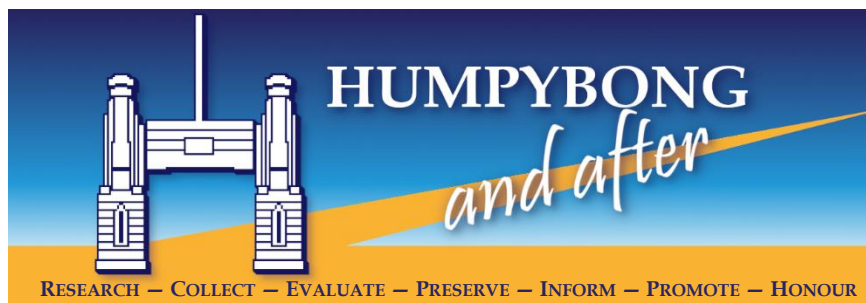


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President's **ANNUAL REPORT** from the AGM

It has been a privilege to serve as the president of History Redcliffe this past 12 months.

The first general meeting of my tenure as President was very well attended. The guest speaker was Prof Cliff Pollard who gave a very engaging talk on the history of Redcliffe hospital.

Our October meeting introduced us to John Westwood, a documentary film maker who spoke of his experiences making a documentary about the building of the Hornibrook Bridge.

Another notable event in October was the 'Sands of Time local and Family History Conference' held at the Redcliffe Leagues Club. Despite the wet weather, it was a very successful, well attended conference. There was a tremendous amount of hard work put into this conference and I'd like to again thank the organising committee for their efforts.

November exposed us to the author Vivienne Harris and her beautifully written and illustrated book on Cribb Island.

In December, we once again enjoyed the hospitality of Redcliffe Museum for a Christmas afternoon tea.

The guest speaker in February was Elizabeth Nunn who spoke on Edward Yaldwyn, the first recipient of the Albert Medal. Edward was a modest man from western Queensland. It was wonderful to hear of his heroic actions and to play a small part in his memory being kept alive.

The March meeting had us all buzzing as we heard all about European honeybees from Shamus Leathart.

The April meeting (held in late March) was a delight when we met Tricia Reust, a well-known Redcliffe artist.

Graham Gibb our guest speaker in May spoke on his volunteer work with Marine Rescue and Police on Bribie Island.

In June we enjoyed a members' lunch at Redcliffe Tavern. This was a great opportunity for us to catch up, mingle and get to know each other.

Then, in July we were honoured to hear from Beris Pritchard who spoke on the history of the Quota Club of Redcliffe.

Other activities this year have been:

- Cemetery Tour with Pat Gee;
- Bus trip to Bankfoot House, Glasshouse Mountains;
- Sales/promotional table at the Craft Fair held at the Old Fire Station Gallery;
- Sales/promotional table at the MBRC History Seminar and at the inaugural Caboolture Heritage Festival.

Our sales have been greatly increased by the purchase of a Square Reader, allowing for cashless payments. It is hoped that more interest in Redcliffe and district history can be encouraged by these events.

Earlier this year, we were approached by RHSQ to be on a joint committee with them and Bribie Island Historical Society to hold a conference to commemorate the bicentennial of European settlement in Queensland. This conference will be held in Redcliffe, at the Komo, on Saturday 7th September 2024. There have been three meetings so far with Pat Gee, Fiona Murgatroyd, Margaret Harding and myself attending. More details will be forthcoming as they are confirmed.

History Redcliffe has also been represented at meetings with MBRC staff and Rotary as the plans are finalised for the Humpybong Trail, adjacent to the Redcliffe Museum.

Another activity was our participation in a promotional video for the Bendigo Bank.

The committee has been working on updating our Strategic Plan to take us into the future. This is still a work in progress.

I'd now like to thank the 2023 committee members...

- Rae, as Senior Vice President, has been supportive, hardworking and offers many original ideas.
- Cheryl, as Junior Vice President is also very reliable. We value Cheryl's assistance at our meetings.
- Pat, as Treasurer, does an excellent job keeping our books balanced.
- Helen, as Secretary, is not seeking re-election this year. Helen has done a great job as Secretary.
- Ann, as Minutes Secretary has also done a great job in recording our committee and General meeting Minutes.
- Fiona, as our IT Guru and Newsletter editor has also done some fine work, especially in the refreshing new look of our Newsletter.

