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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE RIVER FIRE EVENT HOSTED BY THE RHSQ

(More photographs on page 5. All photographs by Lee Freeman)



President's Report

Dear Members,

The last month has been busy with three events involving our Society. The Riverfire celebration at the Commissariat Store on Saturday 26 September was held for members and friends and was a spectacular success. We attracted over fifty people including children and all had a ringside seat for the fireworks display. Tables and chairs were set up in the yard facing the river. One fireworks barge was moored directly in front of the Store and the other 200 metres downstream. The noise and colour were wonderful and we were well provided with pizza and wine as well as soft drinks and juice. Please note Riverfire for the end of September next year. Bring the children as they will love it. We sponsored the Time and Place conference along with a number of organisations on 3 and 4 October and conducted a booth selling books and offering membership of the Society. It was a success with over \$400 raised from book sales and a number of potential members taking forms. Finally, Open House was a very busy weekend with over a thousand people visiting the Commissariat Store. Many thanks to those volunteers who worked hard answering questions and staffing our book table. There are now over 80 buildings open to the public in Open House and we exceeded last year's tally comfortably.

The Society was again the recipient of another wonderful gift from the Feez family. I was contacted by David Feez in September advising me that the family of his late brother Douglas was dispersing some historical items which may be of interest to the RHSQ. David's email read: 'There is a Silver Cup presented to the Queensland Polo Association by the Governor Sir Matthew Nathan known as the Governor's Cup it was to be played for at an annual carnival each year by the district Polo teams in Queensland. The teams mainly came from the Darling Downs, Quilpie and Goondiwindi districts. However there was one proviso and that was if any team won the cup three years in succession that team held the cup permanently, and that is what happened. My father (CW Feez) was the captain of the Pilton Team and they just did that, won three years in succession (defeating Cranbrook by 9 goals to 4 on Saturday the eighth of September 1923). My father being the captain was the custodian of the Cup, so it has remained in the family's possession ever since.'

The Council gratefully accepted the offer. David's niece Susan delivered the large sterling silver cup along with some smaller trophies and they are now in our museum. Thank you to David, Susan and Douglas's widow Mary for this wonderful gift.

Those members who have not visited the Store for a while please come to one of our Wednesday talks and have a look at our refreshed displays and new acquisitions.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Society

Dean Prangley
President

Queensland News

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

Eidsvold – The Chamber of Commerce has recommended to Queensland Railways and Transport and Main Roads Department (TMR) that the Eidsvold railway station building, goods shed and crane be retained in situ. They believe that they add to the heritage and character of Eidsvold. TMR has assured the Eidsvold Chamber of Commerce that rail infrastructure of heritage significance would not be removed. However, they stated that infrastructure which degrades over time and becomes a liability to the state will be removed. Redundant rail infrastructure between Reid's Creek and Mulgildie will be removed from late 2015. (*Central and North Burnett Times* 20 August 2015 p.8)

Gympie - The Gympie Regional Council Mayor, Cr Curran has stated that the state government has allocated \$2 million for restoring the Mary Valley rail line and \$600,000 for rolling stock. However, this is conditional on a robust business plan being prepared by the local Rattler Rail Company. (*Gympie Times* 15 September p.7)

Mareeba – A Queenslander, *Jamieson House* at the corner of Keeble and Strattman Streets, Mareeba is being moved to the Mareeba Heritage Centre. It will be restored and then used as an archival space and for displays. The house was built by Walter Jamieson, who built a sawmill in 1905 on the north side of Keeble Street near the railway line. Walter Jamieson died in 1915, but his wife Annie lived there until her death in 1935. Annie's niece Muriel married Dundee Bostock who ran the sawmill. After Dundee's death in 1924

due to a sawmill accident, Muriel Bostock converted *Jamieson House* to a boarding house. Successive owners were Dan Kelly a butcher, Grantley and Valda Chaplain and the Hyde family. Maude Hyde was Secretary of the Tobacco Board for many years. The Hyde Family Trust recently sold *Jamieson House* to Ron Blundell and Noel Morris who have donated the house to the Mareeba Heritage Centre. The house was moved in the third week of August. The land is to be developed for units. (*Mareeba Express* 5 August 2015 p.5 and *Tablelands Advertiser* 28 August 2015 p.7 including photograph)

