



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christmas Greeting to All!

It has been a busy few months since last writing on these pages.

Of course, the Sands of Time History Conference was a major event since our last Newsletter. Congratulations to the Organising Committee on a very successful conference. The feedback has been very positive. A big "thank you" to members who gave up their time to 'man' our stall at the Conference. There was a good deal of interest and sales of our books.



Paul Woodcock and James Houghton manning the History Redcliffe stall at the Sands of Time Conference Trade Fair (22/10/2022)

Margaret Harding and I attended the AGM of the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary Inc. in October. This dynamic, hard working group do a wonderful job fund raising for items and equipment to improve the quality of care and comfort of patients at the hospital.

Thank you members for reading your Minutes at home prior to our monthly meetings. Having the Agenda on the screen at meetings also seems to be working well - thanks Fiona. We have significantly reduced our paper usage by implementing these changes.

We have received a letter of resignation from our official photographer, Ian Harding. Ian has been a tireless worker for the Society for almost 30 years. Ian has worked in many capacities...school groups, talks at our functions, history walks etc. plus the many thousands of photos, some of which are in our publications.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

I'd like to thank Paul Woodcock for generously donating some books dealing with our history. These books will be a welcome addition to our reference library at the Den.

Your Committee has been planning guest speakers and monthly meeting dates for 2023. Redcliffe Library is working very well as our Meeting venue.

Please note: our April 2023 Meeting (first Friday of the month) falls on Good Friday. The April 2023 Meeting will be held on Friday March 31st.

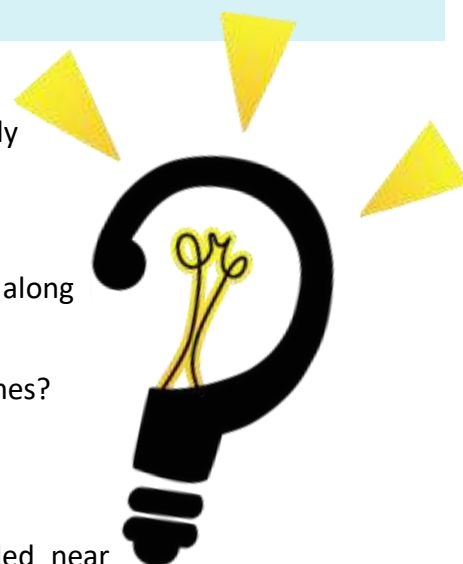
Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas

Janet

QUIZ

BY ANN HANGER

1. Name the date the Redcliffe Peninsula Railway Line was officially opened.
2. Who made the first landing at the Redcliffe Aerodrome?
3. Lt. James Cook named 4 features in this vicinity as he sailed north along the coast. What are they?
4. Who was the first Redcliffe resident to compete at an Olympic Games?
5. When was electric power switched on in Redcliffe?
6. Where is the Redcliffe Museum situated?
7. Who was the first child born in the convict settlement founded near Humpybong Creek, Redcliffe?
8. What is the annual acquisitive prize developed to enhance the Moreton Bay Regional Council Art Collection?
9. What is the name of a ferry which plied between Redcliffe and Bribie Island?
10. Who was the first president of the RACQ?
11. The Redcliffe Speedway is renowned as a venue for what?
12. When was Settlement Cove opened?



References

A Brief History of Redcliffe timeline, 2022

Gallery & Museum Guide, July-December 2022

The Matildas: short biographies of Queensland women past and present vol. 111, 2016

Answers on
page 13.

A TRIPLE CELEBRATION

BY PAT SPILLMAN

After enduring four long years of uncertainty and loss during the years of WW1, 1914 to 1918 it is not difficult to imagine the sheer joy, relief and anticipation that many residents would have experienced to be taking part in Celebrations! One hundred years ago on March 1st 1922 The State Governor Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Matthew Nathan visited Redcliffe to



officially open not only a new Redcliffe Jetty but also a replacement for Woody Point Jetty and the Woody Point Memorial School of Arts.

The first Redcliffe Jetty was constructed in 1885, extended in 1889 and served the community very well also bringing many visitors to Redcliffe on the

various boats which plied Redcliffe's waters.

The new construction (pictured below on Official Opening Day in 1922) endured, underwent further renovations, saw a new generation through another world war before being replaced in 1999 by the present structure.



A TRIPLE CELEBRATION (cont.)

The first Woody Point Jetty was built in 1881 and was used by regular ferry services for residents and visitors as well as the many land buyers who frequented the Peninsula once the Land For Sale signs appeared.

It was also a great recreational fishing platform and its replacements in 1922 and more recently in 2009 have continued the fishing popularity.

