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**PRESIDENT: Jean Stewart**



Australian Inland Mission hospital, Birdsville 1949  
RHSQ collection P 2475

## President's Report February 2007

A happy New Year to you all!

We look forward with optimism to the coming year and wish for greater numbers of visitors, more profitable functions and some exciting events this year. We anticipate the sesquicentenary of Queensland in 2009.

January sees us preparing for the renovations and improvement to our space on B2 level in national Trust House. Already changes have been made in the storage areas to make it easier to find items and to manage them more easily. Furniture has been removed from one of the large rooms to make way for repairs. The improved space will then become a repository for the collection managed by Dr Rod Fisher so that access to this valuable material is possible for scholars and researchers. Allan Bell has

worked very hard on this matter and other volunteers

have helped. This has given us the opportunity to take stock of the large number of books and other material still in storage so that they can become more easily accessible as well.

During the last few months generous donations of books have been made by Manfred Cross and Ian Hadwen as they rearrange their own storage spaces at home. Where possible many books have been added to the Welsby Library and other books have been put aside for a future auction. Some of these generous donations have been set out for sale near the reception at very reasonable prices, so next time you are in the Commissariat Store please see if there is something there which interests you. Our own publications are

also for sale there.

Ian Hadwen has been working on the program of lectures for the year and already has a number of very good speakers lined up. Later we will be holding a conference on Queensland in the forties which is a harbinger of the sesquicentenary. If you have papers which could be presented at either one of our lecture times or for the conference, please be in touch with Ian.

The beginning of a New Year is generally slow to start so this report has been shorter than usual. We look forward to a busy year.

Jean Stewart  
President

## Achievements of 2006

A review of last year revealed the following achievements. They are not in any particular order but they do reveal the wide variety of activities undertaken and give an idea of the range of responsibilities held by the Society. During 2006 the Society:

- commenced preparations for the celebration of the sesquicentenary of Queensland
- received an increased number of school visits as a result of advertising in school based literature
- organised an enjoyable day's outing to Mt Tamborine for the volunteer guides
- commenced negotiations with Dr Rod Fisher for material on Queensland history which he manages to be installed in B2 of National Trust House
- commenced successful negotiations with the Department of Public Works to renovate parts of B2 and liaised with the architect appointed to the task
- negotiated a lease with the Department of Public Works for B2 in National Trust House
- sold surplus furniture and rearranged the Society's Museum storage space in B2 in preparation for the renovation
- set up and staffed exhibitions at two Open Days at Government House
- held a Book Auction in April which raised funds for restoration of items in the Welsby Library
- produced four *Journals* and a special issue, 'Tropical Transformations', devoted to the papers delivered at a Conference held in November 2004, 'Remembering Denis Murphy'. The special edition of the Journal was launched by the Premier in December.
- maintained close links with the Bulloo Shire Council and Nappa Merri Station in relation to

the Dig Tree which was proclaimed a Queensland Icon by the National Trust of Queensland

- held an special evening in March for the presentation of Fellowships of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies by the president Dr Helen Henderson to Dr Ruth Kerr for the late John Kerr and to Dr Lorna McDonald
- presented certificates for 50 years membership to five members
- continued the regular monthly Wednesday lunchtime and Thursday evening series of lectures
- held a Queensland Day Dinner on 6 June at which the John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction for History was presented to Emeritus Professor Kay Saunders and to Dr Peter Bell
- mounted new exhibitions throughout the year: 'Brisbane Tramways', 'Australia on the Map', and Aboriginal breastplates
- sorted the material in over 130 boxes from the Post Office Museum, most of which has now been added to the Society's collection
- held a Conference in August entitled 'Footsteps on the Australian Shore' as part of the 'Australia on the Map' year; it was opened by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland and Patron of the Society
- welcomed two external exhibitions – A Dozen Weavers and University of Queensland's "History of Journalism"
- heard the regular reports of the President of the many speaking engagements she had presented and the many functions she had attended to represent the Society
- established a second hand book table which has been a very useful income earner
- organised a most enjoyable two-day excursion to the Boonah and Beaudesert areas
- considered the issues concerning the teaching of Australian history in Queensland schools
- supported the effort of Friends of Newstead to discover and identify items owned by the Society and displayed in Newstead House
- purchased a data projector
- arranged for the removal of graffiti which appeared on the fabric of the Commissariat Store
- improved the Society's web page
- maintained input into the activities of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies as it continued to lobby on heritage matters

All this activity reflects considerable hard work by members of Council and the wonderful team of volunteers who under the leadership of Allan Bell help in so many areas. We are grateful for their skills and competence for without them the Society would

not be able to carry out its responsibilities. We thank them all very sincerely.

