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FADDEN MEMORIAL

The Sir Arthur Fadden Memorial Garden at Mt. Ommanney was officially opened on July 9th by Lady Fadden.

The \$35,000 garden complex of two hectares was donated to the Brisbane City Council by Hooker Centenary Pty. Ltd.

In his opening speech Mr. Peter Lightfoot, General Manager of Hooker Centenary welcomed the official guests among whom were Lady Fadden and members of her family. The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Frank Sleeman, The Vice Mayor, Alderman Ray Lynch, Alderman Gordon Thomson, Sir Reginald McAlister and Mr. J. K. Campbell, Chairman of the Hooker Corporation.

Mr. Lightfoot then said that the Memorial Garden which was only recently planted consisted of over 3,000 advanced trees, plants, small shrubs, creepers and ground cover. They ranged from the fine large palm which was transplanted to the site, and include Jacarandas, Illawarra Flames, Albizzias, Pinas, Wilsonii, Poplars, Bottle Brush, and Calaphers. The bases for the signs were of Mt. Cootha Blue Stone topped with slate and the signs themselves were carved in Helvetica capitals from Maleny Tallowwood.

The Electricity Department of the Brisbane City Council has designed a most attractive lighting system around the Garden area and for this Mr. Lightfoot acknowledged his gratitude to our Ward Alderman, Alderman Gordon Thomson. He went on to say that he felt confident that the Garden when named by Lady Fadden would perpetuate Sir Arthur's memory in a way he would have liked.

A nostalgic note was introduced with the replaying of an anecdote of Sir Arthur's which he told at the opening of the Centenary Bridge in 1964.

Sir Arthur said on that occasion "Before concluding I notice that the pair of scissors used to open this Bridge, this ribbon, remind me of an occasion when Lady Fadden and myself were in New Delhi — at your expense of course — as far as I was concerned — she paid her own — but that was the last occasion where I was the recipient of such generosity from the people of Australia, but be that as it may I was privileged to hand over on behalf of the Commonwealth Government of Australia under the Colombo Plan, railway carriages and a train in New Delhi, and Lady Fadden was honoured by being asked to perform the opening ceremony of cutting the ribbon across the line.

Well they gave her a pair of gold scissors and impressed upon her in the presentation that they were hers.

Being left handed like myself she took off her glove, put the glove down, picked up the scissors, cut the ribbon, put down the scissors, picked up the glove, put it on and we have never seen the scissors since.

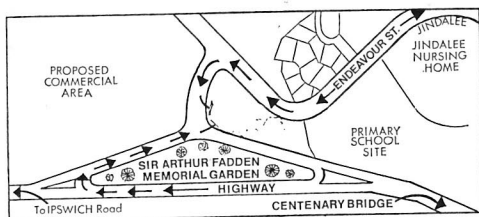
There was great consternation all around the ridges, the police and the security service and everybody, and the only conclusion that I can come to was that as India is famous for sword swallowers, somebody swallowed the scissors."

On the occasion of the opening of the Sir Arthur Fadden Memorial Garden, Lady Fadden was again presented with a pair of gold scissors to cut the ribbon which had been placed in front of the platform amongst many attractive ferns and trees which were later planted. In her speech Lady Fadden said she and her family were delighted with the fine expanse of garden which she had been told was seen by 20,000 passing motorists each day. She also expressed the wish that the garden would thrive and not be damaged by irresponsible people.

Mr. J. K. Campbell, Chairman of the Hooker Corporation commented that it seemed most fitting that the Garden be named after Sir Arthur Fadden who served with distinction on the Corporation Board for some 12 years after his retirement from politics and was the first and only chairman of Centenary Estates Limited when it was a public company from 1961 to 1967. He then invited Lord Mayor Alderman Frank Sleeman to accept a Notice of Handover of the Garden which is to belong to the Brisbane City Council in perpetuity although Hooker Centenary has agreed to maintain the area at least until 1980.

Alderman Sleeman commented very favourably on the Memorial Garden and on the Centenary Set of Suburbs generally. He also stated he had much pleasure in accepting the Garden.

Sir Reginald McAlister then moved a vote of thanks to Lady Fadden and the Lord Mayor and also conveyed the apologies of Hon. Sir Francis Nicklin who was unable to attend the ceremony due to ill health. Sir Reginald then accepted, on behalf of Sir Francis, a framed photo of the garden as a memento of the occasion.



LOCATION MAP

Regular users of Centenary Highway will be well aware of the location of the Sir Arthur Fadden Memorial Garden. For those readers who may have missed the Garden as they drove past, the location map above will be helpful.



Lady Fadden assisted by Mr. Peter Lightfoot, General Manager of Hooker Centenary Pty. Ltd., cuts the ribbon to officially open the Sir Arthur Fadden Memorial Garden.

TUMBLING

The young people's feature this month is on Tumbling. Classes in this activity are held by Y West.

Tumbling like gymnastics, has become an international sport and recreation. The technique and basis of tumbling has been formulated over the years by leading European exponents and teachers so that today tumbling is admired and practiced in most countries of the world. Tumbling is considered by some people the most creative of all sports as emphasis is placed on self-expression, control and balance. Tumbling is the art of performing various body manoeuvres, twists and somersaults on the ground without the aid of any apparatus. The Russians have perfected this art and for many years have been the overall champion tumblers of the world. Tumbling can be taught from a very early age and it helps to co-ordinate and strengthen the young body. It is not a highly competitive sport like gymnastics as more emphasis is placed on mental awareness and flexibility rather than on competing. Props such as hoops, scarves and sticks are used to the full extent.

Tumbling shares a common ancestry with gymnastics, and the two have always been closely associated because of the similarity in movements and positions. However tumbling enjoyed status apart from gymnastics during the medieval period when it constituted an important activity of knighthood. Somewhat later it came to be closely identified with circus stunt work.

The stunts in tumbling and rebound tumbling, like gymnastics, are built on a series of movements executed in a sequence. Tumbling is performed on mats without the use of apparatus. The mats on which tumbling is performed are two inches thick; their width and length vary. Some stunts can be done on an individual mat which is 6 by 8 feet; other require a mat as long as 60 feet.

Tumbling classes for boys and girls aged four to eight years are held by Y-West each Friday afternoon from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Hall in Burrendah Road, Jindalee.

WALK FOR CHARITY

Thirty girls from Oxley High School recently decided that as a special project they would raise money for Leukaemia Research and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. With their teacher's support they contacted Mr. Keith Ledger, President of the Lions Leukaemia Foundation and also Dr. Olsen who is on the advisory panel of the Foundation. Dr. Olsen visited the school and gave the girls a talk on Leukaemia.

It was then decided by the girls, all of whom are in class 10C1 to hold a three legged walkathon from Oxley to 4BC. When 4BC personalities Peter Dick and Garry Supraim heard of their plans they decided to walk with them much to the girls' pleasure.

The walkathon was most successful, the girls were met at 4BC by Mr. Spero Dragonas of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. The sum of approx. \$1000 was raised and the proceeds will go to both charities.

The day finished on a festive note with a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Sams of Jindalee who are parents of one of the girls who participated in the walkathon.