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2010 Denise Brady and Marel Donaldson (Foundation Members)

Kaye Barber, Pamela Gilbert, Elaine Speck, Glenda Webb

2011 Les Callaghan, **2013** Les McFadzen

2016 Jeanne Dixon, **2019** Pat Misson

Management Committee Meetings - first Wednesday of the month, February to December at 2pm.

General Meetings - second Wednesday of the month, February to December from 12:15pm to 2:30pm. These are held at Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting. Free parking is available at the Centre. Meals can be purchased by anyone wishing to partake of an early lunch prior to the meeting.

Annual General Meetings - second Wednesday of July at 12:15pm. This is followed by a General Meeting.

Meetings are not held during the month of January.

The Society's Collection, on-line data bases, books, microfiche, CD-ROMs, etc, contains resources for world-wide research. These are held in the **Genealogy Room, Cleveland Library**, cnr Middle & Bloomfield Streets, Cleveland.

Financial Members can access this room for research any time that the Cleveland Library is open, making use of the Society's Collection and freely accessing the Research Websites to which the Society subscribes. **To obtain the key**, members must present their annually-activated "RGS" Redland Library Service card to Library Reception staff.

Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are in the room, to assist RGS Members and the General Public, on –

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am to 12.15pm and Saturdays 12:30pm to 3:15pm

Volunteer GRAs: Pat Maclean (Librarian), Bob Aldred, Thel Brooks, Greta Brown, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Karen Hawkes, Margaret Johnson, Bev McFadyen, Eddy Richards, John Ryan, Irene Salvatierra, Penny Stewart, Helen Veivers, Robyn Waters.

Local History Collection: The Redland City Council's Local History Collection is housed in the Cleveland Library with much of it available on line at https://redl.sdp.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0. Angela Puata is Redland City Council's Local History Librarian; Gillian McNeill is Angela's assistant.

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A Note from the Editor

With great sadness, I advise the loss of Life Member, Pat Misson, who passed away on 23rd July after a short illness.



Pat's research skills are legendary. She helped many a member break down a brick wall and she committed herself to the interests of the Society over the past 18 years. Pat served as our Librarian over many years, Research Group Convenor, Magazine Interest Group Convenor, Archivist and, for the past two years, has been one of the two Committee Members as part of the Management Committee. She regularly brought informative items to my attention for the newsletter, to aid members with avenues of research.

A lasting memory will be Pat's quirky sense of humour; so often she had us smiling at General Meetings when presenting her reports and matters for the Genie Clinic. Pat – you will be sorely missed!

Our sincere condolences to Ray and his family at this difficult time.

The Annual General Meeting was held 14 July. With two exceptions, the 2020/21 Management Committee members were returned to their current positions for 2021/22, there being no other nominations. Bob Aldred had stepped down as Librarian and Pat Maclean was appointed in his place. Val Burt replaced Pat Misson as a Committee Member. Congratulations and a warm welcome, Pat and Val! We look forward to working together.

Greg Glidden

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Single Membership \$30.00 per annum | Family Membership \$45.00 per annum

Payment by New Members and for Renewals can be made either to -

Membership Officer at General Meetings, a GRA on duty in the Genealogy Room, or by Electronic Funds Transfer

When paying by EFT, please ensure that the following details are inserted in the Payment Reference -

RENEWALS: **Membership No. & Surname** | NEW MEMBERS: The word "**New**" & **Surname**

Members renewing by EFT need to complete a Renewal Form, scan it, and email it to the Membership Officer

Redland Researcher is free to Members. It is emailed unless otherwise requested.

President's Annual Report

Helen Veivers



COVID-19 has continued to impact the Redland Genealogical Society in a number of ways. While conditions have improved somewhat since our latest Annual General Meeting in September 2020, our operations are still hamstrung to some extent. Today, for instance, all those attending are required to wear a Facemask. This would have been a foreign concept just a short time ago! Our Library opened up again in December 2020, just one day per week and this gave us all some hope of normality to come. As from February 2021 we've been able to open our Genealogy Room doors to members and the general public on three days each week, except for the times when the entire community has been in Lockdown. All of the changes and the "general fear" in the community about COVID-19 has resulted in a much lower attendance in our Genealogy Room than is usual. My earnest hope is that this situation will change as more and more people are vaccinated and our community as a whole is more confident about interacting in places such as our Genealogy Room, and, indeed, in the general community.

Despite the threats associated with the COVID-19 virus we were able to celebrate the Society's 40th Anniversary successfully in May 2021. The Society was founded on 11 May 1981 and we enjoyed a celebratory lunch at the Redland Museum, Smith Street, Cleveland on 12 May, with 47 people in attendance. Significant guests included Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Julie Talty, Sue Skinner, the founding President, Angela Puata, representing, Cleveland Library and Les McFadzen, past president and now Patron. Jim Gilbert kept things rolling as MC for the day, Folders from the Archives were on display and a PowerPoint presentation of photos from the past continually looped for participants' interest. Annette Hall and Kevin Hughes had sourced some wonderful Raffle Prizes from within the local community and the raffle drawing created quite a lot of interest.

