

The P.E.I. Days - tents on oval

The men employed by the P.E.I (Public Estates Improvement) Branch of the Lands Department were responsible for the creating and upgrading of all the roads on the range from approximately 1929 to 1938 – 41

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Some local folk referred to the P.E.I as the Peaceful Engineering Institute

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This is not the correct name yet portrays quite well the essence of the work, as it was really like a peace time army of men

These men were given employment in depression times towards a worthy cause. Similar work was carried out in other parts of Qld, especially in the ranges further north, opening up the country for logging and farming ventures.

Eungella PEI Tent Houses 1938



Photo over looking North street and where the oval is now.
The Eungella General Store is up the hill to the right.

Several hundred men were initially camped here.
Later on camps were established up Dalrymple Rd and at Crediton as the roads in those areas progressed.

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