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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2019. I hope that all our members had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and like mine were able to spend it with family. Mary and I flew to Hobart and spent a few enjoyable days there with our daughter Tracey and her family who now live in Melbourne. On Christmas Eve we had lunch at Frogmore Creek Winery that is on the top of a rise overlooking the grape vines. It was a magnificent lunch with a gorgeous view and I can thoroughly recommend it. It was a beautiful way to spend a couple of hours.

We stayed at the very historic hotel Customs House Hotel which is on the Derwent River right where the yachts arrive for the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. The place was a buzz of activity.

Near the hotel was David's Park where one of the oldest cemeteries in Australia is located. I found it interesting to stroll through and look at the very old headstones. I will include some photos of the places I visited at the end of this piece.

We then flew to Canberra and had the compulsory visit to the War Memorial. It is a Memorial to be proud of and again another way to spend a very pleasant few hours reflecting on the sacrifices of Australians that has allowed us to enjoy our current lifestyle.

The next day we drove to Cobargo where our son Jason and his family live on what is known as the Sapphire Coast. Bega known for its cheese is one of the major towns in the area. It is a very picturesque area with lots of tourists which includes myself.

In January History Redcliffe had an Australian Day bar-b-que on the common property of the units where I live called Waters Edge. We erected a few tents for shade, hired some tables, chairs, portaloos and six burner bar-b-que. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and Paul Woodcock easily won the Australia Day quiz. The weather was kind, not too hot and most times a not too strong breeze. I would like to thank the staff of WD Surveys for erecting and pulling down of the tents plus the setting up of the tables and chairs. Neil Grady the caretaker at that time for the units I would also like to thank for all his assistance before, during and after the event.

This year promises to be another busy one for the Committee and members. I have finally arranged for guest speakers for our General Meetings up until June. Our March speaker Bill Kitson is well known to you all and he has spoken to us many times. Bill has given the name of his talk as Cockroaches and Cane toads which as you all know is the nick name for NSW and QLD. Bill will be talking about the remarking of the southern border between the States which he and many others assisted with a few years back. Bill is always an interesting speaker and interacts with his audience very well.

PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONTINUED

The Calendar Committee has been working overtime and met again last week before our Committee Meeting with Hilton Misso and myself. Hilton has agreed to be our major sponsor donating \$1000 to us for the placement of four advertisements on the bottom of the calendar spread over the twelve months and an advertisement on the top of the month for half the width of the calendar. We have another ten advertisers that are entitled to the placement of two advertisements for two months of the year. The Committee hopes to be able to finalise the Calendar in May ready for the launch in July. A lot of hard work has been done but hopefully now we are on the downhill slope.

Another project HR is involved with is now starting to gain momentum thanks to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Redcliffe. Bob Blanch who is both a member of the Rotary Club and HR is the main driving force behind the Corscadden Park Time Trail Project. Bob is liaising with MBRC and several contractors to ascertain the best way to proceed. Bob met with MBRC at the end of last week in an attempt to finalise Stage 1 of the proposal. Bob will be requiring a significant financial contribution from HR for Stg 1 and this aspect will be discussed at our next committee meeting.

Do not forget to put in a date saver for our main fund raiser for the year on Saturday night 20 July for our Trivia Night. Last year and enjoyable time was had by all and our committee is working on a repeat performance. This time there will be prizes for the best dressed person in costume plus the best decorated table, so start your planning now.

All the best for the next three months and please stay healthy and enjoy life.



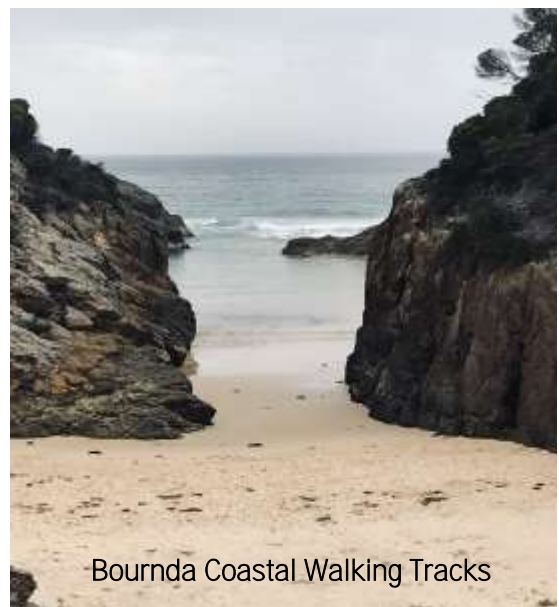
David's Park



Frogmore Creek Wherry



Customs House Hotel



Bournda Coastal Walking Tracks

RESEARCH SUMMARY

By Margaret Harding

Requests.....

the committee for the *Memories of Margate* book is looking for information relating to Margate like this data below which was supplied by Murray Ross in reply to our request....Feb.2019.

