

# Beenleigh War Memorial



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# **Beenleigh War Memorial Project.**

## **Revised Edition**

In 2009, Kevin Egan and several of our members researched the names on the Beenleigh War Memorial as the centenary of the First World War was coming up. They did a great job to put together a CD about the Memorial and the soldiers.

In about 2014, I came across this in our library and opened it up to have a look. I found that some of the software that was used back then isn't available now and documents would not open. So, I decided to give it a little 'tidy-up'. This little job has taken over 5 and a half years.

There were 61 names on the memorial which was unveiled in 1925. After some research, it became obvious that there were a lot more people from the Beenleigh area who served. Sadly, their names were never put on the memorial. As my research went along, more names popped up demanding to be included, and the number of volunteers increased. There are still a few soldiers on a second list that may be researched in the future.

This project includes men and one woman from around the Beenleigh area, not just those who had Beenleigh as their birthplace or place of residence.

These stories focus on their daily lives rather than battles and battalions, telling a little of where they came from and, for those who returned, what they did following the war. I also wanted to include their final resting place. Sadly, some of our Anzacs still have unmarked graves. Perhaps one day, this will be remedied.

Also included is a spreadsheet listing all the men and the one woman who volunteered to serve. This could be a useful tool for those who would like to extract statistics. For instance, the height of each person has been recorded. This has been extracted to another sheet which shows the average height. Another sheet shows the ages of the volunteers. There were many men who had German parentage, some even had older siblings who were born in Germany, and still they volunteered to go to war against Germany.

The terminology used reflects that which was used on the records at that time, furlo instead of furlough, marched in and marched out, etc. There were cases of social diseases, these have not been mentioned in these narratives.

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Dianna Ottaway  
September 2020

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In general, the photographs of the soldiers used have been taken from the State Library of Queensland website. The library staff have done a wonderful job of digitising and indexing all the photographs as they appeared in *The Queenslander*. Some of the names on those images are slightly incorrect (initials or spelling), so careful research may uncover the image of a relative.

Another great resource for images of soldiers is the publication *Queenslanders Who Fought in the Great War, 1914-1918* by Owen Wildman ISBN 9781920978341, this has been acknowledged where appropriate.

## **1925 - The Unveiling**

The unveiling of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Beenleigh Sub-branch monument was performed by the Lieutenant-Governor Mr William Lennon on 21st November 1925. Mr J G Appel, M.L.A., introduced the Lieutenant-Governor and said that the people of Beenleigh were second to none throughout the whole Commonwealth in the matter of responding to the call to arms.

The monument was designed and constructed by Mr P Hartz. It was situated (at that time) in the middle of the 'six-ways' in the centre of Beenleigh.

At the ceremony, the Beenleigh Brass Band rendered a programme of appropriate music and Bandsman Martin sounded The Last Post.

Afternoon tea was served to the committee of the sub-branch and also to the parents of the returned and deceased diggers in the Court House, and a dance was held in the local School of Arts in the evening.

On arrival, the Mr Lennon was handed a poem written by local citizen Frank Walker.

**Sleep on! Australia's noble sons, we bow our heads to thee  
Who fought and made the sacrifice to keep Australia free  
With courage never lacking, when facing flames of hell-  
Peace be unto the ashes of those who nobly fell.**

**The "Post" (The Last Post) has sounded in honour of the name  
Of those who made the sacrifice to seal a nation's fame-  
To the youth of Young Australia which is buried o'er the sea  
We bow our heads in token of a faithful memory.**

Mr Josiah Francis, M.H.R., in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Lennon, said he was proud, as an ex-Digger, to be present there that day. Australia had shown a splendid record, and Beenleigh had nobly done her share. It was a proud record which this monument would serve to perpetuate long after those in the gathering had crossed the bar. Australia had contributed the finest citizens' volunteer army the world had ever seen. The outstanding features of the Australian national character were well represented in the Digger. He was happy and cheerful, energetic, resourceful, full of initiative and courage; the idol and the wonder of the fighting forces of the world. He could not allow the occasion to pass, he said, without referring to the long-sustained and sympathetic effort of the women of Australia in their assistance to the members of the A.I.F. He also extended his deepest sympathy to the parents of those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

(extracted from an article in the Brisbane Courier 24<sup>th</sup> November 1925)

Preface from the original publication in 2010  
The Beenleigh Memorial Project

A request from the President of the Beenleigh RSL Mr Tom Childs OAM, to find information on the First Soldier from the Beenleigh District who 'Died in any War' led us to the family of Franz (Frank) Chardon, a Pioneer of Cedar Creek and who later purchased the Yatala Hotel. Three of his sons served Australia in War. Their names do not appear on the Beenleigh Memorial.

