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## THE DAIRY AND HERITAGE MUSEUM MURGON



Dairy and Heritage Museum Photo

### Two of the Several Heritage Buildings on Site

The Museum caters for Tour Groups of all ages. Guides are available for you to enjoy the experience and learn about the history of dairying (some days they'll even start up the old McDonald Milking Machine engine). Audio Boxes are also set up in some of the buildings. You will also see other aspects of how life was for the early settlers. Butter making can be arranged for groups for a small charge. Lunches and morning or afternoon teas are available for groups only upon request for a nominal fee.

Admission is by donation of \$5 for adults & \$3 for children.

Group Bookings/Bus Tours...please contact Museum for prices.

Open daily: 9.30am - 12.30pm (Closed some public holidays). Other times can be booked for groups .

PH. (07) 4169 5001 Visit their website here: [www.qlddairyheritagemuseum-murgon.com.au](http://www.qlddairyheritagemuseum-murgon.com.au)

*This is a community museum project, totally run by volunteers. See report page 2.*

## President's Report

Welcome back to members, volunteers and councillors. I hope you have had a relaxing and pleasurable Christmas and New Year's break and are ready for a busy 2020 year.

I would like to acknowledge everyone who contributed to the very successful separation day function held on 10 December 2019. Again, it was an excellent function. Ralph Devlin AM QC gave a cameo address on the history of Life saving in Queensland in the presence of his Excellency Paul de Jersey AC, the Governor of Queensland and Mrs Kaye de Jersey. The Society held a primary school competition where children were encouraged to present a piece of art, a poem or an essay to celebrate 110 years of surf life-saving in Queensland. His Excellency presented the winners awards at the function.

This year will be very busy. The regular Council and Committee meetings will continue to be held each month. On 15 February a strategy meeting will be held to consider the issues surrounding the question of what the Society will look like after the new casino is opened in 2023. All interested persons are invited to attend this important management event. We hope to have enough human traffic to sustain being opened seven days a week.

All the work to be undertaken at the Dig Tree has been approved and all preliminary steps have been completed. The work will be carried out by the Bulloo Shire Council as soon as they are able.

The three conferences to commemorate Cook's journey up the east coast in 1770 will be held. All the speakers and venues have been organized. Considerable energy has been spent organizing these conferences and brochures have or are being prepared. The conferences will be held at:

1. The State Library in Brisbane on 23 May 2020.
2. The Sandcastles 1770 Motel and Resort, 40 Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water on 29 May 2020.
3. The PCYC in Cooktown on 1 August 2020.

The monthly lunch time lectures will be continuing from February 2020. The first lecture is presented by Jane Smith, speaking on the ship *The Emigrant*. I look forward to seeing you at these lectures. The details of the programme for the year are noted elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

A conference is being convened at Parliament House on 25 July 2020 to commemorate the centenary of the death of Sir Samuel Griffith, GCMG, PC, KC. He was a two term Queensland Premier, Chief Justice of Queensland and the first Chief Justice of the High Court. This conference is being convened jointly with the Parliamentary Library. Also, our annual conference will be held later in the year at the Commissariat Store.

Finally, our annual dinner will be held on Queensland Day, 6 June 2020 with the presentation of the John and Ruth Kerr Medal of Distinction. Again, we will celebrate separation day on 10 December 2020.

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)

**Murgon** – The Dairy and Heritage Museum at 2 Sommerville Street, Murgon has had recent visits from Trade Travel and schools. The lapidary display is said to be of international standard. The museum has a collection of heritage buildings. The chapel can be hired out. (*Murgon Moments*, issue 158, November 2019 p. 11 including photograph and <https://www.qlddairyheritagemuseum-murgon.com.au/>)

**Winton** – The Secretary and Caretaker of the Winton Diamantina Heritage Truck Museum, Robyn Stephens, noted an article in the *Heritage Hauler Magazine* containing some images (current day) of a C17 Steam Locomotive being relocated by Roma Transport Services by road from Mitchell to Swanbank in the late 1970s. A similar engine is also shown being relocated in Cloncurry. (*Heritage Hauler Magazine*, November – December 2019, No.105 p. 2)

### HERITAGE

**University of Queensland, St Lucia** - The Queensland Heritage Council decided not to enter the Union Complex and Schonell Theatre into the heritage register. They have requested that the University consider how to recognise the Forum's tradition of fostering debate about a range of social issues.

## Talk for February

**Topic: The *Emigrant: The Ship of Death***

**Speaker: Jane Smith**

**February 12, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm**

### Outline of Topic:

The *Emigrant* sailed into Moreton Bay in August 1850 after four terrible months at sea. It was the second government-assisted immigrant ship to come directly to Moreton Bay in a scheme that aimed to boost the growth of free Brisbane and remove the stains of its convict past. Some 276 poor settlers from England and Ireland boarded the ship in Plymouth, hoping to build a better life in Australia. Typhus and other maladies killed around twenty on the voyage, and the ship was therefore diverted on arrival to the newly proclaimed quarantine station at Dunwich. Conditions on the island were appalling; dilapidated buildings remaining from convict days and leaky tents provided the only shelter. A hellish three-month quarantine followed, during which two of the three doctors and twenty-six immigrants died, including a young woman who committed suicide and a boy who perished in a fire.

