

# Country Churches & Cemeteries



## Introduction

The Churches & Cemeteries Then & Now Heritage Trail includes a guide to the City's cemeteries, including the smaller country cemeteries and church burial grounds.

- A** **St Anne's Anglican Church, Mt Mort Rd, Hidden Vale:** This tiny country church was built in 1937 on land donated by Mrs Cotton of Hidden Vale. The altar was built by Colin Freeman of Rosewood in exchange for having his marriage ceremony performed free of charge.
- B** **St Peter's Catholic Church, Ipswich St, Grandchester:** Built in 1894 by James Madden to a design by Ipswich architect Henry Wyman. The church was built on the site of the old Jockey Club Inn.



- C** **Tallegalla Cemetery, Rosewood - Marburg Rd, Tallegalla:** This burial ground has a picturesque setting on a hill overlooking the Marburg Valley and the hills of Tallegalla. Land for the cemetery was donated in 1876 by Charles Freeman who is buried here with his family. Other burials include those of Alfred Cotton and his son Sydney of Hidden Vale and H. M. Stevens MLA. (UBD Map 209 Q6)

- D** **Anglican Church of St Luke, 72 John St, Rosewood:** A large timber church dedicated in 1930. Note the small timber "buttresses" on the side of the building. (UBD Map 210 B13)

- E** **St Brigid's Catholic Church, Railway St, Rosewood:** Believed to be the largest timber church in Queensland and was opened in 1910. The interior is exceptional and includes murals, a pressed metal ceiling and stained glass windows depicting female saints.

**Visitors:** the church is open. The grounds also include a convent, presbytery, bell tower and school. (UBD Map 210 B14)



**F** **Uniting Church, 19 John St, Rosewood:** A Congregational Church opened on this site in 1875 and a manse was built in 1898. The church has a timber bell tower which is a focal point of the street. In the right-hand corner of the block is a columbarium - an unusual feature for a main street. (UBD Map 210 B14)



**G** **Uniting Church, Warrego Hwy, Haigslea:** Set among mature fig trees and hoop pines, this group of buildings is a combination of two early churches: the former German Evangelical Lutheran Church (which became the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1896) and the 1911 Congregational Church. The "Wesleyan Church" was moved to the site in 1981. (UBD Map 170 J19)

**H** **St Michael's Catholic Church and Cemetery, Pine Mountain Rd, Pine Mountain:** The first church here was erected in 1878. The current church was built in 1934. An early parish priest was the young Fr James Duhig who returned in 1951 as Archbishop to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of a couple he had married in 1901. There is a graveyard behind the church. (UBD Map 192 C5)

**I** **Purga Aboriginal Cemetery, Carmichaels Rd, Purga:** This old burial ground was associated with the Deebing Creek and Purga Aboriginal Missions. It was formally resumed for Aboriginal Cemetery purposes and gazetted in 1976. Famous Australian singer Harold Blair's ashes are buried here.



**J** **Purga United Church, Purga School Rd, Purga:** Built in 1922 as a community church with money and materials donated by local people. After the lease of its original site ran out, it was shifted to its current position next to the former Purga School. About six services are held each year on special days.

**K** **Uniting Church, cnr Queen and Hall Sts, Harrisville:** A combination of the original Presbyterian Church built in 1891 and a Methodist Church which was built near Peak Crossing in 1884, was moved to Harrisville in 1926 and moved to this site in the 1970s.

## Country Cemeteries

- ☞ **Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery:** Cunningham Highway, Willowbank.
- ☞ **Stone Quarry Cemetery:** Stone Quarry Rd, Ebenezer.
- ☞ **Harrisville Cemetery:** Rosevale-Peak Crossing Rd, Harrisville.
- ☞ **Mutdapilly Cemetery:** Mutdapilly-Churchbank Weir Rd, Mutdapilly.
- ☞ **Haigslea Cemetery:** Haigslea Cemetery Rd, Haigslea.
- ☞ **Trinity Lutheran Cemetery:** Edmond St, Marburg.
- ☞ **All Saints Cemetery:** Seminary Rd, Marburg.
- ☞ **Woodlands Private Burial Ground:** Woodlands, Seminary Rd, Marburg.
- ☞ **Tallegalla:** Rosewood-Marburg Rd, Tallegalla.
- ☞ **Pioneer Catholic Cemetery:** Tallegalla-Two Tree Hill Rd, Tallegalla.
- ☞ **St Michael's Catholic Church and Cemetery:** Pine Mt Rd, Pine Mountain.
- ☞ **Anglican Cemetery:** cnr Pine Mt Rd and Russels Rd, Pine Mountain.
- ☞ **Congregational Cemetery (now overgrown):** intersection Pine Mt Rd and Stokes Rd, Pine Mountain.
- ☞ **Grandchester Cemetery:** Rafters Rd, Grandchester.
- ☞ **Mt Mort Historical Cemetery:** cnr Hodges Rd and Grandchester-Mt Mort Rd.
- ☞ **Purga Aboriginal Cemetery:** off Carmichaels Rd, Purga.