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**SCENES FROM THE RHSQ
VOLUNTEERS' VISIT TO VICTORIA
BARRACKS ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2014**
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Outgoing President's Report

This year's Annual General Meeting was a great success with almost 80 people attending the evening. Congratulations to Janice Hess who was awarded the MacGregor Medal for 2014, in recognition of her extensive contributions to the RHSQ as Exhibitions Curator. David Gibson gave a riveting Clem Lack Oration, entitled *An injured soul. Flinders: the Antipodes and Beyond*, made all the more enjoyable with crowd participation! We also welcomed new President Dean Prangley, Vice-President Che Aberdeen, and RHSQ Councillors Ruth Kerr (Hon. Secretary), Barrie Rollason (Hon. Treasurer), Denver Beanland, Carolyn Nolan, Maryanne Pender, Rebecca Ling, Nick Wall, and Judy Nissen (new to Council).

It is with great sadness that we say farewell Jean Stewart, after 23 years of dedicated service to the society. Jean has served as President, as a Councillor, as Library Manager and head of the Research Team, on many committees including Program and the *Lost Brisbane* project, and has made significant donations towards the Welsby Library. On behalf of the RHSQ Council and all members, I thank Jean for her dedication and friendship, and wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to formally thank all of you for your support over the last two years: it has been a wonderful experience being President and has allowed me to realise what a truly great Society we belong to. A particular thank you goes to Manager, Christina Michie, who provided much needed administrative support for the various projects that have been undertaken; none of our successes could have been achieved without her invaluable assistance. I look forward to remaining on Council as Immediate Past President, and continuing my work with the Marketing and Program Committees.

Helen McMonagle

Incoming President's Report

Last Thursday at the AGM I was installed as your President of this wonderful Society and in accepting this position I acknowledge the expectations of the membership to further advance the already high profile of the organisation. This I hope to do by raising public awareness of what we are about as the peak history body of Queensland. Greater emphasis on the increasing educational contribution we make to the State by way of our Schools program which is seeing increasing numbers

of Year 5 as well as students from other years visiting our museum.

We will endeavour to obtain media support for our special events and the promotion of specific historical items of public interest. Another initiative is actively to seek Corporate membership by way of inviting business groups to attend our special functions such as Riverfire and Separation Day.

We have recently joined the Queensland Tourism Industry Council and as a member can utilise their expertise and communication base to promote the society and its activities. Tourism numbers are again on the rise and we hope to entice more overseas visitors through our door through a targeted brochure campaign.

To enable us to expand our membership and support base we need your help. Currently due to retirement of long term Councillors and members we are very short of volunteer assistance particularly on special events days and evenings. We need to create a database of those members willing to help out on such occasions. The tasks involved would be assisting in setting up the function area, setting out of drinks, food and communication equipment, greeting and seating guests and finally reinstating the room, cleanup and lockup. Could you please advise Christina Michie, our Manager, if you can help out occasionally. Even if it is only once a year it will be a great help.

We have an exciting year ahead of us including the build up to the total rehabilitation of the Queens Wharf historical precinct which will be of enormous benefit to tourism in Brisbane.

I look forward to working with you all.

Dean Prangley
President

Council Members elected at the AGM

The following members were elected to the Council at the AGM held on 11 September:

President	Dean Prangley
Vice President	Che Aberdeen
Hon Secretary	Ruth Kerr
Hon Treasurer	Barrie Rollason
Councillor	Carolyn Nolan
Councillor	Denver Beanland
Councillor	Rebecca Ling
Councillor	John Pearn
Councillor	Judith Nissen
Councillor	Nick Wall
Councillor	Maryanne Pender

Also a member of the Council is our immediate past President Helen McMonagle

Queensland News for June

News From Around the State

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

Bundaberg Central State School, 13 Crofton Street, Bundaberg - On 12 August 2014 the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) received an application from the Department of Education, Training and Employment proposing entry of the Bundaberg Central State School 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, whether or not the owner has been consulted. DEHP will now assess the application in relation to the cultural heritage criteria contained in s.35 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. Members of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland are invited to lodge a written submission advising DEHP of their views, addressing whether the place does or does not satisfy the criteria specified in the Act (s.35).

