

Origin of Names

Booroobin

Place of black possum

Glass House Mountains

Named the Glass Houses by Lt. James Cook on Thursday 17th May 1770, because they reminded him of the glass furnaces in his native Yorkshire. A nearby creek was named Glass Mountain Creek, it's Aboriginal name was daki comon -meaning stone standing up.

Howell's Knob

Named after Howell brothers who selected land on which this, the highest point in Caloundra City is found.

Launders Shoot

The slopes of the Blackall Range are extremely steep and the timber getters on top built 'shoots' down which the logs slid and hurtled to the bottom. "Lander's Chute Lookout" between Montville and Maleny commemorates Mr Lander who had one such shoot.

Maleny

The Balfour brothers established Colinton Station on the Upper Brisbane River, in 1841. The Balfours were surveyors and it is suggested that while they were surveying for the firm, Baring Brothers & Co., that they named Malleny Mountain, on the Blackall Range, after the town of Malleny, near the Scottish town of Balerno. Also suggested to be derived from the name of a Surveyor, by the name of Maloney, who is said to have worked in the area.

Obi Obi

Name of noted warrior.

Reesville

Situated near the hinterland town of Maleny, the Reesville district was previously known as Howells Knob, after Robert Howell and his brother who selected land in the area, on which present day scenic lookout, Howells Knob is situated. It was named Reesville in 1923 in honour of H.O. Rees senior, who built his home there.

Witta

Wetya meaning wild dog or dingo. The area was also known as Teutoberg from the late 1880s, after a number of German settlers selected land in the area in 1887. The area name changed in 1916, from Teutoberg (a small town in Germany) to Witta, due to a desire for the settlers of the area to be patriotic to the Crown while World War One raged in Europe. Some say Witta is not an Aboriginal word, but derived from another German town called Vitta.

Wootha

Wud'ha, or wootcher, meaning Red Cedar. (Cedrela toona) Wootha is a district on the southern outskirts of Maleny, along the Stanley River Road.

Walker Hill

Named after 3 brothers who selected land adjoining Mountain View Rd to Walkers Creek