I would like to thank each and every member of the Management Committee for their contributions to the Redland Genealogical Society during the past year. Our Vice President, Kevin Hughes, continued in the role of setting up the audio and computer systems for meetings – we certainly miss his expertise on the rare occasions he's unable to attend meetings. Kevin has also continued to maintain the Society's website. Thanks, indeed, Kevin! Our wonderful Secretary, Dianne Smith, has constantly kept all members up to date with what's occurring in the Society. Until December 2020 Dianne emailed RGSChat to all members on a monthly basis – this, I believe, really helped to ensure that members were aware of what was occurring in relation to the society. Society Minutes are prepared very promptly and are always an accurate representation of meeting processes. Thanks, Dianne, for all that you do! Our new Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, settled in to the role of Treasurer with ease. She has also continued to manage the Society's Facebook page, a very useful advertising tool for the Society. Many thanks Yvonne! Karen Hawkes has performed the task of Assistant Treasurer with aplomb, replacing Yvonne as Treasurer at times when Yvonne has been absent. Thank you, Karen!

Bob Aldred was re-elected Librarian in May 2020 and has not had an easy free-rolling role with all the changes needed in respect to COVID-19. I must say, however, Bob has taken all of this in his stride and has continued to ensure that our members have access to the Society's Library resources. Bob will be standing down as Librarian after today's meeting. The Library Committee has elected Pat Maclean to take Bob's place. A big welcome to Pat!! Thank you indeed, Bob, for all that you've done in the role of Librarian for our Society! Our Membership Officer, Annette Hall, has worked hard to maintain our Membership database and has encouraged members to pay their renewal fees by Direct Bank Deposit at times when this was not possible at meetings or in the Genealogy Room. Thanks, Annette! Every quarter, members receive the Society's Newsletter, the "Redland Researcher", produced for many years, by Greg Glidden – Greg has continued to produce a high class and interesting publication. Members have told me how much they look forward to receiving their "Redland Researcher" every quarter. Unusually, Greg has needed to call for submissions for publication during the year. Members have, however, responded to his pleas, so we now have a much happier Greg! While the ability to conduct displays has been curtailed due to COVID-19 Elaine has continued as our Displays Coordinator with displays organised at the Museum's Heritage and Harmony Fiesta in March 2021 and GSQ's Open Day in April 2021. Thanks, Elaine! The Society's records have been safely maintained by Janelle Everest throughout the year. Thanks, Janelle, for this important job! During the pandemic, Pat Misson, as leader of the Society's Research Group, has performed research for members unable to visit our Library. Unfortunately, Pat is very unwell and will be unable to continue in this important role. Many, many thanks, Pat, for sharing your very broad research knowledge in this role over the years. Lyn Smyth has again fulfilled the role of greeter at our monthly meetings, a vital role she's continued to do. Many thanks, Lyn!

Our Library is central to our Society. While it has been open to our members and members of the general public, since February 2021, attendance at the facility has been lower than in previous years. Our Society is indeed fortunate to have sole access to the room provided by the Redland City Council through the Redland Library services. This facility is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank Branch Librarian, Kim English, for her support throughout 2020 – 2021. This has included facilitating home access to *Ancestry* and *Find My Past* during the Pandemic, with this access being made available now until 31 December 2021. We could not do what we do without the support of our GRAs (Genealogical Research Assistants). I would like to offer my appreciation to every GRA – you keep this essential part of the Redland Genealogical Society operating. A number of GRAs indicated that they were unable to continue in the role for a number of different reasons. These included Kaye Barber, Les McFadzen, Cath Maris, Jan O'Brien, Pat Misson, Brenda Jones, Audrey Warner and Dianne Smith. Many thanks to these members for their collective years of service to the Society. Fortunately, a number of members have offered to train as GRAs to take their places, so that we still have a full complement of Genealogical Research Assistants.

Thanks too to the coordinators of the various Interest Groups and to those who have assisted Displays Coordinator, Elaine Speck, throughout the year. Displays are a valuable and valid way for our Society to reach out into the community. A final thank-you to our Patron, Les McFadzen, who has continued to contribute to the Society's success in many ways. Thanks, Les! Thank you one and all – it is you who make the Redland Genealogical Society the successful organisation it is.

Our Guest Speaker program, has, like so many other activities, been curtailed due to the pandemic. Les McFadzen provided some very useful guidelines for researching Chinese Ancestry at the September 2020 meeting. 2021 began with an address on "Protecting Yourself Online", presented by two volunteers from the Volunteer in Policing Program. This was followed by a very entertaining presentation by Caylie Jeffery, author of "Under the Lino" in March and a more sombre talk by Joy Neeson who outlined the search for families of soldiers on the Redland Bay cenotaph in April. At our June meeting, Ron Tait, representing Quilts of Valour, Australia, presented Les McFadzen with a very well-deserved Quilt. Quite a few members of Les's family were able to attend the presentation ceremony.

Our application to the Department of Fair Trading in relation to changing the Society's name from *Redland Genealogical Society, A Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc.* to *Redland Genealogical Society Inc.* was successful. The Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) was advised by the Queensland Family History Society (QFHS) in May 2021 that QFHS wished to cease discussions with GSQ concerning amalgamation. This was a disappointing outcome, given that these discussions had been occurring for almost three years.

