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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Bribie Family History Association

I have accepted an invitation to attend the Bribie Family History Association Christmas Party in December. I will be making a short presentation about History Queensland — who we are, what we do, and how member organisations can actively support and benefit from us.

Bulimba Historical Society

I assisted Valerie to respond to a request for assistance from the Bulimba Historical Society, who asked us for guidance regarding their possible closure. I acknowledge and thank Valerie for her outstanding work on this matter: she showed an intimate understanding of incorporated associations and composed a fair, balanced and helpful response.

Member visits

I have the following member visits planned:

- 22 November — Brisbane Tramway Museum
- 5 December — Bribie Family History Association

STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

I propose that we hold a strategic planning meeting for History Queensland so that we can identify the three key priorities that will guide our direction over the next one to five years – and I am happy to facilitate this session.

These may include areas such as:

- Increasing income to strengthen financial sustainability
- Enhancing member engagement and communication
- Expanding resources and services that directly benefit member societies
- Developing key government contacts to strengthen HQ's advocacy role.

This discussion will help us clarify what is pivotal to our future growth, industry leadership and ongoing success, ensuring we continue to deliver meaningful support and advocacy for local and family history organisations across Queensland.

Holding this strategic planning meeting will also help the Management Committee to focus our collective energy and make the best use of our volunteer time. By setting clear, shared priorities, we can align projects, delegate responsibilities, and ensure that every meeting and initiative contributes directly to HQ's long-term goals.

This approach should ensure that our time, skills and funding are directed where they will have the greatest impact, and that we can measure our progress and celebrate our achievements along the way.

Sally Romano President

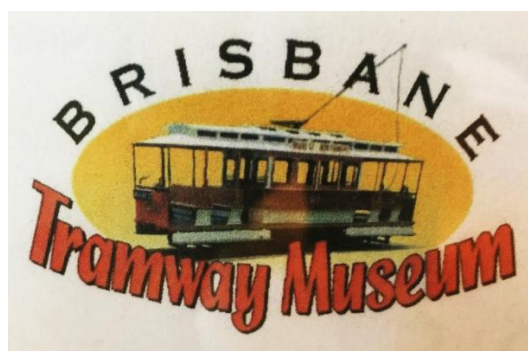
(Note: At its meeting on 14 October the committee adopted the President's proposal, and the strategic planning meeting will be held by Zoom on 25 November. Ed.)



All members are invited to attend History Queensland's
6-monthly Meeting to be held on

Saturday 22nd November

hosted by



Tramway Street, Ferny Grove
(next door to the Ferny Grove Bowls Club)

Attendance in person or by Zoom. **Lunch will be provided.**

Cost \$20.00 – payment by bank transfer due when booking:

History Queensland Inc, Bank of Qld BSB 124-001 Acc No. 10387143
Reference: *Name of delegate & Society*

RSVP by 14 Nov to Valerie Thornton secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

PROGRAM

- 9:30 Registration and Morning Tea
- 9:55 Welcome by the President of Brisbane Tramway Museum
- 10:00 History Queensland Inc General Meeting
followed by Reports from member groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Presentation by Peter Hyde, Vice-President, Brisbane Tramway
Museum, on the history of the museum, followed by rides on the old
trams
- 2:30 Close.

Zoom link will be sent to those registered for Zoom on Thursday 20 Nov.

BRISBANE TRAMWAY MUSEUM

YOUR CHANCE TO RIDE IN A HORSE-DRAWN TRAM – 7 DECEMBER!

December 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of Brisbane City Council taking responsibility for running Brisbane's Tram System. Before that time, the system was operated by private companies, trusts etc.

To commemorate this centenary, the museum will run a special program on **Sunday 7 December from 2pm to 6pm**.

The theme of the day will be: **THE EVOLUTION OF BRISBANE PUBLIC TRANSPORT**, from horse-drawn trams to electric trams to diesel buses to electric buses to Metro.

Horses will be there to draw our horse tram. This will be a unique opportunity for passengers to actually experience riding in a horse-drawn tram! But visitors will also be able to enjoy rides on other types of public transport: tram rides will be available throughout the afternoon and local joy rides will be available on diesel buses and electric buses. Unfortunately, the museum is a little out of range for Metro.

Advance bookings are available on Eventbrite or on the Museum website,
<https://www.brisbanetramwaymuseum.org/>.

Email: info@brisbanetramwaymuseum.org
Phone: (07) 3351 1776 (when the museum is not open messages may be left)
Location: Tramway Street, Ferny Grove, next door to Ferny Grove Bowls Club.

The Brisbane Tramway Museum is Proudly supported by the Brisbane City Council.



The top image, from the Museum's website, is displayed there with the kind permission of Mr R Jones. The original photo remains his property and cannot be used for any commercial purpose.

Some coming events

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER: Buderim Probus Club have booked a group visit to the Heritage Centre, from 10.30. There will be about 32 visitors, so volunteers who can attend will be very welcome.

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER: Regular open day at the Peachester Heritage Centre, 10am – 2pm.

WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER: The next session for Friends of the Cemetery working with Council Cemetery Services team, 8.30am to 10.30am. This will be an opportunity to tidy up ready for Remembrance Day.

DATE CLAIMER: The Peachester Hall Community Christmas Party will be held on SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER. More details to come.



