

Messages from HQ Executive

The History Queensland Management Committee has sadly farewelled Niles Elvery from our committee. Niles is now on long-service leave and reluctantly said goodbye to the committee. Hopefully, he will return at a later date. We have good news regarding the committee, as we welcome Dell Deed, the President of Cairns Family History Society. The committee is delighted to have representation from outside southeast Queensland. Welcome, Dell.

AFFHO and the Norfolk Island Museums held a very successful Congress on Norfolk Island in August with attendees from New Zealand and most Australian states and territories. The speakers were high quality and entertaining. Attendees were treated to numerous museum and Island tours and delicious island food. Some of us had extra time on the island due to Covid! (See a comprehensive report and lots of photos in the [AFFHO Newsflash](#).)

From 21 to 23 October, the 4th Queensland Family and Local History Conference ‘Sands of Time’, will be held at Redcliffe. The hosts are the Redcliffe History Society, and they are well advanced in their preparations. We hope to see you there at the fair on Friday 21 October and at the conference on Saturday and Sunday. See more details on the next page.

History Queensland is holding the next General Meeting on Sunday, 23 October, straight after the conference and at the same venue. This an opportunity to share your group’s news through your report. We hope to see you there. The agenda and more information are in this newsletter.

Happy researching... Marg Doherty (President)

Free eHive Demonstration



History Queensland presents
a **free live Zoom demonstration of eHive**
for all interested members.

eHive is a web-based collection cataloguing system used by many museums and societies worldwide, and will be demonstrated by experienced eHive user, Lisa Jones (the Curator of the Queensland Police Museum) with Niles Elvery (Senior Archivist, Queensland State Archives).

The demonstration will be very helpful for societies which have collections of photographs, documents, other records etc in showing you how these treasures can be catalogued and accessed. There will also be time for Q&A.

Date: Saturday 15 October 2022 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Cost: Free - with [registration](#) required

The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants on Thursday 13 October.

You can join in individually from your home or and gather together in your group's rooms via the Zoom link. Any individual member of a Society can register - simply tell us which group you belong to.

Use this link to register for the free Zoom: <https://mailchi.mp/8a678f319bc3/ehive-zoom-15-oct-2022>

Please pass this information on to your members. We look forward to having many HQ members join us for this presentation.

Queensland Local and Family History Conference – Redcliffe – 21-23 October 2022
~ Followed by History Queensland 6-monthly Meeting ~



Feel the excitement at this State Conference! No matter how digitised our society becomes, online events will never replace the advantages of a face-to-face event.

This is your opportunity to personally connect with old friends and make new connections at the Sands of Time Conference at the Redcliffe Dolphins Leagues Club on 21-23 October 2022.

And we promise it won't be all business! Kick back at the Friday Night Welcome Function and the Conference Dinner on Saturday evening. Want to join in on the fun? Head to the website to register.

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

Register here!

<https://sandsoftime.org.au>

It's only a few weeks away, so check the website for more information on all our speakers and their topics and rush to register while places are still available!

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All members are invited to attend History Queensland's 6-monthly Meeting following the closing of *Sands of Time* 4th Queensland State Conference



HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC.

6-Monthly General Meeting

Sunday 23 October 2022 at 1 pm

hosted by History Redcliffe Inc.

Redcliffe Dolphins Leagues Club - Corner Klingner & Ashmole Roads, Redcliffe

Please **RSVP by Friday 14th October** to Valerie Thornton secretary@historyqueensland.org.au.

All Member Groups are invited to submit their reports for the meeting (even if you can't attend). Reports will be presented 'live' at the meeting and will also be included in the minutes with highlights in the next HQ Newsletter.

(Note: Zoom access is not available for this meeting.)

Member Organisation Reports for 6-monthly meeting:

Please send your report to secretary@historyqueensland.org.au by 14 October 2022.

Limit your report to 250 words and include only relevant news and highlights since the AGM in May, plus details of new publications, upcoming events and your plans for the next six months.

