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RUDD'S PUB



Graeme Nicholson Photo

Rudd's Pub at Nobby

Nobby is a town 30 km south of Toowoomba. The origin of the name is unknown, but when the railway from Toowoomba to Hendon was being built, the locality was known as the McDonald Camp. Later the name became Nobby and despite a temporary official renaming as Davenport, the previous name was reinstated in 1931. Rudd's Pub was built in 1893 and was originally called the "Davenport" hotel. The name was changed to Rudd's Pub in the 1980's in recognition of the author Steele Rudd (real name Arthur Hoey Davis).

The hotel itself is quite unique and still retains the character and charm of a hotel from a bygone era. The walls tell a photographic story of days gone by and memorabilia covers the walls and the ceiling. Steele Rudd lived in Nobby for a short of time and folklore says that he used to sit in front of the fire place in the Heritage room of the pub and write some of his stories.

Publicans, Evan and Gayle Jones invite everyone to visit this historic building and part take of the hospitality of the pub and view the many interesting sites in the Nobby area.

Graeme Nicholson

Presidents Report

As we enter 2022 the RHSQ has an exciting program of conferences, Wednesday lectures and museum exhibitions, the Queensland Day Dinner, Separation Day celebrations, meet and greet occasions, and other events scheduled for the year.

The Separation Day Celebrations held on 10 December at the Commissariat Store with Fiona Gardner as our guest speaker talking about Heritage issues was a great success. We thank Fiona for her contribution and look forward to her paper being published in the *Queensland History Journal* in the future. A major contributor to the success of a number of our functions held this year in the Commissariat Store has been the catering arranged and provided by Program Committee member and Functions Co-ordinator Glenda Sheaffe. An enormous thank you to Glenda.

The first Wednesday lecture for 2022 at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, City is on 9 February and will feature Dr Heather Clarke on the topic ‘Dancing in Fetters: the popular culture of early Australian Convicts’. Heather has an exhibition on the second level of the Commissariat Store on this very topic. This will be followed on Wednesday 9 March by Harvey Greenfield on ‘Early Maritime History’. Our first conference for the year will be the surveyors conference on Saturday 12 February at the Commissariat Store Museum, the theme being ‘Queensland’s Earliest Surveyors – Who, What and Where?’ Registration will commence at 9 am with the conference commencing at 9.30 am. Morning Tea will be at 11 am and the conference will finish by 1 pm. This conference was postponed from 2021 because of COVID-19 restrictions. Because of the lifting of the restrictions, the Society can now accommodate additional members and guests for the conference. Again, details of the speakers and program are on the RHSQ website under Events.

Bookings for all events is essential on the website under Events through Eventbrite.

The year 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the abolition of the Upper House in Queensland. To mark the occasion, the RHSQ is holding a joint seminar with the Queensland Parliament on Saturday 19 March 2022 in the Legislative Council Chamber. From late January, members will be able to make a booking to attend. Full details will be up on the website from late January and bookings as usual will be essential.

Dig Tree Reserve visit. The Society is planning a trip to the Burke and Wills Dig Tree, 320 kilometres west of Thargomindah from Friday 7 October to Monday 10 October 2022. The proposal is to make your way to Charleville either by air or motor vehicle and then we will hire a bus to take the party to Thargomindah via Quilpie on Friday 7 October. On Saturday we drive to the Dig Tree and return that day. There are no services between Thargomindah and the Dig Tree. The next day Sunday will be an opportunity to see around Thargomindah and district and the following day the Monday to return to Charleville via Cunnamulla in time to catch the flight back to Brisbane. Those who are interested should contact the manager, Sophie, at the RHSQ office providing their names, emails and telephone numbers. Numbers will be limited by the passengers that the bus can carry. Accommodation at Thargomindah is limited but will be arranged at the Oasis Motel.

I look forward to meeting members and visitors at forthcoming events.

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)

Beenleigh – The Heck homestead, named ‘Friedensheim’ meaning ‘House of Peace’, was officially opened at the Beenleigh Historic Village and Museum in November 2021. It was built for Wilhelm and Ida

Heck in 1914, the second generation of the Heck family, the first of whom migrated from Germany in 1866. It overlooked the Rocky Point Sugar Mill. The house was removed to the Beenleigh Historic Village in July 2018. At the opening Bill and Pat Heck expressed many anecdotes about living in the house. The house had not been lived in since the 1970s, but had been used for company meetings, family gatherings and charity events. (*My City Logan*, 30 November – 6 December 2021, p. 7 including photograph)



BDHS Photo

The Heck Homestead 'Freidensheim' before it was moved to the Beenleigh Historical Village