DWYER & ROSS OPTOMETRISTS

The business of Dwyer and Ross began as Bassett, Dwyer and Ross on the Redcliffe Peninsula over fifty years ago. The original proprietor, Cec Bassett started the business as a solo practitioner from home in the 1950s. After some years it was sold to Kevin Ross, who carried on the business under the name of Bassett and Ross. From the untimely death of Kevin Ross in 1984, Dennis Dwyer carried on the business and in 1986 was joined by Murray Ross. In 1991, the practice moved to its present location and traded as Dwyer and Ross Optometrists with Peninsula Family Eyewear as the dispensing component. As a member of Provision Eyecare Group, this business, along with 450 other independent optometrists throughout Australia, accesses management, marketing and education services.

LOOKING AT MARGATE

By PAT GEE

Last year, 2018, History Redcliffe received a bequest from Marle Juster, specifically intended to help fund a history project. Several possibilities for the use of this bequest were discussed and eventually it was decided that a book about the history of Margate might be an appropriate project. To this end **we have been investigating significant events in Margate's history such as the establishment of Woolworths and Kentucky Fried in the sixties; the Red Cross home in the forties; and the Methodist Conference Centre.** This project is also about the people who lived – and are currently living – at Margate and the changes that have taken place over time.

We would welcome any memories/information that people are willing to share with us, also photos, etc. We look forward to hearing from you.



PENINSULA PERSONALITIES - REDCLIFFE HEROLD 7/10/1954

Born in Brisbane on March 16, 1926, BOB ENNIS is probably one of the youngest business men on the Peninsula. One thing is certain he looks like becoming one of the most successful.

At the age of thirteen Bob was doing a man's work behind a plough. He afterwards went to the far west where he worked at droving sheep and cattle.

Back at home, Bob soon got the urge to be off again, so he put his age up to sixteen and ran away to join the army. By the time he was seventeen he had already been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He finished his three years in the fighting forces as a Sergeant and was with the first invasion troops into Japan after the capitulation.

On discharge, Bob decided his future was in furniture and interior decorating. He went into the business only five years ago in Anzac Avenue and, today has opened a second shop in the main Redcliffe Shopping Centre.

In Redcliffe Bob met and married Miss Gwendoline Denville and today they have two children. A boy and a girl.

For recreation Bob settles for fishing as a pastime, then gardening, golf, and cricket.

These days, Bob has no wish to go back ploughing or droving. He claims that Redcliffe is a full time job for him. And most people will agree he is doing it well.

- SYD FENWICK

REDCLIFFE A H & I SOCIETY INC

In approximately 1906 when the Redcliffe showground precinct was built it was designed to be a sporting complex/recreation reserve. Oddly enough the oval was to be a cricket venue but to anyone's knowledge no cricket game was ever played there.

The area was of course to become Redcliffe Rugby League's headquarters for many years.

Later the showground area became exclusively a showground. The area bordered by Oxley Avenue, the Redcliffe High School ground boundary, Scarborough Road and Portwood Street, was and still is the Showground Reserve.

In 1923 the local Council organized the first show. It was called the Humpybong Show and all nominations etc were done via the Redcliffe Council. In 1939 the Humpybong Show was shut down because of World War II.

In 1949 a committee was reformed to restart a local show. It was to become in 1950 the first Redcliffe Show.

In 2019 we celebrate the 70th Redcliffe Show.

The show has battled at times over the years. When the theme parks first opened show crowds all over southeast Queensland including Redcliffe's suffered accordingly. **But we hung on using free entertainment etc. Then we changed our opening event** to Friday night and more people could attend. Suddenly they could appreciate the entertainment we could and were supplying. Thanks to the Queensland State Government, the Moreton Bay Regional Council and the Redcliffe and Bayside Herold who began to fully support us we have been able to continue to put on a great show for the public. The rest as they say, is History.

