

TIMELINE

- 1855** - Brisbane increased in importance and this also increased the amount of shipping to & from this 'settlement' (which was to become the capital of the State, Queensland)
- 1855** - A ship carrying a cargo of sugar named 'Venus' was wrecked on a shoal North West of Combuyuro Point, this shoal was subsequently named "Venus shoal".
- 1857** - The NSW Government built the Cape Moreton Lighthouse, it was 23 meters high and was built of local sandstone by 35 good behaviour civil prisoners.
- 1858** - The Cape Moreton Lighthouse started operations! It was manually operated by oil lamps and clockwork mechanisms and stood 95 meters high. At one stage the community held 5 families with as many as 15 children attending the Cape Moreton School. Now the light is electric and only two staff are needed to keep it operative.
- 1859** - Queensland became independent from New South Wales.
- 1863** - Land sales at the township of Bulwer commenced.
- 1865** - The navy left goats and pigs on Moreton Island for any shipwrecked survivors. (National Parks have since eradicated the goat population and are still trying to eradicate the feral pig problem).
- 1883** - A grave was established South of Bulwer for a child who died at sea. This grave with a sandstone headstone was surrounded by a wrought iron fence.
- 1890** - A telegraph line was constructed to link Moreton Island to the mainland. It ran from Bulwer south, then by underwater cable to Amity to connect with the already existing line there. It was later extended to Cowan Cowan and to the Cape Moreton Lighthouse however abandoned in 1952.
- 1895** - The second grave was established beside the above mentioned for another child who died at sea, this grave had a marble headstone and a picket fence.
- 1899** - A lighthouse was built at Cowan Cowan.
- 1914** - World War 1 started and Cowan Cowan was established as a defence base. A signal station was built also a jetty and 2 naval ships were stationed at Cowan Cowan.
- 1918** - At the end of World War 1 a gun was placed at the Cowan Cowan defence base.
- 1930** - 2 ships were scuttled on the beach at the township of Bulwer.
- 1930's (mid)** - 2 ships beached approx. 8km north Koorinal.
- 1943** - Approx. 900 troops were station on Moreton Island, during this time they constructed both Rous Battery road & Middle road. A naval station and a jetty were also constructed at Tangalooma.
- 1950** - A Sydney based company "Whale Products Pty Ltd" was established and the site of Tangalooma was chosen for a whaling station.