

Chronology of Montville Memorial Gates, Trees and Village Green

- 1921 Montville Memorial Gates constructed to commemorate those from the region who volunteered for service in World War I.
- 1923 Six weeping fig trees planted along edge of Village Green to commemorate the 6 men who died serving in World War I
- 1964 Ladies' Club requested permission to plant trees or shrubs where the School of Arts fence had been removed. Permission was granted for 2 trees to be planted on the church side of the hall to balance the two pine trees growing on the opposite side.¹
- 1976 Trees and shrubs removed and replaced at front of hall.²
- 1980 Tank and stand replaced. Committee applied for \$ for \$ subsidy to provide a tank that could be used by the public for drinking water. Council agreed to provide subsidy for tank for hall use.³

The Village Green sub-committee reported that it was trying to resite the access road to the northern end of the area. They wished to dig out the gravel and replace it with loam for grassing over. They wanted honeycomb paving on the new access roads; more tables between the trees to restrict parking; to extend and thicken the line of shrubs parallel to the main road to restrict vehicular access; provide kerbing on the north side of the easement road for school traffic; extend the "dish" kerbing on the eastern side of main road northwards and consider resiting the children's playground.⁴ A plan, including the relocation of the playground and the addition of a turning circle was agreed to and sent to the Shire Clerk for comment.⁵

Agreed that log fences should be erected to prevent cars entering by the south end of the church hall.⁶ Village green was top dressed and a barrier was erected at the south-east corner.⁷

- 1981 The memorial gateway was in need of repair. A Sly undertook the work with others generously providing welding and materials. In all \$106.34 was spent.⁸

A public meeting was held on 31 August 1981 to discuss proposals for the restoration and development of the Montville Village green. M Sly explained that the Green was originally where the bullock teams were rested. Then it was the school playground as the present school playground was a paddock for the children's horses which they rode to school. The meeting resolved that *the people of Montville endeavour as far as possible to restore and preserve the Village Green.*⁹

The main suggestions were the enclosure of the central portion of the Green by the Council to prevent vehicle entry; that the entry from the main road to the

buildings on the north side of the green be rerouted northwards; that the council review parking and provide adequate facilities; low-set log barriers be erected and that the Council restore the grass on the Green and the amenity of the Green as a whole.¹⁰ Concern over the health of the memorial trees prompted a suggestion that an expert from the Department of Primary Industries should examine the trees.

- 1982 Logs installed along edge of green
- 1983 Planting of shrubs on Village Green to include a camellia shrub in memory of long-time Montville resident and gardening authority, Byram Watkins, who had recently passed away.¹¹ Planting took place in July.¹²
- Renovation of Village Green Toilet.¹³
- 1984 Two new flag poles were presented and set-up by the Palmwoods Lions Club and a State Flag and portrait of Queen Elizabeth II was presented by Mr Gordon Simpson, MLA.
Alan Sly secured donations from the RSL for the Honour Board and renovation of the memorial gates.
- A new pump was installed on the tank on the Green. Village green shrubs and garden beds were planted.
Parallel parking was established on the access drive to the hall¹⁴
- 1985 Maleny Rotary Club erect notice board on Village Green to advertise functions in the hall and on the Green.¹⁵
- 1986 A wheelchair accessible pedestal installed in Ladies public toilet.¹⁶
- 1987 Tables provided on Village Green and three “Old English Gaslights” (electric) installed. Brass plaque erected on light post to commemorate lights donated by the Dallas family and Alison and Jack Warren.¹⁷
- J Warren proposed erecting flagstaff on Village Green as this is the *focal point of Montville*¹⁸ Some opposition as there were already flagstaffs on the green. The proposal was modified to a “Jack Staff”¹⁹ It was a bi-centennial project.
- The area between the memorial gates and hall was paved.²⁰
After years of agitation money was set aside to build a new toilet block. The design would be sent to the Association for comment. Tenders to be called on 31 October 1987 and construction to commence December 1987 and end March 1988. Wooden post by Montville Hall removed and large log placed instead as cars keep knocking into them.²¹
Hall roof damaged by hail on 23 October

- 1988 New flagstaff commemorated on Australia Day 1988.
- The old toilets in the Village Green are to be refurbished and remain septic.
- The lane outside the hall was officially named Memorial Close²²
- 1991 Six new plaques were unveiled on the Ficus Benjamina trees in remembrance of the six Montville servicemen who lost their lives in WWI. They were unveiled on Anzac Day. The plaques were presented to the association by Alan Sly.²³
- 1994 White post erected in ground on east side of hall entrance mid-way between hall and memorial gates to stop people driving on pavers. Provided by Cr Schwabe.²⁴
- Urinal installed in toilet block.²⁵
- 2004 After many years of agitation by the MVA the Council upgraded the toilets across the road from the Village Square²⁶
- 2006 Gardens around memorial gates completely renovated in February with roses. Garden bed established along south eastern road frontage and along eastern side of hall to define and protect the hall precinct.

¹ Minutes of the School of Arts Committee, 26 August 1964

² Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 25 October 1976

³ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 30 June 1980

⁴ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 28 April 1980

⁵ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 26 May 1980

⁶ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 27 October 1980.

⁷ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 24 November 1980

⁸ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 30 March 1981.

⁹ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 31 August 1981

¹⁰ Minutes of Public Meeting, 31 August 1981.

¹¹ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 30 May 1983.

¹² Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 25 July 1983.

¹³ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 26 September 1983

¹⁴ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 24 September 1984

¹⁵ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 30 September 1985.

¹⁶ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 27 January 1986.

¹⁷ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 30 March 1987.

¹⁸ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 25 May 1987.

¹⁹ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 29 June 1987.

²⁰ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 28 September 1987.

²¹ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 28 September 1987.

²² Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 27 August 1989.

²³ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, Annual Report, 26 August 1991.

²⁴ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 25 July 1994.

²⁵ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, 12 September 1994.

²⁶ Minutes of the Montville Hall and Progress Association, AGM 30 August 2004.

