

## William (Bill) COGZELL

former Manual Training Teacher at Maleny State School 1949 - 1953

**William (Bill) Cogzell** was one of the early Manual Training teachers trained by the Education Department Queensland, just after the end of WW2. The teachers were tradesmen and in his case, he was a skilled cabinet maker and French polisher.

Mr. Cogzell set up and opened the Manual Training section at the Maleny State School in 1949. He originally spent part of the week at Maleny School and the remainder at Nambour High School. In 1950 he was appointed full time to Maleny.

Apart from the pride he took in teaching the students from Maleny and surrounding schools he attained a high standard of maintenance of the workshop tools which he sharpened himself. In 1953 he was transferred to Brisbane but kept in contact and became great friends with a number of his students and their families.

Both his sons, **Graham** and **Ron**, attended Maleny School in the early 1950's and Graham completed his Scholarship in 1952. Ron left Maleny with his parents at the end of 1953. The Cogzell's fitted well into the community and had many fond memories of the old Maleny State School and the district.



Cogzell Family – Bill & Dorothy with L-R Graham & Ron