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AN EXHIBITION AT THE CLERMONT HISTORICAL CENTRE



Clermont Historical Centre Photo

This Traction Engine is Part of the Exhibition

The 100 Objects collection is the latest creation from Clermont Historical Centre. The vast assortment represents Clermont's eclectic and colourful past. Here's your chance – locals and tourists alike - to relive your childhood and connect yourself to a period in history.

Come and explore their history and discover their stories.

The exhibition will run throughout the year until December 2018.

For more details visit the website, call them or drop in at the Clermont Historical Centre, which is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Entry: Adult \$6, Child \$3.

Clermont Historical Centre, Gregory Highway, Clermont, Queensland, 4721

President's Report

The conference held at Parliament House on Saturday 25 August 2018 to celebrate the 150 years since our magnificent parliamentary edifice was built was a wonderful success. Insightful lectures were delivered by Dr Beanland, Professor Saunders, Don Watson and the Clerk of Parliament, Neil Lawrie. The beautiful upper house chamber was filled to capacity. A special thank you is extended to Janet Prowse who organised this successful event.

The Society is undertaking a joint project with the Queensland Archives to ascertain whether field note books in the possession of the Archives were written by John Oxley or Hoddle. A special thank you is extended to Ian Jempson who is overseeing this matter.

The Society continues to be the recipient of grants. A grant has been received for a new computer for \$1,000 from the Suburban Initiative Fund and the earlier grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has now been acquitted. Also, we have been successful in the Armistice Grant application. This grant is to be expended on the restoration of specified WWI artefacts, the establishment of a museum display and the publication of papers. With this in mind, an Armistice conference is being convened for Saturday 17 February 2019. Distinguished speakers have already been engaged.

The implementation of the grants for the Dig Tree Reserve improvements are moving at pace. The Department has given its approval for the installation of the signs and blazes, and these items will be delivered to Thargomindah by early October. The Bulloo Shire council has submitted a business case to obtain funding for the Buildings 4 Regions Programme and the Council has applied for a grant for soil erosion rectification on the Reserve and the installation of Wifi.

A number of events are in the pipeline for our members. On 29 September, Riverfire will again be held. You are all invited to attend the Commissariat Store to enjoy a pizza, watch the fireworks and engage in conversation with members and historical friends.

Twenty five years ago, the Society convened a conference about the history of Annerley and the articles were collated in a book titled *Annals of Annerley*. Recently, the Society granted a licence to the Annerley Stephens History Group Inc. to reprint the book for a fee. The book has been printed and a launch will be held at the Stephens RSL Club at Annerley on 2 October 2018 at 6.00 pm. You are all welcome to attend. More information below.

On 4 October the launch of a new exhibition will be held at the Society. Then on 18 October 2018 the National Trust is presenting papers on the unloved heritage of the twentieth century.

On Saturday 17 November, a bus trip for members is being organised for a day journey to the Caboolture Historical Village. It should be a great day. You are all welcome to attend. Again, our celebration of separation day will be held on 10 December and Federal Member Jane Prentice will be our guest speaker. It should be a great night.

Finally, all members are invited to two conferences in February next year. The first on the 17 February will be the Armistice Day Conference and the second is a conference on the history of the Shire of Stephens in Annerley and the neighbouring suburbs. Again you are all welcome to attend.

Stephen Sheaffe
President

Launch of *Annals of Annerley* Reprint

After almost twenty-five years since the publication of the *Annals of Annerley*, the Annerley Stephens History Group has been granted a licence to reprint this excellent compilation of papers. The reprint is being launched by Councillor Ian McKenzie on Tuesday 2 October 2018, 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at the Stephens RSL Hall, 413 Ipswich Road, Annerley, beside the Junction Hotel. You are all welcome to attend.

Stories of Stephens

The Annerley Stephens History Group Inc. is convening a history conference for Saturday 23 February 2019 at Our Lady's College, Ipswich Road, Annerley. Speakers have been engaged on Shire, Aboriginal and many other aspects of local history. It will be a great day. You are all welcome to attend. Please contact the president: 041 777 0176

Queensland News

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

Brooweena – The Woocoo Historical Society has received donations of administrative records relating to the Woocoo Shire Council from the Purser family. Lorne Purser was a former Woocoo Shire Council Clerk. The property, *Carinya*, off Teebar Hall Road, owned by the Purser family for 52 years was recently sold at auction in May 2018. (Woocoo Historical Society *Bulletin* vol 32 no 2, July 2018 p. 6)

