

LAND GRANT TITLE

Northern Territory, South Australia, Land Grant, In Duplicate, Register Book Volume VII Folio 131 dated 29 January 1874 for Lot 227 (Ringwood Street) situated in the Township of Southport in the County of Palmerston.

Background as to why a Land Grant in Southport Northern Territory was issued by South Australia

As I understand it, in the 1800's South Australia administered what is now known as the Northern Territory and when a person in Adelaide acquired a block of land, they were granted a block in Southport. The reason was to encourage development of the northern extremes of the then South Australia.

Local Historians, have documented the history of Southport, Northern Territory.

How did I come to acquire this Block

The acquisition of Lot 227 (Ringwood Street) situated in the Township of Southport in the County of Palmerston came about when a work colleague advised me that he had seen a notice that tenders had been called to purchase a couple of blocks of land at Southport (in the Northern Territory of Australia).

I submitted a tender in 1966 (and if I recall correctly it was) for Australian Thirty Eight Pounds (AUD £38.00) which was successful and the Land Grant Title was subsequently issued in my name on 30 April 1968.

The odd Visit to the Township

In the late 1960's I visited the Township of Southport and attempted to locate Lot 227 Ringwood Street, without success. However, the remains of a floor area, were found, in the area, which appeared to be compacted earth..

The only building (so to speak) I saw, at that time, was a covered area of steel uprights, and flooring which looked like the commencement of an "above ground level house", that was never finished, on a block close the Darwin River?. I think it was erected by the members of the Darwin Water Ski Club at that time.



The Shelter, Kersley Street
Source: Google Earth (2016)

The Township developed, the provision of power happened, and caveats were placed over the Township blocks by PAWA. Water supply became an issue and to solve it that problem a “communal” bore was provided for Township residents to use and is still operational today (2016)



Southport Communal Bore area, Myra Road.

Source: Google Earth (2016)

On selling the block (actual date eludes me) the residual of the sale, saw the lifting of the caveat.

My wife (Valerie) and I visited the Township July 2016, found a bitumen access road leading into the Township, with a number of Streets bituminised, and development since our last visit decades ago.

We did see the covered area of steel uprights, and flooring place. However, I did not find the “Historic Site”. The journey this time was much different to the earlier years.

How did I come to retain the Grant Title

On presenting the Grant Title to the Northern Territory Government Lands Office to complete the land sale transfer, I was advised that Titles were now computer generated and I could retain it. The last notation on this was a stamp that stated “TITLE CANCELLED Cannot Be Used For Any Legal Purpose”.

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