

Vale Edward (Ted) Field Jones

1 February 1925 to 26 April 2012

ISLANDERS ARE INVITED TO A QUIET REMEMBRANCE FOR TED JONES AT NORFOLK BEACH AT 3.00 PM SATURDAY 21 JULY 2012, WHEN YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF TED. PASTOR BRUCE WARWICK WILL OFFICIATE. BYO DRINKS FOR A TOAST IF YOU WISH. (If bad weather then the veranda at Mudlo). THERE WILL ALSO BE OFFICIAL THANKS TO TED JONES IN FLINDERS DAY SPEECHES SUNDAY 22 JULY 2012.

Ted Jones was a living treasure who lived on Coochiemudlo Island from 1963 until August 2010 when he went to the Spiritus St Johns Mens' Residence at Toowong. Originally from Victoria, Ted enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force in World War II. He graduated from Navigation School at Port Pirie in South Australia in 1944 and served in Mitchell bombers flying over Borneo.



After the War Ted came to Queensland to live because he suffered from asthma, and built his home in Perulpa Street. He was a mechanical engineer and designed conveyor systems for the sugar industry. He invested in shares and Bay Islands property. He also created and sold silk screen art. He was first secretary of the Morwong Beach Progress Association and became interested in the history of the Island. He authored two monographs and several



papers. Barbara Larsen wrote his biography in 2004. Ted became the first President of the Historical Society when it was founded in 2000. He also conducted field trips in astronomy for interested Islanders. From Matthew Flinders' sextant readings, Ted showed that the overlooked island which Matthew Flinders had called the Sixth Island in 1799 was in fact Coochiemudlo Island. In 1977 Ted's finding was officially recognised by the naming of Norfolk Beach and from then on the discovery of Coochiemudlo was commemorated annually. From 1981 the Progress Association included a re-enactment of



Flinders' landing on Norfolk Beach in the commemoration, to add public appeal to the event. There were gala re-enactments in 1988 and 1999, the bicentennials of British settlement and of Flinders' voyage to Mor(e)ton and Hervey Bays. The 1999 re-enactment included the replica of the sloop *Norfolk* and was a major achievement for the Progress Association. Ted retired from playing Matthew Flinders at about 80 years of age.

In the 2010 Australia Day Awards Ted became a Local Hero, a nomination of which he was very proud. He was a life member of the Historical Society and of the Progress Association, a member of the RSL and a senior Mason.



Ted Jones passed away peacefully at 8.30 pm 26 April 2012 aged 87 years of age.