



NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO HQ COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE

Acknowledgement and gratitude

Firstly, I'd like to thank the committee and members for your warm welcome and the trust you've placed in me. I'd also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the outgoing President Kay Ryan and of course the committee – I know I'm stepping into a role with strong foundations. It was a real pleasure attending the AGM. Alongside many familiar faces, I thoroughly enjoyed meeting new members – each one a passionate historian and caretaker of community memory. The beautifully organised event and the warm, convivial spirit in the room are a testament to both the management committee and the strength of this organisation's 30-year legacy.

Settling in

As you can imagine, I'm still getting to know the finer workings of History Queensland and have begun reviewing recent documents and reports to help with that process.

Listening and connecting

As I mentioned in my remarks at the AGM, my first priorities as President are to 'learn, support and promote' – and as part of that, to visit member organisations so that I can better understand their drivers and how we might be able to help them. On 19 June I'll be attending the Wynnum-Manly Historical Society's monthly meeting which is being held at Iona College in the newly restored Old Baptist Church. I'm looking forward to meeting President Lucy Laakso and learning more about the group's work. (And a special shout-out to Christopher Seymour for the invitation made at the HQ AGM.) I'd be very happy to hear from any members of History Queensland who would like to catch-up with me by way of an onsite visit, monthly meeting, online Zoom etc so that I can continue my current focus on listening and connecting. If you're reading this, I'd love to hear from you

Wrap up

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I'm excited to be part of this next chapter for History Queensland and look forward to what we can achieve together.

Sally Romano
President

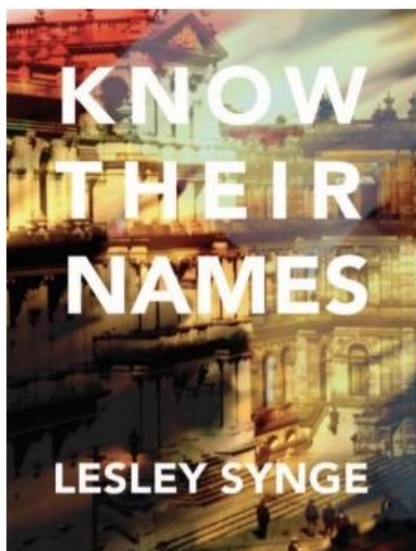
HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 2025-26

One of the matters dealt with at HQ's Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 25 May was the election of a new management committee, see below.

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History Queensland's thanks are due to Kay Ryan, Ann Metcher, and Janeth Deen, all of whom decided not to offer themselves for election to the committee this year. Special thanks to Kay Ryan, our outgoing President.

PEACHESTER HISTORY COMMITTEE Inc



**BRISBANE AUTHOR SAYS:
*KNOW THEIR NAMES***

From *Gympie Living*, February 2025.

Many know of Carnarvon Gorge in the Central Highlands, but few know that the Queensland government bred horses on the property next door for 25 years, from 1909-1934.

Or that the horses were supplied to police stations for transport in a state twice the size of Texas.

Or that the Queensland Heritage Register has awarded the remnants of the stud the status of a significant site.

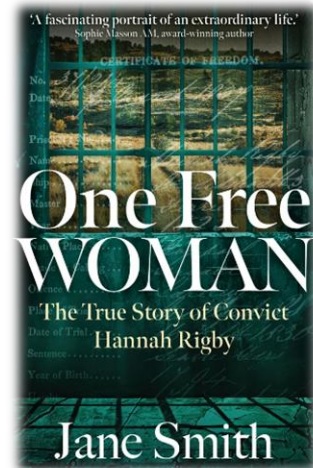
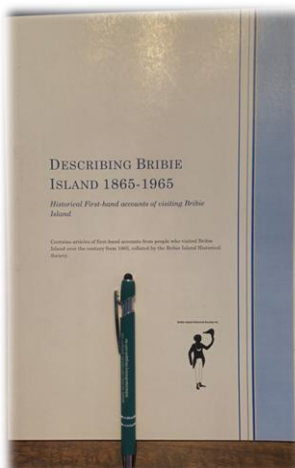
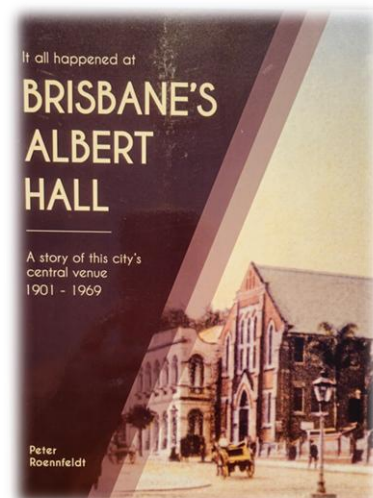
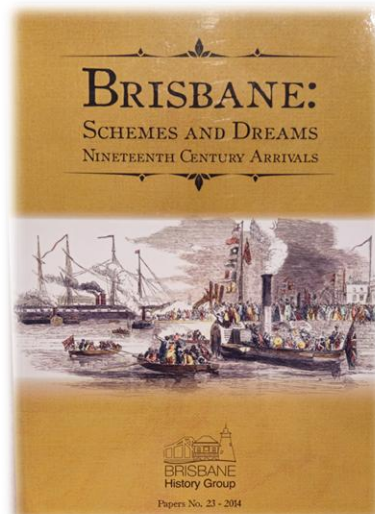
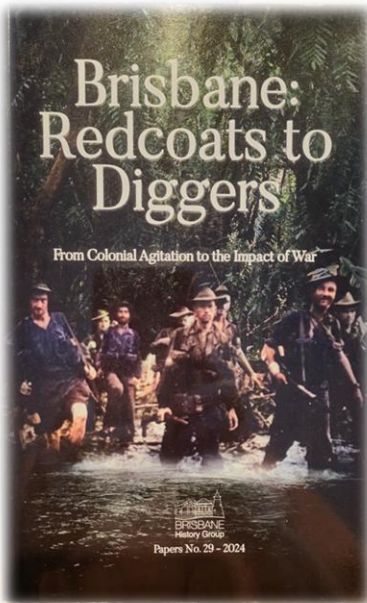
A Brisbane writer who has made an in-depth study of Rewan Police Horse Breeding Station has found that most of the stockmen who staffed the pastoral station were Aboriginal inmates from Barambah-Cherbourg.

The Police employed the stockmen under the designation of 'Tracker' and supplied them with uniforms, conditions of pay, leave and housing that were well below the standard enjoyed by the white stock workers/constables.

Extract from the Peach Trees Gazette no 200, newsletter of the Peachester History Committee Inc.

MANY THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONORS OF PRIZES FOR HQ's AGM RAFFLE

History Queensland was able to offer a number of great prizes in our AGM raffle, thanks to the generosity of donors. Prizes were: a year's free membership of the Genealogical Society of Queensland; books from the Brisbane History Group; books and pens from the Bribie Island Historical Society; *One Free Woman – The true story of Convict Hannah Rigby*, donated by the author, Jane Smith; and a DNA kit donated by Ancestry ProGenealogists. Congratulations to the lucky winners. HQ earned \$190 from the sale of raffle tickets, which contributed towards meeting the costs involved in holding the AGM.



ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

July, August and September Wednesday lunchtime lectures.

Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture:

SHADY REAL ESTATE IN BRISBANE

Presented by Paul Granville

Wednesday the 16th of July
12.30pm - 1.30 pm

The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street, Brisbane



RHSQ
The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture:

ISLAM IN SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND THE HISTORY OF INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF FAITH IN A MINORITY CONTEXT

Presented by Zerrin Afza, UQ

Wednesday the 20th of August
12.30pm - 1.30 pm

The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street, Brisbane



RHSQ
The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture:

QUEENSLAND, NEW GUINEA COLONISATION, & THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAPUAN INDEPENDENCE

Presented by Geoff Keating, UniSQ

Wednesday the 10th of September
12.30pm - 1.30 pm

The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street, Brisbane



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BARALABA – LAST TENT SCHOOL



Source: State Library of Queensland.

