

PALMWOODS

Palmwoods is 34 metres above sea level and has an urban population of approximately 2277. (Information from ABS and DNR) Merriman's Flat, Rosehill, Remington and the Town of Palmtree were early names for Palmwoods.

The occupation of the Palmwoods district was delayed by a proclamation by Governor Gipps in 1842. But in 1860 pastoralists occupied the district and by mid 1860s the timber getters began removing saleable timber such as cedar, beech and pine.

Cobb & Co coaching service from Brisbane to Gympie passed through the district from 1868 to 1879. The company's horses were stabled on Louis Bamberger's selection. McCallum & Murdock operated a coach service in the 1880s again passing through the district; this service closed before the railway opened in 1891.

As the land was cleared of its timber, dairying and fruit growing took over. In the 1910s Palmwoods was renowned for its pineapples and citrus. About six small pineapple canneries were established in the Woombye - Palmwoods area. All closed within a few years. A factory for strawberry jam was also established for a short time. In the 1960s bulk loading of cannery pineapples was introduced. One of Palmwoods most famous sons was Frank Nicklin, a pineapple grower who became Premier of Queensland.

Palmwoods was the railhead for Montville, Maroochydore and Buderim. The Buderim - Palmwoods tramway opened in 1915 and provided the Buderim farmers with an efficient method of getting their produce to the Palmwoods Railway Station. There it joined with other local produce for southern markets.

A Post Office opened at the Palmwoods Railway Station. A Memorial Hall was built in 1921. The Palmwoods Provisional School opened in 1889.

In 1981 Palmwoods celebrated its centenary. Descendants of early families, the Kuskopfs, Fewtrells, Bendixens and Ashtons were represented. The Roy family had a long association with the citrus industry; Charlie Atkinson's family with primary industry, cattle and dairying.