Please send a written report whether or not you plan to attend the meeting so they can be included in the minutes and newsletter.

Valerie (HQ Secretary) will send the formal Notice of Motion about the constitution change and the Agenda, previous Minutes and Treasurer's Report on 1 October 2022 to all Member Groups by email.

AGENDA:

1. **Welcome:** President Margaret Doherty
2. Apologies
3. **Minutes** of previous 6 monthly meeting – Sat. 20 Nov 2021 at Peachester
4. Business arising
5. Correspondence - Business arising
6. **Reports:**
 - President - Margaret Doherty
 - Treasurer - Fay Carbis
 - Insurance - Helen Turner
7. **General Business:**
 - Change to Constitution (*clause 5 – Classes of Membership*) – to be voted on at meeting
8. Any other business:
9. **Reports from member groups** (max. 2 mins per group)
10. Close of General Meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO HISTORY QUEENSLAND CONSTITUTION

The Management Committee has proposed that a new clause 5(1)(a) be added and that existing clauses (a) (b) (c) be renumbered. The clause would then read (*changes in blue*):

5 Classes of members

- 1 The membership of the association consists of ordinary members, being member societies, duly constituted non-profit genealogical, family history or historical societies in the State of Queensland and their branches, and any of the following classes of members-
 - (a) Societies engaged in pursuit of other heritage disciplines
 - (b) ~~(a)~~ associate members, being special interest groups and/or persons who may or may not have membership of an affiliated society.
 - (c) ~~(b)~~ honorary members, being persons, corporations or organisation, which have provided a particularly valuable service to the association;
 - (d) ~~(c)~~ honorary life members, being individuals who are honoured for long and meritorious service to the association. The conferring of life membership is subject to the by-laws of the association.
- 2 The number of member societies and associate members shall be unlimited.
- 3 The number of honorary members and honorary life members shall be limited to the maximums prescribed in the by-laws of the association.

The change was mentioned at the 6-monthly meeting in November 2021 and was to be put to members for a vote in May 2022, but as we did not have a General Meeting after the AGM, this matter was not dealt with then.

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Welcome two new member groups

WOOCOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



Based in Brooweena Historical Village and Museum

The Brooweena Historical Village provides a fascinating glimpse of the past with its tranquil rural setting in the centre of the township of Brooweena, 47 kilometres north of Maryborough.

This area was first settled by Europeans in 1849 and the town developed with the arrival of the railway line in 1889. The local sawmill opened in 1924 and closed in November 2013. Sugar production is also a major industry. In 1892 the first shop was built in the township, followed by the station master's cottage. In 1915 the Woocoo Shire Office was built and is now housed in the complex.

This charming historical village at Brooweena has an extensive array of memorabilia, equipment, musical instruments and aboriginal rock carvings, housed in a collection of twelve heritage buildings in a tranquil bush setting. The complex includes blacksmith's shop, butcher shop, wash house, original 1915 Council Office and an authentic rustic barn with a collection of bullock and horse drawn vehicles.

There is an original settler's slab dwelling with detached kitchen, dairy shed, former C.W.A. rooms, an old railway goods shed, railway station and old carriage, along with a school and church display. There are also catering and picnic areas. Open on second and fourth Sundays each month.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/broweenamuseum>

Website: <https://broweenamuseum.wixsite.com/website-1>

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MISSION BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Adapted from the Mission Beach Historical Society website)



Mission Beach Historical Society is a typical small, local group of volunteers who are working towards capturing oral histories, to protect, preserve and exhibit the history of the locality. The group chose its top priority as capturing oral histories of elderly long-term residents. The aim is to tell stories that are relevant and significant for today's multi-cultural societies, with emphasis also on the history of the Djiru people to achieve reconciliation and healing of the past. They aim to raise awareness; adopt historical thinking; engage with a range of perspectives; and create shared historical stories.

