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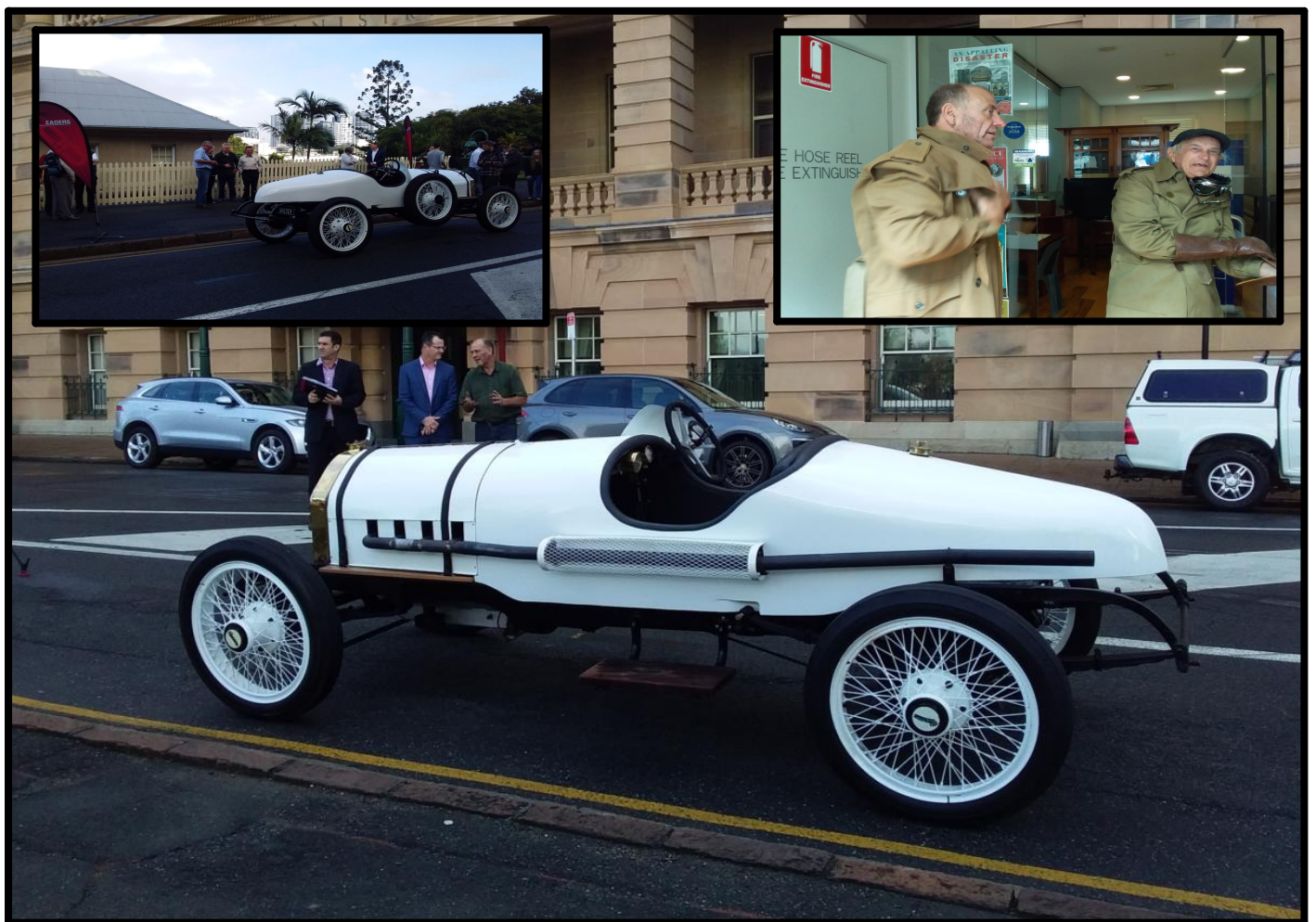
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[Whitey is on the Loose Again!](#)



RHSQ Photos

The Overland *Whitey* Outside the RHSQ Headquarters

An historic re-enactment left at 9.35 am on 5 July 2018 from the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, headquarters of The Royal Historical Society, precisely 100 years after the original trip. On 5 July at 9.35 am 1918 Fred Eager left from the Treasury buildings in Queen Street carrying a sealed watch provided by Hardy Brothers to attempt to break the then record of 2 hours 35 minutes set by W A Elvery in a Studebaker in 1916. The route taken was Brisbane, Redbank, Ipswich, Calvert, Grandchester, Laidley,

Gatton, Helidon and finally Toowoomba. Despite the risk of having railway gates closed due to two trains being on the main line and having to ford a creek at Helidon due to the bridge being under repair, Fred Eager drove *Whitey* to the front of the Toowoomba Post Office in the record time of 2 hours 7 minutes and 30 seconds.

