



# NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 14 MARCH

There is not much to report due to the Christmas/New Year break. However, the History Queensland management committee has hit the ground running, preparing for the joint HQ State Conference/AFFHO Congress to be held in Brisbane from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, as well as for the AGM which is to be held in May which will incorporate a 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for HQ.

The conference committee continued to meet over the Christmas/New Year break and the conference looks like it will be one that you should not miss.

At latest report, there are 384 delegates from all Australian jurisdictions except the Northern Territory, New Zealand, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland. There are 256 attendees registered for the conference dinner. All masterclasses, by Nick Barratt, Hamish Maxwell-Stewart, Judy Russell and Helen Smith, are sold out with some sessions being oversubscribed.

There will be 37 trade tables set up in the foyer of the venue. Raffle tickets are available online and there will be tickets also sold each day at the conference. A printed booklet which will include the program and other vital information has been finalised and the committee has decided on conference bags and lanyards.

On behalf of HQ, I am providing table centrepieces for the conference dinner. Hopefully, my crafting skills will be acceptable. I am designing a centrepiece to reflect the theme of the conference – a DNA helix (representing connections and the future of research) in the centre, with miniature suitcases (reflecting immigration), wattle (for Australia) and white fern (for NZ).

History Queensland will have two trade tables on which to display member societies' information and handouts, and there will be volunteers to answer any questions.

There is still time to register for the conference itself, although tickets to the welcome event, conference dinner and supplied lunches are no longer available. If you don't want to register for the conference, you can still attend Brisbane Technology Park on conference days and browse the trade tables.

I look forward over the weekend to meeting many of the people who keep our member societies humming.

Kay Ryan

**HQ's 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND  
30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025**

Save the date!

Venue: Queen Alexandra Home, 347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo.

Lunch: History Queensland is subsidising a celebratory lunch following the AGM commemorating HQ's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Guest speaker: Our guest speaker will be Thom Blake, a local historian and heritage consultant whose work has resulted in him travelling extensively around Queensland. Examples of his work include historical research, heritage surveys, conservation management plans, heritage impact reports, assessments of significance of heritage places, heritage interpretation, curating museum exhibitions, and archaeological projects. His topic will be *40 years of historical research – some unexpected discoveries*, and will include an account of some of the discoveries revealed when transport tunnels were being drilled under Brisbane in connection with the city's Cross River Rail project.

Details of arrangements and the venue will be sent nearer the date.



*Image source: Google Street view*

**HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC — 2024-2025 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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     Kerry Beeton (Bribie Family History Association Inc)  
     Janeth Deen (Queensland Muslim Historical Society and Mount Gravatt Historical Society)

## 2025-26 INSURANCE PROPOSALS ARE DUE

If you have received your organisation's insurance proposal and have not yet returned it to Christine Reith, would you please do so immediately? Christine will use the information contained in the proposal to calculate the 2025-26 insurance premium.

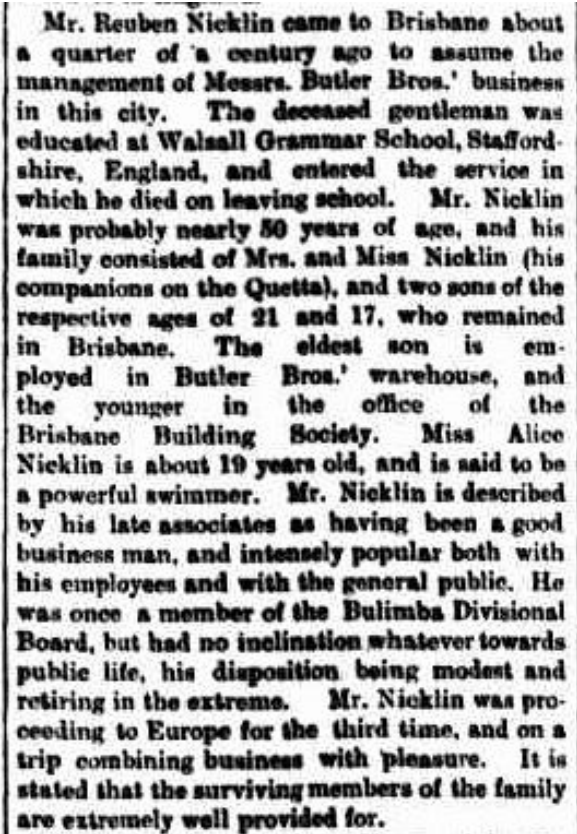
If you have not received an insurance proposal please contact our insurance liaison officer, Helen Turner, on 0412 708 401 or by email, [insurance@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:insurance@historyqueensland.org.au).

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOME, 347 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD, COORPAROO

Hatherton, a two-storey brick residence, was built in 1885-86 near the intersection of Old Cleveland and Cavendish Roads, Coorparoo. The building is believed to have been designed by the architectural firm John Hall and Son. (The firm was formed in 1883 when architect John Richard Hall took his son Francis Richard Hall into partnership. but John Hall died later that year.)

Hatherton was built for Reuben Nicklin\*, manager of the Brisbane Office of Butler Brothers, saddlers and ironmongers. At 9:14pm on 28 February 1890 the vessel *RMS Quetta* which was en route for England struck a reef and foundered off Mount Adolphus Island, Torres Strait. Nicklin and his wife, Jane Lahey, were among the many who drowned in the tragedy. Their daughter Alice was one of only two European women to survive the shipwreck.

(\* The newspaper extract is from an article headed 'More about the passengers' published in *The Brisbane Courier*, Tuesday 4 March 1890 p5. Reuben Nicklin's son, newspaper proprietor George Francis Nicklin, was father of Frank Nicklin, 1895 - 1978, Premier of Queensland, 1957-68.)