The geographical area for the Mission Beach Historical Society follows that of the Djiru Country, which includes the Mission Beach villages from Carmoo to Midgereebar plus two villages that are not strictly part of the Mission Beach district, El Arish and Merryburn.

The committee has ten people including two researchers with doctoral degrees, who advise the society on ethics, security of storage of data, and other data collection methods. Elder and Traditional Owner, Leonard Andy, represents and advises the group on all matters relating to the Djiru people and refers matters to the Warrangburra Aboriginal Corporation when required.

They have completed an *Area Definition* which defines their geographical area of operation, agreed on a standard *Template for Histories* and started several of these essays on significant people in the area, such as John Busst and Hugo Brassey. The Society has also started to research the history of the street names in the four main villages and will make this and other essays available online on their new website. The website holds several published eBooks on their local history.

Website: <https://www.mbhs.com.au/index.php>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mission-Beach-Historical-Society-113372960543312>

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Digitising Projects

We are still keen to hear how HQ can help you... this is why we're presenting the eHive Demonstration.

Numerous groups mentioned their appreciation of Milli K's assistance. **Genealogy Sunshine Coast** offers workshops, expertise and guidance. <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home>

Here is Milli's detailed explanation of what they do...

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

What is your specific project?

We are scanning local history documents and records of the Sunshine Coast area as a primary focus.

Why are you doing it?

- To preserve resources digitally in case of fire, flood, or theft
- To enable word searchable records including photos and text in photos of records
- To reduce space in house by storing paper records in a compact form and searchable where possible
- We have retained our newspaper clippings files stored in Postcode order and then in date order.
- These collections are easy to browse but also accessible via an index created by our volunteers under the careful eye of our long-time coordinator Barb Andersen over 14 years
- To provide worldwide access to our collections via Cloud storage and internet access either by sharing relevant folders of information for specific projects or via email for queries
- To increase detailed access to our record collections which enables us to research more effectively and improve our success rate with research queries
- To allow us to share collections with fellow researchers who can add input to the material and enhance knowledge and improve research accuracy

How did you check that the information is not already held elsewhere?

- We work with other local history groups to digitise their collections and share our results and relevant resources with them using Google Drive as a search engine and cost effective sharing via Cloud Storage
- In the main, their material is unique to their group, and they need better access for the future and to keep their collections safe
- This means that the local groups are not required to fund digital storage capacity
- We can share our research knowledge with experienced and committed local volunteers making effective use of our collections and sharing research tasks and skills
- We can link their material into our indexing system, but maintain a separate code for their files so we can identify and extract that material from our collection when needed
- While we check Trove and Google to see if anyone has the materials in another format, our long-term aim would be to share our digital collections to a national database such as Trove.

How did you obtain funding for the project?

- Through council and government grants, GCBF
- Some funding has been associated with individual community projects eg NHS project
- This has allowed the community group to apply for the grant from council and then we invoice them for the use of our equipment and volunteer hours - this gives them a cheap project and we get income to update or improve equipment

What equipment are you using?

- Epson A3 scanners x 2
- Epson V700 photo scanners x 2 - photos and slides, negatives
- Epson V850 scanners x 1 - photos and slides, negatives
- Epson V330 scanners x 2 - for take home use or community events
- Epson V600 scanner x 1
- Plustek Book-edge scanner x 1
- Toshiba Studio 4515 multifunction - archival scanning for documents
- Fujitsu Scan Snap SV600 x 3 - archiving random files and fragile items
- Camera and overhead stand
- Good quality mobile phone images - excellent for quick scans for searching uploaded to Drive and for recording research queries and screenshots for reference

Where does the digitising take place? (eg At rooms or home-based)

- Both
- Our in-house layout at our resource centre is designed to allow multiple scanners and computers to work in a multi-scanner layout
- This allows 2 or 3 people to be working on a single project to check and compare as they scan through a collection
- Great for training and learning what to do

How many people are involved in the project?

