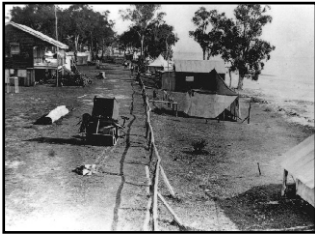


Walking Back in Time



Bongaree foreshore 1921

Over the years Bribie Island has been a favourite holiday location for prominent businessmen, politicians, sportsmen.... as well as ordinary families.

They came to catch the plentiful fish, enjoy the natural serenity of the bush and the closest surf beach to Brisbane. The first motor car and the first road across the island in 1923, preceded the construction of the bridge to the mainland by 40 years.

Tom Welsby created the legend of 'Bribie the Basket Maker' and later, world famous artist Ian Fairweather, lived in an isolated grass hut on the island, for the last 21 creative years of his life.

In 1891, before white settlement of this area, it was declared to be **"The meanest piece of country in Australia"**.....why come here? In 1893 the greatest daily rainfall ever recorded in Australia fell in this area.

But, by 1915, private enterprise had turned Bribie Island into Australia's first island holiday destination for mass tourism.

By 1930 more visitors were coming by ship to camp along the foreshore here than the entire population of Caboolture Shire.



First shop

The first white men to live on the island, as early as 1823, before the settlement of Brisbane, were three castaway convicts.

In addition to the major oyster industry in Pumicestone Passage, one of the early commercial ventures on Bribie Island was a fish cannery, started in 1910.

In World War 2 the island was a significant strategic military base for training Australian and American troops. Fort Bribie was one end of the **'Brisbane Line'** for the defence of Brisbane Port.



Bribie Jetty 1930

Location of 16 Heritage Plaques

Heritage Walk

Walkway

RECORD RAINFALL

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CAMPBELL'S STORE

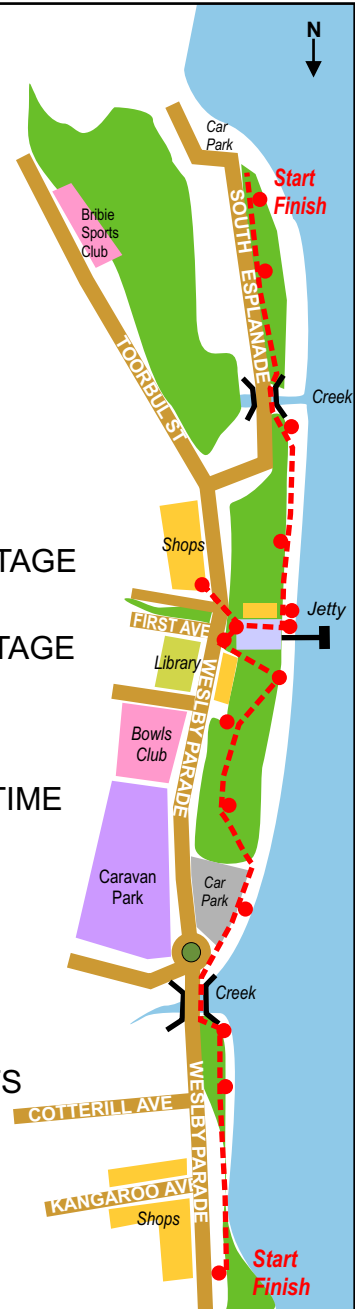
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