So in 2019 show number 70, we hope will be bigger and better. New attractions, bigger fireworks and more incentives for people to attend.

ALF OLLENBURG RH 1965

ALFRED OLLENBURG first came to Redcliffe in the 1920s to start a butchering business with his brother-in-law Bill Korsch. It was Alf's intention to give the butchering a six months trial, but it lasted for more than half the average man's lifetime. To start the business Alf brought 35 fat bullocks by road from Moore in the Brisbane Valley. At that time the town council consisted of Mayor Sam Bailey, with Messrs JB Dunn, John Dillaway, George Livermore, John Turner and George Harrington as councilors and PH Adams shire clerk.

The sanitary contractor was G Garton, who did the work with a horse-drawn wagon. Later J Maden and D Devers took over the contract. Dr Brockway was the only medical practitioner on the Peninsula in those early days, and he was followed by Dr Roberts. WB Rawlinson was the only chemist and a dentist came over every Sunday from Sandgate; Charlie Dunn was the only barber until Percy Manley opened his hairdressing saloon at Redcliffe.

Hotel proprietors recalled by Alf from the past were: Scarborough, J McAneny; Moreton Bay, Joe Yates; Ambassadors, Pat Talty; Belvedere, Affleck. Mick Hardiman had the Palace Hotel, then JR Quigley. The present proprietor, Mrs L Filmer has, except for a short break, presided over the Palace for about 40 years. The only guest houses remembered by Alf were **Seabrae (Sampson's), Grand View (G Harrington), and Moreton Vista (Jim Rogers). The newsagent was Varendorff (later McInnes),** and the earliest milkmen were Messrs Ted Walker, J Browning, T Kinsella and F Whiting.

PIER OPENING Alf Ollenburg recalls that when the Redcliffe Pier was opened on New Year's Night 1919-1920 (sic 1922), people danced in the streets until sunrise. From then on the old sea-wall was built at Redcliffe. Alf saw the first pile driven for the Hornibrook Highway, and the first clearing of land for the golf links at Clontarf.

NO SPORT There was no organized sport on the Peninsula during Alf's early residency (c1920s/30s), so he and a few others got together and cleared a piece of ground on what is now the Redcliffe Showground. They made it just big enough for a cricket pitch. As at April 1965, Alf was the only one left of Redcliffe's first cricket team-1925.



Standing:-L to R.. Len Blank, George Garton, Alf Ollenburg, Fred Ollenburg, Ron Blank, Arthur Rogers and Charlie Ollenburg.
Sitting: Tom Sampson, Les Rogers, Jack Symons (captain), Jack Jnr mascot, Hal Buchanan (secretary-treasurer) and Les Whitaker.

C.1921 there were but three lights on Marine Parade-the ones that had to be pumped up and lit with an oil rag-electricity had not then reached the Peninsula.

Ice came from Sandgate on the vessel *Olivine*. Alf recalls that Cheesman was the butchers' inspector when he started in business and Tuck (with Jones as an apprentice) was the shop inspector.

Elsons' ran the first buses to Petrie and boats visiting Redcliffe and Woody Point were Koopa, Doomba, Beryl and Olivine. Jeffries was the name of the postmaster and Pat Scanlan the police sergeant. The oldest families he knew then were **Warbricks and Boardmans, also John Cox.** "I could write a lot about other old hands if I wracked my brain, but this is the main outline of those early years." (Redcliffe Herald 1 April 1965.)

Alfred Ollenburg was born on 9 January 1897 and died on 21 August 1974

Compiled by M Harding.....ref. also HR newsletter V20 No 6 July 2004.

Photos supplied by Keith Ollenburg, Alf's nephew.

Slippery Slide, Redcliffe Beach c1920s



SCOTTS POINT AND SIR ROBERT TOWNLEY SCOTT

By Pat Gee

Robert Townley Scott arrived in Moreton Bay in 1848 at the age of six. Together with his parents and siblings he was among the early free settlers in the fledgling township of Brisbane. In 1862 at age 21, Robert joined the Post and Telegraph service as a clerk. Two years later in December 1864 he bought adjoining Portions 110 and 111, a total area of 48 acres on the Redcliffe Agricultural Reserve. These portions extended from the cliffs on the seafront, north to the road now known as Arthur Street, west to the surveyed road, now Oxley Avenue, and immediately south to Georgina Street.

