

History of Larney's School Bus Transport

1945 - 1987

The Balmoral School Conveyance Committee was formed in 1944.

- President - **Mr. Ted Hankinson**
- Secretary/Treasurer – **Mr. Evan Evans**

Mr. Frank Burgum was hired to transport children from Balmoral to Maleny State School. This was done by car which limited numbers. Balmoral to the Maleny Butter Factory. He was approached by the Conveyance Committee to transport children to the Maleny School. He accepted the contract and operated the transport until the end of the school year in 1944.

Jack's father **Dick Larney** bought the business and invested in a new truck which was an '*International*'. Wooden seats were installed in the back and they were completely covered. The Committee extended the pickup school run to include the Bald Knob, Mountain View Road and Mt. Mellum areas.

Over time as roads improved the runs were extended. Dick Larney operated the School conveyance until September 1969. **Lloyd** and **Shirley Larney** operated the business and added the Reesville run, purchased from **Mr. Walter Lawley**. By this time trucks were replaced by buses and travelling was much more comfortable for students. Maleny School had already become a High Top which had added a high school and was situated in Bunya Street.

The Larney's involvement with school transport ended in 1987 with the sale of runs to **Peter** and **Margaret Campbell** and **Peter West**.

Lloyd received the Caloundra City Citizen of the Year Award in 2004 for his services to the community.

