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Kaye Barber, Pamela Gilbert, Elaine Speck  
2013 Les McFadzen, 2016 Jeanne Dixon

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2010 Glenda Webb, 2011 Les Callaghan,  
2019 Pat Misson

**General Meetings** are held **on the second Wednesday of the month**, February to December, **12:15pm to 2:30pm**, at Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland. An entry fee of \$2 applies 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.

The Annual General Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of July at 12:15pm, followed by a General Meeting.

The Management Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month, February to December, at 2pm.

**Meetings are not held during January.**

**The RGS Collections** contain a range of resources **for world-wide genealogical research** in various formats. These are held in our Genealogy "Genie" Room in the Council's Cleveland Library, Middle St (opp. Bloomfield St), Cleveland.

RGS members can use the RGS Library and its facilities, including accessing available online research organisations, at any time the Cleveland Library is open. **To obtain the Genie Room key**, members must present their **RGS Redland City Council's Libraries Service card** to the Cleveland Library Reception staff. It is not the same card that you use for borrowing privately from the Council's Libraries. It is the card given to all joining members. You must activate this card at Cleveland Library each time you renew RGS membership 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**

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

**Volunteer GRAs:** Karen Hawkes (Librarian), Bob Aldred, Ian Barrett, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Annette Hall, Bev McFadyen, Sandra Pawluk, Eddie Richards, Irene Salvatierra, Dianne Smith, Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner & Robyn Waters.

**Redland City Council's Local History Collection:** The Local History Collection is housed in the Cleveland Library with much of it available online at [https://redl.sdp.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en\\_AU/search/asset/1007593/0](https://redl.sdp.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/1007593/0). Georgia Bennett is Redland City Council's Local History Librarian; Gillian McNeill is Local History Technician.

## A Note from the Editor

Pat McCallum

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held Wednesday 10 July 2024, this resulted in some changes to office holders and other positions in the Society. These are outlined in the President's report. Welcome to Russell and Jean Clarke, the Society's new Membership Officers. Also at the AGM Dianne Smith was appointed as Acting Secretary while the search for a new person to fill the role of Secretary continued. Since the AGM, the Management Committee has agreed to accept Dianne's generous offer and appointed her to the position of Secretary. This leaves Dianne's position as a Committee Member vacant. Thank you also to Greg Glidden for the professional manner in which he handed over the duties of Newsletter Editor while he was also dealing with serious personal health issues.

I look forward to working with all members in making the *Redland Researcher* a valuable expression of the enthusiasm of Society members for family history research.

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### Membership Fees & Payment

Single Membership \$35.00 per annum - Family Membership \$50.00 per annum

Membership fees & Membership Renewal fees can be paid by Cash, Cheque or Electronically at General Meetings, or by Cash or Cheque to a GRA in the Genealogy Room. Alternatively, fees can be Transferred Electronically to the Society's bank account, Bank of Queensland Cleveland, BSB: 124-025 Account Number: 2349 3170.

**When paying by Electronic Transfer it is very important that:**

New members include the word '**New**' and '**Surname**' in the 'Payment Reference'!

Renewing members include '**Membership number**' and '**Surname**' in the 'Payment Reference' and also email or hand in a completed Membership Renewal form to the Membership Officer!

Application for Membership forms are available on the website, at General Meetings, and in the Genealogy Room.

Membership Renewal forms are emailed to members prior to their membership expiry date.

*Redland Researcher* is free to Members. It is emailed unless otherwise arranged.

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## President's Annual Report – 2024

Helen Veivers

It is with pleasure that I present my Report for the 2023-2024 Year. The Redland Genealogical Society appears to be thriving with an increased membership and lots of interest being shown in Family History in our community. As I've always stated, our Genie Room is central to our wellbeing. It is here that we assist members and members of the general public to search for their ancestors. We are very fortunate to have the support of the Redland City Council which provides the room within the Cleveland Library as well as access to Ancestry and Find My Past with the 1921 Census addition. Our current Funding Agreement with the Council expires on 30 June 2027. I would like to acknowledge our gratitude to Local History Librarian, Georgia Bennett, for her continued support of our Society. In August 2023 Georgia, Penny Stewart, Karen Hawkes and I collaborated to provide an information session for family historians as part of National Family History Month.

While our Genie Room is central to our wellbeing it would mean nothing without the support of our Genealogical Research Assistants (GRAs) who provide information and support for all who visit our Room. I would like to thank each and every one of our GRAs for what you have done throughout the past year – you are the core of our Society and what a great core you are!!! I need to single out our hardworking Librarian, Karen Hawkes who leads the team of GRAs. Karen has done an absolutely exceptional job with organising the Library and conducting meetings of GRAs. She was elected unopposed at a recent meeting of GRAs to lead the team again in 2024 – 2025. Thank you, Karen!