In the 2019/2020 Annual Report I stated that one of the main challenges facing our society in coming years will be the maintenance of membership numbers. Your Management Committee has already put a number of strategies in place to try to address the decline in membership. These include the distribution of Flyers to all Libraries' Branches, the ordering of Business Cards which will be provided to members for distribution to interested people, and utilising Facebook for promotion purposes. Others being considered include Talks at Retirement Villages and having increased "coverage" in the local newspaper *Redland City Bulletin*. Another possibility to help increase membership is the formation of an additional Special Interest Group, with DNA being an option - so many people are having DNA Tests done and then face difficulties in interpreting their results.

Thanks to all who have continued your support. It is truly appreciated. In closing, I wish those members newly elected to the committee a successful year in office and to all members a hope that it won't be long before we're able to return to something like pre-COVID normality.



Member's Request for Assistance

One of our members is of a Croatian family. She has been collecting information for 40 years and is about to publish her first book. It will be in the Croatian language.

Can anyone advise her as to whom she could contact for help to publish this book?

If you can assist, it will be appreciated if you raise the matter at the next General Meeting or email the information to RGS email address redlandgs@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Yvonne Weston

Redland Genealogical Society**Statement of Income & Expenditure**for the year ending 30/04/2021**INCOME**

Associate Memberships	3	\$2,355.00
Bank Interest	4	\$168.67
Capitation Fees	5	\$50.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$617.50
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00
Donations - library box	8	\$14.25
Donations - other & Grants	9	\$0.00
Library - members' purchases	10	\$35.40
Library - Newsletter sales	11	\$30.00
Library - Starter Kit/Work Book	12	\$0.00
Fundraising - brick walls	13	\$120.00
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$0.00
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	15	\$1,788.00
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$295.00
Fundraising - trips	17	\$0.00
Refunds	18	\$0.00
Sundries - float	19	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$42.00

TOTALS

Opening Balance 1/5/2019

\$5,515.82\$2,309.59**\$7,825.41****EXPENDITURE**

Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Fees	3	\$80.00
Float	4	\$0.00
Fundraising - Christmas Lunch	5	\$733.70
Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	7	\$0.00
Library Subscriptions	8	\$1,827.76
Insurance	9	\$0.00
Meeting Room Rental	10	\$525.00
Newsletter - expenses	11	\$90.80
Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$93.37
Post Office Box Rental	13	\$136.00
Purchases - books	14	\$0.00
Purchases - CDs	15	\$0.00
Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$0.00
Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$0.00
Purchases - Stationery	20	\$169.83
Refunds	21	\$0.00
Society Memberships	22	\$596.08
State Govt. Fees	23	\$137.10
Sundries - Administration	24	\$98.55
Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
Members' Badges	26	\$36.00

TOTALS

Closing balance 30/4/2021

\$4,524.19\$3,301.22**\$7,825.41****STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS**

Heritage Bank Limited - Club Cheque Account	\$0.00
Heritage Bank Limited - Club Term Deposit	\$7,000.00
Advances or floats held	nil

There are no liabilities.

The Association keeps financial records in a way which properly records the Association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

Treasurer

Meeting date: 14 July, 2021

Librarian's Annual Report

Bob Aldred



This last year has been very disrupted by COVID-19 with the library open for fewer days for much of the year. Social distancing has also been a problem, resulting in Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) not being able to meet for their bi-monthly meetings and limited numbers allowed in the Genealogy room. Furthermore, the Genealogy Room was not accessible to members outside of its normal opening hours.

During the closure, access for research was provided by Pat Misson who had access to our subscribed data bases and assisted with requests for members' family history research.

During the year we have had 11 acquisitions, all of which were books that were donated. Due to COVID-19, we suspended some subscriptions to some data bases. As restrictions eased, these subscriptions have been renewed.

We are fortunate to have use of our Genealogy Room at the Cleveland Library, and express our thanks for the ongoing assistance and support received from the library staff, Angela Puata, the Local History Librarian and her assistant, Gillian McNeill. The library has also made Ancestry.com and FindMyPast available to all library members through its website. This has compensated for the limited access to the library and our Genealogy room.

Finally, I would like to record my thanks for the constant work put in by all our Genealogical Research Assistants in providing their time, help and assistance to members and visitors. During this year we have had eight GRAs retire or resign. We are grateful for the many years they have given as GRAs, which is a valuable contribution to the services that Redland Genealogical Society provides.

Following an appeal, we had a good response from our members and new GRAs were recruited to fill the vacancies that have occurred. We are fortunate to have nearly a full complement, ensuring the library functions to its full potential. However, we do have vacancies that need filling on Saturdays. This is quite a problem, with GRAs having to back up quite often.

We are grateful that we have been able to fully open our room again to the public in the latter part of the year. However, COVID-19 still threatens our community and how well our library can function.

It has been a pleasure to have been the Librarian and I appreciate all the people who assisted and aided me. I wish Pat Maclean all the best in the coming year.

Membership Officer's Annual Report

Annette Hall



Wow what a year! No longer a Branch of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, we are now our own entity, the Redland Genealogical Society Inc. - proudly supported by the Redland City Council, Covid-19 still hanging around just to be a nuisance, but best of all was celebrating our 40th Anniversary (What a milestone!) and having some of our Founding Members present who are still members today.

