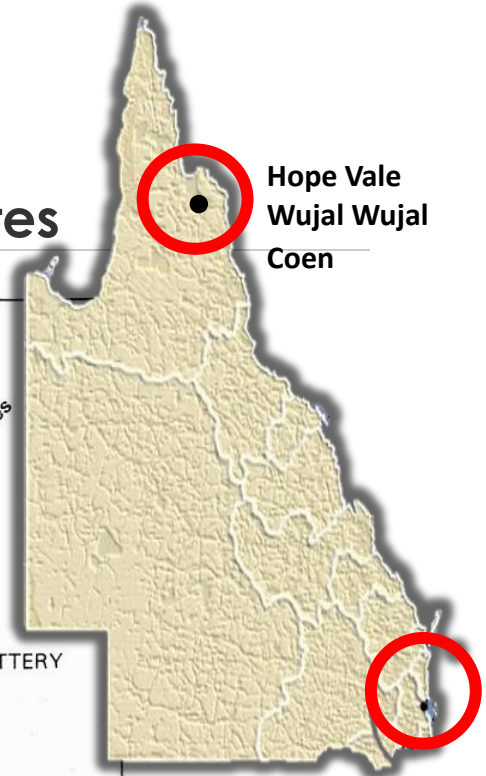
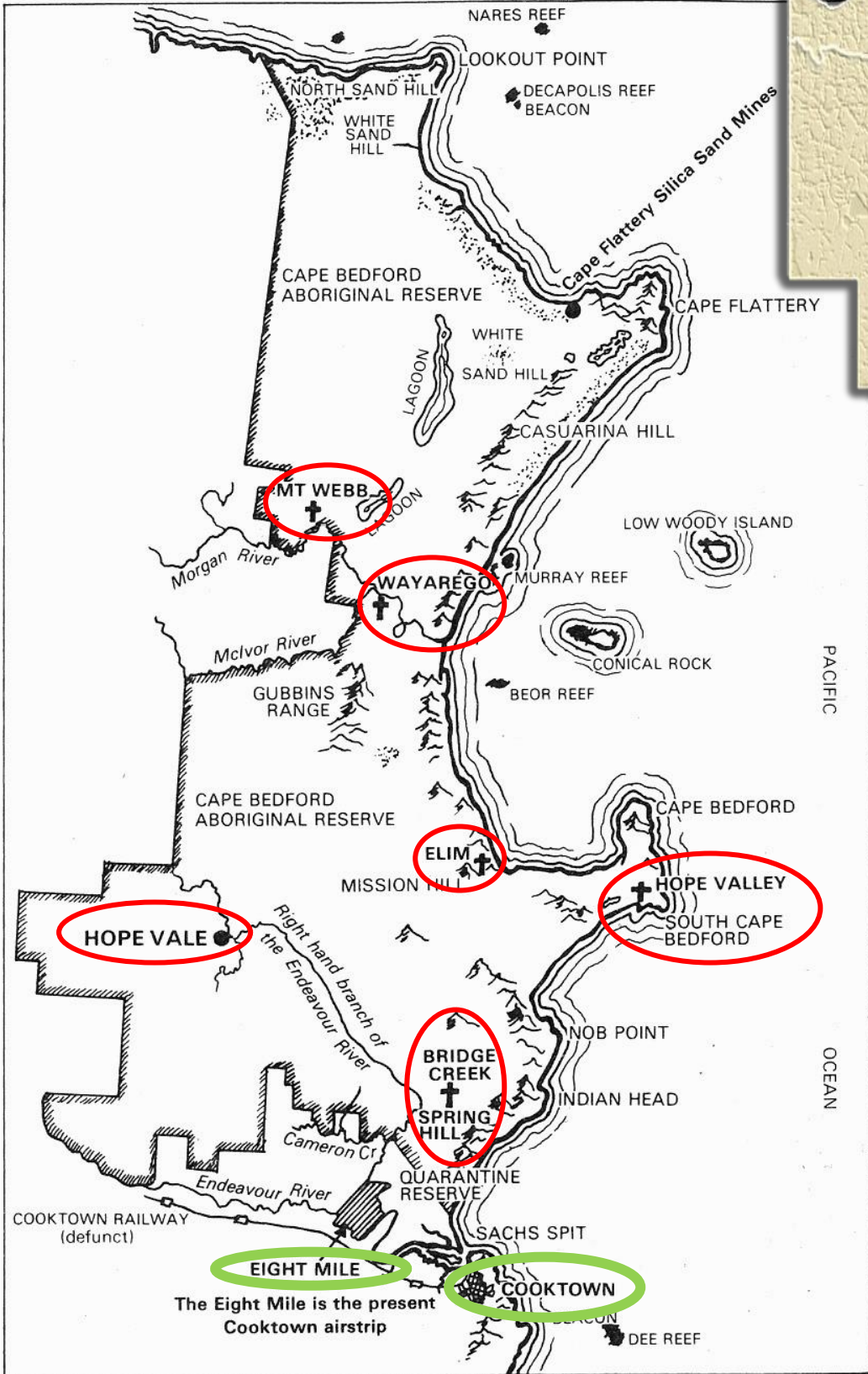


