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**The arrival of Burke, Wills and King at the deserted camp at Cooper's Creek, Sunday evening, 21st April 1861 by John Longstaff, courtesy of the National Gallery of Victoria**

## **Explorers' last days unearthed in a new exhibition at Queensland Museum South Bank**

It is one hundred and fifty years since one of Australia's most epic and infamous expeditions set out to chart a journey through undiscovered country, Queensland Museum South Bank launches its newest exhibition, *The Last Days of Burke and Wills*. On April 13, 1861 one of Australia's most famous explorers, William Wills, ordered the navigational equipment be left behind and buried in the deserted heart of Western Queensland to be retrieved later as his expedition struggled on for survival in the unforgiving outback. They didn't make it back. In 2009, Queensland Museum archaeologists and a team of specialists set out to find the missing 'Plant Camp'. Using Wills' original navigational plots, they found a cache of buried material and unearthed pieces from Australia's age of exploration.

### ***The Last Days of Burke and Wills***

From 4 August – 5 December at Queensland Museum South Bank, 9.30 am to 5 pm daily. Entry is free.

**An event to put in your diary :RHSQ has organised a week-long bus trip to the Dig tree in April 2011 – a booking form will be sent with a future edition of *The RHSQ Bulletin***

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## President's Report for the Annual General Meeting, 19 August 2010

Members and friends, I am pleased to present the 2009-2010 Annual Report.

I was elected to the position at the 2009 Annual General Meeting with Vice-Presidents Manfred Cross, Dr Hilary Fisher and Richard Morgan, Honorary Secretary Ruth Kerr, Honorary Treasurer Barrie Rollason and Councillors Jean Stewart, Janet Hogan, Professor John Pearn, Dr Rebecca Ling, Katy Law, Dr John Mills, and Dr Robert Hogg. Sasha Broughton was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Council. Judith Rechner was reappointed Honorary Librarian, a position she has held for many years. Dr Denver Beanland continued on the Council as Immediate Past President, and has worked tirelessly to try to attract funding for us. My thanks go to him for his meticulous work in redrafting the Society's Constitution, and to past president Stephen Sheaffe for his assistance in this matter. The Council has been committed to furthering the work of the Society on behalf of all the members, and I wish to thank each and every one for their hard work and valuable guidance. I have appreciated the ongoing email communications among us, and from many members and friends, which have supplemented the formal structure of the monthly Council meetings. In particular I thank Manfred Cross and Denver Beanland for generous advice whenever I have sought it.

### Membership

Current financial membership of the Society is 518 with 45 affiliated societies. A considerable effort has been made by the Manager and the Honorary Secretary to ensure all members on the roll are financial. I urge all members to be vigilant in attending to the subscription as it falls due, with the reminder that any nominations for positions on the Council must be made by two financial members.

### Manager

The year started with the retirement on 21 August of Manager and Museum Curator, Allan Bell who had held the position for six years. We were pleased to award him an Honorary MacGregor medal and many members and friends attended his farewell party here. Extra responsibility was then shouldered by members and non-members until Kathryn Law, a member of the Council, was appointed Acting Manager, later Manager and Museum Curator. It is fair to say that we learned together, and I would like to record my thanks to her for her unstinting dedication. Council agreed to and the Society has funded her participation in the Museum and Gallery Services Queensland 2010 Standards Program; and she has recently been appointed to the board of the Brisbane Living Heritage Network.

### Program

The lecture program has continued its pivotal role in the operation of the Society, and as the basis of the *Queensland History Journal*, as it has since our foundation in 1913. We have enjoyed excellent speakers, invited by Manfred Cross and the Program Committee, many talking about significant anniversaries. Dr Rod Fisher extended our knowledge of Separation issues; Professor Clive Moore and Peter Brown marked the centenary of the foundation of the University of Queensland. The annual Conference celebrated the sitting of the first Queensland Parliament (P150) and we welcomed the invitation by the Speaker of the Parliament, the Hon John Mickel, MP to hold this event at Parliament House, where the very experienced speakers included John Kerr Medallist Dr Judith McKay, Dr Denver Beanland and Manfred Cross. David Gibson and I spoke on radio about music played at the time of Separation. I would like record my thanks to David Gibson, until recently Curator of Newstead House, and a continuing member of this Society, for the hospitality he has shown to the Society over many years, and particularly on Separation Day. I participated with the Queensland Women's Association (an offshoot of this Society) in their 60 year anniversary, and with the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, started 125 years ago.

