



PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Welcome all to our latest Newsletter. As usual the year is once again going quickly and it is June already. It is probably not going so quickly for one of our committee members as Fiona Murgatroyd has had some health issues and has spent several weeks in the Redcliffe Hospital. It was great to see her attend the official opening of the Museum's new extensions and internal revamp on Saturday 26th May but unfortunately she was not able to attend our last Committee meeting on 29 May as Fiona had a relapse and was admitted to hospital again. We all wish Fiona a speedy recovery and hope that she will soon be back once again attending to our web site that is also being looked after by another very energetic committee member Pat Gee.

I also missed seeing at the Museum opening the woman who has worked so much over the many months since the closure of the Museum to make it all happen, Joan Kelly. I was told that Joan did attend later in the morning so Joan I hope you have shaken off the ill effects and are ready to face all of life's challenges with the continuing successful operating of the extended Museum.

William McInnes was the Master of Ceremony for the opening and his relaxed style and enjoyable comments made the morning opening ceremony flow well. I am sure past and present members of our Society would have been pleased to see two of our prominent members speak at the ceremony. I am no Ian Harding as far as photography is concerned but I managed to take two photos of James Houghton and Margaret Harding addressing the invited audience. As most people know James was our founding President and over the years has always kept a keen eye on the running of our Society and has assisted many times when needed. Margaret is another member who does so much work on research and toils away for countless hours documenting and researching matters. I personally owe Margaret and Ian Harding so much with the preparation of this Newsletter. As I have said before Margaret and Ian prepare so many articles to make our Newsletter what it is. Margaret spoke on behalf of the volunteers for the Museum and some of the volunteers like Margaret are also members of History Redcliffe.

It was also satisfying to see so many of the articles from History Redcliffe's collection that was donated to the Museum at the original opening of the Museum still on display.

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Evaluate -
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Later in this Newsletter there is an advertisement for our new primary fund raiser for this year. The committee has decided not to proceed anymore with the Cent Auction. Even though it was still a financial success last year the attendances were well down so this year we are having a Trivia night on 14th July. A very experienced caller will be running the evening events so please put that date in your calendar and come along and bring your friends and enjoy yourselves. Janet Franklin on our committee is organising this event so if there are any questions on the night please contact Janet or another of the committee members, if Janet is unavailable.

Our Vice President Pat Gee with the assistance of the Hardings have finalised the publication of the Then and Now book. There are photos of yesteryear of many well known land marks and buildings in the Redcliffe area with current photos of what is now on that particular site. A lot of hours of research has gone into the book with excellent photos taken by Ian Harding. This book will make a welcome addition to any person's collection on the changing face of Redcliffe.

Those of you who attended our May general meeting will know that James Houghton spoke about all things Redcliffe and ran out of time to talk about all the people on his list. Therefore I asked James to come along and finish his talk at our general meeting at the Library in August. James normally attends our AGM and chairs the meeting for the election of officers so he can have a dual purpose on that day.

At our last Committee meeting we also decided to have a members dinner on that day. We have had these events in the past and they have proven to be very popular with our members so we thought we would try something a little different and combine the luncheon with the AGM. Details on costings have not been finalised but I can assure all members that it will be pleasantly within their budget.

When I initially came back as President as most of you know I was only going to do it for one year. However with the competent members on our committee it makes my task so much easier that I will probably stay on for another term if members think that is desirable. I will wait and see what eventuates but as long as the present committee stays somewhat similar to the current members I will stay if required.

I hope you all have a good few months ahead so until our next Newsletter, stay well and enjoy life.

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TRAVEL—JANET FRANKLIN

On 13th May I flew into Hong Kong for a short 3 day visit before embarking on a Japanese cruise. Having visited China 2 years ago, I imagined Hong Kong would just be another busy, bustling Asian City. As we walked from the aeroplane, there were large windows and I felt excited to see many mountains surrounding the city. Our accommodation was at Novotel Hotel, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Next morning, after getting some advice from the Tourist Information desk at the Hotel, we set off to find the subway station and visit the Peak Train and the Peak Tower which towers 396m above sea level. The Peak train is an amazing feat of 19th century engineering. It commenced service in 1888 and is the first cable funicular in Asia, extending 1350 metres. The view of Hong Kong from this vantage point was absolutely spectacular. Such a huge harbour, surrounded by mountains with hundreds of skyscrapers. Hong Kong has a population of 7.5 million and quite a few of them visited the Peak train that day! It is a popular attraction. The next couple of days were spent visiting Stanley, and Repulse Bay on Hong Kong Island. Stanley has a huge market and is popular among tourists as most merchants will accept credit cards. We also saw an impressive light show on Victoria Harbour and visited the Temple Night Markets. I was impressed by how clean Hong Kong was. The gardens and public spaces were very well maintained. The double decker buses and architecture gave Hong Kong a strong English flavour, and they drive on the same side of the road as we do, so crossing roads did not feel as perilous as it did in other areas of China.

