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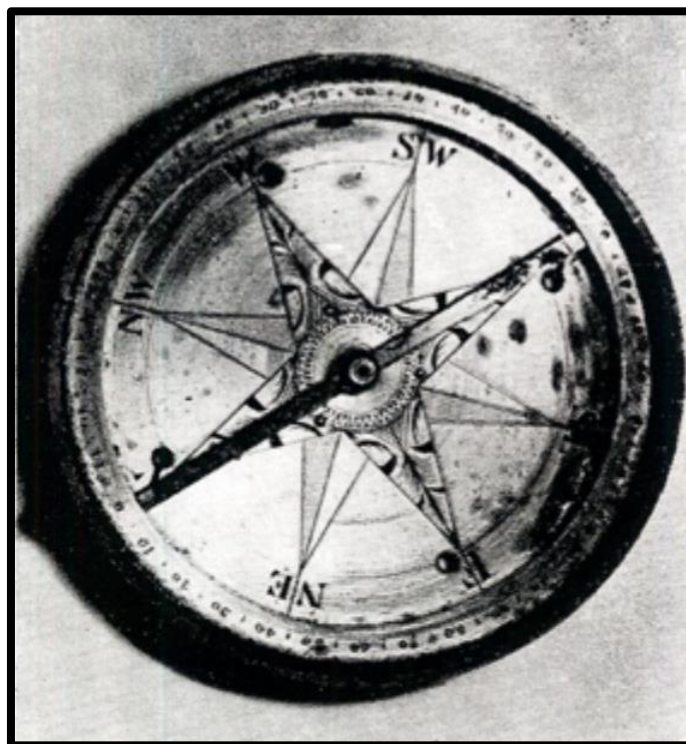
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YOUR HELP WANTED

Members. We need your help in locating a very important historical artefact, which has been missing for many years. It is the compass belonging to A.C. Gregory who was Queensland's first Surveyor General as well as an explorer and a member of the Legislative Council.



RHSQ Photo

A.C. Gregory's compass

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please advise me or the office at RHSQ, tel. 3221 4198.

**Dean Prangley
Museum Chairman**

President's Report

The Society will be undertaking a Book Fair, between the hours of 10.00 am and 3.00 pm, at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City, on Saturday 14 August for Society members and on Sunday 15 August for the general public. One sale in lots of eight for \$5 will be surplus Queensland History Journals from various years, including the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s, together with a range of second-hand books the Society has gathered over the years. In addition, at reduced prices will be many of the publications of the Society has produced on Queensland's history. This will be a great occasion for members on the Saturday and the general public on the Sunday to obtain presents for various occasions as well as history books.

The Surveyors conference that was to be held on 16 October 2021 has had to be changed again as it clashes with another conference that had been previously arranged. The Surveyors Conference will now be held on Saturday 9 October 2021. Members are asked to note the date change in their diaries.

Dr Judith MacKay is currently undertaking an assessment of the Society's Museum pieces and as part of this, we will be producing an updated Collection Policy. As your Society is older than the John Oxley Library it possesses many museum pieces and publications from Queensland's colonial period and since.

Your Council at its May meeting approved for recommendation at this year's Annual General Meeting a Fellowship for Stephen Sheaffe who has been President of the Society on two occasions and has delivered a large number of history papers, and produced 22 articles which have been published and written 10 genealogy books. Stephen is a regular speaker on Queensland's history. Further, the Council will recommend to this year's Annual General Meeting that Dr Rebecca Ling receive the Macgregor Medal for her outstanding work for the Society, in particular for obtaining grants from the three levels of government over more than a decade. These grants have enabled the Society to undertake upgrades, improvements and work which would not otherwise have been possible, such as our professionally produced websites. Another of these of course is the Dig Tree Blazes Exhibition in the Commissariat Store, which all members should see if they have not already.