As part of The Mechanics Institute School of Arts movement and post WW1 efforts in Queensland to commemorate those who served in WW1, the Woody Point Memorial School of Arts was welcomed as a fitting tribute. An Honour Board listing those Redcliffe residents who served is on display within. This building now known as Woody Point Memorial Hall was added to the Queensland



Heritage Register in 2014 and continues to be used by the Redcliffe community for various events as well as for Anzac Day and other commemorative services. These welcome events and more to come with the first user friendly road linking Redcliffe to Brisbane in the pipeline, must have seemed like a wonderful fresh beginning, filled with hope for a brighter future. Anzac Memorial Avenue was to be the next big step for the Redcliffe community!



Sands of Time

THE STORY FROM AN INSIDER

BY RAE FRAWLEY

In around 2019 History Redcliffe was approached by Redcliffe Family History Group and History Queensland Inc. seeking our interest in co-hosting the proposed 2021 Queensland Family and Local History Conference and Family Fair.

This sounded like a good idea at the time and a few of our members got caught up in the excitement and so the journey started. Little did we know what a big job we would be taking on. Sometimes the less you know the better.

Eventually without Redcliffe Family History Group on board our naïve little band of volunteers set to work on the plan. There were a lot of twists and turns along the way, COVID 19 caused a 12-month postponement from 2021 to October 2022, funding was hard to attract in the beginning due to the uncertainty caused by the continuing pandemic.

Still our little committee kept working away and bit by bit the plan started to take shape. With the support and guidance of Queensland History Inc. President Margaret Doherty and Secretary Valerie Thornton we continued to gather momentum and kept chasing that elusive timeline.

We were so fortunate that one of History Redcliffe's members had so much faith in our success that a \$1,000 anonymous donation was made to kick off our fundraising. This gave our confidence a boost and soon we got to the breakeven point and we knew it was going to be OK.

Redcliffe is a wonderful place to host such an event with beautiful water views, shops, eateries accommodation and things to see and do. Unfortunately, we do not have a purpose-built

conference venue in Redcliffe capable of easily hosting all of the different aspects of a conference in one place. After discussions with Redcliffe Dolphins, we all agreed that we could make it happen in the one place with a little compromise here and there and together we made it work.

Our welcome function initially was to be held at the Redcliffe Museum which was selected as the perfect place in which to introduce Redcliffe's history. COVID once again threw a spanner in the works and we had to seek an alternative venue that could safely hold up to 200 people in one room. The Redcliffe RSL played host to this function for us on the Friday evening and it was magnificent. The room looked amazing, the food was delicious and the staff so very helpful.

Attendance numbers for the full conference did not meet our initial target however bookings for the free talks on Friday morning far exceeded our expectation and the paid afternoon sessions were also very well attended.

Throughout the planning of this event, we were determined to use local goods and services and to reduce waste. We were able to achieve this by providing reusable water bottles donated by UnityWater, load speaker notes on to USB devices to keep printing to a minimum and use calico long handled bags as conference bags. They will make perfect shopping bags.

As this Sands of Time journey draws to a close (just acquittals to complete) I can honestly say that our SOT committee and History Redcliffe members delivered a wonderfully successful conference.

(See next page for a photo wrap-up.)

Sands of time

IN PICTURES



RESEARCH REPORT

BY MARGARET HARDING

Sadly former Society members known to have passed away recently are...Ethel Abbott who passed away on 25 August. She would have reached 100 years on 20 September and Mary Adsett who died on 29 October aged 92 years.

- A resident of Scarborough was referred to the Local History Room for background of her home in Herbert Street.
- A photo featuring the Nazarene Hospital, located on the corner of Anzac Ave and Gomersall St, was supplied to Beris Pritchard the author of an historic booklet launched at *Azure Blue* on 16 November 2022 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Retirement Village. It was built on the site of Nazarene and was officially opened by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce the Governor General of Australia on 16 November 2012.



Foundation stone of The Nazarene Hospital 16 /02/1969.
L-R: Rev Rob Howe, Sir Frank Nicklin, the Mayor Ald Cec Kroll and Mr Alan Hulme, Postmaster General, Federal Member for Petrie.
Image courtesy of MBRC Local History Team.

Below is a brief tribute to tireless worker, Ellie Shum noting her association with Nazarene and Blue Care.

