

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Our first Newsletter of 2020 has arrived and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas as possible. There were many of our fellow Australians who would have struggled over the last Christmas period due to the terrible bush fires that was prevalent over so much of our eastern seaboard, except Tasmania. I can only wish them a quick recovery and hope that their lives return to normal as soon as possible. Some of you may have seen the interview with Julie Bishop on television where she was talking about the wine growing property in South Australia where she lived with her parents, when they suffered the bush fires in the fifties. She said their grape vines were destroyed by fire and it took her family twenty-five years before they were fully recovered. I certainly hope that is not the case with many people who lost their homes and businesses in the worst bush fire season our country has experienced.

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### *History Redcliffe aims to*

- Research -*
- Collect -*
- Evaluate -*
- Preserve -*
- Inform -*
- Promote -*

The reality of the bush fires were brought home to me with Cobargo in southern NSW which was one of the worst hit areas for the fires. Again many of you would have seen the scenes on television where our Prime Minister Scott Morrison visited Cobargo and local residents were angry with him with one lady refusing to shake his hand. Many people had lost everything. My son lived in Cobargo last year and moved to Echuca in October but not before he fell off a ladder taking down some lights from along the gutter and broke his ankle. It was a four month recovery with leg in plaster for him but the lovely home where he lived did not fare so well. It was completely destroyed by fire.

At last we have had rain in the eastern states and the bush fire threat is finished. Only time will tell how people recover and what the cost to the nation will be.

Then China is brought to the world attention with the outbreak of the coronavirus. It has quickly spread around the world including Australia where to date three have died. The tourism industry is really feeling the effect of the virus as many people are not travelling due to the fear of contacting the disease and having to be in isolation for fourteen days, where they will not be able to work and have an income. This is a worrying time for us all and I am concerned of the effect this will have on the economy. The somewhat different way people react to such an event is born out by the retail stores selling out of toilet paper and the aggressive behaviour of some people arguing over the purchase of this product. I can only hope by the time our next Newsletter is due that Australia will be successfully managing this outbreak.

I am pleased to report that our Society is in a healthy financial position and is running smoothly thanks to the efforts of our committee and members. The sale of our 2020 calendars has been a success financially and there has been a lot of positive feedback from those who have purchased them. The committee decided that from the first of this month of March if any person wanted a calendar there will be no cost for the purchase of one. The committee has decided to produce calendars for the State Conference in 2022 and for the Bicentennial year in 2024. Themes for these calendars are yet to be chosen.

Pat Gee is planning well for the Cemetery Walk during Heritage month which will be held on Wednesday 29 April. The walk will take place between 9:30 and 10:30 am. Notice of this event will be on the National Trust Website as well as our own HR website. Refreshments will be served in the meeting room near the entrance to the cemetery. Pat is only planning on having about twenty people in the group so if you are interested please register your intent to partake as soon as possible. If there is more demand over twenty attendees Pat will consider doing a second tour of the cemetery.

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONTINUED

The planning for our State Conference in 2022 is progressing well. There was another meeting of the planning group held on Thursday 13 February and two representatives from HQ, Valerie Thornton and Ann Metcher attended and both were pleased with the progress that is being made. There will be a \$5000 grant for the website applied for soon as applications are now open. Fiona will prepare costings in relation to this. Rae and Lidia will prepare a budget once Lidia returns from her three weeks holiday. Lidia and I will check the Leagues Club to ascertain if there could be two streams program could be held at the Club. I am confident that will be the case but this has to be verified by Kelvin Ralph from the Leagues Club. The next meeting of the State Conference committee will be held Friday 3 April at our Den at 10:30 am.

Cheryl Salisbury has agreed to organise again this year participation of Primary School Children at the Redcliffe Show. Our Society will donate \$300 this year to the Show to sponsor this event. The subject matter for the school children is yet to be finalised.

Pat Gee is again working hard on Margate Memories booklet and Pat is happy with the progress being made. The launch for the booklet will be at the Redcliffe Museum on Friday 25 September.

