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DO YOU KNOW THIS FAMILY?

A recent audit has found that several photographs in our collection are without identification. If you know this family please contact us.

President's Report for May

We were delighted with the response to the Open Day on Sunday 16 May and the publicity we received from participation in the National Trust Heritage Festival proved well worthwhile. For many it was a chance to hear Peter Fegan's very good talk about three historic houses. Others enjoyed guided tours of the many exhibitions in the Commissariat Store Museum, bought publications, and learned more about the Welsby Library from our Honorary Librarian Judith Rechner. As always with a voluntary organisation the day depended on the hard work of many

people.

The more we do the more help we need and I hope more of you will let the Society know if you can give some time and/or expertise. Maybe you are interested in learning to take guided tours through the museum. We welcome those who can make time to serve on the many Committees: are you interested in the identification of photographs or of historical objects? Maybe you and your laptop could help with indexing material in the Welsby Library. Perhaps you are good at the restoration of furniture – and this could include something as unskilled but laborious as dusting! Per-

haps you have a background in marketing or book keeping, or teaching or venue hire or in computer graphics. The list of skills required is endless and varied.

If you would like to pursue the topic, or to register a special skill or aptitude, please contact Katy Law on 3221 4198. We are very keen to learn more about your capabilities, to add to the register of all those we already know about and call on from time to time. We also welcome applications to serve on the Society's Council – this is not a 'closed shop' and is another very good way to help. Council meets once a month, and at least one Councillor serves on each of the committees, Museum, Publications, Library, Program, Marketing and Communication, Grants etc.

Thank you to so many of you who already give a great deal of time and expertise – there are always volunteers at The Commissariat Store beavering away either working to improve the collection or looking after our visitors, or using their skills to ensure our work towards the recording and preservation of history goes on.

Those who take the time to look at our financial statements, and this includes our hardworking Treasurer, are amazed at how much we can achieve with so little money. To those of you who make donations and bequests, that is immensely useful: thank you I can assure you that although we waste nothing we do have continuing costs and needs.

One of the enjoyable things about being President is the chance to represent the Society at significant events. The celebration of 150 years of the Parliamentary Library was a fascinating experience, as we celebrated it in the Legislative Council Chamber at Parliament House, hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament, The Hon. John Mickel MP, with a most informative address by the Parliamentary Librarian, Ms Mary Seefried. Plans are in place for History Week, which starts with the conference to celebrate 150 years of the Queensland Parliament, and ends with the Queensland Day Dinner.

Carolyn Nolan
President

NOTICE

The Council did not meet during May as the members were unable to reach a quorum.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA BRISBANE SEMINARS

June 16 and 19, 10 am to 11 am

ANGLO-CELTIC MIGRATION
Tracing British, Scottish, Irish & Welsh migrants

July 17 and 21, 10am to 11 am

**MAKING AUSTRALIA HOME -
CHINESE MIGRATION**

Find out about the impact and integration of
Chinese settlers in Australia

**16 Corporate Drive
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Modernising of Our Constitution

As members of the Society will be aware your Council has been working on modernising the Society's Constitution and Rules since late last year. Submissions were called for in November's *Bulletin*. I am pleased to advise that the work is now completed. A copy of the draft Constitution will be included with the July *Bulletin* to enable consideration by members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 19 August 2010.

Denver Beanland
Immediate Past President

New Members

Laurel Pearce
Erica Wiltshire
Tim Scott
Christine Beattie
Michael Henry

Corinda
Graceville
Taringa
Tarrigindi
Bardon

HISTORY ALIVE

Please note the following notice of activities that will be held at the Fort Lytton National Park on the 12 and 13 June from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm



QUEENSLAND LIVING HISTORY FEDERATION
HISTORY ALIVE

12-13th June, 2010. 9:30am - 4:30pm.
 Fort Lytton National Park

Feel the thrill of knights' tournaments, sword fighting and archery, arts and crafts, tanks and a range of World War II armoured vehicles, all on display.

PRICES:
 Adult: \$15 Child (aged 5 to 10): \$10 Child (under 5): Free
 Concession (current card): \$10 Two day passes also available

More information online @
<http://www.historyalive.org.au>

April-May Library Report

Last year a volunteer organised the heaps of books in the National Trust House compactus and listed items. Several days were spent adding just a few of these hundreds of items to the catalogue. If there is a volunteer(s) who understands Dewey and shelving of library materials who would like to volunteer for this job, their assistance would be very gratefully received.

