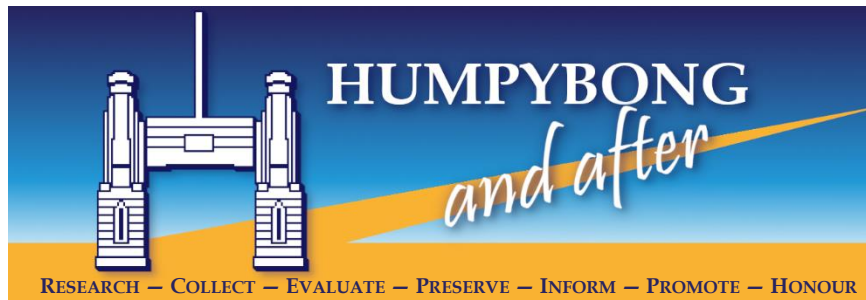


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President's REPORT

Welcome to the final edition of Humpybong and After for 2023

I hope you all managed to see the wonderful *Walking through a Songline*, a world class, immersive exhibition at Redcliffe Museum. The exhibition opening a few weeks ago was a treat with Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners and emerging leaders performing a Smoking and Water ceremony.

Many meetings have taken place as the early stages of planning for the Bicentennial week of activities in September 2024.

The Corscadden Park project has been completely 'signed off' by Council. As many of you know, this has been a very prolonged and fraught process.

The area (east of Redcliffe Museum) will be known as Humpybong Trail.

2024 will be a very exciting year for History Redcliffe so I urge you all to have a good rest over the holidays and return refreshed and energised.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas Season.

Janet

*Merry Christmas
from
History Redcliffe*

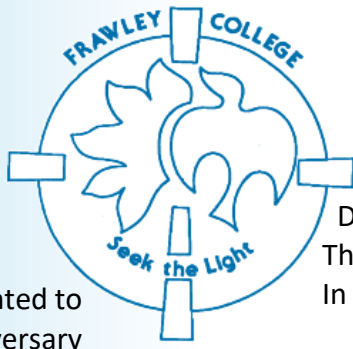


Frawley College Jubilee

by Fiona Murgatroyd

Earlier this year, I was delighted to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of my alma mater, Frawley College. The college, along with the other Catholic schools on the Peninsula (Our Lady of Lourdes, St Bernadettes, Soubirous College, and De La Salle College) were amalgamated and since 1995 have been known as Southern Cross Catholic College. Frawley College was established in 1973 as a senior college, educating students in grades 11 and 12 only. As such, it was a school that granted permissions that would have been unheard of in other schools, notably a designated smoking area for students. One of my favourite memories is actually from the 1991 yearbook when one of my classmates when asked for our 10 predictions stated "this school will have a drinking shed next to the smoking shed"! We weren't to know at that time that the school would only last another 3 years after that.

The 50th anniversary celebration was held at Mon Komo and was organised by former Deputy Principal Paul Dickie and one of Frawley's favourite old boys, Rupert McCall. To the great delight of all who attended Rupert treated us to a poem in honour of the occasion. I'm pleased to be able to share this with you here with Rupert's permission.



37 Years Ago

37 years ago I sized up Scarborough Road
De La Salle to Frawley – so the path to glory flowed
The universe my oyster – I would fight the noble fight
In pursuit of inspiration – I was there to seek the light

Yet reality was stark as into disarray I fell
When I set foot in the classroom of a raging Kev Purcell!
God help the poor accounting mind whose ledger-keeping talents
Did not extend to balance sheets whose numbers didn't balance

The big bad world was nigh, he said, a world of cold, cruel karma
Unfurled like Audrey Enright on a wave of speech and drama!
Imbided like Barry Cavil and unleashed like Dennis Madden!
The joyous skit of H De Witt, it calls my heart to gladden

And remember, with elation, where my TE score came from
It started in a home room that was taught by Brother Dom
When I look back through the year book, gee our sense of style ranked poorly
But 37 years ago we ruled the realms of Frawley...