(More photos of The Nazarene Nursing Home , later Azure Blue, on page 6)

VALE ELLIE SHUM 1928 – 2009

Ellie and her husband Keith arrived in Redcliffe in 1966 from Toowoomba and Ellie quickly established a fundraising base here for the Queensland Spastic Welfare League's Miss Australia Quest. Ellie's drive saw the formation of the Care Centre in Hutchison Street Redcliffe called *Cascade Place*. She undertook



L-R: Muriel Barnes, Alison Swain, Keith and Ellie Shum at the Redcliffe Historical Society Dinner 21 /08/2004.
Photo courtesy of Ian Harding.

fundraising for the then Nazarene Hospital and the *Victor Elledge Wing* was the result. *Breakaway* was another project of Ellie's along with the successful fund-raising for the Blue Nursing Service.

As a business owner, she was active in promoting Redcliffe and was treasurer of the First Settlement Memorial Wall committee. Art, cultural and other welfare groups have prospered through Ellie's endeavours. Her community service was acknowledged by awards such as a Paul Harris fellowship from Rotary and Quota Woman of the Year in 1977.

For decades Ellie has been to the fore in groups such as the Hibernian Carers' Auxiliary and the Peninsula Floral Art Group. At the time of her death she was planning the floral table decorations for the Historical Society's Dinner on 13 June 2009.

RESEARCH REPORT (cont.)



The Nazarene Nursing Home photo which was supplied for Azure Blue 10 Year booklet. From 2012 the site of *Azure Blue Redcliffe Retirement Village* Photo by Ian Harding c1990.



Azure Blue. Photo by Ian Harding 26/04/2015

Visitors to History Redcliffe's Trade table at the Sands of Time Local and Family History Conference 21-23 October included those who enquired about their relatives' association with Redcliffe...two were shown relevant pages in the *Agnew Legacy* book and one was later sent a photo of his Mother taken in 2004.

A lady from Kallangur mentioned her father's name. *See brief story below.*

STAN DYE

Stan and his wife Miriam moved to Redcliffe early in 1953 and promptly joined Redcliffe Rangers Soccer Club that played at Filmer Park Woody Point. He and others found enough players to register and start the 1953 season in the fourth division of the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer Association.

Stan retired as a player at the end of 1962 as well as being active in administration. When Redcliffe became a city the club was renamed Redcliffe City Soccer Club. A news clipping from the Redcliffe

Herald dated 3 December 1969 shows the Mayor, Alderman Cec Kroll pinning the first life membership badge ever issued by the Redcliffe Junior Soccer Club on the secretary, Mr Stan Dye.

In later years Stan attended meetings to consider amalgamation of the Peninsula clubs and he was delighted to see the establishment of Peninsula Power and was honoured that the club continued his life membership.

Sadly Stan passed away on 11 January 2017 aged 87 years.

Reference photos and stories from Redcliffe Herald in 2013 and 2017.

The demise of Sutton House was another question:-

Formerly Hurley House, the home of Rev John Sutton and his wife Fanny was converted to a boarding house after the deaths of Rev John in 1894 and Fanny's in 1909. Four decades later the house was raised and became known as Sutton Guest House. Numerous owners tried different facets of the hospitality industry until 1993 when the house reverted to a private dwelling. Towards the end of 2003 Sutton House was purchased by a property group and in 2007 the building was demolished.

Reference pages 45-48 of *Redcliffe: Historic Houses* by Patricia Gee in 2009.

MUSEUM MUSINGS WITH MELISSA

Everything is going well at Redcliffe Museum. I was appointed as the permanent Museum Leader. October was a busy month with the exhibition opening of The great Aussie backyard, as well as The Patch in the Imaginarium. While November is a little quieter with not so many events, we are taking the opportunity to regroup and focus on planning for the upcoming months. We welcome History Redcliffe members to visit Redcliffe Museum anytime during opening hours

and we would be excited to provide a personal guided tour of The great Aussie backyard.

Our last Still Life Social event for the year is on 27 November, 1:30pm-2:30pm, everyone is welcome to come along and partake in some drawing. There are also still spaces available in our upcoming workshops; How to have a green Christmas 10 December (learn ways to make your Christmas more environmentally friendly), and win a worm farm and learn all about worm farming at home on 14 January. We are looking forward to welcoming the Redcliffe City Choir on 17 December to bring Christmas joy to the Museum, and we welcome everyone to come along and make seeded paper gift tags for your Christmas gifts on 15 and 21 December (no bookings required).

For more information, check out the Heritage & Museums Update in this issue or visit the Moreton Bay Region Galleries and Museums website.



Don't be stuck for Christmas gifts!

HISTORY REDCLIFFE has you sorted!

- Medallions
- Membership
- Memories of Margate
- Then and Now
- Other books
- Tea towels

...and more!!!