With our Guest Speaker program we've attempted to increase members' knowledge of family history associated matters. In August 2023, Helen Connor from the Genealogical Society of Queensland provided us with a beautifully illustrated presentation on Irish immigration, while Peita-Maree Clark from the National Archives, Queensland Branch, showed us how to search for World War II Service Records in October. November saw Charlotte Sale give us a wonderful presentation on Family Search – she certainly broadened our views on the information available from this free site. Information on the very interesting Wiki Tree was provided by Pat McCallum in February 2024, while in April, Val Blomer gave some very interesting data about Dance and its role in the Colonial and Convict era in Australia. Members were astounded to hear about the action with Flying Boats in the Redlands area when Terence Hendricks from the Redland Museum addressed us in May. In June we tried something very different – we organised an address from Jamie Roberts, representing the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, via Zoom. While we were concerned with being able to connect with Jamie who was in the United States, the presentation went seamlessly with the skills of Vice President, Kevin Hughes, and then Secretary, Penny Stewart. These presentations were augmented by a Brick Wall discussion in August 2023 and a discussion on Family Traits in March 2024.

I would like to thank each and every one of the members of the Management Committee – this group has been an absolute pleasure to work with! Vice President, Kevin Hughes, has continued to manage both the website and the growing DNA Interest Group as well as setting up sound and vision for our meetings at the Donald Simpson Centre and assisting with setting up Displays in the community. Thank you, Kevin! What you do is truly appreciated.

Penny Stewart stepped up as Secretary at the 2023 Annual General Meeting and has done a sterling job in this role. Unfortunately, Penny needed to step aside as Secretary after the June 2024 meeting due to the fact that she is moving away from the Redland area. Thanks, Penny, for all that you did for the Society!

Treasurer, Yvonne Weston, has continued to provide a wonderful service as Treasurer, backed up by Val Burt as Assistant Treasurer. Yvonne and Val have managed to conduct financial matters for our Society in a seamless manner when one or both of them are absent on holidays. Yvonne has continued to manage our growing Facebook presence as well. Thanks Yvonne and Val!!

After a period of 18 years at the helm of Membership for our Society Annette Hall has decided to "hang up her boots". What an amazing contribution to our Society over all of those years!! Thank you, Annette – I've really appreciated your accurate and timely advice. Greg Glidden has continued to produce the quarterly *Redland Researcher* during the year, despite growing health issues. Pat McCallum has recently advised Greg of his intention to take on the role of Newsletter Editor going forward. I thank Pat for this timely offer and Greg for the ten years of dedication to the *Redland Researcher*. Your enthusiasm and the accurate editions of the *Redland Researcher* have been appreciated by all members. I wish you all the very best for a healthy future, Greg!

Elaine Speck has continued to organise Displays for the Society during the year – these included a display at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre in October 2023 and another at the Museum in March 2024. Such displays are important for our Society as a means of getting the work the Society does known out in the community. It always amazes me how many

do not know of our existence, despite the fact that we've been operating for more than 40 years. Our records have continued to be safely maintained by Archivist, Janelle Everest. Thank, Janelle – it's comforting to know that the Society's history is safe. Thanks, too to Dianne Smith and Lyn Smyth for their work as Additional Management Committee members – Dianne provided stellar support in organising last year's Christmas Lunch and has acted as Secretary in the month since Penny's departure. Lyn does the important job of Welcome Officer for all of our meetings at the Donald Simpson Centre. Thanks, Dianne and Lyn.

Our Interest Groups are an important part of whom we are. Annette Hall has continued to manage the Magazine Interest Group, providing us with some very interesting excerpts from various magazines at our meetings. The Writing Group has met every two months according to the established schedule. Some members' work has been published in the *Redland Researcher*. The Group enjoyed 2 Guest Speakers during the year – one, Ann Pollitt, brought along family history books she'd published over the years. Group members were astounded at the quality and informative nature of Ann's books. The other Guest Speaker was Christine Leonard who showed a different way of organising family history information for publication. The DNA Group has continued to grow in its collective knowledge under Kevin Hughes's leadership while the Zoom Group has thrived under the guidance of Penny Stewart – this group will need to be disbanded following Penny's move away from the Redlands, unless there is somebody willing to "take on the reins".

I would like to report on 2 significant changes during 2024. The Society has used the banking services of the Heritage Bank for many years. Because the Heritage Bank was unable to provide us with the means to make payments by Card, a change was made to the Bank of Queensland. I would like to express appreciation to Yvonne Weston for the seamless way in which the change took place. Already, we've been able to make a Card payment to pay for a subscription, something we could not do with Heritage Bank – not only was the process much simpler, it also saved the Society a sizeable sum in Bank Transfer fees!! The other change is the work done by the Management Committee on the various Forms the Society has created over the years. The Management Committee has adopted a format to be used for all Forms, going forward. The process was led by Greg Glidden whose attention to detail has been admirable. This project has set the Society up for many years to come.

Due to the reports provided by Membership Officer, Annette Hall, members should be aware that our membership has increased during the year. At one stage we had 122 members, but this has now decreased marginally. I thank all members who have been promoting the work our society does– the increase in membership is a reflection of what you are doing. Thank you!! As reported in 2023 one of the initiatives from our latest Funding Agreement with the Redland City Council is to aim to increase our membership by 10% by June 2027. I urge members to continue promoting our society out in the community.

