

Edgar Rees

First Wireless Message Transmitted from Maleny

In August 1919, Lieutenant Edgar Rees received the first wireless message transmitted from Maleny. Sailing home after serving in WWI, he received the message sent by his father, Councillor Henry Oliver Rees. It assured him of a "very hearty welcome home". The Nambour newspaper of 15 August 1919 concluded with, "This wonderful mode of communication marks another step in the advancement of Maleny, and for the benefit of those who may have friends returning, it is just as well that they may know that as soon as a vessel gets within the circle of wireless communication, messages may be sent, and at a very reasonable cost."

