

# Kalyan

An area of 540 acres for town purposes was reserved around Kalyan siding when adjustments were made to the survey of the Hundred of Vincent in 1914. In September 1923 the District Council of Karoonda supported a request from local residents that a town be surveyed at the siding.



**Going to School at Kalyan**

In 1929 a large stone hall 30 ft by 40 ft with two cloakrooms was erected on the Institute site. Each of the cloakrooms had fireplaces, but no form of heating was in the main hall.

As early as 1917 letters were written to the Director of Education by parents desirous of getting schooling for their children, but numbers could not justify the Education Department providing a school building. However, an application by parents to have Kalyan Hall for the school was approved and on May 8th 1932 Kalyan Primary School opened with an enrolment of 13 children. The first teacher was Mr George B Kennedy.

In August 1932 Inspector Leach inspected the school and found all sections of Regulation X19 complied with, except for a means of warming the school room.

A letter was written to one of the trustees of the hall asking that a heating apparatus be installed at an early date. The reply from the trustees stated that they could not install any heating (no funds on hand) but they hoped to install some form of heating before next winter.

The Chief Inspector replied that regulations prescribed that proper heating shall be provided before rent can be paid for the hall.

In May 1933 the school room was fitted with a wooden stove heater.

Teachers who taught at Kalyan were:	George B Kennedy	1932
	Kathleen Evans	1933
	Dulcie M Davis	1934 - 1936
	Frank B Byass	1937
	Rex E Mugford	1938 - 1939
	Lesley D Fuller	1940 - 1941
	Molly McCauley	1942 - 1943
	Isobelle Williams	1944 - 1945
	Bernice Morton	1946
	Kathleen M Boland	1946 - 1951
	Daniel F Dean	1952

In 1952 the average attendance at Kalyan was only five and five weeks short of twenty years in existence the Kalyan School closed on March 29th 1952.

The children from Kalyan area were transported by bus to Karoonda Area School.

Miss Kathleen Boland (now Mrs Harold Packer) taught at Kalyan for more than one-fifth of Kalyan's school life.

Can the ex-students of Kalyan School remember the pungent smell of that pink carbolic powder which had to be liberally poured down the "big drop" toilets - liberally and regularly?

Or how their feeble attempts at trying to grow a school garden were repeatedly scratched out by the nearest resident's chooks?

Or the smell of the kerosene and sawdust which lingered in the hall after a weekend dance? It may have made the jarrah floor fast for all of those fleet of foot dancers but it also kept the sinuses clear.

Who was the ex-student of Kalyan who shared food with the horses - from their nosebags?



**Kalyan School  
1946**