On Wednesday 16th May, after a lengthy process, we embarked on our cruise ship, Ovation of the Seas, for our 9 night Japanese cruise. Ovation of the Seas is enormous with over 4,000 passengers. There were many restaurants, bars, lounges, swimming pools, theatres, gymnasiums. There was even a rock climbing wall and a basketball court which doubled as a dodgem car track in the evenings! We (my sister and I) thoroughly enjoyed the Shows. Every night there was entertainment by some wonderful singers, dancers, comedians and magicians. I did not attempt the climbing wall but I did attend a Zumba class. Our cabin had a balcony which was very serene and peaceful as the water was mostly extremely calm. The food was fabulous. We mostly had buffet breakfast and lunch, then enjoyed the white tablecloth and waiter service in the evenings.

Our first port was Fukuoka. A small group of us did a 5 hour tour with a delightful local guide. We visited Kushida Shrine where we learned a little about the Shinto religion and were fortunate to see a traditional wedding. There were Ginko trees and some beautifully manicured gardens. We learned that Japan has a population of 127 million and has 10% of the world's active volcanoes. As Japan is so mountainous, there is a shortage of flat land to build on, hence there is a lot of reclaimed land. A 234m tall tower was built on reclaimed land in 1989, called the Fukuoka Tower. The view from the top was breathtaking. Next day we were in Nagasaki. A very sobering and reflective day as we visited the Atomic Bomb Museum and the Peace Park. Next day we visited Kumamoto where we were taken to a castle, built in 1607 but severely damaged by an earthquake in 2016 which killed 5 people. The castle is now under repair/reconstruction.

We also visited the Suizenji gardens, which were the most exquisite traditional Japanese gardens we saw. Next day we visited Shimonoseki. There were hundreds of islands to be seen from our balcony as we drew closer to shore. Here, the vast port area is entirely reclaimed land. Driving along in our tour bus we saw many traditional houses. The road hugged the coast and the Pacific Ocean was sparkling in the morning sunshine. We drove to the Tsunoshima Bridge built in 2000. It is 1780 feet long going across to an island (sorry, did not get the name of this island) . There was a lighthouse on the island, some of us climbed to the top.....104 steps. We then went on to Karato Fish Market and had some free time to explore and get a sushi and ice cream lunch. After 4 hectic days of sightseeing in Japan, it was quite nice to have 2 tranquil days as we cruised back to Hong Kong for our flight home.



THE DEANS BROTHERS OF REDCLIFFE

Mr William Charles Deans who died suddenly in Redcliffe on Monday May 25, at the age of 90 years, was a member of the pioneering family of Deans who came to the Peninsula in the late 1870s. His father John Grant Deans (1824-1894) brought the family to Clontarf, bringing the household furniture by sea in a small steamer, the “Kangaroo” which had to sail a considerable distance up Hays Inlet and tie up at the wharf built by the Tubbs brothers.

The furniture was carried from there by bullock wagon. The late William Deans spent his childhood on the Peninsula. He saw the first school built-a slab hut with shingle roof in Duffield Road-which he attended with a brother and sister. (In May 1958 the late Mr Deans addressed Redcliffe Rotary Club and his reminiscences were documented in the previous newsletter.....March, April, May 2018.)

William had lived for most of his adult life in Brisbane where he married his first wife Madge Alice Normile in 1906. With a son Norman Bushell Deans (b.1907) William and Madge went on a world tour. He also spent some years in Nambour and Maleny and five years in America. Records show that they operated a newsagency in Currie Street Nambour in 1922. William owned the first stationer's shop in Fortitude Valley and later owned a florist business. During that time he compiled a book called “The Australian Flower Garden.” (copy in naa 1928). Madge passed away in 1959.