HERITAGE & MUSEUMS UPDATE

BY HELEN COSSINS

Hot Hot Hot Festival

This summer, we are turning up the heat with a multi-arts festival in Moreton Bay that will delight and inspire you.



The Hot Hot Hot Festival will run from sun-up to sun-down from 8 December 2022 to 28 February 2023. Discover visual arts, performances, history, after-dark events, art installations and creative workshops.

At the heart of the festival is a celebration of local arts, history and creative experiences.

As our region changes and grows, we want arts and culture to be a fundamental part of Moreton Bay's future - providing an engaging and enriching experience.

Grab your friends and family and discover what is hot, hot, hot in Moreton Bay.

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Arts-Culture-Heritage/Hot-Hot-Hot-Festival>

Exhibitions

The great Aussie backyard

19 OCT 2022 - 5 MAR 2023

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

When we think of the traditional Aussie backyard, many of us conjure up images of hot summers, barbeques, a Hills Hoist and a friendly game of cricket. We also think of space but, since the 1990s, Australian backyards have been shrinking in size. What impact is this having on our lifestyles and the environment?



Image credit: *Boy jumping over rotating sprinkler in backyard* (detail), 1953. Image courtesy of Museums Victoria.

Come and explore the evolution of the backyard from the outhouse to the outdoor room. Discover ways to make your backyard wildlife friendly and create your own backyard invention. Spend time playing backyard games too! A fun, interactive exhibition for all ages.

While you're visiting, be sure to check out our interactive Imaginarium experience The Patch where you can plant your own pretend veggie patch, harvest fruits, create wildflowers and more!

Exhibition developed by Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Events

The Patch

19 OCT 2022 - 16 APR 2023

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Visit The Patch in our Imaginarium at Redcliffe Museum where you can plant your own pretend veggie patch, harvest fruits, create wildflowers and explore our backyard cubby. Start conversations about the natural world and encourage young minds to develop an appreciation of their environment. Who knows - they may become little green thumbs themselves!



Christmas at Redcliffe Museum

1 DEC 2022 - 23 DEC 2022

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM



Come down to Redcliffe Museum and check out the various Christmas activities on offer this December!

Where are Santa's reindeer hiding? Find them in our hide-and-seek trail that will lead you through the museum, while discovering the history of Redcliffe along the way.

At the same time, keep your eye out for our very own elf on the shelf who is holidaying at Redcliffe Museum. Check out all the cheeky antics this little North Pole native gets up to each day!

The Sun Girls

25 JAN 2023 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM

Join local historian, Pat Gee, at Redcliffe Museum to discover more about the historic Sunday Mail Sun Girl Quests. Learn how this event earned its place as a quintessential emblem of fun, sun, and beach culture in Redcliffe and throughout Queensland.



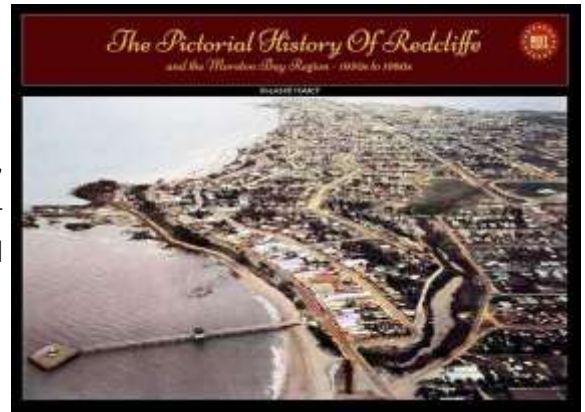
Discover the pictorial history of Moreton Bay 1950s-1980s

3 FEB 2023 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

REDCLIFFE LIBRARY

Photo restoration expert Duane Hart discusses his latest book, *The Pictorial History of Redcliffe and the Moreton Region - 1950s to 1980s*, featuring aerials, photos, advertisements and land sale maps.

Free. Bookings required.



Fun in the Shade

18 FEB 2023 | 11:00 AM - 02:00 PM

REDCLIFFE MUSEUM



Enjoy a family fun day at Redcliffe Museum with a sizzling backyard BBQ and free plant giveaway.

Learn how to incorporate native plant species in your own garden with Warwick Hill, Manager of the CREEC Community Nursery, and be prepared to meet some live backyard fauna up close.

Wildlife Unleashed will also be facilitating an informative show and tell with some of Australia's favourite animals.

Grab your picnic blanket, sunscreen and hat and enjoy a free feed, games, music and fun in the museum's own backyard.



A Christmas Dress

Suzy was going to the Christmas office party but needed a new party dress.

