



NEWSLETTER

The latest from History Queensland Inc
and members

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MISSION BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY – TULLY TO MISSION BEACH ROAD



Tully to Mission Beach Road, 1932, Cassowary Coast Library

Image featured in the Gallery on the Society’s website, <https://www.mbhs.com.au/> .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome

Welcome to 2026. I hope you had a restorative break and are ready for another year of preserving, protecting and sharing Queensland's rich history through your local history and family history societies and museums.

Summary of activities

Strategic development – In late November the committee held a strategic development and horizon-scoping session to reflect on our role in the Queensland history sector and identify opportunities for History Queensland to strengthen member value, communications, visibility and growth.

The conversation was exploratory in nature and focused on identifying themes and possible directions for 2026, rather than making decisions or setting commitments. Key themes included:

- Member value and support: how can HQ provide practical, equitable service to member societies of different sizes, needs and locations?
- Communication and visibility: how can HQ improve member communications and promote its resources and services more widely?

Further updates will be shared with members as priorities and activities are confirmed.

Visit to Bribie Family History Association – I was delighted to receive and accept the kind invitation of President David Barnes to visit the Bribie Family History Association and speak about how HQ supports members across the State.

My key message was that members are a vital part of Queensland's volunteering and cultural preservation ecosystem and the work undertaken by your members is more than 'just a hobby' but an important part of our communities' infrastructure which safeguards stories, records and identity.

I also outlined practical ways HQ supports members, including access to Zoom for online meetings, guest speakers, sector news and updates, a State-wide member directory to boost visibility and connections, and curated organisational resources such as grant information and preservation guidance.

Closing remarks

I am looking forward to a productive 2026 and opportunities to strengthen the ways HQ advocates for, connects with and supports our member organisations.

Sally Romano

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND – OFFERING COPIES OF ITS OLD JOURNALS TO ITS MEMBERS FOR FREE

The RHSQ is looking to donate its pre-2016 copies of the RHSQ journal for free to members who want them. Most of the extra supply we have are journals from the '80s, '90s, and '00s. If anyone is willing to take a few random ones, they can be collected for free from the Commissariat Store. We cannot guarantee that any one individual journal will be in our surplus, so any requests should keep that in consideration. If any members wish to have them delivered, they must pay for postage.

From *The RHSQ Bulletin*, February 2026, no 914

OUR PRESIDENT REPRESENTED HISTORY QUEENSLAND IN AN ABC STORY ABOUT LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Office-bearers and other members might be interested to read or listen to the ABC story about local and family history societies in which Sally Romano participated on behalf of History Queensland.

Here's the article link: https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-02-18/young-volunteers-keeping-history-alive/106315108?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web

Here's the radio interview link: https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/worldtoday/young-historians-keep-the-past-alive/106358642?utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared

Extract from the article:

Local history on the brink

Across the country, volunteer history groups are struggling to find new volunteers.

Many are kept alive by only a small cohort of retirees.

'Very recently [we] were contacted by one of our members saying that they were, in fact, going to close,' History Queensland's president Sally Romano said.

'We gave them some advice and were able to keep them open ... [but] what's happening is that these smaller local and family history groups, their membership is often ageing ... so they can be one or two resignations away from shutting.'

Ms Romano said she would love to get in touch with younger volunteers like Ms Sippel [youngest ever president, age 26, of the Rosewood-Scrub Historical Society].

'And find out what it is that inspired her to do it because she might be part of the secret sauce to get more young people involved.'



The Rosewood Scrub Historical Society Building was built in 1913 in Marburg, Ipswich. (ABC News: Charlie McLean)

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS TO REGISTER AS CHARITIES

Periodically, member organisations which are not registered as incorporated not-for-profit groups and have an ABN are required by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to undertake a self-review for the ATO. In 2024 Valerie, the HQ Secretary, co-ordinated bulk registration as charities for some members which did not already have that status, thereby eliminating the requirement that they undertake the self-review required by the ATO. HQ proposes to provide a similar service later this year for the assistance of members which are not already registered as incorporated not-for-profit groups.

We will invite members to indicate their interest in being part of the new round of bulk registration later in the year.

2026 HQ AGM TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 9 MAY

This year's AGM will be held on Saturday 9 May 2026, hosted by the Bribie Family History Association which meets in the RSL Club's Anzac Room. The Club is located at 99 Toorbul St, Bongaree. The meeting will include an address by our patron, Shauna Hicks OAM. Morning tea will be provided by the Association subsidised by HQ and delegates will be able to pay for their own lunches at the Club's excellent bistro; delegates attending will not be required to contribute towards the cost of conducting the meeting but for catering purposes notification of attendance will be required. (The bistro's menu is available online at [Social Restaurant menu](#). There is also a menu of dishes suitable for Vegans.)

