

HISTORY OF THE Queensland Ambulance



Ernest Bradley Compiler

(Compiler of History Ernest Bradley)

'Ernie' Bradley commenced duty with the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade as an office assistant/cadet ambulance officer at the age of 14 years and 10 months, at the Cairns Centre on 9 May, 1938. In 1941 he wore the uniform of an honorary bearer, and in December, 1942, was appointed a full time ambulance officer.

Between 1945 and 1948 he served on the permanent staff of the Ingham and Mareeba Centres before returning to the Cairns Centre. At that centre he received promotion to senior bearer in 1950, and deputy superintendent in 1951.

In December, 1956, he again left the Cairns Centre to take up the position of superintendent/secretary at the Nanango Centre.

In 1963 he was appointed assistant general secretary to the QATB State Executive Committee, and with the retirement of Mr FW Cash he became the general secretary in 1965.

Consequent to the passing of the Ambulance Services Act in 1967 Mr Bradley was appointed Secretary to The State Council of the QATB and he held that position until 1986 when the Queensland

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Ambulance Services Board (QASB) was established. He served the board in the capacity of senior administration officer and inspector of committees before retiring in 1987.

He served as a member of the committee of the Brisbane Centre from 1988 to 1991.

In recognition of his service he was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977 and the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1987.

YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SELF-GOVERNING CENTRES

Year	Centre	First Superintendent
1892	Brisbane	Dr J Booth (Honorary)
1900	Charters Towers	TW Treacy
1900	Townsville	GR King
1901	Rockhampton	WG Daniel
1901	Warwick	W Stockwell (Honorary)
1902	Toowoomba	A Worth
1903	Mackay	WH Morse
1904	Ravenswood	H Forsdike
1904	Cairns	MJ Hogan
1906	Ipswich	WC Tomkins
1907	bundaberg	H Miller
1912	Atherton	AA Knudson
1913	Mount MORGAN	TW Duffill
1915	Mitchell	GW Lewis
1915	Clifton	JA Ison
1915	dalby	C Williams
1915	Kuridala	WG Harding
1915	Stanthorpe	AW Thygesen
1915	Roma	JJ Harland
1916	Gordonvale	JA Johnston
1916	Babinda	WT Johnston
1917	Innisfail	W Hoban
1917	Gladstone	WG Daniel
1919	Pomona	W Rookwood
1919	Charleville	AW Thygesen
1919	Longreach	AC Solway
1919	South Johnstone	J Hendry
1919	Southport	P Raby
1919	Beenleigh	TH Walker
1920	Clermont	MA Whittington
1921	Goondiwindi	CHN Brewster
1921	Yarraman	WH Julian
1921	Wynnum	LE Dempsey
1921	Banana	AC Mearing
1921	Laidley	CWH Scriven
1921	Mossman	J Hendry

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1921	Hughenden	AE Weston
1921	Springsure	EC Haswell
1922	Chillagoe	J Murphy
1922	Dayboro	T May
1922	Gympie	LH Dean
1922	Childers	CT Larsen
1922	Nambour	T Beech
1922	Wowan	MC Achilles
1922	Baralaba	F Haas (Honorary)
1922	Boonah	CW Mills
1923	Coolangatta	E Fuller
1923	Cunnamulla	CH Parr
1923	Winton	C Holland
1923	Collinsville	F Culverhouse
1923	Toogoolawah	WH Julian
1923	Blackall	WJ King
1924	Mount LARCOM	AC Mearing
1924	Cloncurry	JA Lisson
1925	Ingham	E VON Alpen
1925	Milla MILLA	CHN Brewster
1926	Tully	AJ Wingate
1926	St. George	FS Morrison
1927	Landsborough	WT Walker
1927	Lowood	CE Gambling
1927	Bowen	J Mullins
1927	Murgon	GW Ambrose
1927	Kingaroy	H Biddle
1929	Mount Isa	WEA Jones
1929	Beaudesert	DM Smith
1931	Miriam Vale	J Marshall
1931	Theodore	P Knudsen
1931	Chinchilla	T Pearman
1931	Jericho	H Seaman
1931	Ravenshoe	J Dempsey
1932	Cooroy	G Webster
1933	Proserpine	RF Bartlett
1933	Alpha	JC Hosie
1934	Mount Coolon	WJ Meecham
1936	Cracow	AD Tomes (Honorary)
1937	Irvinebank	J Wilson (Honorary)
1938	Julia Creek	H Benson
1940	Mareeba	NH Parker
1941	Mount Garnet	J Wilson
1942	Maleny	C Liekefett
1943	Gatton	W Reimers
1944	Biggenden	RA Sealey
1944	Miles	MF Horrigan
1944	Nanango	JL Noble