On 9 September 1868 Robert married Ellen, daughter of George Parkinson Wright. Two years later, in January 1870, Robert purchased Portions 108 and 109, an area of just over 44 acres adjoining his previous purchase to the south. The following year in January 1871, he bought Portion 107 at the tip of Woody Point. He then owned all the land at the southern end of the peninsula east of what is now Oxley Avenue to the seafront and south from Arthur Street to the tip of Woody Point.

High on the point now named for him, Robert erected a house named *Whitecliffe*. It was the first house on Scott's Point and from there he and his wife and family spent many a holiday or brief week-end enjoying the seaside and the delightful view of Moreton Bay. Evidently he never intended to become a farmer and his purchase was mainly intended as a business investment.

When the land boom on the Redcliffe Peninsula commenced in 1880 and speculators bought up areas of farmland sub-dividing them into estates, Robert Scott disposed all of his land except Portion 111. Portions 107, 108 and 109 became the estate of *St Leonards* and Portion 110 became the estate of *Whitecliffe*. Robert had done well from his investments.

He advanced in the Queensland postal department until in 1899 he was appointed Under Secretary and Superintendent of Telegraphs. He held that office until Federation in 1901, when he then became Secretary to the Postmaster General's Department and permanent head of the Commonwealth Telegraph Service. Robert was transferred to Melbourne and knighted for his services in organising the new Commonwealth Postal Department in 1909.

Following his retirement he returned to Brisbane finally selling the holiday home at Woody Point and remaining land in January 1916. He died on 3 August 1922 at the age of 80. His widow, Ellen, survived him by nearly eight years and died on 6 July 1930. Sir Robert is buried at Toowong Cemetery.



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Plan of Subdivision of **Portion 109**
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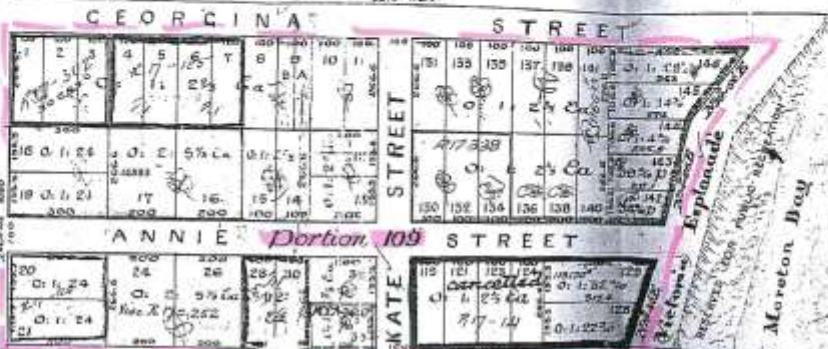
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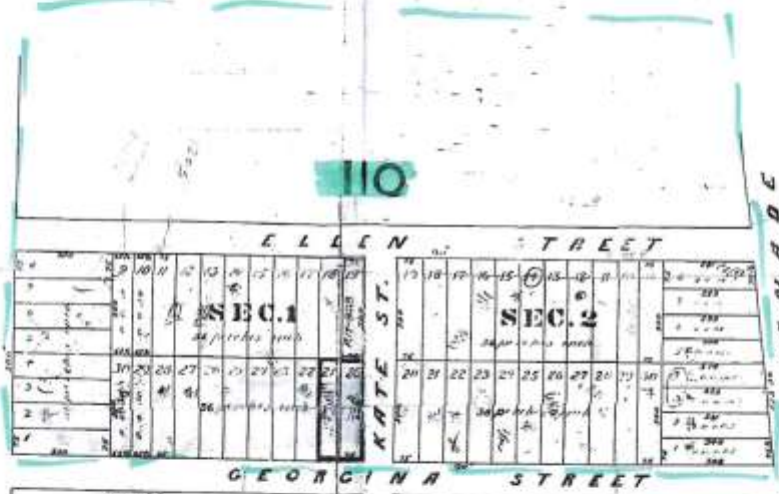
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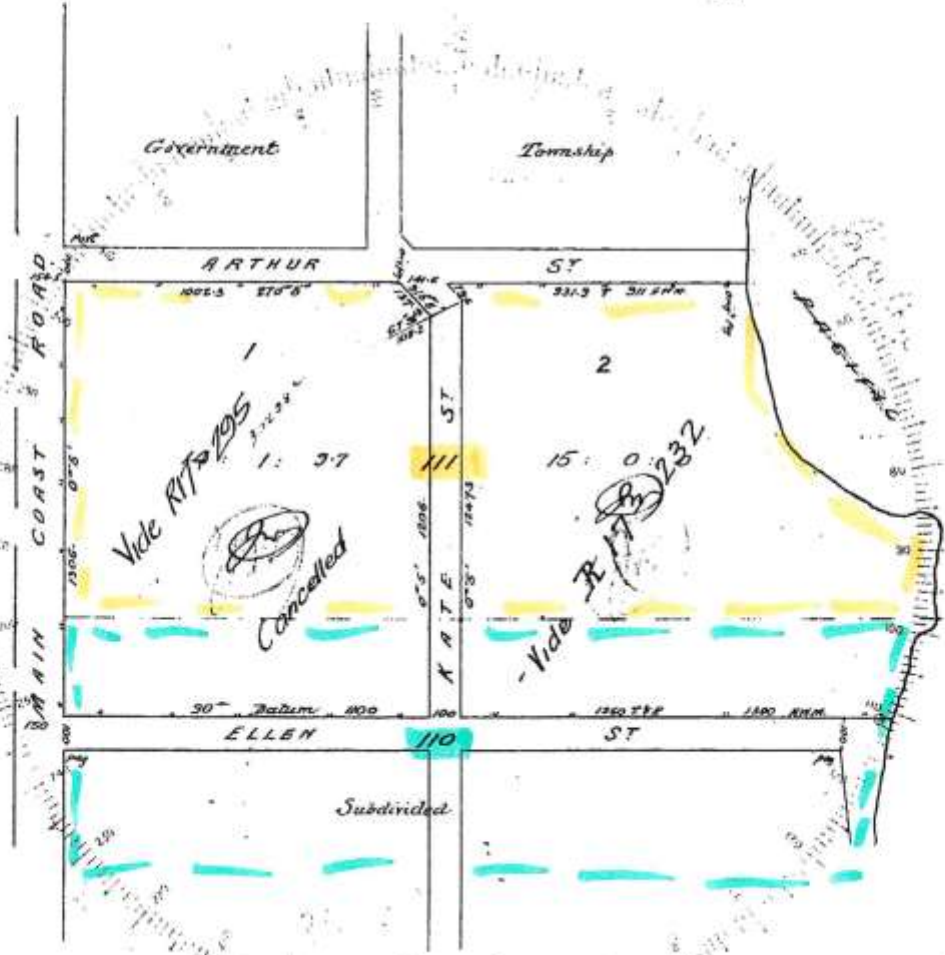
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HORNIBROOK HIGHWAY OPENED

