

The Granny Smith Apple Story

In the early days of the colony of New South Wales, a pioneering woman named Maria Smith lived in the township of Eastwood. She was the local midwife and all lovingly called her 'Granny Smith'. Due to her husband's illness, she was also responsible for working their small farm and orchard.

One day, upon her return from market, she brought home a barrel full of crab apples, intended for apple tarts. However, only half the apples were usable, so she took the bad apples and dumped them on her rubbish pile alongside the creek.

Several months later, she noticed a small tree pushing its way through the rubbish. She transplanted the tree and nurtured it in true 'Granny Smith' style. Several years later, she harvested the first ever crop of edible green apples! She sold them to her neighbours and the community of Eastwood who affectionately called them 'Granny Smith Apples'. Years later, all over the world, we still eat those juicy Aussie apples.

Just as something good came out of Granny Smith's trash heap, something good has, and continues to, come out of Australia too. We are not a trash-heap nation, the rejects of Mother England. We are a nation chosen by God, to be unique and special and used by Him for His glory and purpose. We have a unique and special heritage; unique and special animals, plants and way of life.