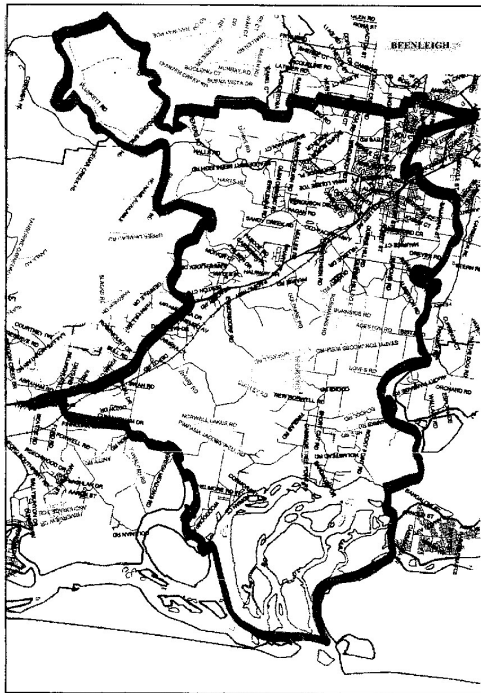


Map of the Parish



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History of the Parish

For thousands of years before European people came to the Logan, it was home to Aboriginal people of the Jakambo tribe.

1826: Captain Patrick Logan, Commandant of Moreton Bay Penal Settlement, explores the river now named after him.

1842: First European settlers arrive.

1847: Timber cutters arrive. Well into the 1870s they float huge rafts of cedar and other timber up the coast to Brisbane.

1861: American Civil War cuts world cotton supplies. Cotton Plantations are established at Loganholme, Pimpama and Nerang.

1862: Bishop Quinn's Immigration Society brings Irish immigrants to settle in Waterford and Logan Reserve.

1863: The first contingent of Kanakas, 47 in number, are brought to the area to work on the cotton plantations.

1864: Eleven German families take up farms in the Bethania district. Captain Louis Hope pioneers the sugar industry on Hope Island. Sugar supplants cotton after 1865 when American cotton production resumes at the end of the Civil War.

1866: Beenleigh (Sugar) Plantation is established on the north bank of the Albert River by John Davy and Francis Gooding, who name it after their home village and family estate in Devonshire.

1867: Michael Tansey builds an inn, store and butchery north of Yatala.

1868: Tansey becomes post-master and his inn becomes "Beenleigh Postal Depot. At the junction of the roads from Bethania, Waterford, Yatala and Eagleby, James Savage builds the Beenleigh Exchange Store. Michael Tansey shifts his postal depot to this new settlement and builds a new hotel, "The Planters' Rest".

Beenleigh goes ahead from this time. The first school is built (1871), the first district show is held in the newly opened Court House and a Police Barracks is opened (1872). A Telegraph Station is established (1874). In 1878, the School of Arts is opened and a library is planned. Drama, Cricket and Rifle Clubs are formed and a newspaper is published, "The Logan and Southern Districts Adviser".

1879: Local Government begins as the Beenleigh Divisional Board.

1885: The railway arrives from Brisbane.

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