LONGEST VIADUCT IN AUSTRALIA

HIGH TRIBUTES TO CONTRACTOR

The longest bridge or viaduct in Australia, the Hornibrook Highway, spanning a mile and two-thirds of the sea between Sandgate and Redcliffe, was opened by the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson yesterday).

The feelings of the people of Sandgate and Redcliffe were crystallised in the exclamation of the contractor. Mr. M. R. Hornibrook—"The hour is come!" A procession of cars crossed the highway to Clontarf Headland, where the visitors were entertained by the Redcliffe Town Council. At 6pm the collection of tolls began.

The Sandgate end of the highway was aflutter with flags when the official party ascended the dais at 2.30 p.m. High tide had covered the sandbanks of the mouth of the Pine River and Hayes' Inlet with a sheet of sparkling blue water, providing a note of natural colour to make gay a perfect spring afternoon. For almost a mile from the point of opening towards Sandgate cars had been drawn up in processional form. It was a big day in the history of Sandgate and Redcliffe, and in the history of Brisbane.

Introducing the Governor, the chairman of Hornibrook Highway Pty., Ltd. (Sir Edward Macartney), said the work of constructing the highway, because of its nature and extent, was unique in Australia. As a traffic facility it offered wonderful advantages to Redcliffe.

Speaking of the contractor, Mr. M. R. Hornibrook, Sir Edward said: "My company has found him to be a great man, whose first principle is a first class job. His attitude towards the company and the undertaking has been very generous and very reasonable. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with him. His difficulties have been many, including obstacles created by Nature and men, but, in a wonderful way, he met them as they arose. The job has been finished, and I feel I can truly say, to schedule."