In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?"

"Certainly not, madam," responded the salesgirl, "You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else!"

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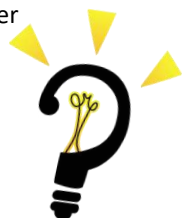
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Monday 3rd October 2016
2. Norman Thurecht
3. Point Lookout, Moreton Bay, Cape Moreton, Glasshouse Mountains
4. Graham Higham
5. 1928
6. 75 Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe
7. Amity Moreton Thomson on 21st September 1824
8. 15 Artists; \$20,000 awarded to the winner
9. SS Koopa
10. TJ Rothwell
11. The Bee Gees' career began there
12. 1993

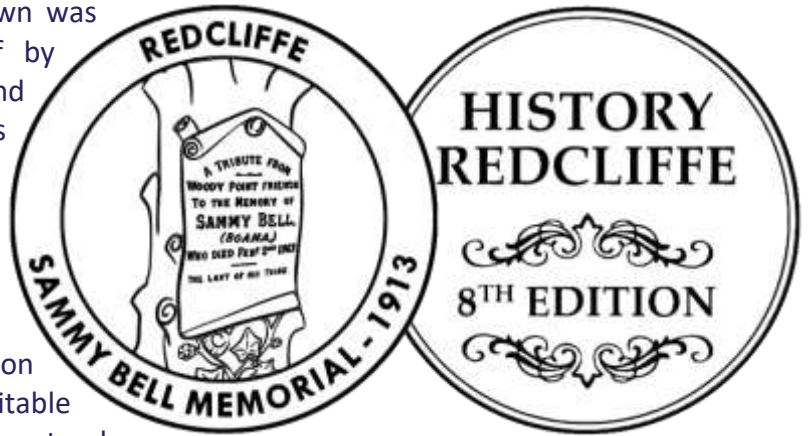


8TH MEDALLION

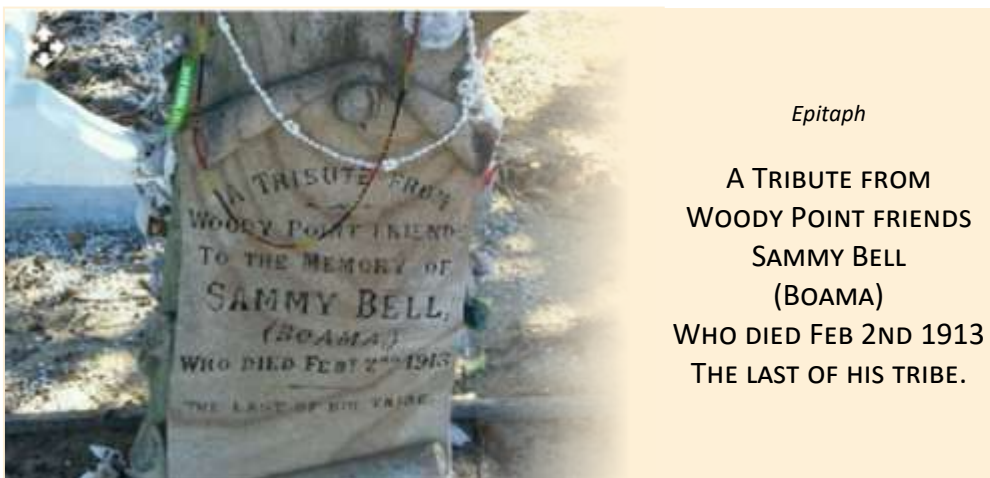
Here is your chance to own a little piece of Redcliffe History.

This year History Redcliffe are releasing the 8th limited edition medallion depicting “Sammy Bell”. Memorial - 1913.

Boama or Sammy Bell as he became known was adored by locals and supported himself by getting oysters and crabs for residents and visitors and could be seen amusing visitors with well known songs and dances for pennies at Woody Point Jetty. His Memorial Stone, pictured below was paid for by local residents!



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.



Seven 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, “Hornibrook Bridge Portal 1935” in 2020 and “Redcliffe Coat of Arms 1959-2008”.

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!

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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*
December	2pm Tuesday 6th Members' Christmas Function	<i>No speaker</i>	Redcliffe Museum
January	<i>Summer Recess</i>		
February	2pm Friday 3rd General Meeting	Elizabeth Nunn <i>William Yalwyn</i>	Redcliffe Library Meeting Room
March	2pm Friday 3rd General Meeting	Shamus Leathart <i>Beekeeping</i>	Redcliffe Library Meeting Room
	2pm Friday 31st General Meeting	<i>TBC</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.



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