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**President: Jean Stewart**



Burdekin Bridge circa 1957  
(RHSQ collection) see story page 7

## President's Report June 2007

May and June are always very busy months in the Society's calendar with the events of Heritage Week and Queensland Day. The weekend excursion in May was a most enjoyable and informative time with wonderful places to visit and most welcoming hosts. As usual Manfred Cross in consultation with Allan Bell did a wonderful job of organisation. Highlights included superb places such as *Monte Cassino* at Kilcoy, *Colinton Station*, *Ringsfield House* at Nanango, *Inverness* at Toogoolawah and *Caboonbah* near Esk. We met very welcoming people and extremely generous hosts who fed us with sumptuous meals. We enjoyed the expertise of local historians who guided us to places of interest and told us wonderful stories of people and places in their

districts. It was a very happy weekend, marred only slightly by the need to cope with bus problems although the driver managed well and got us all back safely.

Preparations are in hand for the annual Queensland Day dinner when the John Kerr Medal of Distinction for Research and Writing of History is presented. This event is even more significant now that the 2009 anniversary of the separation of Queensland from New South Wales draws near and people are looking for ways to celebrate it. Our Conference in August this year is part of this process as we look at events in Queensland which ultimately led to Separation. Ian Hadwen is arranging an

attractive program with excellent speakers and we look forward to welcoming a large attendance.

Members of Council have been very busy during the last couple of months preparing a submission for the inclusion of the Commissariat Store on the National Heritage Register. Part of our submission contained the following:

The Commissariat Store is an outstanding survivor of the penal era of Moreton Bay and is of national heritage value as part of the pattern of penal settlement in Australia. Moreton Bay, a remote and undeveloped area, was established as a place for secondary offenders. Within four years of settlement of Moreton Bay the Commissariat Store, which dates from 1828-29, was built. The Store initially provided food and clothing for convicts and military personnel and for over 130 years was used as a state government store. It is of national importance as tangible evidence of the European settlement and evolution of Queensland and Australia, being one of two extant buildings surviving from the Moreton Bay penal settlement. Moreover, Moreton Bay is the only place of secondary punishment that has grown to become a capital city with Brisbane's CBD once the site of convict barracks, a female factory, solitary confinement cells, treadmill, lumberyard, hospital, officers' housing, military barracks and other buildings.

The Council is pleased to welcome Andrew Darbyshire, a stalwart of the St Lucia History Group, who has agreed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr Joanne Scott.

In spite of the increased activity in the Store and the large numbers of school visits which have boosted the Society's income in recent months, the Council has found that with increased costs, it is necessary to increase the subscription rate for members which will take place from 1 June 2007. The new rates will be single \$50, family \$65 and libraries \$55. However I'm sure that members will agree that this is still value for money because of the services and publications which are included in the membership and the subscription compares most favourably with organisations of a similar nature.

We thank Dr Jennifer Harrison for arranging a visit to the Society in April of a production team from the BBC to film a segment for their program, *Who Do You Think You Are?* The subject of the piece, Nicky Campbell, is linked to three nineteenth century Brisbane families, the first of which arrived in 1852. The resources of the Society including the photographic collection were used during the filming. The episode is expected to be shown in England

around the middle of the year and in Australia at a later date.

Manfred Cross has arranged a visit to *Napper Merri Station* on 4 July to confer with members of the lessees of the station, Kidman & Co, the owners Santos, representatives from the Bulloo Shire Council and the Department of Natural Resources and Water about the management of the Burke and Wills Dig Tree on Cooper Creek.

Recently the Society had a visit from a book binder who offered advice on the conservation and repair of some of the very valuable books in our Welsby Library. Repairing of books is a very expensive business but as some of our treasures are extremely valuable we thought it would be a good idea to launch an 'Adopt a Book' Scheme. Some books have been selected and we will seek quotations for their conservation and then invite members to Adopt a Book. The conservation and repair will be minimal in order to preserve the value of the books and involve the removal of the effect of mould, the repair of stitching and binding, and the purchase of acid free storage boxes and materials. In the near future a list of such books will be published in the *Bulletin* with the restoration price and we will invite members to 'adopt' one (or more) titles. Even though we have raised money from our Book Auctions for maintenance of the collection, the task is enormous – not only do we need to maintain significant books but we have to purchase acid free storage materials for very fragile and important items.

