

SCACC CLUB ROOMS

The building which the SCACC has as its Club Rooms in the Nambour Show Grounds was the second Nambour Primary School. The first Nambour Primary School was built in the 1880's on a site between Mitchell Street and Bury Streets in the centre of Nambour, next to the Sugar Mill. It was a very small building and within 30 years, the number of children had increased and the building was too small so plans were made to build a new school rather than add on to the existing one. In 1912, a second school was built on the same site where it remained until 1933 when it ceased to be a school; the third and present Nambour School having been built in Coronation Avenue. The old school building was purchased for removal by Edward Clayton Thomas as the Department of Agriculture and Stock, later known as the Department of Primary Industry (DPI) wanted the site for their local headquarters. Modern machinery would have enabled the building to be removed without too much effort but in 1933, it was laboriously lifted and placed on huge logs and with the aid of a winch, it was moved slowly till it reached its new site in Currie Street, next to where the Maroochy Shire Chambers now stand. EC Thomas used the building as a funeral parlour; some post mortem examinations took place in one area, while coffins were made in another. Hearses were also stored there. Mr Thomas later brought his son, Norman nicknamed Digger into the business and it became known as EC Thomas and Son. In 1975, the funeral parlour moved to larger premises and the building was given to the Maroochy Shire Council. In 1982, money was provided through a Federal Government's Youth Scheme and the building was moved to its present site at the Nambour Show Grounds. It was in bad shape, particularly the rotten floor but Councillor Noel Parry and other willing workers did a lot of work to get it into the condition it is today.

The Antique Car Club of Nambour, later to become known as SCACC started in 1963 and meetings took place in the show room of what is now Skinners Mazda. As the club grew, they moved to the North Arm Hall where the first Swap Meet was held. The hall had never been painted and members decided to brighten the place up a bit! They stood about a metre apart and painted their section of the wall from top to bottom! The club moved to its own Club Rooms - the restored 2nd Nambour Primary School- at the Show Grounds in 1983. This information was gleaned from chatting with Barry Ross; Thanks a lot Barry and also Digger Thomas.