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**Special Interest & Other Groups**

DNA Interest Group Convenor	To be advised
Facebook Co-ordinator	Yvonne Weston
Magazine Interest Group Convenor	Annette Hall
Writing Interest Group Convenor	Helen Veivers
Zoom Group Convenor	Penny Stewart

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

**General Meetings** - second Wednesday of the month, February to December, 12:15pm to 2:30pm, at Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies at each meeting to cover the room booking (and a lucky door prize ticket). Free parking is available at the Centre. Meals can be purchased from the Centre's café by those wishing to have an early lunch prior to the meeting.

**Annual General Meetings** - second Wednesday of July at 12:15pm, followed by a General Meeting.**No meetings are held during January.**

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

**Financial Members can access this room for research any time the Cleveland Library is open** to use the Society's collections, and to freely access the Research Websites to which the Society subscribes. **To obtain the key**, members must present their "RGS" Redland City Library Service card to Cleveland Library Reception staff. **It is not the same card you privately obtain for borrowing from the Council Libraries.** It is the card given to all joining members.

**You must activate this card at Cleveland Library each year** by presenting it with your latest RGS Membership Card.

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

***Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm and Saturdays 12:30pm to 3:30pm***

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

**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.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en\\_AU/search/asset/1007593/0](https://redl.sdp.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0). Gillian McNeill is Redland City Council's Acting Local History Librarian.

## A Note from the Editor

At July's Annual General Meeting, Karen Hawkes became our new Librarian and Jeanne Dixon took on the position of a Committee Member. Otherwise, there were not any changes in the 2021/22 Management Committee. A very warm welcome to you, Karen, and a big "thank you" to Jeanne for quickly stepping into the position of Librarian when Pat Maclean had to resign due to ill health.

Angela Puata, Redland City Council's Local History Librarian, has retired. Angela and our Librarians/GRAs have enjoyed a fruitful relationship and have often worked together in areas of common interest. She promoted our Society within the Redland Council Library network, and I have had other family history societies comment on how they would like to have a similar relationship with their local libraries. We wish Angela a long and healthy retirement. Meanwhile, her previous assistant, Gillian McNeill, is acting in this position.

Early members will know Life Member, Glenda Webb. We have not seen much of her since she moved from the Redlands some years ago. Sadly, Glenda's husband, Graeme, died 16 June 2022. Our condolences to Glenda and her family.

Greg Glidden

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Payment by New Members and Renewing Members can be made to -

The 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 Payment Reference -**

**NEW MEMBERS:** The word **New** + **Surname** - **RENEWING MEMBERS:** **Membership No.** + **Surname**

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## President's Annual Report

*Helen Veivers*

I began last year's Report with this statement – "COVID-19 has continued to impact the Redland Genealogical Society in a number of ways". This applies equally as well this year, although, following a year of stuttering "starts and stops", things in society have moved to what could be termed the "new normal". For the past few months we've been able to operate our Genie Room within the Cleveland Library without enforced closures and with minimal sanitising of equipment being required – a far cry from just a few months ago! There is no doubt that COVID-19 has had an immense effect on the attendance in our "Room" and that the Society will need to introduce strategies to try to improve attendance numbers during the coming year.

Our Genie Room is central to our society. We are 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 Monique Whitewood, Acting Service Manager, Redland City Council Libraries, for her support during her time of tenure while replacing Branch Librarian, Kim English. I recently signed a Deed of Variation to our Memorandum of Understanding with the Redland City Council. This Deed extends our Memorandum of Understanding until 30 June 2023, at which time it is hoped a longer-term Memorandum of Understanding will be instigated.

With the Genie Room being so significant to the Society's being, it is understandable that our Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) are pivotal to what we offer both our members and members of the general public. What GRAs do is so important to the operation of the Society, and I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for the time you devote to this activity. Thank you, one and all!! Jeanne Dixon is one GRA I'll "single out" for a special mention – when our new Librarian, Pat Maclean, was forced to resign due to ill health in February this year, Jeanne stepped up and took on the role of Acting Librarian and has fulfilled this role with aplomb. Thanks indeed Jeanne!! Jeanne has been supported in the role by Greta Brown who has produced the very necessary GRA rosters. Thanks, Greta!

