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Beenleigh and District Historical Society Photos

## Beenleigh Historical Village and Museum

Twenty buildings, most of them originally from the Beenleigh and Logan district, make up the village, including the quaint FDG Stanley designed St George Anglican Church, c1875, the weather board Beenleigh Council Chambers (complete with furniture, leather bound record books, plaques, notice

boards, framed black and white photos and trophies), the General Store which, fully stocked with old food cans, remedies, soaps and soft drink bottles and complete with mannequin shopkeeper, looks as if it served its last customer yesterday. Also, there is the old Loganholme One Teacher School, c1876, complete with its desks, slates and a period dressed teacher.

There are several family cottages from different eras like the pioneer Radke Cottage from the 1870s, Beenleigh ferry man Schulz's house and the 1920s Carter house. These cottages are filled with much of the furniture, photos, wares, bathtubs, kitchen appliances and clothing from the relevant periods.

Other features on show are: an old sugar cane locomotive, a working fire engine, the old Beenleigh Railway Station, which is now the Jimbelung Cafe (open Sundays) and the previous Beenleigh Post Office.

**Address:** 199 Main St Beenleigh

**Opening Times:** Sun-Fri 9.30-3.30

**Entry:** Adults \$8 Concession \$6 Children \$4

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## President's Report

Dear Members,

Recent discussions with the developers of the Queens Wharf Project and representatives from the Department of State Development have confirmed that our occupation of the Commissariat Store will continue as usual during the construction period which is planned for practical completion in 2022. We will of course have occasional access problems due to construction works but generally we can now plan to expand our school program in convict education and continue to attract tourists local, interstate and overseas. The important point is that the operation of your Society headquarters, library and museum will not be affected and it is obvious that both the Government and the developer recognise the importance of what we do which is making Queensland history matter.

The authors of *Lost Brisbane*, Kay Cohen, Val Donovan, Ruth Kerr, Margaret Kowald, Lindsay Smith and Jean Stewart are now putting the finishing touches on *Lost Brisbane, Volume 2*, which will be published and released by QBD before Christmas. This is a massive effort by our professional historians and involves over 450 photographs of Brisbane and surrounds in the 20th century and over 95,000 words of descriptive text. Most photos have never been seen before and were gathered from many sources including our own library. It is estimated that our team put in over 3000 hours to produce this book for no remuneration. The first *Lost Brisbane* won a literary award for historic excellence last year and this one will be as good. Please contact the office for further information if you wish to purchase the book.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Society.

Dean Prangley  
President

## Your Speaker for June

### Topic - Boxer's Legacy: The Story of the Norman Wright Boatyard

Lindy Salter will be speaking on her book *Boxer's Legacy: The Story of the Norman Wright Boatyard*.

Norman R Wright & Sons is a third generation company which has been building boats in Brisbane for 107 years. Living on the river at Bulimba, Norman Wright developed a love of boats and sailing from a young age. In his late teens he was offered work with local boat builder, John Hawkins Whereat and so his career was launched. In 1907 he managed to purchase a run-down business at Newstead and began building boats under his own name. It was not long before important Government and private contracts came his way. From old 'bay boats', luxury cruisers, ferries, war-time patrol boats through to our current fleet of Citycats – Norman R Wright & Sons have done it all.

Lindy Salter is an old family friend of the Wrights. She has previously written small histories of South Stradbroke Island, the Jacobs Well area, and contributed to some collections of reminiscences of Toowong.





### Mystery Image

Can you help us identify where this photo was taken?

If you can, please contact our manager on 3221 4198.

(Queensland Registration Number Plates were first issued in 1921)

### Queensland News

(Collected by Ruth Kerr from personal Queensland contacts, Affiliated Societies, Newspapers and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection official notifications)

**Cooroy** – The Memorial Hall in Cooroy requires almost \$1 million of repairs and upgrade. The building is a community asset and Noosa Shire Council support is being sought. A Steering Committee has been formed. The Cooroy RSL is the Trustee for the building and land. (*Noosa News* 29 January 2016 pp.1 and 8 including photograph)



Noosa News Photo

### The Cooroy Memorial Hall

**Gayndah Railway Heritage Group** has been given four M class Sunlander railway vehicles as part of Queensland Rail's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations: a guard's van, a dining car, a club car and a first class sleeping car. \$33,000 was raised by the Gayndah group to transport the carriages from Bundaberg. (*Gayndah Gazette* 12 April 2016 p.14 including three photographs)



Gayndah Railway Heritage Group Photo

### The Gayndah Railway Heritage Group M Class Dining Car

**Gigoongan** has been a gold and copper producing area. There is much range country, which today is Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease (GHPL) tenure granted by the Queensland state government, has recently been placed in an underlying National Parks status for some of the land. (*North Queensland Register* 24 March 2016 p.9; *Maryborough Chronicle* 2 September 1869 p.2; 9 July 1870 p.2; 15 November 1870 p.2 and 6 August 1872 p.2)

