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St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Beaudesert
see story inside (photo courtesy St Mary's church office)

Annual report 2007

It is with pleasure and not a little pride that I present my last Annual Report of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland. It reveals once again a year of steady growth and achievement. It has been a busy three years for me as I have attempted to lift the profile of the Society in the general community and particularly in the Queensland world of history and heritage. It has been a privilege to have held this position.

Council

At the Annual General Meeting held on 24 August 2006 the following were elected: President, Jean Stewart; Vice-presidents, Manfred Cross, Dr

Kay Cohen, Dr Hilary Fisher; Honorary Secretary, Dr Ruth Kerr; Honorary Treasurer, Elizabeth Teed; Councillors, Denver Beanland, Janet Hogan, Janine Johnston, Carolyn Nolan, Dr Joanne Scott, Richard Morgan, Stephen Sheaffe, Dr Lesley Williams; Immediate Past President, Dr Ian Hadwen. During the year Stephen Sheaffe resigned from Council and as editor and Dr Joanne Scott also resigned. Professor John Pearn and Andrew Darbyshire joined the Council in their places.

Visitors

During the year we have welcomed 5280 visitors to the Commissariat Store, most of them in school groups but there have been many other groups as well. International visitors continue to include it on

their itineraries and it is still surprising how many locals treat it as a new discovery.

Functions

Apart from membership fees a major source of income has been from functions – those held by the Society and those held by outside organisations that paid hiring fees. We have been pleased with the increase in the numbers attending our functions from both our membership and from kindred organisations.

In December 2006 we welcomed the Premier and Minister for Trade the Honourable Peter Beattie who launched a special edition of our *Journal*, 'Tropical Transformations: Denis Murphy in Queensland History', a collection of papers delivered at a conference on 19 June 2004 in the former Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, Brisbane to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the death of Denis Joseph Murphy. This was a well attended gathering which included many friends and some relatives of Denis Murphy.

On 6 June the annual Queensland Day Dinner was held in the Commissariat Store and this was a warm and lively function at which the John Kerr Medal of Distinction for Research and Writing Queensland History was awarded to Dr Lorna McDonald OAM, a most popular choice and a delighted recipient. At the same function MacGregor Medals for exceptional service to the Society were presented to Manfred Cross and Dr Hilary Fisher. Later a MacGregor Medal was presented to Doug Lochhead for his outstanding contribution in cataloguing the photograph collection.

Last week a very successful conference was held as part of our contribution to the lead up to the commemoration of the Sesquicentenary of Queensland – 'Setting the Scene for Separation'. Excellent speakers dealt with the social and political climate in Queensland in the 1840s and 1850s. I thank Dr Ian Hadwen for all the work associated with that and particularly for securing a grant from the Q150 fund for the making of a CD record of the Conference.

The Commissariat Store was hired by several organisations and is a regular meeting place for the Cornish Association of Queensland and the Professional Historians Association of Queensland. The Brisbane History Group held one of its seminars on Captain Wickham and the Diabetic Association of Queensland held its annual award presentation at a luncheon in July – a full hot meal (suitably chosen for diabetic palates) which challenged the preparation skills of the caterers as well as the Society for providing the necessary furniture and other facilities. It was a very successful function and as usual attracted favourable comments from people who had

not been in the Store before nor known of its existence. It gave me an opportunity to give the background and a brief history of the building.

Two successful exhibitions were held - the Journalism Department of the University of Queensland for a month and the Dozen Weavers for a fortnight. The Ground Floor accommodated these two exhibitions very well as the displays were held around the models and did not interfere with the usual guided tours of the building.

Donations

Donations during the year have amounted to \$5697.00 as well as the Mamie O'Keeffe legacy of \$6568.00.

Membership

As it stands at present there are 350 ordinary members, 164 family members, 41 library memberships, 47 affiliated society members, life and free memberships of 32 making a total of 634, likely the largest it has ever been. It is with sadness that I record the deaths of long-term members John Sinclair, Doris Rollason and Margaret Beale.

We have had to increase membership fees this year because of rising costs but we are confident that we still give very good value for money to our members. I thank our Treasurer, Elizabeth Teed, for the good work she does in managing our finances – a very challenging job indeed.

