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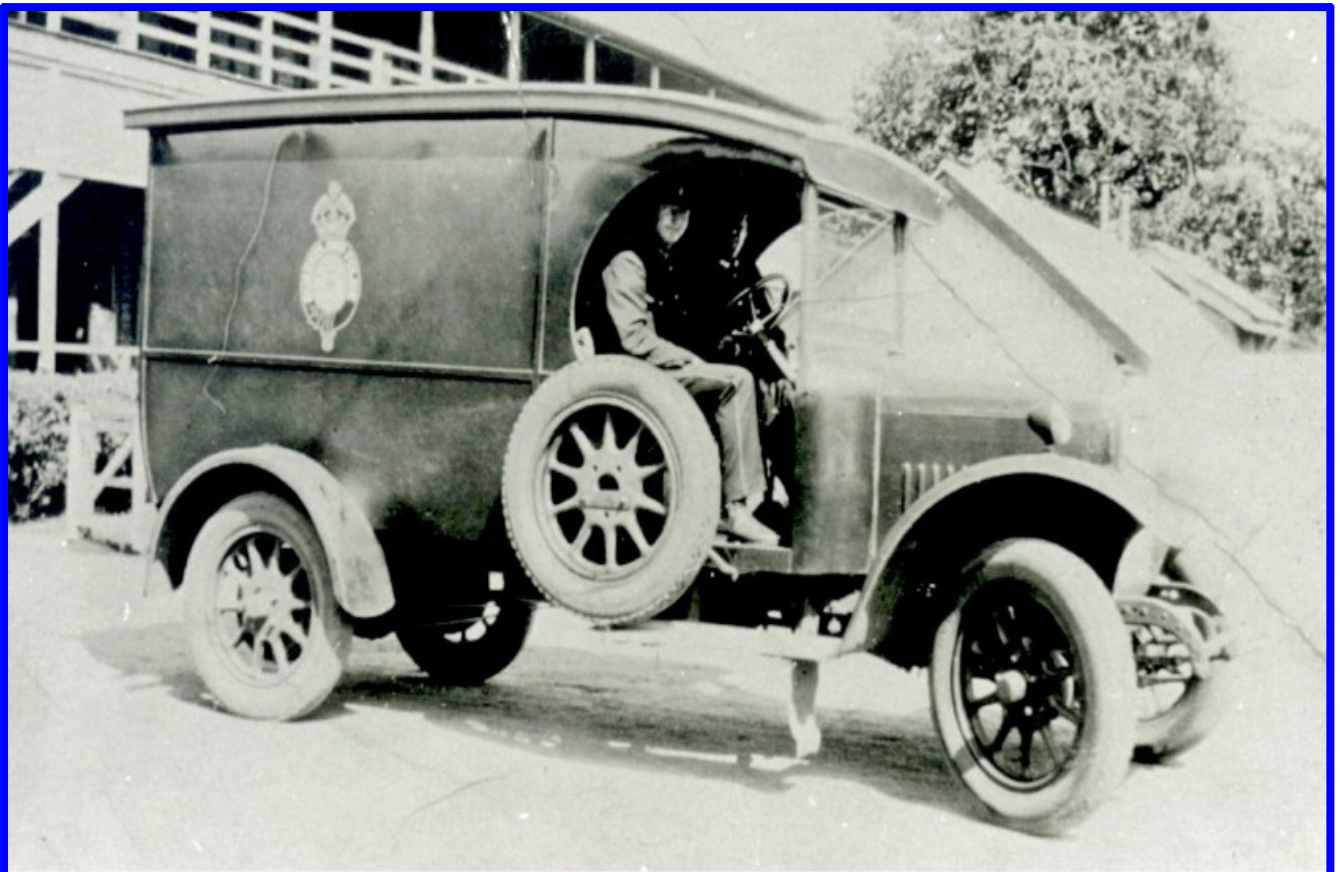
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1926 - Constable Kevin Mawn behind the wheel of the new motorized police prison van at the Queensland Police Depot on Petrie Terrace..
This vehicle was constructed using a Bean Truck chassis and the body from the old horse drawn police prison wagon.