37 years ago I nervously recall
Getting slandered by the tough guys who were sitting on the wall
In their kick-arse senior sweaters, as they cleared their throats of phlegm
I could only hope and dream I guess... one day I'd be like them

So I walked tall to the tuckshop rising high above the gloom
And I marched back through that passageway outside the smoker's room
I didn't have a parent note but not to be derailed
I stood there bloody proudly... and I passively inhaled

And I thought 'how good is living!' yes the future echoed bright
While a darber with a ciggy sought a different kind of light!
Yet beyond that plume of freedom and its many odds and ends
I emerged in jubilation with a lifelong bunch of friends

That's what makes me happy now when all is said and done...
That ancient threads can reconnect as tallish tales are spun
With a common patch of hallowed ground that schooled our aspiration
Like a formal in a bingo hall - it warrants celebration

To that motley crew of misfits now my memory endears
And with hadi kadi kulla wulla wadi ringing in my ears
To the naïve ways of simple days I'm prone to missing sorely
I raise my West Coast Cooler...and I drink a toast to Frawley!

Rupert McCall © July 15 2023

Blue Water Square Event

by Cathy Mallon

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of Bluewater Square shopping centre, History Redcliffe was invited to lead a free public event. The event was held in the centre's community space, Bluewater Gardens on Thursday 14th September. On the theme of "Water", there were to be displays of historical photos and books, and opportunities for shared stories, with active participation by attendees, followed by a trivia competition. Margaret Harding did a lot of work selecting suitable photos, including the printing of four selected images to be displayed on easels. She also chose brochures, books and articles that attendees would be encouraged to peruse.

With preparation completed, on the day it was rather disappointing to find only a small number of visitors present. However those who did attend were very enthusiastic to be there. History Redcliffe was represented by Margaret Harding, Pat Gee and myself. Three committee members from Nundah and Districts Historical Society were present at the event, having seen notice of a Trivia Morning in a recent HR newsletter.

After introductions, Margaret began by speaking of the significance of the 1824 arrival by sea, and convict settlement at Redcliffe, leading on to the founding of the Brisbane site and in 1859, the proclamation of the state of Queensland. Shipping was the only means of transport to the area for many decades, playing a huge part in the exploration of the region. Margaret pointed



out the large historical photos on display: people arriving by passenger boats for day trips, walking along the foreshore near the original jetty, families enjoying beach picnics and local children frolicking around dinghies. Some of the visitors expressed surprise at

some of the historical facts presented. The word "Humpybong" remains a mystery to many, although some who attended Queensland primary schools in the '50s and '60s probably had the facts drummed into them! Today, Moreton Bay continues to be extremely popular with residents and visitors for recreational and business activities such as swimming, boating, sailing, fishing and whale watching, as well as just strolling on the jetties and foreshores of Redcliffe Peninsula, relaxing close to water, and the sea air.

The trivia quiz proved very popular and sparked more discussion about old and new Redcliffe, as well as a lot of laughter. Those present had their own stories, memories of visits and holidays at Redcliffe. They noted how times had changed, with school holidays of past decades spent in beach-side tents now replaced with modern apartment accommodation and day trips to Sunday markets, restaurants, sporting venues and special events. Many now arrive on the Peninsula by driving over water via the twin bridges, rather than coming by water.



By prior arrangement with Margaret, the Nundah attendees went on a tour with her and Ian after a break for lunch. They visited the Matthew Flinders memorial and the seat made from the timbers of Hornibrook Bridge, the first bridge to Redcliffe. Ian then showed them around the Museum, where they bought several books. Comment was made about HR'S favorable relationship with City of Moreton Bay Council and the Society's enviable access to, and use of our working space, The Den.

In the following days, History Redcliffe received letters of thanks and we also received a donation \$200 by Bluewater Square Centre Management as an expression of gratitude.

An overall successful event for History Redcliffe.



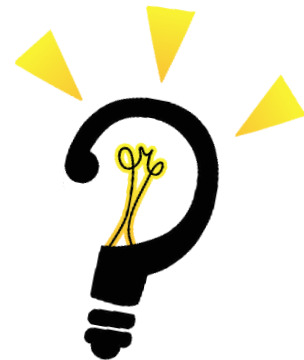
Let's get QUIZZICAL

prepared by Ann Hanger



1. When did the explorer and surveyor of Australia John Oxley live?
2. When did he first see the river which became known as the Brisbane?
3. Who were the 3 castaways found living with the Aborigines in Moreton Bay?
4. Who wrote 'A man's got to have a hobby'?
5. Who is the patron of the Redcliffe Show?
6. Who is Leisel Jones?
7. Who were the first inhabitants of the area now known as the Redcliffe Peninsula?
8. What is the season when the annual mullet run occurs in Moreton Bay?
9. When did passenger services begin on the Redcliffe railway line?
10. When did Redcliffe get electric light?
11. Rick and Chris Morgan are famous for what?
12. What was Mary Nairn famous for?
13. When were the Dolphins granted a licence to become NRL's 17th team?
14. When was the Redcliffe State High School opened?
15. When was the Redcliffe Hospital established?
16. Who was the first Patron of the Redcliffe Golf Club?
17. Name the 8 suburbs on the Redcliffe Peninsula.
18. When is whale watching season in Moreton Bay?
19. How did Redcliffe get its name?
20. What are the two resident species of dolphin found in Moreton Bay?

