




SUNDALÉ
60
YEARS
OF CARE

This year Sundale celebrates its 60th birthday. To commemorate six decades of caring for the community, we will be sharing the stories of 12 remarkable individuals and revealing their amazing contribution to Sundale.

Roy (R.D.) Charlton

Foundation Board Member (1963 – 1965)

It's impossible to tell the story of Sundale without mentioning the vision of Roy Charlton.

Born in Rockhampton, Roy or R.D., moved to Nambour in 1936 and set up a successful legal practice which he would continue to operate for the next 18 years.

A sharp legal mind and astute businessman, R.D. built a reputation as a hard-working, generous solicitor, who supported charitable and community organisations and members of the local community who needed a helping hand.

In the 1940s, R.D., along with J.D. Grimes and Sir Clem Renouf, established Enterprise Estates which would go on to develop, subdivide and sell residential land throughout Nambour and the Sunshine Coast.

In the late 1950s, the trio considered donating a parcel of land to a Nambour church group who wanted to build an age care home, however, before they could act, they heard on the local grapevine the Nambour Apex Club had a similar idea and was investigating locations and fundraising initiatives.

In 1961, R.D. and his Enterprise Estates business partners, J.D. and Sir Clem supported the Nambour Apex Club by helping to fund the £3,625 purchase of an almost 18-acre site by Doolan and Carter Roads, which would become home to Nambour Garden Village. The Enterprise Estates trio each donated £1,000, with the remaining £625 raised via a local appeal.

A foundation Sundale Committee and Board Member, R.D. was officially on the Board for only two years (1963-1965), however, his influence and generosity would continue to shape Sundale throughout the latter part of

the twentieth century, most notably in 1979 when R.D. and Enterprise Estates donated 15 acres of land along Windsor Road in Nambour, which would later become Rotary Garden Village.

R.D. continued to provide Sundale with honorary legal advice and enthusiastic support until his death in 1985. He was 81 years of age. R.D.'s generosity to Sundale continued after his death with a bequest from his estate to help fund the construction of the swimming pool and shelter area at Rotary Garden Village.

Charlton Court in Nambour is also named after R.D. to commemorate his remarkable contribution to the region.

R.D.'s eldest son, Ian, fondly remembers the creation of Sundale in the early 1960s.

"Dad, Clem and Jimmy Grimes were the mafia of Nambour, you know, the good type," Ian laughed.

"I remember Nambour Garden Village before construction began.

"If Dad could see what Sundale has become, he would be very impressed. It's gone from strength to strength over the decades.

"He had no aged care experience, but along with Clem and J.D., they understood the aging Nambour community needed care and support.

"It needed all three of them to succeed, Dad, Clem and J.D.

"Each was a specialist. Dad knew the law, J.D. knew how to get things done, while Clem had an eye for vacant blocks of land.

"It's wonderful Sundale is acknowledging and celebrating Dad's legacy."