Oakey – A photograph of the western side of Oakey in 1930 shows the signal cabin and the line into the station. The signal cabin has closed. A new brick office building was built at the butter factory in 1940. Work began in the last week of August 2015 on the replacement of the railway bridge. It was constructed by John Garget & Co in 1881 - 1882. (*Toowoomba Chronicle* 21 August 2015 p.18 including photograph; *Oakey Champion* 9 September p.4)

Wondai – The South Burnett Regional Council is considering refurbishing Wondai railway station for cultural purposes. The Council is consulting the public to ascertain community views. (*South Burnett Times* 11 September 2015 p.3)

Research Report

Inquiries have been varied once again over the last month, though activity has been quieter than usual. The requests have included information on: Willard's Farm which was a communications site during WWII; the Chinese in Maytown; Post Office buildings throughout Queensland; *Knowle* house at Yeronga; an old Queenslander called *Kariori* at Hamilton, thought to be owned by Christopher Skase; history and image of *Netherway*, North Quay; an image of Queen's Wharf Road in the 1860s; the identification of an old Jackson and O'Sullivan safe found during restoration of an old home; and material for a WWI display. We have also sent a copy of a *Journal* article on Kanaka labour and answered a query about the spelling of *Edenglassie*.

There have been fewer visitors, with just one inquiring about the social history of Brisbane during the 1860-70s.

Val Donovan
Honorary Research Officer

On the right is a photograph of 'Netherway' mentioned above. This photograph is captioned: 'Netherway' 193 North Quay about 1919



Photo: EA Wilson - State Library of Queensland

Your Wednesday Speaker on 11 November at 12.30

Topic of the talk: 'The Woman in the Window'

On any visit to the Hall of Memory of the Australian War Memorial (AWM), Canberra, guides will inform you that the figures in its fifteen stained glass windows are those of generic servicemen and a nurse of the 1st AIF. They are not. The artist who designed and executed these windows used people intimately linked with his life and the memory of war as models for these lights. This paper by Susan Kellett reveals the fascinating story of some of the men - along with one woman - who populate the windows of the AWM and why their artist never revealed their identities.

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A seminar at the Queensland State Archives

‘Find your First World War soldier’

Date : Thursday 12 November

Time : 10.00 - 11.00 am

Location : QSA Lecture Theatre Two

Details: Join us for a workshop which may help you locate records - aside from service files - on your First World War soldier. Bring your wireless device – laptop or tablet – to join in research exercises presented during the workshop.

Bookings are essential as sessions hold a maximum of 15 attendees. To book please telephone 07 3131 7777 or email info@archives.qld.gov.au

Events at the Queensland Women’s Historical Association

Thursday 12 November - 10:30 am

Morning Tea and Talk

‘Scientific Endeavours – Dr Josephine Mackerras’

Dr Mackerras was a Brisbane medico, scientist and soldier who made a significant contribution to the prevention of malaria. She worked at the QIMR in Brisbane and at CSIRO in Canberra.

Guest speaker: Professor John Pearn

Morning Tea 10.30 am and Talk at 11.00 am

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

Thursday 19 November - 11:00 am

Members' Christmas Luncheon

To be held in the Freda Bage Room at the Women's College, University of Queensland.

Members please contact Miegunyah for more information and to book.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS
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Wednesday 11 November - 12.30 pm Talk
‘The Woman in the Window’

Susan Kellett

Wednesday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Thursday 12 November - Council Meeting

Sunday 15 November - *Bulletin* deadline

New Members

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