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Answers

1. 1784 – 1828; 2. 1823; 3. Thomas Pamphlet, John Finnegan, Richard Parsons; 4. William McInnes; 5. William McInnes; 6. Former Olympic swimmer; 7. Ningy Ningy People; 8. Winter; 9. 2016; 10. 1928; 11. Morgan's Seafood market; 12. She established the Redcliffe Hockey Club; 13. 2023; 14. 1958; 15. 1965; 16. Sir M. R. Hornibrook; 17. Redcliffe, Margate, Woody Point, Clontarf, Kippa-Ring, Scarborough, Newport, Rothwell; 18. June to November; 19. Matthew Flinders referred to Red Cliff Point at Woody Point; 20. The Bottlenose dolphin and the Australian Humpback dolphin.

Library Lines

What's on at Redcliffe Library . . .

Important notice

Redcliffe Library will be closed from Tuesday 5th December and will re-open Saturday 16th December. While the library is closed, some programming will continue to be offered at alternative venues.

Writing Tuesday

Tuesday, 2 January 2023 | 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Writing Tuesday is a free, volunteer-led program for writers at all levels. Come and finish your story, while connecting with other writers in your community.

This program run by Queensland Writers Centre uses the Pomodoro Technique of 25-minute blocks of writing, followed by 5-minute blocks (4 sessions of 25-minutes with a 5-minute break between each). The idea behind the method is to train the mind into working effectively to reach smaller targets, improving the overall writing time and productivity.

QWC understands that life can get in the way of writing. So, this your chance to get those words down on the page. This is a space that will nurture your craft and encourage a routine you can stick to.



Structuring Narrative

Sunday, 4 February 2024 | 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Learn how to write a story in short and long form with award-winning author Gary Crew (Professor Emeritus, Creative Writing University of the Sunshine Coast). Gary will demonstrate how to build your story using a question arising from a conflict. Bring your own writing materials.

Sew a towel poncho - Redcliffe

Sunday, 11 February 2024 | 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

Use a sewing machine to make a towel poncho to wear at the beach. Local artist Jennis Ardern will guide you through this beginners sewing workshop.



Making Vegan Yoghurt and Cheese - Redcliffe

Sunday, 25 February 2024 | 11:30 AM to 01:00 PM

Find out how to make your own yoghurt and cheese using non-dairy milks in this demonstration with Green Living Australia



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!

Sheila Dockrill

1929 – 2023

History Redcliffe extends sympathy to Jacquelyn and Fiona on the passing of their mother on 13 October 2023. Sheila joined the Historical Society in 2000/2001. We well remember her keen interest in all the Society's activities and her love of history. It was Sheila's initiative that a segment of early Australian history be read out at all General Meetings, a task she enjoyed until her latter years.



Sheila with Merle Ricardo. Redcliffe Historical Society annual dinner 16/05/2014. Image courtesy Ian Harding.

James Houghton

1942 – 2023

Just prior to going to print with this issue, we learned of the sad passing of our dear friend and foundation president, James Houghton. While we would like to acknowledge his passing at this time, it is our intention to publish a more extensive and fitting tribute in our next issue (March 2024).

CHAMELEON HUES

By P. C.

Almost as close together as the leaves of a Shamrock lie Redcliffe, Scarborough, Woody Pt., and Clontarf. Their undulating shores, thickly grassed, are edged with many fine beaches and miniature strands. The Bay, successfully matching the hue of the heavens, changes at times from turquoise to pearl as it hurls itself against the warm brown rocks which show here and there. Then, moving more quietly, the water borrows colour from the eroding base of the cliff. On the north-western horizon, nebulous but magnificent, arise the tutelary peaks of the Glass House Mountains.

The Brisbane Courier, Tue 23rd Nov, 1926, p16.

Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary

by Elizabeth Hancock

How this Organisation first started...