Our Guest Speaker Program was off to a rocky start in August 2021 when we were forced to have Helen Smith speak to us via Zoom because of a sudden introduction of COVID-19 restrictions. Since that time we've been able to have all of our Guest Speakers present to us at our actual face to face meetings. A variety of presentations have been enjoyed – Cara Downes provided information about Copyright for Family Historians in October 2021. Dr Karen Thurecht gave a dynamic presentation built around her book "Murder at the Dunwich Asylum" in February 2022 and in March Judy Lofthouse focussed on "Find My Past" and, in particular, the 1921 Census released in January 2022. Col Sutcliffe's presentation on "The Bollon Diaries" was very well received in April 2022, while the presentation on the Wacol Immigration Centre provided by Paul Budde in May 2022 had particular significance for our Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, given she spent some of her childhood at the Centre. In June 2022 our Guest Speaker was Peter Ludlow who spoke about a visit to Minjerribah. During the year, in place of a Guest Speaker, we trialled two member-driven events - a Brick Wall discussion in September 2021 and an opportunity to discuss "My Favourite Sites" in November 2021. These were well received by those present.

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. Kevin Hughes has once again provided a mountain of support in his roles as Vice President and Webmaster. As always, Dianne Smith who's presently fled to Canada, has done an absolutely sterling job as Secretary – Dianne's efficiency is amazing. Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, has fitted into the role very well and, as with Dianne, does her job very efficiently – I truly appreciate the way Yvonne has taken on the role of Secretary in Dianne's absence. Thank you, Yvonne! Karen Hawkes moved from the role of Assistant Treasurer during the year and has agreed to take on the job of Librarian, beginning after today's meeting. Thank you, Karen, for taking on this vital position! Val Burt took on Karen's role as Assistant Treasurer and she and Yvonne plan to work very closely together. Thanks, Val! Our wonderful Annette Hall has continued on as our Membership Officer – Annette knows all members by name and is very excited that our membership numbers are beginning to rise again. Thanks, Annette, for all you do in so many areas of our Society's operation! Newsletter Editor, Greg Glidden, has unusually been forced to request members provide information for the "Redland Researcher" during the year with great result. Thanks Greg, for your fabulous work with our quarterly Newsletter and for all the additional things you've tackled, including setting up reciprocal visiting rights with societies throughout Australia. While COVID-19 seriously dented our ability to conduct displays, Elaine Speck has organised some very successful ones during 2022. Thanks, Elaine – your enthusiasm for your role is

appreciated by all. Our records have continued to be safely maintained by Archivist, Janelle Everest. Thanks, Janelle, for performing this important role. When Pat Misson passed away in July 2021 our society lost an absolutely superb researcher. In recent months we've been fortunate enough to have Ian Barrett take on the role of Research Officer. Ian has already completed one project on behalf of the Society. Thank you Ian. Lyn Smyth has again filled the role of greeter at our monthly meetings, although there have been times during the year when, due to ill health, Lyn has been unable to fulfil this vital role. This is when the spirit of our society shines brightly – somebody else always steps in very quickly to greet members and visitors as they enter our meetings. Finally, a thank you to our Patron, Les McFadzen, for his continuing support of our Society.

Thanks too to the co-ordinators of our Interest Groups. Under Convenor, Annette Hall's leadership the Magazine Interest Group has thrived. We all look forward to Annette's report each month in which she always has an interesting piece of information she's discovered in a magazine to share with us. The Writing Group has continued to meet every two months with some of the Group's work being included in the Society's Newsletter. Two new Interest Groups were added during the year. Penny Stewart convenes a Zoom Group which aims to provide a forum for discussion and learning about family history, including knowledge about the Family Tree Maker program. Thank you Penny for your initiative in starting this group. Additionally, a DNA Group began operating in October 2021 and has continued to meet on a monthly basis. An exciting development during the year was the introduction of a Members' Only section on our website – it is here that members are able to peruse magazines and journals from societies throughout the world. A big thank you to Kevin Hughes and Greg Glidden who collaborated to achieve lift-off in January and to Kevin for his continued monitoring of this section of our website.

In May 2022 we hosted ten members from the Caloundra Family History Research Incorporated. The visit included a Meet and Greet at the Cleveland Library, a presentation from local History Librarian, Angela Puata, a walk through our Genie Room and then a car tour around the many historic sites in the Cleveland and Ormiston areas and included lunch at the historic Grandview Hotel. Our guests thoroughly enjoyed the day and have invited members of our society to visit them later in 2022.

In closing, I'll reiterate something from my 2020 Annual Report – the main challenge facing our Society at this point in time is the maintenance of membership numbers. While our membership has increased marginally of late, we must continue to employ strategies to encourage membership of our society, if we want this trend to continue. What Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, does with Facebook is a great start. Thank you, Yvonne. There are many other things that we as a society need to instigate, if we are to grow – one of our biggest problems is ensuring that residents of the Redland City area are aware of our existence. Thanks to all members who have distributed our Business Cards, a 2022 initiative. I'm to be a Guest Speaker at the Capalaba Lions Club shortly and hope to do more of these presentations during the coming year with the aim of raising the profile of Family History Research within the Redlands.