Program

Once again Dr Ian Hadwen has devised a stimulating and entertaining series of lectures as well as conjuring up an impressive array of speakers and topics for the Conference last week. He arranged altogether 17 speakers for the Wednesday and Thursday lectures which are held each month and 12 speakers for the Conference. This is no mean feat as there is much organisation required to find speakers and slot them into the timetable – there was a remarkable range of topics covering aspects of Queensland history as well as several on nearby areas of Fiji and Papua. Attendance at these meetings has shown an increase with a strong core of regular and loyal attendees and with the 6.00 pm time for the evening meetings proving quite popular

In May we enjoyed a wonderful excursion led by Manfred Cross to Woodford, Kilcoy, Colinton, Nanango and Esk in the Brisbane Valley. The preparation for these trips is remarkable and the extraordinary research and presentation of the background to each of the places visited which Manfred does so well makes the experience even more satisfying. We were welcomed very warmly at each of the places we visited and were overwhelmed by the hospitality as we enjoyed superb meals at each stop. The owners of each of the properties we visited

- *Monte Cassino* at Kilcoy, *Colinton Station* at Colinton, *Ringsfield House* at Nanango, *Inverness* at Toogooloowah and *Caboonbah* near Esk, as well as the Historical Societies of Woodford and Kilcoy were generous with their time, information and provisions. We look forward to the next adventure and thank Manfred, and Barbara as well as Allan Bell, for the organisation.

Publications

Allan Bell continues to produce the *Bulletin* which keeps our membership informed of the Society's activities. During the year four issues of the *Journal* appeared containing eleven articles of which four were peer reviewed. A special issue of the *Journal*, 'Tropical Transformations: Denis Murphy in Queensland History', with guest editors Brian Costar and Kay Saunders under the general editorship of Stephen Sheaffe and containing ten papers, was published in December 2006. In February Volume 20 of the *Journal* was commenced. The May and August *Journals* have been edited by Bernadette Turner and Val Donovan. The *Journal* Policy Document has been revised and a Style Guide for contributors has been drawn up by the Publications Committee and placed on the Society's web site.

Library and Research Facilities

The Library continues to grow with remarkable donations from Manfred Cross and Ian Hadwen during the year. Many other donations have been received from generous people. Donated books which are not relevant for our collection have been sold at very reasonable prices – a surprisingly effective revenue raiser with over \$550 collected during the year. The Post Office Collection was finally merged into the Welsby Library, a mammoth task for which I thank Judy Rechner, Doug Lochhead and Beth Johnson. The cataloguing of photographs and the digitising of many images from rare books and other sources has continued – 530 photos from *The Week*, 1300 from the Post Office Collection, 630 images from the *Trustees Quarterly Review* and as well as some 35 mm slides. The librarian Judy Rechner together with Doug Lochhead, Lyndsay Smith, Lesley Perry and the late John Sinclair have continued this valuable work. Judy Rechner has continued keeping the web site up to date. The maintenance of the valuable books already in the collection has become a priority and an 'Adopt a Book' fundraising scheme is being prepared. Rod McLeod has continued his work with newspaper cuttings.

Research queries come in relentlessly and sometimes take a great deal of investigation by members of the Research Team to find material. Over 100 people have come into the Library on Thursdays to do research and there is a regular stream of e-mails

– sixty during the year – from people seeking help. It gives us great satisfaction to be able to find answers to the many questions from the collection or to be able to advise people of the best sources in other places. Personally I was delighted to be able to find so much material and so many photographs in the Welsby Library for the book I have just completed. There was so much I could use and often found in quite unexpected places.

Museums and Exhibitions

During the year, thanks to Mary Dickenson, the Museum Catalogue has been transferred to the InMagic program. This will make access to the Museum contents much easier. Jan Hess and Robyn Stephenson have curated and mounted two new exhibitions – one on Aboriginal breastplates and the other on a sea and ships theme, thus revealing and displaying more of the Society's treasures.

Guides and Other Volunteers

The Society could not operate without the willing assistance of some very well trained and interested volunteers. We have receptionists, research officers, librarian, cataloguers of books, ephemera archives and photos, museum curators, office assistants and guides. All do remarkable work. During the year Allan Bell conducted a Refresher Course for the 14 guides, many of whom have been working at the Store since 2001. This proved a very valuable tool for the exchange of methods and information. The guides have provided 5747 volunteer hours and the Research team 1200 hours. A newsletter is produced for the volunteers keeping them informed of various Society activities. Ever willing the guides help every time there is a need to prepare spaces for functions and have become quite adept at shifting furniture and particularly the models on the lower floor. For the guides Ken Jewell arranged a visit to the Enoggera Army Barracks to see the museums there. This was a well attended and informative day and some members of the Council joined it as well.