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THE FIRST QUEENSLAND POLICE CAR WAS A 'BLACK MARIA'

In 1926 The Queensland Police obtained two motorised prison vans, one of which is pictured above. It was not until October 1934 that eight Ford V8 touring cars were purchased that the Queensland Police had dedicated patrol cars. A photograph of five of these cars is shown on Page 5.

Graeme Nicholson

President's Report

Dear Members,

Thank you for the good attendance at our recent Queensland Day dinner and Wednesday talks and for your renewal of your memberships without which your Society would not be able to function.

The Queensland Day dinner was held at The Brisbane Club and was a full house of over 100 members and friends of the Society. Our Patron and Governor of Queensland His Excellency the Right Honourable Paul de Jersey AC and Mrs Kay de Jersey were in attendance. His Excellency presented the prestigious John Douglas Kerr Medal to Professor Ann McGrath for excellence in historical research and writing.

Lindy Salter presented a most interesting Wednesday talk supported by many historic photographs on the famous boat building firm of Norman R Wright and Sons. This family business began in 1910 and has built many types of craft from ferries to sailing racers.

Our next Wednesday talk will be held in the Commissariat at 12.30 pm on 13 July and the presenter will be Anastasia Dukova on the subject of The Irish Police in Queensland. The following month (14 September) member Phil Castles will give a talk on the nurses in World War I.

The most entertaining event for all members, friends and their children is Riverfire at the Commissariat on the evening of 24 September. This spectacular was well attended last year and we want to ensure that we have a full house this time. The yard facing the river is set out with tables and chairs and ample room for little ones to see the action. The fireworks barges are directly in front of the Commissariat and afford a wonderful view of the exploding rockets as well as the surrounding high rise buildings with their displays. Large amounts of pizza and wine as well as other treats for the kids will be available. Please put this date down and speak to friends and relatives to make this a very special RHSQ event. We will give you costs and times next *Bulletin*.

We are endeavouring to provide a wide range of events and talks for our members and ask that you please get involved and come along to as many as you can. Please bring your friends as they may wish to become part of our Society. Thank you for your continuing support.

Dean Prangley
President

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.00 pm
AT THE COMMISSARIAT STORE, 115 WILLIAM STREET, BRISBANE

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
2. Consideration of the Annual Report of the President
3. Consideration of Audited Annual Financial Statement
4. Election of the President, one Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, ten Councillors
5. Appointment of Patron of the Society
6. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor
7. Consideration of recommendation by the Society's Council of an amendment to the Society's Constitution
8. Consideration of the recommendation by the Society's Council that Dr Margaret Kowald be elected as a Fellow of the Society and that Mrs Beth Johnson be awarded a MacGregor Medal
9. Any other business

Ruth S Kerr
Honorary Secretary

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
Proposed Amendment to Constitution for Annual General Meeting on 29 September 2016

The Society's Council proposes the following amendment to the constitution of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland at the Annual General Meeting, on Thursday 29 September 2016:

Clause 15 (a) second line amend 'three months' to 'five months'

Reason: This will allow the Annual General Meeting to be held within five months of the end of the financial year, which will be by the end of November rather than the end of September. The extension is required to allow our auditors extra time to audit the financial accounts each year, which they do at no cost, as the short time period is proving difficult for the auditors to meet.

Any member who has concerns or issues they wish to discuss concerning the above amendment are invited to contact Denver Beanland telephone 3217 7229 or email: denverbeanland@hotmail.com

RHSQ Members Receive Honours Awards

Congratulations to two of the Society's members who have been awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours. They are:

Dr Stewart D Gill, St Lucia – for service to tertiary education and to the community, and

Mr Geoffrey S Wharton, Tolga – for service to history preservation and to Indigenous communities.