Hodgens' cow yards, 1958, built by Eric and Ron Vieritz.

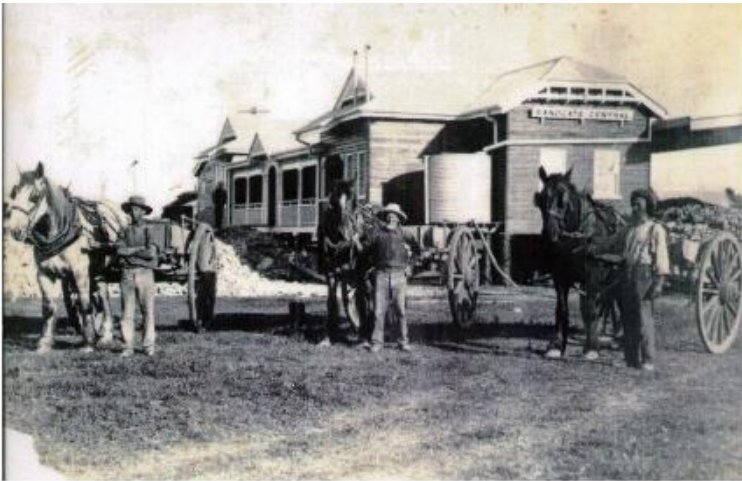


QI (Queensland Industries) Mill at Peachester, 1951.



**Borough and Town of Sandgate,
1880-1925**

Land was first sold in “the village ... at Sandgate, Cabbage Tree Head” in 1853. Sandgate was originally part of Nundah shire but, in 1880 – when the population was about 500 – following a successful petition to the government, the municipality of Sandgate was proclaimed. The area administered by the new borough council comprised what are now the suburbs of Sandgate, Shorncliffe and Brighton, and parts of Deagon. With the passing of the Local Authorities Act in 1903, the town of Sandgate was created and existed until amalgamation with the City of Brisbane in 1925.



Many historic buildings have survived from Sandgate's earliest years. These include the Osbourne Hotel, now the Full Moon (1867), houses such as Rothsay (1869), the Sandgate State School (1874) and the former Baptist Church (1887).

One of the chief contractors for the construction of the Brisbane City Hall, Douglas Carrick, was a former owner of the historic house, *Cremorne*, on Flinders Parade.

Tea with History



Looking for a venue to celebrate your birthday, catch up with a group of friends or simply enjoy a morning tea together? We can cater for groups of between 12 and 25 at \$15 per person – with an interesting and entertaining talk on local history thrown in.

Our next Tea with History will be on 30 October. Many thanks to stalwart member Lynne Ives and her welcoming band of volunteers who provide this wonderful service. (If you would like to help at one of our morning teas, please contact the museum – we are always looking for more volunteers.) And please contact us to make a booking for Tea with History. The event is held from 10am to 12 noon on the last Thursday of each month except December.

Ph 3869 2283, or email
info@sandgatemuseum.com.au

History of the Kilcoy Bowls Club

The development of the Kilcoy Bowls Club depended largely on the generosity of community-minded people who helped establish the club in the late 1940s. A newspaper report in 1945 referred to Kilcoy as being the latest country centre to form a bowling club. At a meeting held on the evening of 30 August. 1945, Samuel Webster was elected Chairman, L Rodgers, Secretary, and Tom Geddes, Treasurer. Officials from Queensland Bowls Association attended the meeting to inspect the site for the bowling green. Membership was expected to be about 35. Source: [*The Telegraph*](#), 31 Aug 1945, p8.

Jim Hobart (1875 – 1957) donated a section of his house blocks at 10-12 Hope Street in 1947 and an L-shaped portion of 5 Royston Street in 1949.

The formation of the Ladies Bowling Club occurred at the CWA rooms on 23 November 1946.

The first clubhouse was erected on the north-west side of the green in the 1950s. Herb Garden built outdoor seating for spectators of the game. The second clubhouse on the present site opened on 30 May 1964. An extension was added in the 1970s incorporating a 'wet bar' and recreational area inside the clubhouse.



First clubhouse, built in the 1950s.



Kilcoy Bowls Clubhouse and green, 2016.

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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STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND

Billy Missi'n Wakain Thamai is a profound exhibition (25 October 2025-22 February 2026, SLQ, level 1) honouring the late Torres Strait Islander artist Billy Missi (1970-2012). The exhibition brings together 26 of the artist's most significant and iconic artworks, including rare and never-before-exhibited monoprints, etchings, and linoprints from Djumbunji Fine Art Press and private collections. Curated by Dr Russell Milledge, this retrospective was developed in close consultation with the Billy Missi Estate, family members and friends, highlighting Missi's critical role in the emergence of Zenadth Kes (Torres Strait) printmaking as a contemporary art form.

The *Billy Missi'n Wakain Thamai* exhibition honours Missi's artistic legacy and his dedication to maintaining the language and culture of his people. The bilingual exhibition features diverse forms of printmaking and a film, presenting an immersive experience into contemporary Torres Strait Islander culture and customs. Audiences will gain a deep appreciation for Missi's work, reflecting his way of life, traditions, and enduring legacy.



