Unsung Hero

William C. Weir

26 Years as Town Clerk at Mackay City Council
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Introduced electric lighting to Mackay in 1925
- Established the Mackay Airport in 1930
- Construction of city's sewerage system in mid 1930's
- Served as Mayor after the 1918 cyclone and played a major role in the city's reconstruction
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

• Appointed City Administrator after council was sacked in 1934
• Captain of Mackay Cricket team
• Founded the Mackay Tennis Club
• Assisted in the formation of the Mackay Golf Club.
SIR ARTHUR FADDEN

LAST CITIZEN TO BE KNIGHTED BY
KING GEORGE VI – 1952
Achievements:

• Served as Prime Minister for 40 days in August-September 1941 following the resignation of Robert Menzies

• Elected State Member for seat of Kennedy in 1932
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Elected Federal Member for Darling Downs in 1936
- Federal Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer.
George Moore

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED JOCKEY
1923 - 2008.
Achievements:

- At 17 years of age, Moore won his first major race on Expressman in the 1940 Doomben Newmarket
- Won the Sydney Jockeys Premiership 10 times
- Won the 1967 English Derby on Royal Palace
Achivements:

- Won the French Derby and the Grand Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe
- Was a successful trainer in Hong Kong.
George Wallace

VAUDEVILLE & FILM STAR 1895 - 1960
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Left a job at Pleystowe Mill in 1914 to become a Vaudeville and Film star. Labelled “one of greatest comedians and stars of the Vaudeville stage”
- Major comedy role in 1933 Australian musical ‘Collitt’s Inn’
- Starred in Cinesound comedies
- ‘Let George Do It’ in 1938
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

- ‘Gone to the Dogs’ in 1939
- His dancing routines featured in all of his films
- He wrote additional lyrics for Collitt’s Inn and wrote the popular wartime hit ‘A Brown Slouch Hat’
- Respected artist - sketches featured in the Tivoli.
William Albert Amiet
AUSTRALIAN WRITER & BARRISTER
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- One part of the Macrossan & Amiet legal firm
- Brilliant scholar, graduating in 1912 from Melbourne University
- Served 26 battalion AIF in France in WWI from 1916 - 1919
- During WWII acted for a time as Northern Command Intelligence Officer in Mackay
- President Mackay RSL for six years
AchEvements:

• Foundation President of Mackay Rotary Club in 1925
• Chairman Mackay Show Association
• Chairman Mackay Ambulance Committee
• Authority on literature, astronomy and author of several books
• Treasurer for Mackay District Country party for over 30 years.
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Charles Frederick Bagley

1883 – 1949
BACKGROUND:

- Educated at Eton State School and Mackay Boys State School, Rockhampton Grammar School
- Principal of J Michelmore and Sons - his father a financial backer of the firm
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Foundation Director of Mackay Tours in the city
- Founder of Suburban Bowls Club
- Chair of Mackay Harbour Board from opening in 1932 - 19 years
- Member of Mackay Ambulance Committee for 27 years.
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HAROLD VIVIAN MARSH BROWN

THE ARCHITECT OF MODERN MACKAY
BACKGROUND:

- First to establish an architectural practice in city
- Educated at Mackay Boys State School, Mackay State High School and Brisbane Technical College
ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Responsible for much of rebuilding of old Mackay from the 1930's
- At the height of his career, associated with about one third of the building projects in Mackay
- Own home at 14 Brisbane Street now occupied by a medical practice (beside the old Police Station)
- Retired in 1983.
Unsung Hero

Dr. Henry John Taylor, MBE

Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist 1898 - 1982
BACKGROUND:

- Eye, ear, nose and throat specialist - still practising at the time of his death in 1982
- Educated at Chelona State School, dux at Mackay State High School
AchEIVEMENTs:

- Studied Medicine at University of Sydney - graduated early 1923
- Medical Superintendent of Mackay District Hospital during World War II - remained a consultant for 40 years
- Family developed extensive property, theatre and hotel businesses (later known as the Taylor Estate)
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**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- His family pioneered the introduction of talking pictures (movies) to Mackay.
- Founder and chairman of the Mackay Hinterland Development league which facilitated coal development.
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Chair of Mackay Chamber of Commerce mid 1950’s – 1972 chaired the Mater Hospital Auxiliary for about 20 years

- He was very involved in the Catholic church always and had taken part in major ceremonies in Australia and Rome.
Dr. Annie Berry
1913 - 1998
BACKGROUND:

- Born in New Zealand in 1913
- Moved to Mackay in June 1942 during World War II

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- First woman to be Medical and Surgical Superintendent at Mackay Base Hospital - 1946
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Honoured by RSL for her work with soldiers during the war
- 1964 – awarded OBE for meritorious service to Mackay
- Hospital Ward at Mater Base Hospital carries her name
- Delivered high standard of care.
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Senator Ian Wood

1901 - 1992
BACKGROUND:

- Educated Mackay Boys State School
- Known as the “Cycling Senator”
- Opened his own travel agency
  *Ian Wood Travel Services*

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Long serving politician
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ACHIEVEMENTS:

• Council Alderman

• Mayor

• First Qld President of Australian Local Government Association 1951
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**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Elected Liberal Senator (1949-1977)
- Donated land at Bona Vista as Annie Wood Park
- 10 year fight to gain declaration of Eungella as a National Park with JH Williams Snr and JH Williams Jnr.
Mackay’s 10 Unsung Heroes

1. William Weir
2. Sir Arthur Fadden
3. George Moore
4. George Wallace
5. William Amiet
6. Charles Bagley
7. Harold Brown
8. Dr. Henry Taylor
9. Dr. Annie Berry
10. Ian Wood
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