

Southern Cross 10 Windmill

The windmill at the Maleny Pioneer Village was gifted to the Maleny Historical & Cultural Society by past student of the Maleny State School and son of a former police officer, Michael Spooner. The mill was on the property of Ian Gilmour at Peak Crossing, the property was sold and the mill was saved.

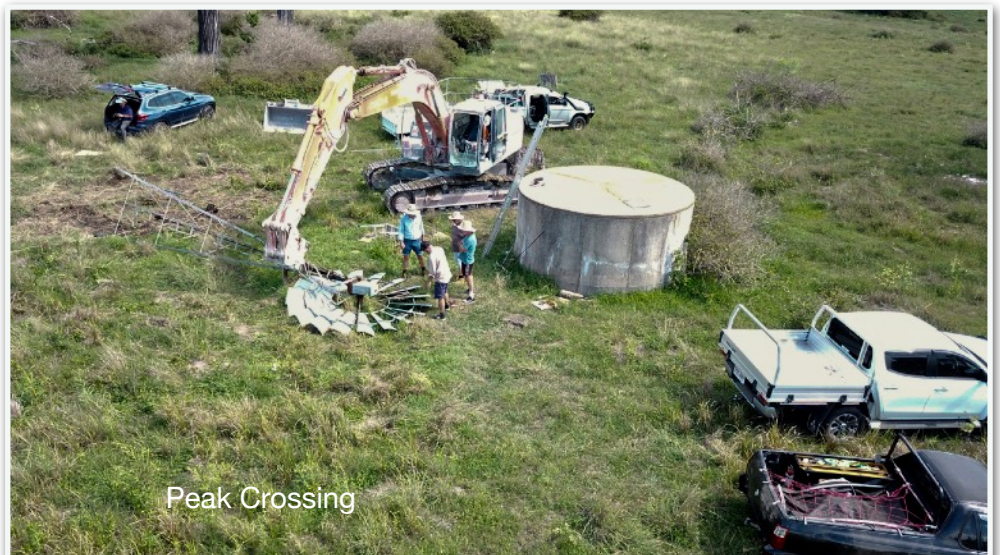
Ian's parents were Gordon & Jessie (Richardson) Gilmour. Jessie was a student of the North Maleny State School when her parents share farmed in Baroon Pocket. Gordon & Jessie owned G & J Gilmour Contracting & Equipment and apprenticed Michael as a Plant Mechanic after his Yr 10 education at the Maleny High School in 1964. Michael has remained life time friends with the Gilmour Family.

With the help of the Gilmour Family & friends, Michael dismantled and had the windmill transported to the Pioneer Village. It was erected on 7 February 2023. The mill is a Southern Cross 10, the blade span is 10 feet.

A lovely gift to the Village in memory of the Gilmour Family with sincere thanks to Michael Spooner.



Peak Crossing



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Arrival & unloading at Maleny Pioneer Village,
May 2021






Unloaded at Maleny Pioneer Village



Erecting at Pioneer Village





SOUTHERN CROSS 10 WINDMILL

The windmill on this site was donated by Michael Spooner on behalf of Mr Ian Gilmour and the Gilmour family. Ian Gilmour employed and trained Michael as an apprentice plant mechanic in the family company G & J Gilmour Contracting and Equipment after Michael completed his education at Maleny State High School in 1964.

The windmill was removed from its site, transported, and relocated on its present site at the village by Michael with the assistance of a few good friends and machinery from Ian's property at Peak Crossing, a fair day's contribution by all. This could not have been achieved without those friends or the contribution of the Gilmour family.

All sign writing was donated by Monaghan Signs of Northgate.