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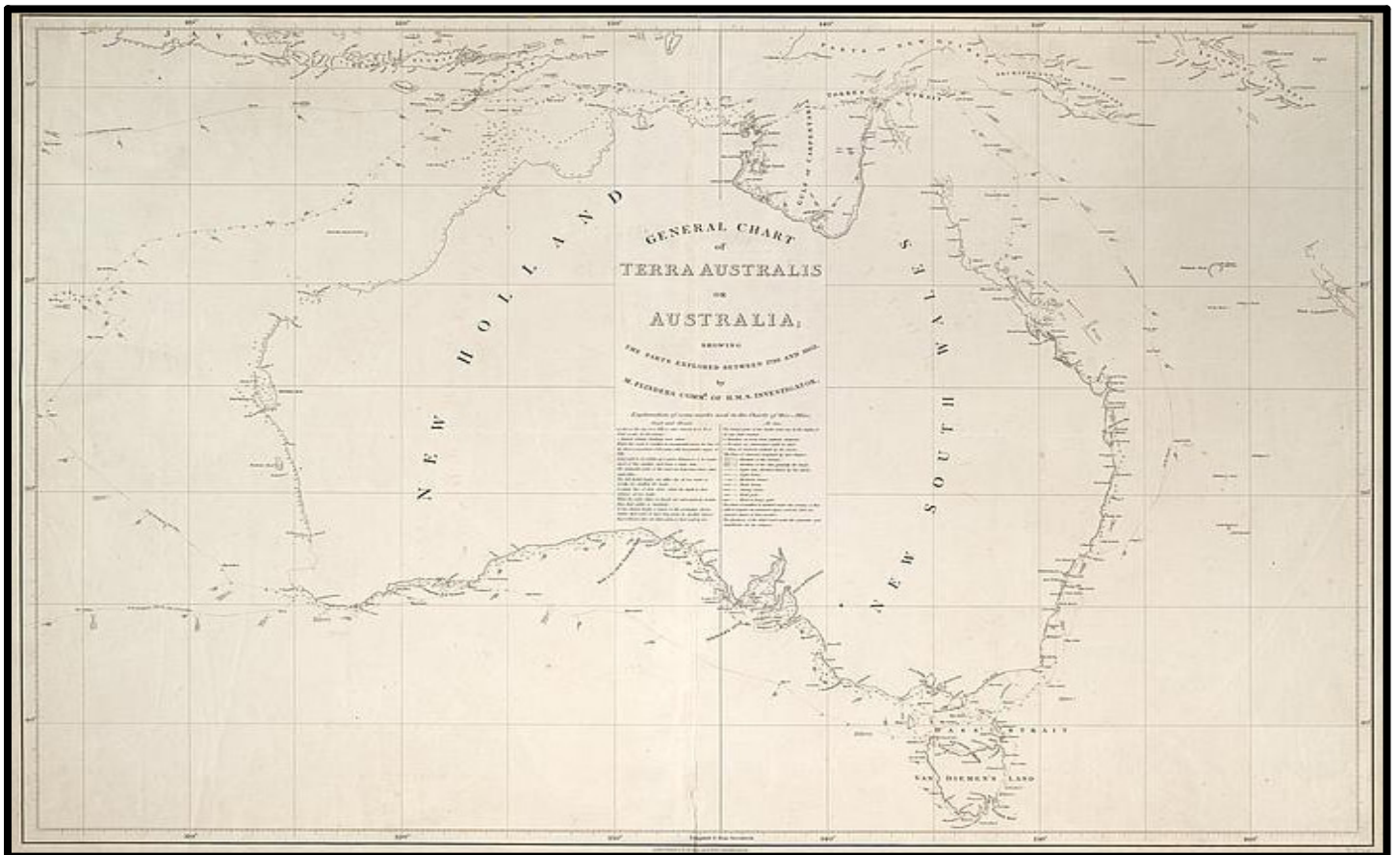


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## TWO HUNDRED YEARS FOR FLINDER'S MAP

The map above is a photograph of the map produced by Matthew Flinders between 1793 and 1803. The map is entitled 'General Chart of Terra Australis or Australia'. The different vessels that Flinders used and the different routes he took whilst making the chart are included. The map measures 63.1 cm X 91.7 cm and was first published in London in 1814 as part of Matthew Flinders's book 'A Voyage to Terra Australis'. The title of the map includes what was probably the first use of the word 'Australia' in a published work to describe the actual continent rather than a wider unknown area of the South Pacific region.

