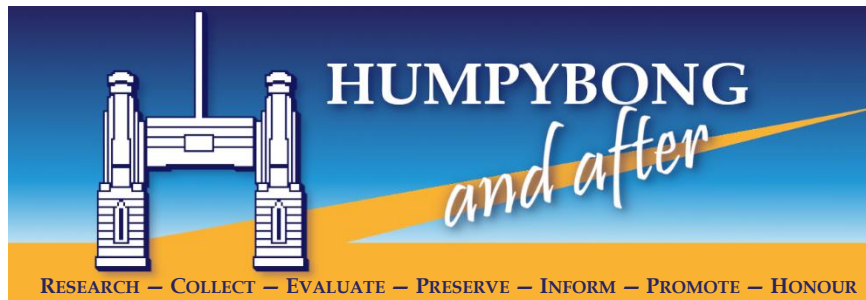


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President's REPORT

Welcome to the first edition of *Humpybong and After* for 2024, and what a year it promises to be as we commemorate the bicentenary of the first European settlement here in Redcliffe, which became the foundation of the state of Queensland as we know it today.

A weeklong program of events is being planned for this commemoration. The first will be a conference titled Wunya Ngulum which translates to "Welcome everyone". This will be held at The Komo on Saturday 7th September and is being organised by Royal Historical Society of Queensland, Bribie Island Historical Society, and us.

History Redcliffe then has events planned for every day of the following week culminating in our Picnic in the Park event on Saturday 14th September, in Corscadden Park. Rae is the conveyor of this event and is working extremely hard contacting community groups, sourcing entertainment and activities etc. Details will be shared as they are confirmed.

Heritage Months runs from 18th April until 19th May. Pat Gee is doing a Cemetery Tour titled *Unearth the Past* as it will focus on past Council contacts, employees etc. The tour will be held on Wednesday 8th May from 9 till 11am. Cost is \$10 which includes morning tea. As numbers are limited to 20 it is advisable to book early. (*See ad on page 6 to book.*)

City of Moreton of Bay is holding a History Seminar on Thursday 9th May at Morayfield Sports Complex. This is a free event and I recommend it to you. Details on their website. (*See ad on page 9 to book.*)

It would be easy to be overwhelmed by all the activity at the moment, but I am trying to embrace it and with the help of so many hard-working members, I am sure we will all enjoy a momentous year.

Janet

A Tribute to James Houghton (1942 – 2023)

Redcliffe Historical Society's Foundation President in 1967

by Margaret Harding

James was a 4th generation 'Redcliffite', descending from the pioneering Corscadden family. He was born in a house, *Glenroy*, on the northeast corner of Anzac Avenue and John Street in 1942 where the *Kosy Korner* Caravan Park stood until c2004 – now the site of the Redcliffe Tavern.

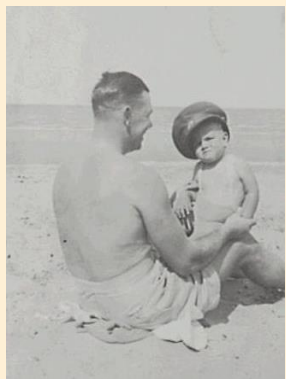
After attending high school at Brisbane Boys College, James spent some free time in his father's business in Redcliffe Parade, listening to interesting personalities who came through the office and it seems to have been there that he realized history was about a person's own locality and events and that Redcliffe had much to offer, being the First White Settlement in Queensland so preserving local history became his mission.



Aunty Jean Houghton née Bauer, James, Aunty Meg Rogers née Houghton and cousin Roslyn Rogers at the Museum's first birthday on 27 October 2002.

Image courtesy Ian Harding

hand knowledge of the significance of Redcliffe's CBD – such as the First Settlement site, the jail and whipping



James Houghton Snr and Jnr at Suttons Beach 1943
Image courtesy
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His numerous contributions to our newsletters, The Redcliffe Herald and in booklets continue to make interesting reading. James' relaxed style and his empathy and knowledge of people and places made him an entertaining speaker at functions at which he was often proud to acknowledge his relatives in the audience. He had first-

post...and was opposed to high rise development there¹.

