THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019
AT 6PM AT THE COMMISSARIAT STORE, 115 WILLIAM STREET, RBISBANE

AGENDA

1. Opening, Attendance and Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
3. Consideration of the Annual Report of the President
4. Consideration of Audited Annual Financial Statement
5. Election of the President, one Vice President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, ten Councillors
6. Appointment of Patron of the Society
7. Appointment of an Honorary Auditor
8. Consideration of the recommendation by the Society’s Council that Dr Denver Beanland be elected as a Fellow of the Society and that Mr Barrie Rollason be awarded a MacGregor Medal.

Fellowship:
The Society’s Council recommends that Dr Denver Beanland be awarded a Fellowship under Rule 35 (d) of the Constitution, for his significant scholarly achievements with the Society and the community. 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); and 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 including for the Queensland History Journal – on colonial banks, the economy and migration, Queensland court rules, first government of Queensland, coastal exploration, the political history, the public service and local history. He also wrote many articles on the history of several legal matters for the Supreme Court History Program Yearbook and the Queensland Legal Yearbook.

MacGregor Medal:
The Society’s Council recommends that Mr Barrie Rollason be awarded a MacGregor Medal under Rule 35 (f) of the Constitution, for his role on the Society’s Council as Hon Treasurer and his careful, deliberative consideration of many aspects of the Society’s activities. Barrie Rollason joined the Society on 26 February 1998. He is a retired Auditor General for Queensland (1992-1997) and has brought the skills of that office to his role as Hon Treasurer of the Society since 2007. He is a regular attender at the Society’s functions and a contributor to our committees.
9. Amendment of the Society's Constitution:
The Society’s Council recommends to the AGM that Clause 37 of the Society’s Constitution be amended by deleting in the first line the word, ‘Douglas’, and inserting the words, ‘and Ruth’, in its place.
The amended clause will read:
37 Kerr Medal
The John and Ruth Kerr Medal for Distinction in historiography, historical research and writing may be awarded each year by the Society in conjunction with the Professional Historians Association (Queensland). The Society in conjunction with the Professional Historians Association (Queensland) shall have a joint committee which will establish the criteria and rules under which the award may be made. The Council shall appoint those members of the joint committee from the Society and approve the criteria and rules on behalf of the Society. The joint committee will decide on the recipient or recipients of the award, if any, on behalf of both the Society and the Professional Historians Association (Queensland).

Statement:
The Society’s Council recommends that the John Douglas Kerr Medal become the John and Ruth Kerr Medal in recognition of her historiography and contribution to community and academic history in Australia and the major role that Ruth has also played in the Society for over 50 years. Ruth’s roles in the Society include: being a past president, Honorary Secretary, assistant editor of the Queensland History Journal, and manager of Library Services and numerous others. Ruth is the Society’s only honorary life member. She received the Kerr Medal in 2013, awarded a Fellowship of the Society in 1984, and a MacGregor Medal in 1998.

10. Presentation of Award of Centenary Medals to James Nixon, Dorothy Jeffrey, Edith Cuffe and Dennis Peel.

11. Close

12. The Clem Lack Oration will follow the AGM. It will be presented by Mr Ian Townsend on Australia’s worst cyclone, the Mahino, at Bathurst Bay on Cape York in 1899.

Ruth S. Kerr
Honorary Secretary