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President's Report

Dear Members,

Another AGM has passed and your Society completed the year in good condition with an increased membership, increases in tourist numbers coming to our museum, large numbers of school children and continuing use of our research library plus book sales resulting in a small surplus to take us into the 2015/16 year.

We welcomed 64 members and guests for the AGM and the Clem Lack oration. This was presented by Michael Strong, an archaeologist who has dedicated his studies and time to an understanding and plotting of aboriginal bora rings in South East Queensland. This was a most absorbing hour backed up by excellent visuals showing many of the hundreds of circles that have been discovered and descriptions of the various uses of the rings by different tribes. We hope that Michael will provide an article for the History Journal in due course.

There are two coming events we would like to welcome you to; these are:

10 and 11 October, Brisbane Open House. This is a special day where the public is admitted for free. Last year we were the eighth most popular venue over the weekend. We have having a rare and not so rare book sale on the ground floor: if you want some interesting reading material come in.

14 October, The Wednesday lunchtime talk is by Don Watson who will speak on Queensland Architects 1900 - 1950.

Please keep 10 December in your diary, which is our separation day cocktails at the Store.

On behalf of the RHSQ Council thank you for your support and attendance during the last year and we look forward to another exciting year.

Dean Prangley
President

Your New Council Members

The results of the ballot for The RHSQ Council members are as follows:

President: Dean Prangley
 Vice President: Che Aberdeen
 Honorary Secretary: Ruth Kerr
 Honorary Treasurer: Barrie Rollason
 Councillors: Denver Beanland, Rebecca Ling, Judy Nissen, Carolyn Nolan, Jeff O'Mara, Maryanne Pender, Janet Prowse, Tim Roberts

Queensland News

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

Charleville – The Fitzwalter store in Charleville was featured in the *Western Times* of 2 July. It was situated at 65-73 Alfred Street. In front was Fitzwalter's car and chauffeur. On the right in front of his shop was Fitzwalter. The shop was burnt down on 3 March 1931 as a result of the *Charleville Hotel* fire. (*Western Times* 2 July 2015 p.2 including photograph)

Dalby – A photograph was published showing William Hall's blacksmith shop which was opened in 1867 at the corner of Condamine and Patrick Streets. Hall immigrated to Australia in 1862 from Scotland. Hall did blacksmith and wheelwright work as well as wagon and buggy building. He employed up to 12 men at times. (*Dalby Herald* 25 August 2015 p.11 including photograph)

Dandabah in Bunyas – Mowbullian School Building – Bunya Mountains National park was declared in 1908. Little development work was done until the 1930s when the western tracks were started. The Mowbullian school building became the National Parks office. (*Dalby Herald* 25 August 2015 p.10 including photograph)

Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum celebrated its 45th anniversary on 6 June 2015 with an invitation-only morning tea. Impetus for establishment of the museum came following of the death of a child digging a sand cave in old crushings on the site. Local man Clyde Kunst decided to bulldoze the old crushings which stimulated ideas of a museum n the site. (*Gympie Times* 6 June 2015 p.8 including five photographs)

Kuranda – A nine hole golf course was opened at Kuranda on 29 June 1928. It was laid out by Mr Southcombe of Cairns Golf Club and situated near the 'Maze'. The Governor Sir John Goodwin was the first patron. A special rail motor from Cairns brought guests to the opening. (*The Kuranda Paper* August 2015 p.26)

Malanda – *Eacham Times* community newspaper's first edition was published on Saturday 26 November 1949 and was run by a committee. In the first 15 years printing was done in the Eacham Shire Council building

out of hours and it then moved to the Malanda School of Arts building. After a fire in that building it moved to the office of Don Drury, accountant, and then to the offices of Atherton Tableland Agencies owned by Max and Pam Kidd. The newspaper continues in that building. The main writers and producers were: Frank Leavis, Bill Arnett, Veronica Bourke, Beryl Duffy, Enid Long, John Carson, Yvonne English, Maureen Pease, Max Stewart and Hayley Hapgood. The newspaper finished as *Eacham Weekly News* on 9 July 1985. A newcomer took it over and after energetic discussion it was decided to change the name to *Eacham Times*. Today 2,900 copies are printed and distributed across the Tableland. (*Eacham Times* 11 August 2015 p.6)