James' closing message taken from RHS booklet *Redcliffe: Three Talks of the Town*, 2007 were:

“ I just urge you to keep your intentions with the Society. I would like in closing just to pass a vote of thanks to all those people who have been engaged in the Society in the past and have brought it from those early days of foundation when we had nothing to what it is today. ”

The Moreton Bay Regional Council Division 5 newsletter - Issue 69 December 2019-January 2020 announced James' retirement.

“ I have decided to lower the curtain after 19 years in local government serving in both the old Redcliffe City Council and presently in the Moreton Bay Regional Council.” (2008, 2012 and 2016 elections.)

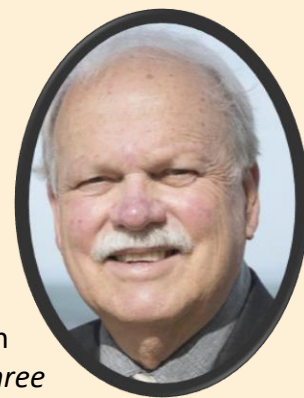
During that time I have made numerous friends (and no doubt some not-so-friendly) in my role as Councillor, but I retire having fulfilled a lot of my promises when first elected and leaving a lasting legacy for our region. ”

Finishing thoughts offered by a close relative:

“ After spending a lifetime in and around “his Redcliffe” James touched the lives of so many. His impact on the community and on its people is immeasurable.

He will be sadly missed.

May he rest in peace. ”



Watch Luke Howarth's tribute to James in Federal Parliament:
<https://youtu.be/9DQ8FgUdauw?si=azrh8EV-hlsTlmlR>

¹ Report in the *Redcliffe Herald* June 2004.

Sandgate & Redcliffe (Part 1)

by Morton Howes

Editor's note: One of our members, Mort Howes, has generously shared one of the chapters of his memoirs. We present chapter 3 which will be serialized here. We thank Mort for his contribution and hope you enjoy reading his story.

After a joyful reunion with the family at Sandgate, I looked forward to spending Christmas at the beach and suffered a whopping sunburn on my first day at the tidal wading pool. Grandmas have cures for everything, mine spread honey on brown paper and tied it in place with string on my blistered back, it didn't help much and gave me a sticky uncomfortable night, but I thrived on the care and attention. Two weeks later, in November 1942 we moved to "Dartrees," a two-storey rented house with a slate roof on Queens Beach, Scarborough and a splendid view overlooking Moreton Bay. I remember the pressurised fuel stove in the kitchen, operated by a hand pump which made the house smell of kerosene.

I was enrolled by my father in Grade 1 at Scarborough State School late in November 1942, but couldn't handle the work. My teacher wasn't exactly overjoyed receiving a new and entirely clueless student two weeks before the end of the school year, and I was bullied by other students in my class most of whom were nearly two years older. I jacked up one morning refusing to go to school and Mum rang Pop, who rang the headmaster and was told I would repeat Grade 1 the following year. This did not go down well, Pop demanded I start in Grade 2 which was declined, and I was removed from school forthwith, gaining an extra week's holiday for Christmas!

A search of School Registers in the Queensland State Archives showed I was enrolled at Scarborough State School by my father on 25/01/1943 in Grade 1, and at Humpybong State School by my mother on 25/01/1944 in Grade 2. These records are incorrect, I started at Scarborough State School in November 1942 in Grade 1,

then transferred to Humpybong State School in January 1943 still in Grade 1. This was apparently done with the agreement of the Humpybong headmaster Mr. Anderson, who was known by

Pop at Sandgate Bowls Club. I should have gone to Scarborough State School, which was the closest school to my home but Grade 1 at Humpybong turned out to be a blessing in disguise!

Humpybong State School changed my life, the teachers were wonderful and the next five years are full of happy memories. Mrs. Henderson in Grades 1 and 2 was a motherly lady who didn't use a ruler but kept a jar full of boiled lollies on her desk and was generous with their distribution as a reward for good behaviour. Miss Raymer in Grades 3 and 4, Messrs. McCosker Grade 5, Hamilton Grade 6, and

Clarke Grade 7, were teachers whose names and faces I remember well. Headmaster Anderson gave me a passion for history which still endures, he had a capacity for telling it like a story.

