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Messages from HQ Executive



Well, Christmas is nearly on us, and many family and local history societies will close for a Christmas and New Year break. Society volunteers often have time to look at their own research when organisations are closed. They can also review research aspects they haven't looked at for a while. I hope to do this while watching cricket. Sad, I know!

This period, however, should be when societies should be thinking about their insurance for 2023, so please give this some thought before taking that much-needed break. See the segment about the new insurance cover.

In closing, I wish all Queensland local and family history societies and their volunteers a Merry Christmas and a great and prosperous 2023.

Happy researching... Marg Doherty (President)

Copyright for Family Historians – Webinar

Wednesday 7 December 2022 12 noon AEST

The [Australian Copyright Council \(ACC\)](#) is a small, independent, not-for-profit community legal service dedicated to promoting understanding of copyright law and its application. They have a large variety of [free fact sheets available](#) including the very popular [Family Histories & Copyright fact sheet](#) and the [Historians & Copyright book](#).

In response to the many queries to their [free legal advice service](#) from people exploring their family histories, they have developed a [Family Historians and Copyright](#) webinar as part of their [webinar series](#).

All family and local history groups are invited to register to the [Family Historians and Copyright](#) webinar. This webinar will be held on **Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 1pm AEDT** (cost \$50) and will cover copyright ownership in different kinds of family history materials including oral histories, how long copyright lasts, and permissions surrounding copyright. Participants will receive a copy of the slides after the event.

Register through [the ACC website](#) or choose the Fact Sheets above.

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The Australian Copyright Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our Redfern office is located, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation and all Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to all Elders past, present and emerging and recognise their continuing great creative and cultural expressions.

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



After two years of planning and fundraising, the 4th State Conference of Local and Family History Sands of Time was held in Redcliffe on the weekend of 21 – 23 October.

The weekend was cool and wet but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits or enthusiasm. The fair and exhibits were great, and it was so good to see familiar faces and catch up at their stalls. It was then upstairs to the conference areas.

Excellent speakers presented a varied and fascinating program of talks. We all learnt more from each talk. It was sad that our first Keynote Speaker Jennifer Harrison wasn't able to present, but Michelle Patient did a wonderful job of being the opening and closing Keynote Speaker weaving threads through the whole weekend.

And who could forget our Saturday afternoon Keynote Speaker, our Patron Shauna Hicks. How thought provoking was her presentation, and we guarantee many delegates are still mulling over her concept of the red bus and how we need to get ourselves organised before it arrives. All the speakers gave excellent presentations.

See Shauna's review of the conference: <https://www.shaunahicks.com.au/review-of-sands-of-time-conference/>

Congratulations to History Redcliffe Inc.
 on a fantastic conference.

Thanks to Valerie Thornton and Shauna Hicks for their insights.

Thanks to Ann Metcher and History Redcliffe for the photos.

Thank you to Rae Frawley for the detailed Organisers' Review sent to HQ.



*Lots of fundraising!
 And signs on every major
 street! Great publicity!*



*The biscuits were
 themed too!*



Kay Ryan and Heather Wort were recognised at the conference dinner for their foresight and commitment in initiating the start of History Queensland in 1994. Heather was the first President of HQ; Kay is a Past President and is welcomed back to the committee.



Thank you to all the great speakers at "Sands of Time" for sharing your time and expertise. Here we are listening to keynote speaker, Michelle Patient.



Excerpts from Report for History Qld - Sands of Time Conference - Regional Delegate - Noeleen *

Firstly, my sincerest thank you to History Qld for giving me the opportunity to attend the conference. I know for sure that I would not have attended otherwise.

The conference was a huge eye opener for me as I had never been to anything like it before. It was extremely well organised, and I shudder to think of the many months of planning that must have been executed to run such a large, detailed event. I give my congratulations and thanks to all involved.

I had no idea that so many organisations and people are involved in family history and it certainly took me out of my comfort zone. Maybe I have been living in the bush for too long!

Nearly all of the speakers were very entertaining and there was a wide variety of topics. [...] I benefited most from the practical talks. (Although I loved the first one on surveying!) How to research Trove and how to advance a society as suggested by the Caloundra Historical Society I found extremely useful.

The conference gave me time out to see what help is available. I have now become a member of Qld Family History Society QFHS. I had hoped that there would have been more stalls on display with perhaps more reference to other historical societies and how they operate.

I felt the constant busyness of the conference did not allow for opportunities to connect with others. I don't know how this could be achieved although workshops create more opportunities to meet and talk to people. [...] I came to the conference not knowing anyone and came away after meeting only a few. Perhaps my introverted nature can take some blame!

I almost didn't attend the Saturday night dinner but was glad that I did as I was looked after by Pat from Redcliffe and her husband, and we found a common connection. The food was delicious and I thoroughly enjoyed the talk by the presenter on the night. [...] The weather was challenging but my accommodation was close enough that it didn't become a problem.

