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His Majesty's Bark *Endeavour* Replica to Visit Queensland in 2020



Australian National Maritime Museum Photo

The HMB *Endeavour* Replica at Sea

Construction of the *Endeavour* replica began in 1988 and the ship was launched five years later. Since then, she has sailed over 170,000 nautical miles twice around the world visiting many countries and Pacific islands. HMB *Endeavour* has opened as a museum in 116 ports. Hundreds of thousands of visitors have been on board to see how Captain James Cook and his crew lived. (see article on page 3)

President's Report

The 2019 Queensland Day Dinner was again a wonderful success with an enlightened address from his Excellency, the Governor of Queensland Paul de Jersey AC. A special thank you is extended to those who organised the event especially Maryanne Pender and Ilona Fekete. They did a great job. We are all indebted to them.

At last we know when the replica of the *Endeavour* will be anchoring in Brisbane and elsewhere in Queensland as a part of the 250-year anniversary of Cook's transit up the east coast. The ship will be anchoring in Brisbane for eight days on 18 May 2020, in the Town of 1770 on the 31 May and in Cooktown between 26 July and 4 August. Therefore, the conferences will be held in Brisbane on Saturday 23 May 2020, in the Town of 1770 on the following Friday 29 May and finally on Friday or Saturday 31 July or 1 August in Cooktown. It is necessary to organise these conferences on the day the ship anchors in Brisbane and Cooktown as many of the speakers will be on the vessel. The venues are still being considered. Please note that a dinner will be organised on the evening of these conferences at these three locations. Please place these dates in your diary for next year and you are all welcome to attend.

The Society's home website and the Commissariat Store website are being upgraded and we look forward to the completion of this work.

The Dig tree project is progressing slowly. We have received a \$40,000 heritage grant from the Department, made up in two lots, \$30,000 up front when the work is approved by the Heritage Branch and the other \$10,000 when completed. The Society has not yet received approval for the balustrades on the boardwalk, which is the final approval. The balustrades proposed by the Department would, according to the Project Manager of the Bulloo Shire Council, cause flooding problems with debris being caught in them with consequent damage. This matter is currently being reconsidered. Further, the agreement between the Society and the Bulloo Shire Council for them to carry out the work is currently being drafted. Once the Society receives the final approval and the flood waters recede and the place dries out work should commence.

I wish to formally thank Ian Jempson for his contribution to the work of the Council. Unfortunately, due to his employment, he has shifted to Toowoomba and is unable to continue this work. Historian Geoff Hopkins Weise has been appointed as his replacement on the Council. We welcome Geoff to this position. On Friday the 21 June 2019, a one off special lecture is being held at the Commissariat Store on the new publication about the iconic Waltzing Matilda. The publisher, Dan Kelly requested time to give this lecture (which was granted) at a time the author was en-route from Melbourne to Winton for its launch.

It is a wonderful honour to be appointed a Member of the Order of Australia as announced in the recent Queens Birthday honours list. I thank everyone for their generous comments, and these came from friends, relatives, members of the Historical Society and legal colleagues.

Stephen Sheaffe
President

Queensland News

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

Cooktown – The Cook Shire Council has scaled back the Cook commemorations in 2020. The 48-day festival has been cancelled and there will instead be a three weekend Expo in July – August 2020. The Cook Shire Director Lawrence Booth said that feedback from stakeholders including state and federal governments indicated that a 48-day festival may be too hard to achieve. A 'Cooktown Expo 2020 – a Regional Showcase for Tropical North Queensland' event has been developed. It will be held on the weekends from 17 July to 4 August 2020. The *Endeavour* replica is to arrive on 25 July and leave on 4 August, the date Captain Cook departed from the Endeavour River in 1770. Mr Booth said the change is not expected to impact on the level of funding provided by the federal government. Funds for four legacy infrastructure projects are included in the grants. (*Cape York News* 5-11 June 2019 pp. 1 and 2 including photograph)