It has been a relatively quiet month for me as president having attended one book launch and presented one paper to a seniors group. However the task of being part of the judging panel for the John Oxley Library Award was a demanding and stimulating experience.

Jean Stewart  
President

## New Members

Bill Gibson	The Gap
Leon Misfeld	Caboolture

## Research report

In relation to my comments in the President's Report about the 'Adopt a Book' scheme, I am constantly surprised at the extraordinary holdings in the Welsby Library. It is a great pleasure to be able to assist researchers with their projects and it is especially so when unusual requests find answers. Several weeks ago while I was staffing the Store on a Sunday (as members of Council and guides do to fulfil our obligations to have the Store open to the public as much as possible) I was delighted to help

one of the most proficient family historians I have come across. He was a 10 or 11 year old boy who came in with his mother just to look over the building because he was interested in Queensland history. In conversation with him I discovered that he was researching his family history and he certainly knew how to go about it. I offered to help him search our collection and we found wonderful material on his Hopton relatives, peanut farmers of Kin Kin, and the Dingle family one of whom was the discoverer of the Mount Perry copper mine. He left with pages of photocopied notes from the Kerr Database and several excellent photos of his Hopton relatives. It was a very rewarding experience to help someone so young and so skilful.

Other queries have been about Coopers Plains, the Medhurst Cordial Factory, early Brisbane doctors, the Comet to Clermont railway line, the Female Factory in the Penal Settlement, material for an animated children's historical drama set in the Moreton Bay penal settlement period, EA Weinberg and the Australian Smelting Industry, cane cutters and their lives, and the Victoria Park Golf Clubhouse.

Jean Stewart  
Hon Researcher

## Country News

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

**Bowen Shire Council** is to receive \$936,000 under Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> Legacy Infrastructure Program (Q150 LIP) to construct a Historical Foreshore Plaza, Catalina Commemorative Area and the Sinclair soundshell. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.211)

**Bulloo Shire Council** will receive \$29,320 under the Q150 LIP for 500km long Dowling Track, 4WD track along the route of Vincent James Dowling and early settlers between Thargomindah, Quilpie and Bourke (NSW). Council will provide interpretative signage along the route and develop an information gateway. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Cardwell** - A new museum-library complex will be constructed beside the Cardwell Post Office and Telegraph Heritage Centre and Former Shire Hall. The Council will receive \$100,000 under the Q150 LIP. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Clifton** - The Council will receive \$100,000 under the Q150 LIP to construct a colorbond building to house historical items held by Clifton and District Historical Society. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Cloncurry** - The original Qantas hangar situated at Cloncurry airport will be restored and house historical information about Cloncurry's Royal Flying Doctor Service history, war history and Qantas history. The Shire Council will receive \$187,163 under the Q150 LIP. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Cooktown** - Cook Shire Council will receive \$150,000 under the Q150 LIP for the restoration of the Cooktown Powder Magazine built to serve the Palmer Goldfield. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Croydon** - The Shire Council will establish a tourist attraction in Croydon utilising \$25,000 of Q150 LIP funds. It will include electronic media to commemorate the mining, sporting, agriculture and multicultural history of the shire. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Eromanga** - the Quilpie Shire Council will receive \$60,000 from the Q150 LIP to establish an Object Theatre at the Eromanga Living History Centre at the Opal Opolis Centre. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.214)

**Esk** - The railway history of the area is to be featured in a new library to be constructed in the town. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Gympie** - An extensive biographical article, 'Hugo Du Rietz - Designs on Gympie' by Dr Elaine Brown was published in the *Gympie Times* on 10 February 2007. Du Rietz was an architect in Gympie for 40 years and designed many of Gympie's significant buildings. Hugo William Du Rietz was Swedish. In 1853 he migrated to the Victorian goldfields at Ballarat. He came to the Canoona Rush north of Rockhampton in 1858. His first wife, Ann, died on 12 May 1859 and is buried on *Barambah* station near present day Goomeri. Du Rietz moved to Brisbane and operated as a building contractor working on the Bank of New South Wales on the corner of George and Queen Streets in 1862. In 1866 he was elected as an alderman of the Brisbane Municipal Council representing Kangaroo Point. He became bankrupt in the depression and moved to the newly opened Gympie goldfield in 1867 where he became a successful business man. He opened a soap factory in Nash Street in 1870 and in 1879 took over a photographic studio in Mary Street. He is remembered for introducing the Alfa Laval cream separator in 1882 which revolutionised dairy farming. He had a model dairy on the South Side with silos, a dip and shade trees around the yards. After losing the dairy herd of Jersey-Shorthorns to redwater disease he turned to breeding poultry. He designed and built numerous buildings in Gympie:

- two storey home next to *Golden Age* hotel in Mary Street;

- several early hospital buildings in the 1870s;
- a pavilion at Gympie Show Ground in 1883 (demolished in 1995);
- the addition of verandas in 1874 to One Mile and Gympie Central schools after the single skin walls built in 1869 contracted and commenced leaking;
- many Gympie homes with galvanised iron ogee (double curved) veranda roofs and walls with close studs and cut-in angle braces;
- in the 1870s, nine houses, seven shops, three halls, three hotels, two schools, two churches, Catholic convent, and primary school, sheds for Union Sawmills, Varieties Theatre, *Gympie Times* machine room, hospital morgue and gates of Tozer Street cemetery;
- from 1880 to 1893, 35 commercial buildings including *Gympie Times* office and the building beside it, the Royal Bank, 18 hotels including *Atlantic*, *Golden Age*, *Phoenix*, *Mount Pleasant*, three churches including Surface Hill Uniting and the Presbyterian Church, 21 houses including *Gunabul*, two contagious diseases wards at the hospital, the brewery and the Temperance Hall; and
- 1893-1903 the Catholic school, Nurses Quarters at the hospital, Burbidge's assay building, *United States* (now Billy's) hotel, *London House* (Sun's Cafe).

(*Gympie Times* 10 February 2007 pp.24-25 including 10 photos)

**Gympie** - Cooloola Shire Council will restore Calton Hill Park utilising \$15,000 to be granted under the Q150 LIP. Plaques, interpretative displays and a miners' memorial will commemorate the establishment of the park by unemployed miners in the 1920s. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Herberton** - The Herberton and District Rock Drilling Club has recently offered drill stands, compressors and jackhammers to the Mining Centre for display. The Herberton Shire Council has accepted the offer. (*North Queensland Register* 19 April 2007 p.7)

**Ilfracombe** - The large bottle collection and firearms and uniforms collections (the 'Jackson Collections' project) will be housed in a purpose built building by the Ilfracombe Shire Council at a cost of \$90,000 (funded out of the Q150 LIP). (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.213)

**Kin Kin** - The Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure has called in the Titanium Noosa Pty Ltd's The Edge tourist resort development on Dr Page's Road near Kin Kin under the *Integrated Planning Act*. Speaking in Parliament on 18 April 2007 Hon Anna Bligh stated that the area of agricultural land contained biodiversity values along Kin Kin Creek settled since the 1860s. Of particular interest is the threatened species, Coxen's fig parrot (*Cyclopsitta diophthalma coxeni*).

The Minister also stated that the proposal did not conform to the State's SEQ Regional Plan. The Department of Infrastructure will now undertake further assessments. The Noosa Shire Council has also lobbied for this following their rejection of the proposal and the company's commencement of legal action. (*Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 18 April 2007 p.1274; *Noosa News* 30 March 2007 p.9; *RHSQ Bulletin* March 2007)

**Laidley Shire** - The Blenheim Baptist Church will be relocated to the Laidley Pioneer Village, restored and made available for weddings. \$25,000 will be allocated out of the Q150 LIP for the project. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.213)

**Ludwig Leichhardt Trail through Dalrymple Shire** - Further infrastructure will be constructed at a cost of \$50,000 out of the Q150 LIP on the self drive trail between six Ludwig Leichhardt camp sites along the Burdekin River. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Mackay** - A new iconic wharf structure will be built on the southern bank of the Pioneer River in the historical wharf precinct area. \$6 million will be allocated out of the Q150 LIP. The previous wharf was undermined by erosion and removed in the previous century. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.213)

**Maryborough** - \$499,869 will be allocated out of the Q150 LIP for relocation of the former Croydon Foundry office building and development of an Arts Centre and display space, Kanaka Memorial and installation of a public art space. A public art space will be developed linking the Arts Centre with the heritage precinct in Wharf Street. A heritage listed warehouse will be refurbished for an Arts Centre and Display Centre. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.213)

