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The Beenleigh 'Red Bridge' Has Been Repainted



Logan City Council Photo

The 'Red Bridge' at Beenleigh

One of southeast Queensland's oldest toll bridges has been saved from fading away with a \$2.4m cash splash — and a lick of Waratah red paint. See story page 3

President's Report

It is with pleasure that I again report to all the members of the Society. Firstly, I wish to remind everyone that your membership is now due. We can only perform to the high standard that we do if everyone renews their membership. If you have not renewed; please do so.

Since the last report, Dean Prangley and I have had two meetings with Star Entertainment to consider the occupation of the second lowest floor of the old library as our storage facility. Negotiations are continuing nicely on this issue - and if an arrangement can be arrived at - it would be a perfect venue as it leads directly onto Miller Park adjacent to the Commissariat Store. We have closely examined our storage facility at Stafford to ascertain our storage footprint, so it is an important question to ascertain if all our objects will fit. During this meeting we discussed the concept of preparing a Business Plan that considers what will need to be done between now and 2022-23 when the Casino will be opened. Steps will now be considered to prepare a plan. Dean has also been appointed as the chair of the Museum Committee. Well done Dean!

On 18 July I was invited to attend the opening of the new Royal Geographic Society Premises at Spring Hill. It was launched by his Excellency the Governor of Queensland. It was well attended. On 1 August I was also invited to give a presentation to Beb Torkington on 4EB (Ethnic Broadcasting) to talk about the RHSQ. It was a very successful discussion about early Queensland history.

For the last few months the Thursday volunteers have been reviewing all the past minutes to ascertain what memorials have been erected by the Society across the State. This arose out of a visit by Professor John Pearn and myself early last year to the Flinders Memorial on Old Gympie Road at the Glass House Mountains. Unfortunately, the local council had dismantled the memorial erected by the Society dedicated to Matthew Flinders' visit in 1799. This prompted an enquiry and a stocktake of the memorials we had established over time and to ascertain their current status. This work is not completed as yet.

The Dig Tree project is still continuing. The MOU between the Bulloo Shire Council and the RHSQ has been settled, but we are still waiting for the final departmental approval for the boardwalk. We trust it will be finalized very soon.

At 4 pm on Thursday each month we are holding a meeting on the planning of the three Cook conferences. Representatives of the Maritime Museum, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographic Society, the National Trust and the 1770 Committee have attended.

Finally, the number of conferences that are being convened is considerable and include:

1. On 31 August 2019 our annual conference will be held at the Commissariat Store.
2. On 12 October 2019 a conference at Stanthorpe in conjunction with the Stanthorpe and District Historical Society.
3. On 26 October 2019 a joint conference with the Annerley Stephens Historical Society on War and Stephens will be held at the Yeronga RSL Club.
4. In 2020 we have three conferences to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Cook's transit up the east coast. They will be held in Brisbane on 23 May, The Town of 1770 on 29 May and 1 August 2020 in Cooktown.

I wish to remind you that the new website is up and running. So please have a close look and I would appreciate your feedback.

I am delighted that our erstwhile Treasurer Barry Rollason is recovering and will be back on deck very soon.

I look forward to seeing you at our Riverfire function and at our Separation Day event in December.

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)

Adel's Grove, Lawn Hill – The main building at the tourist camping ground was destroyed by fire on 9 July and campers were evacuated. The area was established as a garden with irrigated channels in the 1940s by a lone resident who also sold petrol later. (*North Queensland Register* 11 July 2019 p. 2)

Aurukun, Cape York – The Wik and Kugu Arts Centre is hosting the Painted Stories artist residency for Aurukun women to tell their histories. Twenty-three women have participated and more sessions are to be held. Cultural knowledge is being transmitted to the younger generations. (*Cape York News* 3-9 July 2019 p. 12 including photograph)

