

Messages from HQ Executive

Happy New Year everyone – and just like that, it's February already!

In the current Covid climate, History Queensland is being positive and planning our AGM at the Queensland State Archives on Saturday 14 May. We plan to have a hybrid meeting using Zoom and a face-to-face meeting. While planning has only recently commenced, we hope you and your society members will take the opportunity to attend and socialise with other family and local historians.

The local and family history community has been saddened with the deaths of two well-known historians in January – Melva Welch and Bob McAllister. Further details are later in this newsletter.

Please enjoy the newsletter and stay safe in the coming months.

Happy researching
Marg Doherty (President)

History Queensland – Insurance 2022 - 2023

Insurance Questionnaires were sent to Member groups late last year – thank you if yours has been returned.

We're still waiting on a few. Please read and amend any details. Scan and email the document for a quick return.

Please return the completed form to our Broker, Christine Reith, as soon as possible

The insurer assesses the insurance required based on the questionnaires and calculates rates for the coming year. Helen, the HQ Insurance Liaison Officer, then works out the cost for each society and sends the invoices around mid-March, with payment due by 31 March.

History Queensland – Membership 2022 - 2023

Membership renewal notices were sent out in mid-February.

Thank you to the many societies who returned the forms and paid so promptly.

Please remember to use the 'real' name of your Society... some groups have the same initials!

Ongoing Covid-19 Vaccination Implications

The Queensland Government has mandated that only fully vaccinated people will be allowed into government-owned galleries, museums and libraries. Masks must be worn indoors.

Each Society should reduce their risks within their own venue: providing good ventilation, maintaining distancing opportunities, using recommended and frequent cleaning procedures of surfaces and keyboards, using check-in procedures if required, and so on.

Many of the HQ Member Societies report that they check vaccination status on entry. Other groups have opted to close their rooms until late February or March.

Many members may continue to be reticent to attend in person unless they are assured of safe procedures.

Zoom continues to be a great option to stay in touch – take advantage of History Queensland's [free Zoom access](#).

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Date Claimers

History Queensland - 2022 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 14 May 2022



History Queensland - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is planned for 14 May 2022 at [Queensland State Archives](https://www.historyqueensland.org.au/venues).

435 Compton Road, Runcorn

Registration at 9:30am Meeting commences at 10:00am

Entry Fee \$15 per person – to be paid in cash at the door
(This covers your morning tea and delicious lunch.)

Current restrictions require all attendees to wear masks indoors and be fully vaccinated.

ZOOM access will be available for those unable to attend in person.

Enjoy guest speakers, lunch, news from our Members
and an optional Archives demonstration 'search and tour'.

New Committee Member nominations are always welcomed.

To request Committee Nomination Forms, or to offer Meeting Agenda suggestions...
please email Valerie secretary@historyqueensland.org.au
More details soon.

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Save this October date too – we're planning ahead!

History Queensland 6-month Meeting - October
will be held at Redcliffe - after the Sands of Time Conference

Saturday 23 October 2022

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4th Qld State Conference 21–23 October 2022 Redcliffe

Call for Speakers: Are you an industry expert, passionate historian or research professional willing to share your experiences, insights and knowledge with colleagues and peers?

History Redcliffe is now accepting proposals for educational sessions at the nationally recognised Queensland State Conference for Family and Local History 2022. Visit the website and download your Speaker Information pack today!
<https://sandsoftime.org.au/>

Keep up to date: Join the [Sands of Time Facebook page](#). Read the [newsletters](#). Check out the [website](#).

Plan to stay a few days: Make it a mini holiday and book your [accommodation](#) soon – Redcliffe is popular!

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AFFHO CONGRESS NORFOLK ISLAND

2- 4 August 2022

Departing Brisbane
Sat 30 Jul 2022

Returning Brisbane
Sat 6 Aug 2022

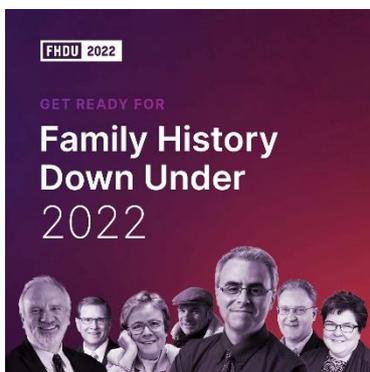


Information re travel packages is now available. Register your interest... and we'll meet at the airport!

