

Visiting Fraser Island in the 1950's

Self-reliance demanded that everything which might be needed by way of food, fuel, and supplies to cope with almost any eventuality for a 7 day stay or longer was carried from Day 1. Most visits originated from Hervey Bay or Maryborough. As depicted in these photos supplied to FIDO by Cynthia O'Gorman the transport and accommodation was more primitive than now.



At the Urangan "Gravel Jetty", which is where the Urangan Boat Harbour, and Marina are now located, everything was carried on to the beach and then ferried to a launch by dinghy and loaded and stowed on board. It could take several hours to load depending on the state of the tide and it was strenuous work.



The process then had to be reversed to land all the supplies on Fraser Island in creeks such as Bogimbah or Urang before the journey across the island could begin. The effort required deterred most but the intrepid.