

POST WAR LINK with THE LOCAL AREA

Ruth Allan

Ida Maria Axelsen

Ruby Davina May Brown

Annie Eveline Clarkson

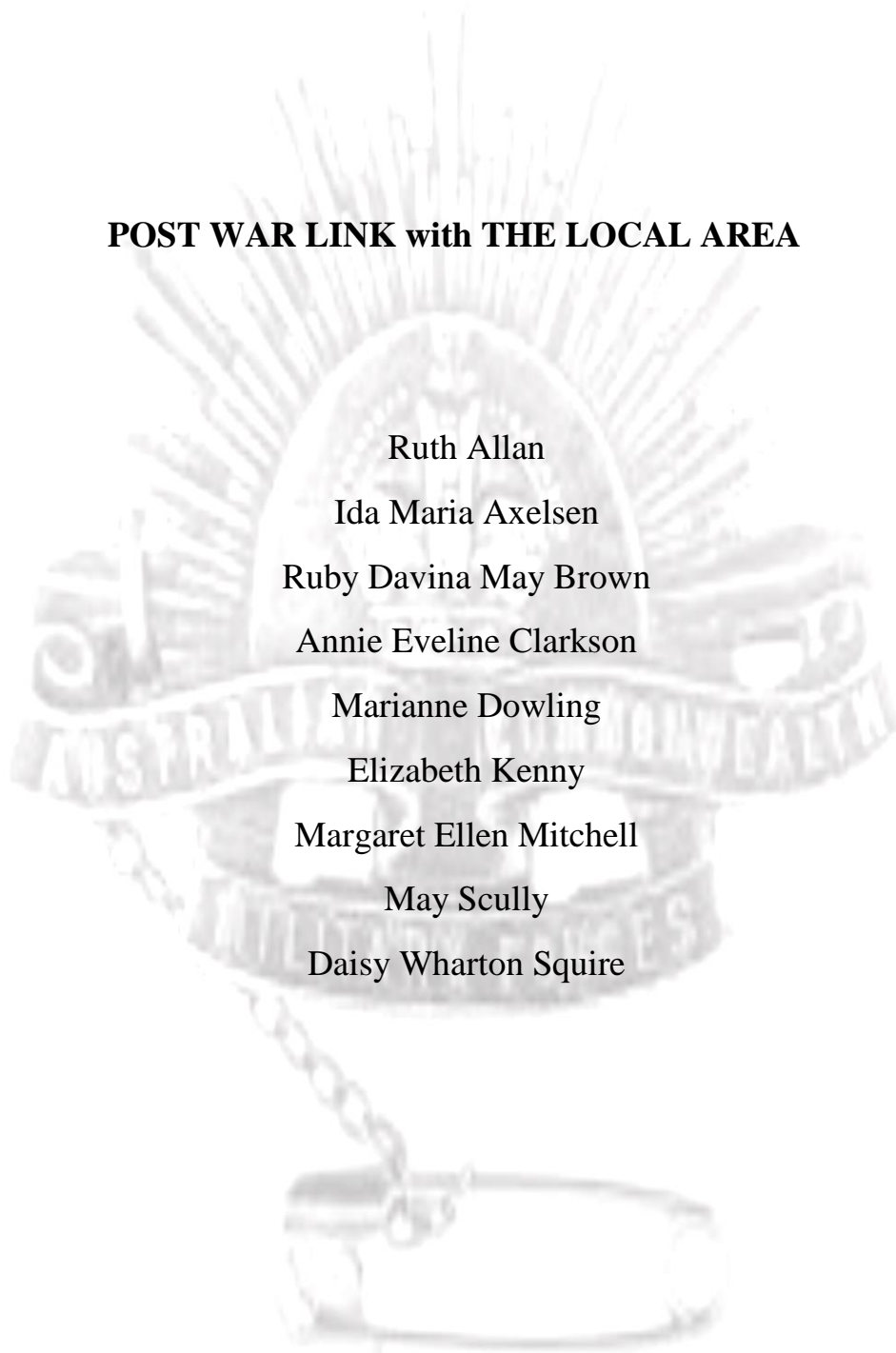
Marianne Dowling

Elizabeth Kenny

Margaret Ellen Mitchell

May Scully

Daisy Wharton Squire



Ruth ALLAN

Born: 1877 in Cooktown, North Queensland

General Nursing Training: Cairns Hospital

Enlistment Details: Aged 38 years

Detail from Embarkation Roll shows: Enlisted 3 November 1915

Rank on Enlistment – AANS Staff Nurse

Service Details:

Embarked 4 November 1915

Served Egypt, London and France

Returned to Australia 1 January 1920 on “Marathon”

Discharged as medically unfit

Post War:

After the war she continued nursing and was at the Rosemount Military Hospital for some time and became acting Matron of the Cairns District Hospital

Miss Allan was appointed Matron at the Emu Park Convalescent Home for 12 years until it closed in 1941 and the Rockhampton Benevolent Home for 18 months and was at one time Vice-President Emu Park C.W.A.

Several articles appearing in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin make mention of Matron Allan of the Emu Park Convalescent Home

The Central Queensland Herald, Thursday 2 May 1935, Page 20 reported her attendance at a function held by the Citizen's ANZAC Day Dinner Committee for 600 returned nurses, sailors and soldiers at the Palais Royal in Rockhampton

Miss Allan did not marry and died 12 August 1943 at Rockhampton and is buried at the South Brisbane Cemetery

Ida Maria AXELSON

Born: 1878 in Maryborough Queensland
Ida Axelson's five sisters were all trained nurses

General Nursing Training: Maryborough General Hospital
Women's Hospital Melbourne

Pre War; The Queensland Electoral Roll 1903 Records her as a nurse living in Walker Street. Maryborough
The Queensland Electoral Roll 1913 records as a nursing sister in Vulture Street, South Brisbane, the same address as her father and sister
Worked in a Child Health Centre Brisbane, Matron at St. Mary's Private Hospital and for 8 years as Nursing Sister at the Brisbane Central Mission

Enlistment Details: Aged 37 years
Detail from Embarkation Roll shows: Enlisted 12 June 1915
Rank on Enlistment AANS Sister

Service Details: Embarked 14 July 1915 on HMRT "Orsova"
An article in the British Journal of Nursing September 11, 1915 Page 21x records the arrival of the contingent of nurses, including of Sister Axelson and as there were rumours of submarines off the English coast the "Orsova" was escorted up the Channel by two destroyers
Served aboard "Kanowna" making 9 voyages between Middle East and Australia. Returned to Australia 5 September 1918 on "Kanowna." Appointment terminated medically unfit 20 September 1918



Post War: Was Matron of St. Helen's Hospital Brisbane
Appointed Nursing Superintendent to the Westwood Sanatorium from its opening in August 1919 to August 1923
Her sister Clara who had worked for 22 years at the Diamantina Hospital Brisbane, joined her at Westwood Sanatorium
A photograph held in the Rockhampton Country Hospital Museum archive shows Superintendent Sister Axelson with Patients and nursing staff at Westwood Sanatorium taken in the early 1920s
The Queensland Electoral Roll 1934 records her as a nurse living with her father at Windsor Terrace, Brisbane
Did not marry.
Died 1967 in Queensland.

Photograph from the Australian War Memorial

Ruby Davina Mary BROWN

Born: 1877 in Brisbane, Queensland

General Nursing Training: unknown

Pre War: Private nursing in Brisbane

Enlistment Details: Aged 39
Detail from Embarkation Roll shows: Enlisted 17 August 1917
Rank on Enlistment from Nominal Role AANS Sister

Service Details: Embarked from Sydney 29 December 1916 on MHAT A32 "Themistocles"
Served in Salonika and England
Promoted to Sister 21 April 1919
Returned to Australia 22 September 1919 on "Argylshire"
Appointment terminated 1 November 1919

Post War: Appointed Nurse in Charge of Rockhampton Baby Clinic 1929
Matron in Charge of Rockhampton Baby Clinic 1943

Did not marry
Resided at "Wyuna" Bowen Terrace, Brisbane
Died 22 October 1947 at Tugan Queensland

Annie Eveline CLARKSON

Kangaroo Point Military Hospital, Qld.

Born 12 November 1888 in Qld.

Daughter of James SMITH and Mary/Margaret nee POULSEN

Died August 1954

Morning Bulletin Saturday 17 May 1930 page 13

Miss A. E. Clarkson, of Maclean, New South Wales, who has been **appointed Matron of the Mt, Morgan Hospital**, has a varied career as a nurse. She **served with the A.I.F.** at the fronts "had experience in Tower Clarence Hospital, Enoggera, and Inverell Hospital. Her credentials are of the highest. The committee considers itself very fortunate in securing the services of one so qualified.