Jean Stewart  
President

## New members

Suzanne O'Connor Belmont

## News From the Society's Council

At its meeting on 23 November 2006 the President, Mrs Jean Stewart welcomed all Councillors. Council:

- decided that the Society's Sesquicentenary Committee meet to discuss the Society's involvement and conferences and publications in 2009
- noted progress on the listing of the Society's collection held at Newstead House
- discussed progress of discussions with Environmental Protection Agency of the repair of damage to the sign at the "Dig Tree"
- met with Dr Clive Moore from the University of Queensland during the Council meeting to discuss the teaching of history in Queensland schools and universities. A meeting has been held on the subject of teaching history in schools and universities between the Queensland Minister for Education and a number of History Teachers in Queensland Universities and the Society is to participate in the next.
- received a report that arrangements are well advanced for the storage of Dr Rod Fisher's historical material in the Society's area in National Trust House
- discussed arrangements for the launch of the Denis Murphy Conference Papers by the Premier on 6 December; and
- received a report from the President and Dr Ruth Kerr on the Federation of Australian Historical Societies Inc teleconference meeting on 20 November, which focused on history teaching, Collections Council policy, grants, commencement of History and Tourism project, completion of the Publishing History project, and the National Cultural Heritage Forum Vision Statement review meeting.

## Research report

The completion of the huge task of sorting the Post Office Museum collection has resulted in major additions to the Society's holding. We thank in particular two volunteers, Beth Johnson who sorted all the boxes and Doug Lochhead who added 1163 photos to the collection. These photos have now been indexed and are available for research purposes.

After a quiet few weeks during the Christmas period, enquiries have stepped up. We have had queries about US bomber crash at Archerfield in June 1942; the Atkinson Family and Walpole Villa at Enoggera; Turkish baths in Brisbane; Nundah; A.B. Paterson; TV in Brisbane and the work of Dr Val McDowall and Tom Elliott; road transport in southern Queensland, the history of farming in Bowen, photographs of Cairns, Townsville area; and the history of Mt Coot-tha. As a result of successful searches a large number of orders has been placed for photographs.

Jean Stewart  
Hon Researcher

## CALENDAR

### February 2007

- Wednesday 14 February** 12:30 "The Labor split of 1957. Vince Gair and the Queensland Labor Party" by Manfred Cross
- Thursday 15 February** 6:00 pm - "GFS House at New Farm" by John Mackenzie Smith

### March 2007

- Wednesday 14 March** 12.30 pm "The 1893 Floods" by Marilyn England
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- Friday 16 March** **Bulletin deadline**

## Country News

(Collected by Ruth Kerr from personal Queensland contacts, Affiliated Societies and Newspapers)

**Boonooroo near Maryborough** - The first shop was opened in 1929 by Bert and Alvida (Cissie) Turton on the corner of Turton Street and the Esplanade, Big Tuan, Boonooroo. The building is still standing. It served as a cafe, dance hall on Saturday nights, School and Sunday School. (*Maryborough Chronicle* 5 December 2006 p.6 including photo)

**Charters Towers** - The Museum operates a Work for the Dole Program. Participants have painted two rooms and arranged items in the military display under the guidance of museum volunteers. The manager, Sally Harper, has prepared the participants for work and 80% of the 17 have secured work. (*North Queensland Register* 23 November 2006 p.18)

**Cooloola Historical & Tourism Inc** organised the presentation to the Gympie RSL and Cooloola Shire Council copies of framed illuminated addresses presented to Sir William Glasgow in 1919. The presentation took place in Cooloola Shire Council

Chambers, the Old Bank Building where young William Glasgow worked for the Queensland National Bank. Grandsons Angus McDowall and Robert Glasgow made the presentation. Sir William Glasgow is also featured on Gympie's Memorial Lane mural. Sir William Glasgow's career in the Commonwealth Parliament and his term as High Commissioner to Ottawa was written up and presented as a paper to the RHSQ on 28 February 1980 in the paper, "Diplomacy of Good Sense: Sir William Glasgow in Canada". (vol. XI no.1, 1979-1980, pp. 103-118) (*Gympie Times* 11 and 15 November 2006 pp28, 1 & 5 respectively including 10 photos)

**Gatton** Mercury Theatre and Children's & Youth Theatre, including the Win Davson Art Gallery & Museum celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an innovative play in four acts, "Ring Round the Valley" by Win Davson MBE, on 27 and 28 October at the Gatton Shire Hall North, Gatton. The play is a local history including the legend of Helidon Spa and the opening of the Agricultural College.

