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"Sleep on! Australia's noble sons, we bow our heads to thee

Who fought and made the sacrifice to keep Australia free"

(these words are from a poem written by Frank Walker, a local citizen. The poem was handed to Lieutenant Governor William Lennon at the unveiling of the memorial.)



1925 - the memorial in its original position in the centre of Beenleigh, ready for the unveiling.

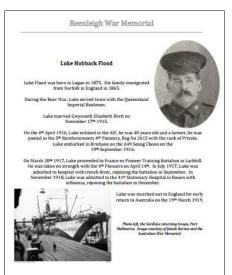
The dignitaries watched the cloudy skies on that afternoon of the 21st November 1925 as the good citizens of Beenleigh and environs gathered for the unveiling of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Beenleigh Sub-Branch Monument. In the crowd were the proud families and friends of those who had volunteered to serve, some of whom made the supreme sacrifice, in the Great War – the 'War to End All Wars'.

Who were these young people who had so bravely responded to the call to arms?

Many of their families live in our community today and some of their names are recorded on the monument in the heart of Beenleigh. Members of the Logan River and District Family History Society have spent time researching and recording the 236 stories of the men and one woman from the Beenleigh area. These stories tell of their daily lives rather than of battalions and battles, which have been well-covered elsewhere. The project was first published in 2009 as a CD, this revised edition includes more names.

The project was first initiated when several of our members, led by Kevin Egan, researched names on the Beenleigh War Memorial and published the first CD that contained information about the memorial and some general data about the soldiers and WW1. Dianna Ottaway came across it in 2014 and decided that she would expand it to include men and women from the general Beenleigh area who had served.

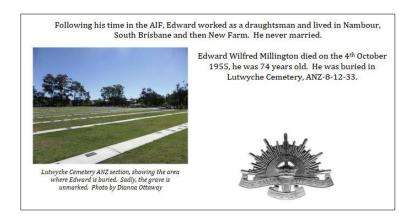




Dianna, with the help of Diane Schulz, researched the daily lives of these people, as well as their military service. The project includes the stories those who returned to continue living their lives in our community and elsewhere, as well as who died during the war.

The project has been published as a collection of stories, plus other information, in digital format on a USB drive which can be purchased from the society for \$30 (including postage), or as a digital download for \$20. Contact us by email loganriverfhs@hotmail.com

Insets. extracts from: Theresa Josephine Dunne, Luke Hubbard Flood, and Edward Wilfred Millington



The vast collection of research behind the stories is a useful resource for anyone researching the families of these volunteers. This is being kept in digital form at our research rooms. Anyone wishing to access it should contact the society (non-members pay a research fee).

