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——2026——

1 September Moreton Bay History Seminar

4 September Monthly Meeting

2 October Annual General Meeting

6 November Monthly Meeting

4 December Members' Christmas Lunch

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President's REPORT

Greetings members,

As I sit down to write a few words for the next Newsletter it occurred to me what a wonderful job Fiona does as our Newsletter Editor. I am so proud of our Newsletter, every time a new one comes out. The articles and information are all there, but I love the way it is assembled, with colourful little surprises along the way. So, a big "Thank you" to Fiona.

This is my last Report before the AGM in October. Please remember the Library meeting room is not available.

The AGM will be held at the **Clontarf Scout Hall** (11 Isobel St, Clontarf). **Please note the venue change**. Off-street parking is available and refreshments will be served. Our video presentation will be a *Railway to Redcliffe Retrospective*.

Please also give some thought regarding coming onto our Committee.

Fifteen of us had a delightful outing to Miegunyah House Museum in Bowen Hills last month. Pat Spillman has written a report later in the edition.

On a personal note, I am busy packing for a ten-day trip to Sri Lanka. I am going with a friend who is from Sri Lanka. I look forward to learning about the history, culture and of course the food of a country very different to ours.

Warm regards.

Janet

Volunteers make a difference

Join our committee

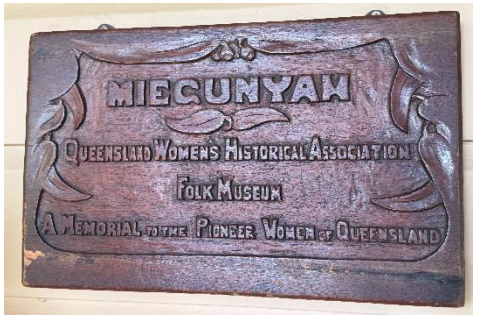
Visit to Miegunyah House Museum

by Pat Spillman

On Friday 3rd July, fifteen History Redcliffe members and guests took part in a delightful visit to Miegunyah House Museum Bowen Hills, the home of Queensland Women's Historic Association. Upon arrival we were treated to a Devonshire Morning Tea served on the verandah of this stately Late-19th Century Historic House. Lace tablecloths and fine china enhanced the setting and took us back to a former era! While we enjoyed the food and atmosphere, our hostess related past history of the home, its occupants and how it became the present museum.

This home was built around 1886 by William Perry for his son William and wife Leila nee Markwell. It was later sold to the Menzies family where they resided until World War 11. Requisitioned by the Australian Government it was used as a safe house by the Z Special Force Unit. After the War this dwelling was converted into flats and became known as 'Beverley Wood'. In 1967 this property was acquired by Queensland Women's Historic Association whose members have restored it to its former glory!

Following learning this history we divided into three small groups for guided tours, highlighting the architecture and historic contents of the building. Each room housed interesting historic items, such as fine dining silver serviette rings each identified by its own small silver animal and a bedroom display of dressing table items needed for a lady of 1800's.



Lastly a group photo was taken on the verandah and front steps and President Janet thanked our hostesses and tour guides on our behalf! It had been a most enjoyable, worthwhile and informative historic outing to this 1992 Queensland Heritage Listed building!

Full 'History of Miegunyah' can be viewed on their website: www.miegunyah.org

Commemorating Local Sports Stars

by Margaret Harding

BRENDEN HALL OAM was born in 1993. He lost a leg through illness aged six and made his debut at aged 15 years at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008. He broke the record in the Men's 400m. (S9 category) and competed in London in 2012, Rio de Janeiro 2016 and Paris in 2024.

ALASTAIR SMALES was born in 1962 and became an air traffic controller. An accident in 1992 robbed him of the use of his legs which didn't deter him from leading a successful life. Alastair was the World Record 100m Paralympic Butterflyer in 1998. At the State titles in 2000 he set three national records in butterfly and freestyle. He represented Australia at the Atlanta and Sydney Olympics in the S6 class.

