

Ric Townsend Speech Notes

**Glenferna Opening 15/6/2019
Maleny Cultural & Historical
Society Inc.**

**Vision: To Save and Display Maleny's
History**

**Our Mission Statement declares that
we will:**

- * Collect, store, preserve, restore and display examples of past life in Maleny
- * We also offer an affordable facility to other local groups interested in promoting Maleny as a notable tourist destination.
- * Additionally we want to foster and partner with other community organisations with similar aims and interests.
- * ...and finally we naturally need to raise funds to develop our facilities.

The Historical Village is used by other community groups including the Maleny Men's Shed, The Maleny and District Horseless Carriage Club, The Ukulele Club and we also cater for various outside functions and tours.

The Historical Society was established in 1991

The land we are on had been donated to the Community by pioneer descendant Isabelle Bryce

Over time the first two 2 dwellings, Priscilla Cottage & Lawley House were relocated to our site.

"Priscilla Cottage" was, built in 1906 by Charles Bryce and was the home of Ben & Priscilla Bryce and their family, Isabella, Phyllis and Marjorie. The house was on the site of the now Erowol retirement units & nursing home and was shifted to its present site from the original property to commemorate the Centenary of Federation after the Bryce farmland had been donated to the Uniting Church. The house is proudly displayed in its original character exhibiting



mostly family possessions of three generations of the Bryce Family.

Lawley House was built at the top of Teak Street, where Cloudwalk is today by Sam Sallaway for Edward Lawley in the early 1900s on land that had been purchased from the estate of a Mr Thomas Dixon in 1890.

Sometime after Edward's death in 1940 his second son Edgar sold the house and land to Charles Porter and from then on the house was tenanted. In 2008 Lawley House was to be demolished as part of the Cloudwalk development. The Historical Society rescued the house and relocated it to the Pioneer Village. The history of the Timber & Dairy Industries and various other interesting items relevant to Maleny's history are now displayed in the house.

In addition to our historic displays other activities of the society include such activities as a project to collect and preserve local Family Histories. This project was started in 2013 at the time of the Maleny School's Centenary. Many Family Histories, interviews, eulogies and other pieces of historic information is now posted online as part of the society's website.

More recently a physical document preservation facility has been installed to ensure that our valuable documents are preserved and archived correctly.

Another popular event with many locals is the School Reunions that are held every year. The High School celebrated 60 years of secondary education in 2014 The MHS celebrated this event in 2015 by organising a reunion for classes who started High School from 1955 – 1960. Again in 2016 a similar celebration was held for those who started school from 1961 - 1966

In 2017 the class of 1967 was celebrated and every year we now organise and host a 50-year "Golden class Reunion".

Wedding venue... mother-in-law's accommodation :-)

Then of course there's "Glenferna" which was relocated to The Pioneer Village in May of 2016... Chris pile of sawdust... however I'll leave it to Desley to tell you about that....

Thank you :-)