

Maleny Newsagency and Chemist

by Carol Cook (nee Burnett)

In 1944 **Sir Walter Burnett (Wally)** opened up his business with the Maleny Newsagency and Chemist combined. His residence was at the rear of the shop.



This was a very busy little business with prescriptions to be filled plus the newsagency side of things including magazines, comics and the daily newspaper, not forgetting the Golden Casket which is still sold in the chemist to this day.

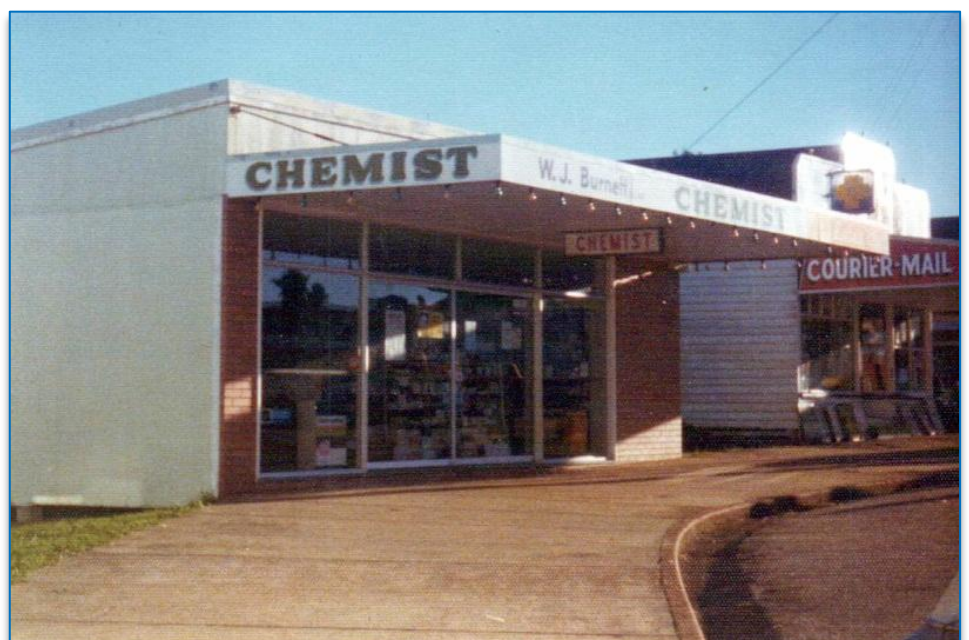
The day started early for Sir Walter with the early morning drive to Landsborough to meet the train and collect the newspapers. Then it was back up the mountain to roll and distribute them around the district before starting work each day.



Sir Walters' wife **Mabel** was a fully qualified beauty consultant so Maleny had the best brands of cosmetics and hair products. Seeing the urgency for a pharmacy in the Beerwah district, Sir Walter opened a small chemist shop there in 1966.

With faith in the future of Maleny and district, Sir Walter decided to build a new and modern pharmacy alongside the newsagency.

Sir Walter sold the Maleny Newsagency to Mr and Mrs **Clarry Skerman** in January 1967.



Maleny Chemist with the original Chemist shop behind, now the Newsagency