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## President's Report

The AGM is almost here again. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the AGM, which is followed by the Clem Lack Oration and refreshments. This year's Clem Lack orator is prominent Queensland historian David Gibson OAM – read on to find out more information about David and his chosen topic.

On Friday 22 and Saturday 23 August 2014 the QP150 Police Expo was held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The RHSQ had a stall both days, and displayed photographs and portraits relating to the Queensland Police Service. The expo was very well attended and had other very interesting displays including the mounted police, dog squad and a fake crime scene.

The Honourable Ms Fiona Simpson MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, hosted an evening at Parliament House on Monday 25 August 2014 to commemorate 150 years of Hansard (Record of Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament). The Record of Proceedings is the official record of the debates and procedures of the Queensland Parliament's Legislative Assembly; that is, it is a record of what is said in the House and a record of the procedural events of the House. Hansard is commonly regarded as taking its name from Luke Hansard, who in the latter half of the 18th century wrote a newspaper column about the House of Commons titled *The Journals of the House*. In 1803, William Cobbett commenced the publication of reports, which were reprints of newspaper reports of the debates of the House of Commons. Thomas Hansard took over from him. It was not until 1909 that the House of Commons first published its own reports of debates that were called the Official Report and not Hansard. However, in Queensland, because of allegedly unreliable newspaper reports, Hansard was established in 1864. By 1878, the Queensland Parliament was the first in the world to have a daily official report of the debates without any form of Government censorship.

Upcoming events include the RHSQ RiverFire Cocktail Party, to be held at the Commissariat Store on Saturday 27 September 2014 from 5.00 pm. This event will be sponsored by King and Company solicitors and catered by Cuisine on Cue, who also catered our Queensland Day Dinner this year. It promises to be a wonderful evening, with front row seats to the fireworks at 7.00 pm and a display of artwork by Bill Gannon inside the building, so I hope many of you can attend. The annual Brisbane Open House is also approaching, taking place on Saturday 11 October and Sunday 12 October 2014 from 10.00

am to 3.00 pm. This event is always a great success with almost 1000 people walking through the Commissariat Store last year. A full program for the weekend will be available from the Brisbane Open House website ([www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au](http://www.brisbaneopenhouse.com.au)) from early September 2014.

Pugh's Almanac reports an interesting month for September 1914. Events included: 10<sup>th</sup> – A serious blasting accident on the Oakey-Mt Russell line resulted in one man being killed and eight seriously injured; 12<sup>th</sup> – Advice was received that an Australian naval force [the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force] had captured German New Guinea. A short fight took place during which Lieut-Commander Elwell, Captain C Pockley, Seamen W G V Williams and John Courtney and two other seamen were killed and four wounded. Twenty Germans were killed and 73 were taken prisoner including their Commandant; 14<sup>th</sup> – The British flag was hoisted at Rabaul, the chief port of the Bismarck Archipelago, and a proclamation of occupation read; 16<sup>th</sup> – An arrest was reported from Cairns of two men on a charge of espionage; 27<sup>th</sup> – The steamer Marloo was wrecked off Sandy Cape with no loss of life.

Helen McMonagle  
President

## Queensland News for June News From Around the State

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

**Brisbane River Valley Rail Trail** – Vice President of the Somerset Region Business Alliance, Paul Heymans is campaigning for the completion of the 166 km rail trail. The Queensland state government recently provided \$3.5 million for the project. The missing links are Wulkuraka to Wanora and Toogoolawah to Moore. Groups including with the Ottaba Llamas undertake rides along the Yarraman to Moore section. (*Queensland Times* 31 July 2014 p.10 including photograph)