I now have the dilemma of finding time for my own personal family history journey as I have been so heavily involved with our local history projects. As you can see the conference has created more questions than answers for me. I am pleased that I have a USB (thank you) to plug in and work on in my spare time!!

Please understand that I have offered criticism in the hope that you accept it in a positive way and it may be useful in the future.

Once again, thank you. Noeleen Bird, Secretary, BDTHA

** Thank you, Noeleen, for applying for the History Queensland offer of financial support which assists more regional delegates to attend our State Conferences. We're glad you gained some extra insights which you can now share with your BDTHA members.*

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History Queensland Inc. 6-Monthly General Meeting

Held on Sunday 23 October 2022 following the Sands of Time Conference.

Official minutes have been distributed by the Secretary. One major point from General Business was:

- Change to Constitution (*clause 5 – Classes of Membership*) – to be voted on at meeting

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

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.

This was passed at the October 2022 meeting.

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History Queensland – Insurance 2023-2024

Here's a full explanation of the 2023 insurance in the form of the letter recently sent to all Societies by our Broker, Christine Reith.

Please respond quickly to the Insurance Renewal Declarations which were recently sent to your Society.

["Dear Member Societies,](#)

Please note your current Public Liability and Voluntary Workers insurance policy through History Queensland Inc. expires 31st March 2023.

For the new insurance period 2023 – 2024, you will see a change of insurer for your Public Liability and Voluntary Workers coverage. This is because your current insurer Ansvar, have changed their underwriting guidelines and are unable to continue the current policy coverage past 31st March 2023. The good news, however, is after negotiating with alternative markets, we have secured new coverage options for the 2023-2024 insurance period.

Due to the change of insurers and the current challenging insurance market, you will see this year's renewal declaration does request more information than in the past. This allows the new insurers to become familiar with your activities and allows the insurers to finalise their terms in a timely manner before renewal.

Also in relation to your current Property Insurance, the 2023 – 2024 renewal terms and invoice will come directly to you from Gallagher, not via History Qld as they have done in the past. Only the Public Liability and Voluntary Workers Insurance renewal documentation will continue to come via History Qld.

Please review and complete the attached renewal declarations and return to our office (by email or Post) before 31st January 2023, to ensure continuity of cover beyond 31st March 2023.

If you require an additional questionnaire as a result of your responses, we will forward these through to you asap, to allow you time to finalise your renewal information being presented to the insurers.

Important Information

We rely on you to ensure that the information we receive is both accurate and complete. This is explained further in our Financial Services Guide (FSG) [click here](#), which highlights the importance of your duty to disclose all information, and/or your duty to take reasonable care to not misrepresent, that may be relevant to an insurer's decision to insure you. If your circumstances have changed, or change during your policy period, it is important that you contact your broker immediately to ensure you will be covered should you need to make a claim.

In addition our FSG includes information regarding the financial services that we may provide, and importantly discloses to you the types of remuneration that we may receive in respect of the services that we do provide. The remuneration that we receive, may include commissions from insurers and referral fees from our related companies or third parties. Please ensure you have read and understood our FSG, and contact your broker if you have any queries.

If you have any questions regarding this email or your policy coverage, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07 3002 2283 or email christine.reith@ajg.com.au

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF DECLARATION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND I WILL POST OUT TO YOU!

Kind Regards
Christine Reith"

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Welcome our new member group – and book launches



Welcome to our newest and tiniest group... **Beachmere History and Research.**

If you have connections to Beachmere (in the northern part of Moreton Bay), we're sure that researcher Karen Wallwork would love to hear from you. karen.wallwork@bigpond.com

You're invited to the official launch of her latest book "*Beachmere Revisited*" at 10am Thursday 22 December at Beach Shak Café, 5 Biggs Ave Beachmere. The book follows on from "*Beachmere - Then and Now*" released in May 2020 to celebrate the town's 150th anniversary. Both books are centred around the collective memory of the residents as there wasn't much history recorded for Beachmere prior to this. With thanks to Karen Wallwork

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Six Keys: the Cloncurry Bank Robberies

After 12 years of waiting this sought-after book is available again.

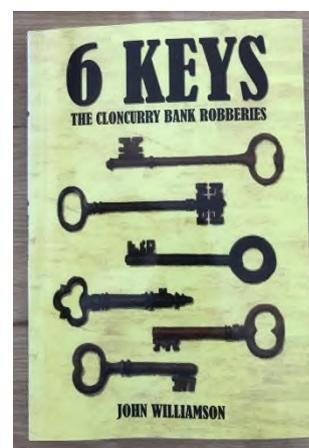
The amazing story of the 1932 robbery of two banks in one night in the North-West Queensland town of Cloncurry:

'The two banks in Cloncurry, the Queensland National Bank and the Bank of New South Wales, were cleaned out of their funds by the robbers. The robbery was so cleverly planned and so neatly executed that there was no indication of it until the premises were open for business on Monday morning.' (The North Queensland Register, Saturday 18 June 1932.)