"Humpybong" is an aboriginal word meaning "empty or dead huts," and stems from the first convict settlement at Redcliffe in 1824, which was abandoned after they moved up the Brisbane River where fresh water was more readily available. The school had a beach frontage, Margate Parade did not extend to Scott's Point as it does now although we were not allowed on the beach during school hours. The classrooms had strips of tarred paper glued to the windows to limit damage from exploding bombs, which fortunately never eventuated, and the sea breeze kept the temperature comfortable all year-round. The grounds were sandy and well grassed, the girls wearing shoes and the boys in bare feet marched to class every morning to the strains of Colonel Bogey, played on a scratchy record through a less than perfect PA system. Lunch was eaten on benches under the classrooms and a pie cart parked outside the front gate every lunch hour, an ancient



Humpybong State School circa 1950.
Image courtesy of City of Moreton Bay RLPC 001/001532

utility with a wood fired oven mounted on a tray at the back. I was allowed a pie once a week, costing thrippence with no charge for sauce but for the rest of the week it was peanut paste or vegemite sandwiches. We played marbles on the basketball court during lunch hour, and "Red Rover" between two eucalyptus trees which are still there 80 years later, a lot taller now.

In January 1943, after changing address six times in two years we moved a short distance along Queens Beach from "Dartrees" to "The Palms," 13 Flinders Parade Scarborough. There was no road outside our back gate which bore the number 13, Flinders Parade ended fifty metres away at Osbourne Point and the road wasn't extended until 1948. We lived at "The Palms" for five and a half years and during that time I saw very little of my father. From early 1943 until the war ended, he was an instructor in the R.A.A.F.

Battle Inoculation school at Margate, located in the bush adjacent to the water tower at the end of Duffield Road and we saw him occasionally at weekends. In August 1945 he was discharged from the R.A.A.F. on medical grounds, then he was constantly in and out of Rosemount and Greenslopes military hospitals for the next three years. He had a thyroid complaint but was allergic to iodine injections which nearly killed him, his weight dropped from fifteen stone to seven over this period and he was under heavy medication, remote and distant when he was home Hal and I kept out of his way.

"The Palms" occupied a prominent position on the beach next to Osbourne Point, on the northern end of Queens Beach. The rent was fifteen shillings a week, we lived in conditions that would be unacceptable today but having a back gate opening onto the beach was wonderful. Six people including three children shared two bedrooms and a closed in veranda, with no bathroom and a dunny in the back yard. There was no front entrance, the back door led to a fenced yard and a laneway which gave access to Prince Edward Parade, shared with a retired police officer in the house next door who didn't like kids. The kitchen was on one side and second bedroom on the other, occupied initially by



Osbourne Point

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Grandma and later by a housekeeper when Pop was ill. Grandma Hunter lived with us for years until she retired to the Marchant Retirement Village at Chermside. We had no electrical appliances except a radio, and housework was hard labour but domestic help was cheap and available. There was a wood stove in a recess, a copper in the backyard and an ice chest in the lounge. Ice was delivered twice a week and it was my job to empty the water tray underneath before going to school. If I forgot, which I tended to do at weekends, the lounge floor got soaked and I had my bottom warmed when Dad got home.

We had a million-dollar view over Moreton Bay we couldn't see through bottle glass windows, but they were kept open to catch a breeze which never stopped blowing. The daytime temperature averaged 24 degrees Celsius all year round, and the sea breeze kept us free from flies and mosquitoes. Bread and milk were delivered to the door from horse drawn carts, the drivers carried hessian bags to collect the droppings! The baker's cart had a canvas cover and he delivered bread on the run, whistling to his horse to keep it moving. Mum put an empty billy can on the back steps every night for the milko with cash inside and a note, we never saw him. The milk had layers of cream on top which Mum scooped off to make extra butter.

Galvanised iron wash tubs on a bench under the house served as a laundry, the sandy area was enclosed by wooden palings and Monday was wash day, a two-day event. Clothes were boiled in the copper, transferred by stick to be rinsed, starched or blue bagged and wrung out by hand. The clothes lines were supported by wooden props, washing was taken in with an eye on the weather and ironed next day using a flat iron heated on the kitchen stove. The largest wash tub doubled as a bathtub, it was taken upstairs every night for Hal and me and filled with hot water from the kitchen stove. Being the youngest he always went first and I got cranky when he peed in the water.