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1945	Biloela	D Gilvarry
1945	Emerald	EC Haswell
1946	Monto	JW Clanfield
1946	Silkwood	JG Simpson
1946	Redlands	CGS Stuart
1948	Millmerran	EW Bannerman
1949	Mundubbera	WA Ferguson
1949	Hervey BAY	RA Sealey
1949	Aramac	LR Mills
1949	Gayndah	FM Cruickshank
1949	Taroom	T Tipper
1950	Surat	TG Clatworthy
1950	Pittsworth	EW Bannerman
1951	Rosewood	L Coleman
1951	Ayr	AML Evans
1951	Caboolture	JS Mackay
1952	Gin Gin	TW Everton
1952	Proston	EC Benson
1953	Home Hill	AJ Elliott
1953	Inglewood	JL McMaster
1953	Thursday Island	A Lamberton
1955	Caloundra	L De Vene
1955	Yeppoon/Emu Park	T Seaman
1957	Burleigh Heads	T Tipper
1958	Kilcoy	R McCubben
1958	Dirranbandi	E Turner
1958	Texas	R Jenkins
1958	Injune	WM Stewart
1960	Oakey	HO Ford

ARAMAC

- (1) First Centre Building
- (2) First Chairperson H. Teasdale (Centre) Supts L-R L.R. Mills, R. Mackney, P. Crawford, C. McKay

ATHERTON

- (1) First Building Supt A Knudsen with Litter
- (2) Staff at Atherton 1919 L-R Back Row: S A Officer T. Greening, A. Knudsen D. Leighton, E. Morgan Front Row: J. Loth, W. McConnaghie, D. Gillies
- (3) Supt F.H. Browning (7 from left middle row) 1939 Conference Photo

AYR

- (1) Supt. A.M.L. Evans - First Supt.

BABINDA

- (1) Supt. W.T. Johnston (1926 Conf Photo)
- (2) Centre Building

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- (3) First Female Honorary Officers (Appointed W.W.II) Mrs. E. Whitchurch, Mrs E. Horsfield

BARALABA

- (1) Centre Building
- (2) Rail Ambulance 1923

BEAUDESERT

- (1) Canungra - Sub Centre 1919
- (2) Beaudesert - Temporary Premises 1929
- (3) First Centre Building 1930
- (4) Centre Building Opened March 1950
- (5) Supt. A. Dux (Conf 1959 (2R First Row))

BEENLEIGH

- (1) First Premises 1919

BIGGENDEN

- (1) Maryborough Sub Centre

BILOELA

- (1) First Centre Building
- (2) First Supt D. Gilvarry (Conf 1959 3L 2nd Back Row)

BLACKALL

- (1) Building Erected 1927
- (2) Supt V. Medland (Conf 1939 Back Row)

BOONAH

- (1) Centre Building 1925
- (2) First Supt. C.W. Mills (Conf 1939 Middle Row 5th from Rt)

BOWEN

- (1) First Supt. J. Mullins
- (2) Centre Building 1934 (Supt W.J. Meecham) Middle of Staff Photo

BRISBANE

- (1) Mr. Seymour Warrian founder of the C.A.T.B.
- (2) Eustace Jacks sketches of the C.A.T.B. insignia
- (3) Dr. James Booth the first Superintendent of the C.A.T.B.
- (4) Col. A.J. Thynne, President of the Brigade, 1892-1927
- (5) C.A.T.B. officers after a practice session 1895 (from left) G. Agnew, E. Slaughter, R. Lowry, S. Warrian and R. Nye Stevens
- (6) C.A.T.B. officers attending an injured boy (from left) W. Tomkins, T.W. Taylor, W.G. Daniel and G. Agnew.
- (7) Head Centre, Elizabeth Street, 1895-1898
- (8) Wharf Street, Headquarters, 1898-1910
- (9) Head Centre, Ann Street, 1910-1974
- (10) Ambulance Sulky and Wagon

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(11) First Ambulance Car built by a Brisbane firm. It carried bearers and litter.