Cardwell resident Murray Massey, a descendent of Johann Hubinger, was interviewed by *Queensland Country Life* on the settlement and development of Cardwell since its European settlement on 22 January 1864. In the nineteenth century Cardwell was a flourishing town with Telegraph Station, cattle industry, butcher, fishing, market gardens, dairying, sawmills, customs and excise office, police station and court house.

The railway was opened through Cardwell in 1924 and the town was famous for its fish cafés. The government built the Kirrama Range Road and timber was trucked down to Cardwell. There are year-long celebrations in 2014 with the major event C150 festival, on 3-6 October.

Cyclone *Yasi* caused major damage to Cardwell town, the highway and road. \$40 million has been spent on rebuilding 1.4 km of the Bruce Highway through Cardwell along with the foreshore. The *Queensland Country Life* of 21 August 2014 featured the history of Johann Hubinger who selected land on Meunga Creek in 1869 and formed a farm there with his wife, Catherine, and two children. In the 1870s he was Cardwell's baker and had a store at 73 Victoria Street, Cardwell. In 1892 fire destroyed his shop and he was declared insolvent. Within a year he had

restarted in business. He was appointed to the first Divisional Board (local government) in the area in 1879 and was elected chairman 15 times.

The local museum still being re-established after the cyclone is named the JC Hubinger Museum. A descendent Sandy Hubinger wrote a very detailed history of the Cardwell area: *The Calophyllum Shore – a Cardwell Memoir*, published in 2010 and available from the Cardwell Historical Society. (*Queensland Country Life* 21 August 2014 p.81 including four photographs – railway station, JC Hubinger, Johann Hubinger's store in c.1894 and the new rock wall.)

Mary Valley Railway – On 8 August 2014 the Rattler Railway Company took over ownership of the Mary Valley Heritage Railway assets. Mr Tony Hallam signed the document together with David Gibson MP who signed on behalf of the Queensland Government, while Infrastructure Department Deputy Director General, Major Projects, Mr Stuart Pickering, looked on, as did Rattler company chairman Paul Barnaby, Secretary Gaylene Smith and Director Garry Davison.

The next milestone is to get the track up to standard so the Rattler can run from Gympie back into the Mary Valley. This is expected to occur in 2015. The line from Imbil to Brooloo is expected to become foot and bike paths. The Deputy Premier, The Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, committed to restoring the locomotives and carriages and it is to be marketed as a major tourism product. He committed to allocating \$600,000 for the Rattler Railway Company to fund rolling stock renovation. He also said the train would run to Imbil. \$2.6 million has been allocated for the rail track. (*Gympie Times* – 9 August 2014 including photograph and 23 and 24 August 2104)

Maryborough - Albert State School, 210 Albert Street, Maryborough - On 12 August 2014 the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) received an application from the Department of Education, Training and Employment proposing entry of the Albert State School in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place. For lodgement of a submission, which members may do, contact: Heritage Branch, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld 4001, or by email to: heritage@ehp.qld.gov.au

Mutchilba School is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The celebrations were organised for 23 August 2014. A photographic book has been compiled. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 15 August 2014 p.12 including two photographs)

Warwick – Southern Downs Railway's locomotive's steam leak has been repaired and the locomotive is ready for trips to Clifton and Warwick. The association received strong local support including from GJ Engineering for its repairs. (Warwick *Daily News* 20 August 2014 p.7 including photograph)

Brisbane Suburban History

Toowong State School, 37 St Osyth Street, Toowong - On 12 August 2014 the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) received an application from the Department of Education, Training and Employment proposing entry of the Toowong State School in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place. (See details above re Maryborough, Albert State School for lodgement of a submission which members of our Society are invited to do.)

