

Historical QLD/NT Border Survey  
**A 150 km section in the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Queensland**  
**Last surveyed in 1884 – 125 years ago!**  
 Conducted by Bennett & Bennett Surveyors



**PROJECT:** To resurvey/identify part of the Qld/NT border from the original 253 mile post (at the Donohue Highway) southward to the original 163 mile post in remote SW corner of the state. Target distance of 150 km (90 Mile) - Project team of 7 Volunteers.

**Date:** Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**History:**

- Boundary of 138 E Longitude agreed to by South Australia and Queensland governments in 1862 (147 years ago)
- Boundary surveyed by Poeppel & Wells in 1884 (125 years ago)
- Our proposed section has not been surveyed since that date of 1884



The Survey team launch/Photo shoot and Send off will be from 9.00am-9.30am on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Depart from: 9 Jowett Street, Coomera.Qld. 4209 at 9.30am (Bennett & Bennett northern Gold Coast Office)

The team will drive across Qld to the NT border (see map attached) arriving at Boulia on Friday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. A Q150 Commemorative mark will be placed and located in the centre of town as part of the Surveying and Spatial Sciences Institutes (SSSI) program of Coordinated survey marks across the state of Qld.

The next morning the team will drive to the starting border location and by lunchtime will commence the Border Survey. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Q150 mark will be placed at the Donohue Highway and Qld/NT border intersection. This will be the teams last site of civilization for a week and all food, water, survey and camping supplies are to be carted in with us.

The Survey team will then follow the border and trace the survey of Poeppel & Wells 1884 in search of the original survey posts. Large parts of the border can not be driven so will be accessed by foot through the rugged and dry Toomba and Toko Ranges. At the end of the week our team will come out of isolation and make its way to the far-western Qld town of Birdsville. There the team will seek some refreshments and join in the celebrations at the Annual Birdsville races.

We then Commence the long journey back to our Coomera office, arriving back on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at 5pm for our welcome home party.

Other notes:

- Survey supported by SSSI Qld
- Video to be conducted for Student Surveying training and to highlight the adventure side of surveying and the viability of surveying as a career option to High school students.
- Historic re-discovery of our States Heritage.

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