Members are reminded that the one-hour Wednesday lecture commencing at 12.30 pm at the Commissariat Store on 9 June is entitled 'The Brisbane Line'. It will be delivered by Darryl Schmidt who is a retired soldier of 31 years-service in the Australian Army, including service as part of the United Nations force in East Timor. Darryl is a panel member in the Minor Civil Disputes section at QCAT. In 1943 the Australian public became aware of a rumoured plan to abandon all of Australia, north of Brisbane, to the Japanese in the event of an invasion. Denied by politicians and military chiefs alike, the 'Brisbane Line', as it became known, was given more credence when General MacArthur referred to it in a GHQ communiqué. For further details see the RHSQ website.

On 16 April 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Commissariat Store, long-time Society member Emeritus Professor Kay Saunders AO and her fellow co-editors Professor Ann McGrath AM and Dr Jackie Huggins AM launched the new edition of their book *Aboriginal Workers* first published in 1995. Minister, the Honourable Leanne Enoch MP, launched the publication. This was a well-attended function to which all members were invited and all who attended enjoyed themselves in the heritage surroundings. The Society welcomes members launching their publications at the Commissariat Store, which is ideally suited for such purposes and appreciates visitors on such occasions.

The Society thanks Lisa Jones, curator of the Police Museum, for the invitation to visit the Museum on Wednesday 12 May. Members of the Society that toured the Museum on the morning appreciated the opportunity to view the exhibits on display and hear about the activities of the Police Service since the 1860s.

In response to the Queensland government's recent public statements about the need for more women and girls to be recognised in public places, your Society has submitted three names for consideration: Lady Phyllis Cilento, Sister Kenny and Josephine MacKerras née Bancroft who was a Doctor in Cairns during World War II and worked as a scientist on mosquito control.

Members are reminded for details on all forthcoming events to refer to the RHSQ website. Also, members should refer to www.thedigtree.com.au for more information on the Burke and Wills Expedition and the Dig Tree Reserve 320 kilometres west of Thargomindah in far-western Queensland of which the Society is the Trustee. We are looking forward to the Burke and Wills conference on 29 May.

Finally, I invite those who wish to become more involved in the various activities of the Society to contact the Manager, Sophie West, at the RHSQ head office at the Commissariat Store.

