

Invitation

Ceremony 2007 Yugambeh War Memorial



8am - 9am Sunday 28 October 2007
Yugambeh War Memorial, Jebbribillum Bora Ground
Cnr 6th Ave & Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads

Family and friends are invited to a ceremony of cultural and spiritual significance at the Yugambeh War Memorial Jebbribillum Bora.

Speakers will pay tribute to our Yugambeh Ancestors and to all Indigenous men and women who served in defence of this country in all wars.

Guests are invited to join us for tea, coffee and a sausage sizzle afterwards.

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Mibun Wallul - Many Eagles



The Yugambah War Memorial was unveiled at Jebbribillum Bora on April 12 1991 to give recognition to all Yugambah men and women who served to protect their country in early conflicts with the new settlers, and later as members of various armed forces overseas and at home. The memorial plaque reads:

*Mibun wallul mundindehla Ngalingah dhagun
Many eagles fighting for their country*

Our ceremony has been supported by
the Burleigh Heads RSL every year.



45 years ago...



This year we are pleased to share our ceremony with the Burleigh Heads Lions Club. Forty-five years ago, Lions Club members donated more than 1200 hours of labour to restore the Jebbribillum Bora property, protecting it from encroaching development. This year the Burleigh Heads Lions Club celebrates 50 years of service to the local community.



To mark the completion of the restoration work, the Burleigh Heads Lions Club invited dancers from Cherbourg Aboriginal Mission. They performed a number of short corroboree pieces, including a highly entertaining version of “My Boomerang Won’t Come Back.”



This photo from 1962 shows a young Angus Rabbitt performing vocals at the hand-over of the Bora Gound. Angus is now an icon in the indigenous musical fraternity, but back then he was just a young kid from Cherbourg, keen to find an audience.

“It was a special day,” Angus recalls.

“I remember there was Royalty or someone important there, but that didn’t mean anything to me. I was just excited to be playing.”



Geoff Aked (centre, background) was a founding member of the Burleigh Heads Lions Club in 1957, and President in 1962 when they finished restoration work on the Bora site.

“It was a very happy day, with the dancers from Cherbourg there,” says Geoff, now 85.

“They performed a number of short corroboree dances. It was very well enjoyed and a very satisfying day from the Club’s point of view.”

“I am very proud of all we did there and it is nice to think it is being recognised now.”





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