Outreach Program

Members of the Council contribute to bringing the Society to the notice of a wider public. Some contributed to the Ashgrove Sesquicentenary Committee, the Supreme Court Library lecture series and the Brisbane History Group. The Society, under Allan Bell's leadership, has provided an exhibition at Open Days at Government House at the invitation of our Patron, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland. We operated a stall at the Queensland History local and family history day at Mount Gravatt. During the year I attended over 30 functions such as receptions, book launches and exhibitions and gave 12 talks to a variety of groups. Manfred Cross and I were judges for the inaugural

John Oxley Library Award of the State Library of Queensland and I represented the Society on a panel called to determine a suitable commemoration for the work of Helen Taylor on heritage issues for the Brisbane City Council and the establishment of the Museum of Brisbane. Dr Ruth Kerr and I continue to represent the Society on the Federation of Australian Historical Societies and participate in four teleconferences a year. Dr Kerr carries out a significant role in lobbying Federal Government ministers and advisors on heritage issues as well as on the National History Curriculum. She produces an E-Bulletin on heritage issues. She also maintains very close links with affiliated historical societies throughout Queensland and provides news and snippets of information on many of them for the *Bulletin*. The Society is represented on the National Trust by Glenda Sheaffe and on the Newstead House Trust by Stephen Sheaffe.

The Future

During the year we experienced considerable qualms about the proposed development of North Bank. We were active in submitting comments about the inappropriateness of building high-rise buildings on a platform over the river and our concern about the diminution of the significance of the heritage buildings along William Street as a consequence. So far there has been silence on the development but we await the future with some trepidation.

The importance of the Commissariat Store in the heritage of Brisbane has been the stimulus for us to submit an application for the listing of the Store on the National Heritage Register. We await the result of this submission.

The future of the maintenance of the Dig Tree has lately been settled with an agreement between the Society as Trustees, the lessees Kidman & Co, the Environmental Protection Agency, the managers of Nappa Merri Station and the Bulloo Shire Council. In June Manfred Cross visited the Dig Tree, one of the National Trust listed icons of Queensland, to hold discussions which resulted in the formation of the maintenance agreement.

We also look forward, still, to one day seeing the refurbishment of B2 in National Trust House where Rod Fisher can install his resource material. It has been a long wait so far but the lease has been signed, our material has been removed from the rooms set aside for his use and the architects' plans including Environmental Protection Agency approval are complete. It now remains for the work to be done.

The Commissariat Store is always a busy place and on some days a very lively one when school groups and extra guides come in. We have a big commitment to maintain the building, and make it

accessible as well as continue to enhance the appreciation of Queensland history. We have unfortunately been forced to close the building on Sundays as the loneliness of William Street and the unsavoury activities occurring in Miller Park have made it unsafe for volunteers to work alone in the building when visitor numbers are not high.

I cannot resist closing this report without commenting on some of the achievements of my three years as President. I am very proud of the higher profile in the community which has been established and am very grateful that my efforts in this regard have given me many new friends and resulted in many more visitors to the Commissariat Store. I am pleased that we have been able to find ways of using the Store for fundraising events such as dinners, luncheons and evening functions as well as lectures – this has been a major challenge because of the very limited kitchen facilities and the lack of hot water which meant that the washing up and laundry facilities of the Stewart house have been called into play after major functions. We have now acquired the necessary equipment to enable us to present quite elegant events. I am pleased to have initiated the Book Auctions and to have been active in the management of the Welsby collection and the preparation for the new use of B2 in National Trust House. I am pleased to have been president when the John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction for Research and Writing of History was established and that I was able to be a major player in its first years. I would modestly claim that this three-year period has been the busiest and most productive in the Society's history.

It is a privilege to have a supportive group of people comprising the Council membership. I wish to acknowledge the help and support of our extremely competent manager Allan Bell. Together we have all responded to the challenges of the past and we can look forward confidently to the future. I wish my successor well.