New Members

Anne Weightman Camp Hill
Clive Cook Clayfield

Queensland State Conference

Local history, family history, social history

3-4 October 2015

**Riverglenn, 70 Kate St Indooroopilly,
Brisbane**

History Queensland Inc, Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc, Queensland Family History Society Inc and The Royal Historical Society of Queensland are co-organising a Queensland State Conference for local historians, family historians and the organisations to which they belong. This is the first conference of its kind in the state.

The day and a half program includes two streams, family history and local history, with eight presentations in each. The presentations will cover issues impacting on individual historians and on local and family history societies.

The organising committee invites you to submit a proposal or proposals to give a presentation in either of the streams, local and family history.

- Your talk will be a maximum of 40 minutes long, including question time.
- Your talk will address successes, changes, challenges or experiences in local or family history.
- You undertake not to present on your chosen topic as part of any family or local history

society program during 2014 or before the conference in October 2015.

Please note that your talk may address issues of interest to local and/or family history societies as well as to individual local and family historians. Two presentations, one on local history and one on family history, will be scheduled concurrently. Conference participants may choose to attend either presentation.

A full range of audio visual equipment and access to wireless broadband internet will be available in the Conference rooms.

Please complete the details below and present your proposal via email to:

conference@historyqueensland.org.au by

30 September 2014.

The Committee reserves the right to select speakers for the Conference. You will receive advice as soon as possible after selections are made.

PROPOSAL:

Name:

Phone No:

email address:

Title of presentation:

Stream of choice: Family, Local or Both

Brief outline of content (maximum of 150 words):

Anticipated equipment requirements:

Janice Cooper
Conference Convenor

Events for October

At the Queensland Womens' Historical Association

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

Display: Wednesday 8 October 2014 to Sunday 7 December 2014

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

The display is open during normal opening hours until Sunday 7 December, 2014.

A house entry fee of \$7.50 is applicable for non-members.

Thursday 9 October - 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, Queensland Rail Historian.

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

Sunday 12 October-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 October - 2:00 pm until 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 tickets available at \$25 per person

Contact Miegunyah to book tickets 07 3252 2979 or qwha@miegunyah.org

Volunteers' Visit to Victoria Barracks

On Monday morning 1 September a group of RHSQ volunteers visited Victoria Barracks. The tour, organised by Andrew Darbyshire, was attended by 22 volunteers and conducted by Captain Adele Catt and WO2 Steve Crawford from the Victoria Barracks Museum staff.

During the tour the history of the precinct was explained by WO2 Crawford, including the history of the buildings and contents and interestingly we were shown a Rugby League cup, which was contested by soldiers from Queensland and New South Wales in

Bougainville following the end of WWII. Captain Catt suggested that this cup was the inspiration for the present State of Origin matches. The two matches at Bougainville were won by Queensland 19-9 and 20-15. The tour finished with a morning tea in the Officers mess.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the Victoria Barracks Museum please contact Captain Catt. Also, if you would like to be a RHSQ volunteer please contact our Manager, Christina Michie, on 3221 4198

Graeme Nicholson

Brisbane Open House



DATE: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October

PLACE: The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street Brisbane CBD

TIME: 10.00 am until 3.00 pm

CONVENOR

- Saturday: Christina Michie
- Sunday: Helen McMonagle

More information available on:

<http://brisbaneopenhouse.com.au>

If you are interested please contact Christina on 3221 4198

Volunteers

If you would like to be a volunteer at the Commissariat, please contact our Manager, Christina Michie on 3221 4198 for details. We do all sorts of interesting projects.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS
OCTOBER 2014

Wednesday 8 October - Talk 12.30 pm
*An illustrated presentation of the history of the
 Queensland police*

Lisa Jones

Thursday 9 October - Council Meeting

Wednesday 15 October - *Bulletin* Deadline

YOUR WEDNESDAY SPEAKER FOR
OCTOBER

Lisa Jones has been the Curator of the Queensland Police Museum since July 1997. She will give an illustrated presentation about the 150th anniversary of the Queensland Police and talk about the evolution of policing in the state since 1 January 1864.

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 Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday as well
 as Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Easter

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