Total Membership is 93 made up of 86 RGS members and 7 GSQ/Redland Branch members. The number of GSQ/Redland Branch members of course will eventually cease as their Renewal dates are reached. Hopefully some of these will re-join RGS.

What can I say but once again, unfortunately this number is considerably less as at the same time last year!

It is up to all of us, as members of RGS, to try to generate interest in joining our Society. Please think of ways to interest the public and suggest ideas to the RGS Management Committee. You may have ideas that we haven't even thought of.

Magazine Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Annette Hall



There are fifteen members in the Magazine Interest Group (MIG) with eight of these members circulating the Journals received.

Sixteen Family History Societies from Overseas, two from Australia and one from New Zealand, are subscribed to by our members, giving us a great variety of information and topics to read. They often advertise new Sources being made available.

Three of the Journals are E-Journals and are forwarded to our MIG members and also made available on Computers 2 and 3 in our Genealogy Room at the Cleveland Library.

This room is also eventually home to the majority of the magazines which can then be read or borrowed by all RGS members.

Displays Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Elaine Speck

During the last Financial Year 2020-2021 I have to report that we have held only one Display around the Redlands due to COVID. This is that report –

HERITAGE AND HARMONY DAY, REDLAND MUSEUM, 21st March 2021

This was our first Display for some time. The Museum does their very best to continue their great work during these hard times. We were lucky to be involved in one of their latest events - a Heritage and Harmony Day. At one stage the day was in doubt, not only because of COVID-19, but also a lot of rain was predicted. The organisers managed to have us all contained inside the museum itself and it turned out to be a great success. We had a spot in front of one of the alcove displays. Even though it was slightly cramped, there was room for us to put up some of our Display Boards and have a table and 3 chairs. I brought along our dressed models which stood at the front and added to the atmosphere.

I feel that the day was worth the effort and I received a thank you note from the museum's Events Coordinator, Tara Young.

Facebook Co-ordinator's Annual Report

Yvonne Weston



Our Facebook page has maintained a good reach over the last year, and we have gained a following from Redland residents as a result of the local content that has been shared or posted. Most of our followers are living either in the Redlands or in the surrounding Brisbane suburbs. However, we do occasionally attract the attention of people from overseas countries.

During the year we have had enquiries for assistance in research and requests to join our Society. All the enquires and requests have been positively attended to. These requests confirm that we are heading in the right direction to increase awareness of our Society. Of course, there is always more to do in this space and the hope is to attract the attention of younger people and encourage them to start their own genealogy research.

Our private area online for members to share their research, "RGS Members Chat", is a private Facebook group. RGS Members Chat group is open only to current members of our Society and the discussions can be viewed and contributed to only by the RGS members who have become members of the private group.

This group has been particularly useful during the lockdown periods in the pandemic and has allowed members to remain in contact, discussing a variety of topics and sharing resources. It is a great platform for those who need information in between meetings or if they are unable to attend in person.

Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

Helen Veivers



COVID19 has once again impacted on our Writing Interest Group. Three meetings only were conducted, with the November and March meetings being held in my home. Fortunately, we were able to utilise the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library for our June meeting, but numbers needed to be restricted to 10 people only.

Our meetings always start with the opportunity to write. It amazes me the diversity of ways people respond to the same writing task. This in itself engenders quite a lot of interest. Members have submitted some very interesting samples of their writing for others to read and critique. We learn so much from these sessions.

At our June meeting Di Edelman demonstrated how she uses various media to discover information to include in her writing. For instance, Di recommended our joining Facebook Groups for the areas where our ancestors lived – not only does this help to provide background information, but also it might just lead to some very pertinent data for an ancestor.

We have been able to obtain bookings in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library for the remainder of our meetings for 2021, although our meeting time has changed to 1.00pm – 2.30pm. We're all looking forward to being able to meet on a more regular basis in 2021/2022.

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report

Greg Glidden

Despite the range of COVID-19 restrictions curtailing many activities for members and the Society, I have continued to receive good support from members in providing personal stories and important genealogical information for the *Redland Researcher*.

Last August, for the first time, my stock on hand had dropped to the point where I needed to send an "SOS". I received a great response from members and appreciated the number of articles that they sent and how quickly they came to my aid. I am beholden to our members for continuing this support.

I am concerned at times that my message at each General Meeting might be somewhat monotonous. However, I need a continuous flow of articles from members, information on useful websites and any other information that assists with family research. This is vital for the publication of an informative and an interesting newsletter.

The year 2021 marked the 40th Anniversary of our Society and an anniversary booklet was published for the occasion. Twenty-one (21) long-serving members, still active in the Society today, provided a profile on their lives, their family research, and how they came to be involved in the Redland Genealogical Society. Some of these were Founding Members. I felt privileged to be the first to read these profiles while preparing them for publication.

Last year and this year, for the first time, Business Advertisements were placed in the newsletter. This is a money-raising exercise for the Society. The two ads raised \$50.

More recently, approval was given for members, who wish to sell a genealogy-related item, to place a quarter-page advertisement in the newsletter for \$15.

Members can contact me for information on placing ads.

