

Memories of Dr. Lance MYERS

My years in Maleny were among the most pleasurable of my career and I still remember the names of many of my pupils.

After entering Teacher's College in 1943, all males were posted to schools after one year (girls were kept for the two years of their teaching scholarship – men were in short supply in schools because of army duties).

I was sent directly to Bowen and found that I was very comfortable (and successful) as a teacher. I stayed in Bowen for some years and then on to Mount Surprise – in the Gulf Country west of Cairns.

The next move was to Maleny where my father was the Ambulance Superintendent. Again it was a great town to work in and I thoroughly enjoyed my years there, made valued friends and loved the children at the School – up on the hill.

I was posted to Gladstone as a relieving teacher (which meant that I filled in at schools where teachers/principles were absent for a time – injured, ill and so on). Then on to Harrami, south of Biloela.

I was still unmarried so a kindly Inspector sent me to Oakenden, west of Mackay. That did not work either so he sent me into the city to North Mackay. Here I finally found a girl who would have me and was married, very happily and gradually had two daughters and a son. I moved from Primary School's to High School and taught there for some years.

The next move was into Teacher Education at Townsville Teacher's College which then amalgamated with James Cook University. I completed my doctorate in Oregon USA and retired when I reached 60 (24 years ago).

It has been a great ride.