



GREENMOUNT HISTORIC HOMESTEAD – OPENING PANDORA’S BOX

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

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YESTERDAY



Vida Cook



Albert Cook

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Samuel Wellington Cook



John Cook and Family

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Alfred Cook



Greenmount under construction



Albert, Tom, John, Althea

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Dorothy Cook – January 1950

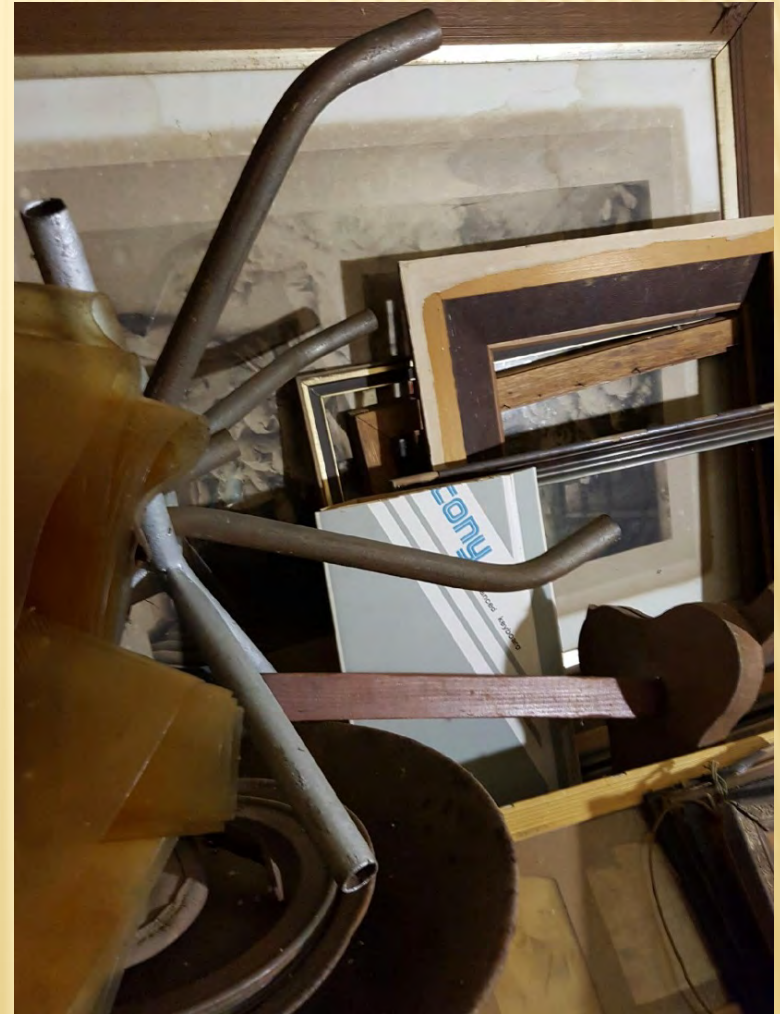


Tom and Dorothy Cook

TODAY

- ✘ Telling new stories – lifting the lid
 - + In many respects, the Greenmount “story” has been told in the same way for over 30 years
 - + In 2016 volunteers discovered a “lost” loft collection at Greenmount that had been hidden from public view for many years
 - + This collection has allowed us to start to tell new stories and to provide contributions to other collections – for example the Mackay Cyclone 100 year display in January 2018 which was a collaborative display between 4 local historical centres

TODAY LOST IN THE LOFT



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TODAY

- ✘ Telling new stories – lifting the lid
 - + Our extended display area outside of the Homestead has not been updated for a number of years
 - + Over the last 3 years we have developed new displays in this space that showcase both Cook and wider local history
 - + In March 2018 we used the theme of International Women’s Day to create a display based on significant pioneering women from Mackay and the local district
 - + Greenmount volunteers have also contributed stories – Cook and Walkerston local – to monthly history features in the Mackay Mercury, since January 2017

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018



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TODAY - FACING CHALLENGES

- ✘ There are many
 - + Which box to open next? How do we decide what stories to tell
 - + Resistance to change
 - + Ownership and funding managing a lot with a little
 - + Ageing volunteers, lack of volunteers, and risk of burnout
 - + Moving with the times – making history relevant for today and tomorrow