<https://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/event/history-in-paradise-2021-affho-congress/>

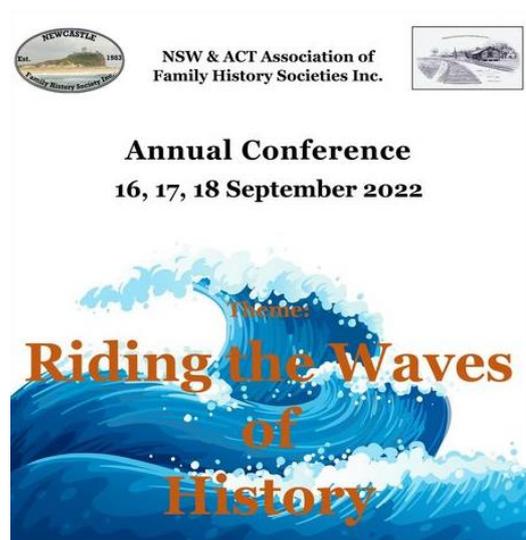
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Bookings are open for two NSW events.



[FHDU 2022](#) is offered as an in-person event at Castle Hill or as live-streamed or recorded options.
8-11 November 2022

The [NSW & ACT Conference](#) is planned as an in-person event in the Newcastle - Maitland area.
16-18 September 2022.



Hosted by: Newcastle Family History Society Inc. www.nfhs.org.au
Maitland & Beyond Family History Inc. mdgs.org.au/

New Location:
Scarborough Function Centre – East Maitland Bowling Club

www.ridingthewavesofhistory.com.au



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A FREE virtual event 3-5 March 2022.

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There is a local Facebook group - [Australians at Rootstech Connect – 3-5 March 2022](#) which you can join once you've registered for Roots Tech Connect. Feel connected!



Expect announcements of new releases from Ancestry, My Heritage and Family Search etc during Rootstech.

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Writing Group, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QLD (GSQ)

Sharing family stories: telling, writing

Saturday, 4 June 2022 –

online via Zoom – 9.00am-1.00pm

Sharing your stories with more images and fewer words, interviewing family members or seeking more techniques for planning your writing.

Join us to hear about these and other ideas about passing on your family history to a wider audience, young and old.

Registration details will be found on the GSQ website at <https://www.gsq.org.au/> when details are finalised.

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Back to Basics: Research Planning and Execution Online



with Cyndi Ingle

26 March 2022 at 9 am (Qld time) by Zoom

with Australian, NZ and UK examples

Cost: \$20 GSQ & QFHS members. Non-members \$30

Bookings essential at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/back-to-basics-research-planning-and-execution-online/>

This presentation will be recorded and made available for participants to view for one month if they are unable to attend the live event.

Synopsis

You've been researching for years, but you find yourself repeating searches and looking at the same online things - over and over again. You're either spinning your wheels or reinventing the wheel, but either way you go round and round.

We will discuss some strategies for planning your research and executing it efficiently, while keeping track of what you are currently doing and plan to do in the future.

Bio

Cyndi Ingle is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning, globally recognised CyndisList.com, a free categorized list of more than 337,000 links for genealogical research.

In its 25 years online, Cyndi's List has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It helps millions of visitors worldwide and has been featured in the media and diverse publications, US TV, the BBC, National Public Radio, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, People Magazine, Wired, Ancestry Magazine, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and Internet Genealogy magazines.

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Snippets from HQ Member Societies

Welcome two new member groups

FRIENDS OF LUTWYCHE CEMETERY INC

Friends of Lutwyche Cemetery is a dedicated group of volunteers interested in preserving and protecting the history and heritage of the 15-acre Lutwyche Cemetery, remembering the loved ones and the history and stories of the people buried there.



They strive to improve the overall appearance of the cemetery by voluntarily cleaning and maintaining areas as well as conducting regular working bees, headstone restoration (with family approval) and workshops.



While they have been volunteering for over 12 months via the Australian Remembrance Army, their incorporation will allow them to apply for grants to further their work.

See their results in their [Facebook page](#). With thanks to Wayne Dale – President – FOLC.

BRISBANE TRAMWAYS MUSEUM SOCIETY

The volunteers of BTMS in Ferny Grove aim to collect, preserve and display the style of Brisbane electric public street transport system from 1895 to 1969 and from 1969 onwards in a developing operating museum for the benefit of the public in a safe and welcoming environment.