**Gympie** - The Gympie Family History Society launched its Pioneer Register at the Old Gympie Railway Station ticket office on 20 October 2006. More than 120 people attended the launch of the pre-1900 Register. More than 450 copies of the register have been sold. (*Gympie Times* 21 October 2006 p.20 including two photos)

**Herberton** - The State School celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 12 December 2006. The first school opened in the Herberton School of Arts with headmaster John Cairns and 31 children. The present school site was selected in November 1882 and opened there on 17 October 1883. The building was designed for 90 students and had up to 130 at times. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 6 December 2006 p.13 including two photos of the school dated 1895 and 1903)

**Kairi** - The 73 year old CWA hall located on 1012 square metres at 44 Irvine Street, Kairi is for sale. From these premises members organised markets and garden parties, catered for functions and fundraisers, provided a community venue for weddings and special events and worked to support soldiers during World War II. The Kairi CWA branch closed three years ago. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 29 November 2006 p.6 including photo)

**Karumba** - Mr Larry Gordon has gathered a collection of historical items which he displays in his house - history books, crocodile, memorabilia, Hugo Wertheim piano, posters. Larry currently works at the Sunset Tavern and previously worked for A Raptis & Co unloading prawn trawlers and Ravenshoe Tin on the Battle Creek tin dredge. He grew up on Wollombi Station near Collinsville. (*North Queensland Register* 30 November 2006 p.7 including 12 photos)

**Mareeba** - The Lions Club moved the Mareeba tobacco industry grading shed and bale store to the Mareeba Heritage Centre in November 2006. It is the first building to be moved to the centre as part of the Mareeba Lions Club project to build a memorial to an industry that once was a key element of the Mareeba town economy. The Lions club will also be collecting stringing machines and tractors. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 8 November 2006 p.23 including photo)

**Mitchell** - A framed article commemorating the World War I record of former Booringa Shire Councillor, John Carlyon, was presented to the Council by his daughters, Helen Thorne and Jean Gill. John Carlyon enlisted for World War I on 28 August 1914, served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse Regiment mainly in the Middle East - Gallipoli, Alexandria and Egypt - and was discharged on 24 January 1919. He won the Military medal in August 1917. On return he married Margaret Colville and settled on *East Lynne* near Mitchell. He and Harry Light and Harry Bunton established the RSL in Mitchell. He was also on the Show Society and Ambulance Committee and died at Redcliffe in February 1954 and was buried there. (*Western Star* 2 January 2007 p.15)

**Mount Chalmers** - The Rockhampton & District Historical Society visited the Mount Chalmers Museum on 5 November. The museum is open on Sundays between 11 am and 3 pm and presents the history of the town area and locality. (Rockhampton & District Historical Society *Newsletter* December 2006 p.1)

**Mount Molloy** - The Cairns & District Historical Society has donated the "Mulligan Plaques" to the Mareeba Historical Society for placement at the Mount Molloy cemetery lichgate in August 2007. This will coincide with the 100 year anniversary of James Venture Mulligan's burial there. The plaques had been considered for erection on the Palmer Goldfield but this did not eventuate. (*Mareeba Memoirs* of Mareeba Historical Society No 31, August 2006, p.4)

**Rockhampton** - The Rockhampton & District Historical Society Inc undertook the research for the signage at the Victoria Park riverbank development and received a professional fee for the work. (Rockhampton & District Historical Society Inc *Newsletter* October 2006 p.1)

**Rockhampton** - The Historical Society has had a Frank Forde plaque cast and it is to be erected in Forde Park at a future date. Frank Forde was Prime Minister from 6 July to 13 July 1945 and Member for Capricornia from 16 December 1922 to 28 September 1946. He was also a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly from 12 May 1917 to 5 October 1922 for the electorate of Rockhampton and from 12 March 1955 to 3 August 1957 for the electorate of Flinders. (Rockhampton & District Historical Society

Inc Newsletter November 2006 p.1)

**Rockhampton** - The Historical Society holds social events at the Rockhampton Botanical Gardens. The Gardens reserve resulted from the gazettal of the old Native Police Paddock as a Botanic Gardens in 1873. (Rockhampton & District Historical Society Inc Newsletter November 2006 p.2)

