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## APRIL 7, UNITED NATIONS WORLD HEALTH DAY

As April 7 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations World Health Day, it is an opportune time to look at an early Queensland medical practitioner, Dr Eleanor Bourne. Born in South Brisbane on 4 December 1898, Eleanor Elizabeth Bourne was a distinguished student who, after completing school, became the first Queensland woman to study medicine, which she did at the University of Sydney. Though stricken with typhoid during her time at university in 1903 Eleanor graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and a Master of Surgery and went on to lead a highly-accomplished career, which included being the first woman resident at the Brisbane General Hospital, the first medical officer in the Dept of Public Instruction, and served as a lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps in England during World War 1.



RHSQ Photo P9602 'Dr Elinor [sic] Bourne First Woman Welfare Doctor to Visit Country Towns.'

## President's Report

The volunteers and members of the Society are continuing their great work.

Recently, two of our delegates on the Federation of Australian Historical Societies (FAHS) have retired, these members are Emeritus Professor Kay Saunders and more recently Maryanne Pender. We thank them for their significant contribution to the history movement across Australia. Michael Halliday has replaced Kay Saunders as our representative on the FAHS.

The Society is privileged to occupy the Commissariat Store, the oldest occupiable building in Queensland, and we pay only a peppercorn rental and the outgoings are mostly paid by the government and more recently DBC, the development corporation. Together with Past President Dean Prangley, I am soon to meet with Mr Edwards to discuss issues concerning our long-term lease arrangements of the building. Other smaller historical Societies in country Queensland are not so fortunate. Recently we received a letter from the Killarney Historical Society seeking our support. They occupy a Council owned building, pay a market rental to the local Council for their premises and their dedicated volunteers keep open a museum of artefacts for the benefit of the community and the local tourist industry. They are now being relocated to a smaller facility. A letter will be sent to the Council in support, but there is not much else we can do.

We have also received an invitation from the Stanthorpe Historical Society inviting the RHSQ to join with them in organising a history conference at Stanthorpe in the future. We have accepted their offer, but at this stage a date, time and venue have not been agreed. Watch this space! The programs for both 2018 and 2020 are full.

As previously reported the Society is planning to organise three conferences in 2020 to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's transit of the Queensland Coast. We are planning conferences in Brisbane, The Town of 1770 and Cooktown. These conferences will be held with the support of other organisations including the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) and the Cook Society. Recently, meetings were held with Jonathan Fisher, the CEO of the NTAQ and Andrew Craig RN (ret), the president of the Cook Society and they are very keen to be involved and to support these events. At a recent meeting of the Cook conference organising committee it was resolved to accept the quotation for the hire of the room at the Sandcastles 1770 Resort and we have now booked the venue for the conference to be held on Friday 22 May 2020. Also, the resort has rooms and units for hire where the delegates can stay. It is always much better if the delegates can stay at the same venue where the conference is being held. It will be a great event. Professor Pearn is organising the speakers for this and the Brisbane conference. He has also had discussions with representatives from the National Maritime Museum advocating for the replica of the *Endeavour* to sail to these venues in 2020.

Special thanks are extended to Rebecca Ling for her work in applying for the grant and now completing the acquittal for the RHSQ Burke and Wills website. On behalf of the society she signed the statutory declaration certifying that the grant of \$10,000 was expended for the specified purpose. Thank you Rebecca and Denver Beanland for your work in this regard.

A special thank you is extended to John Pearn for his personal gift to the society of 100 copies of his recent work, *The Amity*. A beautiful book that recounts the life of this ship in the early years of the colony in Moreton Bay and Western Australia.

Unfortunately, The RHSQ logo, an image of the Commissariat Store, has been used by third parties without the consent of The RHSQ. A curt letter has resulted in the ceasing of the infringement. This issue was raised at a Council meeting last year, leading to a letter being sent to the author of the logo, Michael Bryce requesting that he assign the copyright in the logo to the Society. We have now received a letter from him agreeing to the assignment. The two lawyers on the Council, Halliday and Sheaffe, have drafted an assignment deed ready for signature.

Keep up the good work!

Stephen Sheaffe  
President

## Special Notice

Members are urged to go onto 'thedigtree.com.au' website and check out the Society's new website on the Burke and Wills dig tree in western Queensland for which the RHSQ is the trustee. The site is also accessible through going onto the Society's main website and then pressing the 'Burke and Wills dig tree' box on the home page. This is the latest Society upgrade to the website which has been professionally done. The Society thanks the Commonwealth Government for a Heritage Grant to enable this work to be undertaken.