### Clem Lack Oration

The Clem Lack Oration for 2009 was delivered to an appreciative audience by Emeritus Professor Kay Saunders at the Annual General Meeting, on the topic 'Queensland History as Seen by Historians'. As 2010 is the centenary of the use of *Fernberg* as Government House, the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO, Patron of the Society, elected to give the Clem Lack Oration at Government House. Her entertaining history of the house itself was complemented by a display of historic photographs and a reception for ourselves and other guests.

### History Week

History Week 2010 started with the P150 conference. It concluded with the (eve of) Queensland Day Dinner, which was yet again sponsored generously by the Queensland State Archivist, Janet Prowse, and supported by a contingent from the Archives including Miguel Diaz, Chairperson of the Public Records Review Commit-

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tee. Thanks are due to them all and to Minister Robert Swarten for their ongoing support. We were pleased to host the fifty year celebrations of the State Archives at the Commissariat Store, where the collection was begun. Thanks are also due to Jean Stewart as chair of the History Week Committee, and to many others including Elizabeth Teed, Janine Johnson and Dr Ian Hadwen who enable the Society to conduct this and numerous other smaller functions.

### **Publications**

The *Queensland History Journal* has maintained its very high standard and has been distributed regularly, including the second and third of the larger sesqui-centenary editions. This has ensured the preservation and circulation of yet more research. The temporarily increased size represents an even greater effort than in previous years on the part of the Honorary Editor Dr Margaret Kowald and the Assistant Editors, in particular Val Donovan, Dr Ruth Kerr and Dr Robert Hogg. The Society should be very proud of this publication, the only journal devoted to the publication of Queensland history. A strict schedule has been adhered to and budget costings met. The former backlog of conference papers has been greatly reduced, with unedited versions of papers housed in the Welsby Library. The work of the peer reviewers, anonymous as custom dictates, is acknowledged, as is the work done by the Editorial Board headed by Professor Maurice French and including former board members Dr Joanne Scott and the late Dr Ross Laurie. The introduction of colour illustrations has been welcomed.

The monthly *Bulletin* has continued to be an important news link throughout the far-flung membership. Dr Graeme Nicholson has continued as Editor throughout the year, with assistance from Marjorie Shackleton. In an effort to cut costs a smaller size for the hard copy edition was trialled, but when funds permitted this unpopular decision was revoked. The number of members receiving the *Bulletin* by email has increased steadily after ongoing gentle persuasion, to combat rising postage costs. The selection of significant cover images by the Editor has been appreciated. Sales of publications, and of publications by members, continue to be a valuable source of revenue.

In November we hosted two book launches: one, *Tall Timbers & Tramways Queensland*, from a manuscript by the late John Kerr, edited by Dr Ruth Kerr and launched by the Light Rail Association; the second, *The Making of a Metropolis: Brisbane 1823-1925*, by Professor John Laverty, launched by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Campbell Newman, a keen member of the Society.

### **Library and Research Services**

The library has been cared for by the Honorary Librarian, Judith Rechner particularly with regard to the maintenance, refinement and regular update of the catalogue. Consideration was given to making the library catalogue available on the internet but quotes received to date show the cost is unaffordable at present. New material, including a full set of Professor John Pearn's publications from the Amphion Press, has been accessioned and acknowledged and I express my thanks for this constant effort. Andrew Darbyshire has brought order to the map collection, despite space constraints.

Jean Stewart has continued as Honorary Research Officer, ably assisted by Dr Kay Cohen, Val Donovan, Beth Johnson, Dr Rod McLeod and Moya MacKenzie. There were 158 research enquiries by email and telephone; plus 112 people visiting for the purpose of research, numbers comparable to last year. I would remind you that many students now have online access to our Journals and Bulletins, as well as many other resources. Rationalisation of the collection has continued to ensure relevance to the needs of members and researchers, and that space constraints and the collection policy are met. Some new computer equipment has been ordered for the library, and a new camera purchased.

Doug Lohead and Lyndsay Smith have continued to identify, catalogue and copy many more of the photographs, albums, lantern slides and glass negatives, making this significant part of the collection more accessible. In this way the Society's images have been made easily available for use in publications and have generated significant income throughout the year.

The 2010 Book Auction was well-attended. Again a great effort by Jean Stewart and the Research team, helped by Dr Ian Hadwen, raised significant funds (\$4566) for the Library and Museum Fund. This was made possible by the generous donations of material by many people, particularly by those downsizing their libraries, and by the expert auctioneering services volunteered by Mr Bruce Blocksidge of Blocksidge & Feguson.