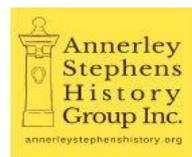
They strive to be a World Class Tramway Museum educating visitors in all aspects of the operation of Brisbane Trams in the "As Was In Service" condition of the Brisbane Tram era.



See their information and history on the BTMS [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



ANNERLEY-STEPHENS HISTORY GROUP



Streets of Stephens



We would love to hear the history of your street

The Annerley-Stephens History Group focuses on the suburbs of **Annerley, Fairfield, Yeronga, Yeerongpilly, Moorooka, Tarragindi, Tennyson**, and those parts of **Greenslopes, Holland Park West**, and **Mt Gravatt** that are west of Logan Road.

This is the former Stephens Shire.

We want to collect street histories from these areas!

You can help us by researching and writing about your street, and then presenting (10 to 15 minutes) this information at one of our monthly meetings.

Some questions to get you started are:

- Has the street name any significance?
- Has the street always had the same name?
- How has the street changed over time?
- What is the oldest or a significant house in the street?
- Who has lived in the street – one interesting character?

Our members can assist you with preparing your presentation, and then liaise with you in publishing your history on our [website](#).

Email: annerleystephenshistorygroupin@gmail.com

With thanks to Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc

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WOODFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With the Omicron virus still lurking around we had closed our doors to protect our volunteers and visitors. We will review an opening date at the end of February.

As we are situated in a Moreton Bay Regional Council building, staff and visitors have to be double vaccinated to enter. We hope to restart our monthly meetings in April. Members have been kept up to date with newsletters. Behind the scenes, Maxine, Donna and others have been busy applying for grants and researching for events we hope to hold later in the year.

Upcoming activities:

- hosting the 42nd annual Villeneuve/Neurum reunion at the end of August.
- gathering information for our All Small Schools reunion (proposed for 22 October) – only four of the original 17 schools remain operational – we'll work with other Local History groups like Peachester to cover all the schools.
- recording a podcast that will go onto the local radio station 101.5FM's web site
- co-hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in a local park in April. A first for us! Obviously, we are prepared to do just about anything to get our face out in public.

Stay tuned for news of the historic flood boat.

With thanks to Donna Grigor - Secretary
Woodford Historical Society



KENMORE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The president of the Kenmore & District Historical Society, Judy Magub OAM, has been writing an article on local history each month for a local magazine for the past seven years.

The magazine 'The Local Bulletin' is a high-quality publication distributed monthly, free to households in 17 of the western suburbs of Brisbane. The history group covers four of those suburbs, Kenmore, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket and Pullenvale.

"This magazine provides a wonderful opportunity for our society to share our research and knowledge of the history of the local area. Older folk can reminisce on times past and younger ones can learn what life was like in those early days", Judy said.

The society recently published 50 of the articles in a book *Early Stories of Kenmore, Chapel Hill, Fig Tree Pocket and Pullenvale*.

The book is available on the society website www.kenmorehistory.org.au for \$30.50 incl postage.

With thanks to Judy Magub - President
Kenmore & District Historical Association Inc

LOGAN RIVER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The biggest challenge last year was to find suitable, permanent premises – to replace our Chambers Flat Community Centre space. So while right now is not a good time for us, it should be great in a month or so.

The reason is that we have secured a new home for our society at the Slacks Creek Progress Hall in Springwood. We will be sharing the space with the Kingston Butter Factory Art & Craft Group, and we are in the process of establishing how this will take place and of moving and setting up our new rooms, all in the context of COVID times! We'll share more information and photos later in the year.

We are presently holding our monthly meetings and management meetings online using ZOOM and are keeping our research room closed until we are set up at Springwood.

With thanks to Robert Thomson – President
Logan River & District Family History Society Inc



FASSIFERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY – TEMPLIN MUSEUM

The latest exhibition in the Templin Museum's House of Fashion is the Madame Weigel textile display.

The official opening will take place on Sunday 10 April from 10:00 am.

Special guest Dr Veronica Lampkin, eminent specialist on Madame Weigel and author of a growing number of books on Madame Weigel and her patterns, will give two talks during the day about this remarkable and far-sighted woman.

The Museum exhibition features clothing made by the Boonah branch of the Australian Sewing Guild from original Weigel patterns as well as Weigel garments from the Museum's historic textile collection. The main exhibition is in the House of Fashion with smaller displays in other buildings.

The role that Madame Weigel played in clothing Australians as well as the research by Dr Lampkin has been featured on ABC Landline several times during 2021, generating a huge response from viewers all over Australia.