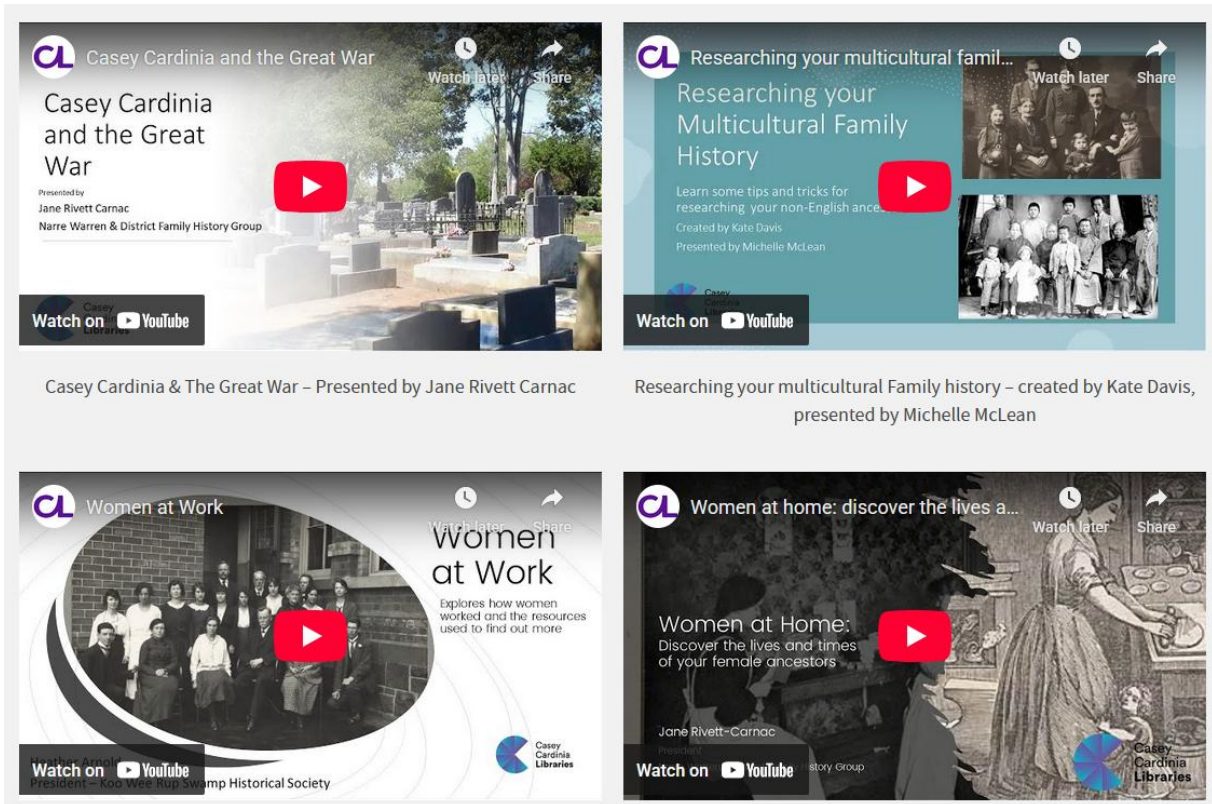
Watch for emails from Valerie nearer the date for further information.

Location of Bribie Island RSL Club:



LOCAL HISTORY VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

A number of websites offer information and 'How to' assistance in videos. One such website is Connected Libraries: [Local History videos](#). Here are images of a few featured examples:



Casey Cardinia & The Great War – Presented by Jane Rivett Carnac

Researching your multicultural Family history – created by Kate Davis, presented by Michelle McLean

PERRY SHIRE HERITAGE AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The locality takes its name from Mount Perry pastoral run which was named in 1857. Originally there were two private towns known as Fife-Barnett and the town of Tenningering. Tenningering was renamed Mount Perry on 14 January 1915.

In 1869, copper was discovered at Mount Perry (approx 100 km west of Bundaberg) and the township grew rapidly. A railway to the coast was essential to provide cheap transport and make the mining of low percentage ore viable. Maryborough and Bundaberg vied for the opportunity to be the terminus and the latter city was successful. The first 65 kilometres section of the Mount Perry railway line from North Bundaberg railway station (originally called Bundaberg station) to Moolboolaman opened on 19 July 1881.



View of Mt Perry, 1907

Mount Perry Provisional School opened on 7 October 1871 in a 'crude bark humpy' with 36 students. It became Mount Perry State School on 9 February 1874. In the early 1900s, the school had several hundred students. In September 1954, a new school building opened on the school's current site.

Source of text and image, Wikipedia

HQ FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED AT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 10 FEBRUARY

Fay Carbis, HQ Treasurer, presented a financial report to the committee on 10 February. Our bank balances include a term deposit of \$80,000, and Business and Web Saver accounts holding a total of \$25,167.48. The following Profit and Loss report is for the period 1 April 2025 to 3 February 2026.

Revenues

Income

Insurance Refund on Policy Changes	\$431.64	
AGM Attendance Money	\$500.00	
Interest Income		
Business Cheque A/c	\$1.69	
Interest Income Term Deposit	\$2,831.22	
Web Saver Interest	\$178.80	
Total Interest Income	—————	\$3,011.71
Membership 2025/2026		\$984.50
Public Liability Insurance 2025/2026		\$44,295.00
Raffle Proceeds		\$190.00
Share of Conference Income		\$3,322.54
Total Income	—————	\$52,735.39

Expenses

Expenses

AGM Expenses	\$1,086.39	
Audit Fees	\$330.00	
Gifts	\$185.00	
Insurance		
2025/2026 Public Liability Insurance	\$43,460.23	
Total Insurance	—————	\$43,460.23
Meeting Expenses - Hosting	\$150.00	
Office Expenses	\$24.20	
Photocopying expenses	\$13.50	
Postage	\$32.00	
Regional Travel Support Funding	\$1,500.00	
Small Grants 2025	\$10,050.00	
Subscriptions	\$40.00	
Website Expenses	\$655.00	
Total Expenses	—————	\$57,526.32

Net loss for period: \$4790.93.

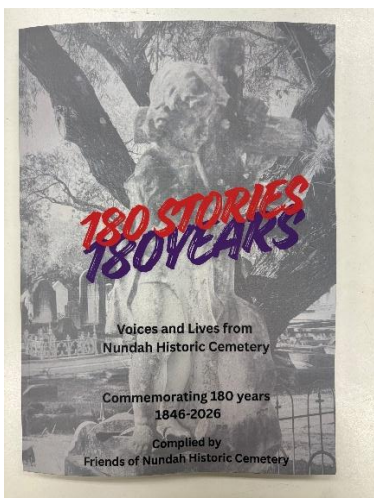
IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING AND RETURNING INSURANCE PROPOSALS

If you have received your organisation's insurance proposal for 2026-27 and have not yet returned it to Christine Reith, you should do so immediately. Christine will use the information contained in the proposal to calculate your organisation's 2026-27 premium for volunteers and public liability insurance. If proposals are not returned, insurance will not be offered and there could be serious financial consequences if a claim is made.

If you have not received an insurance proposal please contact our insurance liaison officer, Helen Turner, on 0412 708 401 or by email, insurance@historyqueensland.org.au.