Some coming events

27 October	CFH Resources Interest Group, Zoom, 7-8pm
4 November	Family Tree Maker Interest Group, Zoom, 2-4pm
6 November	Germany Interest Group, Hybrid, 1-3pm
10 November	War Histories of our Soldiers Project, in Rooms, 9-11am
10 November	DNA Interest Group, 7-8.30pm
13 November	Scotland Interest Group, Hybrid, 12 noon -2pm
13 November	Ireland Interest Group, Hybrid, 2-4pm
17 November	Family Search, Hybrid, 10am-12 noon
20 November	Writers' Interest Group, in Rooms, 9.30-11.30am
24 November	CFH Resources Interest Group, Zoom, 7-8pm
27 November	England and Wakes Interest Group, Hybrid, 1-3pm

Joseph Robbins and Ashton's Circus

It is believed that sometime after 1850 Joseph Robbins (later Robins), who was baptised in 1833 in Buckinghamshire, joined Ashton's Circus in Turon, NSW, during the gold rush around the Turon River and the town of Sofala. He was a musician and wheelwright and both skills would have been useful to the travelling circus.

Mr. Ashton's Olympic Circus is at present at Sofala and is well patronised. Mr. Ashton is evidently an adept at his business and his feats on the bareback of his celebrated mare Gazelle are certainly well and cleverly executed. Miss Irwin for her age is an excellent rider; her style is equal if not superior to that of Madam Rosine. The aboriginal Mungo and the witty clown, add much to the amusement of the evening. (Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal, Sat 5 Nov 1853 p2)

Five years of the circus travelling around New South Wales pass and in 1857 the circus is in Goulburn.

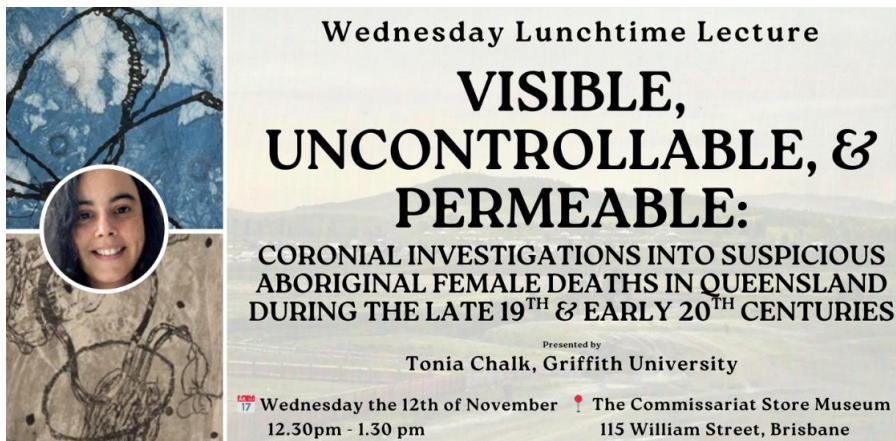
GOULBURN-CHRISTENING OF A BRIDGE, 2 Mar 1857. *On Saturday afternoon, the culvert erected at the junction of Auburn and Goldsmith Streets was formally opened for traffic with a rather curious ceremony. About four o'clock a number of persons, in gigs, on horseback, and on foot, met at the Commercial Hotel, and forming an irregular procession, marched (preceded by the splendid band of Ashton's Circus) to the bridge, where a considerable, crowd had already assembled. The ceremony of christening was performed by Miss Kate Fitzpatrick, the name given to the structure, (in accordance with the expressed wish of the assembly) being the "Fitzpatrick Bridge." The band played several favourite airs, after which the gigs and drays passed over the bridge, which was declared to be open for traffic, the crowd lustily cheering.* (Empire, 2 Mar 1857)

GUNDAGAI, 28 Jul 1857. *Ashton's circus did good business here in Gundagai, but at Tumut he was successful so far as to clear three hundred pounds.* (Empire, Tue 28 Jul 1857. p3)

After years of travelling, 23-year-old Joseph decided to settle in Tumut as a wheelwright. He married 15-year-old Jane Payne on 3 February 1859. They had 14 children, 7 in NSW and 7 in Qld. Joseph died in 1905.



Visible, Uncontrollable and Permeable – Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture, 12 November



Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture

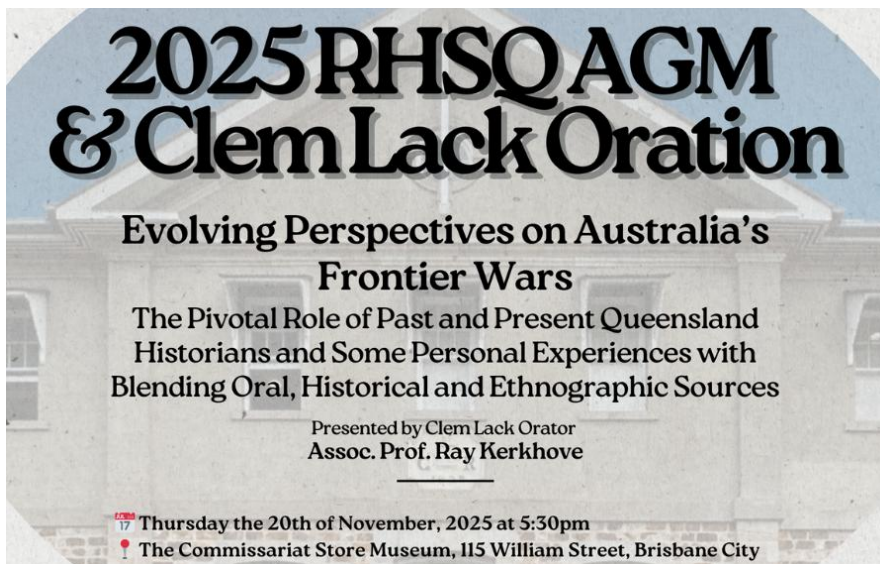
VISIBLE, UNCONTROLLABLE, & PERMEABLE:

CORONIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO SUSPICIOUS
ABORIGINAL FEMALE DEATHS IN QUEENSLAND
DURING THE LATE 19TH & EARLY 20TH CENTURIES

Presented by
Tonia Chalk, Griffith University

Wednesday the 12th of November 12.30pm - 1.30 pm The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street, Brisbane

2025 RHSQ AGM & Clem Lack Oration, 20 November



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Evolving Perspectives on Australia's Frontier Wars

The Pivotal Role of Past and Present Queensland
Historians and Some Personal Experiences with
Blending Oral, Historical and Ethnographic Sources

Presented by Clem Lack Orator
Assoc. Prof. Ray Kerkhove

Thursday the 20th of November, 2025 at 5:30pm
The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William Street, Brisbane City

2025 Separation Day Celebrations, 10 December



2025 SEPARATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

on the occasion of the separation of
Queensland from New South Wales in 1859

Guest Speaker: Claire Moore
with award ceremonies for Megan Martin & Rod Beattie

Venue: The Commissariat Store Museum, Wednesday 10 December

RHSQ

**CABOONBAH UNDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH, CRESSBROOK –
120th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 11am, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

Join us as we come together to celebrate 120 years of faith, fellowship, and the enduring legacy of our founding families. This special service will reflect on our shared history, give thanks for the generations who have gone before us, and look ahead to the future with hope and purpose.

Following the service, we invite you to stay for a shared picnic, a tradition of those who established the church, including celebratory cake, and conversation in the picnic shelter. Copies of HP Somerset's memoirs, Trombones Troubles, and a newly commissioned history of the church, will be available for purchase, and an historical display will be on show for your enjoyment.

Whether you are a lifelong member or a descendant of the early pioneers, a local, or someone with an interest in the church, your presence will help make this milestone truly meaningful.

With gratitude and anticipation,
John Somerset
President Caboonbah Undenominational Church



In 2010



Some history

Caboonbah Church was developed as an undenominational or 'Union' church when all denominations in small communities used one building for worship according to their own faith until each denomination could afford a building of its own. Resident Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist ministers residing at Esk by 1905 visited Caboonbah Church regularly. Now Caboonbah Undenominational Church is one of the very few remaining churches in Queensland that still welcomes services for congregations of any faith.

The original trustees of this church were John Thomas Milner, David Walker Smith, Charles Henry Soden, Edward William Soden and Robert Dawson Soden, all described as being 'of Mt. Beppo and Caboonbah'. The Church celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a crowd of 250 sharing luncheon under tarpaulins and its honoured guests on that occasion were Dr Don Cameron MHR, Alec Skinner MLA, and Cr William Wells, Chairman, Esk Shire Council. The report in the Queensland Times included a photo of the church.

The last regular church service was held at Caboonbah Church in 1978.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY GRANTS – APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 OCTOBER

Round 125 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) is now open and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025.

This is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and grants may be used for

- community events/training
- equipment (including medical equipment)
- facility improvements
- machinery
- printing/publications/marketing
- solar
- vehicles/boats
- workshops/conferences.

For more information, application form, etc, see: <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants>

OUR NEWEST MEMBER – PEACHESTER COMMUNITY HALL INC.



The hall at Peachester is a versatile building with spacious main hall area, kitchen and supper room, and large under-cover annexe and barbecue area at the side.

Contact Details: Helen Page, Secretary, hmpage@bigpond.com, 0754949557.

The history behind the Comino Arcade, by Margaret Harding

Arthur Comino was born on the small island of Kythera, Greece, one of a family of seven boys. His father and his uncles were stonemasons. Arthur first came to Australia in 1903 and worked on the cane fields at Childers. He returned to Greece and fought in the Balkan war 1912-1914. In 1919 he married Mary in Greece and then returned to Australia with his wife and their three months old daughter Beneta (Betty) in 1921. Arthur and Mary ran a café, fruit shop, ice cream and milk bar business, the Central Café, Laidley for 25 years and raised their four children there. Arthur saw Redcliffe as a good investment and took up ownership of the old Moreton Vista Guest House in 1938.

After the boarding house was destroyed by fire, he built the first three-storey building in Redcliffe, the Acropolis, later known as Comino's Arcade. The foundation stone was laid in 1939 and the building completed in 1942. It featured serviced apartments, family residence, a ballroom and shopping arcade. The ballroom became the Ace of Clubs nightclub and was popular with servicemen and women, who often came from Brisbane during the war years. The family generously supplied exhibition space to the Redcliffe Arts Society from 1957 to 1982.

In 1946 Arthur brought his wife, Mary, and family (Betty, Queenie, Stella and Steve) from Laidley and they all took up residence in a flat on the first floor of the building. Unfortunately, Arthur died tragically in 1949 from a fall while working on the building.