ROBERT BIANCUCCI donated his uniform plus gold, silver and bronze medals to Redcliffe Museum in April 2011.

Robert's first overseas experience came in February 1988 when he competed in New Zealand where he broke national records in 100, 200, 400 and 800m sprints and the World class 8 record in the 400m. He was a member of the Paralympic Team to Seoul, South Korea in 1988 and competed at Barcelona in 1992.

He was the first disabled person in Australia to run a half marathon and to complete a marathon. His determination to 'bring back a medal' was exemplified by his running 1500m in Holland in 1990. The 32year old smashed the record by seven seconds in a time of 4 minutes 32 seconds although he was unwell.

Vale IN MEMORIAM

Doris Beryl Shaw
1931 – 2026

Beryl Shaw and husband Dudley joined the Redcliffe Historical Society in 1996-97. She headed the fundraising committee for six years and keenly/actively supported street stalls and cent auctions with a variety of craft goods. She died at 95 on 28th July 2026.

Hilton Misso
1946 – 2026

Honorary Solicitor, Hilton Misso, carried on the strong sense of commmunity that this father, Trilby, had in dealings with not-for-profit organisations.

In addition to being a Managing Partner of Trilby Misso Lawyers for a numer of decades, Hilton founded Sesame Lane Care and Kindergarten in 1988. Hilton also ran the Think 2 Be Group which was a proud sponsor of the *Sands of Time* conference in 2022 which was hosted by History Redcliffe.

REMEMBERING Marle for QUALITY

by Pat Spillman

On display at the Redcliffe Museum is a 1940 Planetary Cake Mixer donated from the estate of Late esteemed member of Redcliffe Historical Society, Marle Juster. Marle ran a very popular Baker's Shop at Margate for many years and baked many loaves of bread, pies, cakes, biscuits and pastries for citizens and visitors. In conjunction with the acquisition of this mixer a poetry competition was run for volunteers of the museum. Although not a volunteer of the museum I was persuaded to enter by a fellow History Redcliffe member. This was my entry!

Ode to Marle's 1940 Planetary Cake Mixer

Poets Corner

by Pat Spillman

The cakes I've mixed, the cakes I've seen
The hours I've turned and churned the cream
Vanilla, chocolate, pink and green
My icing aways pleased the team!

At Easter "Hot Cross Buns" the theme
At other times buns wore the cream
Or plain with tops a shiny sheen
Or spotted buns with currants seen!

My bread was light, the dough well risen
Marle's Margate Shop a place well chosen
To buy life's staple, or be tempted
By all those sweets that were invented!

And now at last I've worked my best
Redcliffe Museum my place of rest
Please come and visit and contemplate
The times my blades have turned with grace!

See how the years have left their mark
I have my all, I've lost my spark
My only joy, those happy faces
The patrons loved Marle's biscuit bases.

And don't forget next time you enter
A baker's shop to buy your dinner
Those pies of meat I helped deliver
Were made with love, and not with liver!

4 April 2020

Anniversaries

Compiled by Margaret Harding

1876 -- Humpybong Provisional School opened. ****Now celebrating 150th Anniversary!!**** The first state school, also named Humpybong, opened in 1909.

1886 -- Post and Telegraph Office, courthouse and police station opened in Redcliffe.

