

BURPENGARY

Bid to name park for devoted family

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THE rumblings of war were never far from Charles Munro and his family.

The local farmer from Burpengary served in World War I alongside four of his sons — William, James, Edward and Christian.

In honour of their service, the Burpengary Progress Association has applied to council to rename parkland on the northern side of Dale St, Burpengary.

From Charles's humble beginnings as a police inspector at Scotland Yard, a

move to Australia became a serious option for he and wife Jane.

On arrival, the family settled on the Burpengary farm Charles dubbed "Dunbeath" after his home in Scotland.

By 1915, war had caught up with the family, with all four sons being sent to serve. Nearing the age of 50, Charles followed them to war in the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Army Medical Corps, in Rabaul.

After the deaths of James and Christian, the remaining family members re-

turned to their farm, where they became actively involved in the community.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Division 2 Councillor Peter Flannery said Charles and his family played an important role in Burpengary. "The sacrifice of both Charles and his sons is remembered today on the Burpengary Roll of Honour and this application from the Burpengary Progress Association similarly seeks to recognise Mr Munro's commitment to both his local community and country," Cr Flannery said.



Charles Munro with his wife, Jane.