The Museum's website and [Facebook page](#) will soon post details about the event or phone 0475 615 827 for more specific information closer to the date. www.templinhistoricalmuseum.com.au.

Covid requirements: all visitors must show proof of vaccination or an official medical certificate of exemption from vaccination.

With thanks to Fassifern Historical Society.



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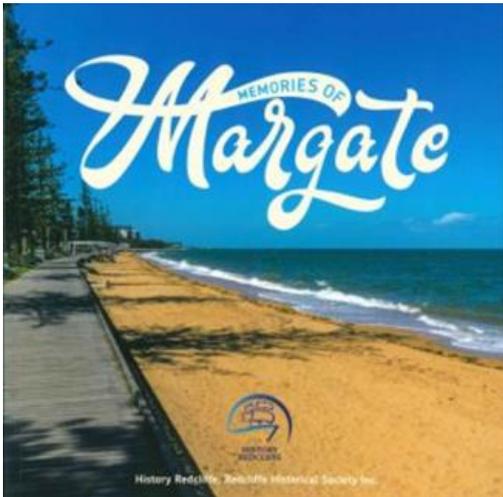
Past President of Redcliffe City Rotary Club, Bob Blanch, recently presented Paul Harris Fellowship Awards to Pat Gee and Margaret Harding for their tireless efforts in preserving Redcliffe's history.

Bob said they have provided great support to Rotary and over many years to History Redcliffe and the community, bringing our local history to light.



History Redcliffe meeting 1 October 2021
L-R Margaret Harding, Bob Blanch and Pat Gee.
From *Dolphins News* issue 28 November 3, 2021.
With thanks to Helen Young – Secretary
History Redcliffe

Everybody's talking about History Redcliffe's latest book!



Memories of Margate investigates significant events in Margate's history beginning with the first government land sales in the 1860s, early landowners, and the gradual development of the area that would one day become the suburb of Margate.

Maps and photographs are used to illustrate a story enlivened by oral histories of former and present-day residents.

Get your copy today!!

On sale now at the Redcliffe Museum. You can also place an order by emailing us at info@historyredcliffe.com.au.

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TOOGOLAWAH AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL GROUP

What a special surprise for Toogoolawah. Take a walk into the Railway Reserve in Cressbrook Street and you can view the Toogoolawah History Museum's latest addition to its collection.

It is a beautiful fibreglass sculpture of a dairy cow, painted to tell the story of the dairy industry in south-east Queensland. You can look all around the sculpture at the beautiful artwork created by four artists from Scenic Rim Region. The work was donated by a farmer from the region to ensure it would be placed in a public place and its story could be told. The members of the History Group are overwhelmed by the generosity of the gift. When you go to see it, please just look, do not touch.



Steve Barraclough with Matthew Lukritz installing the cow - Dec 2021

A big thank you to all our volunteers and to all our great stallholders as well as the locals and visitors who came to support the Railway Markets held in December.

Musician Jonnie Deans put on a great musical performance and the raffle tickets sold like hot cakes. Thank you to our Federal Member, Hon Shayne Neumann and to Geoff from H and H Car Detailing for donating the prizes.

The T&DHG History Group hopes that the Railway Markets and Museum operations will resume in March. During 2022 there will be a major refresh of the collection and its exhibition, so we look forward to a special launch event in mid-year.

With thanks to Beryce Nelson
Toogoolawah & District History Group

Remember... you can highlight your activities and news in the [HQ Facebook](#) page.

Simply email your information to the Facebook editor via

secretary@historyqueensland.org.au



There's plenty on offer at *Learn@QFHS*

QFHS's *Learn@QFHS* program is underway for 2022. Community members are invited to participate in the following exciting sessions. Where possible, the presentations will be recorded for later viewing by those who have registered before the event takes place.

Creating a Family Heirloom Cookbook

This event consists of two presentations:
Tuesday 8 March and Tuesday 15 March

Do you have some favourite family recipes from your childhood, or an old handwritten cookbook handed down from Mum or Grandma?

How will you preserve these one-of-a-kind cookbooks in this digital age? This interactive session will discuss how to collect the recipes and food stories and include them in our family history memoirs.

Emma and Sonia will discuss the options available to preserve family cookbooks/recipes and discuss the software available to create your heritage cookbook.

Your registration and payment includes both sessions.

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/creating-a-family-heirloom-cookbook-1/>

Latin for Family Historians

Friday 11 March

What if you found this record of a family member in a university archive—*Filius natu maximus Guilelmi quondam Agricolae in Comitatu de Donnegal Hib.?*

Or this—*ob Caelebs*—in an ancient genealogy?