Mareeba – The Mareeba Historical Society and the Mareeba Heritage Centre have received funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal as part of the Small Grants for Regional Communities Program. The funding will be utilised for improving their museum skills. Museum Development Officer in Far North Queensland, Jo Wills, will facilitate workshops. The Sylvia and Charles Viertel charitable foundation has also supported the project. The Mareeba Shire Council encourages the program and the two organisations. The Mareeba Historical Society has recently opened its third exhibition focusing on Indigenous soldiers in World War I. When opening the exhibition and unveiling a plaque dedicated to World War I the Member for Cook, W Gordon MP, also presented a cheque for \$500 for the development of the society. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 31 July 2015 pp.6 and 9 including three photographs)

Suburban History

Sherwood Arboretum – Dr Marian Mackenzie, Sherwood resident and Oxley-Chelmer History Group Secretary is researching the people who were present when the first of the 72 trees were planted on 21 March 1925. The Queensland Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, and Brisbane Lord Mayor, William Jolly, joined the 70 citizens to plant the trees. The local residents focused on planting Queensland native trees. Any historical information and photographs may be supplied to email: macplace@tpg.com.au. (*Westside News* 19 August 2015 p.6 including photograph)

A New History book

***Beyond Hell's Gate: the Return Journey* by John C Hay.** (ISBN 978-0-9577946-4-1, 288 pages, 101,000 words, 163 images) (Price: \$35 plus postage and packing). Available from the author, John Hay, PO Box 140, Mount Molloy Qld 4871. Hell's Gate is the cutting on the top of the escarpment on Inspector Alexander Douglas's track from Cooktown to the Palmer Goldfield in 1875. (*Tableland Advertiser* 7 August 2015 p.4 including photograph)

Obituary

Emeritus Professor of History Geoffrey Bolton AO (1931-2015). He inspired generations of history students at Monash and Murdoch Universities, University of Western Australia and University of Queensland. He trained at Australian National University and Balliol College Oxford. He will be remembered as one of Australia's great historians. His major contribution was the recording and interpretation of Western Australian History and North Australian history and he wrote several major biographies including Paul Hasluck, published in February 2015. Geoffrey Bolton's *A Thousand Miles Away: a history of north Queensland to 1920* published in 1963 was a seminal history which stimulated and influenced so many historians of north Queensland. He won the John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction awarded by The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and the Professional Historians Association (Queensland) in 2011. He was a man of great erudition and charm, whose sense of humour and wit enlivened many occasions.

Ruth S Kerr

Heritage Council Notifications

The Society receives copies of the notifications from the Queensland Heritage Council in relation to the nomination, entries, removals and alterations of boundaries of places on the Queensland Heritage Register. Lists and information are published in the Society's *Bulletin* as often as possible. Members are encouraged to respond to these notifications where they believe they can by accessing the Queensland Heritage Council website <http://www.qldheritage.org.au/>

Research Report

It has been another busy month with one of our volunteers on leave. Inquiries have included the following: request for topographical maps of West End, Highgate Hill and Dutton Park; information on pastoral stations near Charleville 1880s to 1920s; images of 19th Century women; and of Allan Douglas Harris (laboratory technician Bacteriological Institute), 1898, and William Edward Walker, died 1900; information on May Kate Milne, 1916; Wild Horse Plains Station; request in advance for person from USA on Fulbright Scholarship to research urban history, especially in relation to parks and stadia; request for image of Bankfoot House 1896.

Researchers visited to access documents on Skew Street, Sherwood and the Tainton family; and on Clement Wragge and the social society of Taringa at that time.

The Society has had the offer of some photographs of a shop at Paddington c. 1930s; photographs kindly sent by the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum for publication in the next Lost Brisbane book.

Val Donovan
Honorary Research Officer

Your Wednesday Speaker on 14 October at 12.30

Topic of the talk: *Queensland Architects: 1900 - 1950*

Brief biography: Don Watson is an architectural historian and a retired architect. He is co-author with Judith McKay of *A Directory of Queensland Architects to 1940* (1984) and *Queensland Architects of the Nineteenth Century: a biographical dictionary* (1994). He is presently working towards a second volume of the biographical dictionary covering the first half of the twentieth century, a project initiated with a John Oxley Library Fellowship in 2013-4.