LCA Ministry with First Australians Queensland | A Snapshot - Key Dates



Zion Hill



The Eight Mile is the present
Cooktown airstrip

Date	Event	Location
1838	3 March Gossner missionaries arrive in Moreton Bay, Queensland, and contributed to the multi denominational Zion Hill Mission sited on the lands of the Yaggera and Turrbul peoples (in the vicinity of today's Nundah.) [Source] Missionaries included Johann Gottfried Haussmann	QLD Brisbane
1856	The first formally constituted Lutheran congregation in Queensland established at Zion's Hill. ['How Beauteous are the Feet' – LCA Year Book 1981]	QLD Nundah
1885 -1886	Rev Johann Flierl establishes Cape Bedford mission (Elim - first mission Far North Queensland), with lay helper Johann Biar and Rev Martin Doblies . Flierl remained 6 months before moving onto New Guinea. (Source) Rev CA Meyer and wife Emma (nee Kaesler) From Bethesda (SA) Mission to replace Flierl (Source) Later moves to Bloomfield (Wujal Wujal) [Source] Rev Georg Pfalzer and wife Mathilda arrived to support Meyer. They were joined by Johannes Pingilina , a Dieri man (Bethesda mission SA) a skilled linguist (Source)	Far North QLD, Cape Bedford / Elim
1887 -1902	Mari Yamba Lutheran Mission (near current-day Proserpine), Initially lead be Rev Andreas Christian Claussen (1887-1893) 15 year troubled history saw closure in 1902 with the relocation of the small number of remaining Aboriginal peoples relocated to Bloomfield and Hope Valley [source]	QLD Proserpine
1887 -1944	September 13, arrival of Rev Georg Schwarz to Hope Valley Mission [Source] Known by the Guugu-Yimidhirr peoples as Father Muni . Remained 55 years ministry amongst the Guugu-Yimidhirr peoples]	Far North QLD
1888/9 -1909	June 1888 arrival of Rev Wilhelm Poland and wife Anna to Elim Mission (Cape Bedford) School was established and students taught in the Guugu Yimidhirr language. Remained 20 years [Souce]	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim
1891- 1901	Missionary Johann Sebastian Horlein replaces Meyer at Bloomfield – a challenging period.	Far North QLD Bloomfield
1900	Elim (Cape Bedford) mission closes and the move is made to Hope Valley with Pastor George Schwarz (Muni) Pastor Poland and family move to Hope Valley. Mary Ellen (later to become Pastor George Schwarz wife, 1901) arrives to teach at the school [Source]	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim
1901 -1902	George Schwarz takes on the declining Bloomfield (Wujal Wujal) mission. [Source] The Polands oversee the winding down of the former mission. [source] Residents relocated from Mara Yamba mission [Source]	Far North QLD Wujal Wujal
1902 -1936	Expansion of the Hope Valley mission under George Schwarz with acquisition of neighbouring lands – focus on becoming self-supporting – with mixed results influenced by the impact of weather, government decisions, world events and local relationships with neighbours. 1903 First Congregation of the first church at Hope Valley Mission (QLDPics) 1920 Christmas time in Hope Valley Community (QLDPics)	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim Hope Valley
1915	World War I sees the cessation of relationships with Neuendettelsau (Germany) and Cape Bedford Mission with Iowa Synod providing financial support with governance provided by the Brisbane-based board, chaired by Otto Theile. Concerns and suspicions raised because of the 'German' heritage of Schwarz and other mission staff, despite the naturalisation of Schwarz prior to the war [Source]	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim Hope Valley
1919 -1941	Period of general prosperity with Cape Bedford mission with Schwarz creatively providing 'employment' for the Aboriginal people.	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim Hope Valley
1933	Cape Bedford Mission formally handed over to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia [Source]	Far North QLD

