

# Kin Kin

## ARBORETUM

### Kin Kin Arboretum – Recreation Trails and Kin Kin Junction School Site

Until 1904 Kin Kin Valley was mostly covered with a unique subtropical rainforest known as the Kin Kin Scrub. In this location the valley 'scrub' was the home of huge towering trees of enormous variety produced by the combination of phyllite shales known as the Kin Kin beds and 1400mm annual rainfall. This reserve was dedicated in honour of William Douglas Francis (1889 – 1959), whose family were pioneer residents of the area. Bill gained an early interest in botany from his father Alf, who was a keen amateur botanist and Bill went on to become a noted botanist and author of the book Australian Rainforest Trees.

Whilst walking the trails you will explore over 70 varieties of trees. In collaboration with Landcare, Noosa Native Plants and Noosa Council, the Kin Kin Community Group Inc. has uniquely identified each tree with a QR code. The QR code on the plant tags provide you with both the botanic and common name. Some of the features you may see include the fascinating fruit of the Banana Bush, the Peanut Tree, the highly perfumed flowers of the Native Frangipani and the delicate blooms of the Quandong. Over the years, many local community members along with Landcare and Noosa Council projects, have contributed to the success of this reserve.

### Kin Kin Junction School 1908 – 1981

#### School Number 960

At a public meeting held on 24 April 1908 at Doyles Sawmill at Kin Kin Creek, John Moffat, Harry Slade, E.C Tomkinson, A Cameron and E O'Neal were elected members of a building committee for establish a Provisional School at Kin Kin Creek. At this time 22 children over 5 years and under 15 years were expected to attend. This school was the first of four schools in the Kin Kin Valley. In August 1908, the Minister approved the erection of the school at an estimated cost of £175, including local contributions of £35. The building measured 24 feet by 16 feet, had two verandas and a 1000 gallon water tank.



A decision was made to change to a State School and on 26 May 1909, Miss Storer opened the State School at Kin Kin, school number 960, a class 10 school. Opening enrollments of 14 increased to 15 five days later and to 22 by the end of 1909. On 4 September 1913, the first Arbor Day in the district was held on this site. The day was devoted to planting trees and brushing tobacco bush and become an annual event up to and including most of the 1970's.

In 1916, the school committee was asked to consider changing the name of the school to avoid confusion with Kin Kin Township Provisional School which opened that year. At a meeting on 25 January 1917, the committee decided that the school could be known as the Kin Kin Junction School. In 1919 student enrollments were 26, increasing to 56 in 1938 and reduced to 14 by 1959. In 1939, the Pinbarren Creek School residence was relocated to Kin Kin Junction (building located left to Arboretum). 19 November 1947 saw the inauguration of the School's Forestry Project (Project Pine Club). As it was raining, only 1 of the 50 trees were planted. On Arbor Day 14 November 1952, the Junction Plot was fenced and 50 hoop pines were planted, making a total of 163 trees alive in the school grounds. Records indicate that 50 hoop pine were planted in 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1960 (100), 1961 and 1962 and 1964 (50 slash pine).



By 1985, most of the plot had been removed with a small section retained as a historical relic. In 1986, the Kin Kin Junction school building was relocated by the Kin Kin Sports and Recreation committee to the Kin Kin Sports ground, where it is utilized today as a community centre.



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1908-1981*

#### KEY

- A** PICNIC SHELTER & INFORMATION
- B** NATIVE BEE HIVE
- C** REVEGATATION 1995 - 1998
- D** RARE & THREATENED SPECIES
- E** HOOP PINE PLANTATION
- F** ARBORETUM WALK

#### WHEN VISITING OUR RESERVE REMEMBER

- ▶ Wear closed footwear, a hat and sunscreen.
- ▶ Stay on the marked walking tracks.
- ▶ All plants and animals are protected.
- ▶ Dogs are permitted only when on a leash.



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