**Roma** - The Director of Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, Ms Marion McMahon, visited Roma late in 2006 on a regional community tour, to discuss the program and encourage community involvement. The Roma community representatives suggested that the celebrations coincide with Roma Street Christmas Party with schools and arts groups designing and decorating shapes as part of the state wide work of art. Ms McMahon said the celebrations would revolve around four themes - history, people, places, and the future. Ms McMahon had visited more than 40 communities from Weipa to the Gold Coast in a six week period. (*Western Star* 2 January 2007 p.7 including photo)

**Winton** -Further information on the fatal crash forty years ago has been published by Dennis Quinn of Winton on page 24 of the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia Summer 2006 Newsletter, *The Real Australian*: "A memorial service was held on September 22, culminating with one minute silence at 1.03 pm, the time of a plane crash near Winton 40 years ago. It was the edge of a clay pan surrounded by Coolibah and Gidgee trees at 1.03pm Thursday, 22 September 1966, an Ansett ANA Viscount passenger plane crashed, killing all 20 passengers and four crew. The plane was en route from Mount Isa to Brisbane via Longreach when the two motors on the port wing caught fire and the plane fell apart at 3,000 feet 12 miles west of Winton on a property called *Nadjayamba*. Many town folk, volunteer emergency services personnel and property workers attended the crash but could do nothing for those on board. The service was held at the site of the memorial cairn on *Nadjayamba* and was attended by over 100 people, over 50 of whom had family killed in the accident and travelled to Winton for the service. A replica memorial was also unveiled in the main street of Winton later that day, giving access to many visitors throughout the year who are unable to visit the property."

## Suburban Heritage

**Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group Inc** was formed in 2002 to restore and celebrate heritage of **Christ Church** Anglican Church at Tingalpa. The church was built in 1868, blown down in a cyclone in 1886 and rebuilt. It was decommissioned in 1996 and stripped for demolition. The Friends Group was formed to protect it and a Decoration Day of the graves is held in late October each year. Details of

graves can be obtained on website: <<http://chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Photos/index.htm>>

The Friends group has obtained grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Powerlink Queensland. The chapel roof, floor, an inner wall, and chancel ceiling have been replaced and the building is being painted. The Friends Group has constructed a toilet / store room, connected water, power and sewerage, and erected a white picket fence. (Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group Inc Newsletter, September 2006, vol 4 no.3; contact: jackbutler@optusnet.com.au)

## Program report

I wish a Happy New Year to all our members and supporters of history.

It is less than two years (just over 700 sleeps) until Queensland celebrates its sesquicentenary. Despite the woeful neglect of Queensland (and Australian) history in our schools and universities, these next two years will, hopefully, increase interest in our State's past and provide a feast for lovers of the genre.

The Society's lecture programme for 2007 is off to a flying start.

First up, on Wednesday lunchtime 14 February, is Manfred Cross. It is 50 years since the great Labor party split when Vince Gair was expelled from the ALP and formed the QLP (Queensland Labor Party). Manfred's membership of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland predates these tumultuous events. His recounting of the events of 1957 will be through the eyes of a distinguished politician as well as a distinguished historian.

On the following evening, Thursday 15 February, John Mackenzie-Smith will present a paper on GFS House, New Farm – a topic incorporating social and structural heritage. We all remember John's excellent lecture during heritage week last year on Dr Hobb's House, the Deanery. John's scholarship and skill as an historian has been applied to GFS House and is a great beginning to our evening lecture programme for 2007.

In March we have Marilyn England's lecture and PowerPoint presentation on the Brisbane Floods of 1893 on Wednesday 14 March at 12.30pm. On the next evening, Thursday 15 March 6.00pm, Yvonne Evans will present a lecture on Arthur Exley, a pioneering teacher and champion of teachers' superannuation.

A great start to a great year; see you at the Commissariat Store.

Ian Hadwen



## History Teaching

There has been a range of discussion in the regional Queensland press and in the Queensland Parliament on the teaching of history in high school. The coalition in Queensland supports history teaching as a stand-alone subject in grades nine and ten and supports the recommendations of the History Summit. The Commonwealth government proposes to offer untied funding for history teaching. (*Dalby Herald* 28 August 2006 and 5 December 2006 p.11)

## Library report

Over the last three months many items from the Australia Post Office Collection have been added to our vertical files and included information on Augathella, Andergrove, Antigua, Airlie Beach, Ayton, Ballandean, Booval, Bullyard, Clifton, Columboola, Currumbin, Donor's Hill, Dalrymple, Gheerulla, Glamorgan Vale, Goovigen, Haigslea, Jambin, Kooroongarra, Kumbia, Mater Hill, Millaa Millaa, Mungar, Narangba, Palmerville, Pampas, Pialba, Scarness, South Johnstone, Theebine, and Torbanlea.