What does it mean if you find *d.s.p.l.* in an old family tree?

If a person's name appears as *Particii*, is he/she a man or a woman?

per stirpes, civis, aetas?

Carpe diem and join Sue Reid to learn some simple Latin for family historians.

Register here: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/latin-for-family-historians/>

Talking about... my first country primary teaching position

Wednesday 23 March

For a new teacher, the first post is usually memorable. Even more so if the posting is to somewhere unfamiliar.

Primary schools were smaller, with many quite tiny. Where did you ask to go? Where did they send you?

How did you get there? Where did you board or stay? What was it like--school, town, head teacher, children, parents? Did you go home at weekends or only at holidays? What did you do at weekends?

Did you still have some study to do while you were teaching? What did you take from this experience into later life?

You are invited to join other Society members to talk about primary teaching. Perhaps you have fond memories of primary teaching or have some really good resources you would like to share.

Come along, bring your morning coffee, and join us. Bring any questions you have. This is an informal session to chat, share your memories, or ask questions of other members.

Register here: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/talking-aboutmy-first-country-primary-teaching-post/>

Beacons by the Sea: Lighthouses in Qld

Wednesday 16 March

Lighthouses have a mystery and intrigue in our history and this seminar will show you why. Queensland had the largest number of lighthouses in Australia. These lighthouses have an interesting and, in some cases, a tragic history. The National Archives has a varied collection of material relating to the establishment, operation and decommissioning of lighthouses, including some beautiful lighthouse plans and logbooks. This seminar will shed some light on this interesting topic. Presented by Eve Terry

Register here:
<https://www.qfhs.org.au/CalendarEvent.aspx?dt=2022031613000036>

Methodologies: Researching, Organising, Assessing, Evaluating with a view to Writing.

Friday 25 March

Are you thinking of writing a family history?

Do you want to know how and where to start?

Do you know if you have done enough research?

Do you want to know how to organise your thoughts and research?

Do you want to know how to set up your document to the best effect?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, join our presenters as they share their experience and give you an overview of possibilities to consider.

Our panelists are published authors [Clem Ditton](#) and [Ludij Peden](#)

Register here: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/methodologies/>

With thanks to Allana O'Kane - Publicity Coordinator
Qld Family History Society

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IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

A piece of history from the Queensland Times (QT) – a Linotype Press - was recently moved from West Ipswich to a temporary home with the Ipswich Historical Society at Cooneana Heritage Centre, New Chum.

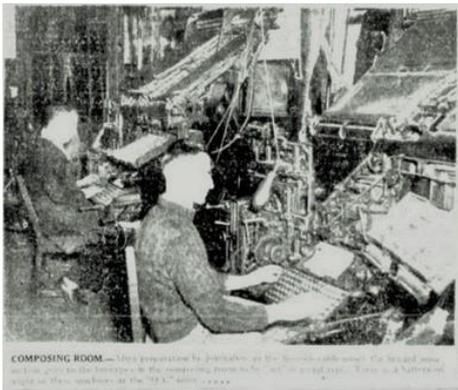


The relocation began at about 4.30am when the press was loaded onto a truck with the help of a crane.

This large Linotype Press was in use from

1929 to 1978, one of eight used to print the newspaper, when the QT was produced at premises on the corner of Ellenborough and Brisbane Streets. A QT photograph published 6 July 1949 (p5) shows the machine in use.

The caption explains: "...after journalists had written an article in the cable room, text would go to the linotype printers in the Composing room to be "set" in metal type. At one time, there was a battery of eight of these machines in the QT offices".



<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/124639797/9921203>

This particular linotype press was a landmark outside the former QT building at West Ipswich for many years after 1978 and shows clear signs of its age and exposure to the elements.

Ipswich Historical Society president, Hugh Taylor, supervised the move with the aim of preserving such an important piece of Ipswich's history.

"We need to preserve history. It's often a challenge and with constant development, things get removed and destroyed, so we always want to preserve things where we can," said Mr Taylor. "I'd like to see the press relocated as streetscape art to a spot opposite the old QT building where visitors to Ipswich might see it. I am sure that the sight of the press would bring back fond memories for many former QT readers."

With thanks to Maxine Jones
Ipswich Historical Society

TOOWONG AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

It's been busy year despite Covid restrictions.