**TALK BY MARGARET JENNER, THEN SECRETARY, OF THE
QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES,
DELIVERED AT THE GRANGE LIBRARY ON 26 MAY 1998**

The transcript has been slightly edited. The Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies later became History Queensland Inc.

The Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies was formed on 15 July 1995, so we're not quite three years old. The idea for such an organization originated with Heather Wort, from the Gold Coast. Heather was involved with Congress '94 (an international family history conference), held at the University of Queensland in July of that year. It was a hugely successful four days, with an attendance of around 900, and we absolutely wallowed in family history! Speakers from England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand, United States of America and interstate, visitors from all over Australia and a contingent of 36 from New Zealand.

The reason for this nostalgic trip is to point out that Congress '94 was organized and managed by a number of family history societies throughout Queensland – from Mt Isa to the Gold Coast. This wasn't without its problems, of course, given the distances involved. And this is a problem QALFHS has had to deal with as well. However, it was, as they say, 'alright on the day.' Previously isolated groups suddenly discovered the advantages of cooperation, meetings ran smoothly, every group made a contribution, substantial profits were distributed. In short, Congress '94 left a rosy afterglow.

So, finally, I've come to the point of this story. Heather was determined that the spirit of cooperation and sharing should not be lost. Accordingly, she called a meeting of all interested family history societies – representatives of around 25 groups put in an appearance – and it was decided to explore the possibility of establishing a Queensland-wide umbrella organization to foster and provide support for all societies that cared to join.

During the discussion that followed, one delegate made a very interesting comment, one which led us off on yet another path. She suggested that local history groups should be included, since local and family history are so closely related. After all, you can't research a family without delving into the environment in which they lived, and it simply isn't possible to research local history and ignore the people who contributed to that history.

So the proposed organization became the Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies – QALFHS for short.

In inviting the various autonomous groups around the State to join us (there were about 160 at that time), we were very conscious of the need to advise them that we had no intention of interfering in the running of their Societies. And we were also very conscious of the need to be seen as a Queensland-wide organization, not a Brisbane-based one. (Anyone born in a country town knows, I think, that the city is still viewed with a certain amount of suspicion in some quarters.)

Our solution to that problem was to divide Queensland into a number of regions: North Queensland (from Mackay north and west to the border), Central Queensland (Maryborough to Mackay), Southern (Maryborough to the border), South East (Ipswich west to Birdsville), and Metropolitan. That was the easy part. The harder bit was finding people from member societies who were willing to serve on the committee. At the moment we have two representing North Queensland, one from Central, two from Southern, one for the South East, and three from Brisbane.

As I said earlier, distance presents its own particular problems. If we were flush with funds, it would be possible to organize telephone meetings. As it is, committee members travel regularly from Maryborough, Caboolture, Toowoomba, and the Gold Coast to meetings, which are usually held at my home.

We also decided that the Association would hold a series of general meetings, open to everyone, in other towns within reasonable travelling distance. So far, we've had two in Ipswich, two in Caboolture, one in Gayndah and one in Rockhampton. The Gayndah and Rockhampton meetings were part of a weekend seminar-cum-historical visit wholly organized by local groups. We had an absolutely wonderful time and learnt a lot, as well as meeting the faces behind the names signed at the bottom of letters. This year we're looking at Bundaberg and Toowoomba as venues.

So we do make a very real effort to keep in close contact and to reach out to other groups who might not yet be members. The intention, of course, is to encourage all societies, large and small, to join. The largest societies – Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Genealogical Society of Queensland and Queensland Family History Society – are long-time members. Together they represent something like 10,000 individuals.

The committee is still basking in the success of a family and local history fair, held at Mt Gravatt Showgrounds on 10 May [1998]. There were 42 exhibitors (ranging from book and map sellers, bookbinders, the Registrar-General, Commonwealth, State and City Council archives, computer software providers, desktop publishers, through to numbers of family and local history groups). We also had a series of help desks for beginners, nine 20-minute lectures covering topics from maps as historical resources to editing a newsletter, wandering minstrels, refreshments, the whole bit.

From our point of view, success was registered in the opportunities to liaise and chat with like-minded colleagues and to promote the Association. Attendance, by the way, was 891. Not bad for a first attempt at such a function. And this is probably my first chance to tell a group that the committee is already looking at a bigger and better fair for the year 2000. Watch the library's notice board. Now that we actually have some money in the bank, there will be more publicity next time.

We'd fondly hoped to launch our *Directory of Queensland Local Histories* at the Mt Gravatt fair, but the inevitable gremlins have caused unforeseen delays. It should be ready by the end of June.

Again, the *Directory* is a first effort. I contacted Queensland publishers and individual authors, plus every local library, local history society and local and regional museum, sending copies of this form and asking for information about relevant publications currently in print. The result? A total of 646 (I think) entries, covering all of the State from Torres Strait to the Gold Coast, and Cloncurry to St George. Since I have a captive audience here it just so happens that I've brought along some order forms.

I think that's probably as much as I can tell you about the Association. We are not a wildly exciting or glamorous group, but we believe we fill a gap in the history world. And we are a very happy, productive committee. No back-biting, everyone pulls his or her weight. Several committee members have particular expertise – the current President (who replaced foundation President Heather Wort) has experience in public relations and publishing. His wife, the Treasurer, is a solicitor. I for my sins, am Secretary. I'm also an experienced historian, with several books to my credit, a doctoral thesis in progress, and I have spent literally years researching at Queensland State Archives, the John Oxley Library and other repositories.

HISTORY QUEENSLAND'S 30th BIRTHDAY CAKE CUT AT OUR AGM

History Queensland Inc. celebrated its 30 year birthday at the 2025 AGM held on 25 May. Incoming President Sally Romano, the very first President, Heather Wort, and retiring President Kay Ryan cut the birthday cake.



L to r, Sally Romano, Heather Wort, Kay Ryan

WHY DO MANY OF OUR MEMBER SOCIETIES RECEIVE THREE INVOICES?

Many of our member societies receive three invoices relating to HQ membership and insurance, and don't know why. Our Insurance officer fields queries each year – and this year one of the queries received was from the Editor of this newsletter!

There is a simple explanation for the three invoices. Two invoices are issued to societies by History Queensland. One invoice is for the annual membership fee. Membership advantages include access to the annually negotiated bulk deal for public liability and volunteer insurance; HQ's second invoice seeks payment of a society's premium. (Incidentally, History Queensland pays the large premium due for the negotiated bulk deal for this insurance in advance before receiving payments from societies and prompt reimbursement of HQ by societies is desirable. The HQ committee was told recently that 20 societies are yet to reimburse HQ for their 2025-26 public liability and volunteer insurance, though invoices were sent out two more three months ago.)

The third invoice that many of our member societies receive relates to insurance that they are offered privately for contents and in some cases their buildings. This insurance is privately negotiated by the society and History Queensland plays no role.

HISTORY QUEENSLAND 2025 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

At its meeting on 10 June the HQ committee decided that there will be another Small Grants program this year offering member societies the chance to be approved for grants of up to \$2000 for specific projects. Watch for the invitation to apply which will be sent by the end of July. The program will be similar to that conducted in 2024:

- 5 grants of up to \$2,000 each may be awarded in 2025.
- Applications will be invited by the end of July and **close at 6pm on 31 October 2025**.
- Grants are open to all societies who are financial members of History Queensland Inc.
- The grants are to provide financial assistance to member societies for projects to enhance community knowledge and understanding of Queensland's cultural heritage and history.
- Funding will be for discrete projects only, including website development or purchase of small equipment items, but will not be provided for any expenditure incurred prior to the granting of the grant.
- Applications on the *Small Grants 2025 Application Form*, which will be available by the end of July, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of History Queensland Inc.
- Applications should include a full description of the project, cost of the project, what contribution (if any) the organisation will make towards the project (this may include set-up, indexing, hosting an event to launch the project, development of a website etc.)

