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THE YUGAMBEH MUSEUM AT BEENLEIGH TEACHES THE YUGAMBEH LANGUAGE



Wikipedia Photo

The Yugambeh Museum and Language Centre

The Yugambeh Museum is committed to the conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of the traditional Aboriginal people of the Yugambeh Language Region. The region extends from the Tweed River in the south to the Logan River in the north and west.

The Museum's collections include ancient and contemporary artefacts, art pieces, family histories, archival records and photographs and an extensive library of books, audio and video tapes and CDs relating to the shared Aboriginal and European history of the region. Great emphasis has been given to the collection of records relating to Yugambeh and other languages of Southeast Queensland.

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President's Report

On behalf of the Society it was a pleasure to give a lecture to the Probus Club at the Toowong Bowls Club last week. It was well received by an enthusiastic group. Furthermore, I attended a lecture at the Brisbane Club on our first Governor, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, KCMG and Contessa Diamantina di Roma Bowen and later a short dissertation on Reverend Garland the founder of ANZAC day.

The work for the restoration and improvement of the dig tree reserve is continuing. A MOU is being negotiated with the Bulloo Shire Council and the only approval not given is for the balustrades on the walkway. Once these have been completed work should commence. The redesign of the websites for both The Historical Society and the Commissariat Museum are now completed.

There are many conferences being organized. The theme of our annual conference on Saturday 31 August is about early explorers. It is a half day conference with six presenters delivering papers on interesting topics. On the same day it is envisaged the local Federal Member will launch our Armistice Day exhibition. Thanks to Michelle Pickering who has made the hard yards organizing this conference.

Our joint symposium with the Stanthorpe and District Historical Society to be held on 12 October has also been organized. The seven speakers for the afternoon conference have been approached and they have agreed to deliver papers. Please insert this weekend in your diary. It will be a great day.

Furthermore, the Society is convening a conference in conjunction with the Annerley Stephens History Group. The theme is Stephens and War. It will be held on Saturday 26 October 2019 at the Yeronga RSL Club. Again, the speakers have been approached and have agreed to deliver papers. Your president is also collecting and editing the papers from the conference held earlier on the 23 February and the papers will soon be published under the title *Echoes of Stories of Stephens*. Applications for funding from the Lord Mayors Community Benefit Fund through the Council Wards that encroach on the old Stephens Shire boundary have been made.

Also, the Society has been approached to jointly convene a symposium with the Parliamentary Library in August 2020 to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Sir Samuel Griffith. The Fryer Library has also made an approach to organize a joint event. These events are in the early stage of planning.

At last the dates for the Cook Conferences in 2020 have now been settled. I hope you can all attend. They will be held:

- In Brisbane on Saturday 23 May 2020,
- The Town of 1770 on Friday 29 May 2020, and
- Cooktown on 1 August 2020.

Stephen Sheaffe
President

Conference

The Australasian Mining History Association Conference with 70 delegates was held north Queensland from 7 to 14 July 2019. The lectures were held in Atherton at the International Club on 8,9,11 and 12 July. RHSQ members figured prominently at the conference – Dr Jan Wegner, Dr Peter Bell and Dr Ruth Kerr as organisers and presenters, and Mr Bob Forsyth, life member from Mount Isa as a presenter. Dr Ruth Kerr presented the keynote address on the topic, “In the Footsteps of John Moffat”. Tours were made to Mount Mulligan on 7th, Herberton and Irvinebank on 10th and Chillagoe, Zillmanton and Mungana on 13 and 14th. The lunch attended by the Mareeba Shire Council Mayor, Tom Gilmore, was held in the historic School of Arts in Irvinebank and the trophy for the entry of John Moffat in the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame was handed to the Irvinebank School of Arts and Progress Association. Dr Peter Bell led the tour to inspect the coal mine remains at Mount Mulligan and he presented a paper at the conference. Dr Jan Wegner presented three papers to the conference – on Mount Molloy, the Mulgrave Goldfield and Carl Ergestrom of the Hodgkinson Goldfield. Members of Historical Societies on the Tablelands Mareeba and Port Douglas and visitors from Cairns, Innisfail, East Palmerston and Watsonville attended the conference. Forty delegates travelled to Chillagoe and stayed overnight.

Queensland News

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

Gympie – The Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum is extremely concerned about the Gympie Regional Council’s *Gympie Region Tourism Discussion Paper 2018-2028* which proposes the renaming of the Mining Museum to Australian Heritage Village and Museum, the Woodwork Museum to the Australian Woodwork and Transport Museum and the Scottish Mine to the Australian Scottish Mine. “Australia has more impact than Gympie or indeed Queensland” the report states. A spokesman for the Gympie Regional Council stated that a draft Gympie Mine Museum plan would be open for public discussion later in 2019. A copy of the report is on the Council website. (*Gympie Times* 8 June 2019 pp.1 and 2)

Kowanyama – Mr Chris Atherton, a great grandson of John Atherton who took up pastoral leases in the Atherton area in the late 1870s, has donated nine woomeras which John Atherton collected to the new \$6 million Kowanyama museum. He also donated a hand carved frame and photograph of John and Catherine Atherton to the Mareeba Heritage Museum and Visitor Centre. (*Mareeba Express* 10 July 2010 p. 2 including two photographs)