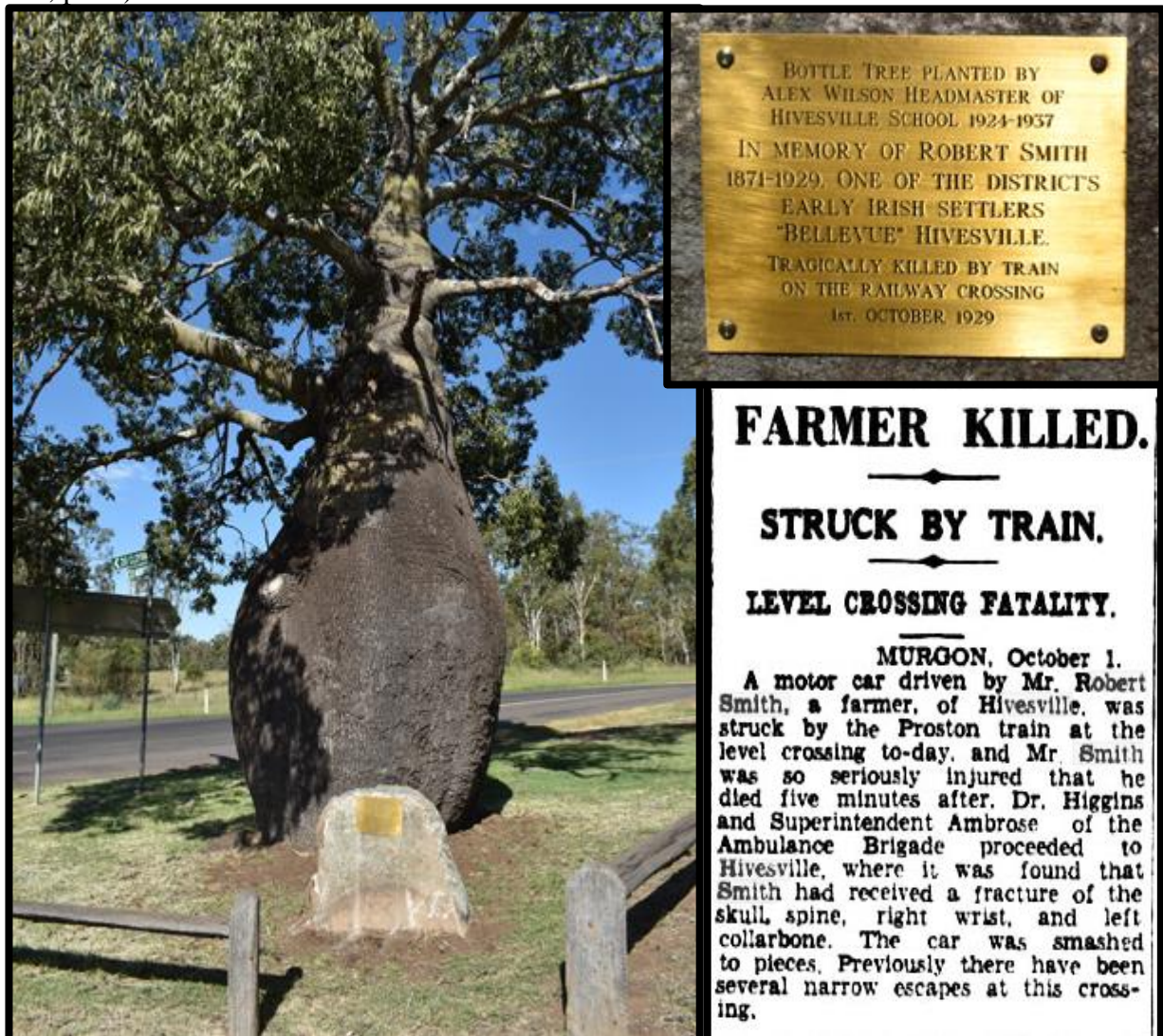
Denver Beanland
President

Queensland Report

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

Goodger Store near Kingaroy – A history of Goodger general store has been written for the centenary of the store opened in 1920. The Post Office and store was operated by the GM Tigell family. Soren Nielsen established the store in 1920 along with the Shell petrol and kerosine depot. Soren and his wife Louise had previously operated the Kingaroy bakery. In 1924 the Nielsens sold the store to Paddy O’Gorman whose wife was the first gatekeeper at the railway station. In 1927 the telephone and post office were established at the store. In 1928 the O’Gorman family sold to Bob Geale who in turn sold to George Bunting. In 1931 Bill Soegarrd bought the store and kept it for two years and until Mary Hanwright took over for five years. George Tigell took over the store in 1938 and ran it for more than 50 years. He married Eva Phyllis Eastick in 1940. The Tigells purchased the Goodger waiting shed and cream shed from the railway station after the railway closed in 1964. In 1994 Ray Robson bought the store and revitalised it and ran it for 10 years. He closed the store in 2005 in order to travel. After his death in 2007 the store was sold to Tarong Coal company and is now a rental property. (*Burnett Today*, 24 December 2020, pp. 8-9 including nine photographs).

Hivesville between Murgon and Proston - This town was named after the Hives family. George Hives was killed in a railway level crossing accident in the town. The massive bottle tree nearby was planted in his honour. A plaque was unveiled in his honour by Cr Kathy Duff on 11 April 2021. (*Burnett Today*, 8 April 2021, p. 21)



Burnett Today Photos. Brisbane Courier Report

The memorial plaque has been mounted on a rock in front of the Hivesville bottle tree

Ipswich – The Toowoomba *Chronicle* of 8 May 2021 featured on page 20 a photograph of the interior of Dalton Brothers grocery and provisions shop in Nicholas Street, Ipswich, circa 1910.

