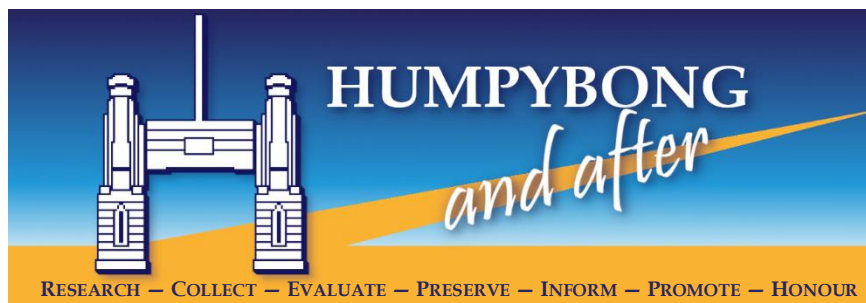


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## President's REPORT

Greetings everyone and welcome to the Autumn edition of *Humpybong and After*. It has been a busy few weeks. Many meetings have been attended - hopefully all leading to ultimately successful outcomes.

Pat Gee and I attended a meeting with Councillor Karl Winchester on 18<sup>th</sup> April re Humpybong Heritage Precinct in Corscadden Park (adjacent and rear of the Museum). This meeting was also attended by Bob Blanch, Ian Sutherland and Rhonda Brodie from The Rotary Club of Redcliffe Sunrise. There were also 5 MBRC employees present, landscape architect, urban design team and project manager. This project has been under discussion for ten years! but it seems the plans have now been confirmed for a walkway and installation of 6 story boards, with completion date of August 2024. We are hoping to have a Bicentennial recognition event to coincide with the opening of the precinct on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Another event to acknowledge the bicentennial next year is being organised by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland. It will be an all-day conference at The Komo on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May eight members attended the annual MBRC History Seminar at Morayfield. This was a wonderful event. After a moving and entertaining Welcome to Country, smoking / cleansing ceremony we were captivated by the guest speakers. (See page 7.)

It was lovely to see Pat Spillman receive a Volunteer Recognition Award. Pat is a very diligent Treasurer and contributes in so many ways to the smooth running of our society. (See page 5.)

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Members Lunch on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 12 noon at the Redcliffe Tavern. This will be a "farewell" from me as Keith and I fly to England on 7<sup>th</sup> for a month.

Rae will Chair the June committee meeting and the July general meeting, thank you Rae.

Till next time

*Janet*

# The International Women's Day Breakfast at The Komo

## The story of IWD and Quota in Redcliffe

By Ann Hanger

This year's function was held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was organised by the Quota Club of Redcliffe Inc. For the occasion, History Redcliffe formed a table, being one of seventeen tables of ten. We enjoyed the camaraderie of women from the Redcliffe community and some senior girls from several high schools. We had bacon and eggs with tea and coffee. The Federal Member for Petrie, Hon. Luke Howarth, sent a basket for a lucky door prize and so did the State Member for Redcliffe, the Hon. Yvette D'Ath. Councillor Sandra Ruck attended and gave a brief speech. The guest speaker was Ms Beris Pritchard OAM, a long-standing member of Redcliffe Quota. She spoke on her years of service with the club gaining leadership experience along the way which led to her becoming international president in 1988/89. Her speech was very inspiring to all of us.

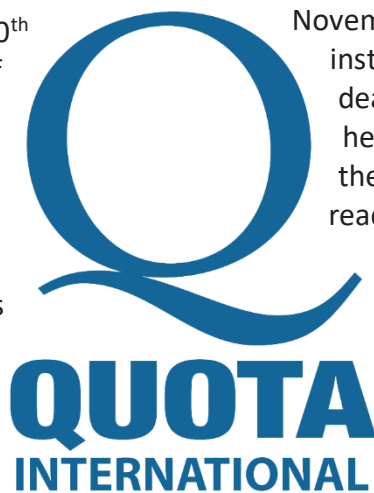


History Redcliffe members and friends attending the IWD Breakfast (Clockwise from left: Helen Young, Lyn Gray, Margaret Harding, Ann Hanger, Pat Gee, Pat Spillman, Helen Stewart, Cheryl Beutel, Ann Doyle, Fiona Murgatroyd) Image by Fiona Murgatroyd, 10/03/2023.