FRIENDS OF NUNDAH HISTORIC CEMETERY – BOOK LAUNCH

On Sunday 8 February members of the Society and others met at Nundah Historic Cemetery for the launch of the Society's new book, *180 Stories, 180 Years*. The *180 Years* in the title reflects that it was 180 years to the month since the cemetery began its role in the community. The *180 Stories* refers to the 180 short articles contributed by Society members and others, each of them memorialising one or more members of the community buried in the cemetery. A deliberate effort was made to focus stories not on the famous or noteworthy but on ordinary folk who have largely been forgotten except by descendants or local historians. The event was very well attended, the book is well-printed and bound and contains old photographs of many of those referred to in the stories, most of them generously made available to the Society by descendants. All the copies of the print run have already been sold and orders are being received in anticipation of a second print run!



A WORRYING CLAIM THAT COPYRIGHT WAS BREACHED

PLEASE READ – VERY IMPORTANT

One of our member organisations was surprised and a little alarmed to receive an email recently containing what appeared to be a genuine payment demand relating to an alleged breach of copyright. The sender – a private company, not a firm of solicitors – claimed to represent News Corp. The email went on to state that it had been noticed that the Society had used a News Corp photo in a newsletter two or three years ago without obtaining permission; it claimed that a payment of more than \$600 should be made to the company. The Society obtained informal independent advice to not pay or respond. After the date by which payment was required to be made, the Society received another email saying that the amount of the payment demand had increased by \$20 for administrative costs.

The Society does not know whether the claim by the company to represent News Corp is genuine and, if it is, whether they will pursue the Society to enforce its claim for payment by some sort of action, but the fact that the Society received the claim is a reminder that we all need to be careful when we use images or text that we have not generated ourselves.

HQ is not qualified to give legal advice about copyright issues: it is a notoriously complex area. But, as a general rule, it is best to use only material that is clearly free for others to use, or which we ourselves have generated, or which has been given to our organisation by someone else to whom it belongs along with specific authority to use it for our purposes.

Where the image or text has been published on the internet or in print and may not be in the public domain, it is best not to use it or to use it only after obtaining permission.

If your organisation receives an unexpected copyright-related payment demand, avoid paying immediately. Consider verifying the sender's identity using official contact details (not the details provided in the email or letter) and escalate the matter within your committee and consider whether you should receive independent advice.

This note is general information only and is not legal advice.

MARYBOROUGH FAMILY HERITAGE INSTITUTE – SAILING SHIPS



Two images from the Society's Newsletter *Heritage Happenings*, December 2025, Vol 36 Issue 2. The image of the Crochet Rug is by Thelma Seeney, Life Member since 2015.

NEW FARM AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – THE DIGITISATION PROJECT CAN BEGIN!

We are pleased to announce that the New Farm and Districts Historical Society is the recipient of an Historical Organisation Assistance Grant Program for triennial funding from the Brisbane City Council.

As recipients of this grant, we will receive \$10,000 each year for three years. The first year's money is already in the bank so that means the work now begins in earnest.

We will engage a company to do the scanning, but there is much for us to do – data entry, cataloguing, packing and sorting files, reviewing scanned images, reviewing oral history transcripts, policy development and more.

Secretary Tracey gave an overview of the application process and the project that we are about to embark on at the June meeting, and you can see a ten-minute Vimeo on the Society's website: <https://newfarmhistorical.org.au/the-digitisation-project-can-begin/>.

More information will be shared very soon, including ways that you can be involved. Please contact Tracey at secretary@newfarmhistorical.org.au to volunteer.

Adapted from the Society's *Newsletter* for February 2026.

STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND – RESEARCH REVEALS 2026

Research Reveals 2026

Event to be held on Friday 6 March, 6-7.30pm, and Saturday 7 March, 10am-4pm, in the SLQ auditorium,. Admission is free but spaces are limited so booking is required.

Over the past year, 8 researchers have delved into State Library's collections, uncovering new stories and fresh perspectives on Queensland's history through their [State Library Fellowships](#). Now, they're ready to share their discoveries.

Over two days, the fellows will present the outcomes of their research projects, revealing little-known histories and insights drawn from State Library's collections.

Saturday's lineup offers revelations on:

- refugee stories and experiences of settling in Queensland
- the history of pearling communities in the Torres Strait
- businesswomen who defied pre-1970s rules requiring male guarantors for business loans
- Queensland's sporting history through significant sites on the Queensland Heritage Register
- bringing historical home interior décor to life using AI and collection material
- insights from a fourth-generation showperson into communities behind the EKKA, Queensland's largest annual event.

Don't miss the Friday night lineup exploring:

- the practice of cross-dressing uncovered across State Library collections
- Filipino migrants in Queensland, explored through festivals, music industry participation and everyday life featuring performances from **Hiraya Dance Troupe**, original music from 2025 fellow **Dr Carl Anacin** and more.

Book your ticket to secure your spot to attend Friday night, Saturday or both. Check out the full program on our [website](#).

OUR NEWEST MEMBER – ROSEWOOD HISTORY GROUP

Rosewood, a rural town on the Toowoomba railway line, is 17 km west of Ipswich. It is thought that it was named after a Rosewood tree or shrub, a common name for various species, but probably *Dysoxylum* or *Acacia harpophylla*, both endemic to south-east Queensland. Other possibilities exist as the Rosewood Scrub extended from Rosewood to Fernvale, 20 km northwards.

The Rosewood Scrub included numerous valuable timbers. Some were sensibly harvested but others were cleared for farming. Initially productive, some scrub soils unexpectedly lost fertility, but by the 1880s both sawmilling and mixed farming constituted the main activity of the Rosewood Scrub community. Rosewood was on the Ipswich to Grandchester railway line (1865), and in 1877 an exploratory shaft was sunk at Rosewood in the hope of finding coal for the locomotives. Coal mining was active east of Rosewood, towards Walloon, until 1903 when a new colliery was opened two kilometres east of Rosewood. Rosewood Collieries Ltd (1904) was just 200 metres from the railway station, but it petered out. Better deposits were later found to the north.

