

Garnet Kelly Reserve

opposite 6790 Main South Rd, Normanville

This small reserve hosts a series of plaques commemorating the life and works of Garnet Kelly who farmed nearby Anacotilla with his father.

Garnet was innovative, including damming of the Anacotilla Creek for irrigation and to drive a water wheel which drove a chaffcutter and grinding wheel.

He was prominent in local affairs in the Wesleyan church and at the time of his enlistment in WW1 he was a councillor of the Rapid Bay District Council.

Garnet, an engineer, enlisted in 1916 and was killed along with three other locals in France in 1917. He was 33 at the time.

In his will he bequeathed a sum of money to the District Council to be used in the planting of trees for the beautification of the district.

A plaque on a large stone was unveiled in 1883 and interpretive signage now tells his story in a series of plaques.