The *Small Grants 2025 – Information Sheet*, which will also be available by the end of July, will provide further details on:

- Objectives & Description of the Program
- Conditions
- Assessment procedure & Assessment Criteria.

**WINDSOR AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC –
THE NAMING OF KENT ROAD, WOOLLOOWIN**

Kent Road is about 1.1 km long and runs from Kedron Park Rd in Woolloowin to Lodge Rd in Kalinga. The road was named after William Henry Kent.

William was born in Sydney on 17 May 1836. He married Mary Ann Quinlivan in Sydney in 1858. The colony of Queensland was created in 1859 and William and Mary moved north to the colony. He became a grazier in the Jondaryan area and had a great interest in horses. He conducted horse races in the old Ipswich course from around 1861 (later called The Grange Paddocks – which he bought and bred horses there). He owned a great number of horses and was later regarded as the father of Queensland turf. William was also one of the founders of the former Royal Bank of Queensland. Later, William became the proprietor of the horse and cattle sale-yards at the Adelaide and Albert Sts corner in Brisbane. He was largely identified with the sporting community and played an active part in the establishment of horse racing clubs.

On 2 June 1885 William Kent purchased the stately home 'Kedron Lodge.' This home had been built for Judge Alfred James Peter Lutwyche and was completed in 1862. The architect was Christopher Porter and the builder, John Petrie. Judge Lutwyche passed away on 12 June 1880.



William Kent filled the Kedron Lodge stables with his fine horses.. He added a ballroom to the Lodge and established a large beautiful flower garden.

In the late 1890s, William's health started to deteriorate and he had to retire from his horse interests.. He passed away at Kedron Lodge on 22 February 1897 aged 60. He was buried in the Lutwyche Cemetery.

Slightly edited extract from the Society's Journal, Vol 37 no2.

TINGALPA PIONEERS' CHAPEL AND CEMETERY

The Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group Inc maintain the decommissioned chapel and cemetery and maintain and improve the grounds. The Group suggests that we consider the Chapel and Cemetery for a future event, not only weddings and memorial services, but also social events, meetings and training sessions. Sealed visitor parking is available thanks to their neighbours, Pepsico Smiths Crisps, off Wynnum Road. Contact details: phone 0490 386 396, or email admin@pctingalpa.com.au.



ENOGERA MEMORIAL HALL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS, 20 JULY

Your Invitation to

The Enoggera Memorial Hall

Centenary Celebrations

Trundle St 20th July 2 to 4 pm



The programme includes:-

Displays of the 1920&30s;
The Enoggera State School Choir;
Stump Capping;
Yarns from over the Back Fence;
Book launch, "The Enoggera School of Arts & Memorial Hall,"

Celebration Afternoon Tea; Hamper Raffle.

Book your ticket through HUMANITIK \$25 [includes limited edition, souvenir linen Tea Towel]. For further information ph 3355 4714

Diary Date

23 November 2 to 4 pm

Memorial Hall, Trundle St

Rededication of the hall, displays, Informative talks, Book launch – **"Their Name Liveth for Evermore"**, Refreshments, Hamper Raffle. [Medals may be worn]

Gold Coin Entry \$2

CONNECTIONS – PAST – PRESENT – FUTURE

The Australasian Conference was held at the Brisbane Technology Park, Eight Mile Plains, 21-24 March. Its themes were Diaspora (Migration), Looking Forward, and Local History. Below are some images from the event.



Some of the exhibitors (photo GSQ)



Valerie Thornton at the HQ tables



Kay Ryan, President, HQ (photo GSQ)



Some of the enthusiastic genealogists
(our Patron, Shauna Hicks, centre front)



Final speaker Dr Nick Barratt



An example of the table centrepieces conceived and crafted for the dinner by Kay Ryan



Kay Ryan presentation to Valerie Thornton, HQ Secretary

GENERAL STORE, DAYBORO, c1961

General store on the corner of McKenzie and William Streets, Dayboro, built in 1937 by A J (Andy) McKenzie Jnr.



Andy McKenzie, sons Jeffrey and Kerry and Victor McLennan c1961

From Dayboro District Historical Society Newsletter, May 2025.

Bathing Pavilions of Redcliffe

By Jennifer Mott

At the recent Moreton Bay History Seminar, Dr Paul Dielemans presented an informative and entertaining talk on *"Beautiful Modern Bathing Pavilions: Interwar Beach Improvements and Beach Leisure in the Redcliffe Peninsula and Surrounds"*.



The Bathing Pavilions of the Redcliffe Peninsula were located at Redcliffe (Sutton's Beach), Scarborough (opposite the Scarborough Theatre), Margate, Redcliffe (at the Redcliffe Jetty), Clontarf and Scott's Point. They were designed by Clifford Earnest Plant, an interwar architect, who completed a large portfolio of work (with 142 designs having been located by Dr Dielemans). Four pavilions were opened on 23rd December, 1937 – Sutton's Beach, Redcliffe, Margate and Scott's Point. The Clontarf Pavilion (including tunnel to the beach and shark proof enclosure), Scarborough and Sutton's Beach pavilions are no longer in existence.



The proposed bathing pavilion for Sutton's Beach.
Image source: *Courier Mail*, 27 March 1937, p5.

Improved transport and access to Redcliffe, and the increasing use of beaches by locals and tourists facilitated the need for privacy (for dressing) and for sanitary conditions – leading to the building of Bathing Pavilions. During the late 1800s, nude bathing (by males) was popular. By 1909 there was a boom in popularity of the Redcliffe Peninsula as a seaside resort and popular destination. A relaxation of the ban on swimming from 6am to 8pm was made, and by 1915 mixed bathing was permitted, albeit in swimming costumes that accommodated the decency laws of the day. A need for privacy/changing rooms ensued. By 1925 it was recognised by the council that separate male and female changing rooms with shower and toilet facilities were needed (as opposed to the current private beach bathing boxes). And from here the beautiful Bathing Pavilions of Redcliffe came into existence.



Bathing Pavilion at Scarborough, c1930s.
Image courtesy City of Moreton Bay Libraries,
RLPC-000\000024.

From History Redcliffe, Humpybong and After, Vol 40 issue 2, June 2025.

Graveyard Guardians

We held a special Graveyard Guardians event in March to clean the graves of the cemetery after the flooding caused by Ex Cyclone Alfred. Thank you, the members and community volunteers who lent a hand.



From Echoes of Nundah's Past, Issue 9, April 2025, newsletter of the Friends of Nundah Historic Cemetery.

KILCOY, YOWIE COUNTRY

This statue now appears on the Wikipedia Page on the internet, as well as various articles on YouTube. It has become famous around Australia and the world. Several television programmes have featured it, including America's Animal Planet which is famous for its Finding Bigfoot series. Set as it is in the beautiful Yowie Park, many travellers passing through the town are inspired to pause for a break, enjoy a coffee from the Yowie Coffee Van, and take a photo with our famous friend.



Extract from the March April May 2025 Newsletter of Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc.

MARYBOROUGH FAMILY HERITAGE INSTITUTE INC. TELLS US WHERE THE TERM 'COAT OF ARMS' ORIGINATED

COAT OF ARMS: *noun* — the distinctive heraldic bearings or shield of a person, family, corporation, or country. [\[Dictionary Oxford Languages\]](#)

The term **Coat of Arms** itself in origin refers to the *surcoat* with heraldic designs worn by combatants, especially in the knightly tournament, in Old French *cote a armer*. The sense is transferred to the heraldic design itself in Middle English, in the mid-14th century.