Mr. Reuben Nicklin came to Brisbane about a quarter of a century ago to assume the management of Messrs. Butler Bros.' business in this city. The deceased gentleman was educated at Walsall Grammar School, Staffordshire, England, and entered the service in which he died on leaving school. Mr. Nicklin was probably nearly 50 years of age, and his family consisted of Mrs. and Miss Nicklin (his companions on the *Quetta*), and two sons of the respective ages of 21 and 17, who remained in Brisbane. The eldest son is employed in Butler Bros.' warehouse, and the younger in the office of the Brisbane Building Society. Miss Alice Nicklin is about 19 years old, and is said to be a powerful swimmer. Mr. Nicklin is described by his late associates as having been a good business man, and intensely popular both with his employees and with the general public. He was once a member of the Bulimba Divisional Board, but had no inclination whatever towards public life, his disposition being modest and retiring in the extreme. Mr. Nicklin was proceeding to Europe for the third time, and on a trip combining business with pleasure. It is stated that the surviving members of the family are extremely well provided for.

After Nicklin's death Hatherton was occupied by various people including members of the Nicklin and Lahey families as well as the Hon Arthur John Carter (1847-1917, MLC 1901-17). In 1911 the building was acquired by the Methodist Church. The church had established its first children's home, named the Queen Alexandra Home for Children, the previous year at Robgill in Indooroopilly. The home was managed and controlled by the Queen Alexandra Ladies' Committee. By 1911 the Home at Indooroopilly required additional room and in December that year the staff and children were transferred to Hatherton. The property was officially opened as the Queen Alexandra Home for Children in March 1912. The Nicklin family maintained their involvement with the place, as W L Nicklin, son of Reuben Nicklin, was one of the trustees of the property for the Methodist Church.

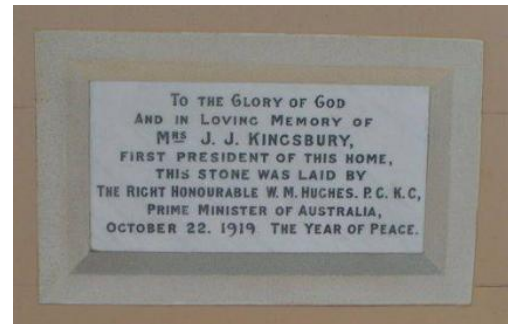




*Queen Alexandra Home, 1911.  
Image source: State Library Of Qld, negative no 187120.*

By 1918 the Home was filled to capacity and in the following year tenders were called by Welsh-born architect Hubert George Octavius Thomas for brick additions to the Home. The foundation stone for the additions was laid in October 1919 and the contractor was a Mr Hobbs. (Hubert Thomas migrated to Brisbane in 1883. He practised in his own right from about 1885. He lived and practised at Sandgate from 1898 but moved his office back to Brisbane in 1903. He founded the St David's Society in Brisbane, extant by 1918, and was its President at the time of his sudden death on 2 March 1922.)

The new wing was named Kingsbury in memory of Mrs J J Kingsbury, first president of the Home. Subsequent additions during the 1920s increased the capacity of the Home from 50 to 100 children. During the mid-1940s, day pupils from Somerville House were taught at the Home.



In 1958 the Methodist Church changed its policy on child care from institutional homes to group family homes, and the last children were transferred from the Home in 1960. The building was purchased by the Queensland Government and used by the Education Department for domestic science education. During this period, the building was known as Alexandra House.

In 1963 an annexe was constructed at the rear of the House, and from 1967 further facilities were added to the site. In 1977 the building became the College of Catering and Hospitality Services, Coorparoo, being renamed the College of Tourism and Hospitality (COTAH), in 1984.

Queen Alexandra Home was extensively refurbished for use as a community centre in 1986-87, and most of the additions and partitions in the Kingsbury wing were removed at this time.

Text compiled from <https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=600185> and *Queensland Architects of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, A Biographical Dictionary*, Donald Watson and Judith McKay (Queensland Museum, 1994). Image of plaque from <https://monumentaaustralia.org.au/themes/people/community/display/91224-mrs-j.-j.-kingsbury> .

## DIGGERS OF DOUGLAS



Douglas Shire Historical Society Inc was one of the recipients of a History Queensland Small Grant which they have used on their project to develop their *Diggers of Douglas* website.

The details on the website include

- diggers listed by campaign from Gallipoli to Papua New Guinea
- diggers listed by surname
- stories, photos and links

This really is a wonderful addition to the history of the area and we congratulate Douglas Shire Historical Society on their fantastic work.

Check the website: [www.douglasdiggersww1.org.au](http://www.douglasdiggersww1.org.au) or [www.douglashistory.org.au](http://www.douglashistory.org.au) .



## POSTS FOR THE HISTORY QUEENSLAND FACEBOOK PAGE

Does your organisation send information to HQ to be posted/shared on the HQ Facebook page?

**The committee has established some guidelines for sending articles to be posted on Facebook.**

The best way for HQ to post your news/event is to send us an email that includes a link to your website or your Facebook page with the details. You can also email us your news/event details outlining what you want posted, along with an image or two. Ensure any contact details are included if required. If you prefer, send your information in a Word document.

While many of our members produce superb and colourful flyers for their events, Facebook does not treat them like regular texts with images and so they are often not seen and overlooked by followers.

By all means send your flyer as part of your email so we can view it. However, please place the text required to be posted in the body of your email unless you send a link to your website or Facebook page.