Come back for Part 2 in the next issue...

Library Lines

What's on at Redcliffe Library . . .

The Book of Humans

Sunday, 24 March 2024 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Dive into the pages of a different kind of book! Here, humans become the books, sharing their own unique stories and experiences. Challenge your preconceptions, engage in enriching conversations, and discover the diverse narratives that make up our community. Every 'book' has a story to tell; are you ready to listen? Join us at Redcliffe library, where every conversation matters.

The Book of Humans aims at challenging stereotypes and break down barriers between people. 'Human books' and readers meet and have a conversation over 20 minutes. "Human books" sit down, share their story, and answer questions with 2-3 readers. It is non-scripted, and mostly lead by questions and answers from both parties. Over the hour, readers get to experience two books over the course of the hour.

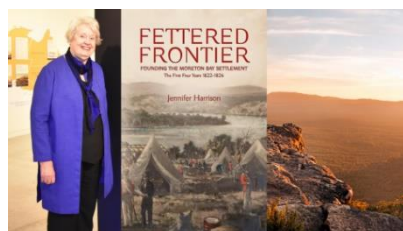


Every 'human book' is a volunteer from the community and all volunteers come from a different background and has a specific life story to tell.

For adults. Free. Bookings required.

Fettered Frontier: Founding the Moreton Bay Settlement 1822 - 1826

Monday, 08 April 2024 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Join Historian Jennifer Harrison who will be talking about her latest book *Fettered Frontier: Founding the Moreton Bay Settlement 1822-1826*.

The book investigates the struggle to locate and establish an outpost in remote Moreton Bay. Using original

government correspondence, diaries, journals and maps Jennifer examined the many mangled foundation stories, from the time of the European attempts to locate the Brisbane River to the original site at Redcliffe.

Free. Bookings required.

Great lawns without chemicals

Friday, 19 April 2024 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Kate Wall will teach you how to create a fabulous, resilient and sustainable lawn. Kate will cover mowing, fertilising, watering, weeds, compaction, top dressing and much more to help you to love your lawn without chemicals. Your sustainable lawn will look great, will save you money and time and be good for the environment.

Meet the Author - In conversation with Sally Warriner

Friday, 3 May 2024 | 06:00 PM to 07:30 PM

Join us for a very special conversation with author Sally Warriner. Sally's riveting and funny best-selling personal memoir, *Not just the wife of the General Manager*, explores her life on remote cattle stations in Australia's far north.



Sally was in her mid 20s when she returned from a backpacking sojourn and hitchhiked to Australia's far north. But instead of moving back to Canberra as planned, she stayed. Sally married a cattle station manager and lived and worked with him on various stations; ingraining herself into the lives of the characters who inhabited these isolated places. With wit and sass, Sally tells the story of how she was so much more than just a wife of a station manager (despite what some of the top end blokes thought). This is a story about adventure, resilience, the unexpected journeys we need to go on to find ourselves, and having the courage to do something for yourself. In Sally's words: 'Life's like that, fellas. You may spend a lifetime trying to find yourself but, at the end of the day, you've been there all along.'

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!

Assistance was provided to Redcliffe Museum to source a suitable interviewee for an exhibition in May this year. We are continuing talks with family members and residents of Dutch descent for a proposed Film Morning in mid-June 2025 featuring Pierre's Mill, a restaurant at Kippa Ring 1969 – 1985. Photos and information on a former Dutch Club in Redcliffe was forwarded to Sam Kurne, Museum Leader.



Lynda Roberts helped source information on the Kewpie Dolls Carmel Bullivant placed on top of her Fish Bowl Restaurant. The enquirer lives in

Muswellbrook NSW and the dolls names are Lily and Tulip.

A member of the Woody Point Sailing Club offered a book of newspaper cuttings on the club. It originally belonged to Bill Black. The donor also scanned the information and it is in the Redcliffe Local History files.

Another enquiry about oystering at Deception Bay led to renewed contact with the Bancrofts of Eidsvold.