Ipswich – There is community interest in relocating the Blackall monument to its original location at the top of d’Arcy Doyle Place in Ipswich. The monument was erected in 1880 in memory of Samuel Wensley Blackall, an Irish soldier and politician who was the second Governor of Queensland (1868-1871). It was relocated to Chelmsford Avenue, Denmark Hill in 1927 when its location in the main intersection of Nicholas and Brisbane Streets, now the d’Arcy Doyle Place mall, became a traffic hazard. It is believed that the original foundations are still in place. Local military historian, Eddie Habben has spoken out against the relocation. (*Fassifern Guardian and Tribune*, 17 April 2021, pp. 1,5)



Fassifern Guardian and Tribune Photo

The Blackall Monument in its original position on the corner of Nicholas and Brisbane Streets

Templin near Boonah – An anonymous donor has provided the last \$200 of the \$3,466 needed to repair the outer wall of the Goolman Shire Council building, formally the Boonah Shire Council Chambers. The Fassifern Historical Society sought emergency funding from the Scenic Rim Council for the repairs. Six months after the request was made the Scenic Rim Councillors voted 4-3 to refuse the application. The Boonah Rotary Club assisted the Fassifern Historical Society with a \$1,000 donation to a Save Our Building fund and an Open Day at the Templin Museum which raised \$2,266 by private donations, gate takings and a raffle. A qualified builder has commenced work on the repairs. (*Fassifern Guardian and Tribune*, 21 April 2021, p. 5)

Winda State School, north of Murgon - Celebrated its centenary on 10 April 2021, postponed from 2020. The local committee produced a book, *100 Years of History*. (*Burnett Today*, 8 April 2021 including photograph of the Winda School in 1949)

HERITAGE

Malanda - On 31 March 2021 the Department of Environment and Science (the Department) received an application proposing entry of the Patrick English Pavilion, Malanda Showground, Thomas Street, Malanda in the Queensland Heritage Register (Heritage Register) as a State Heritage Place.



Tablelands Regional Council Photo

The Patrick English Pavilion at the Malanda Showgrounds

Library and Research Report

David Brownsey is a long-time member of the Society. Over 30 plus years he has collected numerous items of information about the Kelvin Grove area, including items from WWI and WWII, the Barracks in Kelvin Grove, Kelvin Grove State College, Victoria Park, vintage radios, surrounding suburbs and various Queensland locations. As he is in failing health and no longer able to care for his collection, it has been offered to our Library. Dr Ruth Kerr will undertake an assessment of relevant material.

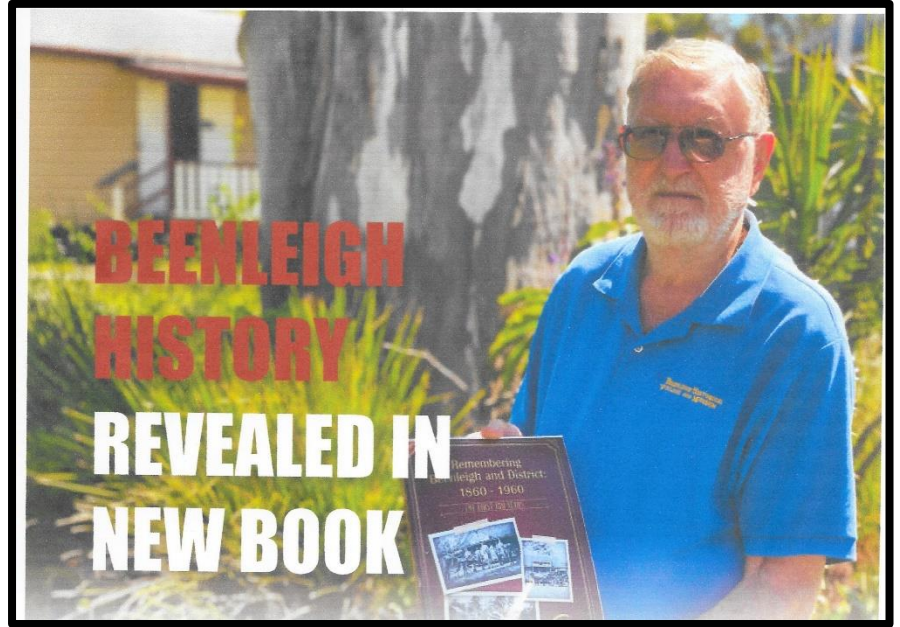
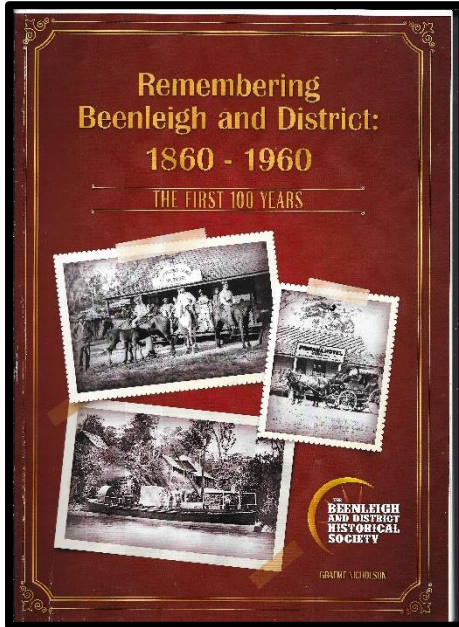
Another offer relates to research material on the relevance of the Dauphin and Harleian maps to Australia and particularly to some accepted wisdoms that they portray the east coast. Former President Jean Stewart has forwarded a delightful book, *Across The Years*, Jane Bardsley's outback letterbox 1896-1936, an account of family life in Queensland; and the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul De Jersey AC and Mrs Kaye de Jersey have donated a copy of the recent publication, *The Governors of Modern Queensland*.