The Member's Interests form continues to be circulated each quarter. Not all may find this useful. However, it does act as a reminder to new members, who are yet to provide their research interests, and for others to update their details, if required.

"Thank-you, one and all" - members and the Committee, for the support that you give.

Redland Genealogical Society Celebrates 40 Years



It is no insignificant event when an organisation celebrates forty (40) years of being! This is something that the Redland Genealogical Society did on 11 May this year – the actual celebration was held through a celebratory Luncheon at the Redland Museum in Smith Street, Cleveland on 12 May 2021. While readers may think that this is nothing very significant, it needs to be considered that the event occurred during the COVID-19 Pandemic, so its organisation posed some particular difficulties.

Forty-seven people attended, three of whom were original members of the Society, namely Marel Donaldson, Denise Brady and Sue Skinner, who were given the special task of cutting the Anniversary Cake. Other special guests included Deputy Mayor, Redland City Council, Julie Talty, representative from Cleveland Library, Angela Puata, and Patron, Les McFadzen. Jim Gilbert was MC for the function and did an excellent job of ensuring the function ran smoothly.



Memorabilia was on show, including folders of photos taken during the past 40 years, much of which had been carefully compiled by Marel Donaldson during the years she spent as the Society's Archivist. Museum staff had also prepared an historical exhibition for the enjoyment of attendees. Society member, Audrey Warner wrote a poem to celebrate the milestone and she read this to the gathering during the afternoon.

A Society can't reach such a significant milestone without having a written document for future generations to enjoy. Our Newsletter editor, Greg Glidden, took on the role of producing such a publication and created a wonderful document that not only celebrated the Society's achievements over the past 40 years, but also contained "portrait gems" of many of those who have helped shape the Society's success during that time. Greg is to be congratulated on this production!

A spectacular array of raffle prizes had been collected by Membership Officer, Annette Hall, and Vice President, Kevin Hughes, and the drawing of the winners of the prizes certainly created much interest.

In closing, I would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our special celebration, including the Organising Committee consisting of Annette Hall, Dianne Smith, and Greg Glidden. This group worked so well together to create such a successful event. Thanks also to our special guests, MC, Jim Gilbert, and the staff at the Redland Museum. I look forward to seeing the Redland Genealogical Society continue its prosperity and to its 50th celebration in 2031.

Helen Veivers, President

Guest Speaker



Ron Tait (*right*) Queensland representative, Quilts of Valour Australia, was guest speaker in June. This organisation's mission is to present quilts to service members and veterans of the ADF in recognition of their sacrifice for Australia whilst deployed on combat operations. Recognition also extends to families of Australian Defence Force Personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice. Due to the efforts of a Victorian woman, it was formed in 2012 with support from the Victorian Quilters' Guild and the Berwick RSL sub-branch. More information can be found at <https://quiltsvalour.com.au/>. Our Patron, past President, and long-time member, Les McFadzen (*left*) served in the Armed Forces on three tours of duty during the Vietnam war. Unbeknown to him, he was being presented with a quilt, and his family had been invited for the occasion.



Always Keep Looking

by Pat Misson

This concerns a renewed contact with my grandmother's family, the Hills of Staffordshire.

My grandmother's uncle, William, emigrated to Ontario, Canada in 1883. His marriage produced 9 children, the youngest of which, Malcolm, was in England during WW1 in the Canadian forces. During his visit, Malcolm met my father's sister, Violet, and they married in 1943. Violet was to follow him to Canada after the war but unfortunately, she became ill and died.

There always has been a lot of knowledge, about the whole family and contact between those in Canada, Australia and those remaining in the UK.

About a month ago, I came across an Ancestry Tree with all my Hill relatives in it. I wrote to the tree owner, who it turned out was descended from another child of William Hill, in Ontario. We have exchanged information and found quite a few surprises. One thing that Kathleen sent were some photographs taken on the family farm, probably around the 1920's, and I discovered that William, who had emigrated from England in 1883, had a strong resemblance to my father.

As descendants of John Smith, we had all been told that "you are Smith through and through" but these photographs of the earlier generation tell a different story. There is my father's head, on the shoulders of William Hill, looking for all the world like one of the Beverly Hillbillies. I have a photograph of my great grandmother taken in the early 1900's, and I was told that I strongly resemble her, as did one of my cousins, who looks just like Malcolm on his wedding photo.

I have been adding bits to this family file for over 60 years now, so I suppose the moral is to always keep looking, and you will surely find something new.

Lockdown 2020

by Audrey Warner

My once short hair has grown long;
I'd shake your hand but know that's wrong;
Times sure have changed from those we've known.
Oh Corona!

Our house is clean from front to back;
Once hated jobs I did attack;
With dust removed from every crack.
Oh Corona!

On ANZAC Day we stood alone
Without the crowds we once had known;
No marching men, flag half-mast flown.
Oh Corona!

I've knitted, crocheted, sewn and more;
Done crossword puzzles by the score;
Watched TV shows I'd seen before.
Oh Corona!

Five weeks with just my husband's face
Though not one cross word did take place.
We've learned to face this threat with grace.
Oh Corona!