The book *Six Keys: the Cloncurry Bank Robberies*, written by the late John Williamson, was originally published in March 2010, and now with the support of the author's daughter Leith Williamson, has been republished in a facsimile edition by the Cloncurry & District Historical & Museum Society.

Enquiries regarding the book can be addressed to:

Gail Wipaki, Treasurer, Cloncurry & District Historical & Museum Society Inc.
PO Box 420, Cloncurry, Queensland, 4824 or via historicalsocietycloncurry@gmail.com



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Ipswich Genealogical Society

Maps, Microfiche and Microfilm offer:

Some years ago, the Ipswich Genies gratefully received a large gift of microfiche and microfilm from the Colonial Forces Study Group. They now need to change some of their resources around so hopefully there will be some group or perhaps a researcher who could use the excess microfilm and maps.

300+ Rolls of microfilm – Moreton Bay Courier / Courier Mail from 1846 to 1945

Over 150 rolled maps of Queensland country towns showing the streets; a list is [attached](#).

The maps are not sorted in their areas or alphabetically as there were just so many, they rolled them as they went and there the maps have stayed. They are outdated Fire Brigade maps.

Please contact the President or Secretary for more details secretary@igs.org.au Phone – 07 3282 3067

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Vale - Claire Juler - Past Vice President IGS

Sadly, Claire Juler passed away after a long battle with cancer and her funeral was held on 21 November. Claire had been ill for most of the last year and she is really missed as she has been a dedicated worker for the Society since the mid 1990's, holding numerous committee positions. It is a very sad time for us. Deepest sympathy is extended to Claire's family. (Irma Deas, President IGS)

Congratulations, Woodford HS

“The Woodford Historical Society has been awarded a Centenary Medal from the Royal Historical Society of Queensland. The Centenary Medal is for service to the Discipline of History in its many Forms with particular reference to the Research, Preservation and Promotion of the History of Queensland. The Centenary Medal is awarded to those who, in the opinion of the Council of the Society, have contributed exceptionally to the history and heritage of Queensland. We are very excited and honoured to be the recipients of this award.” (From Donna Grigor, Secretary, Woodford Historical Society)



L-R Colleen Coop, Annie McMullan, Maxine Silvestro, Kay Garson, Kerri Raedel, Donna Grigor, Shirley Riddle and Allen Shaw



Centenary Medal from Royal Historical Society of Qld

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From State Library Queensland:

‘As we come to the end of another busy year, State Library thanks every contributor to the Queensland Memory eNews for sharing highlights and information with audiences and members of the gallery, library, archive and museum (GLAM) sector throughout the year.’

Read the latest [Queensland Memory eNews](#) – with contributors adding to the saved history of Queensland.

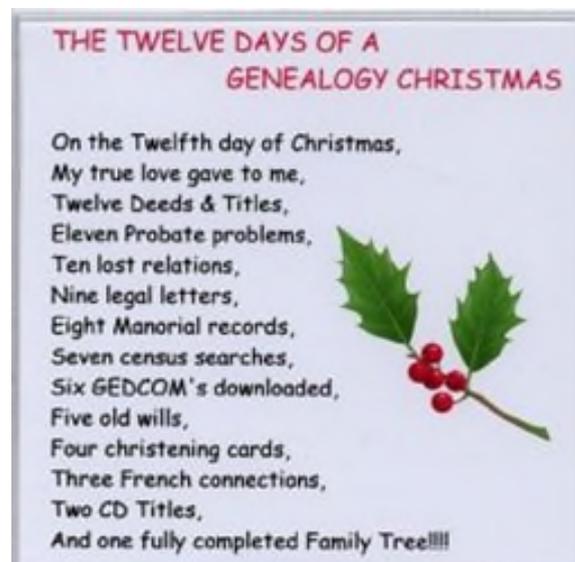
This month’s contributions include Janice Cooper’s review of the Sands in Time Qld Family and Local History Conference held in Redcliffe in October.

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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 in the next HQ Newsletter.



Thanks to Twisted Twigs

eHive Demonstration



On Saturday 15 October 2022, History Queensland presented a free live Zoom demonstration of eHive for members. Almost 50 had registered prior to the event, and on the day 22 representatives from different societies joined the Zoom session to learn more about eHive and to share their experiences with cataloguing collections. The session was recorded for those registered for later viewing.