TOMORROW



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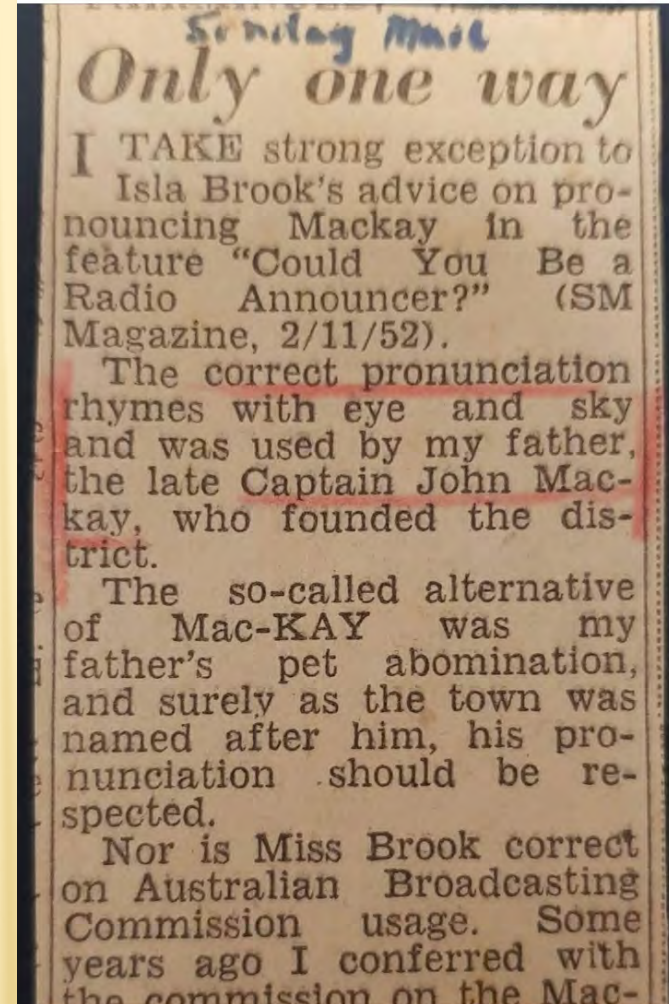
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Over the last few week some of our visitors have asked how the city of Mackay should be pronounced. Hopefully this will answer that question. This cutting was saved by Tom Cook in 1952.



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GREENMOUNT VOLUNTEERS



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DISPLAYS FOR 2019 AND BEYOND



- John Cook Display
- Pioneering woman display
- Building links with other groups for collaborative displays

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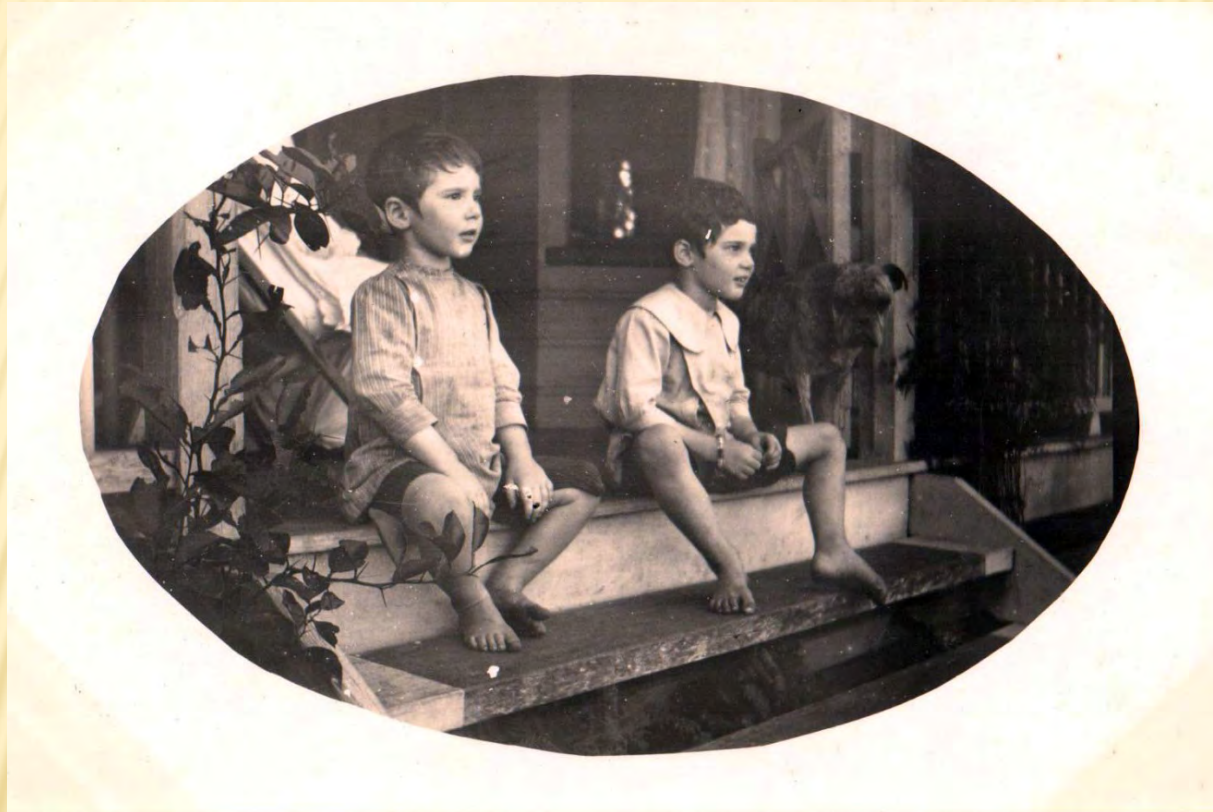


BUILDING COMMUNITY LINKS

- ✘ Engage
- ✘ Build relationships with the community
- ✘ Schools, business, local government

“To make Greenmount a place for the community to use, to be proud of, and to be involved in”

THANKYOU FOR YOUR TIME



Tom and John Cook,
c1915

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