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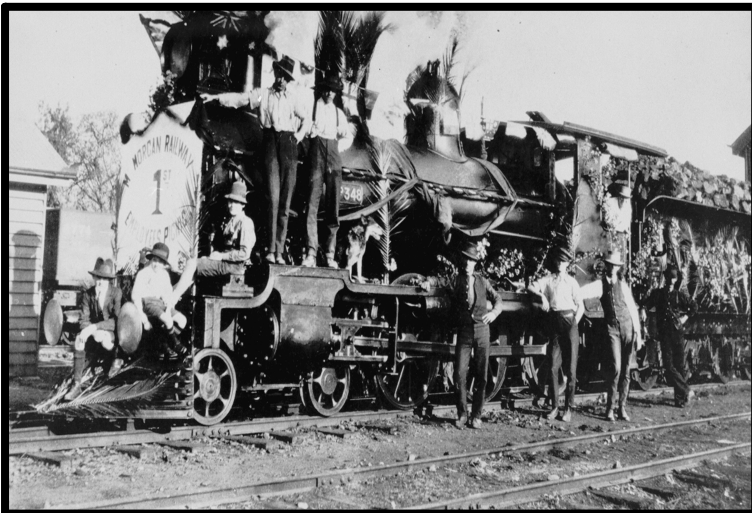
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HISTORICAL RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WILL FEATURE IN OCTOBER'S WEDNESDAY TALK



This photograph is of steam locomotive PB15 No. 348 ready for the Mount Morgan railway employees picnic, in 1919.
Source: Queensland Rail

This photograph is of the 'Dawnie Express' that travelled from Roma Street to Charleville (and return) in association with the 'Fur Ball' at Charleville. (The Fur Ball is a major fund raising initiative of the Save the Bilby Foundation). The train was hauled by a Queensland Rail Heritage Fleet steam locomotive BB181/4 No 1089, with assistance from diesel electric locomotive 1732. Taken at Charleville, 11 September, 2016.

Source: Greg Hallam



There is a third photograph on page 4.

President's Report

Dear Members,

Following our marketing campaign the Riverfire function on September 24 was booked out early and I apologise to those members who missed out. We unfortunately have a legal maximum of 100 persons for any function due to insurance and facility constraints. Hopefully we can redress this next year.

I advised that SBS spent some time early this year filming an episode of 'Who do you think you are?' in the Commissariat attended by a number of our members who were interviewed. A celebrity apparently had an ancestor who was a second offender sent to Moreton Bay in the convict period and our building was ideal for the backdrop. It was shown on 13 of September and not one skerrick of the interviews or film of the Store appeared! We will try to get a copy of the unedited version and put it on the RHSQ website.

Please come to the Commissariat on open house weekend if you are able to help with welcoming and guiding our many visitors. We had over a thousand viewing the museum last year. The dates are 8 and 9 of October from 9.00 am.

Finally the vintage Car Club of Queensland will be attending and displaying some beautiful cars in the yard on Wednesday 19 of October at 10.00 am for two hours. Come and have a look at vintage history.

Thank you all for your continuing support of your Society.

Dean Prangley
President

Queensland News

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

Cooktown – Nature's Powerhouse (the name given by Vera Scarth-Johnson) has re-opened. The Cook Shire's Senior's Dinner was provided there recently by the Kindred Café at the Powerhouse. Cooktown District Community Centre (CDCC) is providing skills development at the Kindred Café. In early July CDCC entered into a Trustee lease Agreement with Cook Shire Council to re-open Nature's Powerhouse as a not-for-profit community social enterprise. CDCC's goal is to provide a venue where hospitality and retail focused training and support can be offered to unemployed people and youth. It will enable the continued display of the works of Vera Scarth-Johnson and the Banks Florilegium promoting knowledge of Cooktown's natural heritage and botanic history. Many of the people working in Nature's Powerhouse are volunteers. (*Cooktown Local News* 1 September 2016 p. 2 – Letter to Editor from Barb Leys, manager of Nature's Powerhouse).