East Ipswich – A new railway station is being built at a cost of \$35 million at East Ipswich. The timber footbridge built in the 1960s and the old station building built in 1956 have been demolished. The only building deemed of heritage value to Queensland Rail is the timber platform shelter shed which was re-assembled in October 2022 adjacent to the new station. The station was known as Limestone from its opening in 1879 until 1892. (*Ipswich Tribune*, 17 November 2021, p. 3 including four photographs; Commissioner for Railways *Annual Reports*, 1879, p. 79, and 1955-56, p. 17)



Qld Rail Image

Artist impression East Ipswich station

Ipswich – News Corporation left behind the early linotype type-setting machine displayed outside the former *Queensland Times* building on Brisbane Street when they closed the last part of their operations in the West Ipswich building. The building owners have offered the machine to the Ipswich Historical Society. Hugh Taylor, president of the Society has asked business owners for assistance in moving it. The Ipswich Historical Society has approached the Ipswich City Council with an option to relocate it to near the original *Queensland Times* building in the garden area opposite the proposed cinema on the corner of Brisbane and Ellenborough Streets, Ipswich, as a streetscape project. In 1903 the *Queensland Times* became the first provincial newspaper office in Queensland to use type-setting machines, but initially they used the Canadian monoline. One machine would set more than six times as much type in an hour as a hand-setter could. Ten years later the paper installed eight linotype machines, manufactured in New York. The linotype was seen as 'a great advance on the mono-line'. The machine that is part of the current proposed streetscape project is one of those eight linotypes. News Corp ceased printing the *Queensland Times*, first issued on 8 October 1861 and a daily since October 1908, in June 2020. (*Ipswich Tribune*, 17 November 2021, p. 5 including one photograph; *Queensland Times*, 4 July 1903, p. 3, and 25 June 1927, p. 19; and *Australian Newspaper History Group Newsletter*, 108.3.2, July 2020.)

Tarome - On 22 November 2021 the Department of Environment and Science received an application proposing entry of the Allan Cunningham Monument, Cunningham Highway between Ipswich and Warwick, Cunningham's Gap, Tarome in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place. (Department of Environment and Science Notification)

Templin near Boonah – The Templin Museum was given the chair, bench and light from the Boonah Freemasons Lodge in 2020. The Museum has an official photograph of Templin school's headmaster who was the inaugural Grand Master of the Lodge. Very recently the record books of the Lodge were donated to the Museum. (*Beaudesert Times*, 17 November 2021, p. 12)



Templin Historical Village Museum Photo

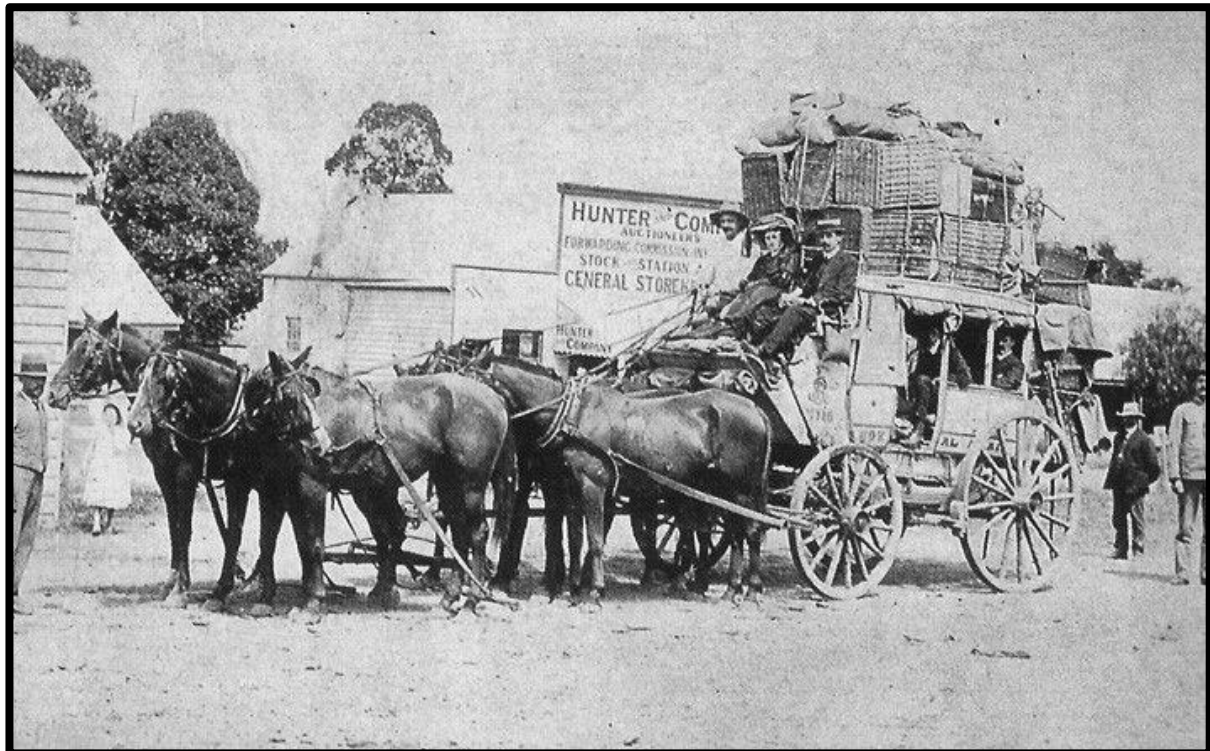
Templin Historical Village Museum is comprised of numerous buildings showcasing local memorabilia and artifacts. The collection covers farming history, war memorabilia, cameras, 1900s fashion, medical memorabilia, and more.