His widow and family fulfilled Arthur's dream by building new shops and extending the arcade through to Sutton Street in 1968. The family was fortunate to have the invaluable advice and assistance for all building and maintenance matters from well-known builder and Peninsula identity, Jim Fortune.



Clarke's (Jetty) arcade and Comino's Arcade, Redcliffe Parade, 2002 (image Ian Harding)



Comino's Arcade, 2009 (image Ian Harding)

Robert Lane and Roblane Street

Roblane Street was named after a Windsor area pioneer, settler Robert Lane. He grew up in Glastonbury, England and when he was 21 years old he migrated to the Moreton Bay Settlement on the ship *General Hewitt*, out of Southampton, landing in Brisbane in 1854 after a voyage of 111 days.



Robert was introduced to Captain John Wickham who was the chief Government officer of the Moreton Bay Settlement. Wickham offered Robert a job, first as a groom, and later as his gardener for his home, Newstead House. He worked for Captain Wickham for 4 years and 8 months.

Around 1855 He was able to buy approx. 10 acres (from John Harvey's portion 10), at £3 10s (3 pounds 10 shillings) per acre and resolved to start his own market garden. Later, his next task was to build himself a humpy, the aboriginal word for hut, on the hill where the Holy Rosary Church stands today. The house was made of slabs with a bark roof. Most early settlers' homes were like this. Houses had to be built of whatever materials were available on their land – mostly timber, some cottages were of stone or mudbrick.

In 1860 Robert married Ann Marks, a young Englishwoman, Ann Marks, who was born in Radstock, Somerset. Ann arrived with other Baptist immigrants on the ship *Alfred* in September 1858.

(The image is of Ann and Robert Lane c1910s)



After the Colony of Queensland's first Governor, Sir George Bowen left to return to England, Sir Maurice O'Connell became Administrator and Acting Governor of Queensland. On 4 January 1868 he appointed Robert Lane to be gardener at Government House. He served in that capacity under Governors Sir Samuel Blackall and Lord Normanby, until the arrival of William Wellington Cairns. In 1875 he was appointed a messenger of the Legislative Council. He later became Chief Messenger, serving until his retirement in 1913 at the age of almost eighty years.

TROVE

TROVE help made easy. TROVE recently made their help pages easier to navigate and use. Check out updates to the help page menu, page layouts and the information available to get the most out of your TROVE searches.



Not so complex search queries. Are you searching for common family names or phrases? Here are a couple of quick and easy search tips to help:

Add **~0** after a phrase in quotation marks to only find articles where the words appear next to other. "CharlesAllen"~0 will include results where the spelling might not be exact. This helps find articles that might have errors in the OCR transcript, such as Charles Aller. Add **fulltext:** before the search term to find articles with that exact spelling, fulltext:"CharlesAllen" will find results with the exact spelling but there may be other words, like middle names, in between.

See more tips about refining your search on constructing a complex search query on the help page.

Regional resources for family history research. Check out the growing collection of blogs on resources specific to your State or Territory. Read our blogs.

Australia's first Bachelor of Science – Edith Emily Dornwell

This National Science Week TROVE focussed on pioneer scholar Edith Dornwell.



Dornwell was born in New Zealand to German immigrant Bernhardt Carl Friedrich "Bernard" Dornwell and his wife Sarah.^[2] The family later moved to Adelaide, South Australia where Dornwell initially studied at the State Central Model School.

Following her father's early death when she was just 14, Dornwell won a bursary to attend the Advanced School for Girls (now Adelaide High School), the only State high school in South Australia during the 19th century. While at this school in 1880 she won first prize and £20 for the "Exhibition for Girls" examination. She matriculated in 1882 with honours in French, German, animal physiology and modern history

Dornwell was accepted into a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Adelaide in 1883, just two years after the university amended its charter to enrol women. She was one of the first women to enrol at the university and their first student, male or female, to enrol in a science program. She excelled in her studies and graduated in 1885 with first class honours in physics and physiology.

Image and text (edited) from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Emily_Dornwell .

VOLUNTARY WORKERS PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

HQ's Insurance Officer, Helen Turner, has drawn attention to the conditions that apply to the Voluntary Workers Personal Insurance organised through HQ:

Covering: Death, injury or disability caused by an injury while Insured Persons are performing authorised voluntary work or while they are travelling to, from or during the voluntary work subject to the terms and conditions of the policy wording. Insured Person is also extended to mean any employee of the insured for Weekly Benefits only when such employee is not entitled to claim weekly benefits under any other insurance policy.

