



PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I have found over the last twelve months in my business that I am receiving many emails that start with — I hope you are well. This greeting to me signifies the times in which we are living during this pandemic. Many of us, myself and my wife Mary included, have succumbed to the virus. It validates to me that the measures taken by the government limiting crowd numbers at functions were correct. Mary and I got Covid after attending the funeral of her 88 year old sister where rumour has it that some attended who had Covid.

During the funeral service there was a reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8). For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born; And a time to die. My favourite version of this reading is sung by Judith Durham of The Seekers. I have referred to this reading many times and I raise it now as it is time for me to ask another person to take the Presidency of our Society. I am not the only businessperson who is having difficulty in obtaining staff but knowing that does not make it any easier to deal with the issue.

It took me five months to replace a surveyor who retired from my company recently and another will be also retiring in a few months’ time. Therefore, I must devote more time to operating my business and curb activities that take me away from my business.

I accepted the Presidency in 2015 when forming a committee was proving difficult. I said I would hold office for twelve months but seven years later I am still here. The time has really passed quickly, and I have enjoyed every year with all my many friends at the Society. The committee is really functioning well because of the effort every member achieves to attain good results. I am sure the new committee in August will continue to operate in the same efficient manner.

Rae Frawley and Fiona Murgatroyd are two tireless workers for our Sands of Time Conference to be held on Friday 21 October to Sunday 23 October at the Redcliffe Leagues Club. Registrations for the Conference went online on 30 May as scheduled. I will continue with assisting in the preparation of all matters relating to the Conference.

The Welcome Function for the Conference will be held at 6pm at the Kokoda Room of the Redcliffe RSL. All other events including the dinner on Saturday night will be held at the Redcliffe Leagues Club. The dinner will be held at the outdoor
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

stadium of the Club overlooking the playing field.



Pat Gee and I met with Divisional Councillor Karl Winchester and other representatives from Council to discuss a display board for part of the old Hornibrook Bridge that has been retained from the original bridge. This is in a small rectangular section of the bridge that has been fenced off near the northern portal of the now removed Hornibrook Bridge. There is nothing telling passers-by about this area. All attendees were keen to have something done to rectify this situation. Pat Gee suggested that a display board for the other two bridges should also be prepared which was well received by Council officers present.

On the suggestion of our Patron Paul Woodcock, the Council officers present also agreed that a display board should be prepared for the Historical Listing of the Woody Point Hall near the southern end of Oxley Avenue. Our Society will keep you informed of what Council will propose for these matters which will be finalised in conjunction with Pat Gee and other members of our Society.



The Moreton Bay History Seminar was held on 19 May and several of our members attended. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and sales of around \$51 were achieved from the selling of our merchandise. More sales would have been achieved if our Society owned an EFT machine. A rotary member

suggested to our Secretary Helen Young on the day, that their Club used a Tyro machine and found it a success. Our Society is now investigating this matter and a decision on this will be made soon.



We have been fortunate this year in that we have had excellent guest speakers. I have also added two books to my collection that were written by our guest speakers. The interaction at our last meeting between the author Sandra Hogan and Sue-Ellen Kusher (née Doherty) on whose experiences the book was based, sitting in front of our

members, was most enjoyable. I have not read the book, *With My Little Eye*, as yet, but one member read the book within two days.

I have of course been doing some jigsaws and photos of a few completed ones plus the usual sunrise one are attached.

Time for me to sign off for now and I hope for all members of our Society, that good health and happiness will follow you through the years ahead, and may the wind be always at your back.



QCWA REDCLIFFE

BY LYN GRAY

Barbara Neilsen nee McLean was born in 1932 at Boonah. Her family had a farm at Fassifern near Kalbar.

Barbara was a member of the Redcliffe Branch of the QCWA from about 1986 when Barbara and her family moved to Redcliffe after her husband Owen retired from the bank. She worked hard for the branch until she had to give it up due to ill health just before her death in 2009. She held different positions including President for three terms 1995-1998, 1999-2002 and 2005.

Barbara loved cooking, knitting, and crocheting. She made many items such as quilts and rugs for the Branch to use as raffles to raise funds for it.

Barbara attended many QCWA conferences over the years and also worked at the Association's stand at the Brisbane Exhibition.