A donor living in Kingaroy offered a promotional booklet on the Peninsula was accepted. It was published in 1995 from an original copy of *The Queenslander Illustrated Weekly* of October 26, 1938. The introduction mentions:

“Redcliffe is a peninsula and being almost surrounded by the waters of Moreton Bay, is deliciously cool in summer and pleasantly warm in winter, for the sea loses its summer temperature slowly, and by the time it is chilled by the June and July frosts spring is at hand.”

Cheryl Salisbury has searched Trove for various enquiries-one on which we are waiting is a story from the Roache family about the Hays Inlet Kiosk/Bait Shop.

Darren Morris sent scanned copies of a map of Deception Bay showing lot 354-the Morris family farm, a 'Land' certificate and a map of Redcliffe for HR's records.

UNEARTH THE PAST Cemetery Tour

8 May 2024
9.00am-11.00am

\$10 per person
Morning tea included

Scan for more details
and bookings

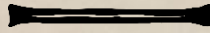


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MUSEUM MUSINGS — WITH SAM —

Hello everyone!

Hope you all are well hydrated and keeping cool this season. We at the museum have been busy. The exhibition *Beach Couture* the very interesting and conversation starter exhibition and I hope you got a chance to view it. We had the grand opening of the new exhibition *Ink in the Lines* which was attended by 134 people. The event included welcome with the sound of bag pipes, a choir performed by the St Benedicts College students and a live telecast of the Last post ceremony from the Australian War Memorial. We have lots of kids activities for the March school holidays so please bring along your family and friends and enjoy our lovely space.



Ink in the Lines Current exhibition closing Sunday 12 May 2024

Behind every tattoo is a story of remembrance, mateship, identity and healing. Tattoos are a conversation starter. Many members and veterans of the Australian Defence Forces have tattoos. While their reasons for getting tattooed are as varied as the people themselves, self-expression and belonging play a part. They also share a common purpose in getting inked: to remember. Hear the stories behind the tattoos in the *Ink in the Lines* exhibition; showcasing Australia's modern veterans and their families, who through their tattoos commemorate the people, events and experiences which shaped their lives.



An Australian War Memorial touring exhibition.

Redcliffe Museum Plant Swap Saturday 2 March 2024 | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Plant lovers, rejoice!

Join us on the first Saturday of every month at Redcliffe Museum to take part in a community plant swap. Bring along a plant, a cutting, or some seeds to exchange, and share tips and tricks with your fellow gardeners. No green thumb necessary, just a passion for plants and a seedling or two! Gardeners and growers of all ages are welcome, younger nature-lovers can have a go at our drop-in activity table and bring home a surprise craft

Free event. Please book online.



Event- Your family's medals Wednesday 24 April 2024 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Learn how to preserve and restore your family's military medals at this free workshop at Redcliffe Museum.



Wayne Eastgate from Northside Medals will share his expert advice on preserving these treasures. Bring along your family's medals to help ensure they look their very best.

Bookings are essential to help with the seating plan for this free event. Please book online below, call or email the Redcliffe Museum.

Free event. Please book online.