The Rosewood settlement was identified by a school and a Congregational church (both 1875) a block away from the railway line, but its civic significance probably began with the erection of a courthouse and police station in 1892. Both are listed on the Queensland Heritage Register. During the first decade of the 1900s the town gained several of its important buildings and became the administrative centre of the Rosewood Shire (1905): the Rising Sun hotel, with an unusual corner turret (1909), St Brigid's church (1910) and the commencement of Thomas Bulcock's 'Glendalough' residence just north of the town. The last two are on the Australian Heritage Register, St Brigid's being a significant large-scale timber-framed church with a pressed metal and fretwork interior. Glendalough is recorded as a notable example of an opulent Queensland house, a landmark on its hillside location. The police and courthouse complex (1908) in John Street are listed on the Queensland Heritage Register.

In 1911, a branch railway, winding northwards past several coal mines to Marburg, was opened. Passenger traffic declined within a decade, not least because of the frequent stopping and starting for freight – calves, pigs, dairy produce and coal. The line was closed in stages between 1964 and 1979.

The Rosewood Shire extended up the Marburg valley. The railway line passed nine working coal mines in the 1940s, as well as dairy farms and timber cutting on the distant ranges. Rosewood had both a sawmill and the Queensland Farmers' Co-operative butter factory.



Glendalough, extended by new owner Bulcock in 1910-11



Police complex, built in 1908

Email: enquiries@rosewoodhistory.au

Website: <https://rosewoodhistory.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rosewoodhistorygroup.au>

Text extracts from <https://queenslandplaces.com.au/rosewood-and-rosewood-shire>

Images from <https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/results/?q=rosewood>

2026-27 HQ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership with History Queensland Inc. is **due for renewal by 27 March 2026**. This year, there is a **change in the annual fees** for the first time in several years.

Membership Fees payable for the 2026-27 year are:

- Society with up to 50 members: \$27.00
- Society with 51 to 100 members: \$44.00
- Society with more than 100 members: \$60.00
- Associate Member: \$27.00

There is also a change in the way members may approach the renewal process.

Option 1: Completing the Form Online

Member societies can now complete the Membership Renewal Form online by clicking on the link:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/HistoryQueensland/MembershipRenewalApplication>

The link comes from Cognito Forms, a legitimate website used by many organisations to create forms for their members.

Once you click on the link, the online form will open up in your default browser. Simply fill in the requested information, then **click the Renew** button.

Option 2: Download & Print the Form

If you prefer to download and print the PDF form from the email sent directly to you or from our website's home page, you can complete it and either return it by post or email it as a scanned copy, as you have done in the past.

Payment for the renewal must be sent separately, as we do not have an online payment option.

Payment must be by bank transfer to HQ's account:

- Account Name: History Queensland Inc
- Account BSB: 124-022
- Account Number: 1038 7143
- Bank: Bank of Queensland
- In your bank reference please use your Society's full name or as much of it as there is room for, and not abbreviations, as several groups share similar abbreviations.

Please note that HQ no longer accepts cheques.

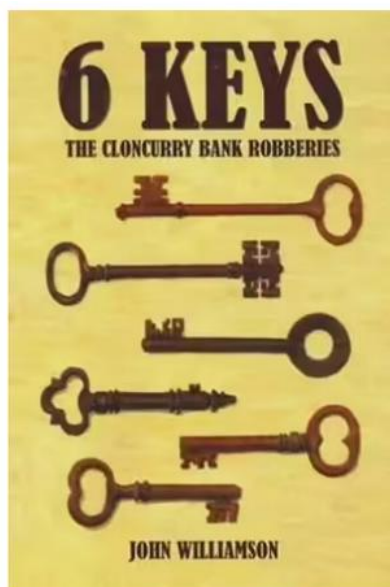
The deadline for completing the Cognito form or returning your completed downloaded form, and payment of your membership fee is Friday, 27 March 2026.

If you have any problems completing your renewal, please contact

secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

CLONCURRY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

The *North Queensland Register* reported on Saturday 18 June 1932 that the two banks in Cloncurry were cleared out of their funds the previous Saturday. The robberies were so cleverly planned and executed that they were not discovered until the premises were opened for business on Monday.



6 Keys: the Cloncurry Bank Robberies
- Back in Print

Bank Precautions.

It is understood that banks in Queensland are taking precautions to prevent a repetition of the methods used in the Cloncurry bank robbery. Mr. A. Reed, locksmith of Brisbane, who was transported to Cloncurry by aeroplane to deal with the locks of the banks, returned to Brisbane on June 22, and left the next day for the North. It is stated that he will be absent for a month, and will visit many centres in connection with bank business.

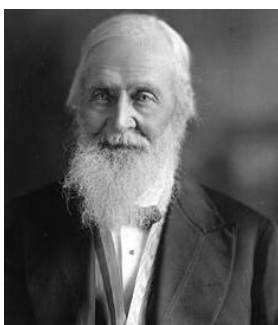
Brisbane Courier, Wednesday 29 June 1932, p10

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – INDEXING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

QFHS has an ongoing project called QBNI (QFHS Book Names Index). We are going through all our books and checking whether they have an index. If they do, we scan the index as a PDF file. This file is subsequently processed to generate a list of the names and page references for each book, collected in an Excel file. These details are then loaded into a searchable database which is available online for our members. So far, we have indexed almost 900 books, with over 580,000 names listed.

There are many books where the index has been scanned but the index files have not yet been generated, and this is where we need your help. If you can generate a document with Word or Excel, you can work at home to make indexes. Generally, people use Word to read the PDF and then edit the file or convert it to Excel. If you have an OCR program to convert the PDF to readable text, that makes it easier. Others are happy to just manually transcribe the details from the PDF into an Excel file. We can provide some training assistance if required.

If you feel you could help, please contact Peter Reed at digitising@qfhs.org.au



Members Lounge – Presenting

Date: 18 March 2026
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Presenter: Dr Gary Bacon AM, PGM

Sir Augustus Charles Gregory has been called 'The Bradman of Australian Explorers' but few today have heard of him. Register via Events on the Society's website, qfhs.org.au

From *Snippets*, the Society's official e-newsletter, Vol 26 no 2

SANDGATE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

The Society is presenting an exhibition entitled '*A Century of love ... weddings, fashions and traditions*' at the Society's Museum, 150 Rainbow St, Sandgate, until 5 April 2026. The Museum has introduced extended opening hours for the event: Wednesday and Sunday 9am to 3pm, and during March, Saturday 11am to 2pm. Entrance fees are Adults \$5, Children \$3.