I'd also like to sincerely thank our core of loyal members who contribute so much to History Redcliffe. To Margaret Harding and Pat Gee for their wonderful research work. There have been at least 30 queries this year, which they have dealt with. Thanks to Pat and Margaret for also looking after our stock of merchandise. To Cathy Mallon, who provides us with our "this day in history" segment a big thank you.

We have enjoyed good relationships this year with the Local History Officers in MBRC and the Redcliffe Museum staff. Our sincere thanks to Redcliffe Library staff for their assistance in the smooth running of our meetings.

Sincere thanks to Paul Woodcock, our Patron for officiating at the election of Office Bearers.

2024 promises to be an exciting year for History in Queensland, especially here in Redcliffe, the site of the first European landing in September 1824. We plan on commemorating this Bicentennial event in a tasteful and inclusive manner. Rae has had some great ideas and we are currently investigating them and will provide more details as they are formalised. I would advise you all to put a "date claimer" in your 2024 Diary for 7th to 14th September. Make sure you are in Redcliffe; you would not want to be anywhere else!

Best wishes to the incoming Office Bearers.

Janet

Your Committee 2023-24



Introducing your **HISTORY REDCLIFFE** Committee for 2023-24 (L-R): Pat Spillman (Treasurer), Cheryl Salisbury (Junior Vice President), Ann Hanger (Minutes Secretary), Cathy Mallon, Rae Frawley (Secretary), Janet Franklin (President), Fiona Murgatroyd (ICT & Editor).

We are honoured to serve History Redcliffe and we thank you for your support.

To mark the 15th anniversary of Bluewater Square, the management has set up a community space in the forecourt called Bluewater Gardens. History Redcliffe is planning to have an event there 10.30am to noon on Thursday 14th September. There will be photos of Redcliffe over the years on display to introduce open discussion amongst attendees.

Register now and we'll see you there!

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**BLUEWATER
SQUARE**

Maria Roberston 1822-1904

By Margaret Harding

Born at Southampton in England in 1822, Maria Robertson had come to Australia at an early age and had married Frederick Hayes at Windsor NSW in 1839. He died young, leaving Maria with a family of small children, and for many years afterwards she lived in the Sydney suburb of Petersham.

After enduring the loss of another husband and two children, Maria aged 59 years married Thomas Robertson a retired grazier in 1881 at Petersham. They moved soon afterwards to Redcliffe and in 1883 Thomas purchased a large allotment near the beach at Margate. There they built a spacious house and named it "Ferny Lawn". One of the first houses near Margate beach, it was Maria's home for the rest of her life. A private jetty which Thomas constructed at Margate Beach became a well-known landmark known as Robertson's Jetty. To the Peninsula came also Maria's unmarried daughter Maria Emily Hayes, and her son, William George Hayes.

Maria soon became prominent in several movements to promote the progress of the Peninsula. Thomas died in



June 1889, sadly only having spent six years at Ferny Lawn. Maria's interest in the local community continued. A devout Anglican, she gave her support to the efforts being made towards the erection of a church on land in Sutton Street. She shared the joy of her fellow Anglicans when the church was completed in 1898.

Maria passed away on 15th May 1904 aged 81.

In the Papers...

Moreton Mail, Saturday 24th July, 1886, p3.

This being the winter season I have not had much news for you lately, as things have been very quiet. Still, building is going on in several localities, and there seems to be an air of more solid prosperity about the place than heretofore. A very fine residence has been erected on the property lately known as Skinner's for Mr. T. Robertson, of Hill End, South Brisbane. This is nearly completed, and when finished it will be one of the best houses here. Dr. C. F. Marks has bought Dr. Hobbs' old cottage, and is making great improvements there. The fact of a medical man having chosen this place for his sea-side residence speaks well for its health-giving properties.

The road party have been lately occupied in clearing and forming a road from Redcliffe Point to the public offices, including a crossing over Humpybong Creek. This last

was greatly needed, as it saves a round of fully a mile. There is plenty of work ahead for them. Our roads are nothing more nor less, at present, than quaking bogs; until we get divisional separation I fear there will be no improvement.

Your article re steam communication between the peninsula and Sandgate was read with great interest and was fully appreciated. We are waiting patiently for the resumption of steam traffic to Sandgate to restore this place to the prosperity it formerly enjoyed during the running of the steam ferry. Surely it would pay the Pier Company better to allow the steamers to call for a nominal sum, charging pier fees to the passengers and visitors who would come on to see the steamer, than have it lying in its present idle condition. We have had plenty of rain, all the waterholes being full, and feed, considering the time of year, is most abundant.