Late in 1963 **William** came to the Peninsula again intending to live with his brother and niece but after only three months he met and married a former youthful sweetheart Ethel Fewtrell. Ethel, aged 80 had been visiting her brother Mr Norm Barber of Scarborough. The re-united couple was married in the Redcliffe Presbyterian Church on 14 October 1963 but had only a short period of happiness together. The romance of their meeting, which was by chance when shopping in Redcliffe, stirred hearts near and far and the couple appeared on TV and received messages from all over Australia.

After their marriage and honeymoon they went to Sydney to Ethel's home as her family was all living in the south. Earlier in 1964 they had toured New Zealand and Tasmania and visited Finley on the New South Wales border.

On Monday 25 May, Ethel and William arrived in Redcliffe to spend the winter months in a warmer climate. They rented a cottage in Cowen Street Margate but two hours after moving in, William collapsed and died suddenly.

His funeral which took place on Friday 29 May 1964 was conducted by the Rev Calvert in the Redcliffe Presbyterian Church where the happy marriage took place a little over seven months ago. The late William Deans would have reached 91 years in September.

After his brother William's death, Mr Charles William Deans continued living with his daughter Mrs Violet Maud Sulman, at 50 MacDonnell Road Margate. He became the sole remaining member of the family of John Grant Deans, his wife Rosina Amelia nee Bushell and their children William Charles, John Arthur (1875-1876), Rosina Amelia (1876-1924) and Charles William.

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Charles was born on 26 April 1879 at Kroll Gardens Clontarf (then called Mt Pleasant, a 20 acre property his parents ran). The property was uncleared and the family's first home was a tent. Students walked to school. Some came from Deception Bay, Scarborough, Woody Point and elsewhere regardless of the weather. Charles said the Reverend Sutton's children were the exception....three of them rode to school on one horse! Like his brother William, he too led an adventurous life after a primary school education and dripping sandwiches!!

He married Alice Marion Home at Mt Pleasant in 1900.....Violet Maud, Charles Edward, Leslie John Robert, Roy and Henry completed their family. Charles passed away in 1977 aged 98 years.

Excerpts from....CHARLES WILLIAM DEANS.....*Pioneers in Profile No 1...AFLOAT, October 1969, pages 21 and 22.*

"You can't bring that noisy engine up here! You'll frighten off the fish—to say nothing of the cattle and horses!"

This was the poor reception meted out to the motor launch "Sis", by a small segment of the farming community, when she was introduced to the upper reaches of the Maroochy River in early 1906.

At this time Mr Charles Deans was manager of the oyster lease at Bli Bli (Ti Tree), one of the many between Brisbane and Thursday Island, owned by Mr James Clark, otherwise known as the "Pearl King." ∞

"I went down to Bribie Passage and collected this motor-boat," continued Mr Deans, "twenty feet in length, and powered by a 4h.p. American Union engine. I motored part of the way back, and then I was fortunate enough to get a tow for the rest of the trip from the 80 foot steam ship "Sunrise."

It appears that with six men in his employ, Charles took charge of the Bli Bli oyster beds in 1903. Over the years he developed a deep interest in boats, which was to become highly profitable for him in the years to come. In 1913 he resigned his managership to commence boat-building operations at Petries Creek where he took up an acre and a half of land.

He is remembered as being instrumental in the formation of the first boat club at Bli Bli....The Maroochy Motor and Sailing Club.

∞ Clark Terrace is featured in Redcliffe Museum's reopening exhibition "The Streets We Live In."

Ref. Redcliffe Heralds October 1963, June 11, 1964 and May 1977, Trove and Ancestry.

REDCLIFFE HERALD
9th Feb. 1967

A PUBLIC MEETING
to form an
**HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**
will be held at the
Council Chambers
Thursday,
February 23
at 8 p.m.
All interested
persons invited

First Meeting Historical Soc.

TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY

A public meeting held at Redcliffe City Council Chambers last Thursday, to form an historical society, was chaired by Mr. James Houghton, jr., and attracted a number of interested people.

Mr. Houghton told the gathering that he and Mrs. Houghton with Mrs. Hatherell, snr., and Mr. George Mavor, had visited the Queensland Historical Society in Brisbane and had received valuable advice and encouragement in forming a similar group on the Peninsula.

Mr. Mavor added that he was concerned about the amount of relics already lost from the Peninsula and also about the lack of recorded history of the early Aboriginal inhabitants of Redcliffe and district.

