

# Toowong History Group

A LARGE NUMBER OF GRAVES AND HEADSTONES IN TOOWONG CEMETERY ARE IN POOR CONDITION. SOME LARGE MONUMENTS WITH PILLARS HAVE DISTINCT LEANS DUE TO EARTH MOVEMENT AND POOR UNDERPINNING. ALREADY SOME HAVE TOPPLED NOT FROM VANDALISM BUT NEGLECT. CEMETERY STAFF CAN ONLY SPRAY FOR WEEDS. THE GRAVES REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE GRAVE HOLDERS AND ONLY THEY CAN ORDER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY? IS YOUR GREAT GRANDFATHER IN TOOWONG? HOW LONG IS IT SINCE THE FAMILY VISITED? THE HISTORY OF EARLY BRISBANE IS BEING LOST AND IT IS A SHAME. DO SOMETHING NOW. ONE LOVELY PIECE OF STONE OVER THE GRAVE OF ONE OF OUR MARITIME LEADERS **John Burke** OF A MAJOR SHIPPING COMPANY WILL PROBABLY TOPPLE IN AROUND 12 MONTHS AND A WAYWARD TREE BRANCH HAS TOPPLED THE COLUMN OF A VERY POPULAR JOCKEY'S GRAVE **Percy Strickland** FROM THE 1890S AND IN DOING SO HAS SMASHED THE CAST IRON RAIL AND SPLIT A SANDSTONE BLOCK. **Are there any relatives left of either of these notable people?**

THESE ARE JUST TWO OF THE ENDANGERED GRAVES OF TOOWONG. IF YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT THE CONDITION OF A GRAVE THE FRIENDS OF TOOWONG CEMETERY WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP.

MIDDENBURY- Can we be sure that if the developers proceed with their three huge tower on the river that Middenbury remains their responsibility to maintain this 1865 house in good condition. A great fear is that these modern concrete structures seem to have a "use by date" and just how would they go about dismantling the structures? It has already been found easier and cheaper to dynamite the supports in UK of 1950s buildings. Just a thought

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