

The NEWTON Family

by Graeme Newton

My parents **Mabel** and **Fred** (who attended Bald Knob and Witta School's for a short time) raised seven children on the family dairy farm at Reesville. We were all educated at the Maleny Primary and Secondary Schools. The five eldest siblings went to school in **Mr. Smith's** cream truck, whilst the twins had the luxury of the school bus. I remember Mr. Smith jamming on the brakes and sending us all flying off the seats if any of the passengers (school kids) were misbehaving.

Our mother was adamant that the boys should have a trade.

Peter went to Melbourne to work for the PMG and stayed in that profession until he retired to Caloundra after working in New Guinea for a time.

Graeme (myself) obtained an Apprenticeship at Ipswich Railway Workshop as an Electrical Fitter and Mechanic. I returned to Maleny and started my own Electrical Contracting business which I worked at for 33 years. I am now retired to farming on my property in North Maleny.

John also went to Ipswich Railway Workshop as an Apprentice Fitter. John stayed with the Railways until his retirement. He now lives in Tweed Heads.

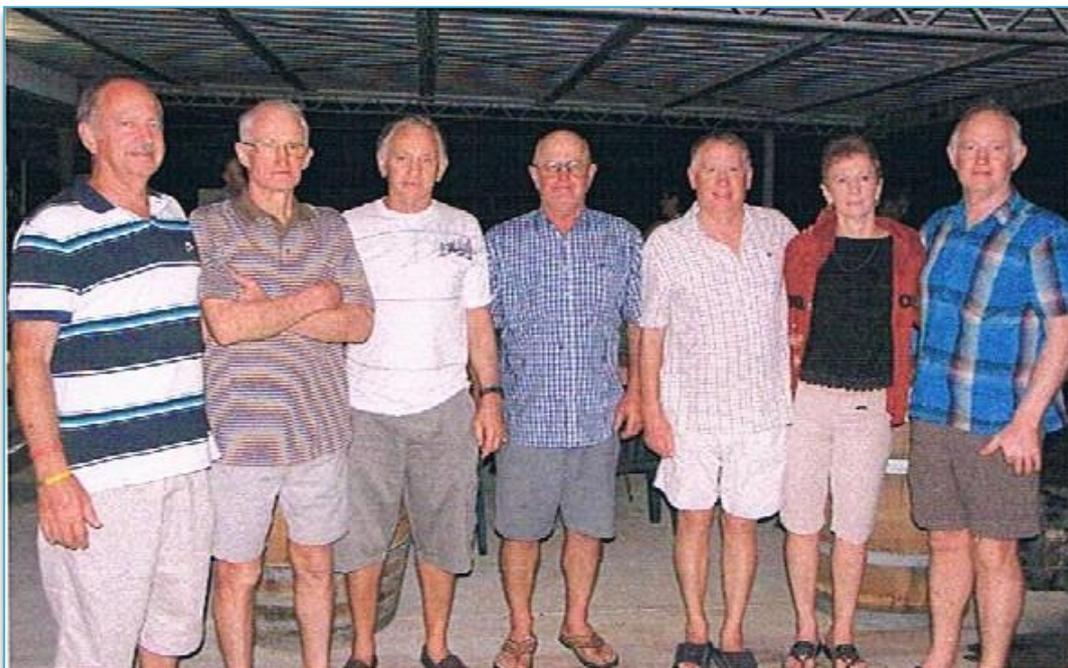
Brian was the third brother to go to the Workshop. He later joined the RAAF, then went to work for Qld Alumina in Gladstone. Now retired, he has a property at Calliope.

Bob did an apprenticeship in Brisbane as a Sheet Metal Worker, working up the ladder to become an Estimator. Now retired, he is travelling Australia.

Kevin was also apprenticed in the Sheet Metal Industry. He worked in Egypt for a time and now has his own air-conditioning business in Brisbane.

Jenny who was a good horsewoman and had a number of various jobs. She now lives at Witta.

My own three children, **Kym**, **Fay** and **Ian** did their Primary and Secondary schooling at Maleny. I also have a Grandson **Ben** who was a student at Maleny Primary and is now attending Maleny High School.



Left to Right: **Peter, Graeme, John, Brian, Bob, Jenny & Kevin (twins)**