Townsville Daily Bulletin Tuesday 10 August 1954 page 2

Nurse Passes

BRISBANE. August 9. — The cremation of Miss A. E. Clarkson, matron of many Queensland country hospitals took place in Brisbane this afternoon. The deceased, who was a member of a well-known Warwick family, died suddenly at Nanango, where she had recently taken charge of the Nanango Hospital. The late Miss Clarkson **served at the Kangaroo Point military hospital during the First World War, and later was matron at Mount Morgan, Cloncurry, Mount Perry, Tambo, Eidsvold, Texas and Taroom.**

Marianne DOWLING

Born: 1885 in Yaamba, Queensland

General Nursing Training: Brisbane General Hospital

Enlistment Details: Aged 30 years

Detail from Embarkation Roll shows:

Enlisted 14 September 1916

Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

Was working at Rosemount Hospital, Brisbane, when she offered her services for active service.

Service Details:

Embarked 16 September 1916 from Sydney on RMS "Kashgar"

Served in Victoria War Hospital India 1916 then British General Hospital in Salonika

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Returned to Australia 6 September 1919

Post War:

Discharged as medically unfit 24 December 1919

Midwifery Training at Bundaberg Hospital 18/02/1925

Matron of the Gladstone District Hospital and at the Yeppoon Hospital 1925-1939

Was succeeded at Yeppoon Hospital by Matron Catherine Annie Toft (ex AANS) 1939- 1951

The Central Queensland Herald Thursday 19 November 1936 recorded her attendance at a Rotary Luncheon in Rockhampton to commemorate Armistice Day

Died in a private hospital in Sydney 14 October 1939



Sister Marianne Dowling

<http://www.aans.gravesecrets.net/mca-mcn.html>

Elizabeth KENNY

Born: 20 September 1880 in Warialda N.S.W

General Nursing Training: No record of her undertaking formal training as a Registered Nurse has been found, however several stories claim she lived in Guyra, New South Wales in 1907 and while there received basic nursing training from a local midwife

In an article in The Australian Women's Register, it is reported that Elizabeth Kenny never completed any nursing training or registered as a nurse

Pre War: Miss Kenny claimed in her 1943 autobiography (co-authored by Martha Ostenso) that she treated her first cases of infantile paralysis in 1910 while working alone as a bush nurse in the Clifton district, Queensland

Enlistment Details: Enlisted 30 May 1915
Rank on Enlistment Staff Nurse

Service Details: Detail from Embarkation Roll shows

Embarked 19 December 1916
Promoted to Sister 1 November 1917

Served on "Dark Ships" transports that ran with all lights off between Australia and England carrying war goods and soldiers one way, and wounded soldiers and trade goods on the return voyage and made between 12 and 15 round trips between Australia and Great Brittan
Appointment terminated 28 March 1919

Post War: Despite considerable controversy during the 1930s and 1940s with the medical profession over her methods for treating patients with "Infantile Paralysis" later called Poliomyelitis, Sister Kenny gained considerable recognition in Australia, establishing several clinics throughout the country including Brisbane and at the Rockhampton Hospital



In 1935 Queensland Government called a Royal Commission of doctors to examine her treatments which reported against her in 1938

In 1940 Sister Kenny and her adopted daughter, Mary, who had become an expert in Kenny's method, moved to the United States to present her controversial polio treatment to doctors and although not well received when first arriving she became famous in America

Returning to Australia the Sister Kenny Rehabilitative Institute was set up in 1942 and she continued for many years to treat patients with Poliomyelitis

She developed Parkinson's Disease and died 30 November 1952 in Toowoomba Queensland and was buried beside her mother in Nobby cemetery