She spent most of her life living in various country towns due to her husband Owen being transferred often with the National Bank. Some of the towns were Harrisville, Bundaberg, Peranga, Richmond, Mossman, St George and Laidley. Owen held the position of Bank Manager and they were always involved with the community and Barbara would join the CWA wherever they went.

Because of the various towns she had been to, Barbara understood the need for the Country Womens Association. Barbara had many memories of life in those towns and over the years she was told many stories of people's memories of life there.

Below are Barbara memories which she wrote in 2003 and gave to the Historical Society.

QCWA STALWART:

Barbara Neilsen's memories in 2003

The Redcliffe Branch of QCWA was formed on 29 September 1926. Our lovely Hall stands on Grant Land at 189 Redcliffe Parade and serves the community of Redcliffe well. Also on the Peninsula are our Holiday Homes Diamond Court and Aged Care Jubilee Gardens, administrated by QCWA South Coast Division.

I spent a large part of my married life in the West and loved every minute. When we moved to Richmond, my first experience with the heat was when I went to get the vegetables for dinner only to find they were already cooked...everything went in the 'fridge' after that.

I would put the baby down for his nap and when he awoke, the only part of him not covered in dust was his two brown eyes. The dust was terrible and would hang around for quite a few weeks and return over and over again.

Years ago in Richmond QCWA meetings and Council meetings were held on the same day. The Councillors would join the QCWA ladies for afternoon tea.



Barbara Neilsen

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QCWA REDCLIFFE (cont.)

The preparations for a family coming to town for the meeting included the Mother baking the day before. The Buggy was checked and polished, the horses brought to the home paddock. Next morning it was up bright and early everything packed and away they went to town. Shopping was done and any other business attended to before the Meeting and afternoon tea. The country kids fought the city kids. They arrived home very late...a good time was had by all.



QCWA Redcliffe Hall, 189 Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe.
Image by Fiona Murgatroyd 01/06/2022

Thank goodness they all have mod cons now and I envy them their walk-in cold rooms.

Imagine Mother teaching children and Dad has been away mustering for a week or more and is due home...lessons are not important and all eyes are on the track when they see a dot on the horizon and cries of "It's Dad!" Chairs, papers, and pencils scatter everywhere as they run to meet him.

I have been a member of QCWA for 44 years. I had a good grounding as my Grandmother, Mother and Aunty were foundation members of our home branch.

Being transferred from time to time I have always appreciated QCWA and I had and still have wonderful friends scattered all over the State.

As it is the 100th birthday celebration of the forming of the QCWA we should acknowledge what the women in the past did. The Association probably would have given them friendship and companionship but they also gave a lot. They worked hard for their community, used their voice

for change and gave their time freely.

While there is no longer the Redcliffe branch of the CWA, the lovely hall is still owned and managed by the QCWA and the hall is used by the community for a variety of events and different local groups.

If you are looking for ways to celebrate the QCWA Centenary, check out the events listed in the Heritage and Museums Update on page 11 of this issue.



HISTORY REDCLIFFE

Members'

LUNCH

Friday 1st July
12 noon

Redcliffe Tavern
cnr Anzac Ave & John St

*Share your experiences of
living through historic events*

More details coming soon



RESEARCH REPORT

BY MARGARET HARDING

On 1st March Auriol Garsden's family donated copies of the following: *Photographic Look at Redcliffe* book, October 1992, *Redcliffe's 160 Years, Early Redcliffe –August 1974* and *Boama V. 2 No 2 1979*. Also one of Auriol's daughters offered to donate a wrought iron cot to Redcliffe Museum which was accepted. The family will gather photos and a story will be compiled soon.

Sadly we acknowledge the passing of Jim Finlay in mid-February 2022 and Roslyn Rogers on 25 February. Both Jim and Roslyn made considerable contributions to the Redcliffe Museum in Anzac Avenue at the time of its establishment. Condolences are sent to History Redcliffe member Frank Hunt on the passing of his wife Patricia.

It was pleasing to attend to an enquiry from a relative of the Ollenburg family which resulted in a visit to the lady in Brisbane by MBRC Local History Officers. Liaison with Keith Ollenburg of Redcliffe and his family's history is ongoing. Copies of *Humpybong and After* dated July 2004 and July 2008 were delivered to Keith. In due course the Ollenburg photos may be viewed on the MBRC 'Our Story' website.

