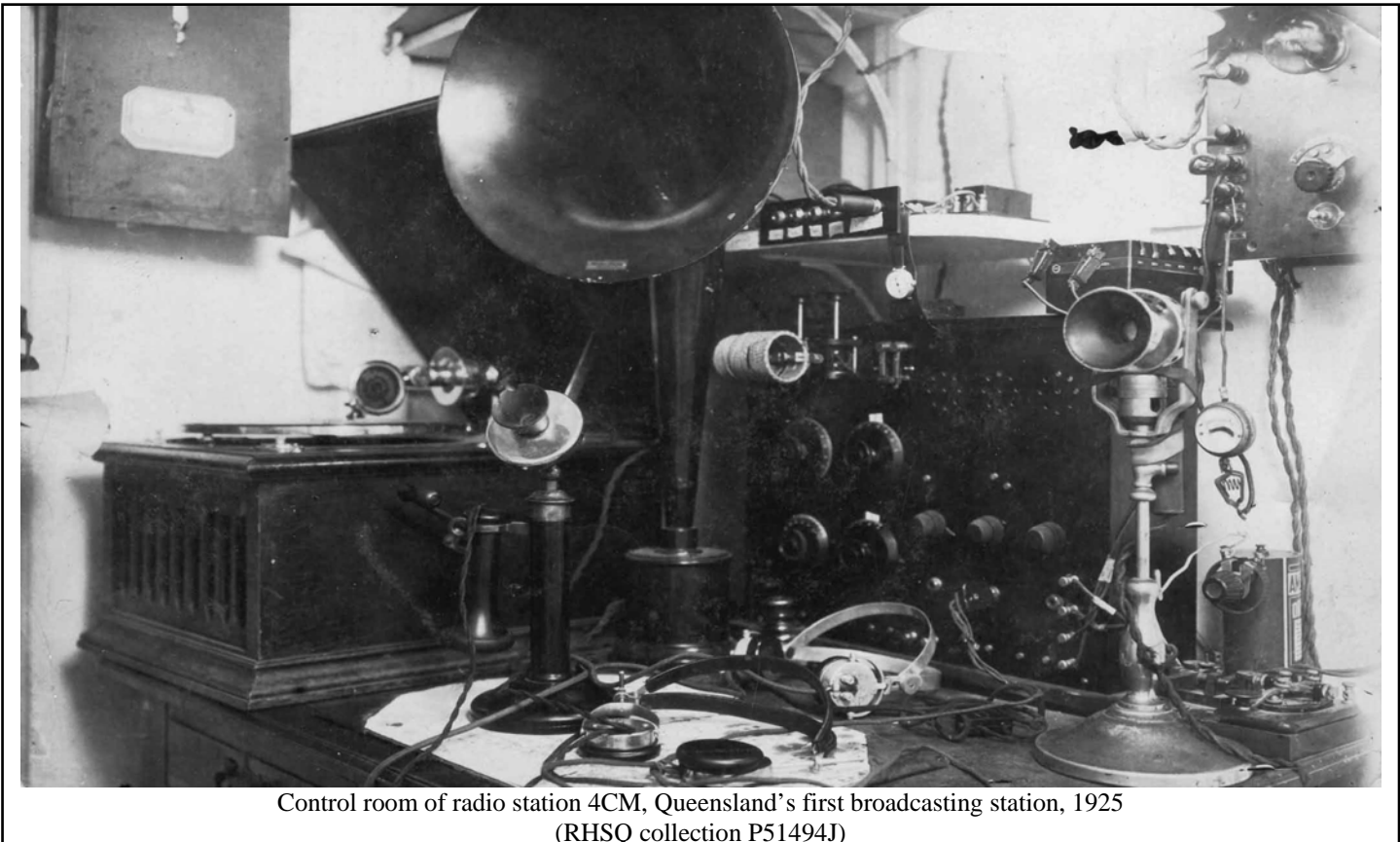




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Control room of radio station 4CM, Queensland's first broadcasting station, 1925
(RHSQ collection P51494J)

President's Report July 2007

August is one of the busiest months in the Society's calendar. We have been holding a conference in August for many years and this year's conference is shaping up to be one of the most interesting as we look towards the commemoration of Queensland's sesquicentenary in 2009. Dr Ian Hadwen has been working very hard to invite a wonderful group of speakers to look at the social and political scene in Queensland in the 1840s and 1850s. The program and other details appear in later pages in this *Bulletin*. Please join us to make this a significant event.