Two sisters Eve Warner and Elizabeth Rudd together with Kath Hannard as Secretary commenced the Auxiliary on 8th July 1971 with 17 Founding Members and by the end of 1971 membership increased to 29 with a 50cents annual fee. Membership increased over the years and in 1989/90 there were 85 members, being the highest membership during the past 50 years. Rebecca Beck (Betty) who migrated to Australia in 1980



First meeting of the newly formed Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary.
Image courtesy of City of Moreton Bay, RLPC-001\001505.

joined the Group in 1981. She won a Raffle at the Annual Fete in June 1981 and collected this the next morning. She was amazed at all the Auxiliary Ladies (who were not young then) clearing up the grounds following the Saturday Fete. She was asked to join and was a member for 36 years until she was 97 and worked in the Workrooms every Wednesday Morning until she was 97 years young. She sadly passed away in September 2018. I personally came to Redcliffe in 1978 after migrating from the UK. We found accommodation near to Hospital, Schools and local shopping Centres. The fact that I noticed the name of BECK STREET locally made us decide to make Redcliffe our Home. My parents arrived

in 1980. I became involved in the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary as I would drop Betty off before I went to work and became involved in Cake stalls and fundraising over the years.

In 1982 the Auxiliary commenced fund raising to build the Chapel (our largest project.) Donations were provided by Auxiliary members and the local community. As part of the donation process you were able to nominate what you would like your donation to fund, for example, bricks, lectern, chapel furniture, prayer table, cross, pews, font, altar and stained glass windows. The pews all have the names of the families that donated them, which included my parents, Rebecca and Maurice Beck and my husband and myself. The Auxiliary hosted a number of fundraising dinner parties. We also sought interest free loans from Auxiliary Members and local community totalling \$8.000.

All loans were repaid by July 1985 by the Auxiliary. This Chapel was officially opened on 2nd February 1986. The total cost of the Chapel was \$60.659.64.

I joined in 1988 although still employed and helped out at fetes and cake stalls, then became a full-time member in 2002 when I retired.

Our Auxiliary accommodation for our work mornings has changed over the years and our current location in North Block being our 5th move. The Auxiliary (the only volunteers at that time) used to undertake a lot more general tasks in the earlier days, for example, visiting the wards, reading to patients, flower arranging, and Office Work. From 1992 to December 2010 the Auxiliary manned the front foyer desk assisting patients and visitors to the facility, which now of course is looked after by the Volunteer Coordinator and her Volunteer "Red Shirts". The Auxiliary became an incorporated body and we undertake more fundraising.



We provided funding for the Healing Garden for A.T.S.I. at the entrance to The Hospital and also for the Garden of Reflection outside

the Chapel. Over the years the size and cost of the donations has steadily increased significantly thanks to the tireless fundraising activities of the Auxiliary.

We provided a state-of-the-art baby warmer to the Maternity Ward. Other wards that have benefitted are Palliative Care, Rehab Unit, Oncology, Renal and the Children's Ward plus The Lodge (where families stay whilst their loved ones are in hospital). This was totally refurbished via our fundraising - TVs in all the bedrooms, complete new bathroom, flooring, blinds. Families can stay at no cost, but frequently donate towards their stay. We also provided the funds together with the Freemasons for a Bereavement Room in Maternity which opened in 2022.

Changes since 2011

At the present time we have 26 Members with an average age of 72.5. The Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary Inc. gift shop which opened in July 2011 is the primary source of fundraising for our not-for-profit group. The funds raised from the sale of the items donated are utilised in the support of the Redcliffe Hospital patients and visitors. The Auxiliary gift shop has a permanent and strategic location in the Redcliffe Hospital which operates on a daily basis. From 1971 to June 2011 we raised \$539,288.58 and from July 2011 up to June 2021 the sum of: \$315,478.00 making a total sum from 1971 - 2022 of: \$854,766.58. Technology has changed and we provide tablets, DVDs and players to Social Worker Sections to enable patients to use whilst in hospital.

We have our Wednesday Morning Work Session from 7am – 10.30am where we undertake a variety of tasks to provide support for the Wards and Admin Sections. Covid affected our fundraising with lock downs for volunteers in 2020/2021.

Purchasing items for the Hospital

We have three stalls annually at Peninsula Fair (at no cost for Charities) from 8am to 5pm. It proved to be very popular and financially we raise much needed funds for the Auxiliary. More recently we have Plant Stalls twice yearly at the front of the Hospital which have proved very successful financially.

When we were unable to attend volunteering, we were able to keep in touch by having outdoor BBQs at local parks when allowed, wearing masks and social distancing.