Jane Smith's book *Ship of Death* and her website tell these stories against the backdrop of early Queensland history: a time when a government-sponsored immigration boom was shaping Australian society. In her address to the RHSQ she would like to share some of her findings. Jane Smith pays tribute to the doctors, the captain and the passengers, describes the ghastly conditions of the voyage and quarantine, and reveals the fate of some of the emigrant's more colourful characters, bringing to life a journey that was common to many of Australia's early settlers.

### The Speaker:

Jane Smith is a Toowoomba librarian, author, freelance editor and former physiotherapist who enjoys researching and writing about history – fiction and non-fiction, for children and for adults. Jane has written a series of five children's non-fiction books about bushrangers, a biography of Captain Starlight (for adults) and the first eight episodes of the children's historical fiction series, 'Tommy Bell, Bushranger Boy' – all published by Big Sky Publishing.

Wednesday Talks are free, lunch afterwards \$5.

## Chamber Concert by Karlsruher Konzertduo

**25 February, 6:30pm to 8pm**

**Entry Fee: \$30**

Enjoy the music of Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Liszt, Ravel and de Falla on a summer night! Cool down with some complimentary drinks before the concert. There will be no intermission.

The Karlsruhe Concert-Duo with cellist Reinhard Armleder and pianist Dagmar Hartmann has been in existence since 1999 and has established itself as a successful and sought-after duo in Germany and abroad, not least through winning several international competitions. The duo regularly earns high praise and fascinates its audiences with profound and captivating interpretations, brilliant technique, and imaginative programming.

In their repertoire, the two musicians concentrate on classical-romantic literature and 20th century music. For their ensemble they are particularly interested in the rediscovery of lesser known composers and works, but they also dedicate themselves time and again to the music of the modern age and bring works dedicated to the present to their world premieres.

The two artists studied at the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik in Karlsruhe, Trossingen and Berlin. As a duo, they have won first prize at various international competitions such as the Lorenzo Perosi Competition in Biella (1999), in Moncalieri (1999), and at the Racconigi Competition (2001). In France, the Karlsruher Konzert-Duo won the Concours Pierre Lantier in Paris (2000) and the U.A.F.M. competition in Chaville (2003). Their success in these competitions brought the two musicians a great deal of attention and opened up engagements on national and international podiums, setting the stage for concerts worldwide.

Today their concert calendar includes regular tours throughout Europe, as well as to North, Central and South America, the Middle East, Asia, and countries of southern Africa. To date the duo has traveled to 70 countries and has been celebrated at renowned national and international festivals such as Beethoven Music Society Washington/USA, Schubert Society London/Great Britain, Festival de Musique au Château de

Bourglinster/Luxembourg, Art-November Festival in Moscow/Russia, Haifa Music Festival/Israel, Johannesburg International Mozart Festival/South Africa, Rovinj International Music Festival/Croatia, Concert Series Museu de Arte de São Paulo/Brazil, Friends of Jordan Festival Amman/Jordan, Barenboim-Said-Foundation Ramallah/Palestine or Bir Miftuh International Music Festival/Malta.

The concert duo's creative works have been documented in numerous radio and television productions as well as on CDs recorded under the Fiori Classics label.

Reinhard Armleder and Dagmar Hartmann are committed to the training and promotion of young musicians. In addition to their work as lecturers at the University of Music/Karlsruhe and the Conservatory of Baden/Karlsruhe, they regularly give master classes at home and abroad.

## **THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND MANAGER POSITION**

Applications are sought for the position of the Society's Manager.

The position involves 28 hours of work with the Society over four days, Tuesday to Friday.

The Manager of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland (RHSQ) will support the Council of RHSQ, relevant committees and volunteers in the coordination and smooth operation of the Society and the Commissariat Store Museum specifically relating to the daily operational management and general routine business of the society including the museum.

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Demonstrated effective managerial experience,
- Proven ability to apply high level communication, negotiation and presentation skills to engage a broad range of stakeholder, individuals and community groups,
- Demonstrated capacity to work flexibly with a multi-functioning team of volunteers and provide leadership that fosters a co-operative collegiate approach,
- Demonstrated ability to manage the financial accounts of a not-for-profit organisation,
- The successful applicant is required to hold or obtain a current Blue Card for child related employment.

Applications close on Thursday, 20 February 2020 at 5pm.

Applications should include a two-page response to the selection criteria and a CV.

Interviews will be held promptly and the successful applicant may commence immediately.

Further details and a Position Description can be obtained from the Manager at the Society – email: [info@queenslandhistory.org.au](mailto:info@queenslandhistory.org.au) or phone (07) 3221 4198.