Also in August the Annual General Meeting and the Clem Lack Oration will be held this year in Government House at the kind invitation of Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland, on Thursday 16 August at 5.00 pm.

Professor John Pearn will deliver the Oration. Please be sure to let the Society know if you intend to come.

July has been a very challenging month as the hard working and willing volunteers have risen to the occasion during the absence of Allan Bell. He has been greatly missed and we hope he has had a wonderful holiday. Apart from routine matters there have been several meetings in our lecture series, many visitors and a major function when the Commissariat Store was hired by the Diabetics Association of Queensland for a luncheon at which awards were presented to long term sufferers of diabetes, two of whom had achieved seventy years of management of this condition. It was very moving to listen to their stories as they told of early treatments and compared them with the much easier methods of today. It was an event which tested the facilities and spaces of the Commissariat Store as a hot meal was prepared in the kitchen and delivered by waiters to the diners on the ground floor. Entertainment was

provided by a young violinist and his accompanist on a piano hired for the occasion. The sound of lovely popular classics wafting through the whole building was wonderful. This event was held on a Sunday so I was on hand to be in charge of the building and to help the organisers. It was again very interesting to observe that very few of those who attended had ever been to the Commissariat Store and were not even aware of its existence let alone its significance, so I was delighted to be invited to talk a little about the building and the Society's role in managing it.

Next time you are in the Store I would recommend that you look at the exhibitions on the middle floor which have been prepared by Jan Hess and Robyn Stevenson. As well as the exhibitions on John Dunmore Lang, the Petrie Family, the Aboriginal Breastplates and the Tramways of Brisbane, a new exhibition has been mounted recently. This has enabled us to display part of the collection on ships and includes memorabilia from the *Lucinda* and the *Quetta*. A remnant of the Pandanus tree bearing the name *Queen of the Colonies*, a portrait of Captain Robert Cairncross and a silver salver presented to John MacDonald, inspector of the Water Police for his help in the recovery of the crew of the ship make this an interesting vignette. There is as well a model of the *SS Quiraing*; a domed combination clock, thermometer and barometer presented to Henry Wyborn, Harbour Master for Moreton Bay in 1862 and two wonderful paintings – one of the Naval Stores and the *Gayundah* by Arthur F Webb and the other a watercolour of the *Mermaid* by P Stanmore Hobday. This illustrates some of the remarkable material in the Society's collection.

It has been a busy month for me while Allan has been away and as well I have attended the book launch of *By the Book: A Literary History of Queensland* edited by Patrick Buckridge and Belinda McKay, published by the University of Queensland Press and launched by David Malouf. Members of the Society attended the launch of Raymond Evans' *A History of Queensland* on 19 July at the Museum of Brisbane.

A few weeks ago Manfred Cross travelled to Napper Merri Station to confer with representatives of Kidman & Co, the Bulloo Shire Council and the manager and ranger of the station to plan for the future management of the Dig Tree. An agreement was reached to provide for the continuing maintenance of the Reserve and the nearby camping area. The Bulloo Shire Council has received a grant to upgrade the road to the South Australian border so it is fair to assume that more visitors will be travelling through and visiting the Dig Tree. The Reserve has

been well maintained and the Tree itself is very healthy. Tribute must be paid to the Ranger, Alf 'Bomber' Johnson, who has looked after the area for many years and keeps it in very good order.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the 'Setting the Scene for Separation' Conference and the AGM at Government House.

Jean Stewart
President

Research report

We continue to be tested as we search for information in the Welsby Library for answers to the wide range of questions we receive. This month has been no exception as we looked for material on local government in Cairns; the Victory later Prince of Wales Hotel on the corner of Charlotte and Edward Streets; the Conrad Hotel which is planning the refurbishment of some of the rooms in the former Executive Building; material for the Gurang Land Council; Dr Ballow; the Moreton Bay Pastoralists Association; George Willcocks; Rockhampton Hotels from 1913; Kooroom in the Condamine district in relation to a family request for information on Joseph Budsworth in 1863; Earl Grey Exiles who came to Brisbane on the *Mont Stewart Elphinston* and the *Bangalore*; and early buildings in Little Cribb Street.

