Service sparks memory

DRIVING rain which felt like needles is one memory Mackay woman Josephine Smart has of the 1918 cyclone.

Mrs Smart, 88, was eight-years-old when the cyclone and tidal surge caused havoc in Mackay.

She remembers leaving the family home in the Cremorne area.

"We had to get out of it ... We went across to Bundaberg to start friends before moving," she said.

She and other family members made their way to a house in a paddock, but does remember the rain and wind.

"The rain was like needles going into the wind," she said.

After the cyclone, the family stayed with friends before moving to Bundaberg to start over again. They returned to Mackay about five years later.

Memorial lists deaths in big blow

By MARK SLEEMAN

A MACKAY man who lost six family members in the 1918 cyclone joined Mayor Cr Julie Boyd, centre, and Eileen and Tom Welche, who lost six family members in the cyclone.

At the unveiling of a memorial commemorating the 80th anniversary of Mackay's 1918 cyclone are Mayor Cr Julie Boyd, centre, and Eileen and Tom Welche, who lost six family members in the cyclone.

THE unsolved murders of two Bowen residents will get national publicity on the television program Australia's Most Wanted later this month.

Homicide Squad detectives said yesterday.

Investigations into the murder of former Bowen Shire councillor and retired high school teacher Herbert Edward Murray, 73, centred on his missing car, which could be anywhere in Australia, Detective Senior Sergeant Noel Powers of the Homicide Squad said.

"Australia's Most Wanted will be here in Bowen on February 4 and 5 and their program returns to air in late February. We hope our case will feature in their first episode," Det Powers said.

"I've got no doubt that it will generate a bit of interest and maybe lead to a breakthrough," he said.

Police have used an extensive media campaign, and even a case profile on the internet, in the nationwide hunt for Mr Murray's car.

Mr Murray's body was found in a rural house outside Bowen on November 13. He had been shot. The former councillor and maths and swimming teacher, had retired to train race horses as a hobby.

His missing vehicle is a 1990 blue Commodore sedan, registration number AQ613FT.

The television program also was expected to feature the murder of Daian Mary Angwin, 59, who was stabbed to death by an intruder in her Leichhardt Street flat in Bowen about 1 am on December 14.

Investigations into Ms Angwin's death have centred around local residents. Anyone with information about either death can telephone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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