



## HERITAGE SERVICES INFORMATION SHEET 23

### JOHN CHARLES VON STIEGLITZ

With the refurbishment of the Library it is timely to remind you of the origin of von Stieglitz, the name given to the public room in the Library.

John Charles von Stieglitz was a prominent resident of early Thuringowa.



In 1880 he became a member of Thuringowa's first Divisional Board. von Stieglitz served as the representative for Division 1 until 1886. It is thought he also named Thuringowa, as his ancestors came from Thuringia, an area in Germany.

John von Stieglitz was born in Tasmania in 1844. At the age of 23, and on completion of his studies he moved to North Queensland where he worked as a surveyor for several years. He moved to Ravenswood where he tried his hand at gold mining and worked as a surveyor. He was awarded the contract to survey Ravenswood in 1870 and was also engaged to survey the site for the Macrossan Bridge.

A succession of government appointments followed. He was appointed District Road Inspector and Engineer for Roads, Northern Division in 1871 and subsequently became Government Surveyor for the Thuringowa and Townsville district in 1873.