Queensland News

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

Amiens - In Anzac Day commemorations this year the battles on the Northern Front in France were highlighted. A feature article in the *Border Post* described the farms the soldiers left and the battles they fought in. The Railway Department decided to name all the stations on the Amiens railway after Northern Front battles – Fleurbaix, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Passchendaele, Bapaume, Messines and Amiens. The line was opened on 7 June 1920. Many returning soldiers lived near these small settlements which reminded them of the sites in northern France and Belgium where such great sacrifice had occurred. The railway station name boards are now preserved at Stanthorpe Heritage Museum. RHSQ Society members, Lorene Long and Murray Johnson, have done extensive research on the Soldier Settlements of the area. (*Border Post* 21 April 2016 p. 12) (A photograph of the sign featured on the front of the *May Bulletin* - Ed)

Atherton Railway Station Building is now located at Wondecla on the Wild River. It has been converted into historical guest facilities with two bedroom self contained accommodation. It is currently for sale, along with a house and shed on 4.96 ha. (*Tablelander* 3 May 2016 p.28 including photograph)

Ballandean - The Southern Downs Steam Railway ran a trip to Wallangarra on Saturday 16 April to coincide with celebrations of the Ballandean Hall Centenary. For the original opening the official party travelled by train from Stanthorpe. On the centenary the mayor of Southern Downs Regional Council, Tracey Dobie and husband Colin, and Member for Southern Downs, Lawrence Springborg MLA, and Gillian (granddaughter of the gentleman who performed the original opening) boarded the train at Stanthorpe, and alighted at Ballandean being greeted by an enthusiastic crowd, many in period costume. The train continued on to Wallangarra. (*Southern Downs Steam Railway Newsletter* May 2016 p. 2)

Caboolture – A memorial plaque has been rededicated at Caboolture railway station in honour of 74 men who boarded a train as part of the 25th Brigade, 7th Division to join the defence of Papua New Guinea from 1 September 1942. Six of these men, members of 31st Battalion Association and members of the Light Horse Group were in attendance. The function in mid May followed renovations at Caboolture station in 2015. (*Queensland Rail Weekly Notice* Edition 20, 23 May 2016)

Clifton – King's Creek timber bridge is being overhauled. It is more than 100 years old. King's Creek station opened in 1878. The goods shed, crane and loading stage were established in 1884 but there was a ground level platform. In 1900, the nearby Headington Hill property was being opened. King's Creek was increasing in importance. Kings Creek closed as a gate in 1931, the crane was removed in 1937 and the goods shed in 1941, while the cart weighbridge was put out of use and removed in 1950. Watering facilities including a water softening plant remained throughout the steam era. The station was closed in 1984. The Progress Association has applied to obtain bridge timbers. The Association is inviting members of the public to make submissions on what to do with the timber to commemorate the history of the bridge. Suggestions have been: making chunky seats in the railway precinct, making a sculpture with a plaque on it or to use the timber as poles for an entrance signage into the town. The timbers are to be donated to the Progress Association when the work is completed in June 2016. (*Clifton Courier* 25 May 2016 p. 6)

Mount Garnet, Wairuna Homestead – An application has been received by the Queensland

Heritage Council for the removal of the outbuildings from the heritage listing. (*Tablelander* 24 May 2016 p. 29; <http://www.qldheritage.org.au/602823-wairuna-homestead.html>)

Stanthorpe – A photograph of P Connell’s *Miners Refuge* hotel at Broadwater Hotel near Stanthorpe was featured on page 2 in the *Border Post* newspaper of 21 April 2016. The photograph was part of the William Boag Collection of photographs.