Library Lines

What's on at Redcliffe Library . . .

Magic moss balls

Friday, 15 September 2023 | 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM



Start your own no-pot garden by making your own basic kokedama. Bring two large containers or buckets.

Writing and publishing memoirs and biographies

Monday, 18 September 2023 | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Learn to explore your family's unique narrative with Dan Kelly from Boolarong Press.

This seasoned expert will share valuable insights on bringing your story to life. He will teach you innovative



techniques and show you new ways to craft a compelling family and personal history. Tap into your own history and leave a legacy through the art of storytelling.

Seated yoga

Tuesday, 03 October 2023 | 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Enjoy the benefits of movement this Seniors Month. Experience the rewards for mind and body in this special seated yoga session for beginners.

Death Café

Monday, 09 October 2023 | 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Having a good conversation about death can be healthy and empowering. Join Dr John Rosenberg from UniSC and other facilitators for this conversational event about end-of-life and Compassionate Communities.

Moreton Minds: Nutrition is more than just food

Friday, 20 October 2023 | 06:00 PM to 07:30 PM

This event is not just about what we eat, but how it reaches our plate. Discover how food systems influence dietary patterns, nutrition, and overall health outcomes with UniSC's Dr Judith Mayer. You will learn about the transformative potential of sustainable food practices and their impact on public health.



Sew your own neck pillow

Sunday, 22 October 2023 | 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Sew your own neck pillow using a sewing machine with local artist, Jennis Ardern. Build your sewing skills with this beginners project.

Writers Masterclass: Self-editing for writers

Saturday, 18 November 2023 | 10:30 AM to 01:30 PM

Before submitting your writing anywhere, get it as polished as you can. Award-winning author Lauren Elise Daniels will help you refine your drafts to get productive, inspiring assessments and to increase your chances for publication.

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!

Vale

IN MEMORIAM

Lesley O'Sullivan

1932 – 2023

It is sad to report on the passing of HR member Lesley O'Sullivan on 2nd July, 2023. We enjoyed her company at the Den and she wrote articles for the newsletter on local identities such as Johnnie Wea and her grandfather John Storie.

At the age of 18, Lesley left the home of her parents James Leslie (called Les) Rogers and his wife Amy Storie (known as Phyl) to join HMAS Cerberus in Melbourne.

*"I applied to be a telegraphist knowing I would learn Morse code, cryptology and various allied subjects that sounded great, different and interesting." **

After marrying William (Bill) O'Sullivan, they had a family of one girl and two boys. The younger son recalls Lesley's Craft Shop at Stafford where he had to count every bead for stock take. She sold her own pottery also. Lesley had a most interesting and adventurous life.

* (*Humpybong and After* Volume 36 Issue 22 September, October & November 2019)



Promoting the Walk for Dementia outside the HR Den, 22/09/2020. (L-R) Pat Spillman, Janet Franklin, Lesley O'Sullivan, Margaret Harding
Image by Ian Harding



OVERHEARD ON THE EMERALD

Ethel: Is the Emerald a mail steamer, dad?

Dad: Yes; on Saturdays and Monday mornings when it carries the husbands to and from Humpybong.

The Young Chronicle, Saturday 2nd July, 1910, p3.

A request for the name of a guest at Cambridge House c1911 led Cheryl to facts from HR files to the 'Family History Group's resources. Members who roll up on Wednesday afternoons assist with most enquiries.

Information was supplied about Redcliffe's soft drink manufacturers and the Aerated Waters Factory. Application made to the Museum to get a copy of McCarthy bottle. Stories copied, posted or delivered to Member.

Botanic Gardens history was shared with a small group of Brisbane Walkers on 27th May. Met up with them again at Suttons Beach for further talks there and around to the Jetty and CBD. A copy of the prepared talks was emailed to organizer.

An article and photo of Bert and Joan Fooks was provided to a relative.

Redcliffe Show dates and photos were sent to *Moreton Daily*.

A story about the Memorial to Women of WWII was of interest to a family with involvement in the Time Capsule buried at this site in Anzac Place.

Members of the Research Group prepared stories and photos of early settlers for a Heritage Day at the Caboolture Historical Village. The First Settlement Wall was also included.

5th July: the subject matter of Pierre's Mill and Dutch Immigration was an enquiry through the Library and Museum. Information from an interview in 2014 was forwarded to a film maker in The Netherlands and contact was renewed with the 2nd generation of the family.

