Author / Creator

Eccles, Lee

Description

Description 1 MP4 file (40 min. 50 sec.)

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Gus Gehrman (26 September 2001)

Unit ID 29449/33

Date 26 September 2001

Scope and content

Two part interview with Gus Gehrman, born 1914. Gus talks about his childhood and schooling; his time in the army during the Second World War; his part in the establishment, designing and building of the Petrie Paper Mill, as well as his work managing and running the Australian Paper Mill.

Author / Creator

Gehrman, Gus, 1914-

Description

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Neil Chesney (14 November 2002)

Unit ID 29449/34

Date 14 November 2002

Scope and content

Interview with Neil Chesney. Neil talks about his career in the caravan business, in particular the family business 'Chesney Caravans'.

Author / Creator

Chesney, Neil

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