Sandgate: The original Queensland beach escape inspired by the English seaside

Christmas and New Year's Day were popular times to visit Moreton Bay. Boating and swimming were often the chosen water sports, while dances and open-air films were also a hit among tourists.

The Brisbane Courier newspaper reported on the popularity of the area in 1907:

'Sandgate on the sea, often gay and bright and always pretty, was yesterday bubbling with life and movement. Thousands of trippers from the city hurried down at an early hour to enjoy the full New Year's Day, 1907, forgetful of business cares and household worries.

'Thousands more followed during the day until it was estimated there were fully 10,000 visitors gathered at the favourite seaside resort.

'The wide sweep of the bay, the narrow strip of gleaming sand, the dancing wavelets, the green-clad slopes of Moora Park running down to the beach dotted with thousands of picnickers, the women and children in dresses of white or pretty tints, made up a picture fully pleasing to the eye. When people weren't visiting the beach, the hills were another way for early European settlers to escape the heat.'

Article by Jessica Hinchliffe, 2018



New Year's Day crowds at Sandgate, 1907, from State Library of Queensland

Three Generations

Celebrating 100 Years

Same Store Address

Whilst not too many businesses today can attest to being in the same family for three generations and the same Store address for 100 years, our local footwear store **LANGER’S BROADWAY SHOE STORE** at **187 ADELAIDE STREET, MARYBOROUGH** will celebrate **100 YEARS** on the **12th JANUARY, 2026**.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN: The “*Shakespeare*” departed Hamburg on the 21st March, 1871 and a family on board this sailing ship was the **LANGER family**, consisting of **Mr. Robert A LANGER** (42) Farm Labourer, his wife **Johanne** [nee TEICHMANN] (42) and children **Edward** (17); **Augusta** (14); **FRANZ** (12); **Heinrich** (10); and **Louise** (7).

The family arrived at Hervey Bay on 3rd August, 1871, thence transhipped on the ‘*Lady Young*’ to the Port of Maryborough, where they stepped ashore in their new homeland.

FRANZ HEINRICH LANGER became a Bootmaker, and he married **Alvina SELCKE** in 1881 in Queensland. Their first-born child was a son who was born in 1882 namely **HEINRICH [Henry] WILLHELM [William] LANGER**.

HENRY WILLIAM LANGER married **Mary Farmer KEMP** in 1909. They had two children **Gladys Mary Alvina Langer** and **Henry [Harry] James Langer**.

Mr. H.W. LANGER started out in the boot repair business. He would later branch out into selling new footwear in conjunction with his boot repair business. In 1922 he opened his shop which was in Kent Street at the Five-Ways Corner opposite the Butter Factory, which was named ***The Federal—Boot and Shoe Emporium***¹. He then relocated to a shop in the Royal Hotel buildings with a name change to ***The Small Price Shoe Store***². In 1924 **Mr. H.W. LANGER** moved to **187 ADELAIDE STREET** with a new store name of ***Langer’s Boot Store***³.

On the 12th JANUARY 1926 the Store underwent *another name change* to **LANGER’S BROADWAY SHOE STORE**⁴ where it has been for 100 YEARS.

The **Broadway Shoe Store**⁵ specializes in quality footwear. Since its establishment, the repair and manufacturing section has been under **Mr. LANGER’S** personal control. The most up-to-date machinery is installed, rendering a service second to none in Queensland. The shop is under the control of **Mrs. Langer** assisted by **Mr. Harry J. Langer** and **Miss Langer**. The success of the business has been gained by the efficiency with which it has been conducted. The **Broadway Shoe Store** stocks only the best quality goods, for its ambition is to render a footwear service second to none and fulfil all the requirements of different sections of the community. *This service is still true today.*

Mr. H.W. LANGER’s hobby was motor-boat building, and he was also a well-known foot-runner. His **grandson Mr. W.J. [Bill] LANGER** advises that “*In 1937, his grandfather Mr. H.W. LANGER launched a 45-foot boat and that this boat is still in existence around Brisbane.*”

After the death of **Mr. H.W. LANGER** in 1951, the Store was then owned by his **son Mr. H.J. [Harry] LANGER**. **Harry** married **Edna May COASE** in 1947. **Harry** was an enthusiast in tennis circles.



Mr. H. LANGER

Friday, 8th February, 1922¹ | Thursday, 19th October, 1922² | Tuesday, 8th January, 1924³ | Tuesday, 5th January, 1926⁴ | Saturday, 21st June, 1941⁵

References are to issues of the *Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser*

Article from the Society’s Newsletter *Heritage Happenings*, December 2025, Vol 36 Issue 2

(This is a transcript of a 3m 41s video on QSA's website: [QSA research video - 6 tips before you visit](#))

QSA holds over 2.8 million original records created or received by Queensland State Government, dated from as early as 1824. That's over 59 kilometres of all sorts of records about people and places in Queensland.

The records held at QSA can help with historical information for family history research, schools, buildings, land selections, the workings of government, and much more. If you're new to researching at QSA, here are 6 tips to help you get started before you come and visit us.

1. Find out as much as you can before you visit us

To help you find information at QSA it will help if you gather as much information as you can. Names, dates, and places connected with your search will all help with locating records in our collection. This step could also help save you time and expense because the records you are looking for may not be held at QSA.

For example, birth, death and marriage records cannot be viewed or ordered at QSA. The Registry of births deaths and marriages has historical databases that you can search online, and order copies from.

2. Try to figure out what the Government connection is

Did a department in the Queensland State Government receive or create information about the topic you are interested in? There could be a lot of different interactions with different government departments and thinking about these connections may help you find things you didn't even think of.

3. Try online sources

There are lots of places online that can help you find useful information. For example, the National Library of Australia has digitised newspapers from around the country that are available online up to the mid-1950s. TROVE is searchable by name and can show all sorts of interesting information. Obituaries, court appearances, hotel licenses and much more. All of this information can help find records at QSA.