Graham Crittenden and his son Paul Adams are the present owners of *Whitey*. They undertook the re-enactment. Graham Crittenden is the second oldest surviving member of the Veteran Car Club and has owned *Whitey* for 52 years, and *Whitey* has been faithfully restored by them. Albert Budworth, former Events Director RACQ, followed *Whitey* along the route in a support vehicle. It was not a race, there was no prize. A slightly different route will be taken because of changes to the roads between Brisbane and Toowoomba. There were whistle stops at Goodna and at Rosewood to allow interested spectators, some in historic vehicles, to see *Whitey*. In Toowoomba the former Holden Dealership in James Street, again owned by AP Eagers will display *Whitey* for some days in their showroom. Peter Arnold, current President of the Veteran Car Club believes *Whitey* is the oldest surviving race car in Queensland.

Frederick Zina Eager joined The Royal Historical Society of Queensland in 1941 and remained a member until his death, and that is one of the reasons that The Royal Historical Society of Queensland was delighted to host this event. The re-enactment was sponsored by A P Eagers, Destination Brisbane Consortium has supported the event by enabling the access to William Street.

The 2018 run was completed in 2 hours 37 minutes and 50 seconds.

President's Report

Stephen is unable to complete his report this month because of a recent operation, so our Honorary Secretary, Ruth, has deputised for him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Acting President's Report

In the past month the Society has hosted the centenary re-enactment of the trip from Brisbane to Toowoomba of the car, *Whitey*. The trip has been described above.

The Society has been advancing its work on Interpretation Panels at the Dig Tree on the Burke and Wills expedition. The Society's Dig Tree Committee has met with the Department of Environment and Science (Qld) regarding the promotion of the heritage values of the site as the Dig Tree Reserve is on the Queensland Heritage Register. This work is being done utilising a grant from the Department of Environment and Energy (Commonwealth). The Society's Library and Research Team has prepared the wording for the Interpretation Panels including reproductions of the panels.

Planning is underway for the *Behind the Lines* exhibition. Councillors agreed that the opening date for the exhibition will be Thursday, 4 October at 5.30 pm for 6 pm.

The Program has been fully planned for 2018. There will an extra lecture this year in August when Bill Metcalf will speak on his latest book, *Brisbane: Tertiary Education 1825-2018 – Training, Teaching and Turmoil*, co-edited with Barry Shaw and released earlier this year and brings together several viewpoints on the development of Brisbane's academic landscape from the earliest period of the Moreton Bay penal settlement to the present day. His talk is entitled 'Tertiary Education in Brisbane: Training, Teaching and Turmoil from the beginning till now'

The Society is planning a conference in Cooktown in 2020 in conjunction with the Cooktown Historical Society as part of the commemoration of the Cook Expedition's stay there in June 1770 and first reconciliation with the Aboriginals. I met with the office bearers of the Cooktown Society on 16 July to do preliminary planning for it.

Ruth Kerr
A/President

Queensland News

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

Laura – The Australian Heritage Council is assessing the 'Quinkin Country' for possible inclusion on The National Heritage List under the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The area includes extensive cave formations on the sandstone escarpments and the Aboriginal paintings within them. The Queensland Geological Survey geologists recorded locations of the caves and paintings in the reports in

the late nineteenth century. The Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy held public meetings in Laura, Mareeba and Cooktown to discuss the proposal. More information is available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/organisations/australian-heritage-council/national-heritage-assessments>. (*Cape York News* 30 May – 5 June 2018 p. 22)

Longreach – The railway station was officially opened in 2016 a century after services commenced through Longreach. There was no official opening in 1916 because of the war effort. The official opening of the railway station also marked the opening of the Historic Railway Café. Previously Outback Aussie Tours had run a tourist office in the railway refreshment rooms. The owners of that operation, Alan and Sue Smith, decided to enhance the historic value of the art-deco façade of the railway station and negotiated with Queensland Rail to lease the whole railway station apart from a section used for the operation of trains. (*Longreach Leader* 15 June 2018 p. 10 including photograph showing café on the platform and a stationary cattle train on a siding.)