Niles Elvery, Senior Archivist, Queensland State Archives, began the demonstration with a brief explanation of what eHive is ... a web-based collection cataloguing system used by many museums and societies worldwide. He then handed over to experienced eHive user, Lisa Jones, Curator of the Queensland Police Museum, who gave an excellent demonstration and explanation of eHive. Lisa answered many questions from participants and a lot of great ideas were shared.

Both presenters did a fantastic job and it certainly looked like a number of groups could be interested in exploring eHive further for their collections. [See the *Expression of Interest survey below*] Many of us knew nothing about eHive before the talks but came away considering all the possibilities it presents.

History Queensland Inc. thanks Lisa and Niles for giving their time and for sharing their knowledge.

Thank you to HQ Secretary Valerie Thornton for facilitating the Zoom and preparing the report.

Thank you to Roger Hartigan [Member, Management Committee, Oxley-Chelmer History Group] for the feedback:

“Thank you ever so much for arranging this demonstration to be available online.

I found the presentation on eHive most informative, and I would like to thank Lisa for her time in preparing and delivering it.

I think the key takeaway for me was the need to firstly, clearly define your objectives (e.g. preservation, storage, cataloguing, publication and access) before embarking on greater digitisation and perhaps adopting a web-based collection system. Then choose an approach and system to meet those objectives.

I will use my notes from the presentation to prompt discussion within O-CHG along those lines.

A personal suggestion for other demonstrations/presentations would be a forum on “digitisation”, as this seems to be very topical, and has had some great coverage and comments in the last couple of newsletters.

Thanks to Leanne Murphy, President Crows Nest Museum and Historical Village:

“I would like to suggest some means of a group chat, could be developed, as I believe we all face similar challenges, whether that is dealing with local council authorities, over supply of some display items that could be swapped or shared, or digitisation software / challenges.

I am very grateful for the recent eHive Zoom meeting, Lisa & Niles for their time in preparing this excellent presentation.”

Learn more about eHive from their website <https://info.ehive.com/>

Are you interested in using eHive for your collection?

**HQ is investigating ways to support our Member Groups into eHive...
and we need to gauge how many might be interested.**

**Send your EOI (Expression of Interest) to Valerie
secretary@historyqueensland.org.au by 13 February 2023**

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Group Reports to HQ Meeting 23 October 2022

Thank you to the groups who provided reports to the History Queensland 6-monthly meeting. The full reports have already been distributed along with the Secretary's minutes... so the newsletter provides just four points of interest from each group.

There's a collective relief that restrictions have been lifted and museums and rooms have re-opened. Many groups have embraced the hybrid meeting concept, continuing to utilise Zoom and in-person attendance. There were mixed reports of membership trends, some up, some down. This is to be expected as the population ages and is less able.

Many groups mention the benefits of using a [Square card reader](#) to take card payments in their rooms or at displays.

Thank you to all volunteers and members... you are the ones who keep the history alive with your enthusiasm.

Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc

- Published *Women of Stephens*, 17 chapters highlighting the lives of local women through time.
- Hosted an intern from the Australian Catholic University recording residents' oral histories, focusing on their childhood play and leisure memories, and the aim is to produce an engaging booklet for children.
- On-going *Streets of Stephens* project - residents write about the street they have connections with. -hope to publish.
- 2023 will move into permanent home at Yeronga and hold our fifth local history conference in October 2023.

Biggenden Historical Society

From an article in the North Burnett Times newspaper

- Under beautiful sunny skies a large crowd of over 150 people came together at Biggenden's Beier's Park on Saturday 24 September. Each one of them was a descendant of an early settler of the district and the day marked the Opening of the Biggenden Wall of Fame and Pioneer Walk Round 2.
- The families who gathered had provided the information, photographs and financial contribution for their loved ones to be remembered in the historical project which was supported by the Biggenden Historical Society, with approval from North Burnett Regional Council.
- Coordinator of the project, Moira Thompson, said in her opening speech, "So often historical displays in towns are generic or thematic, e.g. based on timber, cattle, mining or sheep. This display aims to be personable, with real names, real stories and large photographs. These families came to a district with no infrastructure, maybe dirt roads, no sewage, no lighting, no water pipes, no phone lines and few places to buy basic items. Today we see their rugged faces here in the Park, watching over Biggenden and the district ... reminding us of the life they had, of how blessed we are, and encouraging us to have hope and not give up.
- Their fame lies in being among the first to settle here. Many succeeded; some failed; they all "had a go." They made the most of what was available, and used their physical, mental and emotional skills to not only survive but thrive. Their stories are an inspiration!" For the cutting of the ribbon, all the young people present were invited to come forward, being the "pioneers" of the future. The youngest of these, Parker Birkett aged 5, a descendant of the Birkett family, cut the ribbon.