Another date claimer for your diary is our now annual event at the Senior Citizen Hall 401 Oxley Avenue Redcliffe for our Trivia Night on Saturday 25 July. Janet has again booked our Quiz Master Michael and a good night should be had by all. The ladies will serve a light supper and for those wanting to do so can bring their own goodies to eat plus the alcohol of your choosing. This year my team will try to do better as we were well down on the leader board by the end of the night last year.

Another event for your diary is Queensland Day 6 June. The committee decided at our last meeting that this will be a family day commencing at 10 am at Crockatt Park. Some of our committee members will have to be there early to claim a bar-b-que area. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us that day and the committee is looking forward to a fun family day. More details on this event will be discussed at our next general meeting.

The committee members have produced an updated membership brochure printed by JT Press to assist with advertising our Society at various events we attend. At this stage one thousand brochures will be printed.

Another event that will be held this year at the Redcliffe Museum is the annual Christmas Tree competition. Our talented ladies have entered this several times in the past but not last year. As the Museum will be holding it in December, the committee decided that an entry will be submitted.

The Museum have changed their display and at the moment Hearts and Minds on war propaganda of WWI and WWII are on show. This is one that I will have to attend. Some ladies are also attending the museum to make bags for those animals that have been badly effected by the recent bush fires.

Finally I have to mention that this month our founding President James Houghton will be retiring from Moreton Bay Regional Council. James founded our Society in February 1967 and is still a regular attendee at our meetings. James has been a well respected and hard working Councillor for many years and I wish to thank him for all the hard work he has done to maintain the standard of living that we all so enjoy today. Well done James and all the best for your retirement years.



Paddle Steamer on the Murray River at Echuca

# THE REDCLIFFE EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

Background.....what was once a cow paddock, the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens has been transformed by the Council and local community groups into a natural wonderland boasting a wide variety of native Australian plants.

The Gardens have a multitude of picturesque and shaded areas, which provide a popular place for gatherings.

## Historical Timeline

1919 to 1949:- The area was used as a sanitary reserve.

1955:- A 'Special Lease' was granted for the area to be used for grazing purposes

1957:- The Lease was forfeited.

1958:-A report recommended that ¼ of the area be set aside for a park and remainder subdivided into residential allotments.

1973:- An idea was put forward to set aside an area for adult educational purposes.

1976:- The Redcliffe Education Centre was built.

1986:-The Education Centre sought a grant of land for a nature trail. This was the forerunner of the botanic gardens.

1988:-The Wallum Project was launched to rehabilitate degenerated native bushland.

1994:- then Education Minister Pat Comben agreed to the Redcliffe City Council becoming trustees for most of the land.

Saturday 18 November 1995...Education Minister David Hamill handed over 3.5ha of the 4ha Wallum Project in Henzell Street to Mayor Barry Bolton. The 0.5ha was preserved for community use.

2000:- The Redcliffe Botanic Gardens was officially opened.

**2019:-MBRC announced on 22 November that the former Education building at 4 Henzell Street, Redcliffe.....lot 3 RP90 1683, shall**

**be known as the "Redcliffe Lapidary Centre."**



# RESEARCH SUMMARY DECEMBER 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020

BY MARGARET HARDING

- A retired Redcliffe Herald photographer requested a photo of the Herald building in Margate
- The Klingner family home's exact location was queried...WIP
- A new resident at Woody Point asked for the history of her house
- Information sought on land speculator Rachael Hopkins and her purchases. *Redcliffe's 160 Years* book details portions 9,10 and 11 and Local History Room volunteers supplied a map of former boundaries which are now in the North Pine area.....further research on Rachael is invited
- Data on a local trawlerman by the name of Keith Moss was requested.....WIP
- Request for details of prospective guest speakers for an Aspley Club
- A parent who Home schools her family asked for help - books and photos supplied
- A request (from November) for names of two firemen to be inserted in blank spaces of a 1960 framed photo in the Old Fire Station Community Arts & Volunteer Hub is being attended to by MBRC .