We were unable to find many of the answers but were able to suggest other sources. Kay Cohen is dealing with the queries about the Conrad Hotel and is able to draw upon the work she and Ruth Kerr did for the history of the Treasury and Executive buildings when they were being refurbished.

Jean Stewart
Hon Researcher

Country News

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

Dykehead near Mundubbera – A recipe for German sausage has been located in the *Dykehead* diary for 4 July 1895. It included 20 pounds of lean beef soaked in a half pound of saltpetre for 12 hours, mixed with 10 more pounds and mixed with six ounces of saltpetre and half a tin of salt. Two ounces of Melbourne sausage and half a head of garlic were added and everything was boiled in a copper. (*Central and North Burnett Times* 14 June 2007 p.9)

Gympie - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested that the Cooloola Shire Council silence the Town Hall clock. This was in response to a complaint from one Gympie resident. However the Cooloola Shire Council has decided to take no action. Many local residents support the Council decision saying

that the bell has been ringing for 117 years and is part of the history of the town. One resident, Ms Adelene Walker, has lodged a submission with the EPA for the formal listing of the clock. The complainant withdrew his complaint from the EPA. (*Gympie Times* 21 June 2007 pp.3,9 and 12 July 2007 pp.1,3 including three photos)

Homestead – An amount of \$23,452 has been granted to the Flinders Shire Council by the Commonwealth government as part of the Regional Partnerships Program to assist the Homestead Progress Association to upgrade the 50 year old local hall. (*North Queensland Register* 14 June 2007 p.11)

Hughenden – A grant of \$48,672 has been made to the Flinders Shire Council by the Commonwealth government as part of the Regional Partnerships Program to establish the Shearing the Stragglers display at the Information Centre which presents the history of the shearing industry in the shire. (*North Queensland Register* 14 June 2007 p.11)

Kin Kin - Member for Noosa, Mr Glen Elmes MP (Liberal), highlighted the heritage significance of the Mill Point sawmill, tramway and town site in a speech to State Parliament on 19 April 2007. Archaeological work by the University of Queensland has been underway since February 2004 and the sawmill was listed on the Queensland Heritage Register that year. (*Queensland Parliamentary Debates* (Hansard) 19 April 2007)

Mount Coolon - Collinsville, Scottville and District Historical Society have prepared a heritage leaflet with thumbnail photos covering the heritage buildings and sites in Collinsville, Scottville and Mount Coolon. The photos feature Mount Coolon's hotel, police station, and Lyric theatre. Thomas Coolon pioneered gold mining at Mount Coolon but lost the mine in 1918. The mine was developed by Gold Mines of Australia (precursor of Western Mining Corporation Limited) in the 1930s and managed by Ian Morley, later State Mining Engineer. The Melbourne based Collins House Group financed the mining operation.

Collinsville, Scottville and District Historical Society met at Mount Coolon with residents and Mount Coolon Gold Mines Pty Ltd on 14 July to discuss ideas for preservation of Mount Coolon historic sites, to record history of local properties, to collect photographs and to erect heritage signs. The company which has an office in the town in Charles & Edna McPhee's house, is very supportive of upgrading the Patula Memorial and incorporating signage at the council rotunda overlooking Barclay's battery site. They also advocate the establishment of a small war memorial at the rotunda, listing servicemen from the district.