Kuranda Historical Society is a year old. They are being established in the old Visitor’s Information centre in Centenary Park. They are applying for grant funding for a custom-made permanent security window screening for the new premises. They also desire to have some public art on the building. The Society is undertaking research queries. (Kuranda Historical Society, Email: kurandahistory@gmail.com, *The Kuranda Paper* June 2019 p.3)

Bungunya on South Western Railway - Member, Greg Hallam of Queensland Rail has prepared three storyboards for the Bungunya State School Centenary on 4 August - Barbed Wire, Borders and Railway Lines; "On the Level" - on the Way to Gundi; and All Aboard at Thallon and Dirranbandi.

Heritage

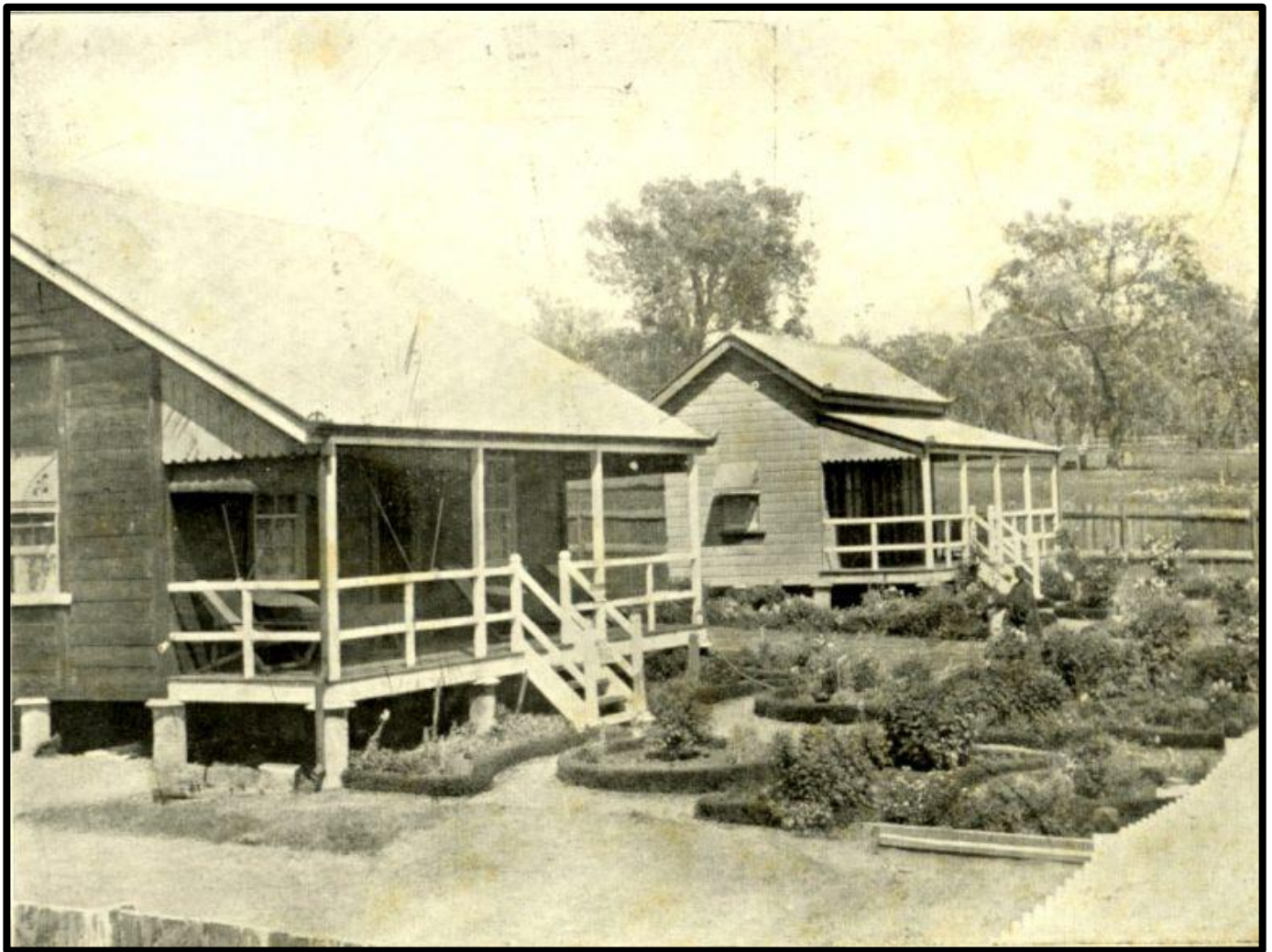
On 3 May 2019 the former **Sarina Air Raid Shelter at Sarina**, the former **Allan State School at Allan** and **Buderim State School** were entered in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place.



