

# MEMORIES OF EUNGELLA'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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#### IMAGE DESCRIPTIONS:

1. Eungella Uniting Church in 2009
2. Laying the stone for the new Presbyterian Church in July 1947
3. Church Opening Day - 23 November, 1947
4. Eungella Church interior - August 2010
5. Demolition commences on 16 April, 2011

One of the first church meetings was held on the hill near the Eungella General store, in the open air with the congregation sitting on logs. Subsequent meetings were held under Eungella State School. The historical Presbyterian Church (known later as The Uniting Church) was built in Eungella township, with the laying of the foundation stone in July, 1947.

Ted and Agnes Keast were married on November 6, 1947 but the church's official opening day was November 23rd of the same year. Many people travelled up from

Mackay to witness this special occasion.

The church contained timber from a large blue gum log sourced from a Bee Creek farm, owned by congregation member Ruby Bell and husband, Church Elder, Robert Bell.

The timber was milled by Alf Willett and built by Mr Kynaston costing £810. Reverend Maitland was the Minister of that era and the church was a replica of his father's church in Victoria.

Unfortunately weather took its toll and Cyclone Ului (March 2010) and Cyclone

Yasi (February 2011) sealed its fate and the church's demolition was ordered.

April 2011 saw the demise of the old church, but not before an earthquake shook the region giving the demolishing crew a wild ride on their elevated work platform.

## Step Back in Time

*gathering Eungella's past*

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