**Meandarra** - Tara Shire Council will receive \$70,000 under the Q150 LIP for the stage 1 construction of Meandarra ANZAC Memorial Museum to house the collection of military artefacts. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.215)

**Mount Morgan** - The Shire Council there has called for Commonwealth and State government financial assistance to raise \$3 million to finance the purification of the Mount Morgan mine dam (former open-cut) and pipe it to the town. There is believed to be sufficient water stored for 30 years' supply. (*Courier Mail* 1 May 2007 p.4 including photo of chimney)

**Mount Mulligan** - The Annual Reunion marking the anniversary of the mine explosion in 1921 (Queensland's worst mining disaster) was featured on ABC TV News at 7 pm on 6 May 2007. Participants had marked sites of the town's buildings, promoting heritage listing of the town area. Interviewees all advocated preservation of the history of the area.

**Mount Perry** - The Shire Council will receive \$10,000 from the Q150 LIP to erect a cast image of a miner and associated information boards on the town's mining history, beside the town's cultural centre. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.214)

**Mundubbera** - The Scout Hut, formerly Glenrae School building is to be given by the Shire Council to the Mundubbera and District Historical Society. The Society will apply for a grant to relocate the building to the historical complex. Council is supporting the Society and has allowed 18 months for the removal. (*Central and North Burnett Times* 12 April 2007 pp.2 and 19)

**Murgon** - the Shire Council will receive \$25,000 out of the Q150 LIP to upgrade the local museum. Feature for visitors will be milking cows, butter making and operating the manual telephone exchange. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.214)

**Normanton** - Fifteen historical places throughout Normanton will be signposted at a cost of \$38,600 under the Q150 LIP. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.212)

**Surat** - The Warroo Shire Hall in Surat will be restored utilising \$500,000 obtained by the Shire Council through the Q150 LIP. The building has an unusual castle-like tower. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.215)

**Tambo** - The old general store will be restored for use as a cultural centre. It will include a historical interpretative display. \$150,000 will be obtained from the Q150 LIP. (Premier, Ministerial Statement, *Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 8 February 2007 p.214)

## Suburban History & Heritage

**Kangaroo Point - Yungaba** - Member for Burdekin, Mrs Menkens (National Party) used the adjournment debate on 13 March 2007 to highlight the heritage value of *Yungaba* and called on the Premier to heed the calls of the *Yungaba* Action Group to preserve the building as a publicly owned facility. The present building was completed in 1887. *Yungaba* has been used for a variety of purposes over its history - housing immigrants on arrival in Queensland, employment agency, refuge for the destitute, reception centre for troops returning from the Boer War, military hospital during both World Wars, and headquarters for the construction team building the Story Bridge. Mrs Menkens informed the Legislative Assembly that the government's decision to sell the building and surrounding land to private developers contravened two Cabinet decisions - in 1997 and 2000. *Yungaba* is subject to development approval and the preferred developers are Australand, involved extensively in Victoria and Western

Australia. (*Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 13 March 2007 p.962)

**Milton** - The history of the XXXX brewery was featured in a suburban newspaper recently. Edward Fitzgerald immigrated to Castlemaine on the Victorian goldfields in 1857 and established a brewery. In 1877 Fitzgerald and Quinlan & Co bought the Milton distillery and brewed the first beer the following year. (*Westside News* 18 April 2007 p.12 including three photos)

**Tingalpa** - Following a visit to the Christ Church Anglican Church at Tingalpa the Member for Chatsworth, Mr Bombolas ALP, used the adjournment debate on 7 February 2007 to highlight the preservation work done by the Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group. When the church was built it was known as the Bush Cathedral. It was consecrated on 27 October 1868 by Bishop Tufnell. In 1996 it was deemed redundant and was decommissioned. Advocacy by local people achieved its preservation and the building and cemetery were heritage listed. The Friends group was formed in 2002 and now has over 100 members. They have done extensive conservation work and erected a toilet/store room, connected water, power and sewerage and erected a white picket fence. Anniversary services are held each year to honour the families whose ancestors are buried in the cemetery. (*Queensland Parliamentary Debates* 7 February 2007 pp.206-207)

## Library report

In recent months we have catalogued a microfilm of Arthur Hodgson papers 1838-48; *Queensland barristers in WWII*; *Toowong: A community's history: 16 essays on Toowong, to mark 100 years since Toowong's proclamation as a town*; *Brisbane History Group: Index to publications 1981-2006*; *Leichhardt's expeditioners: In the Australian wilderness 1844-1845*. The Welsby Library continues to expand.