Five interesting booklets, *The visit to Queensland of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra of Kent 1959*; histories of Annerley and Redcliffe post offices; *APO Administrative Centre: Official opening 30 November 1973*; *A Century of Service: History of Brisbane Chamber of Commerce 1868-1968* have been catalogued. Newspaper cuttings on strikes, postal and telecommunication unions and disputes have been added to Archive Box 102.

Donations from Manfred Cross include *Queensland industrial enigma*; *A collection of papers on the history and other subjects relating to Cunnamulla and district, vol 1 & 2*; *Some reminiscences and reports of the Springsure and Rolleston districts*; *And all this shall be added: Financing Catholic Schools* the 6<sup>th</sup> volume of Catholic Education in Queensland (Manfred has previously donated the other five volumes in the series); *Report on the establishment of Burdekin River project undertaking, March 1890*; *Report on progressive land settlement in Queensland*; *Report of committee of inquiry into the enforcement of criminal law in Queensland*.

Kelvin Grove Urban Village has donated a copy of their *Sharing stories: A social history* and Warwick Outram has donated his latest interesting book *Bribie and the Koala*. Peter Bell, John Douglas Kerr medal winner 2006, has donated a large poster size colour photo of Brisbane taken about 1983; *Great expectations, bad geology: Edward Head and the Keelbottom Freehold Copper Mines 1872-1902* and

two plans of John Melton Black's house. Judy Rechner donated *Queensland UBD: Street and travel directory*, 15<sup>th</sup> edition.

Bill Kitson donated a review copy of his and Judith McKay's recently published excellent book *Surveying Queensland 1839-1945: A pictorial history*. New member Dr Chek Ling has donated *Plantings in a new land: Stories of survival, endurance and emancipation*.

The BHG's most recent publication *Ashgrove heritage tour* had been added to the collection as has Andrew Darbyshire's CD with research notes on 'Charles Robert Haly: Pastoralist, MLA, magistrate', and 'North Yards Railway Workshops Townsville: Review of the existing buildings and their significance, draft'.

Ian Hadwen has donated *The Brisbane River: A source-book for the future*; *Bagmen millionaires: Life and people in outback Queensland*; *A Christmas card in April: Station life on the Palmer River in the 1940s and 1950s*; *Christie Palmerston, explorer*; *Brisbane's western suburbs*; *Gentlemen of the flashing blade*; *Sketches of old Rockhampton*; "Red Ted": *The life of EG Theodore*; *Words of our country: Stories, place names and vocabulary I Yidiny, the Aboriginal language of the Cairns-Yarrabah region*; *The Australian national dictionary: A dictionary of Australianisms of historical principles*

## New books

*Port of Promise: a history of Port Douglas* by Glen Pike - republished in mid 2006 by port Douglas Historical Society.

*Records of Accidents, Personnel and People Connected with the Queensland Mining Industry, 1878 - 1945* by Betty D'Arcy of Tin Can Bay. The summaries are of the 11,828 accidents reported in the Queensland Mines Department *Annual Reports* from 1878 to 1945. 25,440 personnel are mentioned. The 14 volume set has been placed in the National, State and Local Libraries. They are also for sale at the Gympie Family History Society at its headquarters at the old Gympie Railway Station. Mrs D'Arcy received a National Trust Queensland Heritage high commendation award for excellence in heritage conservation works or action. (*Gympie Times* 3 August 2006 p.5 including photo)

## Queensland State Archives

The State Archives, 435 Compton Road Runcorn, are open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and on the second Saturday of each month from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

## National Archives of Australia

The opening hours for The National Archives of Australia at 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill are now every Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm and on the third Saturday of each month from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. Records must be pre-ordered. Ph 3249 4226

## Events and functions of interest

**National Archives of Australia** – Free Seminars held at 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill from 9.00 am to 10.00 am

*The Home Front: Wartime Brisbane* – Saturday 17 and Wednesday 21 February

*The White Australia Policy* – Saturday 17 and Wednesday 21 March

*Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Transport Records in Archives* – Wednesday 18 and Saturday 21 April

**Queensland State Archives** – Seminars are held in Lecture Room 1 at 435 Compton Road, Runcorn from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. Bookings on 3131 7777.