Bribie Island Historical Society Inc

- Since May 2022 have gained eleven new members, with more returning to attend the evening general meetings.
- Planning for the 2023 60th Anniversary of the Bribie Bridge and the 100th Anniversary of the building of the *Road to Woorim*, which launched the ocean beach suburb of Bribie Island.
- Have proposed to Moreton Bay Regional Council to donate a wire sculpture of Matthew Flinders and Bongaree to be located near the Bribie Seaside Museum. The sculpture would be made by Award Winning sculptor Derek Patey.
- They don't yet have a home for the Historical Society, but Council recently purchased the 1880s Enoggera Freemasons' Hall which was relocated to Bribie in 1929 - they have tendered for use of the building after refurbishment.

Blackbutt & District Tourism and Heritage

- Renovations to the pay office building at Teamster's Park / Jesse's Well are complete.
- Now working on displays about the timber and sawmilling industries at Taromeo.
- Have cleared a track to a 100-year-old bunya nut tree that was planted by the Olzard family who lived in a bush shanty there. Plan to add a commemorative sign and create a nature walk, labelling the large variety of flora found there. Olzard boys carted water for

Taromeo with their goat teams. Members ran a metal detector over the track and located 2 coins, one with Queen Victoria on it and the other with King George!

- The forge from the Benarkin Timber Mill has been donated to them and will be displayed if they are able to extend.

Brisbane History Group

- 2022 events: walking tour of Spring Hill, bus tour of Sandgate and Shorncliffe and a day long WW2 Lest We Forget seminar.
- Next seminar 13 November - 'Capital Punishment in Queensland'.
- Recent publications: updated 'Sandgate and Shorncliffe Heritage Tour' and 'Utopian Dreams and Dystopian Nightmares' by Bill Metcalf.
- 2023 seminars will include such topics as Brisbane's 200th anniversary, the Warana Festival and Brisbane Crimes and Murders - all with a view to encourage and promote the study of Brisbane's history

Brisbane Tramway Museum Society

- Introduced special "Kid's Days" during school holidays and these are proving popular.
- Commemoration of 60 years since the disastrous fire destroyed Paddington Depot on 24 September 1962. The city lost 1/5 of its tram fleet in that fire, and this loss was instrumental in the eventual closure of the tram service a few years later.
- Developing an education program for secondary schools combining Brisbane's Tram History with a science lesson on electricity. Developed by who is a retired science teacher and is about to be offered to local schools.
- Offer members of History Queensland the opportunity to hold meetings in a different setting.

Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails Inc

- 2022: Reprint of the Brisbane River Valley Brochure.
- Bus Trip at the Northern end - hope to conduct the southern end early in 2023.
- Stonehouse Open Day: Started collecting Oral Histories; costumes from Bendigo Bank grant; new attractions were popular with the Poets Breakfast to become a regular feature. A video of the day was put on Friends of Stonehouse Facebook.
- 2023 plans: helping Nanango celebrate 175 years of settlement; prepare for the Sesquicentennial of Stonehouse in 2024.

Cairns & District Family History Society Inc.

- Celebrating their 40th Anniversary next year with theme of "40 Special Things".
- Celebrating their 10th year of presenting "Shadows from the Past" their annual dramatised evening walks at the beautiful Heritage listed McLeod Street Pioneer Cemetery. This has been an amazing success.
- Busy indexing all the books pertaining to Cairns and surrounds, digitising commenced with their photography collection and own history.
- Their DNA specialists provide one-to-one consultation services. Every family situation is different and provides results that are unique to that family.

Caloundra Family History Research Inc.

- With Pacific Rotary, hold history walking tours which include the Bulcock Street History Tour and Bulcock Beach.
- Hosted a seminar "Snapshots of Caloundra's History" as part of National Family History month. Had four speakers. Topics included *Life before White Settlement* by Lyndon Davis, *Early European Settlement*, an interview with a resident who was born in Caloundra in the 1930s and *Caloundra during WWII*, including Bribie Island. Received great feedback from many people.
- For Seniors' month and as part of COTA, held a 2-day Beginners' Course for non-members in November.
- Have added two new interest groups: one is for FamilySearch and the second covers CFHR resources and how to get the most out of them. Currently have 105 members.

Crows Nest Museum & Historical Village

- Volunteer base has increased to 45 active participants. Also working actively with NDIS based trainees - the first is 16yrs old, transitioning from school environment to a supportive, self-paced workplace.
- Ray White Real Estate held their 120-year celebration at the Museum, as Crows Nest is the birth place of this family based empire - netting \$30k in proceeds from a charity auction held onsite.