The Quota Club of Redcliffe was chartered in 1957. It is a women's service club of twenty-two members which supports numerous causes. These include the Cartmill

Riding for the Disabled, Chameleon House, Hummingbird House, Jill House, the Breakfast Club, Meals on Wheels, victims of domestic violence, the homeless and the Helping Hands Network. Funds are raised for them through the annual IWD Breakfast and the Craft and Gift Fairs. It also runs a Trivia Night in June, a fashion parade in October and a Christmas raffle in

November/December. Quota also helps schools to install Soundfield Systems in classrooms to assist deaf and hard of hearing students whilst also helping all students to hear and teachers to save their voices. As well, it is involved with QuoCKa reading at primary schools (also known as Quota, Cops and Kids reading together) programmes.



The Quota Club of Redcliffe used to be part of Quota International, an international service organisation which disbanded in 2020 due to falling memberships. It was founded in Buffalo, New York, in 1919 by Wanda Frey Joiner who served as first international president. The charter was to provide basic needs for women, children, the deaf and hard of hearing communities around the world.

International Women's Day grew out of efforts in the early twentieth century to promote women's rights. Purple, green and white are the colours of IWD: purple for justice and dignity, green for hope and white for purity. IWD has become a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

Since 1996, Redcliffe Quota has been hosting IWD breakfasts which are eagerly looked forward to by local women for the very talented guest speakers and their interesting and informative topics and the valuable networking opportunities afforded at these functions.

Beris Pritchard will be the guest speaker at the History Redcliffe monthly meeting on 7th July, 2023 to be held in the Redcliffe Library Meeting Room.

# Library Lines

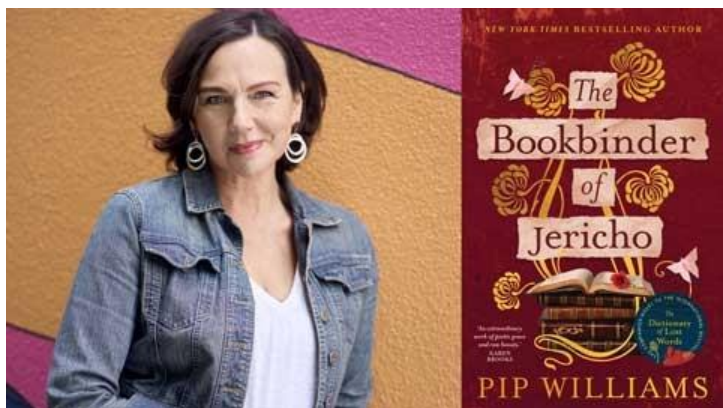
What's on at Redcliffe Library . . .

## Meet the Author: Pip Williams

Monday, 12 June 2023 | 07:00 PM to 08:00 PM

International sensation Pip Williams will share the backstory to *The Bookbinder of Jericho*, the companion to her debut novel which became a New York Times bestseller.

Free. Bookings required. Doors open 6:30 PM for 7:00 PM start. Light refreshments available. Pip will sign copies of her book at the event. Book sales will be provided by Dymocks North Lakes.



## Info Café: My Aged Care

Tuesday, 13 June 2023 | 09:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Everything you wanted to know about My Aged Care but were afraid to ask...

Enjoy a cuppa and find out more about My Aged Care and other services available to support you and your loved ones through ageing.

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## Writing your family history

Saturday, 15 July 2023 | 01:00 PM to 02:30 PM

Writing your family history is a gift to future generations. But, where to start?

In this Queensland Writers Centre workshop with Sarah Klenbort, share stories and learn practical writing and research techniques.

