



Campbell's Store c. 1933. Photographer: Vera Campbell (nee Huet). Image courtesy: Bribie Island Historical Society.

BONGAREE TRAIL

Campbell's Boat Shed and Cash Store

This creek was originally known as Campbell Creek. It was named for a family that played a key role in servicing Bribie's early visitors and the growing settlement of Bongaree.

In 1905, Joe and Clara Campbell managed an extensive oyster farming operation on the Pumicestone Passage. After World War I, Joe and son Reg opened a boat shed on the creek near here, hiring out boats to campers. The creek was much larger at the time, providing a natural harbour.

In 1933, Reg married Vera Huet and they established Campbell's Cash Store. Reg and Vera's local knowledge of the best fishing spots, bait and tackle was much in demand and freely shared with their customers. Campbell's Cash Store remained the heart and hub of South Esplanade and the Bongaree community until the mid 1960s.

The Campbells also operated a popular oyster kiosk near the Steamship Company Jetty – so visitors could fill up or stock up for the trip back to Brisbane. Today, there are lots of places along the esplanade here where you can enjoy the local catch of the day.

Coincidentally, it was another Campbell – George P Campbell – who played a major part in developing the early steamship services and accommodation that would see Bribie become one of the most popular destinations in Australia, receiving up to 5000 visitors each week. Campbell Street here in Bongaree is named for George.



See where you can hire a boat on Bribie

Campbell's Boat Shed is no longer here, but there are plenty of places to hire a tinny, barbecue boat, paddleboard, kayak, catamaran or fishing boat.



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Feature Over Flight and other waders at Buckley's Hole Conservation Park. Photo by: Alan Mitchell. Bribie Island Seaside Museum.

BONGAREE TRAIL

A birdwatcher's paradise

Bribie is world-renowned for its wonderful natural environment. In 1921, the island was declared a wildlife sanctuary. Today, much of the coastal fringe and all of the surrounding waters are protected under the *Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance*.

From September each year, thousands of migratory shorebirds arrive in the region from as far afield as Siberia and Alaska. Species such as Bar-tailed Godwits, Eastern Curlews and Red-necked Stints come to escape the northern winter, setting off again for the northern summer breeding season from March.

Resident waders – such as Australian Pied Oystercatchers and Red-capped Plovers – can be seen on local beaches throughout the year. Native ducks – including Chestnut Teals and the occasional Shoveler – can be seen at wetlands. If you have a keen eye, you may even spy a Black-necked Stork or Glossy Ibis.

One of the best places to experience Bribie birdlife is *Buckley's Hole Conservation Park* – about 650 metres further along from here. This 88-hectare site comprises a freshwater lagoon, bird hide, forest and beach. Some 290 bird species have been recorded here, rivalling Kakadu.

According to local legend, a fisherman named Sam Buckley favoured a pocket of deep water offshore from here. This area, along with the lagoon, came to be collectively known as 'Buckley's Hole'.

Back 240m Bribie Island Seaside Museum

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Buckley's Hole Conservation Park can be accessed via The Boulevard or Red Beach Road. You can also walk along the beach from here – but you can't take your dog. To protect wildlife, dogs are not permitted in the park or past this point.

Discover the many birds of Bribie



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Taking the boats for a fishing competition c. 1956. Image courtesy: Amateur Fishermen's Association of Queensland and Barry Clark, Bribie Island Historical Society.

BONGAREE TRAIL

Amateur Fishermen's Association of Queensland

The Amateur Fishermen's Association of Queensland is one of the longest running organisations of its kind in Australia. It was established in 1904, when around 100 concerned local anglers lobbied the Queensland Government to regulate fishing practices due to widely reported declines in fish numbers.

This led to the establishment of rules and regulations around fish species size, catch limits, seasons and equipment used for both recreational and commercial fishing – to protect fish stocks, prevent overfishing and safeguard the fishing tradition.

AFAQ members reported the catching of undersized fish and inappropriate netting practices to the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Stock.

The members collected, identified and preserved specimens of fish from Moreton Bay to document and monitor fish stocks. The collection today comprises more than 300 specimens, a selection of which is often on display at the Bribie Island Seaside Museum.

If you walk a further 100 metres from here past the end of the esplanade, you can see the original clubhouse and museum – J Douglas Ogilby Cottage, built in 1925, which remains the AFAQ headquarters. A prime, absolute waterfront location and a top fishing spot!

The clubhouse was named in memory of ichthyologist James Douglas Ogilby who worked at the Queensland Museum and curated the AFAQ's early collections of specimens, books and memorabilia.



"For a long while it had been apparent to anglers that fishing was not what it used to be. Years ago anglers could go out with a certainty of catching fish, but this was not the case now."

Mr WJ Johnson,
Brisbane Snapper Club, 1904

Discover Bribie's favourite fishing spots



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