4. Make notes and keep careful records

As you search through all of these different sources of information, make sure you keep careful notes of what you have found, and where. For example, if you find information about a court appearance in TROVE, we may be able to find an original court record if you provide the names of the parties involved, the name of the court, the date, and if at all possible, the offence.

5. Search online from home

Once you've gathered as much information as you can, try entering the name you are searching for in our catalogue, ArchiveSearch. Some of our records can be searched by a person's name. You might be surprised by what you find.

If you are lucky enough to find a record with a name search, make sure you make a note of the Item Identification and the caption. This information will help you find the record again whether you visit us at 435 Compton Road Runcorn to view the record or request a quote to have a scanned copy of the record sent to you

6. Explore our collection

We have lots of guidance about our records on the website. This section of the website contains lots of information about some of our most popular topics. Each section contains brief guides that explain the sorts of records you might find, as well as links to indexes that can be name searched. Have a look around.

If you have any questions or would like to give us some feedback, please contact us via the online form on the 'Contact the State Archives' page or any of the other methods available.

WINDSOR AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – ALBION DRILL HALL

Before the First World War, Australia was the only English-speaking country which had a system of compulsory military training during a time of peace. The legislation for compulsory military training was introduced in 1909 by Prime Minister Alfred Deakin and passed into law in 1911 under the succeeding Fisher Labor Government.

The legislation provided for three levels of training:

- Junior cadets for boys of 12-14
- Senior cadets for males of 14-18
- Home defence militia, officially known as Commonwealth Military Forces, for men of 18-26.

A program of drill hall construction was undertaken, intensifying during the World War 1 years. The drill halls, although often used as recruiting bases for the AIF, were not used to train Australians volunteering for overseas service. They continued to be used for the training of the citizen militia.

The various State Governments undertook the construction of drill halls on behalf of the Commonwealth, and in 1914 the Queensland Government let the contract on the Albion drill hall and offices. The drill hall, which included offices and an earth closet block, was built by John Kelsall for a contract price of £1383. Based on a design used for the drill hall at Ayr, the hall was wooden framed and sheeted with iron. It covered an area of approximately 101 feet by 68 feet. This included a drill area of 100 feet by 50 feet, the remainder being taken up with offices. Steel trusses supported the roof, and a continuous ventilator ran along its ridge.

During World War 2, the drill hall was used initially as the Australian Army Albion Training Depot. Later in the war it accommodated the Army's 4th Advanced Base Stores Depot (ABSD).

Later, with the establishment of larger reserve training centres within Brisbane, the Albion training depot was surplus to Defence requirements. The building site then remained vacant for many years. Various community groups lobbied the Federal Government for assistance in obtaining the building and for its restoration. The Federal government offered the freehold title for \$40,000, and with many volunteering fundraising efforts over a few years, the money was raised. In 1987 an application to the Community Employment Program for a grant to restore the hall was successful. The Drill Hall became the Queensland Peace, Social and Justice Development Centre, with six groups to use the site. The restoration was completed in January 1988 and on 12 March 1988 Bill Hayden MP opened the restored hall.

In January 2004 the hall (at 86 McDonald Rd, Windsor) was officially listed as a Local Heritage Place.



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Story (edited) and images from the Society's *Journal*, Vol 38 no 1, February 2026

**PEACHESTER HISTORY COMMITTEE –
THE COOCHIN CREEK FRUITGROWERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD**

The Peachester History Committee's February *Newsletter* contains the first part of an article on the history of the Beerwah Co-operative.

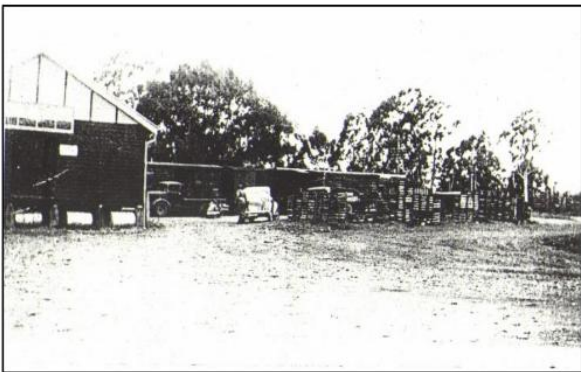
Prior to the establishment of the Coochin Creek Fruitgrowers Co-operative Assn there was the Beerwah Fruitgrowers Association which was registered with the Committee of Direction of Fruitmarketing. It was not a trading association but functioned as a Local Producers Association (LPA).

The fruit growing industry consisted mainly of pineapples, with bananas and citrus of next importance.

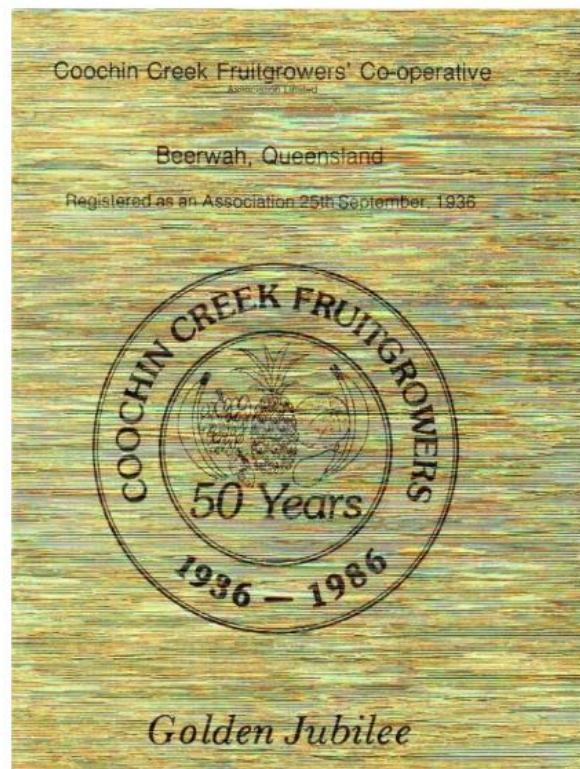
It must be noted here that the factory price for pineapples was very low and it was during the peak of the crops that fruit was sent to the canneries; at other times it was consigned to the fresh fruit market. At least 50% of production was marketed as fresh fruit.

