

Landmarks of Ma Ma Creek

1. Higgins Engineering

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R.I. Higgins and Son Engineering Workshop was built in 1948. This building replaced the original slab hut used as a blacksmith shop. The floor of the building was dirt for two years after it was built, as cement was scarce after the war. Much of the materials used during the construction were sourced from the local area, including timber poles from Junction View.

Robert Ivan Higgins bought the business from Harry Ridley in 1932. The business is still owned by the Higgins family.

The first welder bought in 1938, is still used today.

2. Ma Ma Creek State School

The Ma Ma Creek State School is located in the Ma Ma Creek Village on the eastern side of the road. The original building was built in 1880 on Mr George Andrews farm, on the western side of the creek.

A new building was built on the site of the hall, in the village.

In 1914 Mr Charles Tryhorn sold 5 acres of land to the department for the current site. In 1916 the school was removed, re-erected and extended two months later on the new site.

In 1935, the old Mt Whitestone School was removed to the school grounds for domestic science classes. (This is the lowset building at the school now.)

In 1958 the old school building was condemned because of more white ant damage and the old Rockside School building was brought in. (this is the two-storey building closest to the road. In 1968 the old building was sold and removed to a farm at Tenthill.

3. Ma Ma Creek Cemetery

The earliest marked grave is dated 1889. Your attention is drawn to the Soldier's Memorial and the great sacrifice made by the Andrews family during World War I.

4. St Stephen's Church of England

The St Stephen's Anglican Church is situated in Ma Ma Creek village on the eastern side of Gatton-Clifton Road.

The present building was officially opened on January 26, 1912. Prentice and Anderson of Toowoomba built it at a cost of £444 19/-. The tower was later added for a total cost of £621.

It is interesting to note that the new stone church was built around the old wooden church. This allowed services to be held while the new church was built.

The bricks were made on site and timber from the old building was used to make the floor of the new building. The original wooden church was built in 1890.

5. The Principal's Residence

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The principal's residence is situated in Ma Ma Creek village on the western side of the Gatton-Clifton Road.

12. Mt Petersen Go-Kart Track (cont'd)

Mt Petersen and is used for racing go-karts.

A shed was built and is used for a canteen and a spectator's area. Lights were installed to have night races in 2004 .

The go-kart track is located about 2 kilometres from Ma Ma Creek village then turn left into Neumann Rd.

13. Carroldale Tennis Court

The Carroldale Tennis Court was built in 1952. It was built for the local community to play tennis. Mr Jack Flynn along with other workers from the Main Roads camp and many local volunteers and tennis club members built the court. It was built on the main road reserve. Camp workers lived nearby in little huts. It was named after the chief of the Toowoomba division of the Main Roads Department, Mr Vince Carol.

Ant bed was harvested from Mahaffey's paddock at Winwill. The main roads tip truck carted many loads to build the hard surface.

Local timber from Fordsdale was cut down and carted by Mr Dick Cork. This was used for the tennis court fence and also to build a tennis shed to store the net and equipment. The shed was on the western side of the court.

Water was carried from Mr Arthur Neumann's farm next door, to water down the ant bed and for continued maintenance.

14. Butcher's Shop

This is private property. Do not enter without permission.

The butcher shop is located about three kilometres south of Ma Ma Creek Village on the Gatton-Clifton Road. It was built in about 1920 by Mr J. H. Raub. and cost about £200 to build.

This butcher shop is no longer used as a butcher shop.

Before the butcher shop was built, it was just an open paddock.

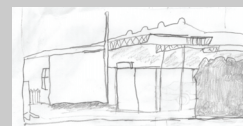
The shop was built using local timber that was milled in Gatton at Hood's Sawmill.

The shop supplied meat to all the local area. When power was connected to the area, a cold room was installed.

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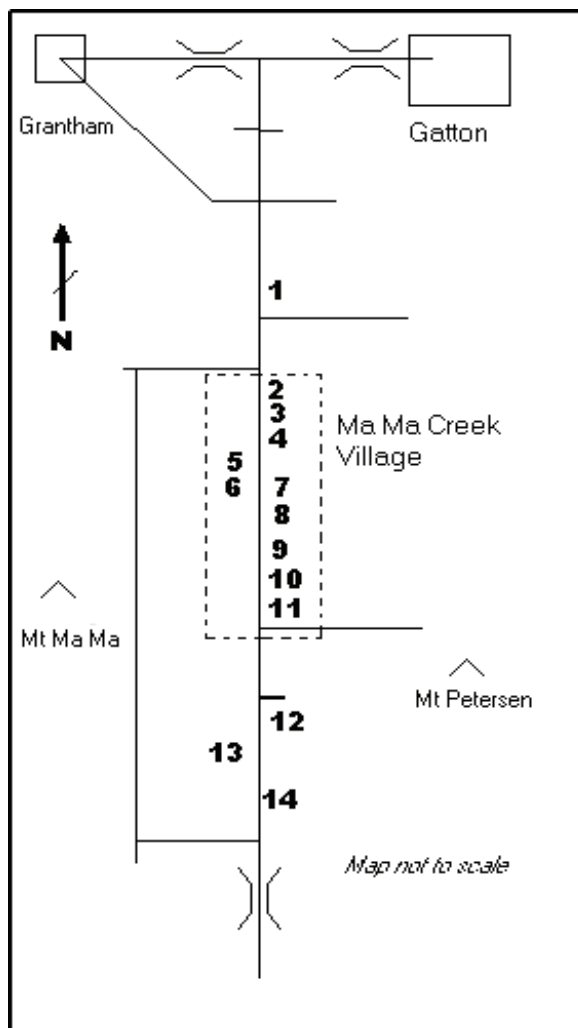
- Mrs Bishop
- Mr Charles
- Mr Foster
- Mr Higgins
- Mr Neumann
- Mrs Petersen
- Mrs Pollock
- Mr Poole
- Mr Ridley
- Mr & Mrs Scott
- A Centenary History of the Church of England Parish of Gatton with Ma Ma Creek Booklet
- Church of Christ Ma Ma Creek Centenary Souvenir 1985 Booklet
- Churches of Christ Ma Ma Creek 90th Anniversary Booklet
- Ma Ma Creek State School Centenary Booklet
- St Stephen's Anglican Church Ma Ma Creek Centenary History Booklet