## **Strategic Planning Review Meeting**

**Saturday, 15 February, 9.00 am to 12.30 pm**

Due to the anticipated changes with the opening of Queens Wharf - Destination Brisbane resort in 2022,

The RHSQ has to review its strategic plan for the next five years.

The following topics are planned to discuss at the meeting:

- Impact of the opening to the Commissariat Store – changes to opening times and number of employees
- future of The RHSQ

All members welcome to contribute to the meeting which will be chaired by Janet Prowse.

Please RSVP by 13 February to [info@queenslandhistory.org.au](mailto:info@queenslandhistory.org.au)

## **What's on at the Queensland State Archives**

### **Enhancing lives by empowering memories**

Memory Lounge is a welcoming space that offers a safe, social setting for people living with dementia and their carers. Visitors can browse through albums of archival photos and share their memories of people, places and times. Memory Lounge and associated programs are free. Please contact us for bookings or more information.

**Dates and times:** 9.00 am - 4.30 pm, Monday – Friday

## What's on at the Queensland Women's Historical Association

Miegunyah reopens on Saturday 1 February after the Christmas/ New Year holidays.

Starting on 1 February tours will be held on Saturdays at 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm and on Sundays from 10.30 am with the last tour at 3.00 pm.

### The QWHA Today

Miegunyah first opened as a house museum in June 1968. The c.1886 Queenslander sitting quietly in its tranquil garden, is also home of the QWHA, the repository for its collection, and gracious venue for its regular program of historical talks, themed exhibitions, seminars and social events.

### Become a Member

By becoming a member of the QWHA and a Miegunyah supporter, you are strengthening our and your ability to preserve our endangered heritage.

To join the QWHA contact Miegunyah on 07 3252 2979

## The Beenleigh Historical Village and Museum

Beenleigh Historical Village & Museum (BHV&M), located at 205 Main Street Beenleigh QLD 4207, takes you on a journey of years gone by. This collection of our Early Australian heritage is organised as a village and dedicated to preserving the cultural legacy of the old Beenleigh region for current and future generations.



BDHS Photo

### One of the Historical Buildings

A popular tourist destination for school students, families & seniors tours, the Beenleigh Historical Village features early Australia memorabilia, collections of items and even entire buildings which have been lovingly preserved and restored. We're also a favourite location for car and bike clubs, and special functions such as weddings.

There are twenty heritage buildings filled with original items used by those who lived in the 1860s and onward. Our extensive collection has been either donated to the Village or were the original products/items belonging in the homes we have on site.

You can see the old St. George Anglican Church, The Beenleigh Council Chambers, Willkie's General Store, the old Dodge fire engines, family homes, the Loganholme One Teacher School, the Post Office and much more.

You might like to hire an MP3 Player to take a self-guided tour of the Village. Enjoy listening to the fascinating history of each of the buildings situated at the Village. The history is narrated by actors from the Beenleigh Theatre Group playing the role of our pioneering settlers. A project sponsored by a Regional Arts Development Fund grant.

Self-guided tours are also available so you can take your own time, and enjoy the many original displays and unique collections at Beenleigh Historical Village & Museum.

Normally, the Village is open seven days from 9.00am to 3.00pm except on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and ANZAC Day. Over the Christmas – New Year period the Village will be closed on the 24 December and will re-open on the first working day in January.

The **Tin Cup Café** welcomes you with good old-fashioned home-baked treats, espresso coffee and range of teas, plus our affordable tasty lunch selection. With our expansive, serene views overlooking the Beenleigh Historical Village the welcome is warm and the team are just waiting to serve you with a smile. **The Tin Cup Café**, inside the Beenleigh Historical Village has a wonderful history behind it being the old Beenleigh Railway Station. If you plan on experiencing the Village tour, there is an admission fee, but if you are just planning on a visit to the Café, come right on in. Parking is free on-site.

Our menu includes Devonshire tea; a selection of hand-baked treats; toasted sandwiches; salads; a daily specials board for lunch including some favourites like Fish and chips; lasagne and salad, and of course our artisan coffee, tea, hot chocolate or iced beverage ranges. The best thing about the **Tin Cup Café** is there's no rush, stay as long as you want, there's plenty of room to spread out and enjoy a peaceful morning or afternoon. We also recommend a visit to the Gallery for a selection of beautiful hand-crafted gifts and paintings.

For further enquiries on the café, please contact free call 1300 259 016, or (07) 3801 8198 or via email [cafe@greataustralianexperiences.com](mailto:cafe@greataustralianexperiences.com)

Café is licenced.

Opening hours: 7 days a week 7.30am – 3pm.

<b><u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u></b> <b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	<b><u>NEW MEMBERS</u></b>	
<b>Wednesday 12 February, Talk</b> <b>Topic: <i>The Emigrant: The Ship of Death</i></b> <b>Speaker: Jane Smith</b> <b>Thursday 13 February, Council Meeting</b> <b>Saturday 15 February, <i>Bulletin</i> deadline</b> <b>Saturday 15 February, Strategic Planning Meeting</b>	Dr Betty Lee Maxine Jones	Tarragindi Collingwood Park

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