The Platform Cafe

Longreach Leader Photo

The Art-Deco Facade

Queensland Heritage Photo



Malanda – A gala dinner was held by Lion Dairy and Drinks in May at the Malanda Hotel to celebrate the Malanda Milk Factory’s centenary. It was attended by 181 people. The factory employs 100 people and manufactures 60 milk and milk-based products. It manufactures 47 million litres of dairy product per year. Milk production in the area dates back to 1904 when the first private milk factory was built in Atherton. In 1919 the Atherton Tablelands Co-operative Butter and Bacon Company constructed a factory at Malanda. All manufacturing was transferred to Malanda in 1923. (*Tablelander* 5 June 2018 p. 17)

Shorncliffe –\$6 million is to be spent on restoration of the heritage listed Shorncliffe railway station together with associated security works, fencing and a new crew facility. The station will be returned to its original appearance, and the parcel room and World War II air raid shelter will both be restored. Extensive water and termite damage will be repaired, the interior of the station building will be renewed, and the roof will be replaced. The lighting and CCTV will be renewed and a new fence constructed. The station will be painted in a light grey colour. A new train crew facility will also be constructed nearby. (*Bayside Star* 27 June 2018 pp. 1 and 5 including photograph)



Queensland Rail Photo

Shorncliffe Railway Station

A Call for speakers

Planning is underway for the third Family and Local History Conference and Fair on 24–26 May 2019. [Caloundra Family History Research Inc.](http://www.caloundrafamilyhistoryresearchinc.com.au) will host the event in 2019 with support from History Queensland Inc. The program will cover a broad range of topics and interests for beginner and experienced researchers.

To find out more, including how to submit a proposal, visit the [Waves in Time](http://www.wavesintime2019.org.au) conference website <https://wavesintime2019.org.au/>, and follow on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/wavesintime2019)

The Wednesday talk for August

Topic: Tertiary Education in Brisbane: Training, Teaching and Turmoil from the beginning till now

Speaker : Dr Bill Metcalf

From Queensland's earliest convict period, people have received tertiary training in Brisbane, mostly following an apprenticeship model. The first tertiary training was when surgeons serving the convicts and soldiers studied the eating habits of indigenous people to help avoid ailments such as scurvy, and to treat flagellatio.

Later, training in areas such as pharmacy, art, teaching, law, music, nursing and the ministry was

available in Brisbane through a range of sources, almost all of them now captured by our massive universities. Some of that training was very good while other 'training' led to dangerous, even fatal, results. Did you train as a nurse in a hospital, as a student-teacher, articled law-clerk, apprentice-pharmacist, lay-minister? Share with us.

In this talk, I will examine the various forms of tertiary education we have followed, explode a few myths, examine the development of the mega-corporations known as universities, and explore the future. And we shall also laugh.

Dr Bill Metcalf is a well-known, long-term member of RHSQ as well as of various other groups such as Brisbane History Group and the National Trust, plus an active member of the Professional Historians Association and the Australian Historians Association. He has published extensively on a wide range of Queensland and Australian History, and is the 2018 recipient of John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction in Research and Writing Australian History.

Research Report

On Wednesday 11 July Greg Hallam, a professional historian, gave a very interesting talk titled 'The Sydney Mail Train' which had to be held on the ground floor because so many people attended.

We were pleased to accept two donations: a cutting about Queensland importing 'savages from the South Seas' in 1848 which we added to our archival files on Kanakas; and some high quality photographs to add to our Henry Pryor Photographic Collection.

Our researchers have finally finished extensive research for the signage at the Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree' reserve on Nappa Merrie station where a new interpretative centre is being established.

Research enquiries were many and varied: Farm motoring, history of Queensland roads and stables; History of Bundaberg; Drury Clarke and the le Falbe memoirs; the history of child welfare in Queensland, particularly the Westbrook Reformatory for Boys in 1900-1919; the proprietors of the 'Pig and Whistle'; Wilhelm Dietzel in Brisbane for one year in 1877; proposed plaque for Charles Chauvel's first film studio in Ann Street; early Indigenous history. We also supplied a high resolution photograph of Dock Street in the late 19th century.

Beth Johnson

Queensland Police Museum

2018 Sunday Lecture Series

by Old Police Museum <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. Police Remembrance Day this year will be held on Friday 28 September in your local District.

What's On at the Women's Historical Association

Sunday the 12th: Afternoon Tea and Talk: 1.30 pm for a 2.00 pm start

'Book Binding: a history and explanation of techniques and changes'

Guest Speaker: Colin Jorgensen

QWHA Members \$10 / Non-Members \$15 (includes afternoon tea).

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. In the last month a large colonial 'Queenslander', donated by the Heck family, has been delivered to the Village in three pieces and is now being reassembled. 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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Wednesday 8 August - 12.30 pm Talk
‘Tertiary Education in Brisbane: Training,
Teaching and Turmoil from the beginning till
now’

Speaker : Dr Bill Metcalf

Thursday 9 August - Council Meeting
Wednesday 15 August - *Bulletin* deadline

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