

The WILD Family

by Kayrene Corkin nee Wild

My parents, **Laurie and Margaret Wild** moved from 'Ashdown' Hodgens Road, Peachester to the Landsborough - Maleny Road, Bald Knob dairy property in 1945, where they raised a family of six children, **Brian, Meralyn, Kayrene, Graeme, Rodney** and **Ian**. In the early days cream cans were delivered to the side of the road by horse and slide, for pick up three times a week by carrier **Percy Mewett** and delivered to Caboolture Co-operative Dairy Association factory. Electricity installation in the Balk Knob area was in 1948 which made a huge difference to our way of life. High-top bread loaves from Cooke's Bakery in Maleny were delivered to us in a sugar bag thrown out by Watson Carrier's as they sped down the Range. The local doctor, **Dr. Parer** would stop at the side of the road to give immunisation injections.



Margaret Wild with children Brian, Meralyn, Kayrene, Graeme, Rodney, Ian & Partners

All of the Wild children attended Maleny State School, travelling to school via **Mr. Dick Larney's** school bus. In my time it was like a cattle truck with canvas for the roof and wooden seats bolted to the floor. In wet weather, students, seats and school bags would be soaked by the rain leaking and blowing in as the bus travelled along. In 1956 my parents purchased the neighbouring property and then in 1962 bought the farm across the road to expand their dairying pursuits. By the early 1970's they had closed the dairy and were raising beef cattle and operated a livestock transport business. On the completion of our schooling at Maleny School, each of the Wild children left the district to follow career paths. However, over the years there has been a gradual return to the Bald Knob district by some of us and our families. Margaret who is 90 years lives in Maleny. **Kayrene** and **Bob Corkin** live at 'Ashdown'. **Graeme** and **Sharyn**, **Rodney** and **Kerry** (Wild Water), **Ian** and **Fiona** (Wilds Livestock Transport) live on the Wild properties.

Every decade since Laurie and Margaret purchased land at Bald Knob in 1945, either Wild or Corkin children have attended the Maleny State School to the present day. History is continuing to repeat itself with the return of grandchildren and their families. **Scott's** children, **Robert** and **Aimee Corkin** were students at Maleny. **Jonty** and **Tallis Corkin** are present students and their father **Greg** has been appointed as a teacher commencing Year 2013.



Margaret Wild & Grandchildren