Mount Molloy - The Mareeba Shire Council will erect a shelter for an honour roll at Mount Molloy cemetery to commemorate the centenary of the death of north Queensland explorer and miner, James Venture Mulligan. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 20 June 2007 p.20)

Pomona - The Pipe organ in the Majestic Theatre is being restored as part of the restoration project for the

theatre. The main part was built in 1936 by Compton Organs. It was originally housed in the Theatre Royal in Halifax, Yorkshire. Over the years, owner of the Majestic Theatre, Ron West, married additional parts and pipes from Compton, Christie, and Wurlitzer organs from various theatres including Savoy Theatre in London, Empire Theatre in Dunedin, Prince Edward Theatre in Sydney and Anglican Cathedral, Suva, Fiji. Funding for the restoration of the theatre has come from Noosa Shire Council, Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services, community groups and individuals. (*Mary Valley Voice* 27 June 2007, vol.17 no.11, pp.10-11 including three photos)

SUBURBAN HERITAGE

Tingalpa - The Bertha Court Memorial bell tower is back in position on Christ Church Anglican Church at Tingalpa. The original bell tower was funded by a bequest of Bertha, daughter of Rev Alexander Court, the first Anglican clergyman. It was demolished in 1996 and sent to Nerang with the church hall but never erected. Keith Robinson, Holpen / Stanton descendent, rescued and repaired it. Dave McCurley donated timber and Keith Anderson (Harman descendent) erected the frame and placed it in position. A new bell has been made at Mallett's foundry at Maroochydore with funds donated in memory of Morris Katoff (Longland descendent). (Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group Inc *Newsletter* No.14, June 2007, p.3)

CALENDAR

August 2007

Wednesday 8 August 12.30 pm **James Venture Mulligan, north Queensland gold explorer** by Ruth Kerr

Saturday 11 August Annual seminar series **setting the scene for separation**, details in this *Bulletin*

Thursday 16 August 5.00 pm **Annual General Meeting and Clem Lack Oration** by John Pearn at Government House 5.00 pm, notice included, RSVP essential

September 2007

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Members News

Mr Glenville Pike OAM, F.R.Hist.S.Q features, identified as *Sundowner*, on the front page of the *North Queensland Register* of 5 July 2007 after having submitted his one thousandth *Sundowner* contribution on North Queensland history to the newspaper. He began the 'Around the Campfire' column written by *Sundowner* 60 years ago. He has had over 400 contributors to the column. Many of his contributors had their personal memoirs published by *Sundowner* in the column. In 1981 Glenville published the book, *Campfire Tales: an Anthology of True Stories of the Pioneering Days from 'Around the Campfire' feature by 'Sundowner' in the 'North Queensland Register'*, published in the 'Around the Campfire' columns in the *North Queensland Register* between 1947 and 1958. The *North Queensland Register* is publishing a two part series on Glenville Pike's life and writings. His autobiography, *My Yesterdays* has been published recently by University of Central Queensland Press. (*North Queensland Register* 5 July 2007 pp.1,5 and 12 July 2007 p.5 including eight photographs)

Library report

The society continues to receive valuable gifts of material for the Welsby library. Recent donations from Manfred Cross include *Hayden; Theodore: His life and time; The hillbilly dictator: Australia's police state; The people's champion: Fred Paterson Australia's only Communist Party Member of Parliament; "The first notes of the drum": An historical record and background of the Queensland Shearer's Strikes of 1891-94; The Story Bridge golden jubilee 1940-1990: Celebrating 50 years as part of the city of Brisbane; Cradled in the ranges: A history of Blackbutt, Benarkin, Taromeo and surrounding districts within the Nanango Shire 1842-1988; Old days old ways: The people of Durundur/Woodford; Report and valuation: Grazing: Colinton Station; Peoples, nations and peace: The inaugural Mabo Oration 3 June 2005, delivered by Noel Pearson; Motor ships of the thirties: More stories of Brisbane traders; The Australian iron and steel industry 1848-1962. Manfred also donated *Keperra Country Golf Club 50 years; Enoggera State School centenary 1871-1971; Cloncurry 100 1867-1967; In search of 'a remarkable fig tree'; The school bell retolled: Oakleigh State School golden jubilee 1934-1984; Fortitude Valley State School 118th anniversary 1861-1979; Centenary Petrie State School 1874-1974; The history of Albany Creek, Bridgeman Downs and Eaton's Hill; Deutsche Auswanderer: Hope and reality: The history of nineteenth century German settlement of Mount Cotton in south east Queensland; A centenary of the Queensland Police Force 1864-1963; Pioneers of the**

Kilcoy district; Steamers on the river: From Ipswich to the sea.

