

# How Cremorne received its name

This 'Blast from the Past' by Alison Alexander, long time shack resident and historian.

## Sydney beginnings

In the 1970s, Terry and Maureen Morrisby lived on the corner of Cremorne Avenue and South Arm Highway.



The Morrisbys have lived in the Sandford-Cremorne area for generations, since the 1820s. In 1945 Maureen of Sydney had met Sergeant Terry Morrisby, AIF, eldest son of Mr and Mrs HG Morrisby of 'Rosevear', Sandford.

**MORRISBY—LUNDY**—The Engagement is announced of Maureen Lundy, A.W.A.S., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. C. Lundy, Belmont, to Sgt. Terry Morrisby, A.I.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Morrisby, Sandford, Tasmania.

They married and spent their honeymoon in Cremorne in Sydney. Then they settled down on part of the Morrisby land in the district, living in the house on the corner of South Arm Road and Cremorne Avenue creating a neat lovely garden. With happy memories of their honeymoon, they called their farm Cremorne. They raised and sold sheep and had apricot orchards on the area now called Cremorne.



## Cremorne Estate sub-division

Beach fronts were being subdivided for shacks, and Terry and Maureen decided to subdivide their beachfront land. The subdivision was announced on 30 April 1946:

**'Delightful Esplanade Water Fronts  
Lots at Sandford.'**

These charming allotments all well sheltered from the prevailing winds (!) ... park-like surroundings ... excellent fishing, boating and surf bathing ... select your lot now!'

Electric light, power and telephone facilities were available.

The next advertisement came in October 1946: 'Cremorne Estate. Lots are selling rapidly and early. Application is advised.' Not very rapidly: later in October, 'many of the choice lots are still available'. They must have sold, however, for there were no more advertisements.

In 1947 the Clarence Council building inspector inspected the subdivision and found fifteen houses finished or being built. Other people had put building material on their blocks. No one had submitted plans to him for approval. Councillors were horrified! There seemed to be an organised camp at Cremorne 'intent on flouting the regulations', said one councillor. They decided offenders would be prosecuted. However, I don't think anyone ever was.



Images: Engagement announcement SMH 1945, Cremorne Headlands 1948 (National Library of Australia, Trove online); Current Morrisbys - Tim, Vaughn, Jack, Matt & Steve at homestead in Sandford (courtesy Michelle Morrisby).