

# Tracking down ghosts

## Patrick Williams takes investigators on a tour of Tweed's paranormal haunts

THERE'S something strange in the Tweed neighbourhood and a group of ghost investigators reckon they can prove it.

Far from characters on the 1980s cult flick *Ghostbusters*, the Queensland Paranormal Investigators believe the Tweed is host to friendly ghosts and ghouls.

The group yesterday visited the Tweed to inspect our haunted hot spots.

"There are new cases coming up all the time," assistant organiser Amanda Richardson said.

Several locations at Brays Creek, Doon Doon, Dungay, and Fernvale including farms, cemeteries and old homesteads have been identified as some of the Tweed's haunted hot-spots.

Poltergeist police Mrs Richardson and her ghost-solving partner Shane Townsend visited the Tweed yesterday to check out some of these locations.

The *Tweed Daily News* accompanied Mrs Richardson and Mr Townsend as they explored the historical cemetery in North Tumbulgam and



□ **PARANORMAL** investigator Shane Townsend photographs a possible ghost site at the North Tumbulgam Historic Cemetery. **INSET:** A scene from 1980s hit movie *Ghostbusters*

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### Got a ghost?

- Items being moved?
- Sudden drop in temperature?
- Hearing footsteps?
- Felt a tug on your hair?
- Unable to move in bed?
- Seeing people out of the corner of your eye?



the famous Lisnagar Historical Homestead in Murwillumbah.

"When people die, if they are really attached to something then a piece of them often stays with it," Mr Townsend said.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be something negative like a death or a murder. Some people are raised in

their house their whole lives and a part of them stays around."

The group has more than 74 members and have investigated locations including homes, cemeteries, motels and even the Brisbane Art Theatre.

"Two ladies from Lismore come up to Brisbane for our meetings and

ghost hunts. We would love to get a few more down in Tweed." Mrs Richardson said.

Yesterday, while walking around Lisnagar, Mrs Richardson said she could feel a strong presence there.

"It felt like someone had brushed up against my arm. As if they were walking past me or trying to grab

my attention" she said.

"I am not a psychic but I definitely have a feeling about this one."

Lisnagar owner Terry Twohill said visitors have often seen the ghost of his dead aunt at the site.

"Her name was Emma Twohill. She died in 1992," Mr Twohill said.

"We have had over half a dozen

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