

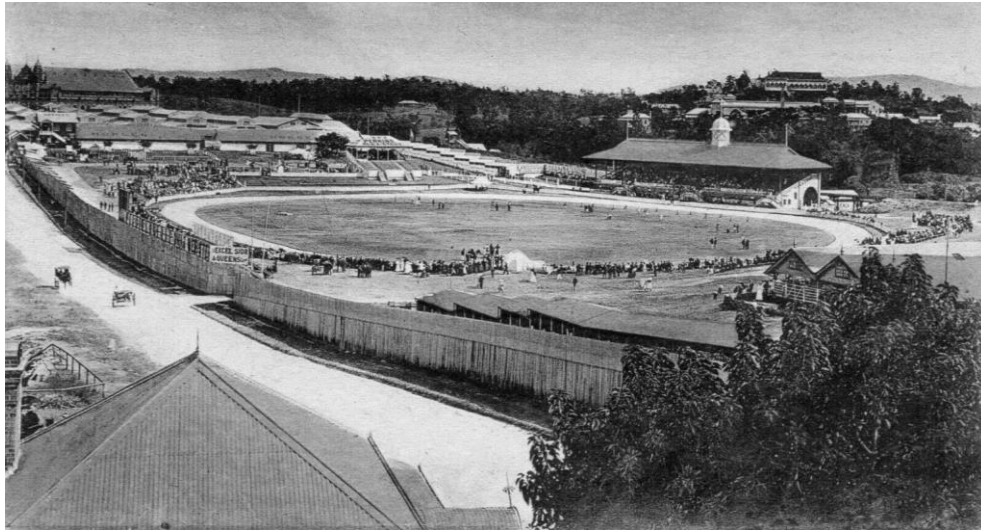
# Brisbane Cricket Ground/Exhibition Ground/Perry Park

The Grounds were used for Club, Intercity, State and International matches

The earliest match at the Exhibition Ground was the Cup Final between Dinmore Bush Rats and Normans in 1894

The Cricket Ground was used first in 1898 thorough to 1928 and resumed as a soccer venue in 1958

Exhibition Ground (1910)



Perry Park(1951)



Brisbane Cricket Ground (1899)



Perry Park(1971)





# Soccer club gutted



2008



2009

Billy Williams, who is well known as treasurer and provider of the Booval Bowling Club, and who spent 50 years in various mines in the Ipswich district, recalled during the week that he had scored for the Blackstone team before the old Coolgardie shaft was put down at Blackstone, prior to 1893

He was only a schoolboy then, but he can remember games being played in the Coolgardie paddock before the mine was flooded. It was necessary to build a drain across the playing field, so the late Lewis Thomas cleared another site and gave it to the sporting bodies. It was necessary to shift five houses which were erected on the creek bank and two near the railway line. Today that ground is still known as the Blackstone oval and is used for Soccer fixtures



Blackstone Rovers Ground (right of bridge)(1891)

## Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Saturday 11 July 1953,

If a plan formulated by a bunch of Bundamba youngsters about 60 years ago had come to fruition, Bundamba Rangers' Soccer ground today would be part of a large recreation area catering for a number of sports.

Tom Spall, of Booval, who helped to "stump" and level the Soccer ground. recalled during the week that it had been intended to extend the ground to Brisbane Road. He said the work had been done by members of the Corsairs Soccer Club. which was the first to use, the ground. Comprised mostly of lads on, the Ipswich side of the loop line. the club's membership included the Sparks brothers Stafford's and Biggams as well as the Spall brothers. Tom who is just on 82 said the plans went astray when some of the lads got married and others drifted seeking employment, and the club ceased to function According to Tom there have been at least five Soccer grounds in Bundamba. Before clearing the present Bundamba ground the Corsairs had played on the city side of the creek near where a garage now stands. Bundamba Rangers had first played on a ground near 'the bottom of the racecourse. Other grounds were on Brisbane Road towards Ipswich at the site of the old Racehorse Hotel, and in the racecourse itself. Tom said he didn't remember the exact date when the Bundamba ground was played, but he knew it was at the same time as the old West Moreton shaft was being sunk. He said the lad finished work in the mines until 5pm and worked until 8pm or later on the Ground. "We never thought we would see games like they are playing there now said Tom. He remembers the time when 'footballers thought nothing of riding horseback to Fernvale for a game