# MUSEUM UPDATE

BY SELINA CLARK

## REDCLIFFE MUSEUM UPDATE

February/March 2020

EXHIBITIONS: DISPLAYS : PROGRAMMES

The exhibition "Hearts & Minds: wartime propaganda" is showing 26.2-26.4.20. This exhibition showcases propaganda posters from the first and second world wars on tour from the Australian War Memorial.

Programmes associated with the exhibition include a curators floor talk and free teens print poster making workshop.

A murder mystery night was a huge success and a novel date night for Valentine's day.

Our Term Time Tots preschool programme continues to be popular with local families with more and more joining in the fun.

The Imaginarium space is currently a nautical theme with nautical knots, signal flags puzzles, a mini wooden boat for kids to play on and reminiscences of significant boats to the Redcliffe area. A free macramé pot hanger workshop will get people in knots.

The museum has developed several 'Memory Boxes' which contain common objects from different rooms of the house from days gone by. Groups can call in and unpack a box or they are available to be taken to aged care facilities or anywhere else people might enjoy a rummage and reminisce.

A "Memory Booth" has been installed at the museum which invites people to pop in and record their memories of the SS Koopa . These will be produced into a small film for the museum theatrette. If you or anyone you know has a memory- we'd love to hear it.



# HUMPYBONG CREEK UPDATE AND PHOTOS

This area is important to the Redcliffe area both historically and environmentally. Over the years upgrades have taken place since Arne Fink prepared a development plan in 1965. In the 1970s dredging, foot-bridges and hand rails have added to the attractiveness of the creek.

Rotary Clubs have played a significant role in development and beautification starting with the Cascades at the southern end of the Creek in 1980. In 1983 the Council constructed concrete lining in the creek banks to help retain the two ponds. In 1984 rails from the 1922 Redcliffe Jetty added to the historic nature of the waterway. Rehabilitation works by MBRC began in April 2019 to improve the **creek's water quality**. **Ian's photos will help explain the latest beautification and sediment control features.** Photo 7 March 2020

On 14 February 2020 president Terry Rogers presented a cheque to History Redcliffe for \$5000 to **consolidate Rotary's commitment to a joint project in Corscadden Park to celebrate the bicentennial of the First European Settlement.**



**Photo:-** left to right Pat Gee, Bob Blanch, Terry Rogers, president Rotary Club of Redcliffe City, Margaret Harding and Cheryl Salisbury.



## JIM IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JAMES

At the February general meeting of History Redcliffe, the President of the Fellowship of Australian Writers Queensland (FAWQ), Jim Higgins gave an inspiring talk. He spoke about writing being an art that connects and that connection builds community.

Jim also spoke about the early days of the Redcliffe branch of the FAWQ and the anthologies Redcliffe Writing 1 and Redcliffe Writing 11 which are held in the Local History Collection at Redcliffe Library, along with the work of James Devaney a prominent member of the Redcliffe branch and friend of the founder Frank Francis. He encouraged young writers on the Peninsula, even those still at school and did all he could to foster the many aspects of writing in all groups.

The Redcliffe Herald of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1976 paid tribute to James Devaney who was a spritely 86 and had a keen and agile mind up to the time of his short illness and recent death. He was known in the literary world as an essayist, biographer, novelist, playwright and poet, as well as editor of The Catholic Leader. James is buried in Redcliffe Cemetery, along with his wife Phyllis.

The FAWQ returned to Redcliffe Library in 2018 and connected with the newly formed Redcliffe Writers Group that year. 2021 is the FAWQ (QAAA) Centenary Year and the Moreton Bay Library network and the University of the Sunshine Coast Moreton Bay will be hosting the FAWQ Readers and Writers Festival Moreton Bay in June/July 2021. The theme is “Stories Creating Connection.”

*Edit by Jim Higgins (FAWQ President) by invitation.*

Errol Deller and Jim  
14 February 2020  
at Redcliffe Library



# IN THE PAPERS—100 YEARS AGO

BY FIONA MURGATROYD

I was at a bit of a loss as to what to delve into for this newsletter. So, for this newsletter I thought it might be interesting to just pop into a time machine and see what was going on in Redcliffe 100 years ago.

