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REMEMBERING CANON DAVID JOHN GARLAND AND ANZAC DAY

The first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April 1916 with services and ceremonies in Australia, New Zealand, in London, and at the Australian camp in Egypt a sports day marked the occasion. A key figure in establishing Anzac Day and its attendant ceremonial traditions, was Canon David John Garland, an Irish-born lawyer who migrated to Australia in 1889 at the age of twenty-five. Upon arrival, Garland joined the Church of England Ministry and as a Deacon he served in many parishes across the depth and breadth of Australia over the ensuing years, including as rector of Charters Towers and Archdeacon of North Queensland. When war broke out in 1914, Garland volunteered and served as Queensland's Senior Army Camp Chaplain until 1917. During this time, he founded the Soldiers Help Society, co-founded the Compulsory Service League, was honorary organising secretary for recruiting, and then served in the Middle East from 1918 to 1919 before returning to Queensland in 1920 as the rector of Ithaca. Garland was responsible for instituting some of the most revered traditions of Anzac Day commemorations such as the march, two-minutes silence, church services, lunch for returned soldiers, and wreath-laying ceremonies.



RHSQ Photo P1262 'Canon Garland'

President's Report

The issue that concerns members of the Council more than any other is the tenure by the RHSQ of the Commissariat Store after our 30-year lease expires in 2028. With our new commercial landlord, Destination Brisbane Consortium, there was concern the lease may not be renewed. Rumours have abounded about DBC's future intention about the RHSQ's occupation of the Store. This was made worse by the fact that the Department and DBC refuse to release the contract between them that sets out their commercial relationship and plans for the Commissariat Store on the basis it is a strict in confidence agreement.

With these concerns in mind, the immediate past president (Dean Prangley) and I had a meeting with David Edwards at the Department; David oversees the casino development. During our discussions, Mr Edwards assured us there was no reason to be concerned and that it was a term of the agreement between the Department and DBC that they must make available the Commissariat Store to the RHSQ on existing terms for the duration of DBC's 99-year lease. In other words, the RHSQ has a right to occupy the premises for the duration of the 99-year term. The only basis that the RHSQ can leave the Store over the next 99 years is if they leave on their own volition. Mr Edwards promised to send a letter of comfort confirming this position. On the basis this letter arrives, we are relieved that our occupation rights are now preserved for the long term.

Every member of the Council works diligently for the benefit of the Society. I wish to congratulate Tim Roberts for being appointed the RHSQ's member on the FAHS and he now joins with Ruth Kerr performing this important work.

Many others have been working to organise upcoming events. His Excellency the Governor has again accepted an invitation to attend the Queensland Day Dinner at the Brisbane Club in June and present the John Kerr Medal of Distinction. You are all invited to attend this most important event in our annual calendar. Denver and Maryanne have been hard at work organising this event.

Also, the event to celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the first sitting in the new parliament house will be held in the Red Chamber on 25 August 2018. We are privileged to have Janet Prowse, the Parliamentary Librarian, as a member of our Council and she with Denver are organising this event. Again, you are all welcome to attend. It will be a great day.

The new website for the dig tree has been completed and the grant is in the process of being acquitted. Congratulations to the research team who have undertaken the research for the site. The plans with respect to the building of the boardwalk and the work to preserve the creek bank are still not finalised. A meeting has been arranged with Fiona Gardener over the next week or so to ascertain what the State Government's contribution to the funding requirements may be. We look forward to these discussions. It has been suggested that we have a shorter board walk and the rest of the walkway be constructed at ground level. Also, crowd funding to undertake this work is being considered.

John Pearn has been in Sydney having discussions with the Maritime Museum concerning their contribution to the Cook 2020 events and the likelihood of the replica of the *Endeavour* being in Brisbane, 1770 and Cook town at the time of the 250-year celebration. A meeting is being organised with representatives of the Premiers Department concerning their involvement and funding of these events.

Finally, we have received a letter from the Public Trustee advising that the Society is the beneficiary of a number of kitchen objects from the estate of Deirdre Kenyon. We thank the testator for this bequest and encourage other people to think of the Society when preparing their will.