## Queensland News

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

**Cooktown** – The Cook Shire Council is withdrawing the Visitor Information Centre from Nature's Power House. This may affect the viability of the voluntary group who operates the Nature's Power House. The 2020 Cook Expedition anniversary events planning centres on the Nature's Power House and the Botanic Gardens. (*Cape York News* 28 February – 6 March 2018 p. 11 including photograph)

**Eagle Farm Racecourse and Ascot Railway Station** - On 24 January 2018 the Department of Environment and Science received an application proposing removal of part of Eagle Farm Racecourse and Ascot Railway Station from the Queensland Heritage Register. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Queensland Government website at [www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/](http://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/)

**Millaa Millaa** - The telephone switchboard originally located at the Maple Street post office and now held at the Eacham Historical Society museum has been restored to working order by Peter Brkic and Neil McAndrew. It was originally commissioned in 1923. (*Tablelander* 27 February 2018 p. 4)

**Normanton** - Early in February Normanton Officer in Charge Ken Fairbairn brought the 57-year-old locomotive DL4 to the Heritage Rollingstock Maintenance workshop in North Ipswich for maintenance. Locomotive DL4 was built in 1961 and is used for work trains and as replacement motive power for The Gulflander RM93. Railmotor RM14, one of the original railmotors of the Queensland Railways is currently on display at The Workshops Rail Museum. This railmotor entered service in 1918 and it was the original railmotor for the Normanton railway known as 'Panhard' for many years. Each year during the tourist season, thousands of people travel to the impressive Normanton station to travel behind RM93 on The Gulflander between Normanton and Croydon, as well as other special excursions to places such as Critters Camp, or on vintage railmotor RM60. (*Queensland Railways Weekly Notice* 19 February 2018)

**Pomona** – The Majestic Theatre is facing possible closure because of high maintenance costs. The theatre is a not-for-profit organization and owned by the community. The committee has organised fund raiser events in the near future. (*Gympie Times* 17 February 2018 p. 6)

**Somerset** - On 25 January, the Queensland Heritage Council resolved to enter the Somerset Graves Site in the Queensland Heritage Register. See the Queensland Heritage Register entry: <https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=650072>

## Oral History Basics Workshop

**Venue:** Wynnum Library, Wynnum.

**Date:** Saturday, 14 April **Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

**Description:** Oral History Queensland is conducting a workshop which covers the basics in the recording of oral histories including interviewing techniques, ethics and transcribing. The workshop will be

run by Lesley Jenkins, a very experienced oral historian, Churchill Fellow and Life Member of Oral History Queensland. This is a ‘hands-on’ workshop which will provide practical experience.

Cost: \$100.00 for Oral Histories Queensland Inc. members, \$120.00 for non OHQ members.

Contact details: Bookings are essential. Contact Suzanne Mulligan, Oral History Queensland, at [mulligan53@inet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@inet.net.au) or telephone 07 3376 1865.

## Cairns Historical Society - S E Stephens History Award

Nominations for this award are now open. The criteria are:

- The focus should be on Far North Queensland History - ie area from Cardwell in the south, to Torres Strait in the north and west to Normanton.
- The winner should have devoted several years to researching and the dissemination of Far North Queensland history.
- The history can be presented in the form of papers, newspaper items, journal articles, books, documentaries, photographic collections, exhibitions or any combination of these.
- The work should be mainly original research further expanding the knowledge of Far North Queensland history.
- The material should be presented in a manner that is readily understood by most people.
- The award can be made to an individual or a group.
- The winner/winners do not necessarily have to live in Far North Queensland.
- Winning the award does not necessarily preclude the winner/winners from being nominated for different work at a later date.
- Nominations will be called annually but will only be awarded if there is an acceptable candidate.
- Nominations must be accompanied by appropriate supporting material outlining the achievements of the person/group selected.

Nominations should be in the hands of the Secretary of the Society by the end of April.

The Award will be presented during Heritage Week.

Apply to Cairns Historical Society, PO Box 319 Cairns Qld 4870, Ph 07 4051 5582,

Email: [histsoc@cairnsmuseum.org.au](mailto:histsoc@cairnsmuseum.org.au)

S E Stephens was a founding member of the Cairns Historical Society and long term staff member of the Department of Agriculture and Stock (later Primary Industries) and travelled extensively across north Queensland noting historical places and located significant government records of the Palmer Goldfield in the 1870-1880s in a ship's tank at Maytown.

(Cairns Historical Society *Newsletter*, Vol 23 Issue 1, January 2018)

## The Wednesday talk for April

**Topic: A century of political marketing in ‘quirky’ Queensland**

**Presenter: Dr Lorann Downer**

Dr Lorann Downer has been involved with politics and government in Queensland in multiple ways - including as a political journalist for the ABC, a senior staffer for former Premiers Anna Bligh and Peter Beattie, and a marketing and communication consultant specialising in government clients. Lorann completed her PhD in 2014. Since then, she's lectured in Queensland politics at The University of Queensland, helped lead the University's involvement with the Vote Compass-Queensland project in 2015, and has been appointed an Adjunct Research Fellow in the School of Political Science and International Studies. Her first book, *Political Branding Strategies: Campaigning and Governing in Australian Politics*, was published in 2016.

