



Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct

Bankfoot House Heritage Precinct, located on Old Gympie Road, is the oldest residence in the Glass House Mountains. Visit and you will discover stories of the local Jinibara and Kabi Kabi First Nations Peoples, Cobb & Co, and the three generations of the same family who lived in Bankfoot House for 134 years.

When was it built? The original house was constructed in 1868 to service the steady stream of individuals and coach traffic heading north to the Gympie gold fields.

The accommodation house was extended in 1878 to provide separate family living quarters. The original 1868 house was dismantled in 1930 and the separate family living quarters were expanded into the present day house. The core of the current house dates back to 1878.

Who lived in Bankfoot House? Established by William and Mary Grigor in 1868, Bankfoot House was owned and occupied by the Grigor family and their descendants. The Grigor's youngest daughter, Clementina, married William Smith Burgess and the Burgess family took responsibility for the house in 1907.

When Clementina's daughter Mary and her husband Jack Ferris moved into Bankfoot House in 1965, they became devoted custodians of the historic house.

Following the death of Jack Ferris in 2002 (at the age of 101), the Caloundra City Council acquired the house from the Ferris family and took responsibility for Bankfoot from 2004.

How did it get its name? Bankfoot House was named after the town of Bankfoot in Perthshire, Scotland, where Mary Grigor (nee Fenwick) was born. Mary and William met on board the *William Miles* when immigrating to Australia in 1855.

Join us for free guided tours and you will view the extensive collection of photographs, documents, furniture, household and personal effects which provide a unique glimpse into early life on the Sunshine Coast.

Cost: Free.

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