An Aerial map of the Duffield Road/Victoria Avenue area was sent by Pat Gee to an enquirer from Boral requesting information on quarries in Redcliffe.

A niece of Joan (Dorothy Joan) Fooks enquired about the location of her Aunt's home. A brief summary of a tribute to Bert Fooks in *Humpybong and After* Vol 15 No 7 page 64 (February 2000) was emailed to the lady. Some members may recall Bert and Joan Fooks so here is an edited copy of the tribute:

VALE BERT FOOKS

Rupert (Bert) Fooks on his return from overseas in 1945 was camped with his unit at the Redcliffe Showgrounds. It was during this period that Bert met his future wife Joan. Following their marriage they made their home at Redcliffe and lived there for over fifty years.

In 1986 Bert and Joan joined the Redcliffe Historical Society and became popular and active members, who attended meetings frequently and were supportive of the Society in its various activities. They resided in Higllett Street, Scarborough and Bert used to deliver a number of Society newsletters in his area each month. Joan assisted regularly at Society street stalls. About 1992 Joan had a period of ill-health and they curtailed their activities in the Society. Sadly after returning from a coach tour of Tasmania in 1999, Bert passed away on 16 December, aged 77.

Joan's niece emailed the following on 31 March 2022... "Aunty Joan passed away on 15 August 2015. She was born on 4th June 1927. The Fooks had three children: Noel the eldest is living in Yeppoon, David passed away on 23rd September 2020 and Barbara Cassimatis nee Fooks died on 26 March 2016. Barbara's husband James (Jim) Cassimatis died on 25 September 2018."

A Woody Point resident since 1975, Jim Hooper was guest speaker the Society' AGM of 1992/3. His name was recalled in answer to a recent request for information on Cribb Island. See Vol 8 No 1 dated 29 June 1992 for the history of "Cribbie" which was copied at Errol's office for the enquirer. Snippets from the Courier Mail of 13 November 2007 stated that Jim, aged 93 years revisited Cribb Island with brother Percy, 92 and sister Dorothy Colledge, 77, who, together with other family and friends took a trip "down memory lane".

RESEARCH REPORT (cont.)

Jim and his wife Margery moved to Redcliffe in 1975 after Cribb Island was resumed for the building of the relocated Brisbane Airport. Additional information is readily available from the HR Den should anyone be interested.

A resident of Holland Park posted a series of photographs “of yesteryear for use by the Historical Society or the Museum”. A member of the Local History Team identified the sites and photocopies of the photos (7 terrestrial and 8 oblique) with a description, as far as possible, was posted to the enquirer.

The only building included in the series was of Kippa Ring State School c1960. A little background of interest is an edited extract from the Silver Jubilee booklet of 1985

On 12 April 1955 Mr Norcott “North” Hungerford a local farmer and secretary of the then Kippering Progress Association, wrote to the Department of Public Instruction seeking a primary school in the area. It responded favourably to a later request by the Association’s pointing out the availability of three blocks three blocks of land. ‘Korsch’s Paddock’ was favoured and this eight acre block was purchased from Mr Hedley Korsch at £200 per acre for a primary school. On 13 October 1959 the Secretary of the Queensland Place Names Board informed the Director General of Education that the Board approved the name Kippering but not the spelling. The preferred name of ‘Kippa-Ring’ or ‘Kippa Ring’ was implemented.

FROM THE EDITOR

BY FIONA MURGATROYD

In previous issues I have been writing/compiling a regular column called “*In the Papers*” which is usually a collection of short articles on a particular topic. At the beginning of 2021, this column began an alphabetical tour of the peninsula and we travelled through Clontarf, Kippa-Ring and Margate. The next stop would be Newport. However, the tour will be skipping this newest of Redcliffe’s suburbs as it’s just too new to have any content in Trove...which is where all the articles are sourced. I expect we’ll be back on the road soon enough and our next stop is Redcliffe so there’s sure to be more than enough to fill a column. The difficulty will be in keeping it short!

Keen listeners to ABC Radio Brisbane (612) might have heard Kat Feeney mention on 1st June that “Fiona from Redcliffe” was editing a newsletter and needed to visit the foreshore to take a photo. Here is that photo taken on the first day of winter. By yours truly.