Jean Stewart
President

16 August 2007

Research report

Some interesting queries have come in during the last month. An officer from the Premier's Department came to look into material on the Chinese Community in Queensland as part of a project to further China/Queensland links. Other queries related to the ladies who have inhabited Newstead House; to Thomas William Davis the father of Arthur Hoey Davis (Steele Rudd); to the location of Foster Fyans Memoirs; and to material on Isisford Shire. Of major

interest has been the request by staff of the Conrad Hotel for information on the history of various rooms in the former Executive Building. Because of the research done by Dr Kay Cohen and Dr Ruth Kerr on the building when the refurbishment took place in the late 1990s, there is significant material available in the Society's collection. Dr Kay Cohen has undertaken to assist with this project on a contractual basis with the Conrad Hotel.

Jean Stewart
Hon Researcher

Annual General Meeting

The following members were elected on 16 August 2007 to the society's Council for the coming year:

President: Mr Denver Beanland
Vice Presidents: Mr Manfred Cross, Dr Kay Cohen, Dr Hilary Fisher
Hon Secretary: Dr Ruth Kerr
Hon Treasurer: Ms Elizabeth Teed
Councillors: Mr Andrew Darbyshire, Dr Ian Hadwen, Ms Janet Hogan, Ms Janine Johnston, Mr Richard Morgan, Ms Carolyn Nolan, Dr Lesley Williams

Country News

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

Almaden - When the *Savanalander* stops for lunch at Almaden on its return to Cairns, Mrs Barbara McKeegan provides historical commentary on the Almaden area and its railway station at the junction of the Chillagoe and Forsayth (Etheridge) railways. She has a collection of journal and newspaper articles in the station building as well as photos including one of the last steam train to operate from Chillagoe through Almaden and the first railmotor being transported out to Forsayth.

Biloela - The 11th National Historical Machinery Association Rally was held in Biloela on 20 to 23 July. Displays included model steam displays, gold stamps, blacksmithing, chainsaw demonstrations, heavy horse displays, ploughing and hitching, baling and drilling demonstrations, spinning and weaving, vintage cars, military vehicles, motorcycles. This was the largest event ever staged in Biloela and was organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Society. (*Central Telegraph* 20 July 2007 pp.1,2,39,40 including four photos)

Cherbourg - An amount of \$92,000 has been granted to the community under the Commonwealth Indigenous Heritage Program to preserve its heritage places and their stories. Interpretative media will be developed to enable visitors to understand the

Cherbourg Historical precinct buildings and communal histories. (*Gympie Times* 27 July 2007 p.3)

Croydon - The heritage precinct consists of the town hall built in 1890, court house (1887), police station (1896) and sergeant of police's residence (1898). Members of the Cairns Historic Vehicle Club passed through Croydon on their tour to attend the National Machinery Rally in Biloela on 19 to 22 July. (*North Queensland Register* 12 July 2007 p.12 including colour photo)

Dimbulah - The Dimbulah Historical Society provides afternoon tea to the passengers on the *Savanalander* train on its return from Forsayth to Cairns each week. The Society is located in the Dimbulah railway station building. The Co-ordinator was born beside the Forsayth line at Lyndbrook. Her mother was in charge of the refreshment rooms there.

Gatton - The Gatton Mercury Theatre founded by Mrs Win Davson MBE on 7 February 1951 continues in the building at 17 North Street, Gatton, designed by Karl Langer. It also houses the Ian Fairweather Art Gallery & Museum established in 2000. The museum complex is open on Sundays from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm with free guided tours and at varied times during the week. Win Davson compiled and edited *In Our Land - Gatton Centenary 1955* and *Lockyer Saga* in 1951.

Hodgkinson Goldfield - The General Grant mine discovered near Kingsborough in 1876 was one of the premier mines on the goldfield, said to be comparable to mines at Charters Towers. ('Forgotten highways of the Hodgkinson's heyday' in 'Around the Campfire' by 'Sundowner', *North Queensland Register* 19 July 2007 p.6)

Innot Hot Springs - Herberton Shire Council is considering providing \$2,000 of funding to a group of Innot Hot Springs residents to produce a DVD of Innot Hot Springs and Mount Garnet history. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 11 July 2007 p.9)

Irvinebank - A painting by Ray Crooke of what appears to be the old Queensland National Building (later State Treatment Works Manager's residence) at Irvinebank appears on the front cover of Raymond Evans' new book, *A History of Queensland*, published by Cambridge University Press in July 2007.

