

Who was Mary Cairncross?

The name Mary Cairncross is a tribute to the memory of Mary Thynne, whose maiden name was Cairncross.

Born in 1848, Mary Cairncross was a passionate environmentalist from an early age. She married Irish-born Andrew Joseph Thynne on 3 June 1869 in Brisbane. Andrew Thynne purchased the Maleny land where the reserve is situated in 1902.

In October 1941, 100 acres was transferred through a Deed of Trust to the then Landsborough Shire Council by Mary's three daughters Elizabeth, Mabel and Mary Thynne.

The agreement was conditional on the land being held as a reserve and sanctuary for the preservation, conservation and exhibition of the Natural Flora and Fauna of the reserve, and that it should be known as The Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. By doing so they were honouring their mother Mary Williamina Thynne, nee Cairncross. This Deed of Trust has continued to be honoured by successive Councils - now the Sunshine Coast Council.

The sisters would never have imagined what an incredible conservation legacy that they had provided. Without their foresight, this remarkable environmental reserve would not be enjoyed by the later generations as it is today.



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***Friends of
Mary Cairncross
Association Inc.***

Who are the Friends?

The Friends was the brainchild of Kate Thynne, wife of John Thynne and daughter of Kathleen McArthur the conservationist, and herself very knowledgeable about ecology. She became an ardent advocate for the care and preservation of the Reserve.

Kate was quick to recognise that Sunshine Coast Council needed a fund raising arm to support projects that benefitted the reserve especially after The Maleny Rotary Club, who had worked tirelessly at the reserve since the 1960's, completed their developments.

Kate founded the *Mary Cairncross Association*, which became an incorporated body in 1999, then was later renamed as *Friends of Mary Cairncross Association Inc.*

Our charter's principle purpose is the protection of the unique environment for future generations. To support education, conservation, research and protection of flora and fauna.

How do we fundraise?

Kate Thynne initiated a retail area for the sale of items that were both promotional and educational. The sale of retail items is today the main source of income for the *Friends*.

For larger projects, the *Friends* apply for Grants through various environmental and governmental organisations.

Memberships, bequests and donations help us to meet our objectives.

Projects funded by the Friends

- Construction of wildlife corridor under the road
- Timber for viewing platform near Rose Gums
- Audio research for Coxens Fig Parrot
- Petrol reimbursement for Guides
- Fungi Survey and Research
- purchase of audio-visual equipment
- Birdwing Butterfly area signage
- purchase of wheelchair
- Honours Scholarships awarded at USC for...
 - Native Bee research
 - Effects of feral cats on plants/wildlife
 - Effects of land development on nocturnal birds
- Tree signage throughout the Reserve
- Jackets for volunteers
- 'After dark' display room
- Laser pointers for the Guides
- Publication of 2 books
 - Birds of the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve
 - The Magic of Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve

Friends of Mary Cairncross Association Inc.

Application for Membership \$10.00

Please tick the appropriate box below:

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Surname: _____

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Completed application form and payment need to be submitted:

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- mailed to the address on the front of the form
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Payment options: cash, card or direct debit

Bank details: BSB 484-799 Acct 503003736

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By signing this form, you agree to:

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Date: ___/___/___