



**Memorial Fig Tree**  
Photo: Discover Eumundi Heritage & Visitor Information Centre, 2009.



Discover Eumundi Heritage & Visitor Information Centre in Eumundi's old Methodist Church.



**Setting up the Markets.**  
These innovative stilts were used to set up the market stalls.  
Photo: Discover Eumundi Heritage & Visitor Information Centre, 1999.

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### 'Did You Know' – intriguing facts about the Museum and its collection

- Did you know that the Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre is run by a community association which puts on the famous 'Original' Eumundi Markets every week. This year is the 30th anniversary and at the first market there were 3 stalls, 8 people visited and \$30 was taken! It has now grown to over 600 stalls with 1.6 million visitors per year. The museum has celebrated this achievement with a display of objects, photographs and anecdotes from the 30-year history of the markets.
- Did you know that the huge fig trees in the main street of Eumundi were planted in remembrance of the twenty fallen soldiers from the district who perished during the First World War? These glorious trees are considered a living war memorial. They have been heritage listed and will feature in the museum's future public programs.
- The Museum has in its collection a Springboard, made from local red cedar, now quite rare, around the 1940s by reknowned tree-feller and resident Dick Caplick. Caplick was born in 1893. He enlisted in the army and fought in World War I in Belgium. He worked as a timber getter, in the Eumundi Butter Factory and as a banana farmer. But what he is most remembered for is his skill as a tree-feller. The legend of Dick Caplick continues to grow since his death, and the township's main park in Memorial Drive is named after him.
- The Estey Bellows Organ and Stool, displayed at the Museum, were used by the St. George Anglican Church between the years 1912 – 1984. The Church, located in Eumundi's oldest residential street – Cook Street, is listed on the State Heritage Register (October 1992) and is recognised as holding heritage significance to the state and local community. Parishioners raised funds for The Estey which became a valuable and integral component of the Church.

### Our Profile

Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre is housed in the old Methodist Church and is one of the most visited museums on the Sunshine Coast with an estimated 10,000 visitors per year.

The museum displays start with its collection of Aboriginal artefacts. Significantly, two local Aboriginal groups, the Undambi and the Dalungbara, have given their agreement for the Eumundi Museum to be a keeping place for their artefacts.

Well designed and produced displays depict the area's natural and social history including early white settlement, development of the area and many industries such as timber getting, dairying, the railway and the hospital. Eumundi's world famous markets, established 1979, feature in the museum's contemporary history displays.

Discover Eumundi's extensive collection of historic photographs is accessible for family research and reference. Over 3,500 photos capture the natural, social and commercial environment of Eumundi and surrounding districts from the 1880s to the present.

### What the Standards Program has meant for our Museum

#### Increased feeling of ownership of Discover Eumundi by volunteers

Volunteers now have a better understanding of museum practices and an increased motivation to be more involved in all levels in the day to day running of the museum and the management of the collection.

#### Greater awareness of the importance of museum policies and procedures

Involvement in the Standards Programme has emphasised to our museum staff, volunteers and stakeholders the need to update all museum forms, policies and procedures regularly and to implement them properly.