A media company from Paddington in Brisbane requested a meeting with HR reps which will result in a display and shared stories at BWS Gardens in the forecourt of the shopping centre on 14 September - 10.30am to noon. This gathering is to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Bluewater Square. Photos were sent to KDPR after approval of the HR committee and links with Redcliffe Museum and Local History Room were established. Arrangements are in hand to provide a visual display. (*Editor's note: See advertisement on page 2 of this issue for more information.*)

Late July-ongoing- photos and names of some Nurses were supplied to Beris Pritchard who is preparing for the 70th anniversary of Blue Nursing Service. A function will be held on 19 September at Azure Blue.

A retired Sergeant of Police has copied PCYC files to write a tribute to a recently deceased former manager.



In 1973 Redcliffe swimmer, Jenny Anderson swam from Shorncliffe to Tangalooma, a distance of 17.75 miles (28.4km) in 9hrs 23mins. Two years later Jenny swam 27km from Moreton Island to Redcliffe in 6hrs 43 mins.

MUSEUM MUSINGS — WITH SAM —

Greetings from Redcliffe Museum!

It was wonderful to meet some of you during the committee meeting in August and see the great work you all are doing in sharing the rich history of Redcliffe!

I have recently joined the team as the Museum Leader. Prior to this I was the Gallery Leader at the Redcliffe Art Gallery. I have a background in hospitality and travel. I have worked in the ACT Cultural services department looking after Heritage and museums venues and at the Australian War Memorial. I am glad to be back in the Sunshine State and working in the peninsula. Redcliffe has

been the hidden gem and we at the Museum are privileged to engage with visitors and share our stories about this beautiful area.

Here are some of the exciting activities and workshops that we are having at the Museum.

From Shellgrit to Dolphins 23 Jun 2023 – 8 Oct 2023



The Dolphins have a long and rich history. From humble beginnings in 1947 to becoming the 17th National Rugby League (NRL) team. The club has fostered the talents of footy legends such as Trevor Harken, Arthur Beetson and Petero Civoniceva. It is where junior players get their first taste of footy action. It takes you inside the world of the Dolphins. From the players to coaches, to club staff and supporters who have red and white running through their veins.

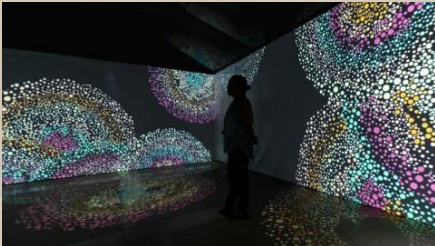
Behind the seams 6 Oct 2023 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



Be treated to Redcliffe Museum's collection showcase Stepping Out, displaying some of our collection's beautiful garments. Enjoy a white gloves experience exploring the hidden features of the collection items. Choose one of the three showings to get up close to our current showcase.

Free event -Bookings essential online/phone/email

Exhibition opening: Walking through a Songline 14 Oct 2023 | 04:00 PM - 07:00 PM



Redcliffe Museum invites you to the opening of Walking through a Songline. This multi-sensory, digital art installation is based on The National Museum of Australia's exhibition Songlines: Tracking the Seven Sisters.

The event opens with a Welcome to Country. Then learn more about the exhibition through an introduction by special guest speaker Rohan Haslam from The National Museum of Australia. Rohan gives an overview to the exhibition of stunning projections that show a songline in an artistic and striking way.

The evening will also include smoking and healing ceremonies by Kabi Kabi custodians. The custodians will then lead guests into this immersive exhibition.

We invite guests to enjoy refreshments in the main exhibition space throughout the evening.

Free event -Bookings essential online/phone/email

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OCTOBER 2023

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm

6 Monthly meeting
Brian J. Bassett – Blood, Sweat and Fears: True stories of Aussies in Africa

NOVEMBER 2023

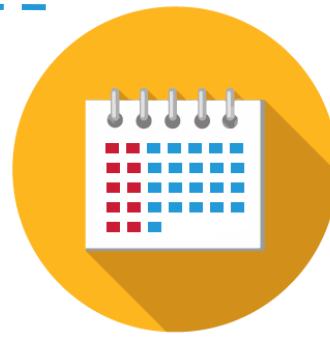
FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm

3 Monthly meeting
Lawrence S. Smith AM – Remembering his days in Redcliffe and designing the landscape for Expo '88

DECEMBER 2023

TUE 2:00pm – 4:00pm

3 Christmas function
Festive afternoon tea @ Redcliffe Museum



DATES
for your
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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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