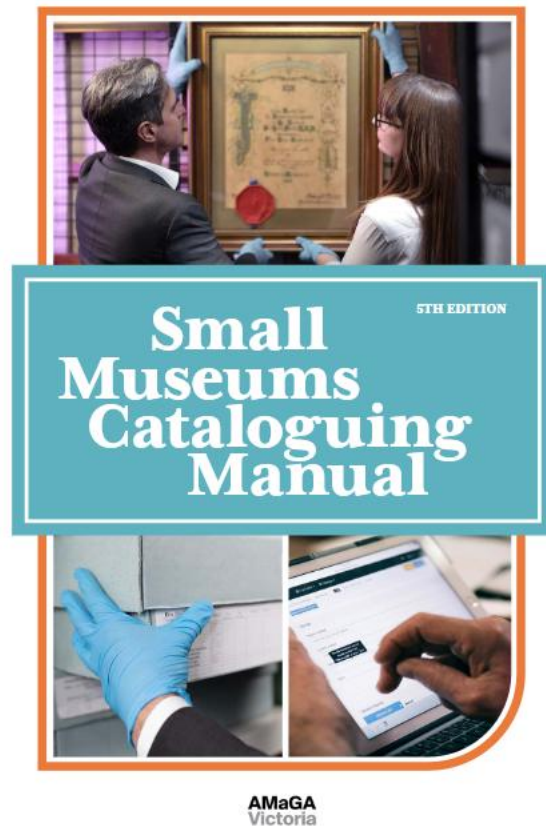
Following the above guidelines will ensure you get the best results from posting your news or notice of an event on the History Queensland Facebook page. Also, please send your information in plenty of time to ensure you have the best shot of being promoted on our Facebook page.

Anne Metcher, HQ Facebook Administrator

## SMALL MUSEUMS CATALOGUING MANUAL — MORE THAN JUST CATALOGUING!

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of this Manual, published in 2021 by the Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria (AMaGa), includes chapters headed – Why catalogue collections?; Before you begin; Registration; Cataloguing; Digitisation; and Born-digital collections. The appendices include a description of the contents of fields in a sample cataloguing record, and a blank template cataloguing record ready for use.

Of particular interest to many of our societies will be the Digitisation chapter. It includes a table of recommended dpi resolutions for objects/artwork and different types of document (text, map, photograph, or newspaper). It identifies three levels of copyright consideration, with descriptions of works likely to trigger one or other of the three levels. The outlines of recommended equipment, lighting, camera settings and advice if an image is too dark, too light, blurred, or too red or white may be essential reading for those intending to photograph items in their collections.



The Manual – all 115 pages of it – is available on the internet:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/655c1e6ff826bb7b2b471e75/t/65b24e87c3b6960fefceb301/1706184347101/SMCM.pdf> .

## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM — \$10,000 MARITIME HISTORY PRIZES

Writers, publishers and readers of maritime history are invited to nominate works for the 2025 Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Book Prize, worth \$8,000, and the 2025 Australian Community Maritime History Prize, worth \$2,000. Works published in 2023 or 2024 are eligible. Nominations close 31 March.

For details, criteria and entry forms, see


[www.sea.museum/about/grants-and-awards/maritime-history-prizes](http://www.sea.museum/about/grants-and-awards/maritime-history-prizes)  
or email [publications@sea.museum](mailto:publications@sea.museum)

Th awards are co-sponsored by the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Australian Association for Maritime History.





## 100 YEARS OF GREATER BRISBANE



### ESTABLISHMENT OF GREATER BRISBANE

The Greater Brisbane Scheme was proposed because the town and shire councils in the Brisbane area were having difficulty making infrastructure improvements and providing local government services in an even way across twenty council areas. The Joint Board System in place was inadequate.

Brisbane Town had been proclaimed a municipality on 7 September, 1859, under the New South Wales Municipalities Act 1858. South Brisbane had been separated from Brisbane Municipal Council in 1888.

A Royal Commission in 1896 recommended some amalgamations occur, after which Booroodabin Council amalgamated with the Brisbane Municipal Council.

At the 1915 state election, both the Liberal Premier, Digby Denham, and the Labor Leader of the Opposition, Thomas Ryan, supported the Greater Brisbane concept.

Two bills were introduced to Parliament – a hurried one in 1917, which did not proceed beyond introduction, and a huge bill in 1923, which was considered too complex and failed to pass.

The Assistant Under Secretary of the Home Secretary's Department, Charles Chuter, redrafted the bill, which was introduced to Parliament and passed as the **City of Brisbane Act 1924**.

It created the Greater Brisbane City Council and came into effect on 30 October, 1924.

**THE CITY OF BRISBANE REPLACED TWENTY LOCAL AUTHORITIES...**

**Two Cities**  
Brisbane & South Brisbane

**Six Towns**  
Ithaca, Hamilton, Toowong, Windsor, Sandgate & Wynnum

**Ten Shires**  
Balmoral, Belmont, Coorparoo, Enoggera, Kedron, Moggill, Sherwood, Stephens, Taringa & Toombul

**Plus parts of two Shires**  
Tingalpa & Yeerongpilly

**The Greater Brisbane City Council** comprised a Mayor, who was elected by the people, and 20 Aldermen, one for each ward, who were elected at triennial elections.

The first election was stipulated under the Act to be on 21 February, 1925, and the first meeting of the Council was held on 18 March, 1925, in the Central Technical College (now QUT) in George Street, Brisbane.

The old Councils continued to have meetings during 1925, effectively winding up their affairs, and Greater Brisbane came into effect on 1 October, 1925, under the leadership of Mayor William Jolly.

Centenary information compiled by The Greater Brisbane Centenary Committee. Graphic design by K.Kingma 2024

[greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au](https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au)

Following the passing of the **City of Brisbane Act 1924**, and a transitional period the following year, Greater Brisbane came into effect on 1 October 1925.