Many thanks go to Doug Lochhead and his assistant, Lesley Perry, for photographing over 600 images from the *Queensland Trustee's Quarterly Review* vols. 1 to 26, 1908 to 1934. Many of the images are of houses for sale and unfortunately some are long gone. Doug has also included a few advertisements of the time and other interesting images. The details of these digital images have been included in the library catalogue.

Judy Rechner  
Hon Librarian

## Program Notes

**Samuel Ashmore and Tracks through the Barrier Reef**

Stephen Sheaffe, Thursday 21 June from 6.00 pm

In 1810 Samuel Ashmore, as captain of a merchant vessel the *Hibernia*, left Sydney loaded with cargo bound for Calcutta. He sailed north by the outer route using a copy of Captain Cook's chart and



negotiated a passage through the reef between Cook's Providential Channel and Bligh's Boat Entrance. The vessel slowly manoeuvred along the coast through Torres Strait passed Booby Island to open seas. The entrance through the Barrier Reef was subsequently named Hibernia Entrance after his vessel.

Ashmore pioneered and mapped new tracks and many of the reefs and channels he discovered bear his name. These include an Ashmore Reef in the Coral Sea and another in the Timor Sea, Ashmore Banks, Hibernia Reef, Hibernia Entrance and Hibernia Channel.

The accuracy and reputation of these maps was such that they were published by the Hydrographic Office in London and Sydney and were in strong demand by other mariners intending to pass through the reef.

Recently, Stephen Sheaffe located many of the Ashmore maps at the Hydrographic Archives in Taunton, Somerset and these will be presented on the evening together with the life story of this interesting pioneering Australian.

## CALENDAR

### June 2007

- Wednesday 6 June** 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm  
**Queensland Day function and John Douglas Kerr medal presentation**
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### July 2007

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- Friday 13 July**  
**Thursday 19 July** 6.00 pm **Frederick Wheeler of Native Police fame** by Jonathan Richards

### August 2007

- Saturday 11 August** Annual seminar series **Pre separation Queensland: a social history**, details in July *Bulletin*

## New books

**RIDGE to RIDGE : Recollections from Woodridge to Park Ridge** by Mary Howells

This is a comprehensive account of the history and development of the western portion of Logan City and includes an extensive bibliography, historic photographs, maps and personal recollections of interviewed residents.

A copy has been donated to the RHSQ Library, while further copies are available from Logan City Council Libraries and Cultural Services Branch, PO Box 3226 Logan City 4114 at a cost of \$15.00 per copy plus \$9.00 postage and handling.

**Aussie Kids View WWII** edited by Joan Beddoe

With a foreword by the Director of the Australian War Memorial, this book reveals the unique childhood memories of WWII which stayed with 28 Australians born between 1935 and 1940. Representing all States and Territories, they describe experiences of air raid drill and trenches, absolute quietness while adults listened to radio news, constant mending and repairs to clothes and household items, gas producers, rationing, and many other fascinating vagaries of wartime Australia as seen through the eyes of very young children. The memoirs are supported by news and journal records from the period as well as photographs from the collection of the Australian War Memorial and private contributors.

Books can be ordered from Joan Salanitri, [www.practiceguides.com.au](http://www.practiceguides.com.au)  
email: [books@practiceguides.com.au](mailto:books@practiceguides.com.au)  
Ph (07) 54464633 at a cost of \$19.80 plus \$3.00 postage.

You and your friends are invited to join contributors at the Queensland launch at the National Archives 16 Corporate Dr, Cannon Hill on Tuesday 26 June, 6pm-7pm. RSVP: Joan Beddoe Ph. 3269 4406 email: [jbeddoe@gil.com.au](mailto:jbeddoe@gil.com.au)

## 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. Phone 3249 4226

## Events and functions of interest

**'67 Referendum** from 6 May to 21 July at the State Library of Queensland – a varied program of activities and free events regarding the 1967 Referendum. No bookings required

**Fisherman Islands and Box Flat** with Sunshine Express Rail Tours on Saturday 30 June. Information and bookings phone 3252 1759

**Christmas in Winter Dinner** – celebrate Christmas early by dining on a steam train - with Sunshine Express Rail Tours on Saturday 30 June. Information and bookings phone 3252 1759