BUNDABERG

- (1) First Supt. H. Miller
- (2) Centre Building 1908
- (3) Opening of Centre Building 1913

CABOOLTURE

- (1) Opening of Centre Building
- (2) Supt. J.S. Mackay (Conf 1959)
- (3) Hon Bearer D.E. Boustead 1894

CAIRNS

- (1) First Supt. M.J. Hogan
- (2) Supt L.B. Clark
- (3) Centre Opening 1907
- (4) Premises 1927
- (5) First Ambulance Aircraft

CALOUNDRA

- (1) First Building
- (2) First Supt. L. DeVene

CHARLEVILLE

- (1) Centre Building 1921
- (2) Rail Ambulance Car
- (3) Supt. J. Grimstead (1939 Conf Middle Row 7 from Rt)

CHARTERS TOWERS

- (1) Centre Building
- (2) First Supt. T.W. Treacy - Committee - Staff (End Left Middle Row)
- (3) Rail Ambulance Car

CHILDERS

- (1) Search

CHINCHILLA

- (1) Opening Centre 1928
- (2) Supt. F.W. Cash (1939 Conf Back Row)

CLERMONT

- (1) First Building
- (2) Supt W.P. Mullaney (1939 Conf Photo End Back Row)

CLIFTON

- (1) Brigade Building 1911

CLONCURRY

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- (1) Centre Building 1904

COLLINSVILLE

- (1) Centre Building 1927

COOLANGATTA

- (1) Centre Building 1936
- (2) Supt. J. Glasheen

DALBY

- (1) Staff First Supt. C.D. Williams (first left)
- (2) Building 1918
- (3) Rail Ambulance Car & Supt E.D. Slaughter

DAYBORO

- (1) First Centre Building 1901
- (2) 1st Supt. T. May

DIRRANBANDI

- (1) Centre Building

EMERALD

- (1) First Supt E.C. Haswell (Conf 1939 End Middle Row)

GATTON

- (1) First Supt. W. Reimers (Conf 1959 6th from R)

GAYNDAH

- (1) First QATB Premises
- (2) First Supt. F.M. Cruickshank (Shirt)

GIN GIN

- (1) Original Centre Building
- (2) First Committee & Supt. T.W. Everton

GLADSTONE

- (1) Centre Building 1927

GOONDIWINDI

- (1) Supt. V. Medland (Conf 1959)

GORDONVALE

- (1) Centre Building 1914
- (2) First Premises 1912
- (3) Supt. T.W.C. Briggs (Photo Training School Group)

GYMPIE

- (1) Committee and Staff 1920's

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- (2) Premises Crown Road Book - History of Gympie

HERVEY BAY

- (1) Centre Building
(2) First Supt. R. Sealey (Rt) and 2nd Chairperson J. Barron

HOME HILL

- (1) First Premises and Staff
(2) Committee & Supt. A. Elliott 1954
(3) Four former Superintendents

HUGHENDEN

- (1) Committee & Staff 1930

INGHAM

- (1) First Premises
(2) Townsville Road Centre erected in 1927
(3) First Supt. E. Von Alpen
(4) Supt. B. Yeldham and Chairperson E. Irvin

INGLEWOOD

- (1) Centre Building
(2) First Supt. J.L. McMaster (Conf. 1959 2nd bottom row)

INJUNE

- (1) First Premises
(2) Mr. T. Warriam, nephew of founder of Queensland Ambulance Service Chairperson of Committee 1979-85.

INNISFAIL

- (1) Premises 1912, with O.I.G. J. Johnston & Supt M.J. Hogan of Cairns
(2) Premises 1928 - Supt. M.A. Whittington with car on roadway

IPSWICH

- (1) First Supt. W.C. Tomkins
(2) Premises 1902
(3) Second Premises

JULIA CREEK

- (1) First Centre Building

KILCOY

- (1) Centre Building

KINGAROY

- (1) First Premises
(2) First Supt. H. Biddle (Conf 1939 Back Row 6 from L)
(3) Centre Built 1953

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LAIDLEY

- (1) Centre Building 1945

MACKAY

- (1) First Supt. W.H. Morse
- (2) Centre Building opened 1909

MALENY

- (1) Centre Building
- (2) Supt. A. Myers (Conf 1959 Back Row)

MAREEBA

- (1) Premises 1946
- (2) First Supt. N.H. Parker

MILES

- (1) First Premises
- (2) First Supt. M.F. Horrigan (Conf 1959 Front Row)

MILLAA MILLAA

- (1) First Supt. C.H.N. Brewster (Conf 1959 6th from Rt)
- (2) Centre Building

MILLMERRAN

- (1) Honorary Bearer R.A. Knight 1912
- (2) Premises 1948
- (3) Supt. T. Thieme (Conf 1959 First on L Middle Row)

MITCHELL

- (1) Centre Building 1926
- (2) Supt. J.Y. Simpson (Conf 1939 - Front Row 5th from left)