Best for adults. Free. Bookings required.

## Customise with Cricut (drop in)

Friday, 21 July 2023 | 02:00 PM to 04:00 PM

Drop in to discover how easy it is to make your own single-colour decal sticker with our Cricut machines.

Best for adults. No bookings required. Facilitated by our friendly library staff.

## Making cheese at home

Wednesday, 09 August 2023 | 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Find out how easy it is to make your own cheese with this demonstration by Green Living Australia.

Best for adults. Free. Bookings required.

## Growing exotic vegetables in Moreton Bay gardens

Saturday, 12 August 2023 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Our climate is perfect for growing delicious Asian, Pacific and South American herbs and vegetables. Find out how easy it is with horticulturist and 4BC presenter, Paul Plant.

Best for adults. Free. Bookings required.

## Want more?

These are just a few highlights of what's on at Redcliffe Library. For the full list, go to

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries/Events>

or drop in to the Library!



# A Tribute to Ken Peters 1935 - 2023

By Brett Peters

Long-time Queensland motorsport and photography identity, Ken Peters, passed away peacefully on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March aged 87 years, after a short illness. He was married for 61 years to Narelle Peters who died in December 2021. Both spent all of their married life working and living in Redcliffe.

Soon after national service in 1955, where Ken was a champion marksman. Ken with his brothers Jim, Trevor and Ian got involved in motorsport. He joined the Queensland Motor Sporting Club (QMSC) in 1956 and was soon on the committee. He won the Qld Motorkana championship in 1963 and was the president of QMSC from 1961 – 1966. QMSC was largely responsible for working with Lakeside landowner, Sid Sakzewski, to get Lakeside built and then promote it with huge success, resulting in international drivers attending Lakeside for huge events including 2 x Australian Grands Prix featuring drivers such as Jim Clarke, Jackie Stewart, Graham Hill, Chris Amon and, of course, Jack Brabham.

Ken went onto to be the Clerk of the Course in the early years of Lakeside, whilst also doing some circuit announcing at Lakeside, Lowood and Surfers Paradise. After many years not driving, he dabbled in hill climbs and competed at the first Mt Cotton event before eventually getting into sports car racing. Two of his memorable achievements were winning the Queensland Racing Champion in 1974 (across all categories and the following year in 1975 won by Dick Johnson). In 1981 Ken won the Lakeside round of the Australian Sports Car championship in his Auscam 600M which was designed and built by his younger brother Ian, builder of many Auscam race cars.

Ken was also a qualified pharmacist, as was Narelle, but spent most of his working life in the photographic industry which started because of his love of photography, winning distinguished awards, sitting on boards and was president of the Australian Photographic Dealers Association where he formed a link to the PMA International. Ken's pharmacy and subsequent camera store was a feature on Redcliffe Parade for nearly 50 years.

Ken and Narelle travelled throughout their working life and retirement, with many of their trips photographed and the images hung in the Redcliffe gallery, and a couple, Antarctica and the Amazon, spending time in galleries around Queensland and NSW.

Ken was a past president of the Kippa-Ring Rotary Club, awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship and was Redcliffe Citizen of the year in 2005. Ken was also a life member of the Peninsula Camera Club, Redcliffe Show Society and the Mousetrap Theatre.

Ken is survived by son Brett and daughter Fiona and their families.



Auscam with Tamron as sponsor.

Image from display in Redcliffe Museum/HAA newsletter – March 2013.

# Vale Ken Peters

1935 – 2023

As Ken once pointed out, “I suppose it is important to remember that I was a ‘clubman’ driver who had some success in the South. With my Pharmacy, home life and camera industry activities I had limited time to really get serious and never contemplated being ‘professional.’ Also we always operated on a tight budget even with the corporate support from the camera industry.” He learnt spray-painting from Redcliffe’s Bill Rankin and sheet metal work from Ralph Ruiter.