Books donated by Ian Hadwen include *Look forward, not back: Aborigines in metropolitan Brisbane 1965-1966; Sailing with Flinders: The journal of seaman Samuel Smith; Opals & gold: Wanderings & work on the mining & gem fields; Burke & Wills: From Melbourne to myth; Unlocking the land: The saga of farming in Australia.* Judy Gale Rechner donated a copy of *The Quetta* signed by the author John Foley.

Jim Lergessner donated three of his books, *White specks on a dark shore: The Pumicestone Passage castaways; Embattled seacows: Dugongers in early Queensland; Oysterers of Moreton Bay.* Rod McLeod donated *Lengthening shadows on Durundur country;* and June Macintosh donated a copy of her book *The guiding hand: The life of John Laskey Woolcock.* Margaret Harding donated *Redcliffe's early hospitals.* Michael White has passed to the Society a manuscript on 'Commandant James Morisset and his descendants' and a draft of his work in progress 'The Frank Nicholson family in Australia: A history'.

Following the recent Volunteer Guides' outing a new subject file on Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera has been created.

A copy of a petition from graziers, farmers and others seeking a telegraph link between Goondiwindi and Tallwood has been added to the archives along with two other items, *Cobb's Camp 1877 Woombye 1977; P&O's 125th anniversary in Australia 1852-1977.*

Following a recent working bee sorting material in the map cabinets located in National trust House a number of previously uncatalogued items have been added to the database. These include *A chart of New South Wales or the east coast of New Holland: Discovered and explored by Lieutenant J Cook, commander of His Majesty's Bark Endeavour in the year MDCCLXX;* diagrams of Japanese and German fire bombs; Rescue methods: Fireman's lift; Respirators; *Sydney Morning Herald* headline 'Japan Capitulates'; Sister of Mercy Convent Warwick. Also added to the map drawers is a copy of Abel Tasman's map of New Holandia/Terra Australis; *Mar di India Jansson 1650; La Terre Australle Desceliers 1550, Terres Australes Belin 1753.*

A number of very interesting items that have been added to the Subject files are the 1829 Penal regulations and an interesting booklet, *Anzac Day 2005: 90th Anniversary.*

Lindsay Smith is currently making digital copies of photos in the many albums held in our collection Images recently added to the catalogue are of the Old Windmill and its use for television experiments in the

1930s and photographs taken in 1925 and 1927 of Queensland's first broadcaster, radio station 4CM which was located in Queen Street.

Judy Rechner
Hon Librarian

Program report

You could have heard a pin drop at the July Wednesday lunchtime lecture as Dr Greg Poulgrain outlined the post WW II history of West Papua, a history of exploitation, extermination and neglect of the indigenous people; a disturbing story being played out so close to our shores.

This talk was very well attended, as was the Thursday evening one at which Dr Jonathan Richards presented an abbreviated biography of Frederick Wheeler, a mysterious and complicated person in charge of the notorious Native Police. UQP is publishing Dr Richards' book on Wheeler and it is due for release in March next year.

We have been treated to a wonderful lecture series this year and the high standard is set to continue for the rest of the year.

August is our biggest month with Dr Ruth Kerr talking about Mulligan, the North Queensland Explorer, Pioneer and Prospector. That will be on Wednesday 8 August at lunchtime.

Thursday evening of 16 August is the Clem Lack Oration at Government House, Fernberg Road Paddington to be delivered by Professor John Pearn. Members of our Society are honoured to be guests of Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland. Please inform Allan at the Commissariat Store if you will be attending. Numbers are limited.

Of course, between these two August lectures, Saturday 11 August is our one day seminar on the social historical aspects of pre-separation Queensland. We have a wonderful line-up of lecturers. The response to the registration insert in the last *Bulletin* has been very strong. Don't miss out!

Ian Hadwen

National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries

Comment Invited on Exposure Draft

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies and local historical societies have been invited by the Collections Council of Australia to comment on the Exposure Draft on National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries by 15 August 2007. The standards relate to management of museums, engagement of communities and development and conservation of historical collections. Nine high-level principles provide a structure for standards and benchmarks. "Tips" and

"Hints" are included. A copy of the draft and feedback template are available on the website: <http://www.collectionscouncil.com.au/Default.aspx?tabid=389>. Historical societies are especially invited to respond.