Thank you one and all for your support of the Redland Genealogical Society. It is truly appreciated. Without your support the Redland Genealogical Society would not be the successful organisation it is. In closing, I wish those members newly elected to the committee a successful year and to all members a happy and healthy year ahead.

## Magazine Interest Group Co-ordinator's Annual Report

*Annette Hall*

There are fifteen members in the Magazine Interest Group with eight of these circulating the Journals received; a couple of changes with members, but we still are maintaining a great variety in reading materials from England, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand.

During the past twelve months there have been Copyright issues in which some of our members had to gain permission to enable them to pass on their E-journals to the Group. Some were allowed and some were not. Thanks again to Greg for his assistance in this matter.

Our MIG members subscribe to a total of eighteen Family History Societies with one of these covering "Families In British India" plus one of our members subscribes to an Australian publication – "Traces" totalling nineteen in all.

Thanks go to every one of you.



## Treasurer's Annual Report

Yvonne Weston

**Redland Genealogical Society Inc****Statement of Income & Expenditure**for the year ending 30/04/2022**INCOME**

Memberships	3	\$2,205.00
Bank Interest	4	\$91.24
Capitation Fees -N/A	5	\$0.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$708.60
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00
Donations - Library box	8	\$49.70
Donations - other & Grants	9	\$17.00
Library - Members' purchases	10	\$661.00
Library - Newsletter sales	11	\$0.00
Library - Starter Kit/Work Book s	12	\$21.00
Fundraising - brick walls	13	\$12.80
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$27.00
Fundraising-Christmas/function	15	\$679.00
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$643.00
Fundraising - trips	17	\$0.00
Refunds	18	\$17.01
Sundries - float	19	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$12.00

<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,144.35</u></b>
Opening Balance 1/5/2019	\$3,301.22
	<b><u>\$8,445.57</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Fees	3	\$30.00
Float	4	\$30.00
Fundraising-Christmas/function	5	\$1,976.37
Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	7	\$0.00
Library Subscriptions	8	\$2,068.85
Insurance	9	\$635.00
Meeting Room Rental	10	\$654.00
Newsletter - expenses	11	\$42.24
Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$66.00
Post Office Box Rental	13	\$139.00
Purchases - Books	14	\$318.78
Purchases - CDs	15	\$0.00
Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$0.00
Purchases - Furniture	18	\$0.00
Purchases - Library Equipment	19	\$79.10
Purchases - Stationery	20	\$100.88
Refunds	21	\$17.01
Society Memberships	22	\$188.50
State Govt. Fees	23	\$57.60
Sundries - Administration	24	\$277.47
Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
Members' Badges	26	\$24.00

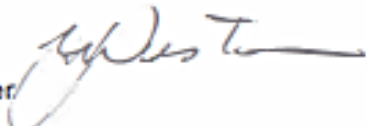
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,704.80</u></b>
Closing balance 30/4/2022	\$1,740.77
	<b><u>\$8,445.57</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS**

Heritage Bank Limited - Club Cheque Account	\$1,740.77
Heritage Bank Limited - Club Term Deposit	\$7,000.00
Floats held	\$30.00
Advances 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: 13 July, 2022

## Librarian's Annual Report

*Jeanne Dixon*

The year started with the great loss to us all when Pat Misson passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Pat did so much for the Society especially the Library. She is greatly missed.

This has been a mixed year for the Library. The number of people visiting our room is well down, we only welcomed 628 members and visitors this year compared to 928 in the previous year. This is partly due to visiting restrictions at the beginning of the year due to Covid and people still feeling unsure about crowded places. Book loans were also very disappointing with only 37 books being borrowed throughout the year. Our collection of material covers a wide range of topics, so please look at our catalogue to see what you can find about the way our ancestors lived and look at our many books on "How to trace" ancestors by their various professions and much more.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed a new Librarian, Pat Maclean. She was doing so well, being full of enthusiasm and ideas, when in February she had to resign suddenly due to ill-health. There being no one else available at the time, I undertook to hold the fort until the AGM. Thank you for all you did Pat, we all hope you are much better now.

We have renewed our subscriptions to The Genealogist and RootsIreland as well as we still have our own subscription to FindMyPast. This supplements the Redland City Library "One seat" subscription. Of course Ancestry is free to us all. I must add a thank you to the Redland City Library for allowing it to be free to everyone at home until last December, seeing us through the worst of Covid.