		Cape Bedford/Elim Hope Valley
1939	1939 Pastor B Bartholomaeus arrived to run the Hope Valley School [Source]	Far North QLD
1942	<p>Outbreak of World War II – Fear and suspicions of ‘enemy aliens’ with Japanese sympathies required registration and threats of arrest and internment by government authorities. Evacuation of the Cape Bedford mission was ordered by the Military</p> <p>17 May Schwarz arrested, jailed in Cooktown</p> <p>Between 250 – 300 Aboriginal Residents given only a few hours notice before being bundled to the Cooktown wharf where they waited without food or water for 24 hours for the <i>Poonbar</i> to take them to Cairns. The elderly were taken to Palm Island and the remainder were taken by train to Rockhampton and from there to Woorabinda (west of Rockhampton), under guard with fixed bayonets. They were deeply traumatised by this experience. In one month an estimated 28 - 35 of them succumbed to dengue fever, altogether sixty died in the seven years spent at Woorabinda. [Source]</p> <p>Pastor Ivan Roenfeldt’s video ‘Hope Vale’s War’ recounts reflections of this event. [War of Hope Trailer]</p>	Far North QLD Cape Bedford/Elim Hope Valley
1942 -1949	<p>7 Years at Woorabinda of traumatic times. Lacking the conditions to which they had come to know at the Hope Valley mission [Source]</p> <p>Pastor George Rosendale’s recount of this event was recorded in the video ‘Colour Blind’</p> <p>Alick Cameron, Paddy Mclvor and George Bowen emerged as the community leaders and achieved the eventual return of the community to Cape Bedford, assisted in their efforts by the Lutheran opposition MLA Joh Bjelke-Petersen, who retained an interest in the Lutheran mission. [Source]</p> <p>Pastor V Wenke ministered to the Cape Bedford evacuees at Woorabinda</p>	QLD East of Rockhampton
1949 -1968	<p>Pastor Ivan Roennfeldt who later succeeds Otto Theile as Chair of the Mission Board, visits Woorabinda.</p> <p>Spearhead party returned to the Hope Valley mission – at this point now in total disrepair</p> <p>New site rebuilt at Hope Vale (25 Km inland from Hope Valley). Eventual return, without any aid, of Aboriginal families who had survived the 7 years of Woorabinda evacuation. [Source]</p> <p>Building of St John’s Church Hope Vale, dedicat5ion 1958 (Baptisms)</p> <p>Pastor V Wenke ministry of the returned evacuees to Hope Vale was followed by Pastor Erich Kernich 1957 (Acting Superintendent), Pastor Martin Prenzler (1964), Pastor Kevin Kotzner (1964-68) [Source]</p> <p>July 2014 ‘The Lutheran’ records reflections from some of those who returned from Woorabinda</p> <p>Alick Cameron, evangelist becomes the first Aboriginal Pastor amongst the Guugu Yimidhirr people</p>	Far North QLD Hope Vale
1957	Bloomfield (later known as Wujal Wujal 1980) re-established as an outpost of the Lutheran Mission at Hope Vale under Missionaries Clarence and Olive Hartwig	Far North QLD Wujal Wujal
1959	Death of Pastor George Schwarz in Cooktown aged in his nineties [Source]	FN QLD Cooktown
1968	<p>Following the time of Pastor Kevin Kotzner as superintendent (Hope Vale) the role of the missionary was separated from that of mission manager and an Aboriginal Council was formed to advise the manager.</p> <p>Pastor Howard Pohlner commences ministry at Hope Vale</p>	FNQ Hope Vale
1969	August, ordination of Aboriginal pastor, George Rosendale [Source] Colour Blind Video (23 min) Self narrated documentary by George Rosendale	FNQ Hope Vale