During 1935 there was a migration of pineapple growers to the district when land held by the Simpson Estate became available for purchase. New farms were developed. The United Fruitgrowers Co-operative Association (UFA) at Glasshouse Mts had been operating since 1924, and A L Nielsen, D Salvati, and T Mauloni & Co loaded their fruit at the station where they could also purchase their farm requisites.

With the potential increase in pineapple production, there was a growing desire to form a Co-operative Association at Beerwah. The driving force behind this movement was A L Nielsen, ably assisted by his wife, and on 20 January 1936 a meeting of growers was convened by Mr Nielsen and this was held in the Beerwah School of Arts. Mr Nielsen was appointed temporary Chairman



The first Co-operative building ("the Shed" as it was called) beside the Beerwah railway station c.1940s. The man in the second photo is probably Alf Nielsen. Photos from PHC Collection, donated by the late Alvon Raddatz.



Extracts and images from PHC's *Newsletter*, no 204, January-February 2026

HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 2025-26

HQ's 2025 Annual General Meeting elected a new management committee for the 2025-26 year:

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND – JOAN REESE SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2026

JOAN REESE SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2026

The topic for the Joan Reese Short Story competition 2026 is ***A short story from family history research you have undertaken.***

Researchers discover many interesting stories when researching family history. These stories may relate to how they followed the trail of an individual ancestor either in Australia or overseas, how a significant event such as an immigration story impacted on the family, how they started out researching their family history, or how they solved a mystery, a brick wall, or a difficult research question.

Entries are subsequently published in *Generation*. The prize for the winning entry is \$200 which is partly funded by GSQ's Writing Group and also carries a 12-month single membership subscription to GSQ.

Entries close on 25 May 2026 and the winner will be announced at GSQ's Open Day in August 2026. Full details of the competition, including judging criteria and entry requirements are to be found on GSQ's website <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/writing-competition>. More information is available by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au.



From *Generation*, the quarterly Journal of GSQ, Vol 49 no 2, December 2025

KILCOY DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – KILCOY GOLF CLUB

When Kilcoy Station was resumed for closer settlement, and Kilcoy township (then called Hopetoun) was surveyed, in 1888, mainly into one-acre allotments, there was an area of 72 acres on the north-western side of the township proper. This was reserved for town allotments should the occasion ever arise for expansion of the town. The land was owned by the Crown and leased to a succession of farmers on the nearby dairy farm.

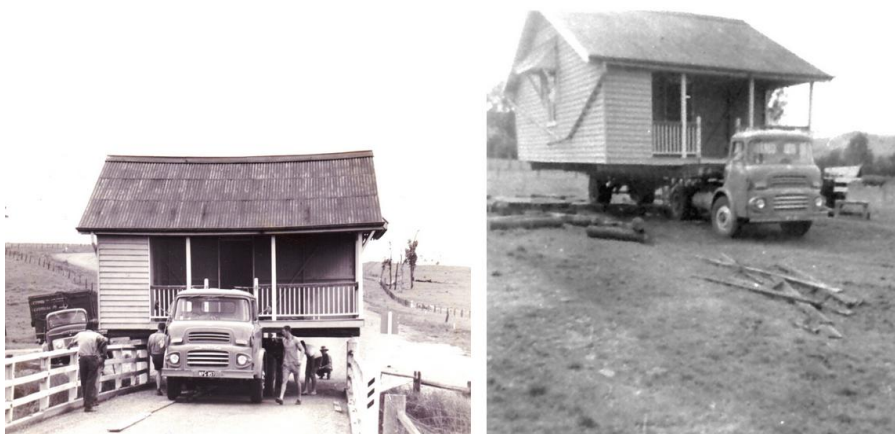
Grazing land, 1932



Cleared by soldiers during World War 2



The Club's steering committee meeting reported on 17 September 1963 that a 30-year lease had been negotiated and a tender of £115 had been submitted for the Winya School to be moved in to form a clubhouse. The School, which opened in 1918 and closed in 1960, was relocated to the site. D N O'Connor (Oigle) with his Leyland truck assisted in the relocation of the building.



By the time that the clubhouse was completed and a liquor licence obtained, the nine-hole course was in operation. The clubhouse was officially opened by the Hon Harold Richter MLA, State member for Somerset, and Federal member for Oxley Bill Hayden MHR on 9 October 1965.



The Club's golf course today.



Story (edited) and images from Kilcoy's January 2026 Newsletter

REDCLIFFE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – SPOTLIGHT ON A LOCAL, GRAHAM McTAGGERT

Graham McTaggart arrived in Redcliffe with his parents and siblings in 1939 at the age of two years; they took up residence in Chatham Street, Margate. He described their dwelling as being a tin shed with dirt floors and metal windows which opened with a stick. A very modest building!

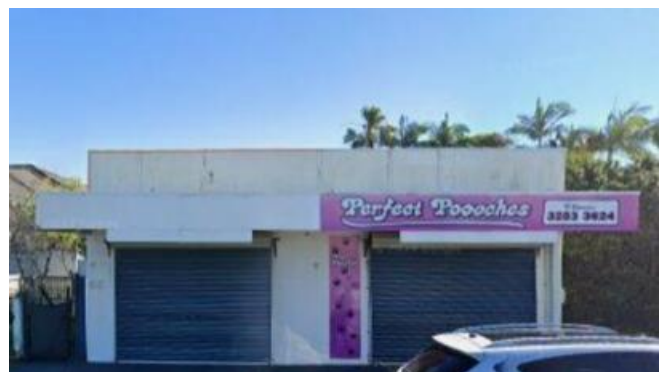
That same year, 1939, his father went to New Guinea with the Australian Forces. Graham remembers during the War the Americans had a large Army Camp in Sorrento Street, Margate extending right up to the present position of the Water Tower. The family was then living in Sorrento Street, Margate with Graham attending Humpybong State School.