So, as members of the Logan River and Districts Family History Association, we sought leave to do a research project and find out who are these Soldiers on the Memorial

The unveiling of the RSSILA (Beenleigh Sub Branch) Monument was performed by the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr William Lennon on 21 November 1925

It is not clear when the Committee of the RSSILA was formed to raise funds for this Monument but apparent that similar committees were set up throughout Queensland and Australia during the WW1 period of 1914 -1918.

Newspaper articles calling for the Citizens of Beenleigh and Districts to submit the names of relatives who served and gave their lives in WW1 do not exist anymore, however an abundance of reference material is available since the Monument was unveiled in Beenleigh and later moved to its present site in the Beenleigh Memorial Park

**From the study several facts have emerged**

- \* Many WW1 Servicemen from the Beenleigh and Districts are not listed on the Memorial.
  - \* The average age of these Soldiers is 31, so very few enlisted young enough to seek parent's permission
  - \* It seems that in some cases the names and initials are incorrect
  - \* Most, but not all enlisted after Gallipoli, and trained in England to serve with the AIF on the Western front of Belgium and France
  - \* The use of "friends" as Next of Kin
  - \* Short terms of service given to tradespeople i.e.: Doctors Dentists Butchers Engineers etc
  - \* Many had done Cadet training
- \*Standouts are the MM Recipients and the three brothers from one family who gave them lives
- \*References to the War in New Guinea
- \*A separate listing of Soldiers, born in Beenleigh and surrounding areas has been included

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**Editor**  
**LRDFHS**  
**Beenleigh**  
**2010**

Adams Robert Tait  
Albrecht Alfred Roderick (see Hixon)  
Alexander Lovegrove William Adolphus  
**Alford Robert Dudley MM**  
Angus William  
Bahr Wilhelm  
Bale Cyril Arthur  
Barnard Stanley Forest  
Bass James Joseph  
Bass William Alfred  
Beausang Thomas Henry  
Betts George Frederick  
Beutel Frederick Johannes  
Beutel Hermann Wilhelm  
Binstead George Frederick  
Bishop Edward James  
Bishop Henry  
Bishop William  
Bishop William Stanley  
Bradbury John Hinchliff  
Brett Arthur Grahame Norman  
Briggs James Logan  
**Briggs Morrison Davidson MM**  
Briggs Webster  
Burgess Thomas  
Burgess William  
Burow Ernest William  
Burrows Henry  
Cahill James Michael  
Callaghan George  
Castles Herbert  
Challinor Ronald Tynsdale  
Chardon Albert  
Christensen Alexander  
Christensen William  
Christiansen John  
Cleary Daniel Joseph  
Cockerill Benjamin  
Colman James  
Cooke Herbert William  
Coulter Encliff Stewart  
Cramp Ernold Ventry  
Cummins Joseph Jeremiah  
**Cunningham James MM**  
Currie George  
Curtis Clarence Cotter  
Curtis Edward  
Curtis Frank

Curtis Herbert  
Curtis Walter Lander  
Downes John Stuart  
Duncan Alexander Arthur  
Duncan Milton John  
Dunlop William  
Dunn James Francis  
**Dunne Teresa Josephine RRC**  
Egan Timothy  
Erwood Walter John  
Evans Edgar Francis  
Evans Maurice John  
Evans William Drynan Jervoise  
Finch George Audley  
Flood Luke Hubback  
Franklin Glen  
Franklin Stewart  
Gall Robert Thomas  
Gall Roy Davidson  
Gibson William  
Greenelsh Vivian Hallaway  
Griffin Gerald Jeremiah  
Gross Ernest Ludwig  
Haack Joseph Christian Gotleib  
Haase William  
Hancock David Theophilus  
Harbort John  
Harding William Charles  
Harrison Cecil Roy  
Hickey Matthew Edward  
Hixon Alfred Richard (see Abrecht)  
Holliday John Henry  
Hollindale Douglas James  
Hopkins Walter  
Howard Hubert Vaal  
Howard Lemuel Thomas  
Howard Stanley Robert  
Howie Matthew Philip  
**Hutchison Clarence MM**  
Jackson Jack David Onslow  
James Percival Thomas  
Jennings Robert Arthur  
Johnson Harry  
Johnson Wallie  
Johnston Harold Dunlop  
Keid Bennett Walter  
Keid Edward Alexander  
Keid Harold Guy Walker