Queensland has always done politics a bit differently to the rest of Australia. The state has a history, for example, of electing authoritarian or populist leaders and throwing up mavericks. While the differences between Queensland and other states may have lessened in recent decades, there is still a case to be made for ‘quirky’ Queensland. Such differences pose particular challenges for state and federal political campaigners who want to win in Queensland. Lorann will consider how they tackle these challenges by looking back over a century of politics in Queensland. She will review the historical causes of the differences mentioned above and apply a perspective from political marketing. Together, this will paint a picture of a century of political marketing in ‘quirky’ Queensland.

## Research Report

The past month has seen our researchers attend to several interesting email and phone queries. These are as follows:

- a request for any original manuscript material such as diaries, letters, etc., or photographs, pertaining to the 1919 Spanish Flu outbreak,
- the great-great-granddaughter of William Sherwood wanted to know if the Society's library held any books with information on the area now known as Sherwood as William had owned a farm in that area,
- an enquiry regarding a commemorative tile gifted to the people of Queensland from Frampton Cotterell Village, Gloucestershire, England. The ceramic tile, which features the Queensland Coat of Arms, commemorates James and John Clarke Foote, and was gifted in 1977 to the RHSQ,
- request from a QUT 4<sup>th</sup> Year Interior Design student for information or photographs that might assist research being conducted on the cultural significance of the building at 501 Ann Street, Brisbane,
- request for information on Dr C G Drury Clarke, former RHSQ President, who conducted research in the 1960s into Dr Peter Macarthur, who was the Kirribilli-based enquirer's great-great-grandfather,
- enquiry about any information or photographs held of Galland's Wine Depot in Melbourne Street, which was bought by Mr Armand Galland in 1901. The enquirer's husband, who is Mr Galland's grandson, turns fifty soon and she hoped to be able to surprise him with photographs or information, and
- a request for any information or photographs the RHSQ might hold on the topic of Brisbane's Schools of Art and/or Mechanics Institutes.

Ms Yvonne Hill, OAM, who has recently moved to Brisbane from Adelaide, contacted the RHSQ offering to donate a body of research work on Leichhardt amassed by her late husband, David Hillan, over a period of more than twenty years. Included among Mr Hillan's work are two unpublished manuscripts. Ms Hill has also kindly offered to present a talk on the research and travels she and her husband conducted in tracing Leichhardt's story.

Jacqui Stockdale  
Honorary Researcher

## Queensland Police Museum

### [2018 Sunday Lecture Series](#)

[by Old Police Museum https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/museum/2018/01/16/2018-sunday-lecture-series/](https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/museum/2018/01/16/2018-sunday-lecture-series/)

The Queensland Police Museum welcomes you to the 2018 Sunday Lecture Series. Unless otherwise advised, lectures are held on the last Sunday of the month (between February and November) from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm, within the Police Headquarters ground level conference room.

## What's on at the Queensland State Archives

### **Inaugural Artist-in-residence – Matt Mawson**

**Date:** Now

**Time:** each Thursday from 10.00 am-3.00 pm (excluding 5 and 12 April)

**Location:** Queensland State Archives Foyer

**Details:** Gold Coast-based cartoonist and illustrator Matt Mawson joined the Queensland State Archives (QSA), Thursday, 1 March 2018, as the organisation's inaugural Artist in Residence. Much of Matt's work as Artist in Residence will reflect on the upcoming exhibition, focussed on the release of the 1987 Cabinet Minutes: *Sunshine Rebooted: the final Bjelke-Petersen Cabinet Minutes*. Matt Mawson's artist residency runs from 1 March until 18 May 2018.

## What's on at the Beenleigh Historical Village and Museum

Beenleigh Historical Village & Museum (BHV&M), located at 205 Main Street Beenleigh QLD 4207, takes you on a journey of years gone by. This collection of our Early Australian heritage is organised as a village and dedicated to preserving the cultural legacy of the old Beenleigh region for current and future generations. Normally, the Village is open seven days from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm except on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and ANZAC Day.

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<p><b>Wednesday 11 April - 12.30 pm Talk</b> ‘Topic: A century of political marketing in “quirky” Queensland’ Presenter: Dr Lorann Downer <b>Thursday 12 April - Council Meeting</b> <b>Sunday 15 April - <i>Bulletin</i> deadline</b></p>	<table> <tr> <td>Paul Hayes</td> <td>Southport</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scott Anderson</td> <td>Camp Hill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Barakin</td> <td>Clayfield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vesna Klacar-Nedimovic</td> <td>Forest Lake</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charles Herdy</td> <td>Enoggera</td> </tr> </table>	Paul Hayes	Southport	Scott Anderson	Camp Hill	David Barakin	Clayfield	Vesna Klacar-Nedimovic	Forest Lake	Charles Herdy	Enoggera
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