Mary Valley Rattler Railway – There has been regular and detailed discussion in the *Gympie Times* about the financial viability of the Gympie Regional Council’s commitment to the re-instatement and operation of the Mary Valley Rattler Railway. The Council’s Chief Executive Officer responded to the newspaper in July summarising their responses to the state government in an email to the Department of Local Government on 18 February 2017. The Council’s statement to the newspaper indicated that the restoration project encountered unforeseen challenges requiring delays and further funding, indicating that Council is “disappointed and frustrated at the ongoing increased costs and delayed launch.” An independent third-party review into the project currently underway is to determine the factors leading to the increased budget requirements and what improvements can be made to future project management practices. The Council spokesman said the Council had questioned the quality of information before it at the time of making its business case to the state government, the project review process and review of the specifications. Since the Works for Queensland state government funding was secured the cost of the Mary Valley Rattler Railway’s return has increased from \$10.8 million to \$17.5 million. (*Gympie Times* 21 July 2018 p. 7 including photograph)

Toowoomba Second Range Crossing – A treasure trove of 5,600 coins dating back to the nineteenth century was discovered on the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing construction site in October 2016. A former Nexus Infrastructure employee located the coins in the initial construction phase. A Department of Environment and Science investigation revealed that the silver and gold coins dating from 1882 to 1940 have archaeological value and the finder was fined \$1828 for non-compliance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. Investigations into who buried the coins are continuing. (*Courier-Mail* 29 August 2018 p. 15)

Woodleigh Station near Ravenshoe held by the Williams and Waddell families for over a century is undertaking remedial work on old mining tailings dam walls along the Herbert River upper reaches to prevent erosion. Terrain NRM funded by the Australian government is undertaking the work. (*Tablelander* 19 June 2018 p. 13)

Cooktown – The Cooktown Historical Society held a history night on 14 July when the John Hay and Sam Elliott Palmer Goldfield mining exhibition was opened by Ruth Kerr. Forty-five people attended including Mr Grant Morris, the first elected chairman of the Cook Shire Council, elected on 19 March 1988 after a long period of state government appointed administrators from 1 January 1959. The Society has 35 members with 16 volunteers and three researchers. Ruth also gave a historical presentation to the meeting on the Cooktown Quarantine Tramway on the North Shore in the 1880s. The group went on a boat trip to the North Shore the next afternoon. (Cooktown Independent, edition 37 vol.2, 11 July 2018, p. 11; Light Railways No.85, July 1984, pp.13-17)

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 20 NOVEMBER 2018 at 6.00 PM
AT THE COMMISSARIAT STORE, 115 WILLIAM STREET, BRISBANE
AGENDA**

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2017 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, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, ten Councillors
5. Appointment of Patron of the Society
6. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor
7. Consideration of the recommendation by the Society’s Council that Ms Carolyn Nolan be elected as a Fellow of the Society, and Dr Graeme Nicholson be awarded a MacGregor Medal.

Fellowship:

The Society’s Council recommends that Ms Carolyn Nolan be awarded a Fellowship under Rule 35 (d) of the Constitution, for her research and historical writing. Carolyn was President of the Society from 2009 to

2012 and was also awarded a Centenary Medal in 2013. Carolyn has written extensively on Queensland history – Stuartholme School, AP Eagers Motor Company, Alex Gow Funeral Directors, Charltons Stockbroking, Lawn Bowls in Queensland, and Brisbane’s Historic North Bank. Carolyn presented the Clem Lack Oration in 2016 on the Hamilton Suburb and was also chair of the Program Committee for several years.

MacGregor Medal:

The Society’s Council recommends that Dr Graeme Nicholson be awarded a MacGregor Medal under Rule 35 (f) of the Constitution, for his editing of the *Bulletin* for 11 years (121 issues) and contributions to the Society’s museum in a variety of ways including framing pictures, restoring photographs and building display equipment. Graeme’s degrees all featured History as a major subject.

Ruth S. Kerr
Hon Secretary

**THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
NOMINATION FORM**

For the election of the President, Vice President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, and 10 Councillors at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 6.00 pm at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane.

Nominations are required to be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary on or before close of business on 6 November 2018.

Nominations must be signed by 2 (two) financial members of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland and be accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who must be a financial member.

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We nominate
for the office of
Signed
Signed
If elected I agree to act in the position of
Signature

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Received by Hon Secretary
Signed:
Date:

A Letter from Emily Gallagher Appealing for History of Play

Dear RHSQ members,

I am writing to ask if you are able to help promote a call for materials held in private and family collections relating to growing up in Australia in the early twentieth century (1901-1949). I am currently a PhD student at the Australian National University and my research is a study of children's play and folklore in Australia.

Very little has been written about the history of children’s play in Australia pre-1950 and I am hoping that my research will be able to help provide insight into the lives and experiences of children in Australia in this period. I am especially interested in billy-cart and bicycle play, doll play, war play (particularly the reenactment of colonial and frontier violence), fairy and monster folklore (e.g. giants, ghosts, wild animals and evil fairies), collecting cultures (including the collecting of bird eggs, postcards, marbles and cigarette cards) and the building of cubby houses or any play with fire or water. I also have a strong interest in juvenile writing clubs, school magazines and children’s nature writings.

In recent months I have become aware of the immense wealth of historical material and knowledge relating to children held in families (until recently, archives and public institutions have been less inclined to collect materials relating to children) and I would like to engage with those interested in sharing their stories. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 0431743066.