Coat of Arms is a *heraldic visual design* on an *escutcheon* (i.e., *shield*), *surcoat*, or *tabard* (the last two being outer garments). The **Coat of Arms** on an escutcheon forms the central element of the full *heraldic achievement*, which in its whole consists of a shield, *supporters*, a *crest*, and a *motto*. A **Coat of Arms** is traditionally unique to the *armiger* (e.g. an *individual person*, *family*, *state*, *organization*, *school* or *corporation*). The term "**Coat of Arms**" itself, describing in modern times just the heraldic design, originates from the description of the entire

medieval chainmail "*surcoat*" garment used in combat or preparation for the latter.

Rolls of Arms are collections of many **Coats of Arms**, and since the *early Modern Age* centuries, they have been a source of information for public showing and tracing the membership of a *noble family*, and therefore its **GENEALOGY** across *time*.

In the present day, **Coats of Arms** are still in use by a variety of institutions and individuals: for example, many European cities and universities have guidelines on how their **Coats of Arms** may be used and protect their use as *trademarks* as any other unique identifier might be. Many societies exist that also aid in the design and registration of personal arms.

Heraldry has been compared to **modern Corporate Logos**.

Extract from the Institute's newsletter, June 2025, Vol 36 issue 1.

BOWEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM, 22 GORDON STREET

The Bowen Historical Museum was established on August 16, 1963 and is a well-known museum with displays of indigenous, pioneer and local history. Bowen settled in 1861, the first township settled north of Rockhampton.

Moss Vale Cottage, which was built on Moss Vale Station in 1872, was relocated to the museum grounds in 1972. The cottage features displays of old furniture, some created from kerosene boxes and tins (showcasing the inventiveness of our pioneers), tools, laundry, saddlery, cooking and butter-making equipment. The exterior and internal walls of the cottage are of slab construction and the building has been kept as authentic as possible.



Every newspaper printed in Bowen since 1864 is available in digital form and visitors may request information on their descendants, as well as valuable local history. We also feature a collection of early printing presses, typesetters and other machinery that were used to create these early publications.



Extracts, slightly edited, from the website of the Bowen Historical Society & Museum.

USING POWERPOINT FOR GENEALOGY

Have you seen these?

Trainer Lori has three excellent videos on using PowerPoint for Genealogy.

Part 1 : [Clipping and Storing Research](#)

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV5fl_PPiMM) Did you know you can clip a video into PPT?

Part 2 : [Editing photos - tips and tricks for manipulating photos](#)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL2kUnP6VmY>)

Part 3 : [Creating output](#) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNpRIUP18A0>) - turning family tree reports into beautiful books or videos

Extract from Missing Link issue 56, May 2025, journal of Cooroy Noosa Genealogical and Historical Research Group Inc.

**NEW FARM AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC – 28 JUNE MEETING –
PRESENTATION ENTITLED RUSSELL TRANSPORT: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

New Farm and Districts Historical Society Inc

**RUSSELL TRANSPORT:
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**



The R.B.RUSSELL fleet in 1948

Speaker:
Phil Russell

Saturday 28th June 2:30 pm

Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm



www.newfarmhistorical.org.au
Enquiries: 0409 498 403

Philip Russell is the second generation of Russell Transport. The company was founded by his father, Roy Bayley Russell, in 1925 and operated out of New Farm until 1971. Roy won the contract to cart motor spirit for agents, Dalgety and Co, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Refineries. Roy started with one truck and quickly grew the fleet over the formative years, expanding into wool carrying out of the Woolstores. The company served the local Brisbane area and travelled as far as Beenleigh each day. Over the years, the business moved locations within the New Farm wharf area as they expanded in size until, ultimately, the company moved out in 1971 to Eagle Farm where it is still based today. Phil will be talking about the company's history and evolution in the New Farm community and beyond.

From the Society's Newsletter, June 2025, Vol XXXI no 5.

AUSTRALIA – NEW COLLECTABLE COIN COMMEMORATING 225th ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIA'S PROCLAMATION COIN

Australia: Proclamation Coin Anniversary

Struck from 1oz of 99.99% pure silver, this coin commemorates the 225th anniversary of Australia's Proclamation coin - the Spanish Pillar Dollar. A historically significant piece and an addition for collectors, reflecting the first currency minted in Australia.

Although it remains a topic of considerable numismatic debate, a Proclamation coin is usually defined by its inclusion in Governor Philip Gidley King's famous edict of 19 November 1800, which attempted to solve the currency crisis afflicting the colony of New South Wales.

The coin's reverse design pays homage to the Spanish Pillar Dollar, also known as a peso, or a 'piece of eight'. Under the inscription 'VTRAQUE' (meaning 'both are one'), the coin portrays the Spanish Crown and two hemispheres representing the Old World and the New World.

This coin has been individually 'antiqued' to give it a unique finish conveying the surface abrasions of an ancient artefact. As a result of this treatment, the appearance of each coin in the mintage may vary. Mintage 2,500.

<https://www.perthmint.com/shop/collector-coins/coins/225th-anniversary-australian-proclamation-coins-pillar-dollar-2025-1oz-silver-antiqued-coin/>



Extract from the newsletter of Redcliffe Numismatic Society Inc, Issue 270, July 2025.

BAY STREET AT PINE STREET, WYNNUM



1910 and 2025, Guardian Angel Church on the right.

From the website of the Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc.

CABOOLTURE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP INC. – FOUNDING FAMILIES CONNECT

Project Update.... Our Founding Families project is progressing slowly, to date there are very few families that don't connect to another Founding Family. We are also finding there is more than one Founding Family member with the same name, which often causes confusion.

We have done the 3 generations of the family trees containing approximately 831 founding family members and over 7,000 individual pieces of information collected so far. Quite a few have more than one Founding Family member in their tree.

What details are we researching?

- Historical documents ie Land Title Documents; Birth, Death, Marriages Certificates, Wills, Brands, Leases etc
- Shipping Arrival details into Australia
- Family Stories / Histories including work histories [occupations]; leisure activities, family and community events
- Historical (Old) Photographs of our Founding Families and their lived experience
- Diaries; Letters; Newspaper Articles
- War Records; etc



It would be greatly appreciated if family members would share with any of the above.

From the Group's first Founding Families Connect (newsletter), June 2025.

MARYBOROUGH WIDE BAY AND BURNETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the School of Arts, one of Maryborough's most beautiful heritage buildings, the Maryborough Wide Bay Burnett Historical Society offers a wonderful snapshot of early history through a collection of more than 3500 photographs.

The collection also includes historical records, over 3000 books, wedding gowns 1890–1910, needle work and lace artefacts.

Kent Street, opp. City Hall; (07) 4121 6646

Extract from <https://www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/directory-record/166/maryborough-wide-bay-and-burnett-historical-society> .

AI and Source Citations

Those new to genealogy and family history soon learn the importance of source citations in proving relationships as well as facts about an ancestor. Usually, source citations document how we find and use records such as census population schedules, death certificates, and even letters or diaries.

For the most part, you won't find records when making queries on an AI platform. But you may find information that serves as a clue for further research or, more likely, as social history about how an ancestor lived. In these situations, a method of citing AI-generated content is needed.

Citing sources need not be intimidating or time consuming. Stick to the basics: the information found, how it was found, information about where it was found, and locator data so another researcher can find the information.

For artificial intelligence content, here's the formula you might consider using as proposed by the Modern Language Association of America (MLA):

"[QUERY]" prompt. [NAME OF AI PLATFORM], [DATE OR VERSION OF PLATFORM], [NAME OF AI COMPANY], [DATE OF QUERY], [PLATFORM URL]

So, if I asked ChatGPT to determine the value of my great-grandfather's home in the 1930 US Census listed as \$80,000 in 2024 dollars, here is the source citation I would use:

"Value of home in the 1930 US Census listed as \$80,000 in 2024 dollars" prompt. ChatGPT, ChatGPT 3.5 version, OpenAI, 1 October 2023, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

Extract from the group's Quarterly Journal, March 2025, no 128.