*ArchivesSearch Seminar*, a training seminar on Wednesday 21 February for researchers who would like to learn how to get the most from the new improved Archives Search database.

*Harmony Day Seminar*, Wednesday 21 March, celebrating multiculturalism in Queensland.

*Starting Research at QSA*, Wednesday 24 April, finding out about the services and resources available to new researchers.

**Queensland Museum** – Level 2, *Icons of Australia*; Level 3, *Museum Zoo*; Level 4, *Dandiri Maiwar* and *Burarra Gathering*. Daily 9:30 am to 5.00 pm.

### State Library of Queensland

*I Cherish This: an exhibition of personal treasures* – Level 1, until 25 February.

*A Few of our Favourite Things* – Level 4, until 11 March. Ten prominent Queenslanders have selected their favourite items from the Heritage Collections.

*Unbound – artists' books* – Level 4, until 28 March.

**Gallery of Modern Art** is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art until 27 May.

**City Botanic Gardens** – Queensland's oldest heritage park was established in 1855 on the site of the Government Garden which supplied food crops for the Moreton Bay penal settlement. See ancient trees, mangrove boardwalk and 1905 Curator's Cottage (now the Café).

### Sunshine Express rail tours –

*Winelander Tour to Darling Downs* - Feb 23-24.

*Steam Safari to Quilpie* (9 days) April 16-23. Information and bookings phone 3252 1759.

## Fifty years ago

From the *Southside Weekly News* Thursday 14 February 1957

### Old Town Hall

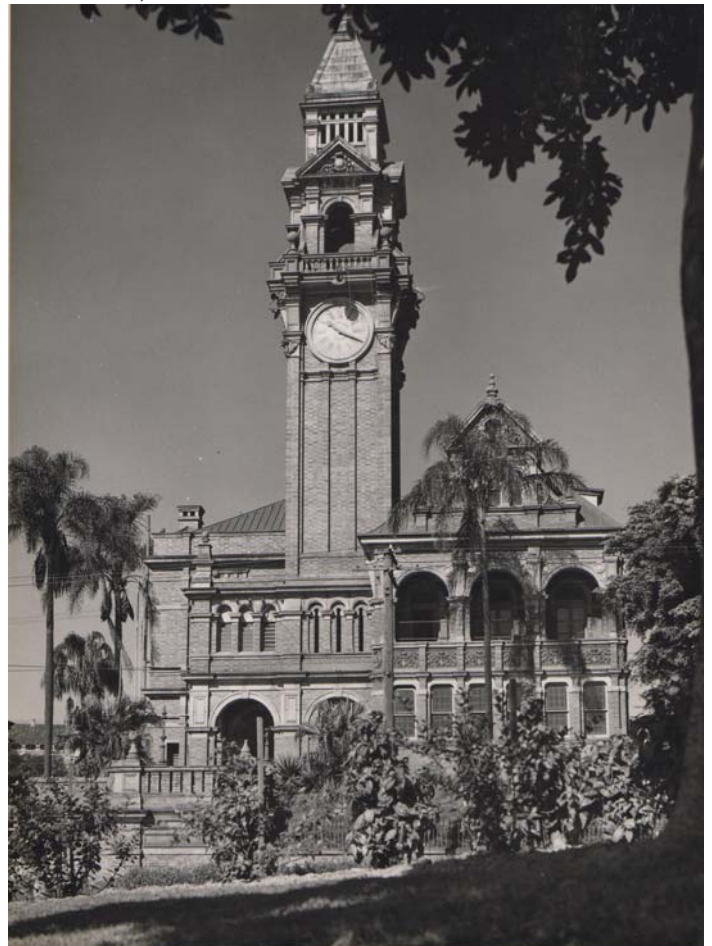
The historic former Town Hall of the South Brisbane City, has been altered internally and renovated. It is now Brisbane's Conservatorium of Music.

The official opening will be on February 16, at 3 pm. The Premier, Mr VC Gair, will officiate. Teaching will begin on February 18. This building has connection with the early history of Coorparoo. It was erected in 1891 by Abraham James, who was a building contractor and brickmaker. He had his brickworks in St Leonards Street. The bricks of the Town Hall were made there.

Mr James went out of business before the tower was constructed. Another contractor built it some years later on.

The clock dials have been repainted and replaced. The white discs can be seen from afar, even from the hills of Coorparoo. These dials are the originals, which were installed with the clock by the Synchronome Co. on October 1, 1904. The painting was the first since that date.

The clock cost £100. It was bought on terms with a deposit of £11/15/-. The same clock today would cost at least £1,000.



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