

The Nev ANNING Family

I was born on 19 November 1916 at Capalaba and moved to Lindum at the age of three. I completed school at Wynnum Central State School and was honoured as the eldest pupil attending the closing ceremony of the school in 2009.

At age fourteen I moved to Peachester and called it home. I served almost five years in the Australian Infantry Forces with three and half years as a Prisoner of War to the Japanese. We were then taken to labour on the then Burma-Thailand Railway for 12 months, then spent another 10 months, working seven days a week, without missing a day, working on an aerodrome which is now the Singapore Airport.

Once arriving home I lived at Bald Knob. Married **Cynthia Anning** (nee **Lambton**) who grew up on a diary farm on the Obi Obi. She was the last baby born at the Palmwoods Hospital before it closed, which is now the Nambour Hospital. In 1942 Cynthia's family moved to Bald Knob and drove their herd of cattle up Schultz Road, Witta and through Maleny township, to Bald Knob. She then attended Bald Knob School for two years and rode a horse to school each day.

We married in 1951 and went on to have 5 children. All went to Maleny School, walking 2km to the bus each morning. I was a builder for 18 years, worked at the Poultry Abattoirs for 18 years, with 14 staff mostly Maleny locals. Our place has now been *Kunda Paint Horse Stud* since and we have been running the South East Queensland Paint Horse club for 31 years, along with importing two American horses to Australia. I have been a member of Maleny Rotary for nearly 20 years and received a Paul Harris Fellowship and also the only founding member left in the Beerwah-Peachester RSL, and still active.

Ron our son is Pastor of Emerald Church, also a Master Builder. **Jan** is a Math & Science teacher in Toowoomba. **Sue** worked in a Bundaberg Chemist as a Nutritionist, now in Aged Care in RSL. Kay runs an organic farm with custard apples and wheat grass at Mooloolah and **Helen** is the owner of Embroidery FX, a horse trainer and President of Paint Horse Association of Australia, which Cynthia, Helen and myself are lifetime honorary members.



Neville & Cynthia Anning – November 2011