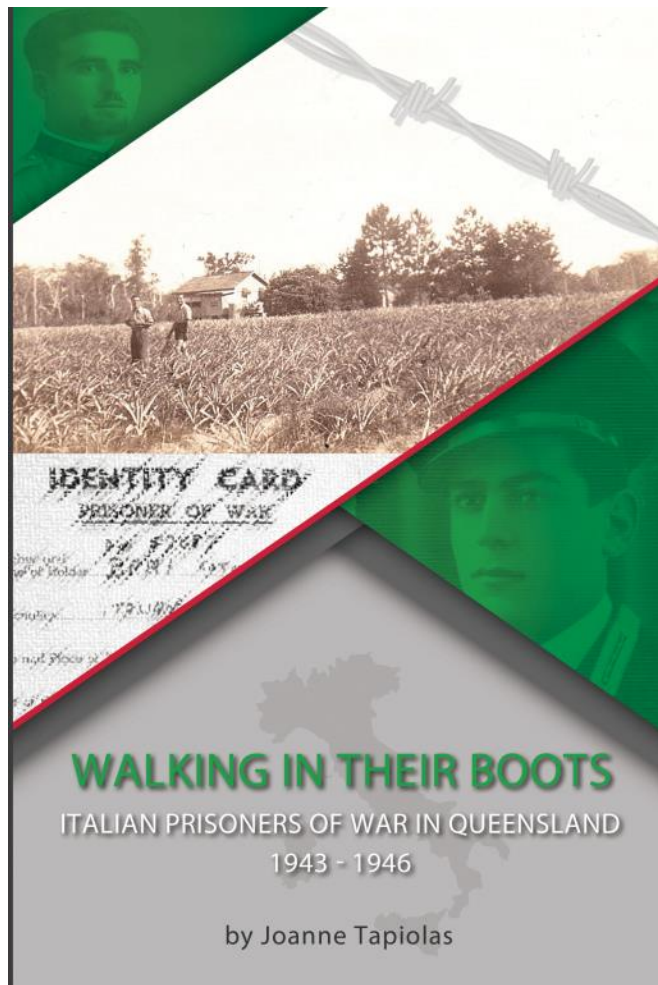


Walking in their Boots

Italian Prisoners of War in Queensland 1943-1946



North Queenslander, Joanne Tapiolas, has been delving into the history of Italian prisoners of war in Queensland to preserve this history before it is lost to time. Slowly the stories and memories of this chapter in Queensland history have emerged from the ten districts where the POWs worked and lived. Queenslanders and Italians sharing their reminiscences, artefacts, photos and letters have added a richness and diversity to this chronicle.

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Over 1500 Italian prisoners of war, captured in the battlefields of North Africa, came to Queensland during World War 2. The Italians provided a much-needed workforce for farmers throughout nine south-east Queensland districts. Additionally, 250 Italians worked at the Commonwealth Vegetable Farm on the Burdekin River, to supply fresh produce to the north's military forces.

Queensland farming families welcomed the Italians onto their farms and into their homes. A temporary refrain from life behind barbed wire fences, friendships were forged, and lasting memories remain clear over seven decades later.

The Italian prisoners of war left their footprints in the landscape and in the memories of Queenslanders. *Walking in their Boots* traces the history of Italian prisoners of war in Queensland and tells the stories of a time when POWs worked on our Queensland farms.