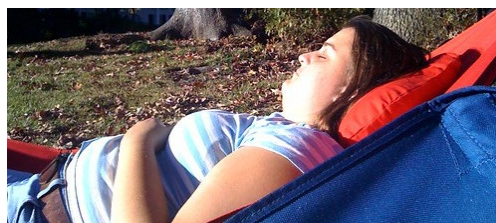
New words and phrases we have heard.
COVID-19 the most heard word –
And some from Trump that were absurd.
Oh Corona!

One day we'll think it quite a joke
That toilet rolls were prized by folk
Some wearing masks that were bespoke.
Oh Corona!

We Aussies are a hardy breed
And times like these are all we need
To help each other – guaranteed.
Oh Corona!

A cup of Tea, a Bex and a Good Lie Down

Would we have resorted to this advice for comfort if COVID-19 had arrived in Australia in the 1950s/60s?



The "COVID-19" Management Committee 2021/22



This photograph will be something to look back on in years to come!

This year, we were permitted to hold our Annual General Meeting in July. However, the wearing of masks had been made mandatory by the Queensland Government.

Front L to R - *Dianne Smith, Annette Hall, Helen Veivers (President), Karen Hawkes, Pat Maclean*

Back L to R – *Greg Glidden, Val Burt, Kevin Hughes, Yvonne Weston, Les McFadzen (Patron), Lyn Smyth (Absent - Elaine Speck, Janelle Everest)*

Bribie the Basket Maker

by Greta Brown

This story begins in the settlement of Moreton Bay sometime around 1838. This appears to have been the time that the convict settlement was being phased out, and a new era of free settlement was about to begin. The local Aboriginal people called this place "Meginchin". There were still some convicts here working on Hamilton Road and at the farms. However, the days of the lash and the cruel treatment by callous overseers was drawing to an end. There was, by this time, only a fraction of the convicts left, and these were from a group originally sent from Sydney.

Governor Gipps had left and a naval Commander, John Clements Wickham RN, who was to become the Police Magistrate, had not yet arrived. Andrew Petrie and his family had been in the Colony for a few years when these events took place. Constance Campbell Petrie, daughter of Andrew Petrie, wrote the story down in her notebook. She wrote about the people who lived and worked nearby. Little did the then 8-year-old realise that her writings would become one of the few sources of knowledge, of those times.



Map of Brisbane 1842 courtesy of the State Library of Queensland

Top centre is the Aboriginal people's camp, bottom left are the Government gardens, now the Botanic Gardens. Kangaroo Point in the foreground.

The story is about a convict named Bribie. Where he got his name, no one remembered. He was a merry fellow and liked by everyone. He was certainly no hardened criminal. He was one of a handful of convicts who were given considerable latitude and he was able to go pretty much wherever he wished during daylight hours. He was also the only white person in the settlement who could catch fish. He loved to catch fish and was happy to share some with his companions. He would then walk up the road to the Military Barracks on what is now Petrie Terrace and take some of the fish to the Commandant and some of the other high-ranking officers. Anything left over he sold to the free settlers.

After all the fish were sold, he would then follow a creek as it flowed downhill to the area which today is the location of King George Square. He collected the rushes growing along the bank of the creek and in the numerous swamps. These he used to weave baskets as they were ideal for his handiwork.

By 1839 Andrew Petrie, was 'Commander of Works' and was involved in the overseeing of the building of Hamilton Road. His sons, Tom, and John Petrie were about the same age as Bribie, and they used to go about together exploring the creeks and swamps. Sometimes they visited the Aboriginal people's camp across the river where they were always welcomed. They learned how to play Aboriginal games with the Aboriginal children; and they learned about their superstitions and some native lore. By the end of 1842 the convicts had built a wharf for the steam ferries to tie up at Queen Street, Petrie Bight, where the intersection of Eagle Street and Wharf Street are located. Here Bribie set his baskets and no doubt thought about what he would do when he got his "Ticket-of-Leave".

Constance Petrie watched as the wharf was being built, since it was not far from her home which was located at the corner of Wharf and Queen Streets. There always seemed to be some activity going on there. She would have seen Bribie place his baskets in the water carefully, so as not to disturb the bank too much lest he scare away the fish. Then he would scatter scraps of food, usually bones with a little meat still adhering to them. These he placed in the water

around the baskets to attract the fish. Every three days or so he would pull up the baskets and take out his catch. When Bribie and some other convicts made a platform near the wharf, she wrote in detail about how they erected some very strong posts out of whatever timber they could find and made a structure between the posts to support a block and tackle to lift the baskets out of the water. The baskets had a large opening and once a fish entered it could not get out, and so was trapped. After a few days there were plenty of fish trapped inside, making the baskets quite heavy.

Another happening caught her attention. Constance's two brothers had learned of a large gathering which was about to take place. The Bunya feast was a gathering of hundreds of Aboriginal people from South East Queensland and occurred about every two years. Word would go out to all the tribes by means of their "bush telegraph". As groups of people arrived, they set to work building their simple gunyahs for shelter. This would be home for a couple of weeks. Not everyone in the tribe could come because the weaker or younger ones had to be cared for back at camp. Some travelled for up to three days to reach the meeting place, "Meginchin" as they called it. They came from as far away as the Clarence River in the South, from the Glass House Mountains in the North, from the Boonah area and the highlands of Toowoomba, to the islands of Moreton Bay.