Heritage Queensland Photo

The Sarina Air Raid Shelter in the Latest Paint Scheme

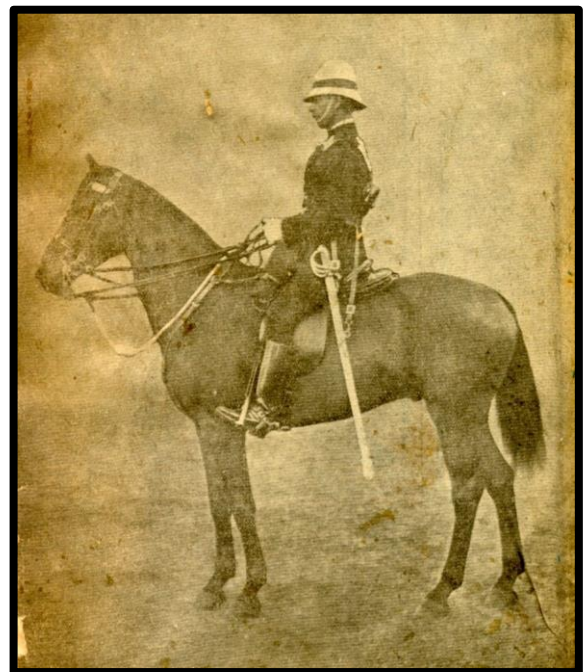
On 31 May 2019 **Duaringa**, **Geebung** and **Roadvale** State Schools and **Redcliffe** State High School were entered on the Queensland Heritage Register. Also, the **Bedourie Pisé House** and **Aboriginal Tracker’s Hut at Bedourie** and the **Rewan Police Horse Breeding Station (former)** at **Rewan** were entered on the Heritage Register.



Queensland Police Museum Photo

Rewan Station Buildings and Garden 1910

The horse illustrated was named 'Brisbane' and was selected from Rewan Station stock and sent to London in charge of Constable Fenwick Wilson (the Officer astride the horse) as a gift from the Queensland Government to King George V in July 1911



Queensland Police Museum Photo

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

Research Report

This past month the research team tackled a number of interesting inquiries. The following requests were completed: a search for the history of a private home in Graceville; information on Wolston Park Hospital; a question about family ties to Milton property, *Rowallan*; a search for information about Morven at Sandgate for a work of historical fiction; a search for James Charles Burnett's surveyors notes/ expedition diaries from the 1840s; an inquiry to the timeline of development in Stafford; the history of Old St Marys Rectory, Kangaroo Point; interest in locating Gregory Compass; the history of a building at the corner of Grey and Melbourne Street in South Brisbane; an inquiry into the natural history of Mount Coot-tha; a search for information on Beatrice Lane in Brisbane; a query for information pertaining to an antique dresser; an investigation into Leichhardt's second expedition; a desire to track a beloved French teacher; a hunt for plans of the past Masonic Temple on Alice Street; an inquiry into the history of Davies Park; a search for a manuscript book; a look into family history in Tasmania; and the search for "The Genealogy of William Pettigrew."

Researcher Merv Hopton of Bundaberg has continued to uncover and share valuable information with the Welsby Library. His meticulous research focuses on the history and lands around Bundaberg and is of great value to the history of Queensland.

This month we welcomed a work study student for a week. She assisted with the updating of our digital assets; a project that will ease the access and use of those items that have been digitised. In addition to learning about the organisation and operation of an archive, we introduced her to new technologies such as microfiche.

Elizabeth Nunn
Honorary Researcher

Talk for August

There is no Wednesday Talk in August. As notified on the webpage the Commissariat Store Museum is closed on 14 August being the EKKKA holiday.

Please note the next Wednesday Talk is: 'The Women of Moreton Bay' by Tasmin O'Connor, Wednesday 11 September 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm.

Queensland Women's History Association

Saturday 7 September - 08:00 am to 05:00 pm

Please note that Miegunyah will be closed today for a private function.

Sunday 8 September - 01:30 pm to 05:00 pm

Please note that Miegunyah will be closed this afternoon for our regular lecture and afternoon tea.

Members, friends and the general public are welcome to attend, but no house tours will be given after 1.30pm. See lecture details below for more information.

Afternoon Tea and Talk: 1.30 for a 2.00 pm start**"With Daggers in Her Bonnet": Australian Perspectives on the Global Hatpin Terror, 1905-1914.**

In the early twentieth-century hat-pins replaced the corset as the most 'dangerous' item of women's fashion. They were known to cause inadvertent injuries to both the wearers and passers-by, on a jostling tram or in the theatre-crowd crush, however several reports also suggested that women were 'weaponising' their hat-pins, in both self-defence and with the outright intention to cause harm. This talk will explore how the global hat-pin panic played out in Australia, focussing particularly on Queensland, in the hopes of illuminating the contemporary social forces impacting law-maker's responses to the apparent 'threat' of the ladies' hat-pin.

Guest Speaker: Anna Temby, academic and PhD candidate at the University of Queensland, public historian and heritage consultant.

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

<u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u> <u>AUGUST</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	
Thursday 8 August, Council Meeting Thursday 15 August, <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline Saturday 31 August, Annual Conference	Heather Lyle Margaret Hetherington Cynthia and David Ford Simon Walklin Richard Lancaster	Paxton (NSW) Roma West Chermside Kedron Woody Point

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