### **Commissariat Store Museum**

The Society is grateful to the State Government for the ongoing lease of the Commissariat Store, the oldest occupied building in Queensland. Responsibility for the operation of this important facet of the Society has been shared among the Museum Curator Katy Law; Chairs of the Museum Committee Dr Hilary Fisher and Dr Marilyn England, members Ken Jewell, Dr Graeme Nicholson and other volunteers.

Substantial work has been undertaken on the Museum Collection. Considerable efforts have been made to achieve the goal of a photograph of each item on the Inmagic computer catalogue, alongside any material relating to donors. Some items were deaccessioned using strict guidelines relating to the collection policy. Marilyn has identified and catalogued much of the art collection, including the two portraits by Joseph Backler. Graeme has brought many framed works up to display condition, and has worked towards a secure display case for the medal collection for use on special occasions. Considerable expertise has been displayed by the Museum Guides who conduct tours for all the visitors, including distinguished guests, often large school groups, and tourists from many diverse cultures. I would like to make particular mention of Colin MacFarlane, Elizabeth Paull, David Rex, Malcolm Thomas, Don Murray and Phil Adam, with whom I have been in regular contact, and to thank as well those who I know have worked long and hard to teach and entertain our visitors. To ensure tutelage for new guides is available, a training package for guides has been assembled.

The total number of visitor tickets sold was 2,420; including 1,003 adult tickets; 1,357 concession tickets; and 60 family tickets. Again thanks is due to those who have volunteered to help at the front desk. I include here Claire Jewell, Valerie Blomer, and June Federick, and all those who have answered the constant telephone calls and greeted our visitors, as you are for many the face of the Society. The friendships among many of our volunteers was much in evidence at the annual Christmas Party, a well-attended celebration at the Public Service Club. Our 32 volunteers who gave time on a weekly basis devoted 5,564 hours to the Society. A further 20 volunteers from the Council and Committees, including the editors, also gave large amounts of time.

We were invited by our Patron to have material from the museum and library displayed at Government House on Australia Day and on Queensland Day 2010 and this attracted much attention and some new memberships.

### **Building**

The Building Committee under Jean Stewart, with the assistance of Denver Beanland and Stephen Sheaffe, has been diligent in monitoring our occupation, and the upkeep of the building, according to the terms of our lease. We have continued to advise the government of any safety and maintenance issues arising and a recent Site Safety Audit has been conducted. Venue hire regulations have been formulated in accordance with the lease, including those relating to security. Venue hire has contributed to the general income, albeit with extra work for the manager and other society members and friends.

I am grateful to Mr Paul Sayer for the careful drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Society, the Brisbane History Group, and Dr Rod Fisher, to the satisfaction of all parties. The Society welcomes Dr Fisher's occupation of part of our premises in National Trust House.

### **Awards**

The John Kerr Medal of Distinction was awarded by ourselves and the Professional Historians Association (Qld) to Dr Janice Wegner from North Queensland, nominated for her expertise particularly in mining history. Dr Ruth Kerr has made a great contribution to the Society over many years. She has been nominated for Honorary Life Membership.

### **FAHS**

Last October we hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies. This was a fine opportunity to participate alongside members from the other states and territories, headed by the President, Associate Professor Don Garden. We enjoyed an informative tour of the State Library by Dr Mary Dickenson, and of Old Government House by Dr Katie McConnel. We hosted a dinner at the Commissariat Store, where Professor John Pearn addressed the gathering on the geological origins of this building. Jean Stewart and myself have acted as delegates to the Federation, this role now undertaken by Judith Rechner. I have welcomed the ongoing practical advice available through the FAHS, and particularly their commitment to the preservation of the built heritage.

### **Exhibitions**

The Society has mounted several remarkable exhibitions, assembled under the skilled hand of the Honorary Exhibition Curator, Janice Hess, and Assistant Curator Robyn Stephensen. It is fitting that the Society's first treasurer, Thomas Welsby, has been honoured with an exhibition, *Recognition at Last*, including the oil painting of *Amity*, his historic residence at New Farm, given recently by a descendant. The display about Mission Australia was particularly well received. Mention must also be made of the memorable posters designed for our exhibitions by Melbourne designer Megan Hess, given to us without cost. I commend the recent Chinese in Queensland exhibition.

## **National Trust and Newstead House**

My thanks goes to Glenda Sheaffe who has continued to represent the Society on the National Trust of Queensland, and to Stephen Sheaffe who has continued to represent us on the Board of Newstead House.

