**Essays on Mount Crosby - The Mount Crosby Corner**

If you ask an old resident of Mount Crosby about "the corner" they will certainly understand you to mean the intersection of Stumers Road with Mount Crosby Road near the bowling club. And though, in their day, the corner was often named after the worker living in the Board's corner house (e.g. Barclay's corner, Woolley's corner etc), the mere mention of the corner is enough for them to know exactly where you mean.

At the corner today there is an un-named park that was, before there were any Board houses at the top of town, an extension of the Board's paddocks that rose from the pumping station up the sides of all the nearby hills. In that paddock the Board kept their horses, including (after 1913) the strong shire horses that hauled railway coal wagons across the bridge and up to the pumping station. When an electric engine replaced the shire horses, and motor vehicles replaced the Board's other horses as the preferred means of communicating with Ipswich and Brisbane, the Board's successor (Brisbane City Council) used the un-named park as the site for a noisy gravel crushing plant, spectacularly unpopular with local shift workers and washers of cloth.

The park also provided the first entrance roadway to the Mount Crosby Bowls Club when it was established in 1955. If you look carefully you will still be able to see the terrace of the old road bending down from the corner (at first beside Stumers Road then curving past the big rubber tree and into the parking lot of the club).

In any case, the corner is a place of happy memories for those who knew it as "where I'll meet you" or "I'll see you there".

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