Our cataloguing problems are now at an end. The Redland City Library undertook the massive task of changing their cataloguing system which took longer than expected. As a result none of our new additions to the library for most of the year, have been able to reach the shelves until this week. Details of what is now available will be presented in the new Librarian's report.

The Redland City Library have, as always been a great support, with special thanks to Angela Puata, who has just begun a well-earned retirement and also Gillian McNeill, who has been so helpful with my many queries.

To all our GRAs, a very special thank you for all your hard work throughout the year. It hasn't been easy with many of you doing extra duties to keep things going. I must make a special mention of all the extra help Annette Hall has given, doing up to 4/5 duties a month at times and of being of great assistance to me. We really do need more help, so anyone who feels they would like to join this group to assist people in finding their family, they would be most welcome.

We have appointed Karen Hawkes as our new Librarian. I am handing over to Karen as from today. She is very enthusiastic and is looking forward to taking on the role. I know you will give her lots of support in the year ahead.

## DNA Special Interest Group A/Convenor's Annual Report

*Helen Veivers*

An excited group of 18 gathered in the lower level of the School of Arts Hall in Birkdale for the inaugural DNA Interest Group meeting on 20 October 2021. At this very first meeting most of the time was spent in discussing what the various testing organisations offered clients. In November we met again in the Birkdale School of Arts Hall, this time on the upper level – we'd hoped to share DNA results, but quickly discovered there was no Wi Fi available, so the group discussed DNA results in a general way.

In 2022 we were fortunate enough to be able to secure bookings in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library. Here Wi Fi is readily available, and we've been able to avail ourselves of the use of the inbuilt Data Projector. We viewed some "How to Get Started" videos at the March and April meetings and organised for Sharon Upton to talk to us about the Leeds Method at our May meeting. Member, Kevin Hughes, spoke at our June meeting about an amazing discovery in his family, following contact from an unknown cousin.

At present we're able to have up to 15 people attend our meetings, due to COVID limitations. If you have done a DNA Test or are considering doing one, why not join us – we're a "learn from each other" group which has come a remarkable way in just a few months.

## Membership Officer's Annual Report

*Annette Hall*

Finally, we have a small increase in our Membership numbers.

Total Membership is 100, made up of 98 Redland Genealogical Society members and 2 GSQ/Redland Branch members. We have had a few members re-join over the last twelve months and of course we thank all of you who religiously renew each year.

The Society has been able to participate in a few displays which is always a great way to be seen by the public.

It is up to all of us, as members of RGS to try to generate interest in joining our Society. If you belong to another Society or group, please mention us, maybe we could attend a meeting or have a display.

## 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 Redlands residents because 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 quickly and 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 "RGS Members Chat" is a private Facebook group, restricted to RGS members only, as an online forum to discuss their research and share hints and tips with the group. This group is only open 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 continues to be active now that all restrictions have been lifted.

It is a great platform for those who need information in between meetings or if they are unable to attend in person.

## Zoom Group Convenor's Annual Report

*Penny Stewart*

The Zoom sessions have had a few initial ups and downs that were all technology related. However, thankfully, all has been resolved. We started with two participants, but we now have up to eight, which is very pleasing.

Two Zoom sessions are held. One on the third Wednesday of the month covering general genealogy topics and Family Tree Maker program zoom sessions are held every second month on the fourth Wednesday of that month.

There also has been a take up of the offer of one-on-one Zoom training and has resulted in more participants. This will continue in the new year.

My initiative in introducing these Zoom sessions has been as a result of our "Living with Covid" situation. It enables people to retain contact with others from their own homes. Hopefully participants will increase further and all suggestions on pertinent topics are always appreciated.

Finally, many thanks to History Queensland for the use of this facility.



## Research Co-ordinator's Annual Report

*Annette Hall*

During the last twelve months several requests for Research help have been received by the Society.

Some of the requests have been via our RGS email, phone calls to our Secretary or other committee members, and from the Redland City Council Library's Local Historian.

As most of you will know Pat Misson who passed away close to 12 months ago was our Research Co-ordinator. Pat was very good at digging up the past and discovering one's Ancestors. She has sorely been missed.

For the past twelve months any queries or requests for help have been completed by an assortment of members, the Librarian and GRA's among others to whom the Society is indebted.

RGS also undertakes Research Projects as a means to raise funds for the ongoing expenditure of the Society, eg: Subscriptions to websites, Genealogical and Family History magazines, plus a host of other incidentals to keep our Research room well and truly oiled.

One of our re-joined members, Ian Barrett has taken on the role of Research Co-ordinator as well as becoming a GRA. Ian already has helped out a couple of members with some family research and recently has completed a Research Project in which our Society received a cash payment.