1972 -1975	Pastor H J Pohlner and Aboriginal Pastor Alick Cameron (Hope Vale & Bloomfield) Pastor George Rosendale (Coen & Cooktown) 1974 Harry Costello Aboriginal evangelist at Bloomfield, later ordained as a Pastor by Reverend Reinhardt Mayer	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1976 -1979	Pastor PW Lohe and Aboriginal Pastor Alick Cameron (Hope Vale & Bloomfield) Pastor George Rosendale, (Coen & Cooktown)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1980	Pastor George Rosendale (Hope Vale & Coen) N Mellombo (Wujul Wujul formally Bloomfield)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1981 & 1982	Pastor L W Sheldale (Hope Vale), Pastor George Rosendale, (Coen & Cooktown) N Mellombo (Wujul Wujul formally Bloomfield)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1983 -1988	Pastor M F Prenzler (Hope Vale) Pastor George Rosendale (Coen & Cooktown)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1984 -1992	Pastor George Rosendale serving Hope Vale as Mission field Superintendent Roy Mclvor (Parish Worker – Coen)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1986	'gangurru' Author Pastor Howard J Pohlner . Sub-titled 'Cultural Crossroads': The story of the Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal people of the Cooktown region since first contact by Captain James Cook. Re-published 2016.	FNQ
1989	Vacant – Hope Vale Roy Mclvor (Parish Worker – Coen)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1990 -1992	Pastor George Rosendale (Hope Vale) Roy Mclvor (Parish worker Coen)	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen Cooktown
1992	Aboriginal Pastor, George Rosendale awarded AOM	FNQ
1993 -1995	Pastor Peter Geyer serving the Hope Vale and surrounding communities	FNQ Hope Vale
1996 -1998	Vacant	FNQ Hope Vale
1999- 2009	Pastor Tom Jantke serving the Hope Vale and surrounding communities	FNQ Hope Vale
2000	LCA convention of Synod focus on Reconciliation led by Dr Lance Steicke and Pastor George Rosendale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Reconciliation Service • The Acknowledgment and Apology • Response to the Rite of Reconciliation / Acknowledgement and Apology • The Lutheran records the event 	SA Tanunda
2009	Aboriginal Pastor George Rosendale became the first Indigenous Lutheran awarded a Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Australian Lutheran College. [Source]	SA ALC
2010	Pastor Greg Graham serving the Hope Vale and surrounding communities	FNQ Hope Vale

2011 -2019	David Spanagel installed as Pastor to Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen ‘A Road Less Travelled’ Reflections on Church Life in Far North Queensland	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal Coen
2019	Death of Aboriginal Pastor George Rosendale [Source 1] [Source 2]	FNQ Hope Vale
2020	Pastor Mark Winter called to St Johns Hope Vale on the retirement of Pastor David Spanagel	FNQ Hope Vale Wujal Wujal