Sir Edward acknowledged the ready assistance given at all times by the Premier, by his predecessor (Mr. Moore), the Main Roads Commissioner, The Public Curator, and other departments and authorities. Particularly did he thank the Premier for the Government's guarantee, which had made the financing of the undertaking possible, and he was sure the Premier would have little fear of a claim under that guarantee. The one fly in the ointment was the condition of the road, or part of it, between the main Sandgate Road and the first class road constructed as part of the undertaking adjoining the Sandgate end.

PAGE OF HISTORY " To-day is a day on which, we might say, another page in the history of Queensland has been written," said Sir Leslie Wilson. "It might even be said that another page has been written in the history of Australia, because this is the longest bridge in the Commonwealth." The completion of the viaduct furnished evidence that in Queensland were men of enterprise and of vision, who were prepared to think not only of to-day but of tomorrow, which was vital in a young country. The occasion also illustrated the loyalty of Queenslanders in buying the products and labour of their own State. With the exception of a quantity of steel, everything used in the construction of the highway was produced in Queensland. The timber was specially selected, and every piece of it had been bathed in creosote, and further, to ensure the best quality of construction, every one of 142 tons of nuts and bolts had been galvanised.

" The work has been done in an extremely fine manner, and I offer my hearty congratulations to M. R. Hornibrook Pty., Ltd.," his Excellency continued. " The work is creditable in the highest degree. It is an example of how work should be done in the very best way. I know there are one or two critics who say that this work is too soon. Better be too soon than too late, and it is easier to be critical than correct. I want you to remember that only 33 years ago there were nearly 200,000 fewer people in Brisbane than there are to-day. Who would dare predict how many will be in Brisbane 30 years from to-day?"

IN THE PAPERS: MATTHEW FLINDERS

By Fiona Murgatroyd

In honour of the discovery of the body of Matthew Flinders in January of this year (205 years after his death), it seems fitting that I hunt for what the papers might have said about the man who gave our little peninsula and, indeed, our continent the names we use today.

I was spoiled for choice! The article I've selected to highlight comes from the 150th Anniversary but I really recommend checking out some of the other articles about Matthew Flinders and his exploits.

MATTHEW FLINDERS

REDCLIFFE CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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Australia will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Flinders at Redcliffe for three weekends from July 16 to 31, 1949.

Redcliffe is the first white settlement in Queensland, and Flinders discovered and named it on July 17, 1799. He proved the insularity of Moreton Island, made a contour chart of Moreton Bay, was imprisoned for 6.5 years in Mauritius by the French in war-time, circumnavigated Australia and gave the continent its name. He accomplished more than any other navigator on the coast of Australia and is classed with Captain Cook as one of the greatest master mariners that ever sailed the seas of the world.

Flinders died in poverty and misery in London the very day his published work was thrown at his bedside, and before £100 relief from the New South Wales Government reached his former home. His grandson, Sir Matthew Flinders Petrie, British archaeologist and Egyptologist, was associated with the key to the Egyptian hieroglyphics when the story of that race was read back for thousands of years. He was one of the world's most famous scientists. He died at Jerusalem in 1942, and his spirit will hover aloft to see whether we honour our famous navigator or humiliatingly neglect that duty on the 150th anniversary of his discovery of Redcliffe,

Ald. Robt. T. Bradley, Mayor of Redcliffe, is chairman of the celebration committee, and his council has donated £350 subsidy toward the cost of the celebrations, and donations are forthcoming from the citizens of Redcliffe and the merchants of Brisbane.

The Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (Queensland) has issued 5000 souvenir envelopes to honour Flinders and have donated 1000 to the committee for official use. The society is posting 4000 to all parts of the world and has advertised Redcliffe through the A.S.M., Melbourne, to 10,000 readers of that publication in the British Empire and abroad, and it has also advertised in Philatelic publications in U.S.A. to over 100,000 readers in that great country.

MOTOR RACING AUSTRALIA

CLOSED CIRCUIT WOODY POINT

PART 2

The link between the RACQ and the council was formed by keen young competitor John 'Cam' Brodribb. Cam's father was a director on the board of the Hornibrook Highway, so Cam was asked to be a go-between in negotiations with the Council through his father. It was a link that worked for both the 1935 and 1936 events.

Just how the course was chosen it is not known. Where it actually went was in question. The starting point (usually all you need) in such matters is Terry Walker's book, *Fast Tracks*. However, on this occasion even Terry says 'none of the available sources explicitly identify the precise circuit used,' adding that his map seemed to fit the available evidence.