Well done Ian and thank you.

## Newsletter Editor's Annual Report

*Greg Glidden*

The *Redland Researcher* continues to be published each February, May, August, and November. Its success can be attributed to the ongoing support from our members and the pool of talent that exists among them.

Adequate stocks, consisting of a variety of articles in varying lengths, is a necessity for preparing each quarter's newsletter. On the rare occasion that my stocks have become low, an SOS to members always resulted in this promptly being set right.

During the latter part of 2021, efforts were made to increase the number of family history societies with which we exchange magazines. Agreements were reached with an additional ten (10) organisations.

There now is a total of twenty-one (21) magazines freely available for members to read. They are from societies located in Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and the UK. The South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society advised that its policy presently does not permit this, but this matter will be reconsidered at their Annual General Meeting held in October.

Since the creation of the Members' Section in our website, these magazines are accessible to our members from their home computers. Fifteen (15) are uploaded to the website and hyperlinks give direct access to another six (6).

Members also can directly access the regular newsletters from History Queensland, Genealogical Society of Qld, Qld Family History Society and RootsIreland, through hyperlinks in the Members' Section.

There is a lot of helpful information to be gleaned from reading these magazines and newsletters. I encourage members to do so.

Thank you one and all for your support. You make my task so much easier for publishing each edition.

## Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report

*Helen Veivers*

This year we were able to have all of our meetings face to face in the Elders Room in the Library, so COVID had little effect on the Writing Group's operation. While the number attending has not been high, usually around 6 – 8 people present, we've been able to have some interesting discussions and offer suggestions for those with writing queries.

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. Some of the writing tasks during this year included writing about "My First Job", Trains and Railways in your family history, and how floods and flooding have impacted your family. Members have submitted some very interesting samples of their writing for others to read and critique. We learn so much from these sessions.

In July and September we tackled the somewhat tricky issue of inserting photographs with captions into text, learning how to ensure the caption remained with the photo, no matter what additions or deletions were made to the text around it. In November we perused a new addition to our Genie Room Library, titled "Finding True Connections. How to Learn and Write About a Family Member's History". The March meeting saw us discussing different types of Family History Writing ranging from whole histories, starting at a particular date to books of facts (Births, Deaths, Marriages etc) to Autobiographies and more informal chatty style of books. In May we discussed how various items such as Postcards and Invitations can be the focus of family history writing.

All members of the group would like to have more RGS members attend our meetings. They're held in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the months of March, May, July, September, and November, commencing at 1.00pm. Why not consider joining us!!

## Displays Co-ordinator's Annual Report

*Elaine Speck*

My report for the AGM for the past year includes only two (2) Displays.

The first one was in April at the Museum for the Heritage and Harmony Day. We were happy to be included in that event but hope that we may have a better position if we do the same next year.

The second one was just recently at the Celebration of Volunteers in Raby Bay. This one required us to join with Star Community Services for a fee of \$55 to have our position. I feel that it was worth it as for the next year we will be included in any notifications or advertising that Star Community Services does.

We look forward to many more and improved Displays during the next year.

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## Redlands Volunteer Day at Raby Bay Harbour – 18 June 2022



*Our Display Co-ordinator, Elaine, with Kevin & Greg*

The sun shone brightly for the re-convened Volunteer Day – the weather was just so different from that on the previous planned date in May for this event. The Redland Genealogical Society was represented by having a "stand" along with many other local organisations.

While the crowd during the day was not huge, a steady stream of people visited our Display, some buying "Starter Kits" and expressing an interest in joining the Society.

The Hamper Raffle was won by Audrey Warner (Ticket Number Green G 90).

## Guest Speakers

### May 2022

Our Guest Speaker was Paul Budde, his topic, *Old Brisbane Albums: Wacol Immigration Centre*. He gave an informative address on this locality's historical significance and the efforts of the Dutch community to revive some of this.

During WWII, it was named Camp Columbia when it was established as an army base to house Australian and US forces. Camp Columbia covered a very large area, much of which was later developed into Brisbane's western suburbs and industrial/commercial areas. In the latter part of the war years, it also accommodated Dutch military units, and the Netherlands East Indies Government-in-Exile, the only foreign government ever to be established on Australian soil.

Following the war, some of Camp Columbia's existing barracks were used to house persons displaced by the war. By 1950, these had become the "Wacol Migrant Centre", used for re-settling families migrating to Australia from Europe and the UK. There is more to read on this part of its history in Yvonne's story on page 12.