- Core of 4 skilled research / digitisation team now have Museum laptops to work independently from home with the assistance of paid IT technician who monitors security, with offsite back up.
- Challenges: Security of display items against theft requires greater funding for security cameras. Intend to prosecute repeat offenders with documented evidence. Power upgrade - the museum is at capacity, at high risk of catastrophic power failure, as most buildings are currently not up to safety code. This is where \$30 K of charity auction funds are being spent - however insufficient to complete the task, further grant funding will be required.

Dalby Family History Society Inc.

- Now opening via appointment only, which means that if anyone wishes to research in the rooms, they are only a phone call away. Most times they are able to open within 15 minutes of receiving a call, or by a time and date.
- They receive numerous emails with requests for research, as well as direct phone calls and this is working well for both parties. On receipt of a request, they check if they have any information and then request payment online.
- Quite interesting how the emails or phone calls (to a private phone) have increased since they started this option.
- Have held their annual meeting, with no change in office bearers

Genealogical Society of Queensland

- GSQ continues to prosper. Membership is stable at 610 – 620 members. A few changes to the Management Committee at the recent AGM with long time Secretary, Claire Rodwell now the Assistant Secretary with Geoff Doherty taking on the role of Secretary.
- Recent purchase of a Scanpro2500 added to GSQ's digitising ability. Continuing to scan Funeral Director Records from KM Smith and other Directors.
- Planning an interesting education program in 2023 catering for different levels of expertise and interests. Plans to conduct community family history information talks and a "Digging Deeper in Family History" course will be available for members and non-members in February 2023.
- Tenders have been called for a new website, with the successful tenderer expected to begin work in March 2023.

Genealogy Sunshine Coast (GSC)

- *The Palmwoods Pavement Project* was published in October. Through the Palmwoods Progress Association back in 2000, local families and community groups' details were engraved on terracotta tiles on a pavement in Little Main Street. With an upgrade of the area the tiles were removed, and the names are now carved on a boardwalk. A few mistakes were made, which brought into being this publication to correct and build on the stories behind those names.
- Book Purchase: Price \$30.00 with special introductory special of \$27.00 per copy or buy multiple copies for \$25 each. P & P extra. Spiral bound, A4 publication, 223 pages with index, colour and BW illustrations, Link to further details and list of names - <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-publications>
- Digitization of records and local history continues with members and the community donating items. Members are re-naming the scans and adding tags and other details such as date, article title, author, newspaper, etc, to the images.
- Compiling stories of the service men and women who are buried in Buderim Cemetery - when finished will be the third volume in their "*And their names shall live forever: remembering military personnel in the Old Maroochy Shire Cemeteries*" series.

Glasshouse History Group Inc.

- The AGM in June saw all elected officers continuing in their roles.
- Interesting snippets of local history continue to emerge from the monthly community meetings at the Glass House Mountains Neighbourhood Centre.
- These snippets are then shared on their Facebook page, in the local newspaper, Glasshouse Country & Maleny News and in Member Newsletters.
- During November, the Group will arrange Cobb & Co memorabilia display in the Museum Box at the Beerwah Library.

Gold Coast Family History Society Inc

- Continuing the scanning project of making their published Family History books PDF searchable -about halfway through this section of their library.
- In collaboration with the Gold Coast Over 50s Magazine the Society has submitted a monthly article published on family history research. Promotes the advantages of belonging to a family history group and explains that the Gold Coast Family History Society does not just hold information about Gold Coast families – a common misconception with all family history groups.

- Had an increase in membership to 236 over the last couple of months and it may be a result of the recent extra publicity.
- The Gold Coast Family History Society Journal is changing. In 2023 the merging of the monthly Saplings Newsletter and the Rootes Journal will become the monthly Saplings E-Newsletter. The cost of production and the limited contributions of member articles are the main factors. The Rootes Blog will be introduced on the Society website and will have wider distribution.

Ipswich Genealogical Society

- Involved with the plans for the placement of the Historic Gravestones at the Ipswich Cemetery. These stones were moved in the 1970's and original locations lost, so the Council will landscape and place the gravestones close to where they may have been. It will be a salute to those brave people who were very early settlers in Ipswich.
- John Rossiter's "Stories, Behind the Tombstones" have over the past year appeared in Ipswich News Today, a local paper published each Thursday. These stories of pioneers give an insight to the lives of those early settlers.
- All the Groups at the Heritage Centre were involved in setting up a large display in the Pavilion at the Ipswich Show in May.
- The Queensland Country Women's Association celebrated their 100th Birthday this year and the beautiful old building in Brisbane Street Ipswich, which for many years, was the CWA Girls Hostel, now holds their records and memorabilia – a treasure trove of history.

Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc.