This was going to be a potpourri of stories from March to May of 1920 but it, as I began my journey back 100 years, the news for Redcliffe stayed pretty much focussed on one topic: the railway. You can watch the story unfold as we see a call to form a committee to options being investigated and then quickly removed from consideration and then the interminable delays that saw months of waiting turn into decades.

## **SANDGATE— REDCLIFFE RAILWAY.** (*The Daily Mail*, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1920)

SANDGATE, Saturday.— The Mayor of Sandgate (Alderman J. Dalton) has called a meeting for Wednesday at 8 p.m., in the Council Chambers, for the purpose of forming a committee to join with the Redcliffe people in urging the claims of the Sandgate route to Redcliffe.

## **REDCLIFFE RAILWAY.** (*Queensland Times*, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1920)

The members of the Public Works Commission visited Redcliffe on Tuesday last for the purpose of inspecting the various routes proposed for linking up Redcliffe with the railway system, but rain set in and continued during the night, and the Commission returned to Brisbane. The Commission will make an inspection from Redcliffe on Monday next. There are several routes suggested, one from Petrie, on the North Coast railway, to Redcliffe direct, one from Sandgate, via Hayes's Inlet (which will require to be bridged) thence through Woody Point. while there is a further proposal, though perhaps' rather remote, to extend the electric tramway system from Brisbane. The Commission proposes to visit Sandgate, and traverse the route proposed from that end, after the Easter holidays, leaving Brisbane about Monday, April 12.

## **TRAMWAY PROPOSALS RECALLED.** (*The Brisbane Courier*, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1920)

Tramway extensions to Redcliffe and One tree Hill are among proposals that have been considered by the Brisbane Tramway Co. from time to time, and were mentioned by Mr. J. S. Badger at a dinner tendered to him on February 3, prior to his departure by the steamer Sonoma for San Francisco. Referring to these matters yesterday, in answer to a question by a "Courier" representative, the acting manager (Mr. A. G. Stephens) said the proposals never got beyond the stage of a first consideration. The Redcliffe Shire Council interviewed Mr. Badger on several occasions on the subject of a tramway service from Brisbane to Redcliffe, but the matter never reached the stage of any definite selection of a route. His (Mr. Stephen's) impression of the references made at the time were that they indicated that if the matter had been followed up the tramline would not have been by way of Sandgate, but would probably have branched off the Gympie road, and then gone across country to Redcliffe. In any case the project was not one that could be decided in a hurry in view of the large expenditure that would be involved in building a first-class tramway line capable of carrying heavy cars running at high speed. It would be necessary, in a successful tramway service, to be in Redcliffe within an hour's journey from the city.

## **WORKS COMMISSION.** (*The Telegraph*, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1920)

The members of the Public Works Commission visited Woody Point, on Monday and inspected the route between Redcliffe, Woody Point, Clontarf and Hay's Inlet, in connection with the proposal to build a railway to Humpybong. An inspection will be made of the route from the Sandgate end, after the Easter holidays.

## **PROPOSED HEW RAILWAYS. THE SUGGESTED HUMPYBONG LINE.** (*The Brisbane Courier*, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1920)

A railway proposal which is creating considerable interest in the metropolitan area is the one to connect Humpybong with Brisbane. This inquiry has been submitted to the Public Works Commission, and it was hoped to complete it before leaving for the North but the Commission has found it necessary to postpone the taking of evidence for at least two or three months. There are several routes proposed, and the Commission proposes to visit every centre and hear the news of every local body interested before coming to a decision. The Commission has already been asked to take evidence at Sandgate, Woody Point, Petrie, and Redcliffe, while the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce has forwarded written statements from Darling Downs residents advocating railway connection between Brisbane and Redcliffe.

# DEANNA'S STORY

Deanna Cruickshank's parents Kingsley and Madge Misso emigrated from Ceylon in 1956 with their five children Carlisle 16, Kingsley 14, Deanna 13, Maxim 9 and Gail 3 years old. Kingsley was a qualified Surveyor and business owner. He and Madge decided to sacrifice their comfortable lifestyle and immigrate to Australia to give the children educational opportunities.

