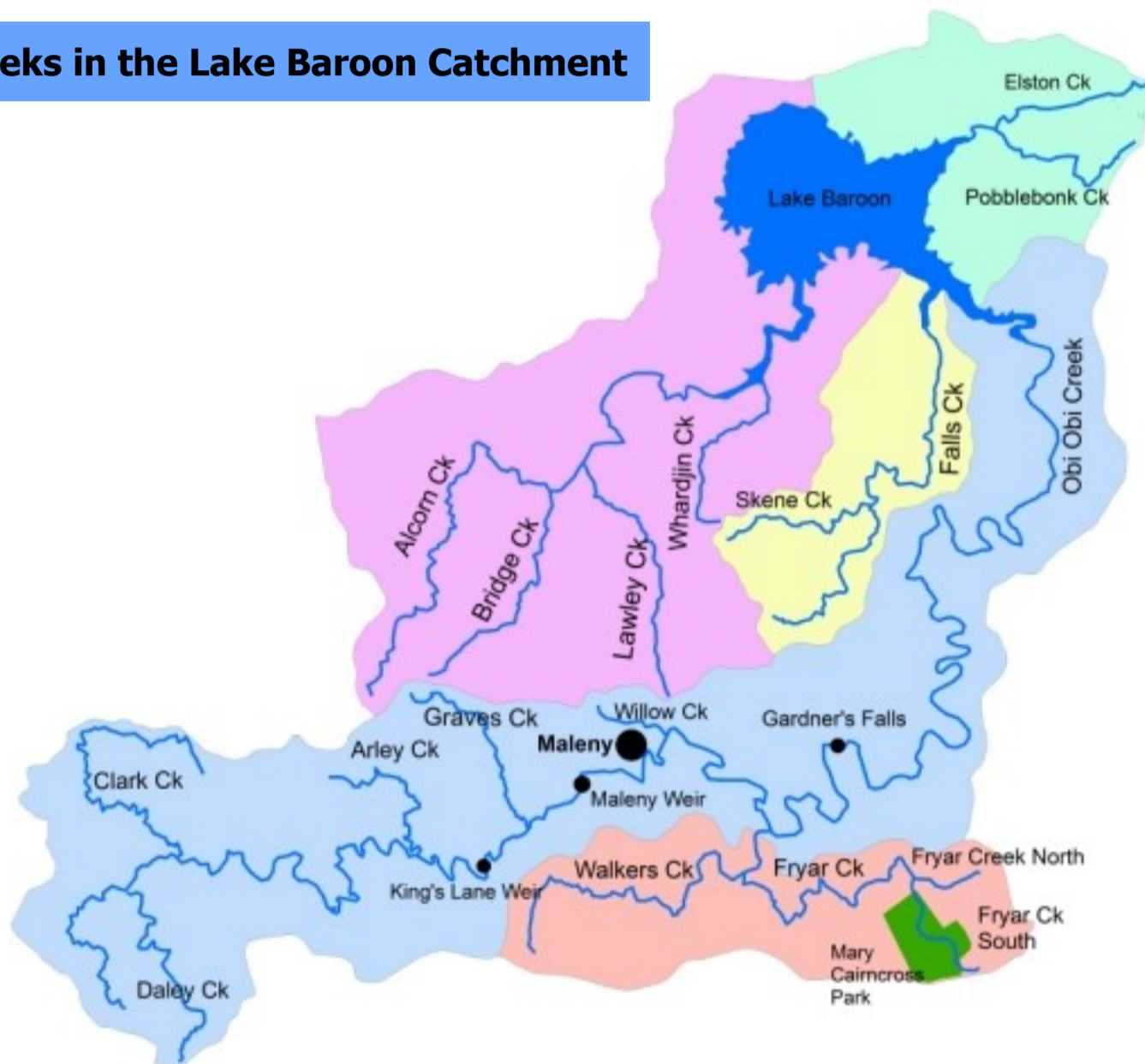


A Project of the Lake Baroon Catchment Care Group 2006-09

Name that stream

Working with our community...for our waterways

Named Creeks in the Lake Baroon Catchment



Names now official.