*Treasurer Yvonne thanking Paul*



### June 2022

This month's Guest Speaker was Peter Ludlow, a local historian and author, his topic "A Visit to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island)". Peter gave an informative presentation on the folklore of the local Aboriginal Tribes of the Quandamooka people, and the colonisation and settlement of the island.

The beginning of permanent contact between Aboriginal and European people took place in 1825 when Moreton Bay convict settlement commander, Patrick Logan, set up a garrison on the island. Conflicts arose from time to time, due to European encroachments onto tribal land, particularly that of a sacred significance. Serious armed conflict flared up during 1831-32 with deaths on both sides.

A quarantine station was established at Dunwich in 1850 to monitor infectious diseases among passengers from Britain. A benevolent asylum added in 1864, and a lazaret built in 1892. The Dunwich Benevolent Asylum operated until 1946, during which year patients were transferred to the Eventide Home on the mainland at Brighton, near Sandgate.

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## A List of Items to Collect

At its meeting on 25 May 2022 the Writing Interest Group collectively devised a list of items which people may have in their collections which should be preserved and could provide an impetus for writing for generations to come.

The list included the following items –

Diaries

Bibles

Medals

Documents, eg Pay Slips

Badges

Objects, eg Sporting Trophies

Jewellery, eg Rings

Photos

Postcards

Furniture

Tools

Books

You may think of many more!



## A Change in Perception

Yvonne Weston

It is amazing how your attitude can change over time.

From grade 4 onwards, particularly in high school, I was ashamed of my early years. Why? I was from an immigrant family and born whilst living in Wacol Immigration Camp. The ground was gravel, mostly, and we shared a hut with a Danish family, much like the one in the photo, except they had their door on the far left. Two rooms for us, a kitchen, and a bedroom. Everything else was provided in shared amenities, down the back of the camp. The Danish family had a mirror image layout in their "home".



Knowing that the first several places that we lived were not the best, including one rat-infested farmhouse and a stone cottage with a rammed earth floor, was not an ideal start to life; certainly it did not make me feel like I belonged to or fitted in with other Australians. Dad had his struggles too, being a qualified accountant but not having his qualifications recognised because they were Dutch, not English or American. So, his first job in Australia was working as a day labourer on the nearby prison farm. So over time, I would not discuss my upbringing with my classmates, friends, or co-workers.

That is until recently! Little did I know that the camp that I spent my first 20-22 months of life in was an important part of Brisbane's forgotten history. By a chance post on Facebook, I came to realise that the camp was a former military base, Camp Columbia, with significant history and importance, despite its current name.



Yvonne with the Dutch Ambassador

After some conversations, virtually, with one of the major project researchers who is piecing together the history of the camp, I was invited to attend the official project presentation to the Ambassador to the Kingdom of The Netherlands, H.E. Mrs Marion Derckx. Not only was I representing myself, but I was also going on behalf of the Redland Genealogical Society. What a privilege!

Since then, having mentioned this event to those of my friends who use Facebook, I have learnt that a few of my former school, work and travel friends all lived there as well. Like me, they also did not talk about that time for various reasons. Some of them are now contributing to the project. Our experiences are different but at least they will be preserved for the future by being recorded in the project.

[Editor's note – May's Guest Speaker, Paul Budde, is the project researcher to whom Yvonne refers.]

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## Local History Coffee and Conversation

Redland City Council Libraries hold this "Culture and History" event regularly throughout the year. The events are free and Redland community members are invited to *"join in sharing the memories, pictures and stories that make up our unique Redlands Coast history. Come to any session and enjoy new and interesting conversations each month. Bring your coffee and stories."*

Dates, times, and at which of the Libraries the next event is being held, are listed in their website. You may need to scroll through the whole month to find it; activities are listed in order of date. Website is [https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20157/libraries/308/whats\\_on\\_at\\_your\\_library](https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20157/libraries/308/whats_on_at_your_library).

Bookings are essential, and a link is given in this website to provide your details.

## A Visit from Caloundra Family History Research Inc

Helen Veivers

On 23 May we hosted 10 members of the Caloundra Family History Research group. A wonderful day of sharing, talking, and exploring ensued.



Arriving at the Cleveland Library



Lunch at the Grand View Hotel

The Caloundra visitors (all dressed in deep purple shirts) travelled by car from the Sunshine Coast and our members eagerly awaited their arrival outside the Library in Cleveland. Once everybody had arrived, we adjourned to the large table adjacent to the Local History area within the Library. Here we enjoyed a talk presented by Local History Librarian, Angela Puata, during which Angela demonstrated how our visitors could access information about Redlands history online. Our members brought some goodies for Morning Tea, and we shared these with Tea/Coffee while chatting, with a few people at a time having the opportunity to visit our Genie Room. (The Caloundra people were very impressed with the arrangement we have with the Redland City Council whereby we have space within the Library as our base – in return for assisting the community with their family history enquiries.)