On arrival the family lived near relatives and friends on the outskirts of Brisbane. The Australian Government **would not accept Kingsley's qualifications to own a business, however, an advertisement by the Redcliffe City Council** for a surveyor was taken up by Kingsley so the family moved to the Peninsula. He surveyed Newport before it was developed.

After renting at Scarborough, the Missos bought a house in Cutts Street, Margate. Three siblings went to local **schools while the eldest went to Banyo State High School. Deanna's first job was at the Agnew Clothing Factory** for three months after which she attended Stotts Business College in Brisbane. She secured a job as a receptionist at Metropolitan Motors, Margate when 16 years old, before joining the staff at the Commonwealth Bank, Sandgate.

Kingsley bought land on the corner of Dodds and Anning Street Margate, where he built a three bedroom fibro **home with a septic tank in the yard. Recreation was at dances at the 'Catholic Hall' in Collins Street on a Sunday night, skating in Redcliffe and the movies at the Renown Theatre Margate and Redcliffe's Pier Theatre.** The family also enjoyed the Drive-in movie theatre at Kippa Ring.

After a working holiday in New Zealand, Deanna was married at the Presbyterian Church at Queens Beach, Scarborough. She spent nearly two decades in New Zealand where her sons were born.

On returning to the Peninsula to live, Deanna found her niche in Real Estate. She purchased a brick house at Kippa Ring for \$38,000 in 1981.

During 10 years with LJ Hooker Redcliffe, Deanna won an award for top money earnings in Queensland. She secured the franchise for LJ Hooker Margate and after nine years, she moved to Redcliffe to be Principal of Ray White at 33 Redcliffe Parade in 1997. The Zonta Club was her highly successful, main community focus for 20 years during her thirty plus years in Real Estate.

Now retired, she plays Bridge and enjoys golf at the Redcliffe Golf Club where her father Kingsley and his **brother Trilby made such an impact during the formative years of the Club.....sharing their surveying and legal expertise.**

# WILLIAM EDWARD GLANVILLE

Excerpts from an interview with Mr W E Glanville, a former dairyman and later foundation member of ADT Press, now known as the Redcliffe and Bayside Herald.

Bill was 58 when he sold his farm in the South Burnett district and retired to Redcliffe c1945.

Still active and receptive to new ventures at that time, he had an opportunity to become a shareholder in the only local newspaper and he accepted a seat on the board and a job as a reporter. His visits to farms and his writings under the name of WEG were well documented in the Heralds and in the Society's records.

Bill recalled the first four page broadsheet on 2 April 1948, printed on an old flat-bed press.

**Speaking of reporting over 18 years, Bill's comments in 1976 ring true today...."there are too few stories of individual effort and that increased population and progress of groups and organisations has cut out or lessened the personal human interest stories."**

William Edward Glanville was born in Woolwich London in 1891 on 24 February. After an elementary education he attended Woolwich Polytechnic and was apprenticed as a fitter and turner, the course being interrupted in 1910 by family migration to Australia.

With the idea of farming, his gun-maker father sailed with his wife, four sons including 19 year old William (Bill) and a daughter, for Australia. They settled at Proston in the South Burnett district where Bill found scrub work and with a six-horse team collected cream from various farms, taking it to Murgon Butter Factory.

At the beginning of WW1 in 1914, he enlisted at the little town of Wondai. He tells of revisiting Wondai seven years after the war to find he was listed on the Honour Board "W E Glanville-killed in action", but being satisfied that Bill was very much alive, the RSL president soon put the record straight.

In the AIF Bill served in France and Gallipoli and it is those years which he considered the most memorable. He spoke of the comradeship, experience in living and the travel which was an education in itself. His literary talent came to the fore one "crook" morning when everything seemed to go wrong. On the inspiration of the moment he sat down and wrote "A Transport Driver's Lament" which was later accepted by the Sydney Bulletin.