**Buderim** – A photograph of the Buderim tram rounding the curve near Beacon Crescent appeared in a recent *Buderim Chronicle* newspaper. The line from Palmwoods to Buderim was opened in January 1915. The line passed through Chevallum and Forest Glen, up Mons Road and William Street and terminated near Buderim swimming pool. A German built Krauss locomotive and an American Shay locomotive serviced the tramway. The Maroochy Shire Council built a two feet six inch gauge tramline for a distance of five miles for goods and passengers through forest

and mountainous country from Palmwoods to Buderim. After the line closed in August 1935, Walkers Limited, Maryborough, had the Krauss locomotive converted to a two-foot gauge tram line for use at Bingera sugar mill. The loco is now cosmetically restored and awaiting public display in a purpose-built building to be constructed in Buderim. The line operated from 1913 to 1935. Competition from road transport and cost of transshipment at Palmwoods caused its closure. (*Buderim Chronicle* 19 June 2014 p.9 including photograph)

**Gympie** – The Railway Carriage Information Centre in Mary Street, Gympie is to be removed as the carriage is in a poor state of repair and termites have invaded it. Fixtures and fittings are to be removed and stored before future display. (*Gympie Times* 5 June 2014 p.5)

**Mount Morgan** – The Historical Museum has been featured by the *Capricornian Coast Mirror* as a worthy place to visit. It features railway and mine memorabilia. The railway operated from 1898 to 1987 and the mine from 1882. From Arthur Timms Lookout the mine, Gold Room, and two chimneys (the tallest chimney was erected in 1905) are clearly visible. (*Capricornian Coast Mirror* 25 June 2014 p.18)

**Mount Tamborine - Knoll Road, North Tamborine** - On 24 July 2014 the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (the Department) received an application from a member of the community proposing the entry of Knoll Road in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place. Under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (the Act) any person or entity may make an application to have a place considered for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register. It is now the responsibility of the Department to assess the application in relation to the cultural heritage criteria contained in s35 of the Act and make a recommendation to the Queensland Heritage Council about whether the place is of state-level cultural heritage significance and therefore suitable for entry in the Heritage Register. The Heritage Council then decides whether a place should be entered in the Register.

The Society and members have been invited by the department to make a written submission advising them of any response to it. This response must address whether the place does or does not satisfy the criteria specified in the Act (s 35).

*If members wish to make a submission, it must be received by the Chief Executive of the Department before the close of business on 10 September 2014, and should be forwarded: By mail to - Heritage*

*Branch, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld 4001; or by email to - [heritage@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage@ehp.qld.gov.au). Under the Act, there is scope to extend the time to make a submission. If you require such an extension, please contact Sean O’Keeffe, A/Principal Heritage Officer on telephone 07 3330 5837 before 10 September 2014. All submissions received in response to this correspondence are given to any person or entity entitled to receive a copy of the recommendation. Unless consent to release of personal information is given by submitters, personal details are redacted from these copies, except those given to the Queensland Heritage Council. (Source: Department of Environment and Heritage Protection).*

## New Members

Andrew Goldsworthy	Bald Hills
Enid Vivienne Cooksley	Clayfield
Otto and Virginia Buttula	Trinity Beach
Elizabeth Ellen Branch	Palmwood
Sharna Hayles	Jimboomba
John McDonnell	Redcliffe
Julian Noud	Brisbane
Peter Dunn	Runcorn
Susan Hill	New Farm
Bob Abnett	Alexandra Hills
Johnathon and Helen Davies	Ascot

## Research Report

It has been a relatively quiet month although there have been a number of visiting clients doing hours of research in the Library. The search for material by six members of the Research team for the Society’s publication, *Lost Brisbane*, has been completed and the book is now about to be released.

The queries this month include: early banking in Brisbane, pre-separation; Paddy’s Island; Miners’ Rights and the Gilbert River; gold and silver items in RHSQ collection; Matthew Flinders; material relating to Sir William McGregor; correspondence between RHSQ and John Dryden the poet (impossible to answer as Dryden [1631-1700] had died centuries before Queensland became a state); Clem Lack and his writings; land title of a lane way in Sandgate; photos of Queensland police; Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Frank Edward Roberts, 1952-1955; images of Victory in the Pacific celebrations in King George Square and history of the Queensland Youth Orchestra.