Sum Insured:

Insuring Clause 1: Capital Benefits. Age Limits:

Between 0-18 years, \$25,000

Capital Benefit 1 – Death. Capital Benefits 2 to 35 as per Table of Benefits (refer wording)

Between 18-75 years \$500,000

Capital Benefit 1 – Death. Capital Benefits 2 to 35 as per Table of Benefits (refer wording)

Age 75+ years, \$40,000

Capital Benefit 1 – Death. Capital Benefits 2 to 35 as per Table of Benefits (refer wording)

Insuring Clause 2: Loss of Earnings Benefit

Weekly Benefit \$2,000. Benefit Period 104 weeks. Excess: 7 days

Insuring Clause 3: Additional Benefits

1. Modification Expenses up to a maximum \$15,000
2. Funeral Expenses up to a maximum \$10,000
3. Home Help (maximum 52 weeks) \$500 per week
Age 75+ years (maximum 26 weeks) (\$250 per week)
4. Non Medicare Medical Costs, \$10,000
5. Rehabilitation up to a maximum \$5,000
6. Broken Bones, Capital Benefits up to maximum \$10,000
7. Out of Pocket Expenses (including transportation, home tutorial, \$ As per policy
Dependent Children, Coma Benefit, Miscarriage/premature birth, Partner
Retraining, Remote Accommodation and Transport and Workplace Trauma)

Limit of Liability:

Limit of Liability in the Aggregate \$2,000,000

Policy Wording: CUW PA 0224 (see link below)

Link to Policy Wording:

<https://www.communityunderwriting.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Community-Underwriting-Not-for-Profit-Voluntary-Workers-PA-PDS-and-Policy-Wording-CUW-PA-0224.pdf>

Capacity: 100%. Insurer: Community Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd on behalf of Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company Ltd

UPPER CABOOLTURE UNITING CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



SUN, 9 NOV | 10:45 AM

Join us as we celebrate a remarkable milestone — 150 years of faith, community, and history at Upper Caboolture Uniting Church!

Believed to be the oldest church building in the Moreton Bay City Council area still in its original location and form, and still in use — this little church has a big story to tell.

An Anniversary Church Service will be held at 10:45am followed by a picnic lunch on the grounds with support from the Rural Fire Brigade and a local coffee stand.

We're calling on original families and the wider community to be part of this special day. If you have a connection to the church, or know someone who does, we'd love to see you there!

The church building is small, but we plan to stream the service outside so everyone can join in. We're also launching a commemorative book on the day. If you have stories or photos of the early families who shaped the Upper Caboolture community, we'd love to hear from you!

LET'S HONOUR THE PAST AND CELEBRATE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

Contacts: Peter Zillman 0409 967 818 | Rhona Collinson rcoll@nlrr.com.au



A Headstone returns home

Along the creek bed, many hours of searching have been spent with blood, sweat, and at times even tears. In fact, our treasurer Wayne quite literally gave blood to the cause when he face-planted on a piece of headstone that had just been dug out. The nurses at the hospital said it was a first for them and weren't quite sure what to write down on the report.

Amongst the dirt, the overgrowth, and the silence of time, our greatest discovery so far has been fragments of the McKay Turner headstone.

Photographs from over thirty years ago show that the stone was missing even then. Who can say how long it had lain hidden in the bush, weathered by time and water? Yet, against all odds, thanks to the persistence of our dedicated volunteers, pieces of it have been unearthed and carefully pieced back together.

Though not complete, the recovery is deeply moving. To see so much of the headstone returned to its rightful place where it can once again honour the memory of the one it was carved for is nothing short of remarkable. At our recent clean-up, volunteers gently cemented and rested the fragments atop a concrete base, ensuring the headstone now holds together, safe and steady.



A MOST CURIOUS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

FRIENDS OF NUNDAH HISTORIC CEMETERY CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

You are cordially invited to a Yuletide evening
of mirth, mystery, and murder...

DATE: 29TH NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: NUNDAH LIBRARY

It is the year 1893. The townsfolk have gathered for a grand dedication in the cemetery. But the evening's cheer will be cut short when a most dreadful crime is discovered.

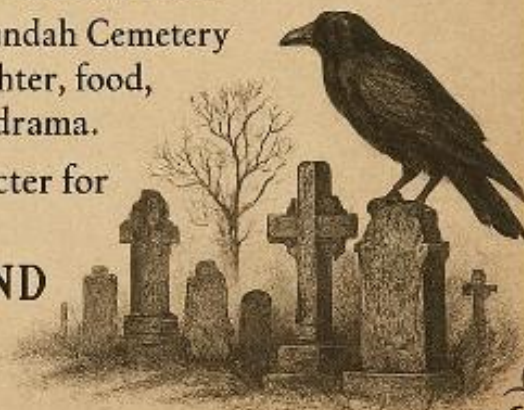
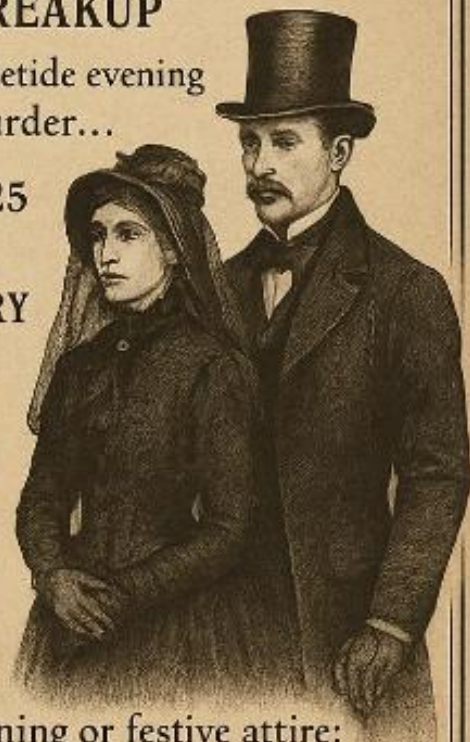
Can you untangle the web of jealousy, secrets, and scandal before the killer slips away into the night.