## **Planning Workshop**

The Workshop conducted in February, by Kathleen Singleton from Eliquent generously at no cost to the Society, owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr John Mills whose idea it was. This established an operational guide based on suggestions elicited from the membership through by a survey. The Council, working through the Futures Committee chaired by first Dr John Mills and then by Sasha Broughton has been determined to implement as many of the suggestions as possible: The installation of Broadband internet access was almost immediate; the establishment of a Facebook page, subject to stringent protocols, has been overseen by Katy Law and Sasha Broughton; in response to many requests, the program committee has planned various trips, including one to Toowoomba to the Bolton Library and Cobb & Co Museum; and one to the Dig Tree, near Innamincka in South Australia, of which we are a Trustee, in 2011 as part of the 150 year commemorations. A membership survey is under way and will be sent to all members. As requested, short biographies of Councilors, and the composition of committees will appear in the *Bulletin* as soon as is practical.

A Marketing and Communications Committee was established, suggested by the Workshop. Chair has been Bill Elliott, assisted by various members including Councillor Sasha Broughton, Jeff O'Mara, and our former Publicity Officer Estelle Cooper. Venue Hire as a way to make money has been mooted by this committee, in conjunction with the Manager in consultation with the Council.

## **At Homes**

The Society, as with many organisations, has for some time experienced smaller numbers attending evening lectures, despite the excellent standard of presentation. The decision to replace the Thursday evening with a series of At Homes, incorporating formal and informal lectures, exhibitions, guided tours and sales of our publications was made after serious consultation and preparation and has proved very successful. The first was held in May as part of the Queensland Heritage Festival, thereby benefiting by association with National Trust Queensland, and a talk from their member Peter Fegan; the second held last Saturday was well-attended, with excellent displays, and presentations by members Dr Elaine Brown who spoke about Gympie Gold, and Ray Poon who detailed the contribution of the Chinese in Queensland.

## **Grants**

The detailed grant applications made under the stewardship of Dr Rebecca Ling, dedicated Grants Coordinator, with assistance from Sasha Broughton, have brought in significant funds: \$38,500 from Jupiter's Casino Gaming Fund for conservation and preservation of many of the panoramic photographs, and their digitisation; this grant has been acquitted. A grant of \$32,912 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has enabled more of the early Parliamentary volumes in the Welsby Library to be rebound, many having been done by Ian Simmonds already, at no cost to the Society. Diligent monitoring and accountability has been apparent with the administration of these grants, and more are undergoing preparation.

## **Website**

The Society's website is a focal point of communication for members and non-members. Chair of the Website Committee, Andrew Darbyshire, with Judith Rechner and others have ensured that the content is revised and updated regularly, accompanied by appropriate and attractive flyers and informative text.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As auditing of the Society's financial accounts has not yet been completed, Council has authorised the Treasurer to table an unaudited financial set of accounts for the financial year ended 31 May 2010. The audited statement when received will be distributed to all members as part of the *Bulletin*. I would like to express my very great thanks to the Treasurer, Barrie Rollason for his ongoing work and expert advice as he has continued with procedural reform and further sophistication of the Society's practices. I thank our book-keeper, Katherine Pharey for her assistance. Careful management, particularly important with rising costs and a precarious global economic climate, has safeguarded the Society's investments.

Carolyn Nolan  
President  
19 August 2010

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### History News

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

**Brisbane** – No Queensland convict buildings or structures have been entered on the convict listing of the World Heritage Register. The Society advocated to the Department of Environment and Water, Heritage and The Arts (and its predecessors) the listing of the Commissariat Store building and the Windmill. (*Courier-Mail* 31 July – 1 August 2010)

**Clermont** – The centenary of *Seton Vale* was celebrated in June. Hubert Cariston Seton obtained the lease on 10 June 1910. He had been to the Boer War and when he selected the land along Theresa Creek and named part of it *Lake Makonda* after his Zulu House servant. He and his wife, Alice and daughters, Helen and May, survived the 1916 Clermont flood by clinging to trees. Seton had run sheep on *Seton Vale* until 1942. He changed to cattle because of the dingoes. When Seton died in 1964 the property was transferred to his daughters. (*North Queensland Register* 15 July 2010 p 2 including photo)

**Cloncurry** – John Flynn Place in Cloncurry is undergoing renovations. Cloncurry Shire Council is updating the main entrance of the museum. The museum was opened in 1988 as a bicentennial project. The Art Gallery is also being upgraded to display the art. The Royal Historical Society of Queensland donated its portrait of John Flynn to the museum several years ago. (*North West Star* 16 July 2010 p 7 including photo)