Stephen Sheaffe
President

Queensland News

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

Cooktown – The Cooktown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism has been holding planning meetings for the 2020 Discovery Festival. The committee is working with government agencies to have the harbour dredged to allow the *Endeavour* replica ship to enter the harbour. Paykel Media is acting as an adviser for the festival. The Cook Shire Mayor, Peter Scott, spoke at the AGM about telling Cook's story through the eyes of the Bama, the local Indigenous People. Cr Scott spoke about ensuring a legacy post 2020 including with the

Indigenous People. He emphasized that this is a point of difference with other 2020 festivals along the east coast of Australia. (*Cape York News* 14-20 March 2018 p.5 including photograph)

Ravenshoe – The National Australia Bank is celebrating the centenary of its branch in the town this year. A function was held at the bank for its customers on 19 March. (*Tablelander* 13 March 2018 p.9 and 27 March 2018 p. 13 including photograph)

Teebar – Construction of the Teebar Jubilee Hall was completed in April 1918. A meeting was held on 1 December 1917 regarding construction of a hall on Haysmere Recreation Reserve, now Teebar Sports Ground. Trustees of the reserve – G Mant of Gigoomgan, W Gauld of Braemar and J Bates of Boompa – gave approval on 22 December 1917 for the construction. J Bates of Boompa and L Smith of Mount Joseph provided substantial donations for the construction of the hall. Fred Churchward of Maryborough was contracted to erect the building and many volunteers assisted. It was named the Teebar School of Arts. Miss Alex Bates raised the flag at the opening. (*Woocoo Historical Society News Bulletin* March 2018, vol 32 no 1, pp. 7-8)



Fraser Coast Council Photo

Teebar Jubilee Hall

Heritage

On 23 March 2018 the Queensland Heritage Council entered the following places on the Queensland Heritage Register. The Heritage Council's decision was published in the *Queensland Government Gazette* on 6 April 2018.

Ravenswood - The State School former Swimming Pool.

Toowong - Endrim and the Woodstock Road Tram Shed and Track.

Applications have been received by the Queensland Heritage Council to enter the **Gympie, Warwick and Wynnum State High Schools** on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The Wednesday talk for May

Title: Edison Street Tubes, William Street Brisbane - The world's first commercial underground electricity mains.

Speakers: Brian Beconsall and Stuart Wallace

Research Engineers, Brian Beconsall and Stuart Wallace from Engineering Heritage Australia (Queensland) (EHQ), will give a talk on the early history of Electric Lighting in Brisbane and the use of Edison Street tubes for the first electricity supply to Queensland Parliament House. These tubes were invented in 1881 by Thomas Edison in the USA and used in Brisbane to connect the Government Printing Office power station to new electric incandescent lighting in Parliament House in 1886. Superseded and abandoned in 1906, they were rediscovered in 1992, and in February of this year, large sections were removed for the Queens Wharf project. Samples are being organised for Parliament House and local and overseas museums, including the RHSQ.

Brian Beconsall is a retired electrical engineer, a Fellow of Engineers Australia and a long-time

member of Engineering Heritage Australia (Queensland). He spent 48 years in the Queensland Electricity Industry, starting as a cadet with the SEAQ in 1956, graduating UQ in 1961, worked overseas in Canada and USA for 2 years, and in Queensland with QEGB, QEC and Powerlink Qld in High Voltage Transmission before retiring in 2004. He was involved in the first 1992 dig for the Edison Tubes in William St. by Energex and Qld Museum with researchers Don McKenzie (QM) and Emeritus Professor Syd Prentice (UQ), and the 2018 recovery of Edison Street Tubes.

Stuart Wallace is a retired electrical engineer, a Fellow of Engineers Australia and an active member of Engineering Heritage Australia (Queensland). A graduate of both QUT (then QIT) and UQ, his career of over 40 years was mostly spent in consulting in the fields of power generation and transportation across the globe. His keen interest in electrical engineering history is both professional and personal as he is a fourth generation engineer and third generation electrical engineer.

Moreton Bay History Seminar

To be held at the North Lakes Community Centre

On Wednesday 16 May from 9.30 am to 12 Noon

Uncover the history of our region, with four eminent historians exploring key people and events

9.30am	Introduction
9.40am	Peter Ludlow
10.20am	Ray Kerkhove
11.00am	Break
11.10am	Jeff Hopkins-Weise & Clifford Pollard
11.40am	Question time
12.10pm	Light refreshment

HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE

Go to moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/local-family-history/ select this event, make your booking and print your ticket.