The Hon Researchers have taken on responsibility for serials (Journals, magazines, bulletins and newsletter) releasing the Hon Librarian from this librarianship role.

Prof John Pearn has generously donated copies of all the books published by Amphion Press over the last 28 years. These items were sorted by the Hon Researchers and those added to the collection are *Sham-*

rock and Caduceus: A Queensland heritage of Irish medicine; Medicine and botany: An Australian cada-ster: Australian flora named after those whose lives have served medicine and health; Western wings of care: A personal memoir of aviation development and clinical life with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in outback Australia, Through gardens green: A biography of Elizabeth Helen Pearn "Beth" (1907-1999); Colatur Ars: Some origins and developments in medical education at The University of Queensland; To know thyself: A short biography of Professor Ross Wilson Hawker 1921-1996: Physiologist, endocrinologist and esteemed teacher, sportsman, magician and patron of the arts; Stay in yer own backyard Poverty in childhood; Mad dogs and Englishmen went out in the Queensland sun: Health aspects of the settlement of tropical Queensland; And another thing, Doctor: An autobiography of a varied medical career; Of heart and mind: A biography of James Owen Pearn 1904-1965; A Scottish chain: Some Australian kindreds of highland ancestry: The kindreds of Ahern, Campbell, Cavill, Grant, Macintosh, Pear, Shaw, Tulloch, Williams and Young families and their descendants in Australia; To teach the sick, Focus and innovation: A history of paediatric education in Queensland; A doctor in the garden: Nomen Medici in Botanicis: Australian flora and world of medicine.

Added to the catalogue are *The Johnston index to the Royal Historical Society of Queensland Journal, vols I to XI (1913-1983)* and Lyn Love's *Lyndex: An index to the Journals of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland: Volumes 1 – 13* and *Lyndex: Index to the Journals of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland: Volumes 1 – 14* and the recently bound copies of the RHSQ Journals.

Additions to the catalogue include *Urban nation: Australia's planning heritage; Tom Hurstbourne or a squatter's life; Eumundi market; Warwick Outram's donation Cradle site of Queensland; David Rex donated various war and military items including the Reader's Digest Illustrated story of World War II; The Story Bridge: A commemorative book; Moresby mice: A souvenir of the Papuan Campaign, Yanks and Aussies in battle: Official pictures of Pacific war from Pearl Harbour to Timor.* In one of David's book was a typed 'Travelogue: Australia to England by air (March 20th to 28th, 1947)' this interesting manuscript about flying on a Qantas Empire Airways seaplane has been added to an archive box as has a *Courier Mail* of Tuesday 13 October 1942, which has many interesting tid bits about the war in Europe and Papua New Guinea.

Can anyone inform the Hon Librarian about the art and photos museum on the cataloguing computer,

middle computer on the river side? Are these necessary or can they be deleted?

Kay Cohen donated a heap of material on Waltzing Matilda and Winton, resulting in a new file on Waltzing Matilda being created. Jean Stewart gave a small pamphlet on *The ancient history of the Gold Coast* and *The fair dinkum visitors' guide to Carnarvon Gorge via Roma*. Margaret Kowald donated *The clean-up-muster: SACO: The Scottish Australian Company*.

Boggo Road Gaol Historical Society donated *Intemperance & the train of evils: A life on the wrong side of the tracks in colonial Brisbane*; *Rock of ages: South Brisbane Cemetery symbolism*; *Brisbane beginnings: Dutton Park, That gingerbread structure: The trials and tribulations of the Queen Street gaol*; *In the beginning: The early years of the South Brisbane cemetery*; *Dirty dozen: Hanging and the Moreton Bay convicts*, *The one & only Boggo Road: the history of a unique suburban street*; *Hong Kong to Toowong: Chinese burials in the Brisbane General Cemetery*; *Random sketches by a traveller through the district of East Moreton*, and *The land of coal and corn: Ipswich and the West Moreton District*.

With the Store getting onto broadband much time was spent updating the computers and installing software to prevent viruses.

Information about Lyndsay Smith's digital photos was added to the catalogue.

As the Society webmistress I want to thank Andrew Darbyshire for his excellent flyers for the Society's web pages such as the Program flyer and the new RHSQ publications and Members' publications.