- Over time, there would be 150 - 200 people at least who have assisted with scanning
- Some have worked for 15 years since the project began in 2007 - others have done work on a special project such as Nambour High School yearbooks where we scanned 56 yearbooks in 3 months (we were told we were doing 23 yearbooks!)

What training did the team need?

- New volunteers work with an experienced scanner initially as they come across issues with scanning some documents
- Experienced scanners can take home files, scan and return
- New volunteers usually work in house with help available from our team when needed
- We conduct regular scanning workshops on a variety of equipment, but personal training for each volunteer to establish what they are comfortable with and to check the scanning quality
- We have had some very successful scanners who have had a minor disability but they have found scanning within their capability and have enjoyed the work, and learnt skills they can use in their own lives at home

What problems have you encountered?

- The varying quality of scanning equipment when using home scanning machines - we use and recommend EPSON scanners as the specifications and quality are fairly standard across models -
- Updated software is easily available via download from the Epson website

- Scanning can be tiring and difficult on the eyes - it is important to make sure that volunteers have desks and chairs which suit their needs and good lighting, with frequent rest breaks
- We have had a recent issue where a very keen scanner damaged a shoulder tendon due to repetitive scanning actions on a large book -so limits should be introduced to keep volunteers safe and well

How will members or the public access the data when completed?

- Files and folders can be shared via Google Drive to individuals or a group
- Email with the relevant shared link is sent to an individual or a group
- Google Drive allows us to monitor who each file or folder is shared with
- Files can be shared as 'read only' or can be edited by trained volunteers - eg adding metadata such as tags, dates, subjects, notes

What modes of storage and access are used?

- Digital storage via hard drives on each computer, Synology NAS units for long term storage as TIF images, JPEG copies to Google Cloud Storage
- Synology NAS files are tagged with relevant topics and we use the Universal Search engine on Synology to access detailed information
- JPEG files on Google Drive are fully searchable immediately they are uploaded, but metadata and detail can continue to be added over time. This can be done remotely by volunteers as well

How has indexing been achieved?

- The initial newspaper collection was fully indexed by volunteers and created a timeline of local history and events which has proved invaluable to our research and in house access
- We have also placed online for free download from our GSC website a spreadsheet of part of the indexed collection for the Sunshine Coast
- This allows anyone to use this index in their own collection to check on names, places, dates, and possible locations for records in their own collection - or they can contact us for more detail

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HVok2epKQ0HyJQDrZV-t3Kh99SqtE6sw/view>

Have you outsourced the project? And if so - to whom?

- We couldn't afford to
- We would prefer not to let items out of our safe holding site until they are scanned initially

How was the outsourcing achieved eg records taken off-premises? What costs are involved?

- We would love to be given the opportunity to scan some rare items in our local shire eg
 - the original burial registers
 - Land records up to A3 in size
- We think our scanning uses the same equipment that would be used by professionals at archives etc
- We now have substantial experience in scanning items of many types and formats.
- At present, the council seems to use outside companies at considerable cost
- It would seem logical to spend their funds in-house and get better value for money and help their local groups build skills and equipment in-house

Milli Kafcaloudis GSC

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LOGAN CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY INC.

Digitising the Kingston Butter Factory Ledgers

Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc had in their possession the butter factory ledgers from when the Kingston Butter Factory was operational. They included Cream Ledgers (with names and addresses of those families who sent cream to the factory), Payroll books and Minutes of the Kingston Butter Factory Board Meetings which were held in Brisbane City. These ledgers dated back to 1906.

We were concerned that if these ledgers were destroyed in a fire all the information they contained and the ledgers themselves would be lost.

We applied for and were successful in getting a Regional Arts Development Fund from the Logan City Council for \$8,800.00.

On recommendation from another society, we engaged Avantix Scanning Services at 3/20 Smallwood Place Murarrie, Brisbane Ph 1300 119 939 to scan the ledgers. Once the scanning of the ledgers was completed, we were supplied with a couple of USBs which contain all the information that was on the ledgers.