**History Alive: a journey through time** at the Fort Lytton National Park on Saturday 9 June and Sunday 10 June from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. The Queensland Living History Federation Inc presents re-enactment events by groups from around Australia. For further information see [www.historyalive.org.au](http://www.historyalive.org.au)

**Passion for the Post:** a free seminar on Saturday 16 June and Wednesday 20 June at National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

**The Wide Brown Land – Records on land use:** a free seminar on Wednesday 18 July and Saturday 21 July at National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

**Broken Links, the Stolen Generations in Queensland series:** Dr Pamela Croft talks about being adopted by a non-indigenous family on Friday 22 June from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm at the Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery, Level 4, State Library of Queensland. Dr Mark Copeland and Marianne Wobcke will talk about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland on Wednesday 18 July from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm

**Old Stories New Ways: 2007 National Oral History Conference** from Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 September. Brisbane has been chosen as the venue for the biennial event which brings together oral historians from here and overseas. For further information see <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au>

**American War Posters at the Australian National Maritime Museum:** Redcliffe Museum presents a free Special Seminar at 10.00 am on Friday 15 June at 75 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe. Guest speaker is Paul Hundley who will speak about the works on show in the travelling exhibition. Morning tea provided, RSVP 3883 1898

**Immigration Bridge Australia** is constructing a pedestrian bridge over Lake Burley Griffin linking the National Museum of Australia and the Australian National University with the Parliamentary Triangle in

Canberra. It will honour the contributions made by migrants to this country. Permanently engraved on the sculpted stainless steel handrail will be 200,000 names of people who have settled in Australia since 1788. Every Australian family is invited to contribute their name with country of origin and year of arrival. Cost of each name is \$110. For further information see the web site [www.immigrationbridge.com.au](http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au)

**Weaving Exhibition:** From Sunday 10 June to Thursday 28 June, *A Dozen Weavers* present their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition on the ground floor of the Commissariat Store. Last year's exhibition was well attended and created a great deal of interest. For the display this year, each weaver has, during the year, created articles based on the individual interpretation of the theme 'Connections'. On the conclusion of the Exhibition, all displayed items will be offered for sale.

The exhibition will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and normal museum entry charges will apply.

## The Burdekin Bridge

The present day Burdekin Bridge was officially opened in June 1957. It has many unusual features, the most obvious being that it carries both vehicle and rail traffic. Other interesting information taken from a locally produced booklet, *The Lower Burdekin District*, advises that:

- the bridge cost approximately \$6 million and took almost 10 years to complete;
- the foundations are set in sand and not bedrock;
- each supporting caisson was sunk to a depth of 100 feet and contains over 4,000 tons of reinforced concrete;
- each caisson has a 14 foot concrete plug in the base and a seven foot cap on the top with the space between being filled with water;
- the low level bridge replaced by the new bridge was extensively damaged in the first wet season following the opening of the new bridge.

## Call for papers

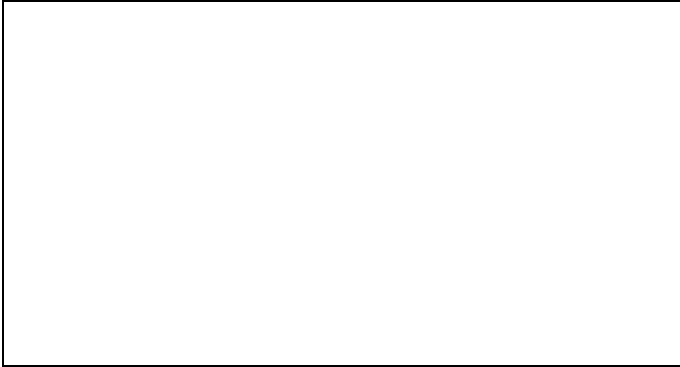
Have you written a paper on the history of Queensland or the Commonwealth of Australia that you would like to see published in the *RHSQ Journal*?

We are seeking suitable short papers of up to 6,000 words in length for inclusion in the 2008 and 2009 editions of the *Journal*. The requirements for articles submitted for publication can be found on our web site at [www.queenslandhistory.org.au](http://www.queenslandhistory.org.au). Papers can be submitted in hard copy supported by an electronic version or sent as an attachment to an e-mail address at [journal@queenslandhistory.org.au](mailto:journal@queenslandhistory.org.au).

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**RHSQ Infobox**

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