Ken raced numerous road cars and three specialist race cars: a Lotus Super 7, the Welsor Clubman with a Ford 1600cc engine which completed 39 of 42 races entered and was in a podium position in its class on most occasions, and the Auscam 600M sponsored by Tamron of Japan. (See image on page 4)

The trophy – a bronze 64cm bronze statuette stylized racing driver holding his helmet above his head was created by Paul Jones a Queensland Motor Sports Club committee member and an advertising executive. It was cast by jeweller Wallace Bishop. When QMSC folded, Ken was offered the trophy. Queensland Motor Racing icon, Dick Johnson won the trophy in 1975 and 1976.



Joan Kelly from Redcliffe Museum and Ken Peters with bronze trophy.  
Image by Ian Harding  
November 2012

## Recognition of tireless effort

By Cheryl Beutel

On 18<sup>th</sup> May, a lovely morning tea was hosted by Luke Howarth for local volunteers. Our own Pat Spillman, our Treasurer for many years, was a worthy recipient for her years of service with History Redcliffe.

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*Last week Last week I had the chance to celebrate the contribution of 26 outstanding volunteers in Petrie who go above and beyond, and always show service over self at my volunteer awards. This event is an opportunity to highlight the unsung and often unseen heroes of society.” Luke Howarth, Commonwealth Parliamentary Debates, 22 May 2023.*

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Pat was presented with her certificate by History Redcliffe President, Janet Franklin, at our members’ lunch on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Congratulations Pat and thank you for your service!



Top: Mara Basanovic, CEO of Volunteering Qld, guest speaker for the morning tea. Image courtesy Cheryl Beutel. Bottom: Pat Spillman receiving her certificate from Janet Franklin.  
Image courtesy Fiona Murgatroyd.



# Our Day at Bankfoot House

By Ann Hanger

Seventeen members and friends gathered outside of the Redcliffe Museum on Friday, 14th April, 2023 and boarded the bus driven by Ian, the bus driver. We were given a very warm welcome by Claudia Little and James Abernethy who used to work at the Redcliffe Museum.

Built in 1868, Bankfoot House is located at what is now 1998 Old Gympie Road, Glass House Mountains. Overlooking the property is the magnificent Mount Tibrogargan.

The retired Professor Greenwood from the University of the Sunshine Coast and now a very enthusiastic volunteer, has extensively researched the Scottish Grigor family who lived in the house for 3 generations. His talk, illustrated by a power point presentation, was very informative and detailed. Bankfoot was the name of the village Mary Grigor came from. She was married to William and together they built the house, raised a large family, managed a farm and a Cobb and Co staging post, which provided accommodation and meals, between Brisbane and the Gympie goldfields. William was also the local postmaster.



and the Mary Grigor Research Centre. The centre contains a very large collection of catalogued documents and objects which belonged to the family, the region's First Nations app which showed Aboriginal life and customs, heritage films, and special

exhibitions and maps. Dotted with large old trees, the spacious grounds make a lovely setting for family picnics and First Nations gatherings.



The History Redcliffe day trippers thoroughly recommend the visit and the precinct is open for free from Wednesday to Sunday, 10 am-3 pm. (Closed public holidays). It is worth having a guided tour through the house as you will hear all sorts of interesting stories and see long forgotten objects that made a house into a home in the early days.

*Images courtesy of Cheryl Beutel (14/04/2023)*



# Moreton Bay History Seminar

By Ann Hanger

It was held at the Morayfield Sports and Event Centre at Morayfield on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

The venue was very spacious and comfortably housed the local history groups' stalls around the perimeter of the hall and the attendees arranged themselves in the middle facing the stage.

The first speaker was Stephanie Ryan, Research Librarian from the State Library of Queensland. She gave a very interesting account of the investigative research required to prove that Amity Moreton Thompson was indeed the first European child born at Humpybong, Redcliffe Peninsula on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1824. The State Library of Queensland holds a copy of her original birth registration on microfilm. Many databases were used in the search for her life details.