- Experiencing a lack of volunteers to open their Hall resulting in the Hall being closed a majority of the week.
- Visitors to the Hall of History – last 4 months was 780; a bi-monthly Newsletter issued to 377 recipients; continuous flow of research requests both ancestry and local history.
- The History Trail Signs are still growing in numbers – currently 100 Businesses and 30 Private Residence signs in front of these buildings throughout Kilcoy (supported by a tourist brochure)
- Projects include: Video interviews and transcripts of over 50 residents from the late 1990's with potential of more to do; Mural Project for side of Hall underway; Permanent Display at the Kilcoy Library.

Logan City Historical Museum Society.

- In February, the museum relocated from a temporary location of 2 years to the Heritage Centre which is part of the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct. The museum has been part of the community for over 30 years and is operated by non-paid volunteers. Admission has been kept low for everyone to enjoy an historical and cultural experience.
- 2600 visitors from March to the end of September from a wide range of Logan City and Southeast Queensland areas. Continuing marketing the museum in the local papers and on the local radio.
- Displays are changed to a schedule by the curator and volunteer coordinator. The position of Volunteer coordinator has been invaluable in organising day to day tasks and is the link between the committee and the operational volunteers. More interactive displays are planned. Will resume providing a list of educational boxes for schools to choose from.
- Their curator has been encouraged to apply for a mentorship program from Queensland Galleries and Museums.

New Farm & Districts Historical Society Inc

- Main activity for 'Gathering information from the past Preserving it for the future' continues to be the monthly public meetings attended by around 80 people. Membership has increased to about 230. They now video their meetings on an iPhone and make them publicly available free of charge. Available at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8485721>.
- Have held 5 very successful walks around the area.. Using Eventbrite bookings to make it simpler for the volunteers.
- Focussing on improving their website and digitising their archives. Working on a better social media presence. Their office is open every Thursday afternoon. They have introduced "Cuppa and Chat" as a way of getting to new members and of providing a casual social occasion for all, as well as giving the opportunity to look in the archives.
- Over the years, the society installed several historic plaques. Continue to do this and also plan to add the QR code to existing plaques to take people to their website.

Nanango History Room

- Busy with requests from many groups for the 175th Celebration in Nanango next year. Supplying photos for the Commemorative Calendar – 2023/2024.
- Ongoing project with the State and National Libraries to finally have the Nanango News to 1920 on Trove. Hope to add the next twenty years but have been unsuccessful with the 1899/1912 papers.

- Have been asked to host the Back to Nanango Reunion next year at Ringsfield House.
- Provided a history writeup for the Nanango Race Club for their Race Book each meeting. Their volunteers man the Railway and Racing History display in the old railway building located on site.

Oral History Queensland Inc.

- In June, several members attended a meeting of the Australian Lebanese Historical Society at the Grange Library. Afterwards, Anne Monsour gave a talk and introduced her exhibition "A Continuous Thread – The Lebanese Presence in South Brisbane, Woolloongabba and West End." The exhibition is an eight-banner pop up exhibition.
- Continue to engage with members and the broader community with their e- Bulletins, website and Facebook page. Continue to support members to ensure oral histories will be collected and preserved as part of Queensland's history.
- Members continue to take advantage of the Peer Support Meetings which provide information and coaching for members at whatever stage their projects may be. These meetings are provided via Zoom which allows members in regional areas to join in.
- In June they implemented a grant program where Members undertaking oral history projects could apply for \$1000 to go towards the costs of their projects. Awarded three members \$1000 grants. One to make a podcast series about Cultural Heritage workers; one to collect Gold Coast Jewish Oral Histories; and one to collect oral histories from teachers and former pupils at a Brisbane girls' school.

Peachester History Committee

- Launched a new exhibition with local CWA in the Heritage Centre entitled "A Woman's Work...", incorporating a tribute to the Qld Country Women's Association 2022 centenary. Provided two displays in the Beerwah Library in recent months, one promoting the "A Woman's Work..." exhibition, and the other on Inigo Jones, long-range weather forecaster who was based locally at Crohamhurst.
- Monthly meetings continue with interesting presentations such as mountain rescues in the Glasshouse Mts, the attendance was back to pre-Covid numbers.
- Planned an event in conjunction with the Peachester Hall Committee, to celebrate the Centenary of the Peachester Community Church which is now part of the Hall complex. Compiled a booklet on the history of the church, "Peachester Community Church: 100 Years of Service", to be launched at the event.
- Members have attended SC Council Cultural Heritage workshops on 'Making the most of collections' and 'Textile Conservation'. Currently cataloguing their collection using the eHive online system.