Graham's father returned from the War in New Guinea suffering the aftermath and spent time at Greenslopes Hospital. After treatment, his father learnt the butcher's trade from Harold Glanville and Alf Ollenburg. Luckily, during the War Graham's mother had purchased 10 allotments in Keenan Street for £5 each which she was able to sell for £50 each to help finance the erection of two shops. One was a butcher shop and the other a grocery store; they were at 66 Hornibrook Esplanade, Clontarf. After many years of trading, the butcher shop was sold to Jack Ruby in 1961. Those two shops are still standing today occupied by very different businesses.



Redcliffe Hockey Team 1953

Graham McTaggart standing, second from right



Edited extract and images from Redcliffe's *Humpybong and After*, Vol 40 no 4, December 2025



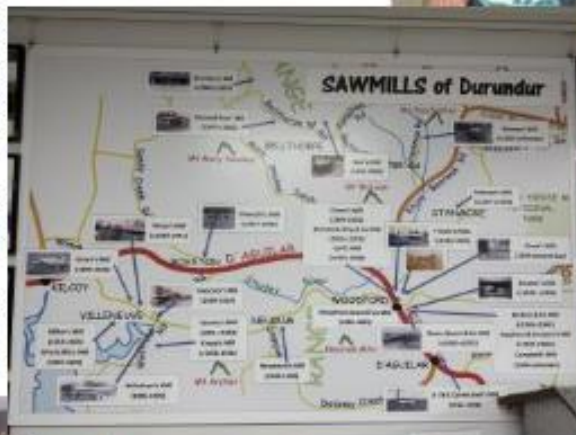
Society Happenings

Visit to Woodford Historical Society Museum

On Wednesday 8 October, 13 members and friends of CFHRI car-pooled out to Woodford, about an hour from the rooms to spend the morning exploring the Woodford Heritage Museum.

We were met by two members of the committee of the Woodford Historical Society, and Secretary Donna Grigor, who has a long family history of the area, gave us a very interesting talk about the museum.

She told us about the history of the Woodford area, from the settlement in the the Archer brothers in known as Durundur, northern European the land. The town of proclaimed in 1885, name from Henry Stanley River



early 1840 by the area then the most settlement in Woodford was deriving its Wood and the crossing (ford) on which the township was

originally situated.

We then explored the museum at our leisure with Donna and Kay giving us extra information about various displays. It is a wonderful museum with excellent displays.

There are displays of a wide range of artefacts, clothing, military, furniture and equipment. There is a display of the Sawmills of Durundur providing information



about the rich history of the region's sawmilling industry.

Excerpt from an article in *Caloundra Clipper*, quarterly journal of the Society, December 2025, no 131

TREASURY OF COUNTRY AUSTRALIAN HISTORY – SUSTAINING REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE MEMORY

(This Society recently became a member of History Queensland.)

Treasury of Country Australian History Inc (TOCAH) is a recently established charity focused on developing and sustaining a generally accessible online collection of Australia's regional, rural and remote (RRR) history. The proposed TOCAH Collection is intended to build societal knowledge of RRR people's contributions to the development of modern Australia and thus develop and encourage understanding of how these contributions have influenced Australian life today and how they are likely to do so in the future.

Through an expanding web of community connections, TOCAH intends to tap into the lived histories of a wide range of country Australians. These histories will provide access to information about our rural past, grow links that will allow the on-going build-up of such information, and subsequently address the gap in urban understanding of rural Australia.

The TOCAH Collection will include the following:

- Personal and family memories and histories in a variety of formats.
- Records associated with country Australia, such as weather, transport, education, communications, rural industries, properties (studbooks, employment records etc.) businesses, community associations, natural disasters and all aspects of country living.
- Photographs, maps, ephemera, books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, music and art associated with country life.



Text and images from the Society's website, <https://tocah.au/#prev>

Oral History Workshop

Oral History Queensland is holding a face-to-face workshop on 28 March 2026 from 9.00am to 3.00pm at the Spinners & Weavers Hall, 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower. The workshop will be run by OHQ Secretary Elisabeth Gondwe who has a Master of Arts in Anthropology and Archaeology from James Cook University. Elisabeth has worked as an oral historian for 30 years and brings a strong oral history focus to her role as the curator at the North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah. She has designed and delivered many community oral history projects.

This is an introductory workshop and would suit people who are commencing an oral history project. It will provide an overview of an oral history project, ethics and permissions, an introduction to interview techniques and recording, file management and transcribing. Anyone with an interest in oral history, family and local histories would benefit from this workshop. Find out more about the workshop and registration by emailing info@ohq.org.au.

Oral History Handbook

Author Beth Robertson is very happy to announce that the Sixth Edition of the Oral History Handbook came into print in December 2025. The Sixth Edition is published under the auspices of OHA, with the National Committee authorising use of the Oral History Australia name as the nominal publisher and the OHA logo on the cover. Elisabeth Gondwe obtained the ISBN. Beth has paid for the design and printing and the creation of the sales website: <https://theoralhistoryhandbook.com.au/>.

Extracts from OHQ's *e-Bulletin*, 31 January 2026

REDCLIFFE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – UK CHEW VALLEY HOARD

UK: Chew Valley Hoard

2025. The Chew Valley Hoard — a collection of 2,584 post-Conquest silver pennies dating to around 1066–1068 — is to be publicly displayed in a major exhibition starting early 2027. The hoard was discovered in 2019 by metal-detectorists near Bath.

Just under half of the coins bear the image of Harold II, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, and just over half those of William the Conqueror, along with a single coin from Edward the Confessor.



The coins come from 46 different mints, representing one of the broadest snapshots of medieval mint activity yet discovered — a unique record of the monetary and political shifts during the early Norman period.

The hoard is currently valued at £4.3 million, making it the highest-value treasure find recorded under the United Kingdom's Treasure Act 1996. Following acquisition by South West Heritage Trust, the hoard will first be exhibited at the Roman Baths Museum in Bath, before being moved to a newly built gallery at the Museum of Somerset in Taunton. A £993,345 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund will fund the exhibition infrastructure and public-access programming.

Extract from the Society's *Newsletter*, January 2026, Issue 276