EAST STREET ROCKHAMPTON, c1933



From Rockhampton and District Historical Society website: <https://rockhamptonhistory.org.au/east-street-rockhampton-c1933/>

FRIENDS OF BALMORAL CEMETERY – BALMORAL ART MONTH EVENT –STONEMASON WALK AND TALK, SUNDAY 29 JUNE



Presented by: Friends of Balmoral Cemetery **FREE EVENT**

BALMORAL CEMETERY
2PM-4PM, SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025

ABOUT: WALK AND TALK TO A STONEMASON BY LOCAL STONEMASON DAN WEBSTER FROM QUEENSLAND HERITAGE MASONRY. CARE FOR ANCESTOR'S MONUMENTS, DIY REPAIRS, CLEANING AND WHEN TO ASK FOR A MASON'S ADVICE.

PARKING: PARKING INSIDE CORNER OF WYNNUM & BENNETTS ROADS ENTRY

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POWs ON THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY – A KITCHEN AT ONE OF THE WORK CAMPS



From National Archives of Australia.

SANDGATE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM – SUITCASE TIME CAPSULE, AND PIER BENCHES

SUITCASE TIME CAPSULE

In June 2023 we received an interesting letter from the Royal Historical Society (Queensland) reminding us about a suitcase time capsule that was established in 2000 by members of the Sandgate Museum & Historical Society and stored with the Royal Historical Society. |



This initiated much excitement for many of the members and for many others in our community. The suitcase time capsule was to be opened in June 2025 and the society was looking forward to organising a celebration for the event.

Despite many phone calls, Facebook posts and enquiries, we are no closer to finding where the capsule is, or whether it ever existed.

If you know anything about the capsule, or someone who may know, we'd love to hear from you.

PIER BENCHES

Are you one of the lucky ones to own one of these benches?



The historic Shorncliffe Pier was dismantled 10 years ago to make way for a new pier, with the old wood retained by Brisbane City Council.

The mayor promised a "piece of the pier" to 17 community groups throughout Brisbane to use in creative ways to honour its history.

Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc (SANDBAG), a community centre housing social enterprise group Seed in Sandgate, was one of the groups awarded with the timber. Working with craftsmen they used the recycled items to make benches which were sold to the Sandgate community.

Each of the pieces holds an embellished copper plaque to remind people of the history of the pier - a perfect memento of Queensland heritage.

Photo: Jessica Hinchliffe

Extracts from the Society's Newsletter, March 2025, Vol 1.

BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE 2025, 19-20 JULY, WITH SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE PRECEDING WEEK

Brisbane Open House (BOH) is a free annual event providing residents and visitors with the rare opportunity to discover the hidden wealth of architecture, engineering and history in buildings and places around Brisbane city.

Selected buildings are open to the public with guided and self-guided tours encouraging visitors to explore, re-examine and engage with Brisbane's built environment. The experience opens people's eyes and minds to good design and curious spaces.

The inaugural Brisbane Open House was launched in 2010 with great success, attracting more than 12, 500 visits. Each year, the event has continued to grow and in 2019, our tenth anniversary, BOH attracted 80,000 visits across 119 sites.

Brisbane Open House will return on 19+20 July 2025 with our biggest event in five years. With more than 90 buildings and 50 events, there will be plenty to see and do so make sure to [sign up to our newsletter](#) to be the first to know about all our upcoming event.

Further information and a full program, including a downloadable program of more than 40 pages, is available from the Brisbane Open House 2025 website, from which the above information was obtained: <https://brisbaneopenhouse.com.au/> .



QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY COMING EVENT – FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD BOOKFEST, 6 AUGUST, AT HORNETS FOOTBALL CLUB

QFHS Inc Family History Book Award plus Bookfest of Local and family...



Starts: 6 Aug 2025 at 11:00 AM
Ends: 6 Aug 2025 at 1:00 PM

Notes: This event will be held at Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine.

Lunch is available at the venue afterwards at your own expense.

The QFHS Annual Book award celebrates the effort that authors have put into writing up their family history. The award requires that the work have Queensland relevance and that it is properly researched and engagingly written.

The authors of the books that entered this year will participate in a group discussion about their entries and the experience of advancing their research to the point of publication.

Five authors for our Family History Book Award 2025 will talk about their books and writing processes. The books and authors are:

- * The Sugar King, by Catherine Smith
- * Substance and Shadows, by Jennifer Vivian Smith
- * May the Cane Prosper - A Queensland Story, by Pene Greet and Avis-Ann Ballard
- * A Poor Hand Well Played - A Family Story Across Several Generations, by Anne Heatherington.

This year's QFHS Inc Family History Book Award winner will be announced.

There will be opportunities for sales and signing as well.

From the Society's website: https://www.qfhs.org.au/calendar/2025/20250806_110000_224/

SOCIETIES' WRITTEN REPORTS PROVIDED AHEAD OF HQ'S AGM

The reports have been slightly edited.

BRIBIE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION Inc.

Our current membership stands at 30 with a Facebook group membership of 67. Our meetings are held in the Anzac Room, thanks to the ongoing support of RSL Club Bongaree. We have welcomed speakers with a variety of topics in the last 6 months, including 'Irish Genealogy', 'Caring for Family Archives' and 'Lost in London.'

Our AGM, which had been scheduled for 7 March, was postponed until 4 April due to the imminent arrival of Tropical Cyclone Alfred. When the AGM was held the majority of the Board stood down and the Board has been refreshed with new faces. We hope to be able to report on some exciting initiatives at HQ's next six-monthly meeting.

Our upcoming speakers include Alistair Henderson 'Researching Scottish Ancestors', Sue Battersby discussing Library Resources within our local area, and Alex Daw talking about 'Telling Family History through Google Blogspot or up close and personal with Family Tree Frog', an intriguing subject line.

Further information can be obtained from Bribie Island Family History Association Inc Facebook page or by contacting bribiefamilyhistoryassociation@gmail.com.

BRIBIE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have been operating now for 17 years and are respected and recognized by community and media on a wide range of local historical issues. We have regular contact from people with interesting connections to Bribie History. We have a significant database collection of historical documents,

photos, maps and information, with selected items on a blog site

<http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com>, and much more on our website

<http://www.bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au> .

Bribie's oldest building, the former Methodist Church and Freemasons' lodge, acquired by Moreton Bay City Council at the suggestion of this Society, is being refurbished by the Council, but its future use by this Society remains uncertain. Most of our 82 members and 3 life members attend monthly meetings. We attract excellent visiting guest speakers as well as inviting some members to speak on a wide range of topics. We recently had the Curator of the Abbey Museum talk about its history and the recent opening of its new Art Gallery. Several of our members donated to the preservation of ancient art works that are now on display. Wider community contact on Bribie history is achieved with classes conducted at the University of the Third Age (U3A) and regular articles published in the fortnightly *Bribie Islander* magazine delivered free to all households. We also provide guest speakers on Bribie History to the Moreton Bay History Seminar and many local groups including National Seniors, Probus, Rotary, Museum, Library and U3A.

We are planning the publication of a new book of selected short stories about Bribie History. We were asked by Queensland Military History Society to write a paper about Bribie in WW2 for their annual publication and our contribution has now been submitted for review prior to publication. We produce three free brochures on Bongaree Heritage walks and Bribie Island in WW2 available at the Museum and Visitors Centre. The book *A Girl from Bribie Island*, first published and launched by the Society in 2010, has just been reprinted by the 94-year-old author for sale to members and public.

