

Stan Tutt

1914 - 2011

“STAN, as he was known, represented a generation and a way of life that is long gone and unknown to the present generation. A true gentleman in every meaning of the word.”

That is how close friend and Wildlife Preservation Society president Jill Chamberlain describes Stan Tutt and it's a sentiment felt by most people he knew.

Stan died on July 16, aged 97, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of history on the Sunshine Coast, which he loved so much.

Herbert Stanley Tutt was born on May 16, 1914 in Murgon Cottage Hospital. When Stan's family took up land at Landsborough, they built the small fibro cottage called “Woodnook”. It still stands today.

In April 1941 Stan and his brothers were called up for service in the Commonwealth Military Forces and sent to a training camp in Brisbane. They were later posted to Townsville.

In 1945, at Wewak, Stan witnessed the signing of the surrender document by Japanese General Adachi.

He was demobilised in January 1946 and offered a job as a journalist with The Legionnaire, an ex-service newspaper in Brisbane.

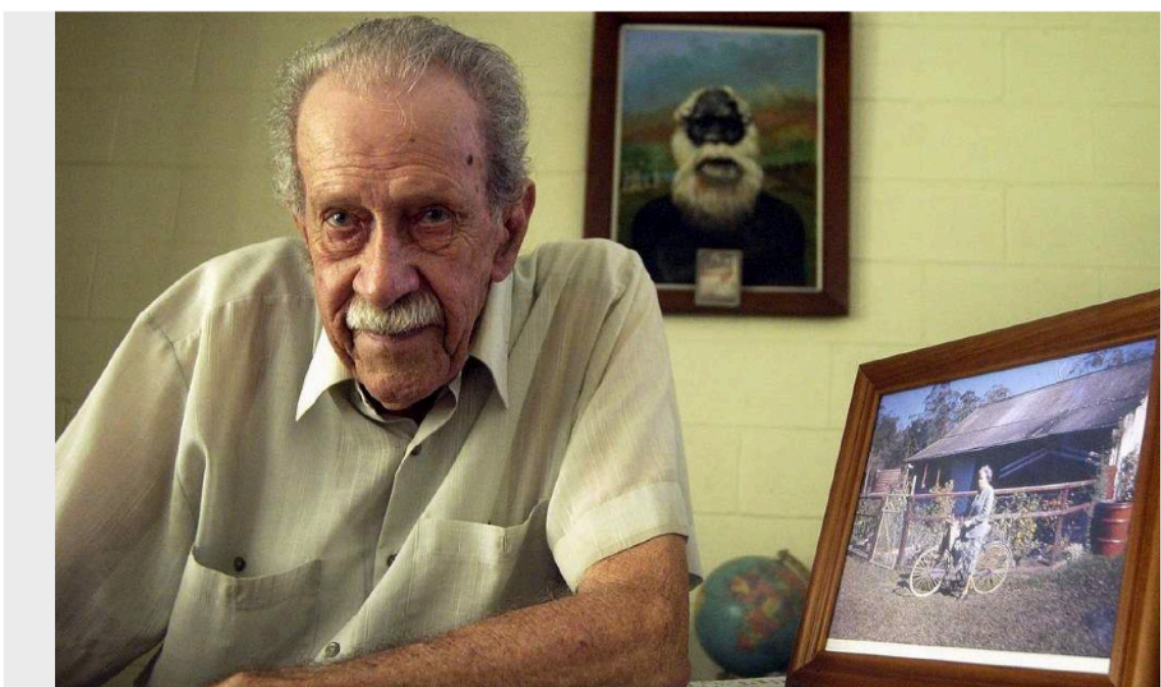
Stan married his wife Jean, a nurse at Nambour Hospital, in December 1946.

Over the years, Stan wrote fortnightly articles for the Nambour Chronicle and in 1981 began a series of weekly articles on local heritage, people and places, in the Sunshine Coast Daily.

As well his work with the Wildlife Preservation Society he became a founding member of the Sunshine Coast Environment Council, and helped set up the Landsborough Historical Society and the Landsborough Museum.

“We all live in a very, very improved Sunshine Coast through the influence of Stan Tutt's love of the environment and heritage,” environmentalist Des Ritchie said.

On January 26, 1994, Stan was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the Landsborough Historical Society and Wildlife Preservation Society.



Sunshine Coast historian Stan Tutt will be remembered as one of life's true gentlemen.