The second speaker was Dr. Darren O'Brien, Honorary Senior Research Fellow of the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, University of Queensland. He is President of the Australian Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Director of the Australian Stumbling Stones project. He gave a paper on 'Who was Harry Pring?' In August 1862, an Aboriginal man known as Harry Pring was murdered with 7 other indigenous people at Caboolture, by native police, in an unprovoked attack. The story appears in The Courier, Brisbane, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1862. It can be found in Trove. Dr O'Brien, in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island individuals, descendants and organisations, remembers ATSI victims, survivors and resisters of British and Australian destruction by installing commemorative brass plaques in the pavement or country, where each person last lived. He has placed a number of these stones at designated sites.

Brief talks were delivered by 4 speakers from the Moreton Bay region. They included Pat Gee from the Redcliffe Historical Society. It was founded in 1967 and research on people, buildings, and suburbs has been ongoing. The bicentenary of the first European landing will be acknowledged next year. The second speaker was Lynne Hooper who described the amazing life of Sarah Balls, a Brisbane entrepreneur who built a fish cannery on Bribie Island in 1908. Then we heard Donna Grigor from the Woodford Historical Society speak about the vicissitudes of the small schools that dotted the landscape in times past. Finally, we heard Sue Battersby from Caboolture Family History. She described a very ambitious project to research 35 to 50 families who lived in the area between 1860 and 1880. Volunteers are needed!

The day inspired everyone to think deeply about our Moreton Bay history and to locate and preserve all documentation pertaining to it.



*Image courtesy of Janet Franklin (18/05/2023)*



The theme for the mosaic memorial in Anzac Place is “a mother waiting for the War to end and hoping loved ones would come home.”



# Sir David Eric Nicholson

By Margaret Harding

David was born in the Mikimiki Valley in New Zealand's North Island on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1904, first born of twin sons to John Albert and Marcia Mary Nicholson.

David came to Sydney in 1925 where he obtained employment with a bicycle manufacturing company as a mechanic and professional rider having gained a reputation throughout the district in foot races and bike riding. During a performance at the Brisbane Exhibition in 1934, David decided to propose to his loved one in Sydney. Cecile Floyd Smith, a young dental nurse, accepted his telephone proposal, came to Brisbane and they married on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1934 at South Brisbane.

Turning his attention to the practical world of business David's expertise as radio and refrigeration mechanic earned him a place in the fledgling business of Mr J. B. (later Sir John) Chandler. He acquired an old Overlander 90 Ute for £10, got it into ship shape order and took to the road selling and servicing and maintaining radios and electrical appliances. During this time, he chose to set up a permanent business in Caboolture. The cricket test broadcasts of the 1930s boosted the popularity of radios enormously. They sold like hot cakes and contributed largely to the success of the business. During World War II he was drafted to work with essential wartime radio and electrical services.

David who had developed an interest in the political scene even in his youthful days in New Zealand sought and was successful in obtaining Country Party endorsement for the State seat of Murrumba in 1950 and came to Redcliffe in 1954. He was appointed Speaker of the House in 1960. He remained Speaker until his resignation in 1972 completing a record term

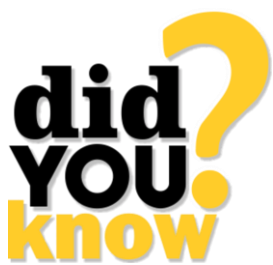
for that office in the state of Queensland. That year David was created Knight Bachelor for outstanding service to the State, the Country, and to Parliament in particular.



David was widowed on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1987 losing his loved one and soulmate after 53 years of marriage. He spent his final years at Bribie Island Retirement Village where he was loved by all. He died 13<sup>th</sup> December 1997. He is survived by his four children, David, Bruce, Helen and Merrilyn.