The life-size sculpture of Matthew Flinders and Bongaree which we unveiled outside the Seaside Museum continues to be admired by residents and visitors. It is the only public image of Bongaree in the world and received the full support of all indigenous groups. We contributed to the Centenary of the Bribie Island State School and had a members' visit to Woodford Museum in April and plan a visit to the Buddhist Temple in June. The future for the Society is now under review pending a decision on a suitable base location with storage space.

BRISBANE TRAMWAY MUSEUM

It is pleasing to report that trams are once again running at the museum, after a gap of some 15 months since November 2023. Our first major event of the year, a commemoration of the Last Tram Trip in Brisbane (13 April 1969) was a great success with some 400 passengers coming along and a good income resulted. The next big event for the year will be in September when we commemorate the big fire at Paddington depot in 1962, when one fifth of the fleet (65 trams) was lost. We don't plan a reenactment! Our final event for the year will be in December when we commemorate the centenary of Brisbane City Council's taking responsibility for tram operations. The theme will be 'The Evolution of Brisbane Public Transport.' Horses are already booked to pull our horse tram so the evolution will be horse trams, electric trams, diesel buses, electric buses and Metro. Meanwhile the museum will support other BCC centennial events as requested.

On another note, the museum recognises the need to keep up with the times. To this end, we have engaged a marketing company to devise a strategic plan and a marketing plan for us. We need to broaden our catchment area from just those few suburbs around Ferny Grove. A part of the plan will see our website professionally upgraded and more use made of social media. The museum also stands ready to host another HQ meeting and is available for any HQ member societies who wish to hold their meetings at somewhere different.

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH Inc.

We started our calendar year of guest speakers with our member Shauna Hicks OAM whose presentation was 'Looking for Scottish Ancestors.' That was followed in February with another valued member, Pauleen Cass, showing us how to 'Blog your Family Tree'. In March we had a number of members telling us about their own family research and the interesting topics were 'A Strange Story of Genealogy and Inheritance: How a Simple Enquiry uncovered a Complex Family Web'; 'Military at

Kings Beach'; 'Finding My Father'; 'Hillbilly Poem' and 'Living in Spain.' In April we enjoyed a few YouTube films of first-hand accounts by WW2 veterans and these were 'A Game Changing Account of the Japanese Surrender in Borneo'; 'Survival in New Guinea'; and 'Australians did this One Thing before any other Nation in WW2 – twice.' This month, at our 32nd Birthday Members' Meeting, especially for new members and a refresher for long time members, Dr Jon Prangnell reprised his marvellous 'Waves in Time' Keynote presentation on 'North Brisbane Burial Ground-Solving a Mystery.'

Our Training Officer has organised sessions on Zoom for Intermediate Users (interest group coordinators and members); Introduction to Excel, and Advanced Excel; Introduction to PowerPoint; Presenting a Slide Show on PP; upcoming in June is Using CFHRI Resources.

The 'Histories of our Soldiers' project is progressing. Members have 'spread the word' on family research at the local View Club and our publicity officer ensured we had a two-page spread on family history research in the Sunshine Coast *Your Time Magazine*.

A number of our members attended the Connections – Past Present Future conference in Brisbane while others recently organised successful fund-raising events at Bunnings manning a Cake Stall, and a sausage sizzle stall on Mothers' Day, as well as a Mothers' Day raffle.

After 10 years based at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club, our Library and Lorrie Barzdo Computer Room are undergoing an exciting refurbishment which will be completed before our AGM in August and new bright signage will be installed within weeks.

We are lucky to have such a hard working team devoted to our successful endeavours.

CAPRICORN COAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our activities for the last six months:

- 6-10 January, stall at Yeppoon Central selling our publications and calendar.
- Preparation for calendar 2026.
- History Conference 21-23 March in Brisbane attended by one of our members.
- 8 April – visit arranged by Mayor and six councillors to improve our profile with them.
- Visit to Keppel Sands Coastguard and on to Joskeleigh with South Sea Islander Museum.
- Preparation for Yeppoon Show 7-8 June, with display on history of boating in Keppel Bay and publication of books for sale.

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND HERITAGE SOCIETY

In 2024 the Society had celebrations and transitions. We were pleased to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the heritage listing of our island's Emerald Fringe. This was held in conjunction with our AGM on the Western Foreshore, within the Emerald Fringe, on a beautiful Coochiemudlo Island day on 24 August. In a new approach, this day marked the end of 'Heritage Month', which had commenced on the annual Flinders' Day on 21 July. Events were held by the Society and other island groups (particularly an Art Festival held by the Artisans Group) during the month, a concept we plan to continue. Our own additional events included the Flinders landing reenactment, an open day and a history walk. 2024 also saw several evening events in a series titled 'An evening with...' hearing the stories of locals with stories to tell.

At the AGM we farewelled from our committee long-serving president Jan MacIntyre and long-serving committee member and former Vice-President Carolyn Brammer. Both continue to live on Coochiemudlo Island and remain active members of our society.

COORPAROO & DISTRICTS GROUP

The group was formed in 1991 and has met continuously, apart from during Covid, regularly on the first Saturday of every even-numbered month. We have had an interesting array of speakers with presentations about Coorparoo and wider afield, including a presentation about surveying in Antarctica. We have been meeting at the Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre since 1993. Our next meeting will be held on 7 June and will feature our local MP, Joe Kelly, who will speak about 'The goings on in the Coorparoo Electorate.'

For several years we conducted a bus tour around a selected suburb in October. However, for the last two years, with the cost having become prohibitive, we have conducted virtual bus tours around the Hamilton-Ascot and the New Farm areas and these have been successful.

One of our last two speakers spoke about service stations in the area and how they have changed over time. The other spoke about the Chinese influence in the area around Coorparoo. At our December meeting we usually have a Christmas celebration and a raffle to obtain funds for the group. We have been successful in obtaining interesting gifts from our three levels of local politicians.

FRIENDS OF TINGALPA CEMETERY HERITAGE GROUP Inc.

The rain stopped for a moment as the Archbishop Jeremy Greaves planted a tree in our New Reflection Garden, with Patron Steve Minnikin, MP for Chatsworth, and Tim Reid of the Anglican Church. The sun shone on the Archbishop and all present to bless this 'Bush Cathedral' and the Cemetery Grounds of Tingalpa Pioneers Chapel and Cemetery. The event was well received by all present, and our new committee were pleased to share what our Group have been able to achieve including securing funding for maintenance, and the completion of several ongoing projects. Thanks to the Queensland Government and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for grants to complete interior painting of our heritage-listed chapel. Thanks also to Steve Minnikin MP who donated \$1000 to our mission. Music filled the grounds and morning tea was enjoyed by all. It truly was a successful event: our 'village' came together with conversation, connection, and a strong sense of community. We were indeed blessed. Thank you to our village community – committee, volunteers and friends .

Thanks also to Federal and State MPs, Ross Vasta and Steve Minnikin, Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor Adrian Shrunner, Councillor Lisa Atwood, and neighbouring Councils and their staff, and emergency workers, volunteers, and community and businesses for their community spirit during the recent cyclone event.

Neil, a valued committee member, researches and creates plaques for those graves without a story. These plaques tell the stories of pioneers, their families, and their connections to our site, Brisbane and State.

Please consider the Tingalpa Pioneers Chapel & Cemetery, 1868-2025 for your next event, an excellent venue for an intimate wedding, memorial service, social event, meeting or training. We have sealed visitor parking, thanks to our neighbours, Pepsico Smiths Crisps off Wynnum Road. Contact us on tel 0490 386 396 or by email: admin@pctingalpa.com.au . See the video of the chapel and grounds: <https://youtu.be/PmlcDw6hSDM>.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

GSQ conducted a very successful conference, 21-23 March. More than 400 people participated. It was so good to observe people really enjoying the opportunities to mingle, to share their family history stories, and to learn more about various aspects of family history research by attending the presentations. Our 3 keynote speakers were outstanding: Judy Russell from the United States provided the opening address, and this set the scene for the whole Conference; the other two keynote speakers were Dr Nick Barratt from England and Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, currently working at the New England University in Armidale.