Mostly those who came were the young, the strong, and the healthiest people. Sisters and brothers who had not seen each other since the last feast, who were living with other tribes due to marriages between the tribes, came together to celebrate their connection to each other. They brought gifts and items to trade. Each clan had their own tree to harvest but if their tree was not as bountiful as another, it did not matter because the food was all shared and cooked by the group and no one went hungry. A young man would climb the Bunya tree using a vine, so as not to damage the tree. When he reached the nut, he cut it open with a stone axe, to see if it was full and ripe. The crowd below, watching, would cheer him on, and so the gathering of the Bunya Nuts and the feast commenced. The nuts were cooked in a fire until the hard shell cracked open, then, when cooled a little, were consumed in large quantities. Some nuts were taken back to those who had not been able to come for the feast. The young women carried their dilly bags for this purpose and for the next few days the celebrations, the stories and the dances continued.

One morning, after the feast and the celebrations had been going for some days, the camp would awake to an eerie silence; the visiting tribes would have gone. In the early hours of the morning, they would have broken camp, packed up everything, their tools, blankets, dilly bags, and the Bunya Nuts. It would be a couple of years before they would return, and the feasting and the stories would happen again.

A young woman from the tribe near the Pumice Stone River as it was called then, had seen the convict Bribie gathering reeds from the swamps. She had noticed him with the Commandant, the soldiers, and the other convicts, and also noticed that he was a very good fisherman. She deduced that he must be a powerful man and so the two became acquainted.

Bribie continued to make his baskets and he even made baskets for navigation. A series of posts had been placed at regular intervals along the river for the navigation of vessels at night. These posts were quite difficult to see in the darkness and Bribie came up with the idea to make baskets which when secured to the posts, enabled a lantern to be placed inside, thus giving light throughout the night without the lantern being blown out or tossed into the water below.

Bribie and the young woman renewed their friendship at the next feast. This time they were seen to be having some very intense conversations. When the Aboriginal people broke camp at the end of the feast, Bribie was nowhere to be found. The authorities searched his room, but he had not slept in his bed. They searched the swamps and the riverbank but for sure he was gone. Some of his close friends understood that he had must have gone with the Aboriginal woman from the tribe from near the Pumice Stone River.

After a few weeks Bribie walked back into the Commandants Office. He asked forgiveness for leaving and was ready to take his punishment. He had only a few weeks to serve out his sentence. The Commandant was understanding and had the Ticket of Leave brought to him to sign, and Bribie was a free man.

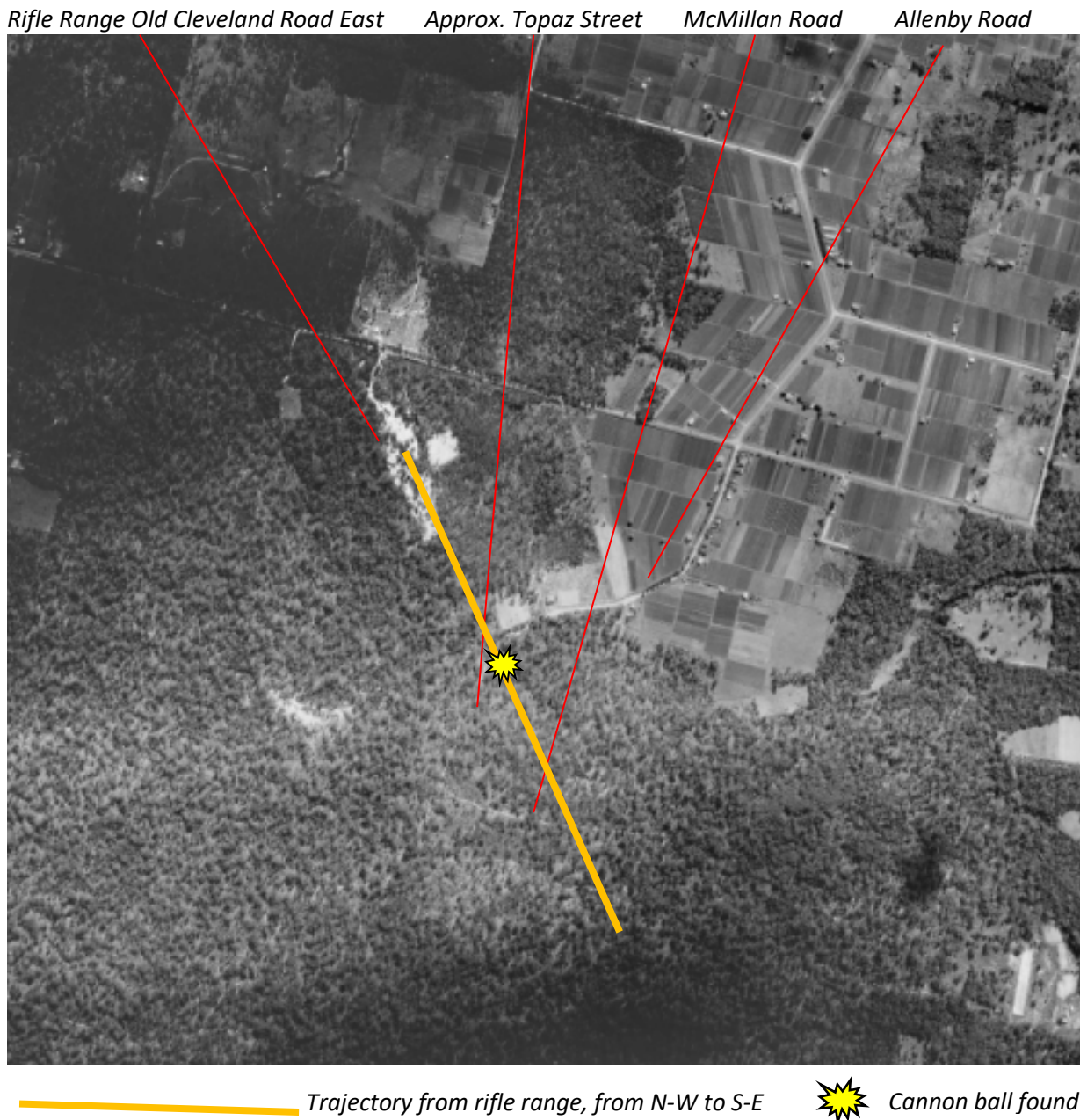
After a time, Bribie became the head of the tribe, and he never left the island again. Over the years, whenever someone went missing, they would say, "he's gone up to be with Bribie". Later that became "he's gone up to Bribie". The Pumice Stone River was found to be not a river at all. Years late with the help of one of the local Aboriginal people, John Oxley was guided into the passage which separated the mainland and what we know today as ...what else but "Bribie Island".