The information on the USBs is now being indexed by our volunteers onto spreadsheets for easier access.

The Logan City Council was very supportive of this project and contributed some extra money so all of the ledgers could be scanned. Most of the Kingston Butter Factory Ledgers have been donated to the Queensland State Library.

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And here's a bit of trivia from a Logan City newspaper...



Logan history in safe hands

Simon Holt

November 16, 2021

Important parts of Logan City history will now be part of the State Library of Queensland's collection.

Logan City Historical Museum Inc handed over the documents at a ceremony last week.

Items included company ledger records of the Southern Queensland (Cooperative) Dairy Company Ltd., universally known as the Kingston Butter Factory.

Museum representatives said that after 30 years as part of the Logan museum's collection, the transfer to the state library would ensure their preservation be secured for future generations.

Two members of prominent families associated with the formation of the Butter Factory in 1906, Mr Robin Kleinschmidt and Mr Lee Wendt, were able to make the presentation of the 1906 minutes to library representatives.

Electronic copies of the company ledgers were also presented.

Thanks to Helen Turner for the Logan information

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Snippets from HQ Member Societies

TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

'Our Backyard and Beyond Volume 7'

WE ARE NOW CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR VOLUME 7.

DO YOU have deceased ancestors/family members who are buried or have had their ashes interred or scattered anywhere in the Toowoomba Regional Council LGA?

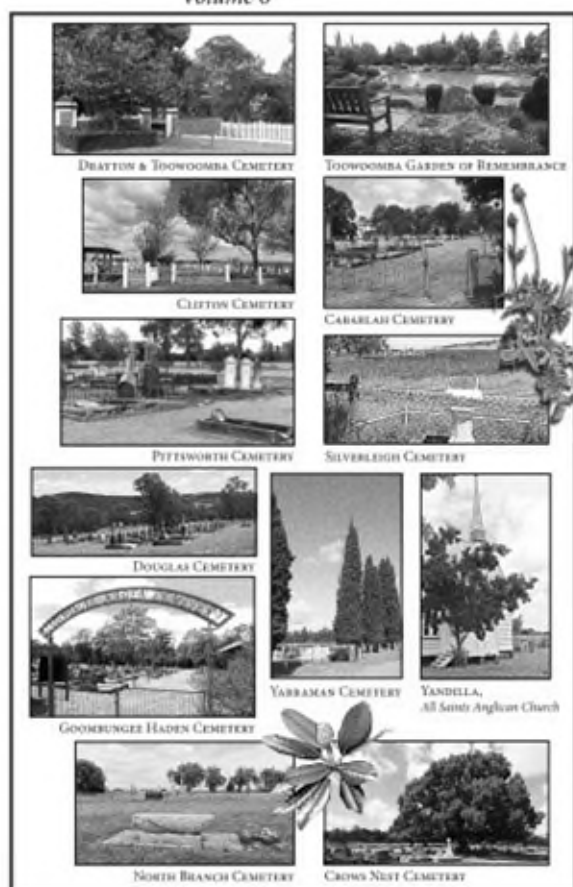
The Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society produce a book each year called "Our Backyard" (because the Society's HQ's backyard is the Drayton and Toowoomba cemetery).

The book is made up of stories written by members of the public and the society about people who are buried (interred or scattered), in the Toowoomba LGA.

If you are interested in submitting a story and would like more information, please email tddfhs@westnet.com.au.

Submissions close 30 November 2022.

A list of names published in Vols 1- 6 can be found in the files section of their Facebook page, or by emailing TDDFHS.



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

Simply email your information to Ann, the Facebook Editor, via

secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

We look forward to adding the highlights from your group's report in the next HQ Newsletter.

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What should we fill it with for the next edition?

- Some suggestions for funding sources?
- Some fundraising ideas?

What would you like to see?

Send your suggestions to newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au