Queensland Family History Society

- QFHS has undergone considerable change with a new Management Committee appointed in June with several major focus areas over the coming year including: new premises; IT infrastructure; Constitution reviews and strengthening membership.
- Currently modifying & refurbishing new premises at 46 Delaware St Chermiside where their Family History Research Centre will open in January 2023. Will enable QFHS to engage with the local community, members, researchers & FHS around the globe.
- Currently relocating a print library of 11,000 books, a journal collection from 60+ FHS around Australia & abroad, a considerable microform collection, another few thousand items in individually curated specialist collections & important projects-in-waiting. As well as 20+ PCs, specialist cabinetry & furniture.
- Meanwhile, the core business of QFHS has continued with the provision of quality services & programs - thanks to the volunteer effort of their program managers & convenors. The remaining areas in their original 12-month plan will receive attention in 2023. After they recover from the first six months and the relocation.

Queensland Smocking Guild Inc

- Focus for the past six months has been to prepare for the October Craft Fair at the Convention Centre as their main way of earning funds to support buying materials for the projects below. Members made donated smocked articles for the Fair with a great response and interest from the public, with the hope of gaining new members to continue the tradition of studying the art of smocking in all its variety.
- Community Projects: The Sew Precious project supplies hospitals with packaged gowns and other articles for parents with pre-term and non-surviving babies. The Gold Coast chapter supply smocked dresses, birthing packs and other items that are needed for isolated villages in New Guinea. The Greenslopes and Maleny chapters have a very committed group of teacher and learners.
- Plans for the next six months include workshops for interested people to learn the art of smocking, plus mini workshops for members to explore different stitches and techniques.
- Continue to publish the monthly newsletter, The Cable, which gives news of interest to members and others interested, with inclusion of smocking ideas and techniques.

Redland Genealogical Society inc.

- From 13 October 2022 the venue ruling that unvaccinated members were unable to attend meetings will be removed. Membership has increased by 10 which is very encouraging.
- Conducted two displays during Seniors Month and tapped into quite a lot of community interest. Another Display is planned for early 2023. Support from the Redland City Council has been ratified and we're working to build this relationship through some planned joint projects.
- A Brick Wall session to which members of the public were invited proved to be very successful.
- Visit planned to the Archerfield Airport Museum and including the heritage listed cemetery, *God's Acre*.

Toowoomba Historical Society

- Hosts monthly public talks attended by 15-30 people. Topics included the explorer Leichhardt, Toowoomba's street art, the Beersheba campaign, Toowoomba's female publicans, crime, murder and mayhem in Toowoomba, and the Jewells removalist business.
- A major project has placed "historic site" plaques on selected buildings in Russell St, recording the history of businesses therein: nine plaques have been installed to date.
- During the Carnival of Flowers in September, the Society converts its premises at 49 Lindsay St in the Botanic Gardens into a Refreshment Stall, as their main fundraising activity..

Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society

- Continue to print and bind their publications; the latest *Our Backyard and Beyond Vol 6* has proved very popular and they continue to sell past publications by printing on demand. Jacqui Brock preparing Volume 7 of our *Backyard* series – seeking submissions.
- Discussion groups held twice monthly are well attended; have now reverted to monthly meetings.
- Indexing continues: *Toowoomba Chronicle* 1921 – 1995 with 1,132,686 entries. School records index now 1,091,219. Have admission records for over 1900 schools. Scanning various fiche to be accessible on the computers.
- Now have 149 members, open five days a week with two roster members each day and casual visitors are still very constant. Quite social, many bringing morning tea; visitors often donate extra in appreciation of the help they have been given. Have offered reciprocal rights to members of other societies.

Windsor & Districts Historical Society

- The society held the annual Anzac Day ceremony at the Windsor Memorial Park. The society has organised this ceremony since the early 1990s. Affected by rain this year.
- conducted stalls at the Lanham Park fair and the Windsor State School Fete. Both events provided good PR for the society with new member applications and sales of the society's historical books. Steady requests have been received for historical information.
- Contacts come through the website, Facebook, email, and the phone.
- The Windsor Council Chambers are opened by the volunteers on Sundays and Mondays 1 -4 pm. Some visitors are just curious to see what is inside the historical building and other come in to seek historical information from the vast collection of local history that has been gathered over the 34 years of the society's existence

Woodford Historical Society

- Have hosted the annual Villeneuve-Neurum reunion twice now. This year was the 42nd one, always on the last Sunday in August. Close to 100 attended. Fortunate both years to gain funding from the Moreton Bay Regional Council for catering and printing. Print a take home handout with stories of the old areas and display A1 size core flute story boards about specific areas or people.
- Helped the local railway museum, ANGRMS Woodford Railway, celebrate their 50 years of incorporation with a display, ceremonial tree planting and naming of their new workshop, followed by lunch. Presented with their commemorative book.
- Now organising the 'All Small Schools Reunion' for May 2023. Since settlement there have been 21 small schools. Working with neighbouring historical societies, Peachester, Kilcoy, Mt Mee and existing schools as many of the closed schools overlapped area boundaries then.
- Have a new member who has produced podcasts and loaded them on the WHS web page. Excited for the topics that will be recorded over the coming months.

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