Book Launch: The launch of former TDHS President Ruth Sapsford's book titled *The Dell; A House in Toowong; The Sapsford Family home since 1883*, was held at the Toowong Senior Citizens' Hall in October 2021.

New webpage and logo: Consolidated Properties Group (CPG) provided a generous grant to fund the professional upgrade of the TDHS webpage which launched in January 2022. The extra grant funds will enable TDHS to redesign its logo.

Returned: Medals belonging to WWI veteran, the late Norman Joshua Woodhead, were found in an op shop in Cardwell, and handed to the Cardwell RSL Sub-Branch. Norman Joshua was a son of a local Taringa family.

Hoping that the medals could be returned to Norman Joshua's descendants, the Cardwell RSL Sub-Branch contacted TDHS and asked for our assistance to find his family. As Joshua had no direct descendants, with the assistance of the Woodhead family, TDHS was successful in locating Australian-based members of the family.

All these family members agreed that the appropriate thing to do was to give the medals to the Toowong RSL Sub-Branch to be placed within their museum at the Wests Rugby Union Clubhouse complex in Toowong Memorial Park. The handover ceremony was held after the Remembrance Day ceremony in the function room at the West Rugby Union complex, and those who attended enjoyed a family reunion.

Awards: Congratulations to TDHS Treasurer Bruce Sinclair who received the 2022 Lord Mayors' Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award, and Secretary Leigh Chamberlain who received a 2022 Lord Mayor's Australia Day Achievement Award. The rescheduled ceremony will be held on Thursday 24 March 2022.

With thanks to Leigh Chamberlain - Secretary
Toowong and District Historical Society

Thank you
to everyone who shared news stories.
We look forward to reading
your updated reports
for the
History Queensland AGM
on 14 May 2022

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Melva Ann Welch

1935 – 2022



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to a true lady, Melva Ann Welch OAM. Born in New Zealand as Melva Brass, she married the love of her life, Colin (a Queenslander) in 1959 and they moved to their home in Arana Hills in 1961 where they raised their family.

She always said she did not consider herself to be an author, and although she created many publications, she preferred to be known as a Researcher and Recorder of Local History.

From 1964 she assisted the Pine Rivers Shire Council through the District Library service creating databases suitable for Family and Local History research.

Melva received a Centenary Medal on 1 January 2001 and followed this up with the Order of Australia Medal on 14 June 2004. Both medals were awarded for her services to the Community through researching and recording Local History in the Pine Rivers Shire and Arana Hills District.

Although she was a member of many organisations, Melva was noted as a Life Member of our group, the North Pine Historical Society, in 2013 as the greatest thank you we could give her for her tireless assistance, support and research.

Melva's many books include:

- '*Toponymy*' - a list of Place names
- '*Not Pineapples, not Pine Trees but Pine Rivers*'
- '*In Loving Memory of*' – the history of burials in the Pine Rivers Shire
- '*Laceys Creek*'
- '*Cradle to Grove*' – Toowong Council
- '*Bowling along with the Patricks at Mt Pleasant homestead*' – Tales of the Patrick family
- '*Reigning Supreme*' – Camden Park Scout Group 1970-1990
- '*Bunya School No 147 1875-1965*'
- '*Cranwel*' and
- '*Bergin Beauty*'.

We will miss this irreplaceable researcher, with her amazing recall and her invaluable assistance to all. I find that there is not enough paper to write what Melva has managed to fit into her dash.

With thanks to Karen Taylor - Secretary
North Pine Historical Society Inc

Vale - Robert McAllister

Robert McAllister, an active member of many history related groups, was one of our Miegunyah volunteers and sadly died suddenly and unexpectedly on 8 January.

Robert fulfilled many roles at Miegunyah - archivist, guide, lecturer, researcher. He was instrumental in developing Study Days in which members became familiar with techniques in researching the Queensland Women's Historical Association QWHA archives. Robert was to have presented a session on Members' Day on transcribing hand-written letters and finding the hidden history in them. He was to share the podium with Diana Hacker in a lecture in February, bringing more of the history of the men of the Krait to light.

Last Members Day, Robert introduced members to the Philpott sisters as a way of looking at the many files in the archives at Miegunyah. Robert continued delving further to gather more information culminating in a lecture in September last year. He has made a major contribution to the knowledge and understanding of the colonial families of Queensland by investigating and researching the archives at Miegunyah.

He will be missed.

With thanks to Robyn Wallace - Secretary
The Queensland Women's Historical Association - 'Miegunyah'

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