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on
THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2007
AT 5.00 pm

at
Government House, 168 Fernberg Road
Paddington, Brisbane

Nominations are called for the election of the President, three Vice Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and eight Councillors. Nominations must be signed by two financial members of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland and be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who must be a financial member. A nomination form is included with this issue and may be photocopied as required.

New books

Exploring Queensland's railways – south from Brisbane by Brian Webber

Have you wondered about the former South Coast line or where all the branch lines on the south side of Brisbane ran?

Brian Webber has been asking these questions for some time and now has written a book with all of the answers. The story is told in words, pictures and maps. Prior to the opening of the Merivale Bridge the south side often seemed to be the repository of the old, the infirm or the unwanted. This all gave a character not often found in railways of a major city.

This book is available from ARHSQ Sales, GPO Box 682, Brisbane 4001 for \$24.00 plus \$6.00 (\$8.50 interstate) p/p or by telephoning 3252 1759 during office hours.

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

Royal Historical Society of Queensland

presents a seminar

Setting the scene for separation: Aspects of social history of pre-separation Queensland in the 1840s and 1850s

Saturday 11 August 2007

at the

Commissariat Store, 115 William Street
from

9.00 am to 3.30 pm
registration from 8.30 am

Enquiries: Allan Bell (07 3221 4198) or Ian Hadwen (0419 675 013) Registrations close: 8 August 2007

Events and functions of interest

Pioneering Queensland architect Robert Smith (robin) Dods: (1868 – 1920) his life and work by Robert Riddel at Queensland Museum level 2 on Wednesday 5 September from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm, free admission

Over the floes – records of the Antarctic on Wednesday 15 August and Saturday 18 August 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 Mark Copeland and Marianne Wobcke will talk about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland on Wednesday 18 July; on Friday 3 August Sharon Kinchele will talk about her experience of being taken to a children's home in Toowoomba in 1973. Both talks are from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm on level 4 at the State Library of Queensland

National Family History Week will be held from 4 August to 12 August. Check the web site at www.familyhistoryweek.org.au for events in your local area.

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>

Wheelspin: an historical look at motor racing in Pine Rivers at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town Dayboro Road Kurwongbah till 31 August.

Clem Lack Oration for 2007

Queensland in bronze: one enduring heritage of Queensland history

presented by

Professor John Pearn

and

**RHSQ
Annual General Meeting**

on

Thursday 16 August 2007

from

5:00 pm

at

**Government House
168 Fernberg Road, Paddington**

RSVP

8 August to 3221 4198 or info@queenslandhistory.org.au

Brisbane Valley bus trip

Just to show that our bus trips are not all history, members might like to share the delights of the fruit slice served during our visit to Colinton Station.

Healthy fruit slice

Ingredients:

1 cup wholemeal flour
1 cup raw sugar
1 cup desiccated coconut
1 ½ cups dried fruit
1 teaspoon mixed spice
2 eggs
90g margarine
vanilla

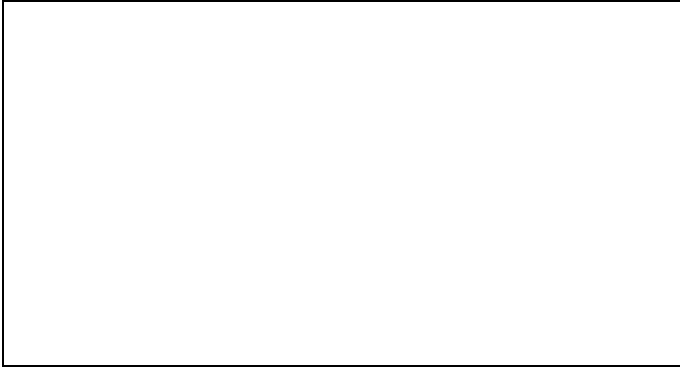
Method:

Sift together the flour and spice, stir in the sugar, coconut and dried fruit. Gently mix in the beaten eggs and vanilla. Melt the margarine, add to the mixture and beat. Press into a greased slice tin and bake in a moderate oven (180^o) for 40 – 45 minutes. Leave in the tin a few minutes before cutting into squares then cool on a rack.

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