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



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Picnic *in the* Park

free
event

10AM-3PM SAT, 14TH SEPTEMBER
CORSCADDEN PARK, REDCLIFFE



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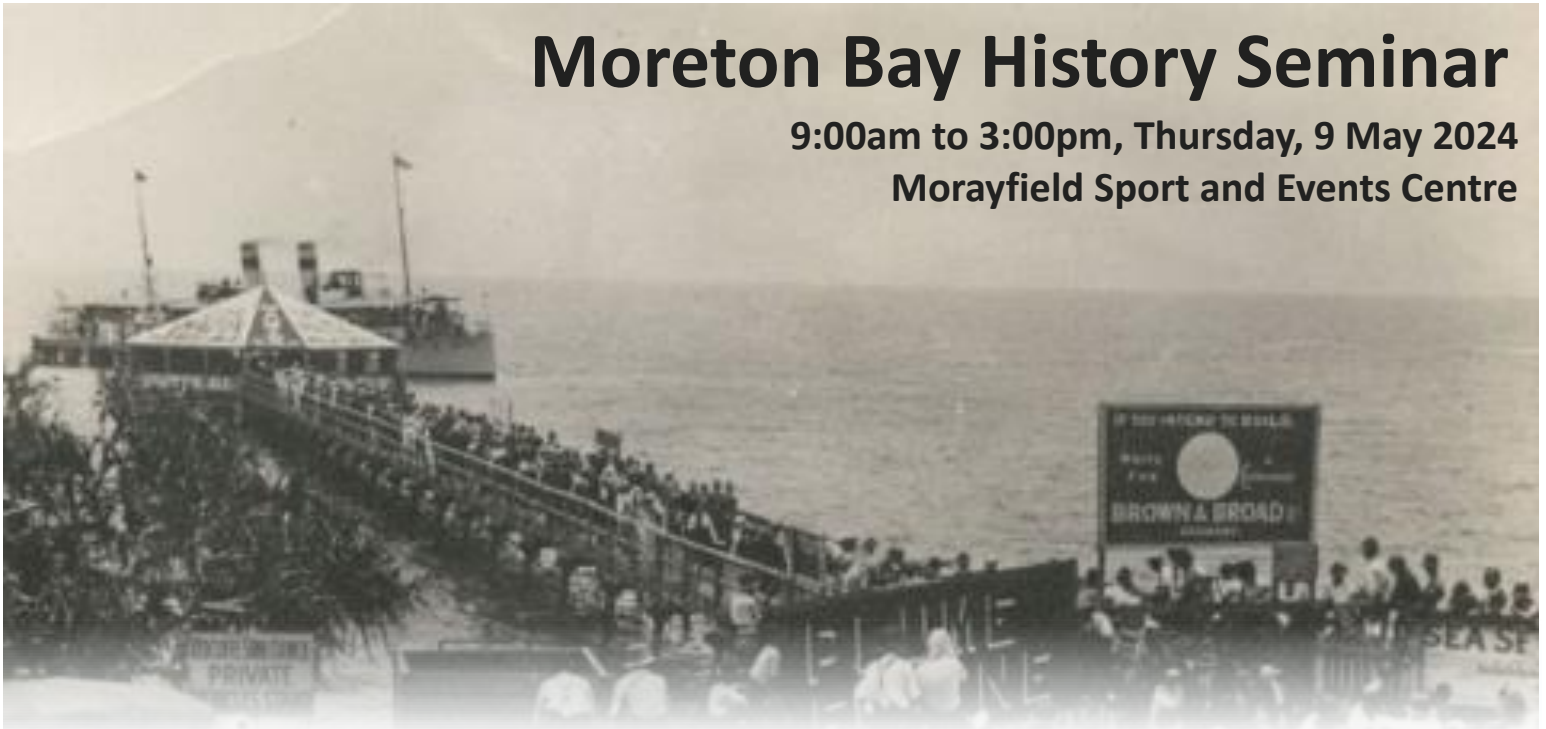
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Moreton Bay History Seminar

9:00am to 3:00pm, Thursday, 9 May 2024
Morayfield Sport and Events Centre



Discover significant events and exciting narratives at the 7th annual Moreton Bay History seminar. With engaging guest speakers and stalls from the region's historical groups and societies, the all-day 2024 seminar promises to showcase the culture and heritage of Moreton Bay. Celebrating the National Trust sponsored Australian Heritage Festival and National Archaeology Week.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Free event. Bookings essential.

For more details:

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



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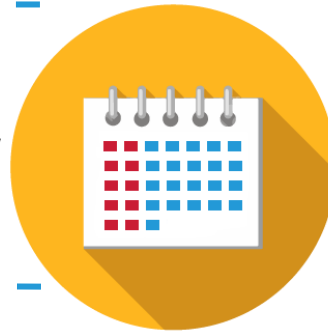
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MARCH 2024

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1 Monthly meeting

Lynne Hooper – Mrs Ball and the fish cannery
on Bribie Island



DATES *for your* DIARY

APRIL 2024

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm

5 Monthly meeting

David Conway – One man's release mechanism from stress and pressures from a drought

WED 1:30pm – 3:00pm

10 History Den Open Day

MAY 2024

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm

3 Monthly meeting

Bettina Nissen – Moreton Bay Shore Birds and Paint D'Bay REaD

WED 9:00am – 11:00am

8 *Unearth the Past Cemetery Tour* (see ad on page 6 for details and bookings)

THU 9:00am – 3:00pm

9 *Moreton Bay History Seminar* (see ad on page 9 for details and bookings)

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