Herberton – Around 1300 people attended the Herberton Pioneer Weekend at the Herberton Pioneer Village on 11-12 May. Connie and Craig Kimberley who own the Herberton Pioneer Village have done extensive maintenance work on the village. Darryl Cooper demonstrated blacksmithing and Bill Leet hand steel drilling. The restaurant building is the old *Bakerville Hotel* which used to be on the Queensland Heritage Register until moved into the Herberton Village. (*Tablelander* 14 May 2019 pp. 30-32)



Herberton Pioneer Village Photo

The Old Bakerville Hotel and Tool Shed at the Herberton Pioneer Village

Sandgate – The Sandgate Historical Society and Museum is running projects to shine the light on Sandgate’s history. Projects include a film and heritage trail. The Sandgate Bay of Lights Project will see historic images projected on the walls of the former Baptist Church on the foreshore, along with anecdotes from two senior residents (Bert Midgely aged 89 and Linda Paddon aged 100) and historical facts. It is a collaborative project between the Sandgate and District Historical Society, Sandgate Creative Engine and Brisbane City Council. The Council has recently launched a Step Through Sandgate Heritage Trail which takes in 19 places and events that have shaped the suburb’s history. (*Northside Chronicle* 22 November 2018 p. 3 including photograph)

Wee MacGregor Tramway featured in June 2019 *Bulletin* was recorded in the article ‘Education at Hightville and Ballara’, *Queensland Heritage*, November 1976, vol. 3 no. 5, pp.3-9 by Ruth Kerr. Children travelled to school in the tramway trucks. This form of transport was not uncommon for people on mining fields. Society member, Brian Webber, also studied the tramways of the area in the 1970s, walking along the tramways from Ballara to Wee MacGregor mine and on surrounding mine sidings as did John and Ruth Kerr in 1974.

Heritage

On **3 June 2019** the Department of Environment and Science (the Department) received an application proposing entry of **Allenstown, Berserker Street, Rainworth and Yeppoon State Schools** in the Queensland Heritage Register (Heritage Register) as a State Heritage Place.

Queensland State Archive’s ‘Memory Lounge’ Archives and Dementia Program open for bookings

The Memory Lounge is a welcoming space within Queensland State Archives’ Reading Room that provides individuals with an opportunity to connect with cherished moment and shared memories, with carers and expert company.

The lounge is a comfortable and welcoming space inspired by mid-century interiors with furnishings selected to create a dementia-friendly environment. Program visitors will be accompanied by a trained staff member to explore archival photos from the records and enjoy a light morning tea.

Queensland State Archives is recognised by Dementia Australia as a Dementia Friendly Organisation. Community members and residential care facilities are welcome to book into the following sessions:

- Tuesday 6 August 10.30 am
- Tuesday 12 November 10.30 am

Places are limited. Additional private bookings can be arranged in advance by email.

[Please contact programs@archives.qld.gov.au](mailto:programs@archives.qld.gov.au) for bookings or more information.

The John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction Award for 2019

Dr Margaret Kowald



On 6 June 2019 at the Brisbane Club, The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and the Professional Historians Association (Qld) Inc, in the presence of His Excellency Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, were pleased to award the 2019 John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction to Dr Margaret Kowald.

Dr Kowald has demonstrated an enthusiastic and rigorous approach to preserving Queensland's history, most notably in the areas of organisational, environmental and pastoral history. Kowald's first major work *The Queensland Police Force 1895-1910*, a thesis prepared for the University of Queensland's Master of Arts program, awarded in 1989, demonstrated Kowald's assiduous research techniques and excellent skill for identifying appropriate primary source information. In 1992, Kowald collaborated with Professor W. Ross Johnston on *You Can't Make It Rain: the story of the North Australian Pastoral Company*, an expanded version of which is to be published later this year. In 1993, Kowald together with Helen Gregory published *Women on the Course: the McLeod Country Golf Club 1968-1993*, before she embarked on several research projects connected to environmental history, the most significant of which, the *Historical Overview of the South East Queensland Biogeographic Region with particular reference to forested areas*, provided a contextual basis for cultural heritage assessment of forested lands. In a career spanning over 30 years, Kowald has authored dozens of research papers, conference presentations and published articles. She has worked as an oral historian for the Northern Territory Archives Service, a Cultural Heritage Assessor, a lecturer and tutor for tertiary students, and a consultant historian.

