

## Billy Sing and The Piano Concerto in Tree Minor

After the Carnarvon Gorge Marathon we limped off to Emerald to pick up a caravan part at the Post Office.....guess what..... it didn't arrive. We camped the night by the local dam and waited for the next morning's mail. After much sorting and waiting followed by more sorting and waiting the package was finally declared "not in today mate, try tamorra. Mails pretty crap from Rocky lately". We did not wait till "tamorra" instead electing to move on and head for Charters Towers via Clermont.

Clermont is the home town of Billy Sing, the Ace WW1 Sniper who won the DCM and other commendations, for amongst other things, sniping over 150 Turks at Gallipoli. While Billy was off sniping overseas, his parents drowned in what the locals call the Great Flood of 1916-17. The whole town was washed away and when Billy returned it was being rebuilt on the other side of the river.

There is a replica piano in a tree, creating a scene similar to the one after the flood, to commemorate the event.

A very pretty place however the monuments leave you a little sad.