- Elston Creek
- Pobblebonk
- Falls Creek
- Whardjin Creek
- Lawley Creek
- Bridge Creek
- Alcorn Creek
- Willow Creek
- Graves Creek
- Arley Creek
- Daley Creek
- Clark Creek
- Fryar Creek
- Fryar Creek South
- Walkers Creek
- Skene Creek
- Gardner's Falls
- King's Lane Weir
- Maleny Weir
- Howell's Knob

Our aim in the *Name that stream* project has been to raise awareness of the many creeks in the Catchment, which were unnamed, or unofficially named, prior to this project. In choosing names, we sought to represent the first people and the early settlers, some of whose names were found on the early surveyors' maps. We also took note of unique fauna, and traditional names.

Elston Creek

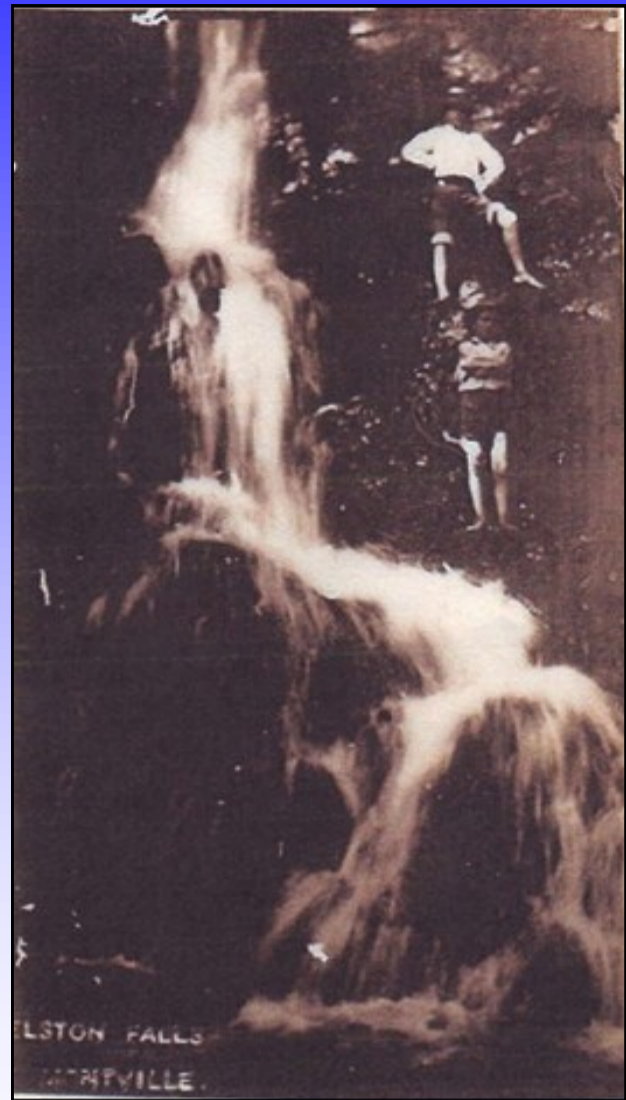
Recently it has come to light that this creek was once known as Elston Creek, after the Guest House which was located at its headwaters.

We now have photos of the Guest House and Elston Falls. We do not yet know the origin of the word Elston.

This creek was listed on a 1915 plan of survey as Small Creek.

It has also been locally known as Lexy's or Small's Creek.

In the photo on the right, Leslie David Thompson is standing with arms crossed.



Pobblebonk Creek



This permanent creek runs parallel to the Maleny-Montville Road before turning and running down to Elston Creek near Lake Baroon.

The name was proposed by residents, several of whom have seen the frogs.

The Pobblebonk frog, (*Limnodynastes dumerili*) is a burrowing frog with a distinctive 'bonk' call. It is listed as threatened.

This sighting is verified by Eva Ford, Threatened Species Project Officer, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, and by the Queensland Museum.

Falls Creek

This has been named for many years, as evidenced in the 1997 *Lake Baroon Catchment Management Strategy* and *Lake Baroon Catchment Implementation Plan*.



Whardjin Creek

This small permanently-flowing creek runs through re-growth forest, most of which is in a relatively undisturbed condition.

