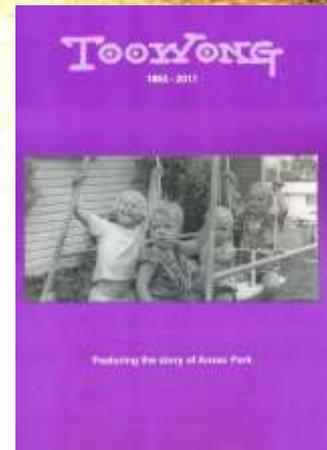
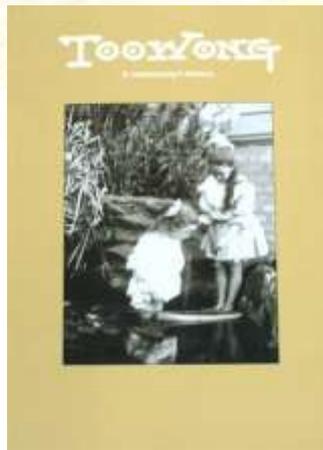


Toowong History Group



So much of the heritage of Toowong was being lost when developers began changing the face of our suburb by relocating old Queenslanders and replacing them with high rise residential units and town houses that many people in Toowong were becoming increasingly worried that our past was being destroyed. In the year 2000 the West Toowong Community Association, which had been formed to protect their local area, decided to set up a History Group to research the families who had built their lives and their homes in Toowong over the past 150 years.

The citizens of Toowong achieved Municipality status for their district in 1879 when the entire Queensland colony was divided into local authorities. In the 1903 round of local government changes Toowong was catapulted to the status of Town, only to lose it again when the Greater Brisbane City Council was created in 1925, coalescing 20 local government areas into one monolith.

With this in mind, in 2000 the Toowong History Group was formed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the short-lived Toowong Town (1903-1925); to record some local memories to ensure they were not lost with the passing of the older generations; and to entice more histories to come to the surface. It resulted in the production of our first book: *TOOWONG: A Community's History* to be launched in 2003 to coincide with, and celebrate, the Centenary of Toowong. Since then two more books have been produced to record the vast amount of Toowong history which has since been collected.

With the launch of our third book on Toowong History in November 2012 we now have a matching 'Trilogy' and have decided to sell the complete set to interested readers for the Special Price of \$50. If your family lived in Toowong in the past and you would like to know more about the suburb as it was when they lived here, take this opportunity to contact us by email at: marilyn.england@bigpond.com for your matching set of three books covering the history of Toowong from the time when Aborigines roamed the area to the present day.

If you have a story on Toowong we would love to have it for a future publication.

HISTORY UNDER THREAT – Our third book on Toowong, launched in November 2012 records the history of Anzac Park. This heritage listed historic park was under threat when the Brisbane City Council wanted to make Anzac Park into a car park for workers building the Legacy Way Tunnel from Toowong to Kelvin Grove. When the local residents of Toowong banded together in opposition and took out an injunction to save the park the Brisbane City Council had to rethink their plan – a win for the people of Toowong which demonstrates that people power is alive and well.

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