To commemorate Greater Brisbane's first 100 years, an organising committee of history group representatives was formed to develop a program of events. The committee comprises Judy Magub, Gem Cowlshaw, Jeff Brunne, Stephen Sheaffe, Ruth Kerr, Theresa Rich Hoyle, Caylie Jeffery, and Marion Mackenzie. Some communication channels have been established:

Website: <https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/>

Email: [100yearsofgreaterbrisbane@gmail.com](mailto:100yearsofgreaterbrisbane@gmail.com)

A program of activities is being developed, including:

- A Greater Brisbane Centenary History Conference at City Hall on 11 October
- An Open Day to engage the community in their local history on 1 October also at City Hall

- A Mock Council Meeting for members of the Lord Mayor's youth advisory council on 7 May at the Council Chamber at Brisbane City Hall
- Displays and talks at Brisbane City Council libraries during the year
- A possible project for school children
- Further events run by local history groups, which can be added to the program and promoted on the Greater Brisbane Centenary website.

The Lord Mayor and Councillor Vicki Howard are supporting the Greater Brisbane Centenary which means that, in addition to the use of City Hall facilities, council entities such as Brisbane Greeters, Museum of Brisbane and the City Archivist are involved in the preparation of events.

### **What is the opportunity for local history groups?**

Local history groups can:

- Nominate possible speakers at BCC libraries
- Notify us of any Centenary related activities you are holding this year, which we can promote
- Be involved in planning and organising the Open Day on 1 October
- Be present as volunteers at the Open Day to represent and raise awareness of your group, sell books and memberships to community visitors, and enjoy the company of other history group representatives
- Provide ideas about how to improve and/or add to the program.

We feel the ongoing organisation and communication of the Greater Brisbane Centenary program will be more effective if there are specific contact people nominated from each group that is interested in participating.

By return email, please let us know your best contact person for this exciting program of work. We would appreciate your advice by 11 February if possible. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards, Jeff Brunne, on behalf of **Greater Brisbane Centenary Organising Committee**

### **BEACHMERE – ALBERT (WALLY) and MYRTLE LEHMAN'S KIOSK IN THE 1930's**



From <https://ourstory.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/nodes/view/30784> .



RECIPES FROM REDCLIFFE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC

## Super Chocolate Cake

### Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup milk

### Method

Mix dry ingredients together. Add butter, eggs, and milk. Beat for 3 minutes. Cook in sponge tin (20 cm) in a moderate oven, 180C-190C (350F-375F). Leave to cool and then cover with chocolate icing.



## Chocolate Icing

### Ingredients

- ¼ cup milk
- 1 yolk of egg
- A few grains salt
- 1 ½ tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon melted butter
- Some icing sugar



### Method

Mix the cocoa and milk. Put in the saucepan to heat with the salt and butter, then add the yolk of egg. Take care not to let it boil. Remove from the stove and stir in icing sugar until it is of a consistency to spread.

## Avocado Dessert

### Ingredients

- 2 medium sized avocados, pitted and peeled.
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¼ cup sugar
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup heavy cream (whipped until stiff)
- 4 whole fresh strawberries

### Method

Place avocados in blender with lemon juice, sugar and salt. Blend until light and fluffy. Spoon into 4 glass cups. Top each serving with whipped cream and whole fresh strawberries.

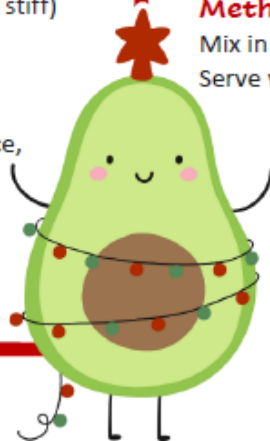
## Melon Balls and Lychee Fruit Salad

### Ingredients

- 2 cups rock melon balls
- 2 cups watermelon balls
- 2 cups honeydew melon balls
- 2 cups lychees (canned) ... keep the juice

### Method

Mix in glass bowl. Add lychee juice. Refrigerate. Serve with cream or ice cream.



AVOCAD-HO! HO! HO!

## JOAN REESE SHORT STORY COMPETITION

### JOAN REESE SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2025

The topic for the Joan Reese Short Story competition 2025 is ***A short story from family history research you have undertaken.*** We discover many interesting stories when researching family history. These stories may relate to an individual, an event which impacted on ancestors' lives or how a mystery or brick wall was solved. What was its significance to your research? This should be clearly explained. Share your story with the readers of *Generation*.

The prize for the winning entry is \$200 and is partly funded by the GSQ Writing Group. GSQ looks forward to reading your stories.

**Entries close on 25 May 2025** and the winner will be announced at GSQ's Open Day on 23 August 2025. Full details of the competition, including judging criteria and entry requirements can be found on GSQ's website. More information is available by emailing [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).



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The Joan Reese Short Story Competition 2025 is a project of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, and the above item is copied from GSQ's *Quarterly Journal*, Vol 48, no 2.

## ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND'S APRIL EVENT



Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture:

### INTRODUCING THE QUEENSLAND ATLAS OF RELIGION

Presented by Associate Professor Geoff Ginn

Wednesday the 9th of April  
12.30pm - 1.30 pm

The Commissariat Store Museum  
115 William Street, Brisbane



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## THE WINDSOR MEMORIAL PARK, THEN AND NOW

*With the upcoming 100th anniversary of the opening (on Anzac Day 1925), of the Windsor WW1 memorial, it is interesting to know of the previous history of the site.*

**1890 land plan**



**2014 aerial**



**THE SCHOOL** The Rev. George Wight (1817-1900) arrived in Brisbane from Edinburgh in 1858 and in 1859 he had obtained 47 acres of land on the southern slopes of Eildon Hill. In the early 1860s he set up a chapel which was a focal point for the local people for meetings and lectures. Nearly 50 children attended his Sunday School. George was concerned that the children were not receiving any schooling apart from this. This prompted George and others to start up a quest to establish a school in the area. Committees were set up and planning took place. Eventually a site on the small hilly area across from Robert Lane's Mt Pleasant home was chosen. The Colonial architect Charles Tiffin drew up the plan and the school was built in 4 months. The school was then named the **Bowen Bridge Road School**. The first students commenced on Monday 17 July 1865





Additions to the school building took place over the years to accommodate the increasing numbers of children living in the area. (In 1888, there were 630 pupils, and by 1890 there were 800).

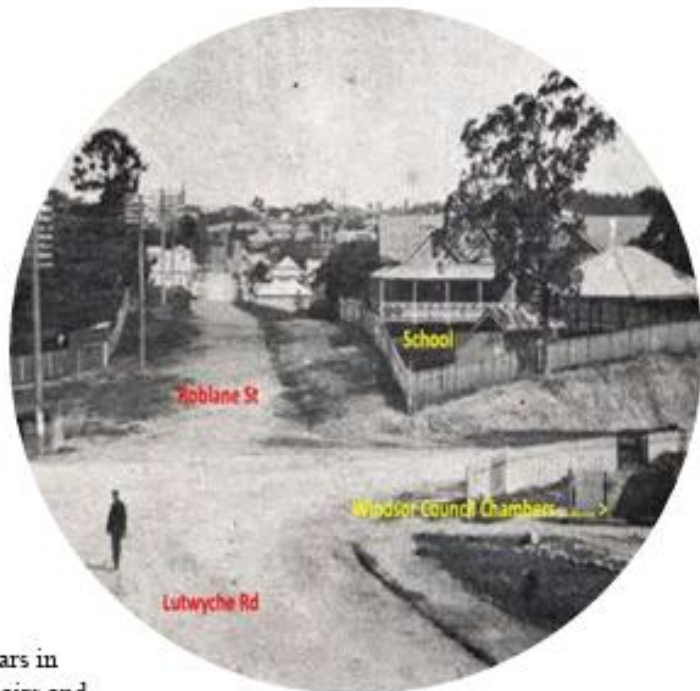


**Teachers in 1912**



School crest after Federation in 1901

**Bowen Bridge State School**



By the early 1910s and after nearly 50 years in existence, the school buildings needed repairs and with limited playground areas for the increasing number of pupils, it was decided to build a new school across the road. This was to be called **Windsor State School** and was opened 5 August 1916.

The Bowen Bridge Road School was then demolished by a private contractor in November. After this, returned soldiers were employed to perform the task of beautifying the grounds and turning it into a **park** which was then acquired by the Windsor Town Council in 1919.



## FLOODS AT DAYBORO, 1931, 2011 AND 2022



Williams Street, 5 February 1931, taken before the flood peaked; at its peak the fences would have been under water.



James Kinkead Berry Bridge over Terrors Creek – 11 January 2011 looking up Williams Street. This photo was taken at about the time the flood peaked.



James Kinkead Berry Bridge over Terrors Creek, 26 February 2022.

*Every family has a story –  
write yours now!*

## 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

*The Award is named in honour of Society Fellow Eunice Fletcher*

- 1500 to 2000 words on a family history theme.
- Prizes of \$1,000 for best short story, \$500 for runner up, and a bonus \$100 prize for FFACT members.
- Open to individuals over 18 years.
- Entry fee of \$20.00 for FFACT members and \$30.00 for non-members.
- No limit on the number of entries.
- Terms & Conditions and Entry Form available at [familyhistoryact.org.au](http://familyhistoryact.org.au) or by email from [writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au](mailto:writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au)



**Competition closes 15th July 2025**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2025 Judges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Rachael Weaver:</b> Rachael is an ARC Future Fellow in the School of Humanities, University of Tasmania, and a 2024-25 Visiting Scholar at the State Library of New South Wales. Rachael has edited and authored several books, most recently <i>Colonial Adventure (Miegunyah/MUP, 2024)</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Susan O'Leary:</b> Following a career in research, Susan has developed her passion for family history research in retirement. She has been inspired to publish family stories through her blog: <a href="http://www.historynoop.com">www.historynoop.com</a></li> <li>• <b>Chris Oyston:</b> After joining the Navy at 15, Chris spent 25 years as a Naval engineer, culminating in roles researching and arguing the government case on environmental issues related to the development of ADF facilities projects. This gave Chris a taste for turning his family history research into interesting stories that captivate and entertain readers.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Details</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family History ACT 41 Templeton Street, Cook, ACT PO Box 152, Jamison Centre ACT 2614</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Website: <a href="http://familyhistoryact.org.au">familyhistoryact.org.au</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Telephone: 02 6251 7004 <a href="mailto:secretary@familyhistoryact.org.au">secretary@familyhistoryact.org.au</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Writing Competition Committee <a href="mailto:writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au">writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au</a></p>
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## MURAL PROJECT FOR KILCOY'S HALL OF HISTORY

In 2023 Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc obtained a grant to purchase a Mural for the exterior western wall of their Hall of History. They were successful in obtaining, editing and reproducing photos of the Kilcoy Railway, large enough for the side of the building, which is located on the site where once stood the Kilcoy Railway Station.

The main image used was the 'Recruiting train' approaching Kilcoy Railway Station in 1915. The Queensland Recruiting Committee organised these trains to visit various stations to recruit soldiers for the war. The other two images to the left of the main image are Kilcoy Railway Station delivery of cream cans c1920s, and loading timber at the station with Burt's Transport Gantry Crane c1930s.