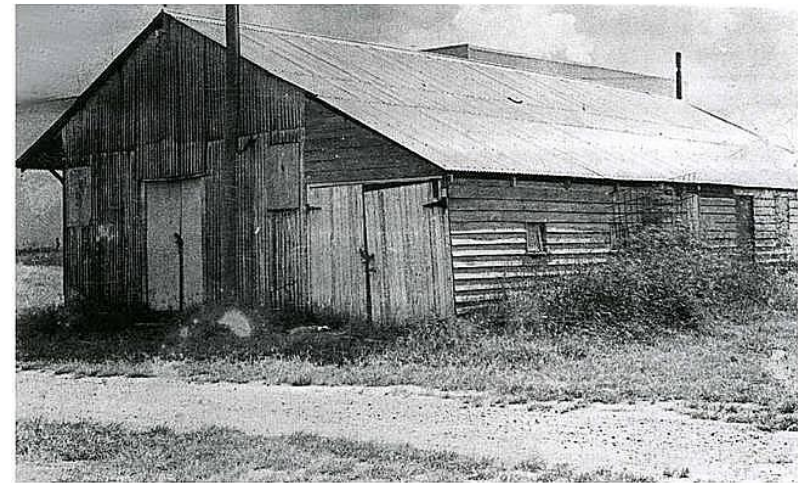
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#### ONE SOCCER GROUND?

The attention of Soccer followers will be focussed on Bundamba to-morrow morning, when the four Ipswich first division teams' delegates will meet on the "one-ground" proposal. Nothing definite yet has emerged from the preliminary discussions between Bundamba Rangers and St. Helens, but, broadly, the proposal is designed to provide a first-class Soccer ground at Bundamba—one of which the "round-ball" followers can be proud, and not one for which they have to make excuses when touring teams come here to play.

Queensland Times 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1946

#### The Shed



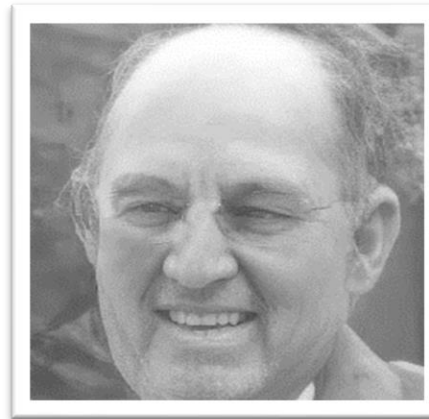
Original Bundamba Rangers Clubhouse



**\*1908**

The annual meeting of the Ipswich and West Moreton British Football Association was presided over on February 8 by Mr. W. Routledge (President). The clubs represented were Rovers, Stars, Rosebells, Railways, Montes, and Rangers. The finance report showed an Income of £20/6/4 against an expenditure of £18/16/6.

It was decided to approach the trustees of the Bundamba racecourse ground with the purpose of using the course for playing fields.



Eric Evans

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## RANGERS' CLUB ROOM OPENED

At probably the best social function ever held by Bundamba Rangers, the club's social hall and dressing room were officially opened by the Mayor (Ald. J. T. Finmore) on Saturday night. Features of the evening were a fine programme of entertainment, and the success which rewarded the efforts of the ladies' committee.

Mr. W. Kitching presided. Ald. Finmore congratulated the club on its enterprise. "You have done something to encourage players to make this a recreational centre. We as citizens commend you for undertaking such a project in this area," he said. "You have a wonderful club. I venture to say that it is foremost in the Queensland Soccer world. You have contributed a lot to it."

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\*In 1988 a new clubhouse was opened, As a tribute to the just retired Secretary of 20Years the grounds were officially named " Eric Evans Reserve"

In the Ipswich flood the Building was destroyed and a new clubhouse was built  
Eric became a Life Member of Coalstars in 1974

# Dinmore Bush Rats Ground (2020)







(1926)  
Ground on the left



St Helens Ground (2020)

#### EBBW VALE RECREATION GROUND.

Some months ago the Ebbw Vale Progress Association proposed to the Moreton Shire Council that steps be taken to acquire the present recreation ground on the southern side of the railway station, for public purposes. Negotiations were at once entered into by the council, with the owners (Messrs Stafford Bros), who, through Mr. W. B. Darker, stated their terms. These have been accepted by the council, and it is expected that the necessary formalities will shortly be complied with, and the reserve formally accepted by the council on behalf of the people of that district. Speaking at the bridge-opening function at Ebbw Vale last Saturday afternoon, the chairman of the council (Cr. H. L. Jones) stated he wanted to see soccer posts and nets, a good turf wicket, tennis courts and even a bowling green on the ground. This would entail financial obligations on those interested in the ground, and it would mean more work for the progress association. He wanted everyone to do their bit in connection with the matter, and he could assure them if they did so, the council would do what it could, because that body recognised that it was an ideal spot for a recreation ground. "We want to make the place a thing of beauty and a joy to posterity" he added.

(1922)