Emu Park – *Riversleigh* verandah has been renovated by D&E Constructions (Liz and Dan Leahy). The firm won the CQ Master Builders housing and construction award for home renovation/remodelling projects. The original homestead was built in the 1880s. (*Rockhampton Morning Bulletin* 26 August 2016 pp. 4,5 including six photographs)

Gympie – The Gympie Regional Council has introduced a \$65 levy on ratepayers' rates to support the Gympie Rattler Railway Company in re-establishing the Mary Valley Railway as a local tourist attraction. (*Gympie Times* 20 August 2016 p. 11)

Nambour - The Nambour Heritage Tramway project plans to return tram travel to the town's centre. It will use the unused cane train tracks still embedded in the roadway. Nambour Alliance has been advocating the project for several years and a new entity, Nambour Tram Co, has taken over fund raising duties. The council has committed \$1.5 million over three years, leaving the community to find \$600,000 to bring the dream to reality. (*Sunshine Coast Daily* 7 September 2016 p.1)

Rocky Creek near Tolga – A 1940s' themed ball was held by Atherton Rotary at the Igloo opposite the Rocky Creek Memorial Park on 8 October to raise money for its further restoration. The igloo was a movie theatre as part of the World War II hospital complex. The Rotary Club has spent \$178,000 so far on the igloo restoration. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal has contributed \$20,000, the Community Benefit Fund \$35,000 and Stronger Regions Fund \$20,000. Atherton Rotary has also applied for a Queensland Heritage Grant of \$50,000 to restore the stage and a \$90,000 National Stronger Regions program grant which requires matching funding. The proceeds of the ball will help raise money to obtain the grant. The military band from 1 RAR Townsville will provide music – the first time a military band has performed at the site in 70 years. (*Tablelander* 23 August 2016 p. 4 including three photographs)

Sandgate Historical Society has received a timber and concrete railway sleeper from Queensland Railways for display at their museum at 150 Rainbow Street, Sandgate (open Wednesday and Sunday 10am – 3pm). They were presented by local state member and Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Stirling Hincliffe MP, to Historical Society President, Fay Heppard, and Mr David Hill. (*Bayside Star* 10 August 2016 p.16)

Townsville – Dr Anne Monsour, President of the Australian Lebanese Historical Society, will present a paper on the history of Atherton Tableland Lebanese Families – Moses, Nasser, Mellick, Anthony, Katter, Lisha, Bakash, Deeb and Attlee - on 26 November 2016 at Seagulls Resort in Townsville. The function will feature Lebanese food, music and dancing and will honour Lebanese families across North Queensland. (Contact: max@tomlinson.com.au) (*Tablelands Advertiser* 2 September 2016 p. 3)

Two New History Books

The First is:

Dailies in the Colonial Capitals: A Short History

Details: 72,000 words; 14 chapters; biographical register; bibliography; index; 19 illustrations; 12 tables. Soft cover. ISBN 978-0-9751552-7-1. Small print run.

Price \$65 plus \$15 post and packing.

To place an order, email Rod Kirkpatrick at rkhistory3@bigpond.com or ring or text him on **0400 031 614**.

Dr Rod Kirkpatrick, an RHSQ member since 1979, has written a history of Australia's capital-city daily newspapers in the 19th century. It is his seventh book dealing with press history in Australia, the first being *Sworn to No Master: A History of the Provincial Press in Queensland to 1930* (1984). His latest book, published at the end of August this year, is entitled *Dailies in the Colonial Capitals: A Short History*. It is available through him; he can be emailed at: rkhistory@bigpond.com

Rod has been the editor of the *Australian Newspaper History Group Newsletter* since April 2000. It appears five times a year and is available for no cost via email. It generally contains about 10,000 words. The next issue will be number 89.

Australian newspapers in the first half of the nineteenth century generally arrived at the point of daily issue only after a long and hazardous journey. The *Sydney Gazette* attempted daily publication in its twenty-fourth year, the *Australian* in its twentieth year and the *Sydney Monitor* in its fifteenth year.

In this book, Rod Kirkpatrick explores the development of daily newspapers in the capital cities of the nineteenth century. Chapters focus on the dailies, capital by capital; changes in news gathering and presentation; changes in production technology; reporting federation; and the conflict between whites and Aborigines.

The Second is:

The Curse of Mungana

At the Commissariat Store on 5 November Justice Ian Callinan will launch a new book by Dr David Moore entitled, *The Curse of Mungana*. What became known as the Mungana Scandal is not just the story of a failed mining venture. It exposes the arrogance of powerful politicians who compromised integrity for personal greed.

The Mungana Scandal was a unique Queensland saga emanating from the Chillagoe region at the end of the 19th century. The book tracks the evolution of the poorly-managed Mungana mine leases past their misguided acquisition by the Queensland Government to a bombshell royal commission and then a conspiracy trial. It concludes by challenging the various myths that have subsequently evolved and asks whether ethical standards have improved over the past 80 years.