MONTO

- (1) Centre Building

MOSSMAN

- (1) Supt. A.R. Ziegler
- (2) Centre Building (Conf 1959 Second Back Row)

MOUNT GARNET

- (1) Centre Building

MOUNT ISA

- (1) First Supt. W.E.A. Jones (Conf 1939 Back Row 2nd L)
- (2) First Vehicle
- (3) Early Premises

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MOUNT LARCOM

- (1) First Supt. A.C. Mearing
- (2) First Vehicle
- (3) First Centre Building

MOUNT MORGAN

- (1) First Supt. T.W. Duffill (Conf 1926 Second Row end Rt)
- (2) Centre Building 1928

MUNDUBBERA

- (1) First Centre Building 1949
- (2) Premises 1954

MURGON

- (1) L to Rt Bearer H. Nutt & First Supt. G.W. Ambrose
- (2) Early Premises
- (3) Mr. J. Sorensen (Chairperson) presenting Mrs. K. O'Neill with a 30 year Service Bar.

NAMBOUR

- (1) First Supt. T.E. Beech
- (2) Centre Building 1927

NANANGO

- (1) First Premises

NOOSA

- (1) G.M. Webster First Superintendent Cooroy (Conf 1939 Back Row 7th from left)
- (2) Cooroy Centre Building
- (3) Pomona Sub Centre Building

OAKEY

- (1) Supt. H.O. Ford at opening of new centre building

PITTSWORTH

- (1) Building
- (2) First Supt. E.W. Bannerman (Photo from Training School Group)

PROSERPINE

- (1) First Supt. R.F. Bartlett (Conf. 1939 Back Row 4th from Left)
- (2) Centre Building Opening 1930

PROSTON

- (1) Centre Building

RAVENSHOE

- (1) First Centre Building Erected 1927

REDLANDS

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- (1) First Building
- (2) First Supt. C.G.S. Stuart (Photo from Training School Group)

ROCKHAMPTON

- (1) First Supt. W.G. Daniel
- (2) Premises Erected 1911

ROMA

- (1) Building Erected 1919
- (2) Rail Ambulance 1924 with Staff - Supt. J. Harland, B. Berry, J. Keegan and B. Sloman

ROSEWOOD

- (1) Supt. F. Barram (Conf 1959 Front Row)
- (2) Centre Building

ST. GEORGE

- (1) Centre Building

SOUTH JOHNSTONE

- (1) Supt. W.J. McConaghie (Conf 1939 Front Row 2nd from Rt)
- (2) Centre Building 1950

SOUTHPORT

- (1) First Supt. P. Raby (Conf 1939 Middle Row 6 from Left)
- (2) Centre Building Opened 1922

SPRINGSURE

- (1) First Supt. E.C. Haswell
- (2) First Premises
- (3) Centre Building Opened 1927

STANTHORPE

- (1) Supt. H.G. Reilly
- (2) Centre Building

SURAT

- (1) Centre Building

TAROOM

- (1) Centre Building 1950

TEXAS

- (1) Centre Building

THEODORE

- (1) Centre Building

THURSDAY ISLAND

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- (1) Centre Building

TOOGOOLOWAH

- (1) Hon-Bearer appointed 1906 J.J. Tomkins
- (2) First Ambulance Building
- (3) Centre Building 1925-1982
- (4) Supt. H.G. Toner (Conf Photo 1939 Middle Row 3R)

TOOWOOMBA

- (1) Supt. E.J. Llewelyn
- (2) Premises 1904
- (3) Centre Building 1907

TOWNSVILLE

- (1) First Supt. G. King
- (2) Sturt St Premises 1901
- (3) New Premises Sturt St 1905

TULLY

- (1) First Ambulance Building
- (2) Centre Building 1927 with Supt. W.J.F. Weedon and Bearer W. Davey
- (3) Rail Ambulance with Supt. A.J. Wingate and Bearer J. O'Connor

WARWICK

- (1) Supt. J.D. Kennett
- (2) Centre Premises 1900
- (3) Centre Building 1907

WINTON

- (1) Centre Building
- (2) Supt. W. Jeffery (Conf Photo 1959 2L 2nd Back Row)

WOWAN

- (1) Opening Centre Building 1919
- (2) Senior Officer W.C. Nash and Sub-Centre Bldg 1917

WYNNUM

- (1) First Supt. L.E. Dempsey
- (2) Centre Building Opened 1927

YARRAMAN

- (1) Centre Building 1949 Supt R. Snook on right

YEPPOON-EMU PARK

- (1) Centre Building
- (2) Supt. L. Beutel (Conf 1959 2nd Row 10th Left)