**Elgin Vale Sawmill between Goomeri and Nanango** – The Acting Climate Change and Sustainability Minister, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, released a press release in June 2010 outlining that the Elgin Vale sawmill had been nominated for listing on the Queensland State Heritage Register and that public comment was being sought on the proposed

listing. The Minister outlined how the town of Elgin Vale had begun in 1927 and that this sawmill had been built in 1944 replacing an earlier one. The Minister further outlined how the sawmill now operating as a museum run by Gympie Regional Council is important because it shows how steam-driven sawmilling operations developed in the Wide Bay Burnett Region. She further stated that “It’s [Elgin Vale sawmill] exceptional in Queensland for its ability to demonstrate the process of using steam technology to mill hoop pine which it does on the rare occasions that it’s fired up for tourist events.” When the mill closed in 1987 it was still using steam technology. (The mill had been identified as significant in a Sawmills of South East Queensland by John Kerr in 1992 and in the recent Statewide Heritage Survey carried out by the Heritage Branch of the department of Environment and resource Management.) (*Gympie Times* 19 June 2010 p 9 including photo)

**Kandanga** – The Save the Mary Museum and River Education Centre was formally opened at the Kandanga Railway Station on 11 July 2010 at 11.30 am. (*Gympie Times* 10 July 2010 p 5)

**Queerah at Edmonton** – The history of the Queerah meat works was recently researched for the Edmonton centenary. It was located on Skeleton Creek at Edmonton. In 1926 Williams and Griffin applied to the Shire Council for the site to be used as a slaughter yard for local supply. In 1935 it was acquired by J D Saul and Co who intended to use it for exports. It quickly became unionized. In 1938 it was purchased for £25,000 by Norman Smorgan who registered it as the Cairns Meat Export Co Pty Ltd. It supplied Australian and American troops with luncheon meat and Camp Pie (under the brand label Astra) during World War II. The meatworks were purchased by Amagraze in 1950, a private London based meat processing subsidiary of Henry Denny & Sons in partnership with Australian graziers and financiers. Managing director was Fred Beaver and other directors were twins George and Fred Peg and Edgar Sim. Its output had increased to 32,000 by 1960 and was one of the most modern works in Queensland. (*North Queensland Register* 15 July 2010 p 2)

**Ravenswood** – The Ravenswood Museum (Phone 07 4770 2047) organized a Pioneer Luncheon at the School of Arts for people over 60 years from Ravenswood on 28 August 2010. A bus was organized from Townsville. The Ravenswood Museum also collected copies of memorabilia for the museum. (Charters Towers *Northern Miner* 30 July 2010 p 2)

**Stanthorpe** – The Stanthorpe Museum has received a Southern Downs Regional Council RADF grant to prepare a display entitled ‘Remembrance – The Halloran Family’ in the Military Room. The dis-



play will centre on Stan and Dorothy Halloran, their wartime marriage and their subsequent life at Cotton Vale on the Granite Belt. Mr Ian Summer from St Mary's in Tasmania and Mr Brian Bokenham from *Pringle Cottage* Museum, Warwick are assisting the Manager of the Stanthorpe Museum, Ms Lorene Long in developing the display. It is to be opened on 11 November 2010 by the Member for Maranoa in the Commonwealth Parliament. (Stanthorpe *Border Post* 22 July 2010 p 10 including photo)

**Thallon** - On 2 October 2011 Thallon would have celebrated its centenary of the arrival of the railway. Instead the line to Dirranbandi and the rail depot at Thallon have been closed from 1 July 2010 and the Thallon track gang ceased work on 9 July 2010. Thallon was named after the then Railway Commissioner. Three workers took redundancy packages and one relocated to Warwick. They were offered jobs in Goondiwindi until 2012 but declined because of uncertainty thereafter and high house rents. There are now no rail workers west of Goondiwindi. The Thallon – Dirranbandi line has not been used since mid 2009. Queensland Rail stated that public consultation indicated acceptance of the proposed closure. (*Balonne Beacon* 22 July 2010 p 1 including photo of Thallon and the railway line under floodwater on 7 March 2010)

**Toowoomba** – Windmill collector, Dudley Horn and his wife, Jan Aderman, donated a 1903 model Southern Cross windmill to Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba. It will be fitted into position by a crane along with a 1950s Dunlite wind generator supplied by Russell and Ina Fuhlbohm of Millgowan near Clifton. The electrical components of the wind generator have been restored to produce electricity for the Cobb & Co museum. The National Carriage Factory development at the museum will also be opened on 4 September. (Toowoomba *Chronicle* 29 July 2010 p 2 including photo)

### **Welsby Library Report by Judy Rechner**

Added information on cane toads to a Pest control file.