Keid Henry Charles  
 Keid Leonard  
**Keid William French M M,  
 Mentioned in Despatches**  
 Kemp John William  
 Keys Thomas Pelham  
 Kingston Ernest  
**Kirk Archibald George MM**  
 Kirk George Hamilton  
 Kirk Harry Stewart  
 Kirk Lionel Arthur  
 Kurth Henry Charles  
 Lahey John Rowland Alwyn  
 Lahey Noel Alaric  
**Lahey Romeo Watkins MBE**  
 Lambert Mark  
 Lane Alfred John  
 Lane Henry William  
 Lane Soloman James (or S G)  
 Lawton John  
 Lawton Thomas  
 Lee Leslie Henry  
 Lefio William Robert  
 Lightbody Joseph  
 Love Frank  
 Love George Emmanuel  
 Love Norman Henry William  
 Maher Pierce  
**Mahoney Thomas -MM, Mention in  
 Despatches**  
 Mann George  
 Mann Robert  
 Marsh Colin Campbell  
 Martin Robert Patrick Wright  
 Martins Peter  
 Mayes Leonard  
 McCarthy William  
 Mehrens Henry Otto  
 Mengel Charles Frederick  
 Miles Samuel Walter  
 Millington Edward Wilfred  
 Mills Charles Benjamin  
 Mobbs William Arthur  
 Moloney Thomas  
 Moroney John Joseph  
 Morris Harry  
 Mowat Mangus  
 Murtha John Henry  
 Nichols Stanley Livingstone  
 Noe William Henry  
 Noffke Wilhelm  
 Nolan Edmund Francis  
 Orr James  
 Orr Samuel George  
 Pascoe Vivian Lawrence  
 Peachey Benjamin Charles  
 Peachey Frederick Isaac  
 Peachey John William  
 Pierce Lionel Percival  
 Pope Frederick  
 Pope Joseph Guy  
 Potter Llewellyn Henry  
 Pratt John Clement  
 Pratt William Joseph  
 Quast Philipp Carl William  
 Quinn Albert Joseph  
 Quinn Thomas Rupert  
 Richardson Ernest Harvey  
 Runham James Ebenezer  
 Russell John  
 Russell Victor Oliver  
 Sanderson Thomas Brayford  
 Saunders Frank  
 Saunders Willie  
 Savage Arthur Herbert  
 Savage Charles Adolphus  
 Schafer William Henry  
 Schoeck Frank Joseph  
 Schweitzer Alfred Finis (see Arthur  
 John Smith)  
 Schweitzer Rudolph William  
**Senden Leonard James MM**  
 Sexton John Dudley  
 Sexton William Charles  
 Shaw Robert Burns  
 Sheil Denis Archibald  
 Silcox John  
 Skene Alexander Mann  
 Skene William Thomas Charles  
 Skennerton Stephen Edward  
 Smith Arthur  
 Smith Arthur John (see Alfred  
 Schweitzer)  
 Smith Charles Henry  
 Smith John

Smith Oswald Owen ( see Leslie James  
Watson)  
Smith Sydney Hubert  
Sommer Albert Daniel  
Spilsted Frederick William  
Stark Alfred Christian  
Stark Robert Brown  
Steele Andrew Buchanan  
Stern William  
Stewart George  
Stewart Robert  
Stewart William  
Strachan James  
Stringer Francis Edward Charles  
Sutton Alfred  
Sutton Mordaunt Graham  
Sutton Neville Graham  
**Tesch Harold Joseph French Medal  
of Honour with Swords (silver)**  
Theodore John William  
Thomas Albert  
**Tomlinson Theodore MM**  
Townsend Claude  
Townsend Colin  
Travis Herbert Lees  
Trulson Charles Edwin

Trulson Fritz William  
Wall Oswy Edric Hart  
Watson Leslie James (Oswald Owen  
Smith)  
Watt Andrew Kenneth George  
Watterson Allie Thomas  
Watterson Percy Gordon  
Wharton James Christy  
Wharton Walter Henry  
Wheeler Sydney Victor  
Whelan Vincent Henry  
Wigmore John  
Wilkie David  
Wilkie Otto Rudolph  
**Wilkie Robert MM**  
Williamson Edward Henry  
Williamson William  
Wilson Alexander Cameron  
Wilson Gerald Gordon  
Wilson Victor Oswald  
Wilson-Green George Meredith  
Winterford Alfred Edwin  
Winterford William Henry  
Zimmerman Robert Bertie  
Zornig Harold Victor  
Zornig William Hermann



William Hermann Zornig



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5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse with mascot



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