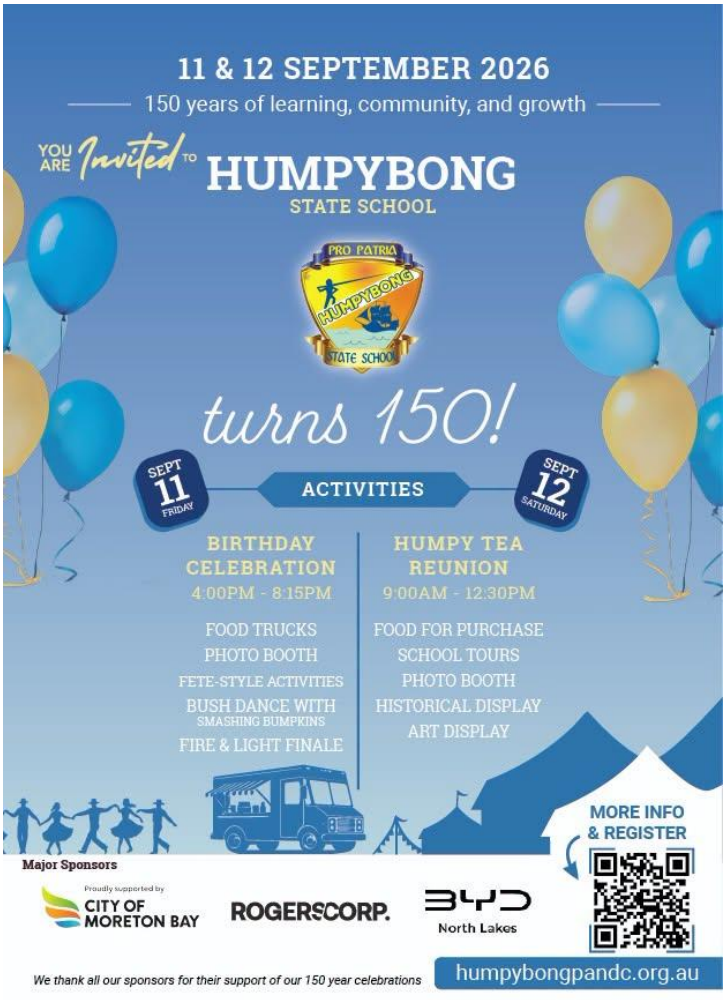
1926 -- July. Governor General Lord Stonehaven and Lady Stonehaven planted the first tree, a hoop pine, in a tree planting ceremony at the Redcliffe end of Anzac Memorial Avenue.

1936 -- The Redcliffe Rollerdrome was on the site of the First Settlement Memorial Wall in Anzac Place.

1946 -- Queensland Ambulance Centre was built.

1976 -- Hercules Road State School, Kippa-Ring and Redcliffe Education Centre in Henzell Street opened.

2016 -- The Redcliffe Railway Line with terminus at Kippa-Ring became operational on 4th October.



Library Lines

What's on at Redcliffe Library . . .

Dementia Sharing Circle

Friday, 18 September 2026 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

NO BOOKING NEEDED

Are you living with dementia or supporting someone who is?

City of Moreton Bay Libraries is piloting a Dementia Sharing Circle at Redcliffe Library.

Join us for a welcoming and supportive space where people living with dementia, their care partners, and loved ones can come together over a cuppa to:

- Share stories and experiences.
- Connect with others on a similar journey.
- Build friendships.
- Offer and receive peer support.

For people living with dementia and their carers. Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided.

Seniors wellbeing day

Thursday, 8 October 2026 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

NO BOOKING NEEDED

Support, social connection, fun and fitness are all important factors in ageing well.

Get some good advice, enjoy fun activities and explore some of what City of Moreton Bay has to offer for seniors.

Basic introduction to AI

Wednesday, 14 October 2026 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Curious about artificial intelligence? Discover the basics with our friendly staff.

Learn about the origins, common myths, and examples of using AI in everyday life.

Free. Bookings required. For adults.

Seniors Month: Joy in Motion

Queensland Seniors Month

October 2026 is the 65th year of Queensland Seniors Month

Sunday, 25 October 2026 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Jiggle, wiggle and boogie with your grandchild in this seated dance class led by The Happydemic's Heather Joy Campbell.

Joy in Motion uses playful movement to music for a healthy brain, body and mind - and it's fun!

Enjoy the tunes, stimulate brain development, and have a laugh together. This session is aimed at seniors and their grandchildren or other special children in their lives, but all welcome.

Free. Bookings required.

Meet the Author Event

Brisbane Writers Festival

Join us for an exclusive Beyond Brisbane event presented in partnership with Brisbane Writers Festival.