Research queries this month have covered a wide range of subjects. They were: employment information on Irish-born Samuel Dunwoodie who worked for the Government as a diver to retrieve cargo from shipwrecks off the Queensland Coast. He lived in Townsville and died aged 47; possibility of accessing Dunwich patient records re Patrick Walsh who died in July 1891 and is buried in Dunwich cemetery; a high-quality copy of the 1884 or 1888 Eversley Park Estate (Yeronga) lithograph; a photo of the Bulimba Gospel Hall which was situated in Wyandra Street just off Commercial Road, Brisbane in the 1950s and 1960s; information on *Cravens Peak* pastoral run located directly west of Brisbane near the Queensland-New South Wales border, including the origin of its name, what year it was formed and whether or not it was initially part of James Tyson's *Glenormiston* run. *Cravens Peak* is now under the management of Bush Heritage Australia; photos of A Clark and Sons, general merchant and marine goods supplier located at 55 & 57 Charlotte Street from the 1890s to at least the late 1920s; means of obtaining confirmation that Thomas Hayes was a prisoner in the 1890s on St Helena Island; assistance with finding archival film footage or photos of aspects of daily life in the 19th Century; background information on Sgt. A. Whittington, author of "The Queensland Native Mounted Police", *Hist.Soc.Qld Journal*, 7, 3; research on King Frank Millar, a fully-initiated Wankamurra man who lived in the Tibooburra area and south-west Queensland, for a memorial proposed to be erected at Nocundra in Bulloo Shire; information on possible descendants of Anton Zerbe who is buried in an unmarked grave near Calliope, near Gladstone. Aged 20, Zerbe served in the Union Army in the American Civil War 1860-1865. He was with the 20th Regiment New York Infantry from July 1861 to June 1863, mustered out in New York City and eventually found his way to Queensland.

The Library’s very old microfilm and microfiche reader no longer works and replacements parts are no longer available. Council member Jeff Brunne has investigated a number of options and has presented a quote to Council for the digitization of all microfilms and microfiche sheets in a searchable format.

Kay Cohen
Library & Research Co-ordinator

New History Book



Beenleigh Guide Photo

The Beenleigh and District Historical Society has just published a new history book of the area written by Dr Graeme Nicholson, your editor. It is entitled: 'Remembering Beenleigh and District: 1860 - 1960'. A copy will be available in the Welsby Library shortly.

| <u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u> | <u>NEW MEMBERS</u> | |
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| <u>JUNE</u> | | |
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