**Julia Creek** - A stack of sleepers will be used to create a unique loop around the Julia Creek War Memorial. The memorial is a stone obelisk atop a pedestal that lists the District Honour Roll for the 1939-1945 War, and sits in the main street of Julia Creek at the crossroads of Julia Street. Mark Mulligan, Sergeant in Charge Julia Creek Police Station and President Julia Creek RSL was thrilled to have received the donation of sleepers to incorporate into the Remembrance memorial. The rail will encircle both the inside and outside of the track, which will help commemorate the use of the railway to take the Diggers to war from Julia Creek. The memorial is significant to the local community, and this new enhancement will highlight that. (*Weekly Notice* Issue 15, 18 April 2016)

**Mareeba** – The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner, Katarina Carroll, officially handed over a block of land to the Mareeba Shire Council in March 2016 for the use of the Heritage Centre. The Mareeba Heritage Centre has been operating for over 20 years and Commissioner Carroll highlighted their role and the commitment of her agency to the community. (*Tablelands Advertiser* 18 March 2016 p.2 including photograph)

**Mareeba to Chillagoe Wheelbarrow Race** – Four generations of family entered the Wheelbarrow Race in honour of Henry Dixon Howe (HDH), a miner on the Walsh and Tinaroo Mining Fields west of Cairns – Herberton, Irvinebank, Stannary Hills, Gurrumbah, Chillagoe. This is the second year that the HDH Team has entered. Mr Craig Darveniza and Mr Lewis O'Farrell of Innisfail and East Palmerston respectively were the chief organisers. There were 44 teams in the race. Jill Hoad of Watsonville and Ruth Kerr pushed the wheelbarrow over the line this year for the HDH team which won line honours in the 140 km race on 15 May 2016. (*Mareeba Express* 11 May 2016 p.4 including photograph; Ruth Kerr report on race)

**Ravenshoe** – The owners of Ravenshoe Home Timber and Hardware, Linda and David Hooper, visited the House of Commons in London recently and inspected the Speaker's Chair. It was a Gift from



Australia after the original was destroyed in a German air raid on the night of 10 May 1941. The Chief Architect, Sir Giles Scott, has recommended Queensland Walnut but the Queensland Forestry Department supplied Ravenshoe Black Bean (*castanosterum australe*). Local timber millers Lawson and Sons supplied 3,000 square metres of timber from tableland logging areas and the coast. Walnut was said to have been used in the flooring of the parliament. (*Tablelander* 15 March 2016 p.26 including two photographs, and Letter to Editor from Paddy Cannon, Atherton, 22 March 2016 p.13)

## Queens Wharf Heritage Matter

The statue of Queen Elizabeth II in Elizabeth Place, Brisbane is moving to Government House as part of the changes due to the Queens Wharf Brisbane development. The Governor General and Buckingham Palace have been informed of the move and relocation. A rededication ceremony will be held once the statue is in place at Government House where the Queen has stayed twice, in 1954 and 1977.

For 30 years the Queen's statue has looked over Queen's Place on the site of the historic Bellevue Hotel demolished on 20 April 1979. The statue, by Dr John Dowie AM, is one of only two statues of the Queen in Brisbane and the only one in the world where she is holding an evening purse.

Minister for State Development, Dr Lynham stated that negotiations are on-going about the relocation of other important memorials in the area of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development.

(Joint Media Statements by Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP and Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Hon Anthony Lynham MP, 17 April 2016)



## Statue of Queen Elizabeth II

(Queensland Government photo)

## Research Report

The research team has been busy with requests and visitors to the library. The requests have included research on William Henry Geary; the aviatrix Lores Bonney; on Woodford Sawmills; the Camberwell Estate map; Black & White cabs; on Peter Glynn who died in 1857, and his counterparts, Hulland and Peattie and Peter Grant; requests for journal articles on Native Police; for items relating to discipline in Queensland education; a book written by Captain James Cook and James King, published in 1784 and on the Pettigrew Diaries. Assistance was requested on Federation architecture from 1890 to 1915. Requests have been made for photographs from *Lost Brisbane* of the Sandgate Baptist Church and the rock Wall c1892 and the Harris family and information and images of Patrick Mayne for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Class.

Visitors to the library have been researching St John's Church Hendra, involving a search of the Post Office Directories, and a group from Black & White Cabs, Brisbane to procure images for their centenary, image of Jacky Williams for upcoming Museum of Brisbane exhibition; 1860s and research on Well Camp on Old Peak Downs Road, Rockhampton area; Normanton District Stations, research and images of Robert Edward Burton, South Brisbane Alderman and Mayor in the late 1880s and Joseph Williams of Cowper Plains (now Coopers Plains)

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**IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS  
JUNE 2016**

- Monday 6 June - Qld Day dinner**
- Wednesday 8 June - Talk 12.30 pm**  
**‘Boxer’s Legacy: The Story of the Norman Wright Boatyard’**  
 Lindy Salter
- Thursday 9 June - Council meeting**
- Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June - History Alive Festival**
- Wednesday 15 June - *Bulletin* deadline**
- Saturday 18 June - RHSQ annual seminar**

**New Members**

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| David Parkhill | Yeronga      |
| Shane Williams | Greenlands   |
| Alan Ducret    | Shailer Park |

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