Who’d live anywhere else?!



7TH MEDALLION

Here is your chance to own a little piece of Redcliffe History.

History Redcliffe is happy to announce the release of their 7th limited edition medallion. This medallion depicts “Redcliffe Coat of Arms 1959 - 2008”

“Originally, when it received city status in 1959, the City of Redcliffe obtained its coat of arms including motto and crest. It includes the motto, “A Colonia Condita” meaning “from the beginning of the colony”, marking Redcliffe’s status as the site of the first colonial settlement in Queensland. At the top of the coat of arms is a symbolic image of an Aboriginal law giver.”

-- Qld State Archives



In 2014 research and community consultation by History Redcliffe identified ten suitable subjects of Redcliffe historic importance to be displayed on ten medallions with each one released annually from 2015 to 2024. The year 2024 will mark 200 years of European settlement in Queensland at Redcliffe.



Six medallions have been released previously; the first “The Brig Amity 1824” was produced and released in 2015; subsequently “The Red Cliffs 1799” in 2016”, “Redcliffe Jetty 1922” in 2017, “SS Koopa 1911” in 2018, “Redcliffe Anzac Memorial Avenue 1925” in 2019 and “Hornibrook Bridge Portal 1935” in 2020. The medallions are 99% Australian silver designed by local artist Shea Charlish and produced by Perth Mint. Each of the 250 limited edition collectible medallions is issued with a Certificate of Authenticity. This is a great opportunity to collect a Piece of Redcliffe’s historical memorabilia!

For further information please email: secretary@historyredcliffe.com.au Phone Treasurer: 0411 547 004

HERITAGE & MUSEUMS UPDATE

BY HELEN COSSINS

Exhibitions

Remarkable - Stories of Australians and their boats

20 MAY 2022 - 31 JUL 2022

BRIBIE ISLAND SEASIDE MUSEUM

Australia's history is populated with maritime related stories. With over 1,000 rivers and a coast that stretches for more than 36,000 kilometres, it is no surprise that Australia abounds with stories of people who have lived and worked on the water.

This exhibition presents some of those stories, exploring the remarkable connections between people and their boats.

Remarkable, created by the Australian Maritime Museums Council (AMMC) and the Australian National Maritime Museum, provides an opportunity for regional audiences to discover national and local stories.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program.



It's personal

11 JUN 2022 - 9 OCT 2022

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Every day men and women apply lotions, groom their hair and carry out hidden beauty regimes to present themselves to the world. Have you ever considered why and how technology, social attitudes and politics have shaped the products we use?



Take a step inside the world of intimate objects and personal effects where nothing is taboo. Discover the makeup style of the 1920s adventurous woman, how First World War nurses transformed personal hygiene and the meaning behind men's beards.

Exhibition developed by Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Exhibitions now online with 'Our Story'

As well as photos, manuscripts and oral history recordings, Moreton Bay Regional Council's Cultural Heritage Platform 'Our Story' now includes items from our Museum collections. High resolution photographs of items from continuing, previous and new feature exhibitions allow you to get up close to items from these exciting collections or view an exhibit you may have missed.



'Our Story' provides easy, collaborative access to the treasure trove of local history resources Moreton Bay Heritage and Museums has to offer. With 'Our Story' you can contribute photos, documents or memories, tag people and places or even help transcribe handwritten manuscripts from the 1800s!

Browse geotagged photos using our interactive map. Discover our local heritage trails, cemetery database or World War I service personnel. 'Our Story' also provides easy online access to film and audio interviews, including moving personal stories from local First Nations Elders.

It's easy and free to join. Once registered you can save your favourite images or documents and help grow our region's story to share with generations to come.

For more information visit ourstory.moretonbay.qld.gov.au or book into one of our Discover Our Story workshops.

Discover Moreton Bay - Our Story - Redcliffe Library

Free. Bookings required.

MON 20 JUN 2022 | 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

FRI 15 JULY 2022 | 2:00 PM TO 03:00 PM

WED 17 AUG 2022 | 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

Events

Pride Zine workshop

SAT 18 JUN 2022 | 12:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Celebrate Pride Month at Redcliffe Museum with Brisbane-based, comic artist Tom Magee. Members of the LGBTQIA+ community and allies are encouraged to explore their creative impulses and express themselves in a safe space in this free workshop.