Beenleigh – The bridge over the Logan River at Beenleigh has been repainted (three coats of polyurethane protector and one coat of Waratah Red paint). The concrete art deco support pylons have been repaired. The bridge was opened in 1931 and had a toll until the 1940s. It became part of the Pacific Highway. It was decommissioned in 1986 when the new four lane bridge was built. It is now a pedestrian and cyclist's bridge. (*Albert and Logan News* 1 August 2019 p. 3)



The 'Red Bridge' Opening 1931
Jimboomba Times Photo

Cooktown – Harold Ludwick, Indigenous project officer and guide at the Cooktown Museum, has won a National Museum of Australia residency and intensive two-way learning exchange at the National Library, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, and the British Museum, Museum at Greenwich and Princes' Foundation of the Arts. He will also be working towards repatriation of Aboriginal remains from a Polish University. When he visits Greenwich, he proposes to utilise the Guugu Yimithirr language which Cook and his crew heard and recorded in 1770. Harold has also written a satirical version of Captain Cook's encounters which is to be published in book form in May 2020. (*Cape York News* 24-30 July 2019 p. 4 including photograph of Harold Ludwick with the Prime Minister Hon Scott Morrison MP)

Maytown, Cape York – Cook Shire Council has graded and widened the Maytown Road to make Maytown and its surrounding mining heritage more accessible. The \$80,000 project was funded by the state government's Works for Queensland Program. Western Yalanji People undertook Indigenous cultural heritage identification work.

Napranum, Cape York – At a NAIDOC Week morning tea at Napranum, Elders shared their stories and knowledge about their history, cultural values, achievements and coaching the children to attend school. Napranum PCYC desires to host more Elders story sharing sessions for the community. (*Cape York News* 17-23 July 2019 p. 13 including three photographs)

Noosaville – The Noosaville Fish Market has moved from the 60 year old building to new shops in the Hilton Terrace complex at the corner of Hilton Terrace and Ernest Street. (*Noosa News* 16 July 2019 p. 14 including two photographs)

North Maclean – One of south east Queensland's oldest trees which began growing approx. 378 years ago is now being used by Logan City Council to map and test the area's oldest and largest trees. The tree is a *Eucalyptus tereticornis* and has been named Gandalf by council staff. (*Albert and Logan News* 1 August 2019 p. 3)

Heritage

Rosebery House, 1 Derby Street, Highgate Hill has been nominated on 31 July 2019 for entry on the Queensland Heritage.



RHSQ Photo

Fragments Ensemble performing at the Commissariat Store

On Friday 16 August Fragments Ensemble performed *Knots & Fields*, their second concert as ensemble in residence at the Commissariat Store. Visitors to the store enjoyed over an hour of chamber music by Hungarian composers Béla Bartók and György Kurtág, and a song cycle by Dmitri Shostakovich. The performance was enhanced by a visual display created by Hungarian visual artist Istvan Horkay. The ensemble will return to the Commissariat Store on Sunday 13 October to perform at the Brisbane Open House program. Please visit <https://www.fragmentsensemble.com/> or call the Commissariat Store on (07) 3221 4198 for further details.

170th Anniversary Morning Tea

All descendants of the immigrants who arrived in 1849 on Dunmore Lang's ships: the *Fortitude*, the *Chaseley* and the *Lima* are invited to a 170th anniversary of their arrival. It will be a morning tea in the garden of *The Dell*, 44 Glen Road, Toowong on Saturday, 14 September, from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. No charge. Please bring a blanket or folding chair and sunscreen. (If it rains there is cover). Max. 50 people. RSVP lee_bull@hotmail.com. OR ph. (07) 3261 3885.

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 session:

- 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.