Adapted from the Society's September-November 2024 newsletter.



## Uniting and supporting family and local history organisations and collections throughout Queensland

### Why belong?

- Access to competitive and specialised group insurance
- Representation of your organisation at both State and Federal level
- Networking with like-minded groups
- Shared information and ideas
- Publicity for events
- Six monthly general meetings at venues around the State
- State Conferences
- Zoom service available for members
- Digital presence: HQ Facebook and HQ Website

History Queensland Inc. was formed as a state-wide umbrella organisation to encourage liaison and co-operation between local and family history societies, to promote greater awareness of local and family history and to encourage all levels of government to recognise the importance of local and family history.

## Benefits of Membership

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### Access to specialised group insurance:

- ✓ Public Liability/ Voluntary Workers, Property - Building, Contents, Burglary, Office Bearers Liability:
- ✓ We offer great value at a very competitive price from one of the few companies that offer this type of insurance. Suitable for groups both large and small. Choose what your group needs. For more information: [insurance@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:insurance@historyqueensland.org.au)

### Representation of your organisation at State and Federal Level:

- ✓ HQ has a representative on the AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) Council, and Archival Consultation Forums (NAA and QSA).

### Networking with like minded groups

- ✓ Shared information, ideas and events - use History Queensland Facebook to share your activities to a wider audience.
- ✓ Six monthly General Meetings at various venues around the State at which all members are welcome to share ideas, activities and matters of concern.
- ✓ Zoom account for use by member societies, completely free of charge, with no fixed time limits, for up to 100 people. Details on HQ website.



### Our Aims and Objectives include:

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Promotion and development of opportunities for people to participate in family history, local history, genealogical, heraldic and small museum activities.

Organisation and participation in conferences, seminars and other relevant events.

To produce and distribute publications with useful and interesting information on local and family history and related subjects.

## History Queensland Inc.

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### HQ Communication

Is through delivery of an e-newsletter and regular information sharing via email and the website.

### History Queensland Inc. Website

Is full of useful information and links to assist with your operation as a volunteer-based group involved in family, local and social history and small collections. Your contact details can be posted to enable a wider audience to reach you.

### General Meeting Venues have included:

Miegunyah House, Brisbane; Criterion Hotel, Warwick; Caloundra Family History Research, Caloundra and Brisbane Tramways Museum Society, Ferny Grove.

### State Conferences

A wonderful opportunity to showcase your organisation with an exhibition stall (reduced rate for HQ members), to hear lectures from renowned speakers, and enjoy the company of fellow historians at accompanying social events: book launch, Conference dinner.

2017 Gold Coast - *Footsteps in Time*

2019 Caloundra - *Waves in Time*

2022 Redcliffe - *Sands of Time*

2025 Brisbane - Australasian Congress

*Connections: Past - Present - Future*

## Membership per annum:

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Open to special interest groups and/or persons which/who carry out non-profit activities that support the pursuit of genealogy, family history or local history.

Special interest groups include family and local history societies, local museums and small collections.

Cost rate per capita:

Up to 50 members: \$22.00 pa

51 to 100 members: \$38.50pa

100 members or more: \$55.00 pa





## QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES – SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND ORPHANAGES

We hold many of the 19th and early to mid-20th century records on Queensland government:

- schools—including state schools (primary and high schools) and state rural schools, as well as some departmental records about administration of grammar, mission and church or non-vested (private) schools.
- hospitals—including limited information about hospital patients, as many of these records are not permanent or haven't survived. We do not hold any records from private hospitals
- asylums
- medical staff
- orphanages
- children's homes.

Please note: All school admission registers are subject to a 15-year [restricted access period](#) and many hospital records are restricted for 100 years.

Source: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/collection/schools>

## USING THE WIKI SEARCH IN FAMILY SEARCH

### Using the Wiki Search in FamilySearch

#### A Comprehensive Guide

Michael Rumpff

#### Introduction

FamilySearch is a valuable resource for genealogists and family historians, offering a vast collection of records, resources, and tools to help trace family lineage. One of the most useful features on FamilySearch is the Wiki. This guide will walk you through the steps to effectively use the Wiki search feature to enhance your research.

#### What is the FamilySearch Wiki?

The FamilySearch Wiki is an extensive online library filled with articles, guides, and resources contributed by the genealogical community. It covers a wide range of topics, from specific geographical regions to various types of records and research methodologies. The Wiki provides insights, tips, and context that can be essential for your family history research.

#### How to Access the Wiki Search

##### Step 1: Navigate to FamilySearch

Begin by visiting the FamilySearch website at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/australia/>

If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one. Signing up is free and gives you access to a wealth of genealogical resources.

##### Step 2: Locate the Wiki

Once logged in, you can find the Wiki by clicking on the "Search" tab in the main navigation menu and selecting "Research Wiki" from the dropdown options. This will take you to the main page of the FamilySearch Wiki.

## **Conducting a Wiki Search**

### **Step 1: Enter Your Search Terms**

In the search bar at the top of the Wiki main page, enter the keywords related to your research. These can include specific locations (e.g., "Germany Birth Records"), types of records (e.g., "Census Records"), or research strategies (e.g., "Genealogy Tips").

### **Step 2: Review the Search Results**

After entering your search terms, press "Enter" or click the search icon. The Wiki will display a list of articles and resources related to your query. Browse through the results to find articles that best match your research needs.

### **Step 3: Explore Relevant Articles**

Click on any of the article titles to read the full content. Each article typically includes background information, research tips, links to relevant records or databases, and references to other useful resources. Make sure to explore the links within the articles as they can lead you to additional valuable information.