BWF | Pip Williams

Sunday, 11 October 2026 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM

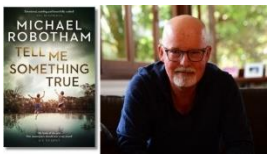
BWF | Kate Grenville

Sunday, 11 October 2026 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM

Meet the Author: Michael Robotham

Sunday, 8 November 2026 12:30 PM to 01:30 PM

Join one of Australia's favourite story tellers, Michael Robotham, as he returns to City of Moreton Bay to celebrate his 20th novel.



Tell me Something True marks the first time Michael has set a novel in Australia.

Free. Bookings required. For adults.

...but wait! There's 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!

Redcliffe Library Opening Hours

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Monday to Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
8:30 AM – 6:00PM	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	10:00 AM – 3:00PM

Museum Musings with Sam

Greetings from Redcliffe Museum!

Spring is almost here and the museum brings a season of fresh perspectives and here is the exciting update. We are thrilled to share our current exhibition "Comedy Wildlife" which is heartwarming and sure to bring a smile to your face. As a part of sharing local stories, we have two events to commemorate 150 years of Humpybong State school. Come and look at the old school bell from 1929 and uniforms worn in 1935. For the September school holidays, we have two wildlife related talks where you will learn which insects, birds and sea life commonly found on Redcliffe peninsula and the surrounding areas. Please also book your free tickets to celebrate 10 years of the Redcliffe Peninsula Train Line in October. Check out the details by clicking on the links below and don't miss out! See you soon at the museum!

The Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards 30 May 2026 - 18 Oct 2026***...Exhibition Extended!!***

Get ready to laugh at nature's funniest moments!

Featuring 60 images, this exhibition showcases a selection of the winners and finalists' images from the competition over the years.

Comedy wildlife photography auction 23 August 2026 - 11 October 2026

For a limited time, visitors have the chance to bid on photographs featured in the exhibition through a silent auction. These delightful and humorous images capture wildlife at its most entertaining and would make a wonderful addition to any home or office. *Visit the Museum to participate*.

Humpybong State School alumni stories – Celebrating 150 years Saturday, 12 September 2026 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Humpybong State School history: Then and now
Saturday, 19 September 2026 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Redcliffe Peninsula Rail Line turns 10 Saturday, 03 October 2026 | 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

All aboard!

Redcliffe Museum is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Redcliffe Peninsula railway line, an achievement over 131 years in the making.

Historian Dr Ruth Kerr will discuss the railway's long journey from its first proposal in 1885 to its opening in 2016.

Maxwell Barton OAM was the chairman of "RAIL 09 -it's time for the line" campaign and played a major role in bringing the railway to Redcliffe.

Learn how more than 22 proposals, shifting politics, and decades of community advocacy finally led to the creation of the 12.6-kilometre, $1.2 billion rail link. It connected Kippa Ring, Rothwell, Mango Hill East, Mango Hill, Murrumba Downs, and Kallangur to Brisbane.

Redcliffe Museum Opening Hours

Wednesday to Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
Saturday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 3:00PM.

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

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You're Invited

JOIN US FOR THE

HISTORY REDCLIFFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2:00PM

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

CLONTARF SCOUT HALL
11 Isobel Street
Clontarf

Save the Date

MEMBERS' Christmas LUNCH

12:00pm Friday 4th December
Scarborough Bowls Club

Stay tuned for more info

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SEPTEMBER 2026

TUE 9:00am – 2:00pm
1 **Moreton Bay History Seminar**

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm
4 **Monthly meeting**
Catherine Mahoney – William and Vera's Story

DATES for your DIARY

OCTOBER 2026

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm
5 **Annual General Meeting**
Venue: Clontarf Scout Hall
Video retrospective – Railway to Redcliffe

NOVEMBER 2026

FRI 2:00pm – 4:00pm
6 **Monthly meeting**
John Moran - History and Literature: Facts, Fiction, and Storytelling

DECEMBER 2026

FRI 12:00pm
4 **Members' Christmas Lunch**
Scarborough Bowls Club

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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