Yungaburra – Local people are researching the Yungaburra Rifle Club and World War I soldiers from the area. RHSQ member, Ros Lauder from Yungaburra, was involved in honouring the rifle club men who enlisted and served at Gallipoli with knitted poppies. Knitted poppies were also made into a wreath and sent to Yungaburra to be laid at the War Memorial on Anzac Day 2016. (*Tablelander* 17 May 2016 p. 7 including photograph)

Research Report

The research team continues to be busy with queries for material relating to Aboriginal displacement in the Bundaberg region, on references to Dr Stephen Simpson, research relating to Allan Cunningham’s 1827 trail in the Darling Downs, on identification of city buildings and streets for a song, on Robert Kerr Parker, on the Brisbane Line and on research for a WWI exhibition at the Commissariat Museum and on some sporting trophies held in the Museum.

Visitors to the library have been researching Serviceton and Inala, Moreton Island relating to William Lacy, Arthur Time, a successful search for images and material for Seqwater for celebrations relating to Hinze, Enoggera and Lake Manchester Dams; research for biographical material and images relating to the people involved in the establishment of the Sherwood Arboretum in the 1920s, especially of the people involved in planting trees in an avenue in 1925.

Val Donovan
Honorary Research Officer

2017 Queensland State Conference Family and Local History Conference and Fair

An invitation to speak

May 2017 is set to become the most exciting and interesting time for Queenslanders interested in local and family history with the second Queensland state conference combining family and local history scheduled to take place over three days – May 19 to 21.

Following the success of the inaugural conference in 2015, the Gold Coast Family History Society Inc., supported by History Queensland Inc., has undertaken the organisation of the 2017 conference, to be held on the Gold Coast. An exciting three-day convention is planned with a variety of dynamic speakers covering a diverse range of topics, as well as a free-to-the-public family and local history fair filled with displays and stalls from a wide range of traders, organisations, and societies.

Conference attendees will have access to a program covering a number of compelling and educational family and local history topics. Presentations in both streams will deliver sessions that will inspire and challenge both individual researchers, and local and family history societies.

The organising committee would like to invite you to submit one or more proposals to present in either stream – family or local history. The following guidelines for presentations should be noted.

Presentations:

- are to be a maximum of 40 minutes long, including question time;
- should address successes, changes, challenges or experiences in local or family history, and be relevant to societies (family and/or local history), and/or individual family and local historians;
- must not have been presented as part of any family or local history society program during 2016 or before the conference in May 2017.

Two presentations, one on family history and one on local history, may be scheduled concurrently, and conference participants may choose to attend either presentation. Audio visual equipment will be available and there will be access to wireless broadband internet in the conference rooms.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please complete the attached form and send it to the Conference Planning Committee, via email to: footstepsintime2017@gmail.com

or by mail to: 2017 State Conference, Post Office Box 2763, Southport QLD 4215 by **30 August 2016**.

The Committee reserves the right to select speakers for the Conference.

You will receive advice as soon as possible after selections are made, and will then be entitled to a free conference registration. We plan to notify speakers by the end of October 2016.

Further Conference details and speaker information will be made available as it comes to hand on the Conference website.

Margaret Deacon 0439 871 329
Speaker Co-ordinator, Conference Committee



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THE FIRST PATROL CARS FOR THE QUEENSLAND POLICE

Your Speaker for July

Topic - The Question of Allegiances: Irish in the Queensland Police, 1911-1919.

Speaker - Dr Anastasia Dukova

As the Home Rule Bill was halted due to WW1, the Irish Volunteers waged a nationwide anti-conscription campaign: to fight for the Crown was to fight against the Irish cause.

Between 1911 and 1919, 72 Irishmen were sworn in into the Queensland Police Force. Subsequently, five enlisted into the AIF and two more returned to Britain to serve with the Irish Guards. Who were these men who migrated to Queensland amidst Ireland's final fight for her independence? Did any of them go back to Ireland as the War of Independence broke out following the execution of the Proclamation Signatories? What were the Queensland Irish attitudes to the Home Rule Bill, the Easter Rising, execution of the 1916 Martyrs, and Conscription?

Dr Anastasia Dukova is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Griffith University Centre for Cultural Research. She is a policing historian specialising in the history of municipal policing, with a primary focus on Ireland, colonial Australia and Canada.

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