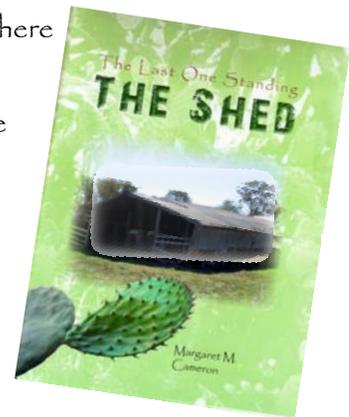


When publishing the booklet, “Cc - The Miracle Bug” in 2007, my main aim was to share what little knowledge I had through family connections, before it was too late and hopefully, encourage others to do the same. The book was directed to Primary School students but I found the readership extended to older residents as well. It highlights the Cactoblastis Memorial Hall at Boonarga which was built when the Field Station was closed in 1936. It is Heritage listed. The Chinchilla Field Station was on my Grandfather’s property and he had been the Foreman to Dr Jean White at

Dulacca Experimental Station 1912-1915. Two of my uncles, Tom Cole and Sandy Bullock were also involved with the prickly pear Project working at various times at Chinchilla, Gogango and Goondiwindi Field Stations. The eggs bred from the initial importation from Argentina were divided between Sherwood and the Chinchilla Field Station.

From various comments since the release of the first book, I realised there is little knowledge, generally, about the history of the prickly pear in Australia. Having now acquired many more photos and collated more information on the subject of the Prickly pear, I prepared another book - of 28 pages - which has some of the history of the Prickly pear programme, 8 colour plates of different (pest) pears and many other photos, information about the new on-site monument to Cactoblastis cactorum and the inevitable poem to put it in sequence.



The focus this time is The Shed which was one of the original sheds built for the Cactoblastis breeding programme. The people involved with this programme have all passed on and all sheds but this one were dismantled. The Sherwood Laboratory / the Alan Fletcher Research Station closed on 10th November 2010 with their operations now carried out at the new Ecosciences Precinct at Dutton Park. So, ‘The Last One Standing’ from the breeding programme for Cactoblastis cactorum and this Environmental Miracle is *the shed*. The book should be suited to year 8/9 students and again is popular with adults.

Books are available from the author.

Cc The Miracle Bug @ \$10.50 ; The Last One Standing- the Shed @ \$14.50 OR
 1 x Cc The Miracle Bug } \$ 22 for the 2.
 1 x The Last One Standing- the Shed } Postage: \$1.80 for 1 book; \$3 for 2 books

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