Denver Beanland and Judith McKay donated a copy of the *Parliament House conservation plan*; Professor Raymond Specht donated *The flight of the woodpecker: The migration of five families from Germany to South Australia: The Kaesehagen, Specht, Conrad and Heusendroeder families, the Hozberger family from Lerbach, Harz Mountains*; Kay Cohen donated *Between two worlds: The Commonwealth government and the removal of Aboriginal children of part descent in the Northern Territory*; Joe Janecek donated his recent book *Gold Commissioners of Charters Towers 1872-1873*; Nancy Tow sent in

some interesting local articles on Nambour and Kenilworth history.

Robert William Blaikie donated a copy of his maternal uncle's typed 'Memoirs of Frank William Paltridge 1899-1967' and his transcription. A fascinating reminiscence of pastoral life at St George in the first decades of the 1900s and Frank's interests such as flying. The Australian Lebanese Historical Society donated their Q150 project *Raw Kibbeh: Generations of Lebanese enterprises*, a booklet and CD; a certificate signed by Premier Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen sent to the people of Kagoshima City about the introduction of Australia Post's Intelpost was added

to Archive box 108 as were two letters from the Colonial Secretary to the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs dated 9 March 1865.

Added to the catalogue *Palm Island: Looking forward; Signs of Separation: A sesquicentennial promopak; The Mayne inheritance; Minjungbal: Aborigines and Islanders of the Tweed Valley*.

Ages ago I was asked to go through the Brisbane files making analytical entries and indexing them. I have started to comply with this request.

### **Research Report August by Jean Stewart**

It has been an interesting month with some queries which have given us much food for thought. We have had requests on the following: photos of Brisbane; John Saunders Huxham for whom we found photos, family details and, of course, the bust which is on display on the middle floor of the Store; Lee Goleby and his employment in the railways department 1876-78 and about whom we could find nothing; the origin of the name Pope's Reach in the Brisbane River at Riverhills and we referred the enquirer to the Maritime Museum; Thomas Grag believed to be a Queensland explorer and we referred the enquirer to the Museum of Mapping and Surveying; and the Coomera River.

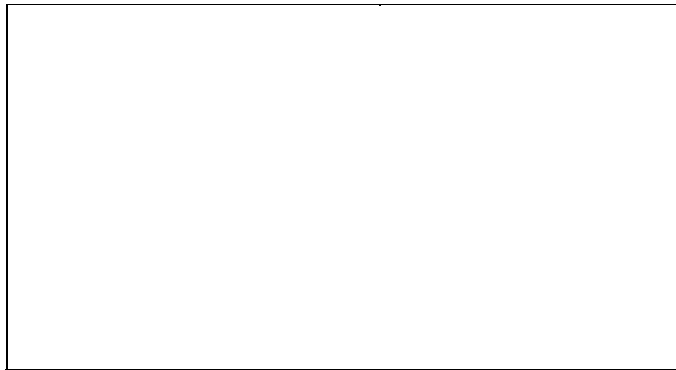
The most interesting queries have been relating to Langford Island and the Paltridge family. The enquirer for the first is as a member of the Langford family who is preparing for a visit to Queensland from Dorset in Devon where he lives. We could find nothing in our collection but referred him to the Public Record Office at Kew which holds the log books of *HMS Salamander* which sailed through the Whit Sundays and the Barrier Reef where the captain, Sir George Strong Nares, named various islands including Langford Island.

The other query as well as a donation was from Robert Blaikie who had a copy of an account written by his uncle, Frank William Paltridge, as he moved about Queensland country districts from 1899 to 1967 and for which we were very grateful.

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**Important Events and Functions Calendar**  
**September 2010**

**Wednesday 8 September 12.30 pm**  
**‘Anderson Dawson - from orphan to premier’**  
**Margaret Klaassen**

**Thursday 9 September Council meeting**  
**Wednesday 15 September *Bulletin* deadline**  
**October 2010**

**Thursday 9 October Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 13 October 12.30 pm**  
**‘The Sacred Ibis, Protector of Aborigines - Archibald Meston and Queensland Race Relations’**  
**James Lergessner**  
**Friday October 15 *Bulletin* deadline**

**Important Announcement**  
**From the Editor**

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