Terry completed that book a continent away in Perth so my closer proximity has given me the advantage. But it has only been the finding of the competitors that has enabled me to piece together fragmentary evidence from a local, Marle Juster, who observed the event from his front doorstep, and a movie newsreel made by Paul Ruckert, a keen cinematographer.

In that picturesque headland setting that was forming into a kind of suburbia, Oxley Avenue became **the longest straight, known locally as the 'red road' because of the colour of its dust. As they entered the Margate shopping area they turned right into Duffield Road.** All but three corners on the course were right-angle intersections, and such was the case here, this particular corner being on the brow of a hill following a depression. The braking area was approached downhill and braking completed up the slight rise before turning to the shallow downhill run towards the turn into Ernest Street.

Best known in this area is the Humpybong State School, which today has a massive rockery across Ernest Street to stop traffic and enable children to safely cross into the park opposite. Undoubtedly many of the thousands who came to watch this event were in that park, wandering from one side to the other to see the cars at various altitudes.

After the still-downhill turn into Ernest, the street climbed fairly steeply before levelling out about half way along its length. **The 'ess bend' came next, where the competitors left Ernest and entered Kate,** and from the look of the old road alignment this might have been quite an exciting section. Today there is a definite left-and-right, but its obvious by the fence on one corner and the remnant of the original footpath and kerbing on the other that just a few years ago this might still be a quick ess bend with a cross street through the middle. No prizes for guessing why it might have been changed!

The run to the left turn into Alfred Street saw a slight drop, this turn being a low point before heading **over the shallow rise and then to the right hander into Gayundah Esplanade. The start was at Filmer's Palace Hotel** on the corner of Lilla Street, where the patrons of the pub used to park on the shoreline side. Sweeping through the downhill right into Lilla, they soon had to brake for the turn up Kate Street.

The most unique thing was next, absolutely incredibly they drove up this short run to the same intersection with Alfred Street, turning left there simultaneously with oncoming cars turning left in front of them! At the bottom of the hill was Oxley Avenue and the long run where we commenced.

To be continued..

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Great Northern Garden of Remembrance (Caboolture & Districts Crematorium) is a public Crematorium and Memorial Garden located at 31 Tallowood Drive, Deception Bay, in South-East Queensland. Our facilities are available for use by all funeral homes and the families of the area.

We are conveniently located on Tallowood Drive, just 2 minutes from the Bruce Highway, making it easily accessible for families from the Moreton Bay Region, Caboolture, Pine Rivers, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

Our facilities, set in 1.8 hectares of beautiful natural bushland, include a 90 seat chapel with a calming water window, a beautiful outdoor chapel surrounded by a running waterways, arrangement and reflection rooms, a fully-catered refreshments area and landscaped gardens with a variety of memorialisation options.

As the facility is bordered by a nature reserve there is an abundance of native animal & bird life including a family of friendly kangaroos, which add to the peacefulness of the whole environment.

Our office is staffed between 8.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, and we are available on weekends by arrangement. The grounds are open to visitors every day. Services can be held in the Chapel between these times and on weekends by prior arrangement. We can be contacted by phoning 07 3888 6622.

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NEW MEMBERS

It's always a pleasure to welcome new members to our Society.

Invite a Guest

MEETINGS

The Society meets on the second Friday of each month at 2.00 pm at the Redcliffe Library 476 Oxley Ave, Redcliffe. We feature a guest speaker to cover a wide variety of topics. Afternoon tea is served on completion of the talk by the guest speaker. The meeting commences again after the tea break.

This is a pleasant environment and Members are encouraged to invite friends as a guest. Visitors are made very welcome.

The Annual General Meeting is held in the month of August each year.

For details and the venue of our next meeting, please see "For your Diary" on the back page of this newsletter OR visit "Calendar of Events" on our website www.redcliffehistoricalsociety.com

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For your Diary

MONTH	DATE/EVENT	GUEST SPEAKER	LOCATION
March	Friday 8th <ul style="list-style-type: none">General Meeting	Bill Kitson – Author & Surveyor -Cockroaches & Cane toads (QLD & NSW border)	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms
April	Friday 12th <ul style="list-style-type: none">General Meeting	Jan Nagar Registrar Abbey Museum— My Favourite Things	Redcliffe Library (Room TBA)
May	Friday 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none">General Meeting	To be advised	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms
July	Friday 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Calendar & Medallion Launch (5PM-7PM)		Redcliffe Museum