Kairi maize silos appear destined to be saved from destruction as occurred with those at Atherton and Tolga. The Environmental Protection Agency has formally proposed that the buildings be permanently placed on the State Heritage Register. They are the last remaining maize silos in north Queensland. Tolga silos were government owned and on a railway lease. A company bought the Atherton and Kairi silos from the Maize Board. The Atherton silos were demolished to make way for a shopping centre. The company made a financial decision to preserve the Kairi silos. The co-

owner, Ms Louise Pensini, told the *Tablelands Advertiser* that she is “pleased if the Heritage Council has the money to maintain it.”. Owners, the Tablelands Maize Growers Association, did not object to the heritage listing and are now seeking to sell the silos due to concerns about maintenance costs. The owners said they believe the government should bear the costs of preservation. The Environmental Protection Agency said that the owners could apply for a grant under the Living Buildings and Places Program. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 25 July 2007 p.8 and 8 August 2007 p.11 including photos)

Mungana - An inspection survey was recently undertaken by Chillagoe museum owner, Roland McKay, and Eco Tourist Lodge operator, Mary Bolam, of the main street of Mungana (west of Chillagoe) utilising maps and a very clear photo of the streetscape including sites of the hotel, shops, churches.

Petford - The small shelter shed beside the Chillagoe railway is one of the most photographed buildings on the northern tourist routes. The *Savanalander* train stops there and meets Mrs Doreen McGrath, the 80 year old former storekeeper and author of *From the Lime Bluffs*, her life story, published in 1982.

National Heritage Trail - Gympie to Cooktown - Rob and Bernadette Sutton have travelled the 2,800 km National Heritage Trail along the Great Dividing Range from Gympie to Cooktown by camel and are returning via Mareeba and Charters Towers (because of the flooding in the Burdekin Dam). The Suttons started the trek with five camels and lost three due to Cooktown poison bush. Their favourite part of the trail is the section from Irvinebank to Collinsville. (*Northern Miner*, Charters Towers, 13 July 2007 p.1 including colour photo)

Yeppoon and Emu Park - In 1947 the Mayor of Rockhampton called a public meeting to consider the amalgamation of Yeppoon and Emu Park into the Rockhampton Local Authority area. The Chamber of Commerce had promoted the idea as they saw that their development would be better placed under the control of the City Council. (Rockhampton Chamber of Commerce *Annual Report* 1946-47 quoted in the Rockhampton and District Historical Society *Newsletter* August 2007 p.[2])

SUBURBAN HERITAGE

Sinnamon House at Jindalee was burnt down on the night of 15 July. (ABC News 8.00 am, 16 July 2007)

Yungaba Immigration Depot Kangaroo Point – The Yungaba Action Group would like to find descendants of the first migrants to arrive at Yungaba in December 1887 as part of its activities to celebrate

120 years of migrants being welcomed to Queensland at Yungaba. YAG contact is Delene Cuddihy, 0402 597 259.

CALENDAR

September 2007

Wednesday 12 September 12.30 pm **The amazing Lady Lamington and her nursing career**, Margaret Booker Klaassen

Thursday 20 September 6.00 pm **History of the Chinese in the sugar industry in North Queensland**, Darryl Low Choy

October 2007

Wednesday 10 October 12.30 pm **The remains of the Night of Broken Glass**, Chek Ling

Thursday 18 October 6.00 pm **Cumbooquepa**, Llewellyn Stephens

New Members

Carolyn Leach	Corinda
Dept of Natural Resources and Water, Assessment & Advice Team	
MM Tracey	Coorparoo
Pamela Robson	Kingston
DA White & SJ Lambie	Spring Hill
Michael Demy-Geroe	Ashgrove
Duncan Richardson	Hill End
Peter Fox	Corinda
	Toowoomba

Program report

As predicted, August was our biggest month. It kicked off with Ruth Kerr talking about Mulligan the North Queensland Explorer, Pioneer and Prospector – a top class effort as we have come to expect from Ruth, and it was well received.

The following Saturday was the first of our seminars themed on the approaching sesquicentenary. It was a wonderful set of papers and has the makings of a great publication (keep tuned). I extend my personal thanks to the lecturers and hard working members of the society who made it possible.