He was a member of the Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Spastic Welfare Committee Redcliffe and was President of the Redcliffe Show Society. He was patron of the Caboolture Ex-Servicemen's Club, life member of the Redcliffe Trotting Club. After the inauguration of the Redcliffe Historical Society in 1967 David was a trustee until 1972. He was a member of the state executive Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade (QATB). He was a member of the Royal National Association (RNA). He was a member of the Queensland Builders Registration Board and Picture Theatre and Film Commission.

Ref: information supplied from the Queensland Parliamentary Library, History Redcliffe and the *Redcliffe Herald* 02/03/1994.



Sea mullet fishing is in progress. Check out the commercial fishermen at Suttons Beach – May to July each year.



**Anniversaries** – This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Sandgate & District Historical Museum. The inaugural meeting was held in 1982 and in 1989 the society became incorporated, with a constitution outlining the aims of the association. All that was lacking was a home and in 1993, with the aid of a Queensland Government grant, the society purchased the old Jehovah's Witness Hall at 150 Rainbow Street, Sandgate.



Ref. 'Sandgate's newsletter Feb 2023, Vol 1 – with permission.

Margaret Just, an early childhood specialist, was the Writer/Producer. Hers was a winning formula for teaching children about Australian history through music and dance and giving them the chance to perform in public. The results shown that day on the children's faces were preserved on DVD.

*Editor's note: This DVD is available at Redcliffe Library. The recording has also been made available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/4aYWiCIVcOU>.*



Salute Australia Finale  
8 June, 1988.

Remember **The Salute Australia Pageant?** This June marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an event to celebrate Australia's bicentenary which became a reality on 8 June 1988 in Dolphin Oval, Redcliffe.

The Governor Sir Walter Campbell and Lady Campbell, 12,000 spectators, Councils, community groups, schools and individuals were entertained by 6000 primary school children.



We were privileged to receive an Obituary from Brett Peters to respect the recent passing of his father Ken Peters who generously shared his experiences in retail pharmacy, camera shops and motor sport with the Redcliffe Museum and the Historical Society from 2011 to 2014 in the form of articles, a display and the *Near the Jetty* project. A quote from Ken states he was "a clubman driver who had some success in the South." Also on file is Ken's proud acknowledgement his son Brett's success in car racing. See Obituary page 4-5.

# MUSEUM MUSINGS WITH MELISSA

The atmosphere at Redcliffe Museum is brimming with excitement as everyone is bustling with preparations for our next exhibition - From Shellgrit to Dolphins. This exhibition opens on 23 June 2023, and while there will be no typical exhibition opening event we have some very exciting programming in the works that we will share as soon as we can. This will include a lively panel

discussion in July with some NRL

royalty, so keep an eye on the Redcliffe Museum What's On page!



In the meantime, make sure you take in the beauty of Transformations: Art of the Scott Sisters and Tiny Giants one last time before they leave us. We will be sad to see these beautiful artworks leave the museum.

We have some exciting school holiday workshops planned for the kiddies/grandies - keep an eye on the website as these workshops will be available to book any day now. On 7 July we will be hosting Ocean Life Education in the museum as they run 3 x exciting hands-on workshops with live sea creatures for kids to see and touch. Ages 5+.

Lastly, I have some news to share that comes with a lot of mixed feelings for myself. After dedicating the better part of the last 12 months at Redcliffe Museum, I am being permanently transferred back to Pine Rivers Heritage Museum in the role of Museum Leader. I have cherished my time at Redcliffe Museum, and greatly enjoyed connecting with members of History Redcliffe. Thank you for making me feel welcome. I am confident our paths will cross again, so it's not goodbye, just see you later. A new Museum Leader for Redcliffe Museum will be announced in due course, and in the meantime, Kate from MBRC Libraries will be temporarily stepping into the Museum Leader role.

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## JULY 2023 - - - - -

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
**7 Monthly meeting**  
Beris Prichard – Quota Club of Redcliffe – 66 years of community service

## August 2023 - - - - -

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
**5 Annual General Meeting**

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](http://www.historyredcliffe.com.au)) closer to the meeting date to check for updates.



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