As a metallurgy student at The University of Queensland, David first learned about the saga from his grandfather, the Premier who had called the royal commission. After completing a doctorate in mineral processing he won the 1964 Queensland Rhodes scholarship and studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford. After management roles in the mining and finance industries before establishing his own consulting company in 1986, retiring in 2009. In 2015 he completed a PhD thesis, *Three Queensland Premiers and the Mungana Scandal*.

Research Report

Another busy time for the research team who have been commissioned by Lendlease to identify and research items to form a Heritage Trail at the Exhibition Grounds to be available in a month. Otherwise research inquiries have been made relating to convicts in Moreton Bay between 1827 to 1829 and further information has been requested on photographs taken by Henry William Mobsby, which are included on a disk held in the library. Information was requested on Ellen Conquest, born in York's Hollow in 1862, lived here for 19 years and her father was a bricklayer. An inquiry from San Diego, CA in relation to mid-shipman George Stewart of the HMAV *Bounty*. The researchers continue compiling a Timeline of The Executive Building which will be demolished in the future redevelopment of the Queens's Wharf Precinct. And there has been information sought on the possibility of a French documentary team producing a film which could incorporate a section on the Commissariat Store.

Visitors to the library have accessed the ever useful Post Office Directories and photographs have been requested of WF Fowles and WT Connah, the latter was Under Secretary of the Treasury, 1902.

Val Donovan
Hon Research Officer

October at the National Archives

The Cold War and the Petrovs

Wednesday 19 October, 10.00 am and Friday 21 October, 10.00 am and 2.00pm

Rarely does a political event capture a nation's imagination like the Petrov Affair. With the recent release of M15 files, more light has been shed on the roles of ASIO, the KGB and the Petrovs. Join us as we explore records held by the Archives and what they reveal about this remarkable story.

National Archives of Australia
16 Corporate Drive
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[Free. Bookings are required. To book please email gregory.cope@naa.gov.au or phone: \(07\) 3249 4224.](mailto:gregory.cope@naa.gov.au)

Your Speaker for October

October's talk on Wednesday 12 October at 12.30 pm will be by Greg Hallam who is an historian with Queensland Rail. His talk is entitled: 'It's a (Railway) Picnic'.

Greg Hallam, will take us down a railway line of memory, talking about some of the stories behind the picnics, (including drama and disaster), and the marketing of them in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Since the beginning of the Queensland Railways 150 years ago, the taking of a train, and the enjoyment of the 'railway picnic' were, for many generations of Queenslander, a major part of the social life. The railways in Queensland were a far flung organisation, serving many towns and places. Countless numbers of people enjoyed travelling in large groups for a day's outing to some picturesque location, for games, and competitions, plus good food, and even a dip in the surf.



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The third photograph:

An interpretive panel literally at the 'end of the line' at Quilpie, that relates the story of the town, and the Great Western Railway of the early part of the 20th century. Quilpie will recognise a century of the town and the railway in April, 2017. Source: Greg Hallam

Lest We Forget

First conscription referendum 28 October 1916 (one hundred years ago)

With casualties on the Western Front soon outstripping enlistment, political leaders in Australia raised the issue of conscription. Australia divided along sectarian lines. The issue was put to the Australian people in a referendum, and was narrowly rejected with a margin of 49 per cent for and 51 per cent against.

AUSTRALIA'S FIGHT!

There are many who say that this is not Australia's fight, that all that we are doing is to help the United Kingdom and the Allies, who are quite able to look after themselves.

THIS IS AUSTRALIA'S FIGHT, JUST AS MUCH AS IT IS ENGLAND'S FIGHT, OR FRANCE'S FIGHT, OR RUSSIA'S FIGHT, OR ITALY'S FIGHT.

When Germany declared war, she declared war against Australia as much as against any other country.

We are in this fight whether we like it or not, and all the theories in the world cannot alter that fact.

Was it Australia's fight when the "Scharnhorst" and the "Gneisenau" were cruising near German New Guinea ready to pounce on Australia as soon as war was declared?

Was it Australia's fight when the "Emden" prepared to send Australian transports to the bottom?

Isn't it Australia's fight when 100,000 Anzacs are facing German "Frightfulness" in France?

WE ARE IN THIS FIGHT NOW. LET US FIGHT WITH ALL OUR VIGOUR AND RESOURCES.

The only way to fight effectively is to fight to win. This is as true of war as it is of a boxing contest or a cricket match.

Surely it is better for Australia that she should fight away from her own territory, without all the horrors of warfare at her very doors, than that she should wait for the enemy to attack her in Australia.

AUSTRALIANS ARE FIGHTING IN FRANCE IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE TO FIGHT IN AUSTRALIA.

VOTE "YES" ON OCTOBER 28th

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The 'Yes' vote poster

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