## **Advanced Search Tips**

### **Use Specific Keywords**

Be as specific as possible with your search terms to narrow down the results. For instance, instead of searching for "birth records," try "Poland birth records 1800s" for more precise information.

### **Combine Keywords**

You can use multiple keywords to refine your search. For example, if you are looking for immigration records in New York, you could search for "New York immigration records."

### **Use Quotation Marks**

If you want to search for an exact phrase, enclose the phrase in quotation marks. For example, searching for "Civil War pension records" will yield results specifically containing that exact phrase.

## **Conclusion**

The FamilySearch Wiki is a powerful tool that can significantly aid your genealogical research. By utilizing the search feature effectively, you can uncover a wealth of information and resources that will help you build a comprehensive family history. Remember to explore thoroughly and take advantage of the community contributions that make the Wiki an invaluable asset for family historians.

Happy researching!

"Author's" very important note. The above article was fully written by Co-Pilot, the Microsoft AI program. My only addition was the insertion of the website for FamilySearch. It is my first experiment with AI, and I find it astonishing. The reason I "commissioned" this article is because it is one of the first resources I turn to when responding to ISG research requests. FamilySearch seems to encompass all areas of the globe more effectively than all the other search engines. My only other comment is that the generated article is a bit bland and passionless.



**NEWS AND ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE, INCLUDING  
FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS' NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES**

## **Peachester History Committee Inc.**

### **News and coming events**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH:** Regular open day at the Peachester Heritage Centre, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Lunch meeting at Peachester Hall, from 11.00am. This will be our AGM, and Cr Jenny Broderick will be in attendance. Guest Speaker – Peter Long (Trudy's cousin) who will speak about his book "Identity", on the life of bushranger Larry Cummins (their ancestor). Please bring lunch to share as usual.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Regular open day at the Peachester Heritage Centre, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Lunch meeting at the hall, from 11.00am. Video to watch: "Kenilworth Township Centenary 1924-2024" produced by SC Council.

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Outing to Brisbane, visiting the RHSQ Commissariat Store and Police Museum, lunch at the Garden Room Café in the Roma St Parklands. More details later – but keep this date free. (Contact Jan for more info).

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** Regular open day at the Peachester Heritage Centre, 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Hope to catch up with you at one of these coming events.  
Helen Page (0408 542961), Trudy Long (0421 760810)

### **Photos from Australia Day at the Heritage Centre**



## **Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc.**

Display in October 2024 at Brisbane Valley Expo, hosted by Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails Inc.





## Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

Museum update; extracts from the Society's December 2024 Newsletter.

### Digitisation

Following on from the Significance Assessment and Conservative Training this year, the museum will be undertaking digitisation in early 2025. The museum will use some of the Historical Organisation Assistance (HOA) Grant funds to employ experienced digitiser Jacqui Treloar to train volunteers and provide them with skills and resources to develop and follow a process enabling digitisation of the records in the museum's collection. Volunteers will then begin the task of transferring all photos and documents to digital records to ensure their conservation and to enhance cataloguing and research access.

### John Campbell paintings

Linda and Grahame Clarke, descendants of ER Drury, recently donated two watercolour paintings of Saltwood, the residence of the Drury family from 1895 to 1919, painted by renowned artist John Campbell. The paintings are in need of restoration and have been offered to the Queensland Art Gallery so they can be stored and displayed in a climate-controlled environment. We have requested copies for display in the museum.



*Saltwood by John Campbell - 1890*

## Queensland Government – Illawarra and O'Keeffe's buildings - Heritage and music digital trail



Illawarra (Petrie Mansions) and O'Keeffe's buildings, Petrie Terrace c1965. By this time both buildings were in poor condition, after years of neglect. By the end of 1977 the buildings were converted into the Petrie Mansions and Terrace restaurants. The buildings have since returned to their original use — terrace housing.

Adapted from <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/experience/music-trail/illawarra-okeeffes>

## Caloundra Family History Research Inc

Items for sale.

**CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY  
RESEARCH INC  
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June Blackburn  
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## Scouts Queensland Heritage Centre

The Centre tells the colourful and exciting history of scouting in Queensland.

Location: Baden-Powell Park, 68 Cash Ave, Samford

Tel: 07 3261 1455

Open: Saturday \*(Feb-Nov), 1.30-4pm.





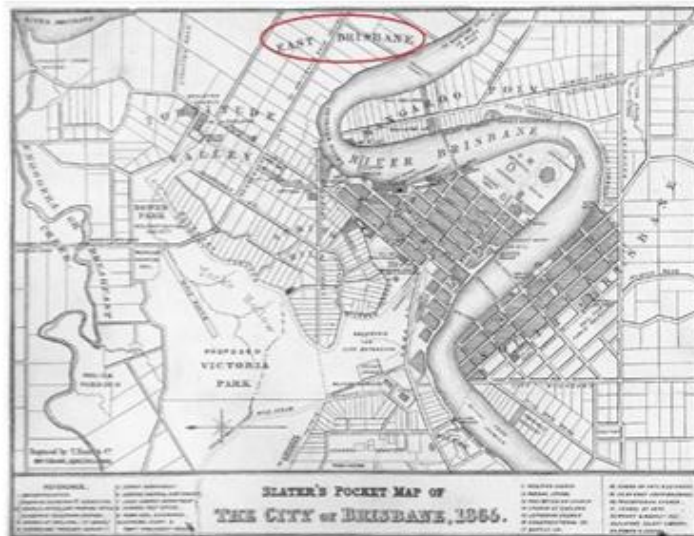
## New Farm and Districts Historical Society Inc

### True or False?

1. The New Farm peninsula was and is known by the Turrbal people, the indigenous people of the area, as *Binkin-ba*, 'place of the land tortoise'.
2. John Oxley, an English explorer and surveyor, surveyed the Brisbane River in 1823.
3. Sometime between 1827 and 1828, the penal settlement's Commandant, Captain Patrick Logan, established a 'new farm', clearing around 240 acres (97 hectares) at the lower end of the New Farm peninsula.
4. Convict gangs were marched from their prison barracks near Queen Street, via a track roughly following the later Bowen Terrace, to establish the colony's 'new farm'.