Sincere thanks,
Emily

Research Report

Many varied and interesting research inquiries were received during the past month. These are: business and family history of J W Wood (the Library has the huge diary compiled by Major John Woods); film footage of a Queensland speed climbing competition in 1997; photographs for the Federation of Australian Historical Societies' website; copy of 'Brisbane Panorama 1855-1862' image; cultural history of Musgrave Park; history and current trends about Brisbane's CBD landscape; historiography of the Windmill, Wickham Tee.; Donald Mackay and the Galloway's Hill land, 'Cawmore Wood'; history of children's play in Australia; photographs and history of the old Post Office, Woolloongabba, and surrounding streets.

Our volunteer researchers have been engaged in the following:

Beth Johnson is sourcing photographs and their stories from the RHSQ collection to be posted on the Society's website. Maryanne Pender is researching and writing stories for Destination Brisbane Consortium (DBC) about the history of buildings and people associated with the William St. precinct. Vanessa Greco is compiling material from our archives about a joint project with Queensland State Archives (QSA) to determine the correct author of surveyor's field notes currently ascribed to surveyor Robert Hoddle, but long thought to be the work of John Oxley. The field notes are associated with Oxley's discovery of the mouth of the Brisbane River in 1823. They are now lodged with the QSA. Elizabeth Nunn continues to update the Library catalogue, assisted by Bethany Hines who, as a specialist in the field, is also carrying out a survey of the Library holdings with a view to future conservation projects. Discussions are now underway with IT consultants about the technical aspects of putting the catalogue online.

Kay Cohen

The Talk for October

Subject: Brothers in Arms - The Yungaburra Rifle Club in 1914

Speaker: Ros Lauder

In the early days of WWI Australia mobilised troops to assist the Mother Country and defend her northern borders. Along with other northern Rifle Clubs, men from the Yungaburra Rifle Club were mobilised to garrison Thursday Island. They were later recruited to form part of the Naval and Military Expeditionary Forces to take German New Guinea.

This talk describes a local history project seeking to document the individuals in the Yungaburra Rifle club who signed up and the biographies of some of the men creating a slice of life of a small northern town. The response of Freemasonry in Queensland to WWI is also elucidated.

Ros Lauder (*nee* McCormack) gained a B A in History and a Graduate Diploma in Archives Administration from the University of NSW. In 1982 she moved to Queensland, working at the QEGB and John Oxley Library. During her time at JOL she worked with the Archives at the United Grand Lodge of Queensland (Freemasons), which is where she met her husband. She then moved to Mount Isa, Papua New Guinea and Argentina with her husband. Returning to Queensland in 2000, they settled on the Atherton Tablelands where she worked part time as a librarian and continued her involvement with historical and other community groups.

In early 2017 she and her husband returned to Brisbane. She was invited back to assist with the Archives at Freemasons Queensland as the Voluntary Archivist for a period of 3 months. In 2018 she is still there....

An Invite to a Guided Tour

All RHSQ members are invited for a guided tour to the exhibition "With Heart & Hand: Art Pottery in Queensland 1900–1950". The exhibition is the most comprehensive survey of the art pottery produced in an Australian state. It includes over one hundred potters from Brisbane and regional areas, whose practices during the early twentieth century significantly influenced art and craft movements throughout Australia.

Glenn Cooke, long-standing RHSQ member and curator offered his time and knowledge to share with us the highlights of the exhibition that displays one of the items from the RHSQ Collection.

Date: 8 October, Monday (The Gallery will be opened especially for us)

Time: 10:30 am

Griffith University Art Museum 226 Grey Street South Bank

[RSVP: by 5 October, \(07\) 3221 4198 / info@queenslandhistory.org.au](mailto:info@queenslandhistory.org.au)

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<u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u> <u>OCTOBER 2018</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	
Tuesday 2 October - Launch of <i>Annals of Annerley</i> reprint	Richard Cameron	Annerley
Thursday 4 October - Presentation, ‘Old Soldiers in Vignacourt and Naours.’	Robyn Antill	Wynnum
Wednesday 10 October - 12.30 pm Talk	Elliott Bledsoe	Indooroopilly
Topic: ‘Brothers in Arms - The Yungaburra Rifle Club in 1914’	Monica Pearce	St Lucia
Speaker: Ros Lauder	Lesley Synge	West End
Thursday 11 October - Council Meeting	Lily Van Caenegem	Brookfield
Saturday 13 October - Brisbane Open House	Anthe Philippides	Brookfield
Sunday 14 October - Colonial Chord - 12.30 pm	Catherine Charlton	Annerley
Monday 15 October - <i>Bulletin</i> deadline	Lisa Rayner	Brisbane City
Thursday 18 October - National Trust event	Michele Pickering	Herston
	Melanie Pidcocke	Mackay Caneland
	Colin Mills	Kenmore Hills
	David L Childs	Keperra

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