Using the simple combination of paper, pens, and print media, participants are invited to design, scan, print and take home their very own zine!

Still life social

SUN 26 JUN 2022 | 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

SUN 31 JUL 2022 | 1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Sharpen your sketching skills and make new friends as we combine art and local history at the monthly still life social.

Featuring eclectic collection pieces for your inspiration, you're invited to capture a new display each month.

Light refreshments available.

NAIDOC: Researching your First Nations Family History

TUE 12 JUL 2022 | 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

REDCLIFFE LIBRARY

Discover how to start researching your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry with the Community and Personal Histories team from Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Free. Bookings required.



Celebrate QCWA's Centenary

Redcliffe's Country Women's Association (CWA)

FRI 22 JUL 2022 | 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

REDCLIFFE LIBRARY

Discover the history of the CWA on the Redcliffe Peninsula with local historian, Pat Gee.

Free. Bookings required.

QCWA pop-up market

SAT 23 JUL 2022 | 10:00 AM TO 01:00 PM

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Browse Clontarf CWA's pop-up market stall.

Free. No bookings required.



Queensland Country Women's Association
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Sands of Time

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
21-23 OCTOBER 2022

We are excited to announce that registrations are now open.

From earlybird tickets to the conference as well to the exciting array of pre-conference workshops on Friday 21st October, we have something for everybody and every budget. Book your tickets now at app.tickets.org.au/SOT2022/SOT2022 .

To see the incredible speakers and topics on offer, head over to our Programme page at sandsoftime.org.au/programme/.

With less than 5 months before the conference, get in quick! We can't wait to see you all in person!



In addition to a wonderful range of speakers at the Sands of Time Local and Family History Conference, we are excited to offer 8 pre-conference workshops which are open to anyone to attend. Registration is open now so be sure to book your ticket now!

Free Workshops

Bill Kitson

Preserving surveying heritage by genealogy process

Rick Aindow

The research process: effective research tips

Mark Finnane

Building digital resources to understand genealogy in context

Kaye Nardella

Resources to assist with Queensland historical land research

Paid Workshops (\$25ea)

Brooke Prentice

Relationships, community and unity: learning from Aboriginal peoples from the past, in the present, and for the future

Jan Richardson

Rediscovering our diverse past: researching ethnic minorities and non-English speakers in early Queensland

Eric Kopittke

Using signatures to identify a family

Daniel Horowitz (MyHeritage)

When a Photo Is Worth a Thousand Relatives

Book now!

Quota Club of Redcliffe Inc. Craft & Gift Fair

Celebrating Redcliffe Quota's 65th Anniversary

Saturday 11 June 9am–2pm

Redcliffe Senior Citizens Centre – Oxley Ave.

Devonshire Tea and Light Lunches available

Birthday Cake cut at 10.30am

Adults \$5, children FREE



Quality stalls

jewellery
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MEMORIES OF Margate

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NEW MEMBERS

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

INVITE A GUEST

MEETINGS

History Redcliffe meets on the first Friday of each month at 2:00pm. Due to the changeable nature of COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to confirm venues at the time of publication. We feature a guest speaker each month to cover a wide variety of topics. Afternoon tea is served on completion of the talk by the guest speaker. The meeting recommences 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.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

MONTH	DATE/EVENT	GUEST SPEAKER	LOCATION*
June	2pm Friday 3rd General Meeting	Joan Baker-Winn <i>Pine Rivers Historical Society and Joan's family history in the Pine Rivers district from 1859</i>	Redcliffe Library Meeting Room
July	12noon Friday 1st Members' Lunch	Sharing our experiences of living through COVID	Redcliffe Tavern
August	2pm Friday 5th Annual General Meeting	<i>No guest speaker</i>	Redcliffe Library Meeting Room
September	2pm Friday 2nd General Meeting	Dr Cliff Pollard <i>History of Redcliffe Hospital</i>	Redcliffe Library Meeting Room

* Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meeting venues may be subject to change. All efforts are made to ensure that the information regarding meeting venues and speakers is correct at the time of publication. Members and guests should consult our website (www.historyredcliffe.com.au) closer to the meeting date to check for updates.