The village, once the Templin State School, closed in 1970 when the number of enrollments declined. Ownership was handed over to Boonah Shire Council and taken care of by the local historical society.

The original school building and playshed have been added to over the years, including a slab hut from the 1870s occupied by a family of nine, and a church from Cannon Creek built in the 1910s for 75 pounds. A dairy features an early separator and butter boxes.

Some large farming items in the collection are outside the buildings, such as trackers, log snigs, and a windmill.

Yuleba – A photograph of the Cobb and Co coach in front of the Yuleba store in 1922 is featured in the *The Chronicle* (Toowoomba) on 20 November 2021 on page 54. The photograph is from the State Library of Queensland Collection.



NAA photo

This is a black-and-white photograph of a Cobb and Co coach in Yuleba, Queensland, taken in 1909 or 1910, fully laden with passengers and mail. It shows Arthur Senyard, manager of the Cobb and Co depot at Yuleba, at the left of the photograph, and Sergeant Joyce, the Yuleba Police Sergeant, at the right of the photograph. The coach driver, Alf Jensen, is shown holding the reins.

The New Council Members

Listed below are the names of the persons elected at the RHSQ AGM:

President: Denver Beanland

Vice President: Michael Halliday

Hon. Treasurer: Barrie Rollason

Hon. Secretary: Ruth Kerr

Councillors: Jeff Brunne, Lisa Jackson, Ros Lauder, Rebecca Ling, Judith McKay, Dan Morgan, Elizabeth Nunn, Matthew Rowe, John Pearn, Dean Prangley.

Also on the Council:

The Immediate Past President is Stephen Sheaffe (not required to be elected)

Library and Research Report

Best wishes to all for 2022. Our services recommenced in mid-January on a restricted basis and with fewer volunteers available. We are sorry to say goodbye to Liz Wilkinson who has accepted a 6-months intern position with the Queensland State Archives. If the record of previous volunteers who have taken a similar

path is anything to go by, we are sure the position will become a permanent one. With her archival and administration background and a high level of enthusiasm, Liz made a significant contribution to our operations. Most notably, she compiled a guide for the best-practice handling and conservation of a range of Library holdings and an easy-to-use guide to accessing the Library's digital files, and prepared a comprehensive plan for future conservation projects.

Since December, the following research enquiries have been received: early gold-mining in the Brisbane area; information, documentation and resources regarding Queensland's Legislative Council and its 'abolishment'; the inspiration for the Castlemaine XXXX Brewery mascot "Mr Fourex"; the location in Eight Mile Plains of the residence of Walter Hill, one-time curator of the Brisbane Botanical Gardens; any information on a Madame Horton who advertised as a clairvoyant in Brisbane between 1912 and 1917; historical land use information re potential contamination of a Brisbane site; and who was responsible for naming Brisbane suburb Tennyson and its streets after the Arthurian legend. There was a request to use photos from the RHSQ collection in an upcoming publication on Queensland forestry history. Surveyor George Phillips' field notebooks and correspondence were retrieved from the Library archives for a visiting researcher.

In addition to on-going projects such as digitization of photos and documents, and upgrading of the Library catalogue, we will be working on the preservation of 'Captain Wood's Cutting Book.' Now in very poor condition, this is a huge, unwieldy volume. The late Dr Rod Fisher did some research based on the cutting book but otherwise little is currently known about Captain Wood. From a preliminary inspection, it appears that newspaper cuttings take up only a small part. The remainder is comprised of ephemera, photos and often lengthy hand-written letters, some of them relating to World War One. A comprehensive report on the contents and progress of the preservation work will be presented in due course.

Kay Cohen
Library and Research Coordinator

<u>IMPORTANT EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS</u> <u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	
Wednesday 9 February, 12.30-1.30pm Talk: Uncovering a Lost Culture: Australian Convict Dance 1788-1840 Thursday 10 February, Council meeting Saturday 12 February, 9am-1pm Conference: Queensland's Earliest Surveyors: Who, What and Where Tuesday 15 February, <i>Bulletin</i> deadline	Vincent Little Donald Daniels	Centenary Heights Brisbane City

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