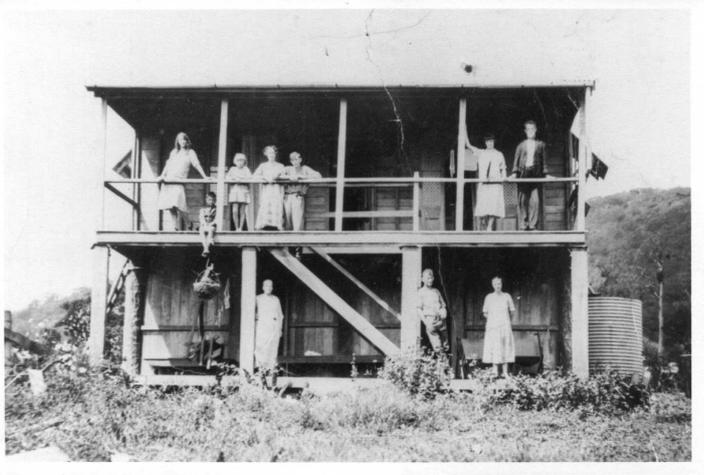


Step Back In Time

Linga Longa Guest House & Cooees



This Guest House 'Linga Longa',
owned by John & Ivy Leticia Cunningham
was built in 1919/20'

Photo from: Flora Cunningham
John & Ivy's daughter in law, (married to Bob Cunningham)
Flora is Neil Cunningham's mother



Ivy & John Cunningham in their latter years

Photo from: Graham & Lola Ward
Graham is son of Jessie Ward (nee Cunningham)
so John & Ivy's grandson

The last issue of the Regulla featured this photo of the Guest House 'Linga Longa'.

Since then a fascinating story has been discovered.

Evidently Ivy Cunningham ran the guest house. One of her daughters, Jessie Ward, wrote a small article in Norm Foster's book "The Roof Garden Of Mackay" saying: "My mother had a good voice and could really COOEE-E-E. She could stand at the Guest House and call the men down from the farm with a cooe for dinner. This must have been better than two miles as the crow flies."

Neil Cunningham has confirmed that, at that time his grandfather John Cunningham owned a block off Dalrymple Rd near what is now known as Barlow's Rd. The block is now owned by Neville Bennett, not far from Rosser's Pottery. It would indeed be over two miles (over 3 km) from above The Chalet (which wasn't there then) where 'Linga Longa' stood.

Just imagine that!! What a cooe !!

Further to this, Jessie's daughter Dell Jensen won the renowned Cooee Contest, at Cooee Bay out of Yeppoon, several years in a row. So she must have inherited her grandma's talent. Fascinating!

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