Judy Gale Rechner
Honorary Librarian

Research Report for May

All the preparation for the Book Auction to be held on Friday 2 July at 6pm with inspection from 5pm is just about complete. The Catalogue has been finalised and will be sent in the June mail-out. Contacts with book sellers and rare book dealers are being investigated. An advertisement will be placed in the *Courier Mail* on the Saturday beforehand.

During the last month the following queries have been dealt with: Harlin near Esk where there was an army camp in World War II; family history details of Albert Ferdinand Bernhagen and William Henry Jones (could only refer enquirers to other sources); Aboriginal dialects of the Balonne region which we were able to provide; photos of the old *Courier* building showing Sutherland's pharmacy for a descendant;

images of sites on the north bank of the river; moves relating to the closure of the convict settlement; material on Newstead Park for a post graduate student looking at conservation management. The most interesting enquiry related to early twentieth century hand notated folk music and our Hawkins Collection was delightedly examined by a researcher on behalf of an English choir.

Jean Stewart

Queensland History News

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

Cooktown – An article in the *Cooktown Local News* of 21 October 2009 including three photographs outlined how the Herries Hospital of Cairns originally came from Cooktown. Margaret Timony of Cooktown who owned the building was a dressmaker there in 1877. She had a sister, Kate, who died in 1889 and a brother Peter who was at Maytown. In 1893 Margaret Timony had a shop on Allotment 1 of Section 11 in Cooktown. It was believed to be an early hotel of Cooktown. Miss Timony died in 1911 aged 70 years. In 1915 the property was owned by Mr Blucher, an engineer. By 1917 it was occupied by Blucher, Bolen and Thomas – butcher/engineer. FA Blucher bought land at 180 McLeod Street, Cairns in 1918. A building was erected on it in 1919. The Cairns Town Council Rate Book for 1921 shows Janet Herries, nurse, as occupier on 21 June 1921. On 20 December 1921 the Cairns Town Council approved the registration of a private hospital on the site. The Cooktown Historical Society research team checked shipping records for removal of buildings from Cooktown to Cairns between 1917 and 1921. Mr T Thomas shipped 633 feet of old building material, connected to Blucher, on the *Kuranda* to Cairns on 3 March 1919. The research team assumed this was Miss Timony's shop. Nurse Herries ran the hospital until 1938. She had purchased the land and building in 1932. She continued to live there with her husband and three sons until her death in 1958. The Herries family lived there until 1996 when the last surviving son died. (*Cooktown Local News* 21 October 2009 p.17 including three photos; Queensland Heritage Register <http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/chims/placeDetail.html>)

Mossman – The role of Dan Hart as first settler in the Mossman area was recently featured in the *Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette*. Hart was born in Jamaica and came to the Mossman River in 1874 to extract timber, following the Dalrymple expedition. In March 1878 he applied for a selection of 160 acres on

the southern bank of the river. He grew vegetables, maize, coffee, persimmons, pomelos, mangos, pineapples, citrus, coconuts, bananas and sugar cane on the property he called *Coolshade*. The area was then called Hartsville. Dan Hart imported seeds of the Raintrees from Jamaica and Rev Taffs planted them in 1912. His land was bequeathed to Irene Taffs when Hart died aged 83 years in 1900. He had also donated land for the Anglican Church (destroyed in the 1911 cyclone). (*Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette* 11 March 2010 p.7 including photo)

Palmer Goldfield – Conglomerate Range – A plaque exists on the edge of the Conglomerate Range overlooking Folders Hotel site. The cairn had been erected by the Palmer River Historic Preservation Society on 18 July 1986. The new plaque erected by the North Queensland Miners Association Inc records that Felicity Jack, granddaughter of Robert Logan Jack visited the site on 24 October 2009. Geologist Robert Logan Jack had done extensive recording work in the North Palmer area, particularly in 1895.

Tablelands Regional Shire Council is undertaking a Local Heritage Survey of the shire to identify places and sites of local significance. Local residents were invited to identify places and sites and to nominate them to Council for consideration in Planning. The survey commenced in the Mareeba area. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 20 November 2009 p.26)

Exhibition Curator's Report

Work is now well underway on the latest museum exhibition entitled 'Chinese in Queensland'. Robyn and I are working with Chinese historian, Ray Poon, to bring this exhibition together by the end of July. Free standing panels on loan from both the Queensland State Archives and Ray Poon will add an interesting dimension to the exhibition. Some of the topics on the panels will include Gold and Tin Mining, Tobacco, Agriculture and Market Gardens, Opium and Opium Wars and Chinese in wartime. The RHSQ collection of rare objects found at the Palmer Goldfield will be on display. This includes gold scales, Chinese and Asian coins, opium tins, a powder flask, 10 hand made nails of varying lengths and a small leather purse. The centre piece will be a red porcelain dragon on loan from Ray Poon.

