

# Bungara Heritage Trail

Welcome to the Bungara Heritage Trail. This heritage trail provides a link between Gordonvale and Greenpatch. Along the trail you will find interpretive signs that provide information about the rich cultural, social and built history of this area.

This heritage trail is named after Malanbarra Elder Bungara, also known as Darby Greenwood or Darby Russ. Born around 1890 in the Goldsborough area, Bungara was fostered by Mr and Mrs Ned Russ as an initiated 14 year old, and grew up with them in the area known as Darby's Hill on the old Greenwoods Farm. Here he was employed as a house boy by the Greenwoods.

Bungara remained at the Greenwoods farm for about 14 years, working and raising his growing family. He was well known around Gordonvale, particularly for working the horse drawn plough.

He would later move to Griffins farm near the intersection of the Bruce Highway with the north side of the Mulgrave River, before moving in with his daughter Alice in his senior years. Highly respected in the community, he passed in 1965. Many of his descendants still live in the district.

Most of all, Bungara was a proud Yidinji man.



*This trail is also dedicated to all who are or have been on a cancer journey, with the support of the Gordonvale community.*

Further information about the places highlighted on the interpretive panels and other places of local significance can be found at the Settlers Museum, in Norman Park or at [www.dmyac.org](http://www.dmyac.org) and [www.cairns.qld.gov.au](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au).



*Wirth's circus had been visiting and performing in this region approximately every second year since late 1924. In 1939, Wirth's arrived in Gordonvale on the 4th of July. This time the circus included nine elephants. As was usual with visits to Gordonvale, the elephants were taken down to the Mulgrave River to cool off. Here they were photographed by Selina Hobbs who was staying with relatives while on a visit from England.*

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