

A.L. (BERT) NIMMO MEMORIAL

Bert took up 'Railview' at Prairie when he returned from the war, having been a prisoner of the Japanese for 3½ years after the fall of Singapore. He was on 'Railview' for 30 years, his family of three girls grew up there.

Bert was very keen on helping the Show society and Pony Club and encouraged all the family to ride. He, along with many other locals, did a lot of voluntary work on the Showgrounds building and repairing fencing and yards – most of the gidgyea posts and rails he cut from 'Railview'. He was called upon regularly as a judge of all show events, including jumping and was a jump course builder at shows all over north Queensland. Bert built most of the jumps for Hughenden, welding the wings himself, and cutting the rails when Olympic jumping first came in and replaced hunting and high jumping. He was President of the Show society as his father, Jim Nimmo of 'Blackbraes' had been.

Breeding Thoroughbred horses, breaking in, racing, show riding and hunting were passed onto him by his ancestors from 'Oak Park' and 'Blackbraes'. Along with others, Bert was always happy to help out and gained great pleasure from being involved with the Hughenden Show Society. Bert died of a heart attack while working on a windmill at 'Railview' in 1977.