We liaise with local groups and individuals who provide us with items such as craftwork, knitting, sewing, crochet work, flower displays, toys as well as recycled books. We have a good relationship with local playgroups and provide them with cards so they can make pictures as well as other items they might need. We do not waste anything that could benefit other organisations.

In recent years we have applied to Moreton Bay Regional Council for Grants and also plan applying for a Gaming Grant for future projects at Redcliffe Hospital which will be aimed at improving patients stay whilst they are in Hospital. The last three years we have worked with Management in arranging a Reddy Fun Run and use technology for people to register and donate. All funds raised are provided to the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary. We receive donations from the Ladies Bowls Club annually and many patients/visitors donate at the Coffee Shops or Gift Shops showing their appreciation for their stay whilst in Hospital.

Liz's commitment is inspired by her Mother's long contribution to the Redcliffe Hospital Auxiliary. She stepped into the role of President in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Liz is the current President having served continuously since 2018.

- Margaret Harding



MUSEUM MUSINGS —WITH SAM—

Festive greetings from Redcliffe Museum.

Hope you are all well rested and looking forward to spending time with your loved ones this special time of the year. What a year it has been! We at the Museum have been busy informing visitors of the history of Redcliffe and hosting interesting exhibitions. Members have attended the exhibition, events, and workshops. Your feedback and ideas have been priceless.

Finally, it was good to see you all at your annual Christmas party at our wonderful museum and this has truly kicked off the holiday spirit here!

Wishing you all



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Beach Couture: A Haute Mess 2 Dec 2023 - 18 Feb 2024



The exhibition is a collection of wearable art pieces made of trash collected from beaches and oceans. Attendees will be intrigued and challenged as Marina speaks to the motivation and inspiration behind the designs of her artworks. Marina DeBris is a treasure of 'trashion'. Her exhibitions are renowned for their ingenuity and acute sensitivity to our throw-away culture.

Christmas carols at Redcliffe Museum Sunday, 17 Dec 2023 | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Jingle-bell rock on down to Redcliffe Museum for our annual Christmas carols! 'Tis the season to be jolly. Celebrate Christmas by singing along to your favourite Christmas songs performed by the Redcliffe City Choir. Rejoice with a mix of classic and modern Christmas music that will delight adults and children alike! Afterwards, explore the museum and see if you can find our cheeky Elf on the Shelf.



Behind the seams: Vintage swimwear collection Friday, 12 January 2024 | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM



Take a sneak peek behind the seams of the fabulous vintage swimwear from City of Moreton Bay's fashion collection. Discover the history of the bikini and how swimsuit fashion has changed through the decades. Get hands-on with a white glove experience.

Free event. Please book online.

Please scan this QR code to learn what's on and make bookings for the workshops and events.



2023 ...a year in pictures



Three Milks Cake



Ingredients

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 tbs vanilla extract
- 200g caster sugar
- 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour, sifted
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ cup (125ml) evaporated milk
- ½ cup (125ml) condensed milk
- ½ cup (125ml) full-cream milk
- 200ml thickened cream, whisked to soft peaks
- blueberries or raspberries to serve.

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 150 degrees C.
2. Grease and line base and side of a 20cm springform cake pan.
3. Using an electric mixer, whisk egg whites on low speed for 1 minute or until frothy.
4. Add egg yolks and beat on medium speed for 1 minute.
5. Add vanilla and sugar, and beat for 1 minute.
6. Add flour and baking powder, and beat for a further 1 minute or until just combined.
7. Transfer batter to cake pan, gently smoothing the surface, then bake for 35-40 minutes until golden.
8. Cool cake in pan for 15-20 minutes, then turn out onto a serving plate with a rim.
9. Meanwhile, combine the 3 milks in a jug, then slowly pour milk mixture over the cake, allowing it to soak in.

Serve slices of cake topped with dollops of whipped cream and berries.

Serves 6.



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FEBRUARY 2024

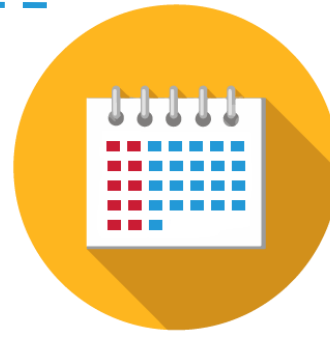
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2 Monthly meeting
Kerry Griffith – History and Heritage in the City of Moreton Bay

MARCH 2024

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm

3 Monthly meeting
Lynne Hooper – Bribie Island Historical Society



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