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Map

(Return trip from Gatton: 30 minutes plus stops)



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5. The Principal's Residence (cont'd)

It was built by John Olsen in 1888 and commissioned by the Education Department.

The principal's residence cost £535 to build.

The principal's residence was sold by the Government in 1996.

Mr Alfred Ward was the last teaching principal to live in the residence.

6. Ma Ma Creek Community Centre

The Ma Ma Creek Community Centre is located in Ma Ma Creek Village on the western side of the Gatton-Clifton Road.

It was built in 1983 by Perrin Construction and cost \$223 630 to build.

This building was built to replace the old hall and is still in operation.

It was commissioned by the committee of the old hall.

It is interesting to note that the centre hosts the Ma Ma Creek Exhibition each year. It is used for dances, wedding, receptions, Ma Ma Creek Exhibition, parties, church group activities and school events.

The materials used to build the hall were brick, steel, timber and concrete with a Stramit ceiling.

7. Ma Ma Creek General Store

The Ma Ma Creek General Store was built in the 1800s. It cost about £100 to build.

Before the General store was built it was grazing land.

The General Store was also used for petrol and a post office.

Mr Sandy Foster purchased the store from Mr Singh in 1910. The shop was named Foster's Store. After a short closure, Mr Lex Foster re-opened the shop and operated it from 1946 to 1979. During this time many changes were made to the building by Mr Foster. There have been several owners since that time.

The General store has old style windows, large doorways, huge ceiling and an old ironbark floor.

The area got its name from molanola, which is Aboriginal for 'resting place'. Later it was changed to Ma Ma Creek.

8. Ma Ma Creek Service Station

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The Ma Ma Creek Garage and Service Station is located in Ma Ma Creek Village on the eastern side of Gatton-Clifton Road.

The garage was built in 1947 by two brothers, Herbert and Alan Petersen. It was built in stages as the business grew.

Before it was built, it was a horse paddock for the school children to keep their horses safe while they were at school.

The garage maintained and serviced cars, tractors and farm implements and also provided petrol, grease and oils. Fuel was delivered to farms in 44-gallon drums.

The garage was also the sub-agent for Wilson's Holden, Gat-

ton.

The business was sold in 1987 as a going concern but is no longer a business.

9. Church of Christ Hall

The Ma Ma Creek Church of Christ hall is located in Ma Ma Creek village on the eastern side of the road. The church hall was originally the church. It measured 27 by 16 feet.

In 1930 the chapel was practically rebuilt and 12 feet was added at the rear for the kindy and the building was also widened by 9 feet.

The original building cost £300 to build. By generous giving the new chapel was opened free of debt.

The building was commissioned by Messrs James Metcalf and Robert Pollock.

Mr Metcalf selected land in the Ma Ma Creek district and then went to work for the Queensland Railways Department at Rosewood. After becoming a member of the church at Rosewood, he thought of his many friends in the Ma Ma Creek district and requested that the evangelists visit the area. After meeting in many people's homes they decided they needed a public place of worship and the church was erected in 1890.

10. Church of Christ Manse

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The Church of Christ congregation decided a home was needed for their minister. In 1914 the house was built. In 1949 the manse was completely re-modelled and enlarged.

The Fig Tree (in front yard of Church):

In 1935, a little fig tree was found growing in a fork of a tree in the manse's horse paddock. It was transplanted to its present position. It was planted by Pastor Victor Boettcher.

11. Church of Christ — Peace Memorial Chapel

The Church of Christ is located south of the Gatton-Clifton Road on the eastern side in Ma Ma Creek Village.

It was built in 1965 and officially opened by Dr James Jauncey, the principal of the Church Christ bible collage at Kenmore, Brisbane. This church is still operational.

It is interesting to note that all the buildings were built in the same spot.

The chapel name was chosen at a special meeting in November 1963. The name given to the church was Peace Memorial Chapel. In 1968 the brick fence, rose garden beds, church notice board, a tank and the brick lumber room were erected.

12. Mt Petersen Go-Kart Track

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Wesley Charles commissioned the Go-kart track in 1995, which he built himself with a grader. Tyres were placed near the corners so the go-karts don't go off the track.

The track cost about \$4700 to build it.

The track got its name because it is built at the base of