**Lt. Horse Trooper Bill Glanville met his wife in London and brought her to Australia as a "soldier's fiancé" after the war.** On their return the Gallipoli survivors were granted 90 days leave and practically the freedom of Australia. Bill soon got work on a 500 soldier settlement block at Proston. He cleared the land and built a home for himself and one for his brother with timber on the settlement and settled down to dairying.

In 1965, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, Bill joined 400 others on a pilgrimage headed by Sir Raymond Huish. He recalled being greeted on the beaches with cakes and bottles of wine compared with bullets and bayonets on his former visit.

# THE GLANVILLE FAMILY

(A BRIEF EXTRACT SUPPLIED BY GAYE COOK)

Robert William Glanville (the older Bill Glanville) came to Australia in 1910 with his wife Lottie and five children under the overseas settler scheme. They settled on virgin bush blocks at Proston, near Murgon. The five children were:-

1 Robert Harold (Bob) Glanville who lived in Brisbane

**2\* William Edward Glanville, Gaye's grandfather and later worked for the Redcliffe Herald**

3 Doris married Stan Tumbridge – lived in Stanthorpe

**4 Maurice (Morrie) Glanville....a land owner in Margate**

5 Harold Glanville- was the butcher in Oxley Avenue on the corner of Cox Street.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> son Bill (WEG) married Janet Cullum....lived in Baynes Street Margate

**Their children were.....**

1 William (Bill)

2 Robert Harold (Bob) married June Narracott (Scarborough family)–their daughter is **Gaye Cook. June (Mrs Glanville) will be 95 years old this year...2020**

3 Joyce married Sam Richards –they lived in Boyce Street Margate

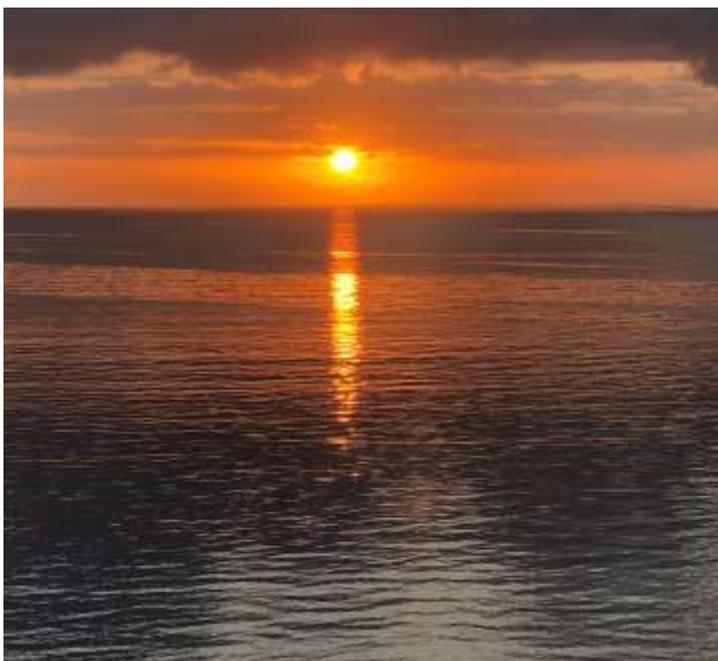
Ref Redcliffe Herald 6 Oct 1976 and an email from Gaye Cook.

# PHOTOS

Photos of Grain Silos at Rochester, Vic showing the Squirrel Glider and King Fisher done to promote tourism



First Sunrise of 2020



Paddle Steamer on the Murray River at Echuca



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## *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.

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.

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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## 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 in 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

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**2019**

**For your Diary**

MONTH	DATE/EVENT	GUEST SPEAKER	LOCATION
March	Friday 13th • General Meeting	Kerri-Anne Dooley- Aged Care	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms 2PM
April	Friday 17th • General Meeting	Duane Hart— Images of Redcliffe	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms 2PM
May	Friday 8th • General Meeting	Doug Morris- Life in Redcliffe Part 2	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms 2PM
June	Friday 12th • General Meeting	Robert & Russell Turner- Links Between Bulimba & Redcliffe	Redcliffe Library meeting rooms 2PM