



Entertainment Igloo - Rocky Creek



Victory in the Pacific (VP) day ceremony is held annually



Wartime nurse Mary Gibson unveils the 2/2nd Australian General Hospital Plaque on 11th August 2002



They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.



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ROCKY CREEK WAR MEMORIAL PARK

KENNEDY HIGHWAY
TOLGA OLD

“You are here today
because of where
we were yesterday”



The Wall of Remembrance was erected within the park in 2007 from public donations for the dedication of individual service personnel



Undercover amenities make a comfortable meeting area

The **ROCKY CREEK WAR MEMORIAL PARK** was established after a proposal was made to the Atherton Shire Council by Mrs. Myra Jones BEM (nee Scheu) who was a member of the AAMWS associated with the hospital during the second world war.

The Atherton Shire Council accepted this proposal making it possible for the development of the Rocky Creek War Memorial Park.

This national icon became a reality in 1995 through the efforts of the Atherton Shire Council, Mrs. Myra Jones, Tim Foley and Mark Alcock.

The area covered by the Park was the Laundry Block of the Hospital.



How it was- Rocky Creek circa 1944



Dedicated section for Allied and Community Plaques

The hospital wards were situated between this area and along Fraser Road towards Tolga. The combination of 2/2nd and 2/6th hospital units resulted in a 3000 bed hospital complex and between 1943 and 1945 over 60,000 patients were treated in the hospital. Patients were brought to the hospital from all theatres of war in the South West Pacific by hospital train to Rocky Creek from Cairns, by air transport to Mareeba and Motor Ambulance Convoys. This complex was regarded as the largest field hospital in the southern hemisphere during the war.

The 2/2nd AGH malaria experimental ward played an important role in housing research volunteers. Major John Tonge was one notable doctor involved with malaria research during WWII.

From 1943 to 1945 the Atherton Tablelands Area became the largest military base in Australia. Soldiers primarily from the 6th, 7th and 9th Australian Army Divisions plus ancillary troops numbering between 200,000 and 300,000 were stationed in the area at some time in that period. Their camps were situated in the area from Rocky Creek, Tinaroo, Kairi, Atherton, Wongabel, Herberton, Ravenshoe, even towards Mt. Garnet.

“Our Freedom - Their Sacrifice”



Limited stay camping at Rocky Creek Memorial Park

At any one time, up to 100,000 troops in 320 Army and auxiliary units were based across the Tablelands at 160 sites.

As Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day was on 15th August 1945, dedication and unveiling ceremonies are held in the Park each year on the Sunday nearest to VP Day.

Since 1995 many men and women from those units have returned to Rocky Creek for the unveiling and dedication of their unit plaques.

The main section of the Park is for military units, but a special area has been reserved for Allied and Community Plaques and include the Salvation Army, Pacific Island Regiment, National Servicemen's Association, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands.



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