**Answers:** True! True! True! True!

**Source:** Benjamin, Gerard and Grant, Gloria, New Farm and Districts Historical Society Inc., *Reflections on New Farm*, Brisbane, 2008. (Chapter 1 - *Whitefellows come to Binkin-ba*)



Reference: Slater's Pocket Map of Brisbane City dated 1865  
Source: Lost Brisbane Facebook page

Excerpt from the Society's Newsletter, Vol XXXI, No 2, March 2025.

## Oral History Queensland

Oral History Basic Workshop, Saturday 29 March 2025.

Oral History Queensland will conduct a Brisbane based workshop for people interested in commencing an oral history project. The workshop will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 commencing at 9.30 am at the Queensland Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists Hall, 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower. Led by OHA National President Elisabeth Gondwe, the workshop will introduce participants to project planning, ethics and permissions, techniques used in interviewing, recording, file management and transcription. If you are interested in developing an oral history project or wish to record your family or community stories, this workshop is a great way to start. We particularly encourage new members to attend. See flyer [here](#). You may register your interest by emailing [info@ohq.org.au](mailto:info@ohq.org.au)



## Redcliffe Numismatic Society Inc.

### United Kingdom: George Orwell

A commemorative coin featuring the image of an eye and the inscription "Big Brother is watching you" is being released to pay tribute to "Nineteen Eighty-four" author George Orwell and mark his death 75 years ago.

The 2-pound (AU\$3.97) coin depicts what appears to be an eye but is a camera lens and the coin's edge is inscribed with another quote from Orwell's dystopian novel: "There was truth and there was untruth."



The novel, set in a fictional future, depicts civil servant Winston Smith's secret rebellion against a totalitarian government and its leader, Big Brother. Orwell, who also wrote the political fable "Animal Farm," died in a London hospital at age 46 on Jan. 21, 1950, a few months after "Nineteen Eighty-four" was published.

Other literary figures who have been commemorated on 2-pound coins include Jane Austen and J.R.R. Tolkien.

Extract from the Society's Newsletter, Issue 266, March 2025.

### Beachmere Digging Deeper book launch

*Beachmere Digging Deeper* (editor Chris Sutton, author Karen Wallwork), the third book in the Collective Memories on Beachmere series, was officially launched on 7 February 2025 by Councillor Mark Booth at the Beachmere Community Hall. The author was presented with a plaque honouring her historical research and storytelling efforts. Like all books of local history, *Beachmere Digging Deeper* is intended to keep its area's local history alive for future generations. (The book is available through [MC Sutton Publications – Supporting new & emerging writers.](#))



## Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc

### Resources for finding arrivals 1849-1859

Lang immigrants were unassisted but the *Fortitude* passengers, along with those on government assisted passages direct to Moreton Bay or Sydney, can be identified initially in [Assisted Immigrants Index 1839-1896](#). There are two lists for these immigrants: the immigration Board list and another for the Immigration Agent. Find the Agent's list for a ship at [Assisted immigrants digitised shipping lists 1828-1896](#). Search *Ancestry* for the Board's list which also details parents in the home country. The *Chaseley* passengers are in a rewritten list in [Assisted immigration 1848-1912](#). The only surviving *Lima* list is that from the reunion recorded in the [Queenslander 13 May 1899 p880](#).

Moreton Bay exiles can be identified at [Convict exiles index 1849-1850](#). Lists of names of those who came on the *Mountstuart Elphinstone* and *Bangalore* were published also in the *Moreton Bay Courier* accessible via [Trove](#). The [Index Australian Joint Copying Project Prison Commission registers, AJCP P. Com. 2, reels 5971-5991](#) provides British detail on the exiles, sometimes including names of a spouse or father. The references allow a free, online search of prison records at [Series PCOM 2. Home Office and Prison Commission: Prison Records, Series 1, 1816 – 1866](#). The chaplain in his [Journal of a voyage from England to Sydney and Moreton Bay in the Mount Stuart Elphinstone, 21 May – 8 Dec. 1849](#) [Joseph Kidd Walpole](#) gave his character assessment of each convict. Track the employment of those who went west on a CD-ROM, [Initial settlement on the Darling Downs 1843-1852 a transcription of Rolleston's records](#).

Those who arrived in Sydney but travelled north are listed on the coastal ship on which they travelled by number only, primarily in the NSW newspapers searchable using [Trove historical newspapers](#).

Keyword search Colonial Secretary's letters received relating to Moreton Bay using [the descriptive index](#) then follow the instructions to find documents online related to these arrivals.

### Population increase

Brisbane's newspaper noted the population increase in the northern NSW counties of which Brisbane was the heart.

	1851	Males.	Females.	Total.
Stanley and Moreton . . . .	1846	3175	1834	5059
Stanley and Moreton . . . .		1123	476	1599
Increase in 5 years . . . . .		2052	1408	3460

[Moreton Bay Courier 6 December 1851 p2.](#)

Brisbane was on the path to Separation.

Extract from blog *Arrivals in Moreton Bay 1849-1850: a population boost with a difference.*

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