Then on Thursday evening 16 August, while we were guests of Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland at Government House, Professor John Pearn delivered the Clem Lack Oration for 2007. The short English title of John’s paper was ‘Queensland in Bronze’, a dissertation on bronze statues and medallions relating to our state, with introductory

remarks outlining the history of medallions relating to Australia.

There were over a hundred people at each of the latter two events.

The Wednesday lunchtime lecture in September deals with another of the famous women in Queensland history, Lady Lamington. Margaret Booker-Klaassen will look specifically at the nursing career of Lady Lamington.

The September Thursday evening and the October Wednesday lunchtime lectures both relate to different aspects of the history of the Chinese in early Queensland. I have been trying for many years to organise lectures on the different ethnic populations in Queensland history and now we have two highly qualified lecturers, Darryl Low Choy and Chek Ling, delivering consecutive lectures on this theme. These are ones not to be missed.

In October the Thursday evening lecture deals with another piece of our State's dwindling structural heritage, *Cumbooquepa*, a building in the grounds of Somerville House.

I am currently compiling next years lecture program. If you have a paper you would like to present, or have suggestions of topics and/or lecturers, please contact me by email (hadmed@powerup.com.au) or via Allan Bell at the Commissariat Store.

Ian Hadwen

New books

Maybe It'll Rain Tomorrow - Living in Australia's Outback by Marion Holdsworth published by Central Queensland University Press, P.O. Box 1615, Rockhampton, Q 4700. It was launched on 27 July 2007. It is a collection of stories on many bush characters, for instance Enda Zigenbine and Phoebe Atkinson. This is the sequel to *Gulf to God Knows Where*.

My Yesterdays: Life of Glenville Pike in North Queensland and the Northern Territory, an autobiography by Glenville Pike published by Central Queensland University Press, Rockhampton, 2007 with support of an RADF grant from Mareeba Shire Council, ISBN 9781921274022, 146 pages, illus., in three parts, 175X245mm, available from Glenville Pike, P.O. Box 822, Mareeba Qld 4880 for \$25.00 incl. postage

Scribblers: a Ladies Literary Society in Brisbane 1911 by Jean Stewart published by J and D Stewart, 8 Acworth Street, Kenmore Q 4068, ISBN 978 0 646 47339 4, 272 pages, illus, endnotes, bibliography, index, 145X240mm, price \$35.00. This book was launched at Government House by H.E. The Governor of Queensland on 13 July 2007.

Thanakupi's Guide to Language and Culture by Thanakupi (Gloria Fletcher) This is a dictionary of Thaynakwith language as well as comprehensive collection of stories, songs and art. It was compiled with cultural advice of elders and input from linguist Bruce Sommer and historian Geoff Wharton. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 25 July 2007 p.15 including photo)

Lore and the law: the life of John Sydney Power O'Keeffe: an oral history memoir by John O'Keeffe published by Supreme Court of Queensland Library, PO Box 15019 City East 4002 ISBN 9780 980 322 019, 156 pages, illustrated, index of names, available from the publisher at (07) 3247 9102 for \$35.00 plus \$5.00 p&p

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

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

Mining the records, a joint seminar on natural resources with Queensland State Archives and the state Library of Queensland on Wednesday 17 October and Saturday 20 October at National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill from 9.00 am to 12.00 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>

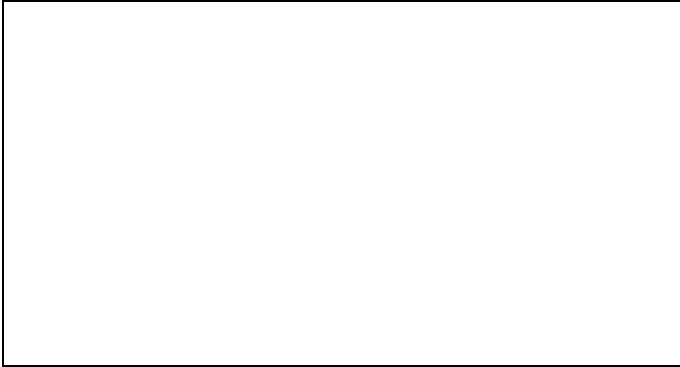
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St Mary's Catholic Church in Beaudesert was officially opened in September 1907. There will be a Centenary Mass celebrated on Sunday 16 September to commemorate the event. Phone (07) 5541 1068 for details.

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