Jean Stewart  
Honorary Research Officer

## Events

### At the Queensland Women's Historical Association

**September 2014**

**Thursday 11 - 10:30 am**

#### Morning Tea and Talk

##### 'Trim and his master Matthew Flinders'

Trim was Flinder's much loved and well travelled cat who shared many adventures with his master, including circumnavigating Australia in 1801-1803. In 2014 we celebrate the Bicentenary of the publishing of Matthew Flinders' Map of Australia.

Guest Speaker: Glenys Mills, historian and former teacher.

QWHA Members \$10 / Non-Members \$15 (includes morning tea).

**October 2014**

**Wednesday 8 - 10:30 am until 3:00 pm**

**Display: Wednesday 8 October 2014 to Sunday 7 December**

##### 'Fashion Accessories': a fascinating look at items from the QWHA collection

Display is open during normal opening hours until Sunday 7 December

House entry fee of \$7.50 applicable for Non-members

**Thursday 9 - 10:30 am**

#### Morning Tea and Talk

##### 'Queensland Railways and the Railway Jubilee of 1914'

This event had been organised by Queensland Railways to recognise the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the construction of the first section of the Southern and Western Railway between Ipswich and Bigge's Camp (Grandchester), an event marked in an unusual and almost spectacular way. This talk will also lead into the 150th anniversary of Queensland Rail for July 2015.

Guest Speaker: Greg Hallam, Historian Queensland Rail

QWHA Members \$10 / Non-Members \$15 (includes morning tea).

**Sunday 12 - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm**

#### Brisbane Open House

**This year, for the first time, Miegunyah will participate in 'Brisbane Open House', an event held annually in conjunction with World Architecture Day**

Look for us in the Open House Guidebook, due for release on 28 August and available for purchase from Folio Books and the National Trust, or look online at Brisbane Open House

**Sunday 19 - 02:00 pm till 4:00 pm**

#### An Afternoon at the Races

##### Food, Fun and Fashions on the Field

##### Prize for the Best Mad Hat depicting a Song

Includes an Exhibition of Fashion Accessories and a Mad Hat Parade

To be held at Miegunyah; limited number of tickets available, \$25 per person

Contact Miegunyah to book tickets 07 3252 2979 or [qwha@miegunyah.org](mailto:qwha@miegunyah.org)

## At the Queensland State Archives

### Advanced catalogue search

**30 September 2014 11 am - 12 noon**

#### Queensland State Archives Lecture Theatre Two

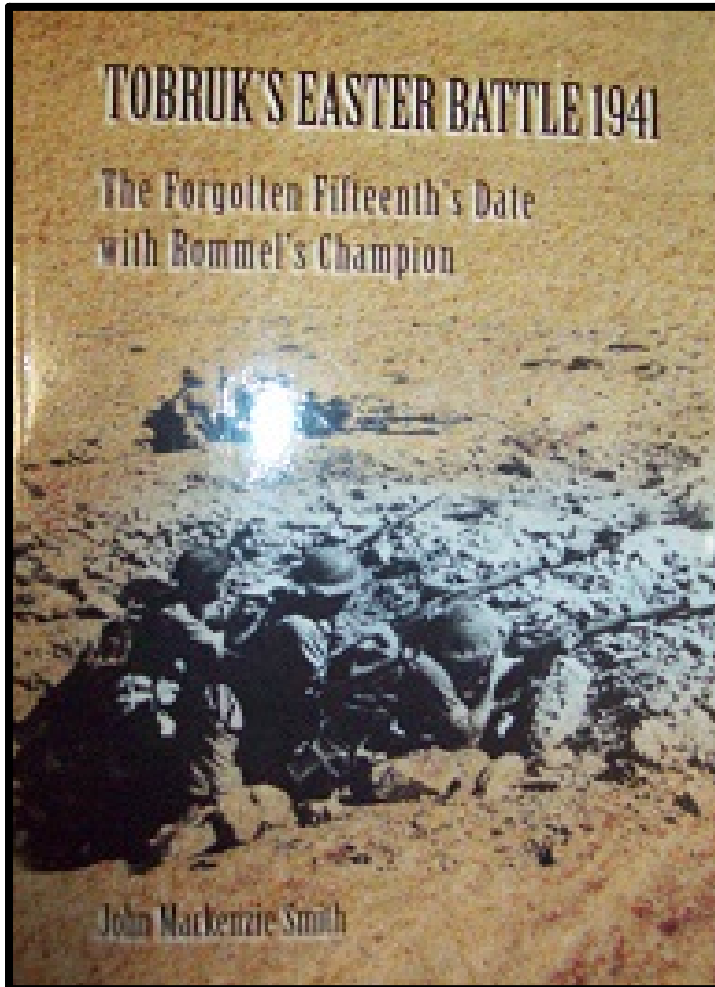
Discover how to get the best out of Queensland State archives' online catalogue which can be accessed online or in the Public Search Room at Queensland State Archives.