GSQ is currently seeking personnel to deliver Cyber Security information to our members, having received a grant to do this. We believe that this is a vital thing for the Society to do, given so many of our members could be very vulnerable to cyber attack. A committee has begun working on the development of a new website, something that will be a long-term project. GSQ is to celebrate 50 years of being in 2028. Planning has commenced for ways to celebrate this milestone.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

Membership at GSC remains constant: although some members do not renew their membership, we have new members join. We would, however, love to increase our membership, and somehow encourage younger folk to join. Interest Groups continue on a monthly basis: Early Australian and Convicts, Irish and Scottish, Writing, DNA and Family Search, and Roots Magic. The information sessions following the General Meetings have provided some interesting topics and discussions: there have been Family recipes, Weddings, Christenings and Baptisms, to name a few.

Towards the end of 2024 the Society became aware of issues with our IT systems. Over time, it was a bit like Topsy and just kept growing! A computer company was contracted and work has commenced in sorting, tidying and storing some twenty-eight terabytes, much of it local history, hours and hours of work that needs to be safeguarded for future generations.

Beginners' classes have proved popular and have brought in new members. We have been approached by a Lifestyle Village and a Men's Shed for workshops to be held and information provided. It is rewarding to be able to get involved with the wider community.

In March we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of the extension to our building. It was very interesting hearing the story and the vision of the then members and the effort that was made to provide such a great facility.

'To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source and a tree without a root.' Happy researching to all the genealogists out there.

GLASSHOUSE HISTORY GROUP Inc.

Monthly Community Meetings – Glass House Neighbourhood Centre

The monthly Community Meetings represent the only regular opportunity to engage with the broader community and to harvest ideas for local history research projects. These meetings are expected to continue through 2025 on the third Tuesday of the month. A different theme for discussion each month helps to tease out the thinking, for example the theme for May 2025 was 'Parlour games' and attendees were encouraged to bring along any games that might be lurking in the back of their wardrobes

Local History Books and support from *Glasshouse Country & Maleny News*

The Group has significant stocks of local history books which were written over ten years ago and the challenge is to come up with innovative ways to bring them to the public's attention, particularly since the Landsborough Museum has been taken over by the Council. A pop-up bookshop was conducted at the recent Maleny Writers' Festival with limited success. In the meantime, the books are available from the Peachester Heritage Centre and the Glasshouse Visitor Information Centre. We are very grateful to the *Glasshouse Country & Maleny News* for their ready cooperation in publishing our local history items.

GOLD COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

Many of our members attended the Connections Conference in Brisbane in March and others staffed the Society's table. All enjoyed the presentations and experience. We had a successful response to our book sales.

Our Mini-seminars have been well attended this year. Our first presenter of the year was Kerry Farmer. Her topics were 'Confirming your family history research with DNA', and 'How to digitise and safeguard our research documents and photos'. Then in April Eve Terry from National Archives gave interesting talks on the NAA collections and how to research the RecordSearch website, and she also discussed the NAA photographic collection documenting the migrant experience.

On 26 May Society members will have an opportunity to attend an interesting presentation by Kyla Stephan from the Local Studies Library. She will discuss the expansive and unique resources held in their heritage collections which may help to further family history research.

Society membership remains stable at about 185 and we continue to struggle to attract members into our Research Library. Advertising our Seminars and Introduction classes on the local community radio and in our local *Over 50's* publication is very beneficial in raising awareness of the existence of our Society and attracting new members. Staffing a stall at the Hinterland Museum Heritage Day at Mudgeeraba in January also attracted interest and members.

KENMORE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society was founded in western Brisbane in 2015; we currently have 38 members. The Society meets in the Kenmore Library in the evening of the third Thursday each month. The present four member Committee meets a week earlier each month. We continue to have free access to an office with storage facilities in a building used by the RSL at Pullenvale. We sell books written by Society

members at community events and on commission through the Kenmore East Post Office and the IGA at Pullenvale.

Our monthly meetings in the Kenmore Library always feature a Guest Speaker. In the last six months we have enjoyed talks on subjects as diverse as 'Picture Theatres of the Brisbane CBD' from Jim White, the 'History of Queensland Government House' from Judith Anderson OAM, and Monique Lowndes told us how she founded the EWaste recycling centre at Kenmore.

MOGGILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has concentrated on hosting major open days to showcase our work and share aspects of our local history. We have also continued to be actively involved in research and projects.

Meetings

The 'Death, Disease & Drowning' event at Moggill Historic Cemetery on Sunday 27 October, drew a large audience from the Society and the local community. Judy Nissen engaged the crowd with a talk on funeral and mourning practices during WW1 and the 1920s, while Karen recounted stories of some pioneers buried at the cemetery and the causes of their deaths.

Major projects

- In June, we installed interpretative family history panels on all four walls of the shelter, thanks to extensive proof-reading and adjustments by Judy Nissen.
- We held a working bee at the cemetery in June, when we cleaned and weeded graves. We discovered a grave marker #30 which relates to Annie Matila Bird. Jessica Connelly has done an outstanding job in the memorial garden, ensuring that visitors can now walk around without being pricked by thorny plants, and all memorials are clear of vegetation and easy to read.
- Brisbane City Council has installed signage for the cemetery's main entrance. The new cemetery entrance sign was updated to eliminate the word 'approx' as we can accurately state that the cemetery's first burial occurred in 1856. The old entrance sign will be affixed inside the shelter.

Other projects and general information

- We are working on adding more stories about the pioneering families of Moggill; the Doyle family (Noel and Shirley Anstead) and the Shield family (Barbara and John Shields) have been added to our website.
- The Society supported the 2024 Moggill Marathon with 10 volunteers, thanks to Bill. We enjoyed cheering and motivating the runners and assisting them on the course. We planned to support this year's marathon on 18 May.
- Brisbane City Council has been provided with over 100 updates of birth and death dates, which will be incorporated into their 'Brisbane City Council Memorial Search.'
- Historical stories are being shared in our monthly newsletters.
- A trip to the Bora Ring at Moggill was organised for 25 May, as there had been significant interest, along with another visit to the Moggill Historical Cemetery to uncover untold stories of the pioneers buried there

ORAL HISTORY QUEENSLAND Inc.

The first months of 2025 have seen an increase in Oral History Queensland membership with interest being registered by individuals and groups. Group or organisational membership brings the added bonus of potentially bringing more individual members into the organisation.

Requests for information on oral history training have also increased in the first half of this year. The first workshop was held at the end of March at the Spinners and Weavers Hall in Auchenflower. I am pleased to report that training will also take place in the regions with a workshop planned for Boonah/Beaudesert at the end of May and possibly another in the Whitsundays later in the year.

Oral History Queensland provides two annual grants of \$1000 to support the work of oral historians undertaking oral history projects. This year's grants went to *All you need to know about umbrellas*, a project to record the life and work history of an artist who manufactures umbrellas, and *Cultural*

Heritage Matters, a project to record the experiences of First Nations archaeologists and cultural heritage officers working in the field.

On Saturday 10 May Oral History Queensland members were privileged to hear a Zoom presentation by OHQ member Mary-Ellen Ryan and former Queensland Parliamentarian John Mickel on the topic of former Queensland Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen. Mary-Ellen's presentation was entitled *Elite Oral Histories cast new light on Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen's 'strong man' leadership*. John Mickel presented *Bjelke-Petersen — Nutter or Strategist*. The papers were presented at the 2024 Biennial Oral History Australia Conference in Melbourne where they were very well received by the audience.

Oral History Queensland is now registered with the ACNC and has been granted charitable status by the Australian Tax Office. Many thanks are due to History Queensland Secretary Valerie Thornton for her invaluable advice and assistance with the process of applying for registration.