Margaret Ellen MITCHELL

- Born:** Rockhampton, Queensland
- General Nursing Training:** Bundaberg General Hospital
- Pre War:** Deputy Matron Rockhampton General Hospital until her enlistment
- Enlistment Details:** Aged 37 years
Detail from Embarkation Roll shows: Enlisted 20 July 1916
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse
- Service Details:** Embarked 19 August 1916 from Melbourne on "KarooLa"
Served in Egypt
Returned to Australia 19 February 1917 on "KarooLa"
Appointment Terminated 9 May 1917 as medically unfit
- Post War:** Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Thursday 1 July 1926 Page 8 reported Matron Mitchell's nomination as Matron of the Rockhampton Hospital was carried unanimously by the Hospital's Board
- Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Tuesday 5 October 1926 Page 8 reported the Sydney Bulletin saying:
A chariot of Gold: The wattle decorated car appeared and carried Nurse Mitchell on the first leg of her journey from Hobart to Rockhampton
- For six years this sympathetic ex-war nurse had been in charge of the Sanatorium for Consumptives in Hobart, and when she was leaving the patients, they hung her motor with wattle, the emblem under which funds were raised for the chalets
Rockhampton General Hospital now claims the heroine as its Matron
- Rockhampton Morning Bulletin Friday 22 July 1927 reported The Internal Management Committee of the General Hospital expressed it was with much regret that the Committee accepted her resignation to become effective from 31 July 1927
- Several articles appeared in the Morning Bulletin describing a series of presentations to Matron Mitchell including a farewell afternoon tea held in Kirby's Café by the Rockhampton Hospital's Board where she received a cheque, the equivalent of extra holiday pay
- Another article described an enjoyable social function held in the new nurse's quarters where the President of the Hospital's Board, Mr. T.H. Renshaw on behalf of the medical officer, nursing staff and friends, presented her with a travelling rug, diamond brooch, gold thimble and gold wristband
- Died in Townsville and buried in Bundaberg as Mrs. H.G. Pass 1948

The golden wattle was unofficially accepted as the national floral emblem to mark Federation in 1901



May SCULLY

Born: Belfast, Ireland

General Nursing Training: Reported to be Charters Towers Hospital, Queensland

Pre War: In an article at the time of her retirement in 1935 it was reported in The Australian Women's Weekly (1933 - 1982) Saturday 6 July 1935 Page 21

“Miss Sully Notable Queensland Nurse to Retire Matron Scully trained at Charters Towers and served as matron at Richmond and Gladstone before the war”

The Rockhampton Morning Bulletin on Thursday 5 June 1913 reported that Matron Herbertson halted overnight in Gladstone as a guest of Miss Scully who was Matron of the Gladstone Hospital”

Enlistment Details: Aged 34 years

Detail from Embarkation Roll shows: Enlisted 11 November 1914

Rank at Enlistment AANS Sister

Service Details: Embarked 21 December 1914 from Brisbane on “Kyarra”

Served in Egypt

Returned to Australia August 1916 on duty for transport duties on Hospital Ship “Euripides”

Appointment Terminated 27 August 1916

POST WAR: Matron Enoggera Hospital and later Rosemount Hospital Brisbane

Appointed Nursing Superintendent Westwood Sanatorium in 1923 and her farewell was held on 9 July 1935

A photograph held in The Country Hospital Museum archive and printed in the ACHHA Newsletter April 2012 Page 4 shows Matron Scully with nursing staff at the Westwood Sanatorium in 1932



The photograph shows nursing staff at the Westwood Sanatorium in 1932.

Matron Scully Back row 4TH from left

Daisy Wharton SQUIRE

Born: 17 October 1892 in Springsure, Queensland

General Nursing Training: Brisbane General Hospital
Passed final examination 21 February 1916

Enlistment Details: Aged 24
Detail from Embarkation Roll shows Enlisted 2 June 1917
Rank on Enlistment AANS Staff Nurse

Service Details: Embarked from Sydney 9 June 1917 on RMS "Mooltan"
Served in Salonika
Returned to Australia 6 March 1920 on "Megatic"
Appointment terminated 6 April 1920

Post War: Certificate from Mayor of Rockhampton, Mr. Hartley on behalf of Citizens of Rockhampton for her "Services you have so nobly rendered in this the most cruel of all Wars" The Great War

The Brisbane Courier Mail Thursday 4 September 1941 Page 3 reported "Electrocution of a Soldier still a mystery" This related to the manner in which a returned soldier died while receiving treatment with a diathermy machine at the Brisbane General Hospital. Daisy Wharton Squire had been temporarily in charge of the massage department

In a story from the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre, Longreach, Queensland, on the life of her Mother, Mrs. Eliza Jane Squire, it was reported Mrs Squire had been living with her daughter Daisy at the time of her death in 1954 in Brisbane

The Mt Thompson Memorial Gardens, Brisbane records the death of Daisy Wharton Squire as Passed away on 1 March 1975

Aged 83 years