This workshop will teach you more advanced techniques to locate records of interest and will give useful tips for finding what you want.

You are welcome to bring your wireless device - laptop or tablet - to join in with exercises presented during the workshop to help you learn how to use our catalogue.

Entry is free. To book please call 07 3131 7777 or Email [info@archives.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@archives.qld.gov.au)

**A New History Book**  
***Tobruk's Easter Battle 1941***  
***The Forgotten Fifteenth's Date with***  
***Rommel's Champion***



**By John Mackenzie-Smith**

Historian, John Mackenzie-Smith, has written extensively on the role of Scottish settlers in the Moreton Bay District until 1859. He has also documented the history of several Anglican Church institutions. Following his father who fought with the 2/15 Battalion as a commissioned officer in the siege of Tobruk in 1941, the author has also contributed to the Australian Armed Forces as a National Serviceman in the Regular Army, infantryman in the CMF and as a Flying Officer in the RAAF Reserve.

**Review**

I found this book both interesting and informative. The discovery of the real involvement of the 2/15 Battalion in the defence of Tobruk is an outstanding piece of research.

The first part of the book details how the 2/15

Battalion, which consisted of mainly Queensland soldiers, arrived at Tobruk just before Rommel, the famous German general, began his siege, which was to last for more than a year. Mackenzie-Smith's research shows that the 2/15 Battalion played a much more significant role in defeating Rommel's first attempt at breaching the Tobruk defences than has previously been reported.

This book of 173 pages includes photographs, maps and a detailed index.

Graeme Nicholson

**Order form for *Tobruk's Easter Battles 1941***

(2nd edition)

**To: Brisbane History Group Inc, PO Box 12,  
 Kelvin Grove DC, QLD 4059**

Please forward .... copies at the ordinary price of \$25 plus \$10 postage & delivery fee totalling \$35 per copy.

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**Enclosed is my cheque to Brisbane History Group Inc for a total of \$.....**

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**Following the AGM to be held at the Commissariat 11 September at 6.00 pm will be:**

**The Clem Lack Oration for 2014**

**AN INJURED SOUL – FLINDERS:  
 THE ANTIPODES AND BEYOND**

**To be presented by David A Gibson OAM who writes:**

*In the 200<sup>th</sup> year since the publication of Matthew Flinder's 'A Voyage to Terra Australis', and his death just one day after its publication, historian and broadcaster David Gibson thanks the Royal Historical Society of Queensland for the opportunity to speak on this auspicious occasion.*

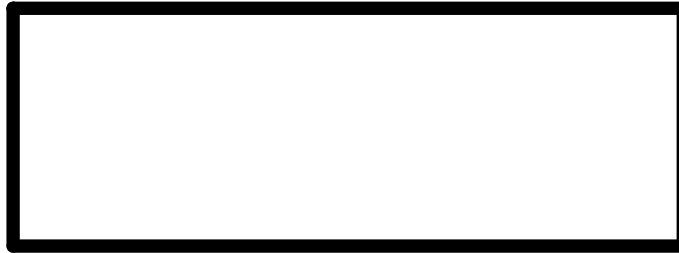
*This paper is dedicated to Rockhampton-born, and All Hallows-educated, Ernestine Hill (1899-1972) and will be accompanied by a powerpoint*

*presentation.*

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**IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Thursday 11 September AGM**  
**Monday 15 September - *Bulletin* Deadline**

**Note. There is no Wednesday talk in September as there is the AGM next day**

**Reminder**

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Commissariat Store on 11 September at 6.00 pm.**

**The AGM is to be followed by the presentation of the Clem Lack Oration by David A Gibson OAM.**

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