A Webinar at the Queensland State Archives

Date : Wednesday 14 October

Time : 11.00 am - 12 noon

Location : online

Details : The Queensland State Archive's collection includes many different records which document the history of nursing in Queensland. The focus of this webinar is to give researchers some helpful hints on what records may be available to them in our collection. This session will be broadcast online [by Queensland State Archives as a webinar](#).

[You may sign up as an individual to watch at home, or some local libraries and other groups are partnering with Queensland State Archives to facilitate group viewings. For more information on how to host one of Queensland State Archives' webinars, please view our online how to guide.](#)

[We also have an online step-by-step guide to viewing our webinars.](#)

[For any other questions about viewing or hosting our webinars, please send an email to \[info@archives.qld.gov.au\]\(mailto:info@archives.qld.gov.au\) before the day of the webinar.](#)

Events at the Queensland Women's Historical Association

Thursday 8 October 10:30 am

Morning Tea and Talk

'The Search for Memorials'

Follow in footsteps of our archivist in her search for memorials of those drowned in the sinking of the Quetta in Torres Strait in 1890. These memorials are in the form of photos, plaques, stained glass windows, churches and church furniture.

Guest Speaker: Diana Hacker, Archivist of the QWHA.

Morning Tea 10.30 am and Talk at 11.00 am

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

Wednesday 14 October 10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Display: Wednesday 14 October to Sunday 6 December.

‘The Doctor, his wife and daughter’

Thomas L Bancroft came to Queensland in 1864 aged 4. He graduated as a medical doctor with an MBBS from Edinburgh University, and a bronze medal in botany, and he was known as a great medical naturalist. He returned to Queensland to spend his life as a medical natural scientist specialising in pharmacologically useful rainforest and other Australian bush plants, parasites - particularly of fish and mosquitoes - and then importantly his later studies into the Ceratodontidae, *Neoceratodus forsteri*, the Queensland Lungfish.

His wife Cecilia, née Jones, was the daughter of Rev Canon T Jones (who came to Queensland with Rev Tufnell), well known in the Anglican Church. She was a very early life member of the QWHA. Their daughter Josephine studied science at The University of Queensland and medicine at the University of Sydney. It was here that she met her husband-to-be Ian Mackerras, also a medical scientist, who was later to become the first director of QIMR (Qld Institute of Medical Research). They married in 1924 on the banks of the Burdekin, after having sold a microscope to pay transport costs from Sydney to Queensland. They published their first paper together in 1925, the subject being blood parasites of Australian marine fish. They were both successful medical entomologists, particularly in the study of parasites and during WWII Josephine was employed by the Land Headquarters (LHQ) Malaria Research Unit of the AIF to conduct research into finding a solution for the large impact that malaria was having on troops stationed in the South-West Pacific. She was nominated three times for a military award (MBE) award for this work. Her ‘fine scientific judgement, technical skill, and constant devotion to duty’ in the organising of this scientific achievement was considered unique, and it was said that ‘few women could have made such a great contribution to the war effort’ - but she was denied the award, one of only two women who were proposed, but both denied.

The memorabilia which will be on display is all from the private family collection. Five generations of the family have been Members of the QWHA. The display is open during normal opening hours until Sunday 6 December, 2015. A house entry fee of \$7.50 is applicable for Non-members.

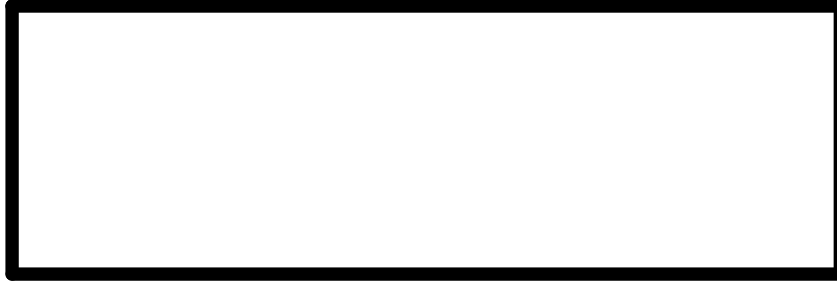


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