

Nambour Attributes

**HEALTH:**

Major regional Public Hospital currently under \$24m expansion. Employs some 2500 persons. Helicopter evacuation facilities

Major Private Hospital with ultra modern maternity birthing suite and operating theatres.

Numerous General Practitioners. Full range of medical specialists. Cancer treatment centre. Modern Imaging Unit.

Dental and orthodontists. Pathological services. Various Therapy facilities. 4 Optometrists

Ambulance Service. Medicare Office. MBF Office

Aged Care facilities. Blue Care. Lutheran Care. Retirement Homes. 2 Nursing Homes. Respite Centres.

**EDUCATION:**

2 public Child Day care centres. 3 private Child day care centres.

Public Schools.

2 pre schools. 2 Primary. 2 High Schools. 1 Special School. (Public sector had 627 teachers and teachers aids as at 31.12.2001)

Private Schools.

3 primary schools. 3 high schools.

Large TAFE campus currently undergoing extensive expansion. University campus within 15 minutes.

Total public school population within 12 km radius = 42000. (Students plus immediate family)

**FINANCE AND BANKING:**

9 Banks and Credit Unions.

Insurance Brokers. Taxation and Financial advisory services.

Accountants. Solicitors.

**GOVERNMENT:**

Local Government: Council Chambers. Main Council workshops. Library

State Government: Primary Industries Dept. with Operational Research Facility. Dept of Natural Resources. Dept of Transport

Regional Education. Q-Build. Public Trustee. Dept of Community Health.

**TRANSPORT:**

Railway station (passenger and goods) Electric service north and south.

Bus Transit Centre.

Access to Regional Airport 20 mins.

**SPORTING FACILITIES:**

2 Bowls Clubs (4 Greens) Croquet Club. 16 tennis courts. 8 Netball courts. 3 cricket ovals. 2 football ovals. 1 Hockey field.

3 major hardware outlets plus 2 major plumbing supplies. 5 Produce merchants. Transport providers. 3 Major bulk fuel depots

6 major service stations. 6 Small equipment sales and service. 3 Postal service outlets plus major Mail Exchange. Hairdressers.

Travel agents. Surveyors. Sundry service providers for home and garden maintenance.

2 equipment rentals. 3 video hire. 3 motor accessories. 7 Real Estate. 3 Office supplies. 2 Printers.

Police Station, Court House. RSL Club. Newspaper office

2 Irrigation suppliers. 2 Funeral chapels. SES Unit

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES:**

11 major church complexes. Fire Brigade centre. 5 motels. 1 Caravan Park. PCYC

900 seat concert hall. 200 seat theatre. 90 seat theatre. 7 community halls. 2 Auto Laundries

Showground and sports facility with major exhibition areas. Extensive equine facilities.

5 opp shop outlets. 14 minor Food Outlets. 2 Sporting goods. Plant Nursery

**MANUFACTURING:**

Milk processing

**SUNDRY:**

3 veterinary clinics.

1 Brass Band. 1 Pipe Band

**PROPOSED:**

Day Surgery facility in Howard Street.

Major retail redevelopment. Woolworths/Big W.

Arts Incubator.

Crematorium

NAMBOUR Compliments Local Historian AUDINNE BLYTH

Nambour is 11.19 metres above sea level and has an urban population of approximately 12 822. (Information from ABS and DNR)

The name is derived from the Aboriginal word, naamba, meaning the red flowering tea-tree or its bark used as a covering. In 1870 William Samwell called his selection, Naamba. The name Nambour was used after the railway opened in 1891; otherwise the area was known as Petrie's Creek named after Tom Petrie.

The first selectors came to the Nambour area in 1870. Mathew Carroll built the first hotel, the Tullabulla Hotel on the Showgrounds Hill which was also used as a Receiving Office in 1885. The first Post Office was opened in 1888. Other early selectors were: Samwell, Perren, Howard, Lanham, Coe, Gaylard, Menary, Brookes, Duhs and Lowe and some have streets named after them. The streets of the CBD were named in 1896 after councillors: Bury, Mitchell, Arundell, Currie and McNab.

A keystone of the district's prosperity was the Moreton Central Sugar Mill which began crushing in 1897. A network of narrow gauge tram lines crossed the district as well. The novelty of cane trams crossing the main street was always a feature of the crushing season. Kanakas were a common sight in the early days of cane growing; a few of their descendant families remain. The mill closed in 2004 and farmers have moved to other crops. Some supply the Biofeed Mill at Bli Bli.

A Wax Factory extracting wax from waste from the sugar mill operated in Howard Street from 1943 to 1961.

The Sunshine Coast Show has been held at the Maroochy Showgrounds every year since 1909 except for some years in World War Two. In 2007 it celebrated its 102nd show having begun at Woombye in 1900.

The Nambour Chronicle began in Nambour on July 1903 and aimed to serve the district from Noosa to Redcliffe and west to Woodford. It became the Sunshine Coast Daily in 1983.

Horses and bullock teams did the work of the pioneers. The first car arrived in Nambour in 1914. By the 1930s cars were common place. By 1988 the Nambour Bypass part of the Bruce Highway was opened.

Nambour has had some destructive fires. The biggest fire was in 1924 when seventeen businesses were destroyed. Five years later in 1929 another big fire occurred destroying the council chambers, some businesses, the town hall and its picture show, the town library and a bank. A third fire on Anzac Day 1948 severely damaged council buildings. Fire Brigades were set up as a result of the inadequate fire fighting facilities.

Nambour has been a regional centre. The Maroochy Shire Council Chambers have always been in Nambour. The Maroochy General Hospital was officially opened in 1930. A Magistrates Court was moved to Nambour from Woombye. Sundale Retirement Village was opened in 1961. Selangor Private Hospital opened in 1947.

Schools were established. Maroochy Provisional School in 1879 and Nambour Provisional School in 1891. The first Rural School in Queensland was established in Mitchell Street in 1917. Nambour High School was established in 1936. In the 1950s the CWA built a boarding hostel as this was the only high school between Caboolture and Gympie.

Politicians Kevin Rudd and Wayne Swann are two famous past students. Many different schools serve the Nambour area in 2007.