After Morning Tea we were off on a “whistle-stop tour” of historical sites around Cleveland. Our Membership Officer, Annette Hall, had prepared folders for each vehicle with information about the places we visited. The first stop was the Old Schoolhouse Gallery and Station Master’s House, followed by the Lighthouse at Cleveland Point. On our return from “the Point” we paused at the Old Cleveland Court House and Cassim’s Hotel before making a stop at the Grandview Hotel for Lunch. Lots of chat during Lunch was followed by a drive-by of St Paul’s Anglican Church, Redland Performing Arts Centre, and the Black Swamp on our way to Ormiston.

Unfortunately, Ormiston House was closed, so we were unable to enter the grounds.



We were very fortunate however that one of our members, Deidre Hargreaves, met us at the nearby historic Anglican Church of St Andrews. Deidre spoke about the history of the Church and how it was being used today.



This was a great way to end our visitors’ day – except for one thing – the heavens opened, and rain simply poured down. Even this couldn’t dampen the enthusiastic spirits!! The Caloundra Group thoroughly enjoyed the day and have suggested that our Society visit them later in the year.



## Members' Interests

**Member's Name: Alan ROCHE****Membership No: 368**

SURNAME	Country	Town/City	State/County	Year or Range of Years
COOK/ROCHE	AUSTRALIA	MELBOURNE	VICTORIA	1883 - 1961
FERGUSON	AUSTRALIA		VICTORIA	1857 - 1972
ROCHE	AUSTRALIA	MELBOURNE	VICTORIA	1846 - 1921

**Member's Name: Sandra PAWLUK****Membership No: 365**

SURNAME	Country	Town/City	State/County	Year or Range of Years
MADIGAN	AUSTRALIA	IPSWICH	QUEENSLAND	1930 - 1942

## Obscure Websites

*Penny Stewart*

The following are obscure websites that I have come across during my Web Wanderings that may be of interest and well worth saving to your browser bookmarks if you are researching in these areas.

**Essex & Suffolk Surnames**<http://essexandsuffolksurnames.co.uk/>

The title of this website is not a true reflection of the information that is available on it. The Parish Registers section delves into the various parishes in each of the counties. More importantly, available for download are spreadsheets that have been transcribed directly from the registers covering baptisms, marriages, and burials. Whilst this information is often available elsewhere what they include is a wealth of additional pointers that can confirm your findings or, alternatively, give you that additional piece of the puzzle to explore further.

It also has a range of both downloadable historical books and links as well as snippets pertaining to the various families located in those parishes.

**Genealogy Of The Islands Of Coll And Tiri In Scotland**<https://www.collgenealogy.com/OPR.html><https://www.tireegenealogy.com/>

This remote part of Scotland is often difficult to research as the records are not available even on Scotland People. These two websites have a wonderful expanse of information including downloadable spreadsheets which will assist you to join the dots of your ancestors that may have lived on these islands off Scotland.

**City Archive Rotterdam**<https://stadsarchief.rotterdam.nl/over-ons/>

You will need to use the Google Translate function to read it.

It covers records for Rotterdam including civil registry, population registers and baptisms, marriages, and burial records as well as detainee cards for WWII. If you have merchant ancestors that travelled across from the UK, it is quite possible that you could find something on this site.

**A Scottish Church in Rotterdam**

Additionally, there is a register of a Scottish church in Rotterdam covering the 1600s and 1700s. If you click on the link below you will be taken directly to this register.

<https://stadsarchief.rotterdam.nl/zoek-en-ontdek/archieven/zoekresultaat-archieven/?mizig=236&miadt=184&miaet=54&micode=1-02.129&minr=21304714&miview=ldt>

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Police contact call  
POLICELINK  
131 444

## Crime Prevention Corner

### Vehicle Security Tips for Families

- The majority of crimes reported in Bayside suburbs every week involve motor vehicles. Vehicles are either stolen or have valuables stolen from inside. Vehicles parked in public places including streets and carparks at night are particularly vulnerable.
- Most of these crimes are committed by juveniles or young adult males.
- A significant factor why these crimes occur are that as many as one in seven vehicles (approximately 15 %) are left unlocked and / or unsecure ie: valuables left in plain view inside the vehicle.