OXLEY-CHELMER HISTORY GROUP

Members of the Group had been preparing for several years with talks and events to mark the 1925 centenary of the opening of the Sherwood Arboretum and the transfer of local government from the Sherwood Shire to the newly formed Greater Brisbane City Council. In November 2024 we invited representatives of the foundation organisations to join us to mark the foundation of the Sherwood. Members of the Queensland Forestry Association, Queensland Naturalists and the National Parks Association, prominent botanists, entomologists and foresters were largely responsible for its establishment. A photographic display accompanied a series of talks.

At our meeting in March this year, descendants of some of those involved in planting an avenue of trees when Governor Nathan opened the Arboretum in March 1925 shared their stories. The opening was the first public event attended by Mayor William Jolly of the Greater Brisbane City Council, accompanied by the outgoing Shire Council members. As part of the centenary commemoration our Group participated in a civic reception and a public centenary event arranged by Brisbane City Council and the Botanic Gardens on 23 March.

PEACHESTER HISTORY GROUP

Members have had a busy start to 2025, with our usual monthly meetings plus activities at the Peachester Heritage Centre. Open days on the fourth Sunday each month have continued to be quite successful, and we have welcomed several groups for tours on other days. At our AGM, which was held in April, guest speaker Peter Long spoke about an interesting ancestor of his family who became a bushranger in Victoria, spent time in jail, then changed his name and started a new life in Queensland. Peter has published a book inspired by this story, entitled *Identity*.

We continue to work at the Heritage Centre each Monday, and these sessions provide a great opportunity for fellowship and a lot of laughter, as well as regular cleaning, checking the collection and displays, cataloguing etc.

Our sources of income are rather restricted, and we raise much-needed funds by running the canteen at the Peachester Village Markets four times a year. Two of our members also have a stall selling their jams and chutneys which are always well received. We are thankful for a Community Partnership with Sunshine Coast Council, which helps to cover operational expenses, like insurance, electricity, rent and pest control. We also recently received another Council grant to buy 25 new chairs, very important for the comfort and safety of volunteers and visitors.

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY Inc.

Jackie Buttress, Mary Geiger and Bev Bonning have been admitted as Fellows of the Queensland Family History Society. This prestigious award is made to those who have given exceptional service to the Society and to family history over a long period. The Awards were presented by our patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD at our Research Centre on 6 February 2025.

416,530 entries were recently added to the Society's website's online access dataset Queensland School Pupils Indexes, Part 7, bringing the total to 3,125,137 entries. It now indexes data for 1,569 schools taken from 1,560 source documents. The older Queensland School Pupils Indexes, Parts 1-6 Combined, has 2,389,582 entries from 1,149 schools and 845 sources. The total number of records in all our 66 online searchable datasets is currently more than 15,000,000.

QFHS is hosting a Family History Writing Bookfest, to be held on 6 August at Aspley Hornets Football Club. Five family history authors will discuss their books and writing processes, and the QFHS Family History Book Award for 2025 will be presented.

Planning of the Open Day for QFHS's new Research Centre on 30 August has begun. This will be the first at 46 Delaware Street, Chermside since the Society moved there in late 2022 so it will be a gala event.

WIDE BAY HOSPITALS MUSEUM SOCIETY Inc.

The Wide Bay Hospitals Museum in Maryborough continues to open to the public for a half day each week and at other times as required for small groups. As with any museum, maintenance of the items in the museum's collection is a priority. In 2023 we commenced a restoration project for the bassinets in our collection, which date to the early 1900s. These items had been previously painted during their 'clinical life.' Unfortunately, the paint was extremely worn with significant flaking causing health and safety concerns. This restoration project is ongoing and the Society is extremely grateful to the Older Men Unlimited who is undertaking the restoration work without payment.

The museum has commenced a project of digitising the museum's collection of early Maryborough Hospital (MH) Management Committee and later Board meeting minutes which include the 1850s, 1880s, 1920s to 1970, plus sub committees of Finance and Establishment. These are a significant part of our museum collection. This project is now at the stage where all the minutes mentioned have been digitised, plus the Surgeon's Reports to the Board, a total of more than 8,000 pages. This year we are digitising the museum's collection of MH staff pay ledgers commencing with the 1920s; they are a valuable source for researching past staff of the hospital. We know that this project will be time consuming but the end result of easier access and more importantly preservation for the future will be worthwhile.

In preparation for the 80th commemoration of the ending of WW2, we undertook a project to identify the Medical and trained Nursing staff associated with Maryborough's hospitals who served during WW2. To date we have identified 10 Medical Doctors and 57 Registered Nurses. Added to these were two civilian Registered Nurses who were prisoners of war after the fall of Rabaul, New Guinea. A worthy project.

WINDSOR & DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

Since 1990 the Brisbane City Council has allowed the Society to occupy the old Windsor Council Chambers (built 1897), on Lutwyche Road Windsor. A vast amount of the history of the original Shire/Town of Windsor has been collected and documented during this time. The chambers open on Sundays and Mondays 1-4pm for visitors and researchers.

Many requests for information – some received by email or phone – can be attended to by our volunteers, and with a large amount of the hard copy files and photos digitised, much of the information required is quicker to access.

We have been pleased to welcome some younger members to the Society, and with their knowledge of current social media platforms etc, they can modernize our Society's communication strategies by implementing engaging content formats, utilizing platform-specific features, and staying up to date with the latest social media trends.

We publish a quarterly newsletter for our members, which can also be read on our website. Sales of our local history books remain steady, and they can be purchased through our online shop on our website www.windsorhistorical.org.au or at the chambers.

We again conducted the Anzac Day service at the Windsor memorial, and this year was special as it was 100 years to the day since the memorial was opened. Over 1000 attended with many visiting the chambers after the service for complimentary morning tea and Anzac biscuits and to view the historical display of the memorial's history and stories of some of the soldiers mentioned on the memorial.

The Windsor Council Chambers will be part of the Brisbane Open Day Event on the weekend 19-20 July, and our Society volunteers will be onsite. The Society has been a member on the Greater Brisbane 100th year celebration coordination committee and we will take part in this year's special events towards the end of the year, www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au.

The Society has a dedicated management committee, and with a small group of volunteers, the Society continues to play an important role in the local community.

WYNNUM MANLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

Membership now stands at 54.

The Society was instrumental in the preservation of the Baptist Church in Wynnum, originally constructed in 1912. In April 2023, the Church was moved to Iona College where it has been lovingly restored to its former glory. The Society plans to hold at least some future meetings in the church, starting in June 2025. Two of our committee members attended Iona College which has been a strong supporter of the Society.

Another project has been the renovation, in association with other groups, of Balgüe's Slip. Noel Balgüe brought his boat to Wynnum in the 1920s. He obtained permission to erect a slip on the Wynnum foreshore, so that he could float his boat in at high tide and remove the barnacles at low tide. The slip is now a favourite haunt of the pelicans. An explanatory sign was recently erected at the site.

During a visit to St John's Cathedral in the city, members were given an interesting tour by official historian Denzil Scrivens.

Monthly Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Talks this year included a presentation by Rebecca Thompson, the Chair of the Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation on Australian indigenous culture, language and lifestyle. Rebecca is also an elder of the Quandamooka people, the First Nation people living in the Bayside area around Moreton Bay.

At the April meeting we had a dramatic recreation of a meeting held in September 1897 concerning the jetty at Wynnum. The meeting was held on a stormy night, and the inside of the hall was equally stormy with strong opinions expressed about where the jetty should be located.

Wynnum Manly Historical Society operates an extensive library in our Resource Centre, under our librarian Jill Greenhill. We are in the process of applying for DGR (deductible gift recipient) status. If other societies have been successful with the ATO we would appreciate hearing about their experience.

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