Dr Kowald is an ardent advocate for academic rigor and critical analysis within the history profession. Her thoughtful paper, *Commissioned History: is there a future?*, published in the *Queensland History Journal* in 1993, reflected on challenges and opportunities facing historians in contemporary society. Other seminar papers, including *Archivists and Historians*, presented in 1991 and *Local History Societies and the Historian*, presented in 1993, highlight Kowald's keen interest in examining the history profession and identifying opportunities that further the voice of historians in the wider community.

In 1990, Dr Kowald joined the newly incorporated Professional Historians Association (Qld), and has remained a member of the organisation to the present. She was the first editor of the Association's newsletter, and served as President of the Association 1997 to 1999. She is highly regarded among her peers for her conscientiousness, analytical skills, and project management acumen. This is demonstrated most effectively in her leadership of the research and editing team for two publications, *Lost Brisbane and Surrounding Areas 1860-1960*, published in 2014, and *Lost Brisbane 2 and Surrounding Areas: the later years*, published in 2016, and in her service as Honorary Editor of the *Queensland History Journal* since 2008, regarded as the most authoritative journal on Queensland history. She was awarded The Royal Historical Society of Queensland's Centenary Medal in 2013, and was appointed a Fellow of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland in 2016.

Throughout her career, Margaret has always brought her approachable and collegiate personality to her work. She freely shares information with fellow historians; and in various professional roles as editor,

project manager, and academic lecturer and supervisor, has supported professional development and cross-generational learning by providing constructive insights to her colleagues. Testament to her many valued relationships within Queensland and Australia's community of historians, Margaret presented a eulogy for John Douglas Kerr - this award's namesake - at his funeral in 2003.

The John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction acknowledges excellence in historiography, historical research and writing. Dr Margaret Kowald is indeed a most deserving recipient of this year's award.

Research Report

Over the past month, the Library and Research Services team have dealt with the following: a visiting researcher exploring the Library's collection of William Waddell's letters and diary, particularly relating to World War I; email requests about correspondence concerning the RHSQ loan of Augustus Gregory's compass to Queensland Museum for Queensland Centenary Celebrations 1959; indigenous history of 30 Ann St., Brisbane CBD; photographs of floods on Logan and Albert Rivers 1860-1940; Foster Fyan's memoirs and rescue of Eliza Fraser; history of former Barnes Emporium manager's house at Allora, Darling Downs; information and photographs about Watson Brothers Plumbers in Margaret St., Brisbane CBD; photographs of Peel Island 1885-86 when *SS Dorunda* quarantined there; location and history of 'old' colonial house on Montague Road, South Brisbane; information on Beatrice Lane, off Charlotte St., Brisbane CBD, associated with the Brisbane Grammar School; permission requested to use RHSQ archival material on Inscription Point, Sweers Island, in forthcoming publication; information received about early pastoral runs in the Burnett region; photographs and material received about the Jardine Cemetery, Somerset, Cape York; booklet 'Where the Wuccas Roam' by F T Borchardt received from Merv Hopton; New Farm and District Historical Society *June Newsletter*; Nundah and District Historical Society *Bulletin*.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the Library:

Bettie Clark's Diary and Early North Arm by Audieene Blyth; *Maurice, Blind Hero of Gallipoli* by James W. Gibson; *the Eleventh Plague* by E Maurice Little; *Seaside Health Resorts of Southern Queensland* (booklet); *Central Queensland* (Booklet) ; *Queensland At Home* (Booklet); *Stories from Victoria Barracks, Army Museum South Queensland*.