Mrs. Fabienne Harris spoke on the value of the formation of an historical group as a centre to which people might donate treasures of local and national interest. Otherwise, such relics as old photographs, diaries, letters and newspaper cuttings were often destroyed.

Those present showed an active interest by making valuable comments. Each person was given a copy of the constitution and Mr. Houghton called for nominations for the election of officers. Elected were Mr. Houghton as president, Mr. George Mavor as vice-president, Mrs. Kathleen McAdam, Mrs. Tognolini and Mrs.

Dorothy Schulte as councillors, Mrs. Fabienne Harris as librarian, Mrs. Peg Stevenson as secretary and Mr. H. Petherick as treasurer.

A monthly meeting will be held, the next taking place in April, and membership fees have been agreed on.

Mr. Houghton brought along a stone axe which was given to him for the society by Mr. F. Bailey, of Bailey Street, Deception Bay. This will be added to a number of other relics that have been at the council chambers for a number of years. As the collection grows, space will be needed to store these valuable articles and in such a place where they can be on display to the public.

Those interested in the preservation of history in its various forms are invited to the next meeting. As time goes on talks and lectures are to be arranged.

REDCLIFFE HERALD 9th Feb 1967
"With the Mavor Column"

An important cultural development on the Peninsula is the formation of a historical society for the purpose of which a public meeting will be held in the council chambers on Thursday, February 23. It is particularly pleasing to note that this progres-

sive move is being enthusiastically supported by people of all age groups; it deserves every success.

REDCLIFFE HERALD, FEBRUARY 1, 1967

Historical Society To Be Formed

Recently a group of local residents carried out the necessary groundwork to form a recognised historical society in Redcliffe, linked with the Royal Historical Society of Queensland.

A delegation of four persons - comprising Ald. G. Mavor, Mrs. W. Hatherell and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Houghton - attended the Royal Queensland Historical Society's Newstead House to put forward ideas and to discuss the matter.

They were well received by the secretary, Mrs. L. M. Harris, and Mr. A. Laurie, vice-president, who gave them copies of the Royal Queensland constitution and rules and also one of the society's yearly publications.

It is proposed that a public meeting be called to form the Redcliffe society, the meeting to be held at the council chambers in February, and interested citizens urged to attend.

Main aims of the society will be the preservation of history in Redcliffe and surrounding districts, including Moreton Bay and its islands.

To date the group has received most encouraging support and help from many local residents, including the local parliamentary members, town clerk, aldermen, Mr. Percy Frost, and other pioneer descendants, to

mention only a few. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend the inaugural meeting.

Local organisations will also receive letters regarding this move and seeking their support.

At present the only preserved links Redcliffe as a city has with the past are a few Aboriginal relics belonging to the council which are privately safeguarded by Mrs. Fay Harris. It is most essential that Redcliffe, the oldest settlement in Queensland, should preserve some of its history for future generations.

Many local residents have relics of historical value but are reluctant to part with them because there is no established society to take proper care of articles and give them the care they deserve. If this society can be established it will ensure that all articles are well maintained and displayed, and full credits given to the donors.

Interested persons are requested to contact either Mrs. F. Harris (phone 2353), Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Houghton (phone 6164), or Ald. G. Mavor.

Welcome to the Great Northern Garden of Remembrance

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.



Rita-Marie Lenton – Manager

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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.

We are committed to providing a special environment for visitors to remember their loved ones and quietly reflect on times past.

You are always welcome at great Northern Garden of Remembrance.

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PHOTOS

Below: Opening of the Museum with the choir students of Humpybong State School



Below : James Houghton & Margaret Harding speaking at the opening



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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 either at the Redcliffe Library or at the Terry Walker room of the Cultural Centre, Irene Street, Redcliffe. We feature a guest speaker to cover a wide variety of topics.

This is followed by the handling of general business. Afternoon tea is then served. 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
June	Friday 8th General Meeting	Greg Cope– National Archives Australia Redcliffe Postal Services	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms
July	Friday 13th General Meeting	Viv Tucker—History of the Deception Bay area	Cultural Centre meeting room
August	Friday 10th Annual General Meeting & Members luncheon	James Houghton— Redcliffe Identifies Part 2	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms
September	Friday 14th General Meeting	Dr Clifford Pollard— Care of the sick and wounded WWI	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms

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