DRESS CODE: Victorian mourning or festive attire: black lace, top hats, veils, waistcoats, or Christmas finery with a shadow of Victorian melodrama.

This will be our Friends of Nundah Cemetery Christmas Breakup with laughter, food, and a dash of Victorian melodrama.

You will be assigned a character for the evening – your mission:

**SURVIVE, SCHEME, AND
SOLVE THE MURDER**



HISTORY QUEENSLAND WILL NOT ACCEPT CHEQUE PAYMENTS AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2025

Member societies will be aware that the major Banks and the Reserve Bank have been flagging for some time that cheques will eventually be phased out. Cheques now make up less than 0.1% of retail payments and with more digital payment options available, Australia's cheques system will start closing in 2028. This means that cheques written after 30 June 2028 will no longer be valid.

Already, cheque payments to History Queensland are few, and it seems that most of us are quickly adapting to bank transfer and credit card payment for goods and services.

History Queensland has decided not to accept cheque payments after 31 December 2025.

Our position is dictated in part by the difficulty we have in passing cheques from the Secretary to the Treasurer, who live in different areas, and the Treasurer's need to make time to attend one of the remaining bank branches to deposit cheque payments.

There are safer, faster, and more reliable payment alternatives, including payment by online bank transfer, at a bank branch, at a post office etc.

We appreciate that the number of bank branches, particularly in smaller towns, is steadily declining (as are local post office branches) and that this decision may initially create a problem for smaller societies. This is why we are giving as much notice as possible for societies to find an alternate way to pay the membership and insurance renewals when they become due in March next year.

Please contact History Qld if your society needs any help with this transition.

INNISFAIL AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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A brief history of the Dayboro Line aka Enoggera-Terrors Creek Railway

A public meeting of the settlers at Hamilton (later named Terrors Creek, then Dayboro in 1917), Upper North Pine, was held on 23 September 1882 to discuss proposed routes for a railway. A number of surveys were carried out over the years and there was much lobbying among the settlers for rival schemes – a railway extension from Enoggera to Terrors Creek or a tramway from Strathpine to Terrors Creek.

Plans for the railway extension from Enoggera to Terrors Creek were finally submitted to Parliament on 6 November 1914 and were approved on 7 December 1914. Construction to Rifle Range (Gaythorne) began in May 1915 with the line being opened on 16 February 1916. The extension was built by day labour, the system adopted by Governments since the turn of the century. Because of war shortages, both of materials and funds, work did not recommence until 1917 with Mitchelton opening on 2 March 1918 and Samford on 29 June 1918; Mitchelton remained the suburban terminus. Samsonvale opened on 3 March 1919, Kobbie later that year on 3 November, and the line finally terminated at Dayboro on 25 September 1920.

Each time a new section of the line was opened there was discussion and speculation about whether it would be continued any further. The settlers of Dayboro (formerly Terrors Creek) were continually agitating for the railway line to be continued to its planned terminus at Dayboro. Their tenacity finally won out with the line being opened on Saturday 25 September 1920 by the Speaker (Hon W Bertram) *“who explained that he was probably sent by the Government in place of any Ministers, so that there should be no colouring of electioneering in the function.”* (Parliament had been dissolved as there was a Queensland State election to be held on 9 October 1920.) There was a huge amount of interest shown in the opening ceremony with over 400 passengers booked from Brisbane on the special train. A second train had to be put on which picked up groups of people at stations along the way and it was estimated that there must have been over 1,000 people at the cutting of the ribbon at Dayboro Station; it was held by two of the oldest residents, C T Williams and J T Bond. Mr Bertram, standing on top of the coal tender, declared the line open amid hearty cheers. The company then adjourned to an improvised marquee where a rather lavish luncheon was served to about 500 people.



Excursion trains operated for many years. It was on 5 May 1947, on one of these excursions, that the worst accident in the history of Queensland Rail occurred: 16 people lost their lives and another 38 were injured when the crowded picnic train derailed on a sharp left-hand curve between Ferny Grove and Camp Hill Mountain Stations. The train had been chartered by the Commonwealth Department of Trade & Customs Recreation Social Club for a picnic at Closeburn. There were 215 passengers on board.

New Book Releases

We are proud to announce the release of two new Immigrant Shipping books to commemorate the arrival in Maryborough of immigrant ships *Earl Derby, Plymouth to Maryborough, 1884* and *St James, London to Maryborough, 1874*.

Both are available for sale for \$25. Check out our [For Sale](#) page for other publications.



140th Anniversary of Immigrant Ships

In 1885, several immigrant vessels bound for Brisbane disembarked passengers in Maryborough. The ships were *Bulimba, Duke of Argyll, Duke of Buccleuch, Duke of Sutherland, Duke of Westminster, Gulf of Carpentaria, Roma* and *Waroonga*. The Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute Inc. will be commemorating some of these voyages with book releases in the future. The books will include stories about some of the Maryborough passengers. Please contact us for further information if you are interested in any of these voyages.

Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute holds a large collection of genealogy records. The Institute is situated on the corner of Wharf Street and Richmond Street.

Opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am to 2.30pm.
CONTACT US by telephone on (07) 4123 1620, or
Email: heritageresearch@bigpond.com



SHOPS IN CHINCHILLA STREET, CHINCHILLA, 1941



Source: John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland

Free searching websites

Qld School Admissions Registers

<https://www.data.qld.gov./dataset/school-admissions-registers-1878-2001>

Qld Indexes

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/starting/search-the-records/search-the-records>

City of Moreton Bay Libraries—History & Heritage

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Libraries/Discover/History-and-Heritage>

Qld Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au>

NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/family-history/search?1>

Vic Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/64c33bae43563b265345faad>

NZ Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/home>

Libraries Tasmania – Births, Death & Marriages

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/births-deaths-and-marriages/introduction/>

WA BDM – Online Search Tool

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/online-index-search-tool>

Find-a-Grave

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Search Archive Indexes – Immigration, Convicts, Prisoners & Early Settlers, Lands & Mining, Schools, Hospitals, Orphanages etc

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/starting/search-the-records/search-the-records>

The Ryerson Index

<https://ryersonindex.org/search.php>

Free BDM UK

<https://www.freebdm.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

General Register Office – England & Wales

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/>

Ulster Historical Foundation

<https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com>

Scotland's People

<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au>

Cyndi's List

<https://cyndilist.com>

Brisbane City Council – Cemeteries

<https://brisbane.discovereverafter.com>

FreeReg

<https://www.freereg.org.uk/>

Caboolture River Bridge, then and now



Source:

City of Moreton Bay Library



Source:

Courier Mail

A brief history of our club

On 2 May 1991 seven enthusiastic people met in the home of a local resident to discuss forming a coin club in the Redcliffe area for swapping and trading. At the second meeting, on 6 June, it was decided to form such a club and the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer were confirmed. At the third meeting, on 11 July, a simple constitution was adopted, committee members were elected and the name The Redcliffe Coin Club was adopted with a membership of 16.

In February 1992 the club moved its meeting place to the Redcliffe Education Centre and in March the club's first newsletter appeared. In 1994 the club amalgamated with the Koala Phonecard Club and changed its name to the Redcliffe Coin and Phonecard Club Inc.

In 1996 nineteen members and nine visitors celebrated the start of the Club's sixth year. To celebrate this milestone the club released a five-year commemorative copper medal.

1999 saw the Bicentenary of the naming of Redcliffe by Matthew Flinders in 1799, and to celebrate we had silver and copper medals made.

The club held its 100th meeting in May 2000 and on 8 December members of the Kangaroo Collectables Club formally joined The Redcliffe Coin and Phonecard Club Inc.

In February 2001 the club moved to the Redcliffe Community Centre, Lamington Drive, Redcliffe, with Phonecard members meeting at 6.30pm and Coin Club members meeting at 7.30pm.

To commemorate Queensland's Sesquicentenary (1859-2009), 2 more medals were prepared for us by The Canning Mint-Silver and Copper.

In January 2010 the club meetings moved to the Woody Point State Special School, 85 Georgina Street, Woody Point. We met on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) and commenced our meetings at 7.30pm.

Copper commemorative medals produced and released to commemorate the club's tenth and fifteenth anniversaries. Silver, Copper and Aluminium medals were created and released to commemorate the club's twentieth anniversary in 2011. The club held its 250th meeting during 2013 and we produced silver and brass medals to celebrate.

A series of 10 aluminium medals commemorating the ANZACS and the Light Horse were struck in 2014/2015. (All of our medals may be viewed in the club's Photo Gallery.)

In August 2015 our meetings moved to the Volunteer Hub (Old Redcliffe Fire Station), cnr Oxley Avenue and Mary Street, Redcliffe.

In May 2016 we celebrated 25 Years as a numismatic club and issued medals for that celebration.

On 3 July, 2018 we held our 300th meeting and to commemorate the event a Gold Coloured zinc medal was struck; it also celebrated the 230th Anniversary of the departure of the First Fleet from UK. A second medal was for Remembrance Day 1918-2019, Lest We Forget.

By a special resolution at our February 2019 general meeting, the club voted to change its name to Redcliffe Numismatic Society Inc. to better reflect what our members collect.

Committee member Fay Carbis of Gold Coast Family History Society Inc has informed us that her Society received a collection of resources from the Gold Coast Local Studies Library recently. The Society has a number of the resources already and is willing to give the spare copies to any other Society. The Local Studies Library said they were happy for us to pass them onto any Society who would like them, subject to the requirement that they may not be sold.

The list of resources which are available for free is below. They will be brought to HQ's Six-Monthly meeting on Saturday 22 November.

List of resources:

Bounty immigration 8 reels

NSW BDMs 48 reels 1787-1856

Orphans – NSW archives 1817-1833

Assisted immigration 41 reels 1848-1891

Qld Public Record historical Resource card index to Migrants 18 reels 1848-1923

Qld Public Record historical Resource card index to Migrants 1848-1923
(microfiche)

Colonial Secretary Letters of Denization. Registers of Certificates of
Naturalisation 1834-1903

Principle Superintendent of Convicts Tickets of Leave Butts 1827-1849

Assisted Bounty Immigrants (Ships) reels 64, 1828-1842

Registers of Inquests and Magisterial Enquiries 6 reels 1902-1942

Immigration Agents Immigration Lists 10 reels 1838 – 1896

Colonial Secretary of absolute pardons (microfiche)

Convict Ships 1787-1868 by Charles Bateson CDROM

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