

# Harrisville & District



**A** **Theaker farmhouse, Cunningham Hwy (near intersection with Mutdapilly Dip Rd):** The Theaker family arrived in the district in 1863 and settled on the "Leg-o-Mutton", part of the original Normanby Station.



**B** **House, formerly St Aidan's Anglican Church, Cunningham Hwy, Mutdapilly:** The church was built in 1921 but closed in 1974. It is now a private home.

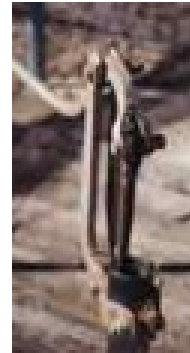


**C** **Mutdapilly State School, Cnr Cunningham Hwy and Mutdapilly-Churchbank Weir Road, Mutdapilly:** The first school building and residence were erected here in 1874.

**D** **GlenBrae, Cunningham Hwy, near intersection with Mutdapilly-Coleyville Rd:** Built by pioneer Mr Robertson who named it after his home in Scotland. The first house was a slab hut, later used as a barn. Race meetings were held in the paddock.



- E Mutdapilly Cemetery, Mutdapilly-Churchbank Weir Road, Mutdapilly:** The cemetery was established c1870.
- F Churchbank Weir and Reserve, on east branch of Warrill Creek, near the Mutdapilly-Churchbank Weir Road: CAUTION - DO NOT SWIM IN THIS WEIR:** The weir was commenced in 1947. It became popular as a picnic spot, but is dangerous for swimming. It is now used as a regulator for water to the Swanbank Powerhouse and for the Ipswich City Council supply pumps downstream near Amberley.
- G Mutdapilly Research Station, Webers Rd (near Churchbank Weir-Peak Crossing Rd):** The research station land was acquired in 1981 by the DPI. The research station was established to serve the dairy industry and runs a commercial herd of 250 Holstein Friesians. In 1997, the station joined with Qld University Gatton College and the Qld Dairy Farmers Organisation to form the Australian Tropical Dairy Institute. An original farmhouse is now used as the station's Information Centre.
- H Harrisville Cemetery, Cnr Warrill View-Peak Crossing Road.**
- I Kelvin Grove Farm, Warrill View-Peak Crossing Road:** Robert Boyle was a Scots-Canadian furrier from the Hudson Bay territory. When the American Civil War produced a world-wide shortage of cotton in the 1860s, Robert sent his son William to buy land on the Ipswich Agricultural Reserve. The family followed. Their property was named Kelvin Grove Farm after their home in Scotland.
- J Dixon's Baseline Monument, Beside Warrill View-Peak Crossing Road (near intersection with Trelawney Lane):** In 1839, surveyor Robert Dixon began the process of accurately mapping Queensland by establishing an accurate baseline.
- K Charles Chauvel Drive:** The name of this road honours the famous film-maker whose family property "Summerlands" was nearby. Some scenes from his first film "Moth of Moonbi" were shot in the surrounding district.
- L Pump, Warrill View-Peak Crossing Road, Peak Crossing:** Pumps such as these were once common at regular intervals along stock routes.



- M Peak Crossing State School and residence, Ipswich-Boonah Road, Peak Crossing:** The school was established in 1871. The oldest surviving buildings are a 1938 classroom block and an early building from Limestone Ridges School which was moved to this site in 1974. The residence was built in 1879 and extended in 1936. The camphor laurel trees were planted between 1934 and 1948. Pupils collected seeds for the project.

## Peak Crossing & Flinders

The flats along Purga Creek were a popular resting place on an important early road to the Darling Downs. A hotel was opened to cater to travellers and a small township developed.

The name "Peak Crossing" refers to the nearby Peak Mountain and to the crossing over Purga Creek near the present-day State School.

The railway siding just outside Peak Crossing was named Flinders and it became the centre of a small township.