

Welcome to the Website of the Willis L. Haenke Historical Foundation.

We aim to promote an awareness of the history of coal mining in the Ipswich region, Queensland, Australia.

NEWS - [West Moreton Shaft - 'Jessie Brown' Project](#)

[NEWS - "No Easy Field" Book Available to purchase - see details.](#)

Coal mining was undertaken in this area even before "Ipswich" became a municipality in 1860. Gradually we are losing more and more people who have been involved in coal mining, or who have information regarding it. The Foundation is attempting to preserve as much of this history as possible, and thereby promote the understanding of where the Ipswich area has come from and what Ipswich has been through.

You can use the menus on the left to view our [projects](#) : completed, underway, and proposed. You can also view some information about us and how the Foundation was formed.

The Other Resources provides [links](#) to some of what is available on the web regarding mining history in the Ipswich area and [Publications](#) lists the

publications we have found which have reliable information regarding Coal Mining history in the Ipswich area.