[Footnotes referencing the author's source of information have been omitted, due to lack of space. Those interested in local history will find "The Collected Works of Thomas Welsby" informative. It is available in the Cleveland Local History Library – Ed. RR]

More on the Alexandra Hills Cannon Ball

An article in the February edition of the newsletter reported that a cannon ball had been unearthed at 2 Topaz Street, Alexandra Hills by Sue Hughes, wife of vice President, Kevin Hughes. It had been the first reported finding of an actual cannon ball in the Redlands Area.

Angela Puata, Local History Librarian Cleveland Library, read this article and provided the following information - *Military and Naval exercises were held annually all across greater Brisbane region from at least the 1880s. It is possible that the cannon ball was fired at the nearby rifle range that had closed in 1919, now the Birkdale Waste Transfer Station/Judy Holt Park. A QImagery 1946 aerial shows that Topaz Street is along a line from the old range:*



Lucy's Story and "Ardath" Ormiston

Angela also drew my attention to State Library of Queensland's blog - <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/lucys-story>. It has a direct connection with the Moss family, early Redlands settlers who built *Ardath* in Ormiston. Lucy, a young Aboriginal child from Normanton, went to live with them but vanished as a young woman, leaving her baby son with the family.

It is an interesting read!

Angela commented that there are a few loose ends that an avid researcher may be able to track down if they were keen enough to try.

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Wandering Through the Web

Family History Connections

(The Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies)

<https://www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/>

Although paid membership is required to access resources, access is freely available to over 18,000 entries in their searchable library catalogue, as well as to indexes for other resources. You might happen to find something that gives you a lead in furthering your research.

Anatomy Registers (Scotland)

<https://www.oldscothish.com/anatomy-registers.html>

Registers of bodies supplied to medical schools for dissection were maintained from 1842 up to 1949. Information can be obtained, at no cost, on name, age, last residence/place of death, date of death. A fee is payable to have the full record emailed, which will include cause of death, place to which body was removed, and date & place of burial.

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Queensland

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)
110 George Street, Brisbane. 4000
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002
Phone: 1300 366 430
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm
\$22.90 Historical Image – PDF on-line
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\$32.20 Historical Certificate – includes postage
www.qld.gov.au/familyhistory/

New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001
Phone: 13 77 88
\$35.00 (with Registration number)
\$48.00 (w/out number, includes 10-year search)
Both include postage; Credit card charges extra
www.bdm.nsw.gov.au

Transcription services:

www.joymurrin.com.au
<http://www.transcriptions.com.au/>



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Phone: 1300 369 367
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www.bdm.vic.gov.au

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Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601
Phone: (02) 6207 3000
\$65.00 includes postage
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are available.
https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/18/kw/bdm

South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages
Consumer & Business Services
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001 Phone: 131 882
\$55.50 - includes postage
<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/births-deaths-and-marriages/family-research>
Also, use their link to [Genealogy SA](http://GenealogySA) for an online name search for BDMs and other worthwhile resources!



Western Australia

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
PO Box 7720, Cloisters Square, Perth, WA 6850
Phone: 1300 305 021
\$20.00 (uncertified copy) – includes postage
<https://bdm.justice.wa.gov.au/>

Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001
Phone: 1300 135 513
\$55.42 – includes postage
www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/home

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Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages
GPO Box 3021, Darwin, NT 0801
Phone: (08) 8999 6119
\$47.00 – postage extra
(1856-1863 = NSW) (1863-1870 = SA)
www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm



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Registry of Births, Deaths, Marriages & Citizenship
PO Box 10-526, Wellington 6143 New Zealand
Printout **\$(NZ)25.00**
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www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/

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