Janice Hess,
Hon. Exhibitions Curator
Robyn Stephensen
Assist. Hon. Exhibitions Curator

THE QUEENSLAND QUIZ 1

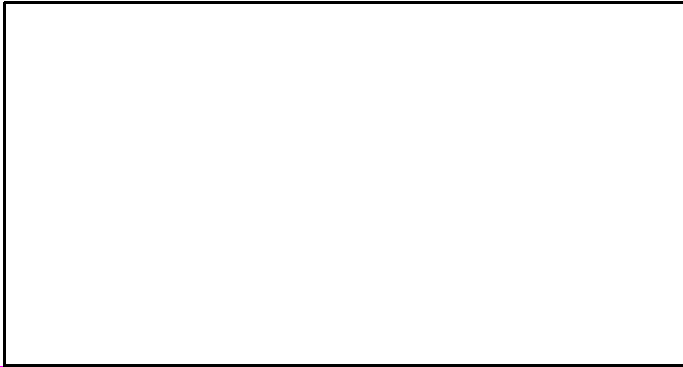
Ten thought provoking questions. Answers next issue.

1. **What was James Cook's naval rank when he discovered Australia?**
 - a. Captain
 - b. Commander
 - c. Lieutenant
 - d. Master
2. **How many years had he held the above rank?**
 - a. Ten years
 - b. Two years
 - c. Four years
 - d. Six years
3. **From where did 'Captain Starlight' steal cattle in 1870?**
 - a. Bowen Downs
 - b. Muttaborra
 - c. Aramac
 - d. Thistlebank
4. **To where did he drive them?**
 - a. Northern Territory
 - b. South Australia
 - c. NSW
 - d. Victoria
5. **Where did 'Banjo' Patterson compose Waltzing Matilda in 1895?**
 - a. Winton Waterhole
 - b. Kywong Waterhole
 - c. Combo Waterhole
 - d. Western River Waterhole
6. **The corner of what state borders is called 'Haddon Corner'?**
 - a. South Australia, NSW and Queensland
 - b. South Australia and Northern Territory
 - c. South Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland
 - d. South Australia and Queensland?
7. **From where to where did 'Tommy' Thompson drive the last Cobb and Co. coach?**
 - a. Surat to Toowoomba
 - b. Surat to Yuleba
 - c. Yuleba to Surat
 - d. Toowoomba to Surat?
8. **What was the date of the above journey?**
 - a. 14 August 1924
 - b. 24 August 1914
 - c. 24 July 1934
 - d. 14 June 1934
9. **How long did it take Burke and Wills to travel from the Gulf of Carpentaria to their Cooper Creek depot?**
 - a. Approximately 127 days
 - b. Approximately 87 days
 - c. Approximately 107 days
 - d. Approximately 67 days
10. **Who named the Brisbane River?**
 - a. Matthew Flinders
 - b. James Cook
 - c. John Oxley
 - d. Henry Miller

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Important Events and Functions Calendar

June 2010

Saturday 5 June Queensland Day Dinner
Sunday 6 June Open Day Government House
Wednesday 9 June 12.30 pm
‘The Queensland Country Women’s Association –
its contribution’
 Norma Lovelace

Thursday 10 June Council Meeting
Tuesday 15 June *Bulletin* Deadline
Thursday 17 June 6.00 pm TBA
Saturday 19 BHG Function

July 2010

Wednesday 14 July 6.00 pm
 RHSQ July lecture to be held at Fernberg
 Bookings required by Friday 2 July
Thursday 15 July *Bulletin* Deadline
Thursday 15 July Council Meeting
Thursday 21 July No scheduled lecture

Important Announcement
From the Editor

Until further notice the printed version of the *Bulletin* will be limited to four pages. The full version will be available to those who have submitted their email address. We urge you to receive your *Bulletin* by email, as this will significantly reduce our printing costs. Please contact Katy Law on (07) 3221 4198 to submit your email address.

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