Kay Cohen

Talk for July

Wednesday 10 July 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Speaker: Denver Beanland

Denver Beanland holds a Bachelor of Arts with first class Honours in History (2003) and a PhD in History (2008) from The University of Queensland. Denver is the author of three books: *A Court Apart: The District Court of Queensland, a history of the Court*, (2009), a biography; *The Queensland Caesar: Sir Thomas McIlwraith, a three times colonial Premier*, (2013); his latest book is entitled: *Brisbane – Australia's New World City: A History of the old Town Hall, City Hall, and the Brisbane City Council 1985 – 2013*, (2016). He is also the author of many published articles. Denver served as a Member of the Queensland Parliament from 1986 to 2001. He was the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Responsible for Consumer Affairs from 1996-98 and was leader of the parliamentary Liberal Party 1990-91. Between 1976 and 1986 Denver was an Alderman of the Brisbane City Council and, in 1985-86, was Vice-Mayor. He is a past President of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and currently serves on the Society's Council. Denver is Chair of the National Archives of Australia Advisory Council and is also Chair of the Brisbane City Council's Heritage Advisory Committee. He is Patron of the Brisbane City Pops Orchestra (BCPO).

Topic: Brisbane – Australia New World City: A History of the old Town Hall, City Hall, and the Brisbane City Council 1985 – 2013

The address will cover the above book. Apart from the history of the old Town Hall and City Hall, this book provides an analysis of Council's policies and the delivery of services and infrastructure that shaped Brisbane between 1985 and 2013. It provides a permanent record of Council accomplishments during a period of enormous change, growing expectations and improved lifestyle.

On 7 September 1859 Brisbane was proclaimed in the New South Wales Government Gazette as a municipality, some three months before Queensland separated from New South Wales on 10 December that year. One of the first issues faced by the new Municipal Council was the need for a Town Hall.

Brisbane's Town Hall, from the moment of design became a source of dissension. Factionalism, animosity, self-interest and professional envy all played a part as did suspicion of corruption. Just over a decade after construction of the Town Hall, commenced a 40 year battle to erect a more suitable building that is today's City Hall purposely constructed on this site for sound reasons.

For forty years Council argued about the location, whether it should be constructed in the commercial heart of the city or much closer to Fortitude Valley. It was not until after the end of World War I, with prospect of the Greater Brisbane Scheme coming to fruition that the Council finally agreed to proceed with the construction of 'The Million Pound Town Hall', as it became known, on the current site. After major restoration work over three years, costing \$215 million, the City Hall was reopened on 6 April 2013.

QWHA History Symposium Sunday the 21st - 09:30 am to 03:00 pm

Women Stepping Forth - Stories of Queensland Women

The following speakers will explore stories of women who led by example in the fields of Arts, Education, Law, Medicine and the Environment:

Dianne Byrne: "The Private Lady Lamington"

Ann-Maree David: "Queensland's Pioneering Women Lawyers -Unsuspecting Role Models for Generations to Come"

Sue Davis: "Kathleen McArthur and Queensland's Pioneering Wild/Flower Women"

Michael Marendy: "From Thread to Theory: The Two Margarets' and their contribution to Technical Education in Queensland"

Robert McAllister: "The slow emergence of Female Medical Practitioners (not Lady Doctors) in Queensland"

Tim Roberts: "The mysterious Mary Jones: an early figure in Queensland's Visual Arts"

Cost \$60, including afternoon tea and lunch. Registrations are now open, but numbers are limited.

Please go to our Eventbrite page (<http://tiny.cc/vwbf8y>) or contact Miegunyah for more information.

<u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	
<u>JULY</u>		
Wednesday 10 July, Talk 12.30 to 1.30 pm	Noreen Kirkman	Pickering Brook (WA)
Topic: Australia New World City: A History of the old Town Hall, City Hall, and the Brisbane City Council 1985 – 2013	Genean Wildeisen	Taringa
Speaker: Denver Beanland	Jeff Hopkins-Weise	Dayboro
Thursday 11 July, Council Meeting		
Monday 15 July, <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline		

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