It has been locally known as Hindu Creek, after Indian settlers.

We found local acceptance for the Creek name to be changed to 'Whardjin'. Bev Hand, local spokesperson for the indigenous people, wrote: '*Whardjin* is a Djala word meaning 'laughing'.

Obi Obi is derived from a Djala word. Whardjin was also the name of a Djala warrior and elder.'

Bridge Creek and Baroon Pocket were meeting places for local indigenous people for thousands of years.



Lawley Creek



This creek flows from North Maleny Road and Tamarind Street down to join Bridge Creek before which it flows under a small wooden bridge.

In the upper reaches there are at least two distinct tributaries. There are also falls where the creek flows over the escarpment.

It is named after Edward and Elizabeth Lawley who came to Maleny in 1893.

They selected land at the top of Teak Street and named it *Greenridge*. They built the house which has recently been removed to Historical Society land.

In 1903, Edward was one of the founding Provisional Directors of the Maleny Butter Factory, and served as a Councilor on Landsborough Shire Council.

As time went on he acquired more land, part of which is the farm where Ed and Karen Lawley live today.

Sources are an interview with Minnie Lawley, 1987, and an article in *The Range News* May 17th 2007, p 10, *A lifetime of lessons learned on the farm*.

Alcorn Creek

This Creek is named after the Alcorn brothers, Jack and Norman, who lived on one of the properties on this Creek. Jack Alcorn came to Maleny in 1908.

Norman Alcorn, who later bought land in the Walkers' Creek area, came in 1912.

Sources of this history are an interview with the late Milton Alcorn, April 2007; and discussions with Jack Alcorn's daughter, Grace Lohning, who grew up on the farm at Alcorn Creek.



Willow Creek

Willow Creek is the traditional name for this creek. There are two willow trees growing here.

The members of the Maleny Historical Society requested that the traditional name be kept.



Graves Creek



There are at least two historical maps showing this creek to be Graves Creek. One is dated May 6th 1885.

There were two brothers, John and Lawrence. As far as we know the Graves story is not documented. They sold to T.C. Dixon.

Arley Creek



This creek flows through the original Arley Farm, land bought by Edmund Lawley in 1916-17.

It was dense vine scrub at that time.

Edmund was the son of Edward and Elizabeth Lawley. He married Minnie Clark. Allan Lawley was son of Edmund and Minnie. Allan ran a dairy here for most of his life.

Allan Lawley was interviewed by Gillian Pechey in August 2007.

Daley Creek

This creek is named after Patrick Daley who settled here in 1910.

The source of this information is an interview of Ray Daley in 2007.

Patrick was born in 1890 near Kiama, and came here on his own in 1910 and bought the property. He drove cattle overland from NSW. He also owned the land round Dixon Lane, having bought it from the Dixons. He donated land to the Catholic Church. Patrick was awarded the CBE medal for his services to the dairy industry.



Fryar Creek South

This creek flows through Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve.

We had many suggestions: Cairncross, Thynne, Chinaman, and Freshwater crayfish.

Regarding the crayfish, we were advised against drawing attention to such a rare creature.

And we were also advised that locals referred to this creek as Fryar Creek.

Clark Creek

This creek begins to the west of Howells Knob, and flows round the inside of Reesville Road to join the Obi Obi.

The Clarks lived on this creek in the house 'Rockview' which was designed by Jack Sallaway, who can be seen in the photo of the first motor car in town, in *Times of change: a history of Caloundra City. 2007* (p. 87)

The interview of Minni Clark by Amanda Wilson, 1987, gives a brief history of the Clark family indicating that Minnie had a brother Stanley who went to World War I and a sister, the 'Belle' in the photo.



Fryar Creek



The Australian Dictionary of Biography lists a William Fryar (1828-1912), politician, surveyor and mining inspector. He arrived in Queensland in 1853, and at intervals between 1864 and 1882 worked in the Lands Department as a licensed surveyor in the south-eastern parishes of Maroochy and Mooloolah.

In January 1874 he joined the seventh Queensland Parliament as an independent member for East Moreton in the Legislative Assembly where he was mainly interested in land policy.

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