INDIGENOUS PLACE NAMES

BARELLAN POINT: meaning 'meeting of the waters'. Ref: Kerr, R - History of Northern Section of Moreton Shire.

BUNDANBA: the name was originally 'Bundanba' from the aboriginal words 'bundan' meaning stone axe and 'ba' place of. Like Brassall, it was once a separate Shire. The spelling was officially changed to Bundamba in 1932.

CAMIRA: named by the Progress Association in the 1970's. It is an Aboriginal word meaning 'wind'.

CHUWAR: named by surveyor James Warner and first appeared on a plan in October 1848. Unfortunately, the page of his notebook explaining the reason for the name is missing. All we know is that it is an Aboriginal name with some local significance. It is pronounced chew-war, the last syllable pronounced as in "war", a military event.

DEEBING CREEK: derived from 'Dibing' an Aboriginal word for mosquito or other small winged insect.

GOODNA: The original name for this area was Woogaroo and this referred to a waterhole in the creek. When an asylum was built and called Woogaroo Asylum, a new name was needed for the suburb. An unfortunate misunderstanding in language seems to be responsible for this name which is an aboriginal word meaning dung.

GOOLMAN: meaning 'Stone Axe'.

GRANDCHESTER: Called 'Googabilla' (means 'honey') by the Ugarapul's and later named 'Bigges Camp' by the Europeans when the railway line was constructed from Ipswich to this area. At the opening of the line in 1865, Governor Bowen suggested that the name be Latinised from Bigges Camp (which sounded like Big Scamp) to Grand (big) Chester (camp).

JEEBROOPILLY: meaning Flying squirrel gully. The Aboriginals named the area 'Jebropilly', Jebro meaning a flying squirrel and 'pilly' - a swampy place.

KARALEE: said to mean 'pretty hill beside the water'.

MUTDAPILLY: meaning dirty sticky gully, referring to the black soil. 'Pilly' means gully. 'Named by Captain Logan on 9 June 1827. His journal says 'the country is superior to yesterdays, we came to a large swamp, Mutdapilly Ten Mile Swamp which was several miles in extent, skirted it for some miles and then crossed it again, came back on the Brisbane River running North crossed it and proceeded up the bank'. Ref: Memories of Mutdapilly.

PURGA: derived from the Aboriginal word 'Purpur' meaning 'a meeting place', or 'bora' ground.

MILBONG: in the Peak District or 'One Eye Waterhole" was a favourtie meeting place. 'Mil' means 'one eye' and 'Bong' means 'waterhole'. Ref: Peak Crossing State School Centenary.

MOORANG: named by the man who surveyed the area. He named it Moorang because the hills around the area where teaming with Red Wallabies. Moorang meant 'Red Wallaby'.

MUNBILLA: Early leasehold boundaries show Munbilla as Mooroobogue (where black swan swims). Munbilla means Lilyroot gully. Ref: Peak Crossing State School Centenary.

THAGOONA: A Ugarapul word - meaning not known.

STREET NAMES

ADINA STREET - Raceview

Named in September 1973, Adina means 'pleasant and good'.

ALLAWAH ROAD - Chuwar

The word 'Allawah' originates from New South Wales and means 'stay here, rest, sit down'. *

APA COURT - North Booval Named on 8 September 1997, Apa means 'water'.

APURLA COURT - Karana Downs

The developer of the Karana Downs Estate named several streets using Aboriginal words. Apurla originates from Queensland and means 'a white man's camp'. *

ARUNDA COURT - North Booval

Named on 8 September 1997, Aruda means 'sea'.

BENALLA STREET - Karana Downs

The word Benalla originates from Victoria and is from 'benalta' meaning musk duck. *

CARAWAH COURT - Karana Downs

The word Carawah originates from New South Wales and means 'plenty of birds sit down here'. \ast

COONEANA STREET - Bundamba

Said to mean 'where the ringtail possum sits up'.

CULGOA STREET - Karalee

The word Culgoa originates from New South Wales and means 'running through, returning'. *

DUNOON COURT - Karana Downs

The word Dunoon originates from New South Wales and means 'a ridge'. *

ELANORA WAY - Karalee

The word Elanora originates from Queensland and means 'a camp by the sea'.



ILLABO COURT - Karana Downs

The word Illabo originates from New South Wales. It is said that it was first called 'Billabong' but that as there were so many places with this name, it was changed to Illabo by removing the letters b, n & g from the original name. A direct translation has been given as 'where'. *

ILLOURA GROVE - Karana Downs

The word Illoura originates from New South Wales and means 'lake or calm water'. *

JAMBEROO WAY - Karana Downs

The word Jamberoo originates from New South Wales and is from Jambaroo meaning 'a track'. *

JINGARA COURT - Karana Downs

The word Jingara originates from New South Wales and means 'a large mountain believed to be inhabited by a yaramaylawha, a fabulous creature with a cavernous mouth, which preyed on unsuspecting tribesmen and women'. *

MURRIMO ROAD - Ebenezer

Named in June 1991, Murrimo means 'possum'.



NARANG COURT - Karana Down

The word Narang originates from New South Wales and means 'a small creek'.*

NARIAH COURT - Karana Downs

The word Nariah originates from New South Wales and means 'a bare place on a hill'. *

NEVILLE BONNER PARK - Riverview

Named on 12 August 1999 to honour Senator Neville Bonner AO.

OMEO GROVE - Karana Downs

The word Omeo originates from New South Wales and means 'mountains'. *

TINGIRA AVENUE - Karalee

The word Tingira originates from Queensland and means 'the sea'. *

TUGGERAH STREET - Booval

Named on 16 November 1951, Tuggerah is an aboriginal word meaning 'cool and breezy'.

ULANDI COURT - Karana Downs The word Ulandi originates from New South Wales and means 'a big tree, a burning log'. *

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