Research Report

The following research requests were received during the past month: from the Houthem Historical Society, The Netherlands, re possible link between Houthem village and Houthem St., Camp Hill; information on early 1900s Queen St. Brisbane; jeweller J. Stedman; historical resources re Ravenswood, NQ.; Royal Marines and Somerset, Cape York cemetery headstones; Corinda maternity hospital; Queenslanders quarantined at Tenterfield re 1919 Spanish ‘flu epidemic. An offer was also received of original house plans and land sales documents for Brunswick St., Fortitude Valley, house c. 1892. Volunteer researcher Elizabeth Nunn will be a special guest at the Brisbane City Council’s Avenue of Honour (Diggers’ Drive) Rededication Ceremony at Kalinga Park on 21 August. The avenue of memorial trees was created by ex-servicemen after World War I, but became neglected and almost forgotten in the ensuing years. Thanks in part to Elizabeth’s research, the location of the original Drive was identified, the name reinstated, a road laid down in 2002 and a care and maintenance program commenced.

The Library has received several donations of books this month. Letters of thanks have been sent to all donors. As volunteer numbers have declined recently, we are seeking volunteers to join our team on any Thursday (10am to 4pm) to assist with delivery of our services. The tasks are interesting, if sometimes repetitive, and require no special skill. Anyone familiar with scanning and digitization processes would be especially welcome.

Kay Cohen

Talk for September

Wednesday 11 September 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Speaker: Tasmin O’Connor

‘To work the fair ones orderly and well: The Management of Female Convicts at the Penal Settlement of Moreton Bay.’

For 18 years the settlement of Moreton Bay was a closed penal station, denying access to the free and freedom to the bond. Life on the settlement was defined by its founding principal - the need to put the terror back in the system. Some 2,000 convicts passed through Moreton Bay, the majority served between 7- and 14-years hard labour in chains and 144 of them were women. It is the intention of this paper to reveal something of the anomalous and elusive female experience. The analysis centres upon a particularly harsh, but highly theatrical, display of punishment inflicted upon the women in the chapel in 1829. By examining the meanings attached to this single event the wider dynamics of class and gender and of punishment and resistance are exposed and explored. This single long forgotten episode resonates through the history of Moreton Bay, demonstrating the unique way in which women were perceived and managed in this intensely masculine, militarised and punitive environment.

Tamsin O’Connor is a PhD student at the University of Sydney. Her thesis is entitled “‘All those Places of Condemnation’: Power, Punishment and Resistance at the Penal Stations of New South Wales 1804 – 1842,’ The title is of course inspired by the Ballad of Moreton Bay.

She actually began this project in the early 1990s at the University of Queensland with an honour's thesis on convict resistance at Moreton Bay, supervised by Professor Raymond Evans. She then commenced her doctoral thesis at Edinburgh University as part of their influential convict studies team.

Tamsin has had the opportunity to publish aspects of that research and her more recent work on Newcastle and Port Macquarie in various landmark edited collections, such as *Representing Convicts*, *Chain Letters* and in special editions of *THS* and *AJCH*. After a long family hiatus, the thesis project was resumed at Sydney under the aegis of Professor Mark McKenna. Tamsin’s research work is closely aligned to large projects such as the Global Panopticon, Founders and Survivors and Landscapes of Punishment. Inspired by

the inclusive and collaborative Tasmanian approach she is keen to forge greater links between local, family and academic historians in NSW and QLD. She is currently helping the local history societies of Port Macquarie organise their upcoming Bicentennial event. In addition to completing her thesis Tamsin is also working on a large project on Moreton Bay with Professor Raymond Evans. She has a parallel career in heritage conservation and was a contributing author to the recent book *Brisbane Art Deco*.

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>NEW MEMBERS</u>	
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 11 September, Talk, 12.30	Cynthia Cochrane	Tamborine Mountain
'To work the fair ones orderly and well: The Management of Female Convicts at the Penal Settlement of Moreton Bay.'	Greg Logan	Gaythorne
Speaker: Tasmin O'Connor	Daniel Morgan	North Quay
Thursday 12 September, Council Meeting	Lorene Richards	Clayfield
Sunday 15 September, Bulletin Deadline	Brisbane Girls Grammar School Library	

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