IN PERSON

Visit your local library.

BY PHONE

North Lakes Library Phone 3480 9900

Research Report for April

The RHSQ's band of volunteer researchers have again been busy with interesting enquiries this past month, as follows:

- An email enquiry from Karuna Hospice, which is located in historic Rosemount House at Windsor. This year Rosemount has been selected for inclusion in the Brisbane Open Homes Program and they were therefore interested in finding what we might hold in relation to the house.
- DFO Brisbane emailed stating her interest in photographs or other material that the Society might hold on Eagle Farm Airport and its development, and the former female prison.
- Further email enquiries were received from a previous enquirer regarding Thargomindah grass constructions.
- An email enquiry regarding the founding of Cloncurry in 1867 by Ernest Henry, as well as any information on Frederick Urquhart, Alexander Kennedy and the Kalkadoon people.
- An enquiry emailed to us about any records we might hold to assist in her family history research into the Davidson family from Scotland who lived in and around Brisbane in the mid-nineteenth century.
- Another family history enquiry sought information about residential dwellings in Palmerin Street, Warwick, during the period 1870 to early 1900s.

- A Warwick enquirer sought a copy of a journal article, ‘Queensland Immigration and the Black Ball Line’ by Warwick Foote.
- In connection with the sesquicentenary of Bankfoot House on Old Gympie Road, the Sunshine Coast Council’s Cultural Heritage Services Team were endeavouring to identify the origins of a copy of a late-nineteenth century photograph which they deduced belonged to RHSQ.
- Long-time Mt. Gravatt/Wishart residents emailed to ask if we held any photographs of what was formerly the Broadwater, now a contained creek near the M1.
- The Director of Brisbane Southside History Network visited seeking information and photographs for the Mapping Brisbane History project.
- An academic researcher visited to search for information and photographs pertaining to identities of the Torres Strait/Thursday Island from the 1950s-1960s, and the luggers that operated in the area.
- A local Brisbane resident visited to peruse a book about the Royal Queensland Yacht Club [c.1918] held in the Thomas Welsby Collection.

Also of significance for the research team at this time is the essential task of ensuring that the RHSQ’s IT capabilities are sufficient to keep pace with our needs. This is especially important in considering the vital ongoing digitisation project, of which we are presently planning the next stage. To this end, a review of our IT capabilities has been commissioned.

The research team has also been fortunate to welcome Bethany Hinds on board this month. Bethany has recently completed a Masters in Museum Studies at the University of Queensland.

Jacqui Stockdale
Honorary Researcher

What's on at the Queensland State Archives

Queensland State Archives (QSA) has many treasures and resources for both government and public clients. We host regular events and have displays of some of our collections. Visit our Flickr page or the QSA blog for a glimpse into our collections.

Sunshine Rebooted: the final Bjelke-Petersen Cabinet Minutes.

Opening Date: 25 May 2018

Time: 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Location: Queensland State Archives Foyer

Details: 1987 began with the ‘Joh for PM’ campaign, but before the year was out Queensland’s longest-serving Premier had resigned and Tony Fitzgerald QC had been appointed to investigate allegations of corruption in Queensland’s Police Force.

Sunshine Rebooted presents highlights from the 1987 Cabinet Minutes, and explores key decisions related to significant cultural and social issues impacting Queenslanders and how the ensuing events have shaped a more inclusive and progressive state. The exhibition will feature the experiences and recollections of individuals closely associated with key issues from 1987 - Mike Ahern AO, former Premier; Bill Rutkin, former President of the Queensland AIDS Council; Dr Aila Keto AO, environmental scientist; Dr John Willsteed, musician; and Chris Masters, the journalist whose ‘Moonlight State’ episode on ABC’s ‘Four Corners’ program started a chain of events that changed Queensland’s political landscape.

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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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IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS
MAY AND JUNE 2018

Wednesday 9 May - 12.30 pm Talk
‘Edison Street Tubes, William Street Brisbane -
The world’s first commercial underground
electricity mains.’
Speakers: Brian Beconsall and Stuart Wallace
Thursday 10 May - Council Meeting
Tuesday 15 May - *Bulletin* deadline
As Queensland Day Dinner is approaching – 6
June 2018 -, online payment option is available on
the RHSQ’s website:
<http://www.queenslandhistory.org/event/queensland-day-dinner-2018/>

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