**Owners can minimise the risk of becoming victims of crime by taking some simple precautions.**

- Lock it or Lose it! Make sure your vehicle is secured and remove belongings when you leave it unattended, right down to loose coins. GPS units, dash cameras, mobile phones, tablets etc are extremely popular with thieves and easy to dispose of.
- Keep your car key out of sight inside your home – not on the kitchen bench. Often, car keys are stolen during house break-ins, allowing the offender to gain access to the vehicle at a later time / date.
- Keep your garage door closed and secure at all times, even when you are at home.
- Lock your car when it is garaged and do not leave the key somewhere nearby.

Bayside DCPC – ph 07 33088180 – email [DCPC.Wynnum@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:DCPC.Wynnum@police.qld.gov.au) – blog [www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wynnum](http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wynnum)

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National Archives of Australia	Queensland State Archives
<p>16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill  <b>Phone:</b> (07) 3249 4200  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.naa.gov.au">www.naa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>435 Compton Road, Runcorn  <b>Phone:</b> (07) 3131 7777  <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.archives.qld.gov.au">www.archives.qld.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>Important!</b> Before visiting, you should check NAA's requirements at <a href="https://www.naa.gov.au/help-your-research/research-centres#before-you-visit">https://www.naa.gov.au/help-your-research/research-centres#before-you-visit</a>. Bookings are not essential but may be required if busy. Phone 07 3249 4200 to plan your visit and to find out more about COVID-19 health and safety measures in place.</p> <p>Open - Wednesday to Friday 9:00am to 4.30pm          Closed – Saturday to Tuesday and Public Holidays</p> <p>Free on-site parking is available.</p> <p>The strengths of their Brisbane facility collection are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• immigration records that date from the 1850s</li> <li>• post office and mail service records and photographs</li> <li>• works plans which cover everything from iconic buildings such as the General Post Office and Customs House, to defence service homes built in typical Queenslander fashion.</li> </ul> <p>For details of regular Events, you can register on their website to arrange a subscription to their free newsletter .</p>	<p><b>Important!</b> Due to a limited number of researcher tables, only visitors with online bookings are permitted to use the Reading Room. Pre-booked sessions are available at 9am-12.30pm and/or 1.30pm – 4.30pm, on Monday to Friday and on the second Saturday of each month.</p> <p>Follow links in website to make a booking or for online research.</p> <p>QSA's archival collection comprises of millions of public records dating back to the early Moreton Bay penal settlement of 1823. Free on-site parking is available.</p> <p>The QSA holds informative Seminars and Events throughout the year, on their premises and at external venues. Check "<i>What's on</i>" in their website for details <b>or arrange a subscription to their free "qsa bulletin"</b>.</p>

## Where to get your Certificates

Prices are based on Historical Certificates, where available



### Queensland

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages (Qld)  
Level 32/180 Ann St, Brisbane City QLD 4000  
PO Box 15188, City East, Qld 4002  
Phone: 13 74 68  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm  
**\$23.90 Historical Image – PDF on-line**  
**\$23.90 Historical Source Image – PDF on-line**  
**\$33.55 Historical Certificate – Includes postage**  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/rbdlm>

### 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](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)



### Transcription services:

[www.joymurrin.com.au](http://www.joymurrin.com.au)  
<http://www.transcriptions.com.au/>

### Victoria

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
GPO Box 5220, Melbourne, Vic 3001  
Phone: 1300 369 367  
**\$20.00** Uncertified Historical Image - **Download**  
**\$52.30** Historical Certificate – **Postage extra**  
[www.bdm.vic.gov.au](http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au)

### Australian Capital Territory

(Pre 1930, apply to NSW)  
Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
GPO Box 158, Canberra City, ACT 2601  
Phone: (02) 6207 3000  
**\$68.00 - Includes postage**  
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are available.  
<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/births-deaths-and-marriages-forms-and-fees-tab-payment-options>

### South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages  
Consumer & Business Services  
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001  
Phone: 131 882  
**\$57.50 - 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://www.genealogy.sa.gov.au) for an online name search for BDMs **and** to search a number of 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  
**\$58.25 – Includes postage**  
[www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/home](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/bdm/home)

### Northern Territory

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
GPO Box 3021, Darwin, NT 0801  
Phone: (08) 8999 6119  
**\$49.00 – Postage extra**  
(1856-1863 check NSW)  
(1863-1870 check SA)  
[www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm](http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/bdm)



### New Zealand

Registry of Births, Deaths, Marriages & Citizenship  
PO Box 10-526, Wellington 6143 New Zealand  
**\$(NZ)25.00 - Printout**  
Printout has more information than a certificate  
(Visa, MasterCard & American Express accepted)  
[www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/](http://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Home/)

The above information is a guide. Please check websites for full details of types of certificates available and ordering & payment methods. Prices regularly are changed by government agencies.