

Marburg & District Then & Now



A Len Claus Kirchheim Reserve: Kirchheim is the former German name of Haigslea and the Claus family were local pioneers.

B Haigslea State School: The school opened in 1875 and was originally called Walloon Scrub School.



C Haigslea Uniting Church: The Church consists of two early churches - the Congregational Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church which was moved to this site in 1981.



D Mt Marrow School: Is a typical country school with an adjacent horse paddock and yard where pupils once kept their ponies during school hours. The school had an enrolment of only 26 pupils when it opened on 4 November 1909. The attractive school gardens have been a local feature for many years.

E Mount Marrow Quarry: From the gate at the Quarry office you can see the infrastructure of mine workings that have for decades produced blue metal for rail ballast and roads from Ipswich to Toowoomba. Views of Ipswich and surrounds can be enjoyed from a number of vantage points along this road. Company and family coal mines were once a dominant feature of the Marburg and Rosewood landscape. Coalstone (slag) heaps and remnant timber structures still dot the landscape.

F Structural Relics of "Roughrigg 5 Coalmine": To the left as you turn into Marburg/Rosewood Road look for the remains of the first "Roughrigg mine" which opened in 1927. To the right look for remnant embankments of the closed Rosewood to Marburg Railway.

G The Tallegalla Cemetery: Originally known as the Walloon Cemetery this is one of the most perfectly situated cemeteries in Queensland with its panorama of the Marburg Valley. The land for the cemetery, church and hall was donated by Charles Freeman in 1876. The hall was relocated to Haigslea and the Primitive Methodist Church was moved to Eumundi in 1991. Amongst the many pioneering families with their German inscriptions, look for the Cotton family graves, where the ashes of Sidney Cotton are buried. He was the identity behind Ian Fleming's James Bond. The house next door is a shop which was moved from Woodend Road, Ipswich.

- H Former Tallegalla School:** This picturesque school site has tall trees, planted over many Arbor Days, lovingly cared for by pupils of the school over the years.
- I The Panorama, The Bluff, and the Commonwealth Meteorological Radar Station:** A superb panorama reveals a rural mosaic to the Border Rim with views of Cunningham's Gap, Mt Lindsay and Mt Barney. Closer to view, the ridges rise to the Bluff and the flora and fauna remnants of the original Rosewood Scrub, which was cleared by early European settlers. The Commonwealth Meteorological Radar Station (which is located on the mean frequency path of storms that threaten Brisbane and the Bremer River systems) is located on the Bluff.
- J Pioneer Catholic Cemetery:** A small bush cemetery with approximately twelve graves (some with headstones) are visible. The church that was formerly located on this site was removed to Marburg in 1901.



- K Two Tree Hill:** Two Tree Hill is Marburg's highest point with its tall Telstra Communication Tower aloft. Nearby vantage points afford spectacular views across the patch-work quilt of the Laidley and Lockyer valleys.

Turn right here and follow Berlins Road (another German name) once the main route to Minden, [historic photo c 1900].

Haigslea & Tallegalla

Tallegalla and Haigslea were both settled in the 1870s. Within a short time, their population had grown and schools, churches and businesses had been established.

Haigslea's former name was "Kirchheim" (meaning Church Home. This was a popular name for small towns in north Germany). During World War I the town was named Haigslea in honour of General Haig.