Before concluding my report, I would like to acknowledge our Patron, Les McFadzen. Les took on the role of Patron following his many years as President of our Society and has continued to support the Society whenever and however he can. Thank you, Les, for your continued advice and support.

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



## Membership Officer's Annual Report – 2024

*Annette Hall*

As I have been looking after the Membership side of things for the Redland Genealogical Society for the past seventeen years, I am happy to finally hand the position on to whoever steps up and takes on the role.

I will of course catch up with new members at the General meetings and in the Genie Room at the Library where hopefully they will be busy using our Resources to extend their Research.

Like a roller coaster our Membership numbers are still going up and down but are staying pretty steady which is great news for our Society. Since the AGM in July 2023 to date we have welcomed 31 new members and 4 re-joined members. Our total number of members is 118.

By the way our very first member, No. 1 is still with us today, Matt MAHADY.



## Treasurer's Annual Report - 2024

Yvonne Weston

### Redland Genealogical Society Inc

#### Statement of Income & Expenditure

for the year ending 30/04/2024

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Memberships	3	\$3,622.50	Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Interest	4	\$0.24	Bank Fees	3	\$0.00
DNA Interest Group	5	\$121.00	Float	4	\$0.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$738.00	Fundraising-Christmas/functions	5	\$629.00
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00	Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Donations - library box	8	\$177.20	Fundraising - trips	7	\$0.00
Donations - Other	9	\$121.90	Library Subscriptions	8	\$2,127.45
Library - members' purchases	10	\$673.70	Insurance	9	\$1,006.00
Newsletter Advertising	11	\$0.00	Meeting Room hire	10	\$550.00
Starter Kit/Work Book sales	12	\$30.00	Newsletter - expenses	11	\$150.70
Fundraising - brick wall research	13	\$0.00	Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$24.00
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$0.00	Post Office Box Rental	13	\$154.00
Fundraising - Christmas	15	\$720.00	Purchases - books	14	\$90.00
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$271.00	Purchases - CDs	15	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	17	\$0.00	Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Refunds	18	\$59.01	Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$28.20
Sundries	19	\$1,500.00	Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$36.00	Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$1,285.99
Fundraising - Functions	21	\$0.00	Purchases - stationery	20	\$67.72
Grants	22	\$0.00	Refunds	21	\$59.01
Term Deposit	23	\$45.50	Society Memberships	22	\$325.00
			State Govt Fees	23	\$60.05
			Sundries - Administration	24	\$1,570.00
			Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
			Members' Badges	26	\$30.00
			Internet - Administration	27	\$108.99
			Guest Speakers	28	\$60.00
			Square Fees	29	\$7.44
			DNA Resources	30	\$0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,116.05</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$8,333.55</b>
Opening Balance 1/5/2023		\$2,920.94	Closing balance 30/4/2024		\$2,703.44
		<b>\$11,036.99</b>			<b>\$11,036.99</b>

#### STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS

Heritage Bank Limited/Bank of Queensland Cheque Accounts	\$2,703.44
Heritage Bank Limited - Club Term Deposit	\$7,000.00
Floats held	\$60.00
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.

In accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act of 1981, Part 7, Division 2, Section 70D, Redland Genealogical Society declare that zero (\$0.00) remuneration has been paid to any member of the management committee of this association nor to any relative of the members of the management committee of this association.

Meeting date: 10 July, 2024

Treasurer



## Librarian's Annual Report – 2024

*Karen Hawkes*

We have welcomed 884 members and visitors to our Genie Room, with many visitors joining on the spot after talking to our GRAs. Members have borrowed a total of 105 Books, CDs, Magazines and Journals. A list of our complete Catalogue can be viewed on our Society Website, the Redland Library Website and on Computer No: 3 in the Genie Room.

The Society has continued to renew our online subscriptions to: The Biographical Database of Australia, The Genealogist, FindMyPast and Roots Ireland.

Also, our magazine subscriptions to: Family Tree Magazine UK, Who Do You Think You Are? and Irish Roots.

The Redland Council Library Subscriptions are: Ancestry and FindMyPast with access to the 1921 Census of England and Wales. All Websites are available to members and visitors in our Genie Room.

We had various Books, Journals, CDs, Microfiche, USBs and Research donated and recommended to our Library, resulting in approximately 60 new acquisitions. Thank you to all who have donated, including those who have donated notepaper, CD cases and miscellaneous stationery items for use in our Genie Room. Our biggest donation of the year was from Ken Gough consisting of his Family Research in one very large plastic crate. We were happy when this donation found its way to the Weis Family. Thanks to Russell and Jean Clarke.

In August last year Georgia Bennett, the Local History Advisor from the Cleveland Library ran a Workshop for Family History Month, where an awesome presentation was given by our President Helen and our Secretary Penny followed by a visit to our Genie Room by Librarian Karen. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Georgia Bennett, the Local History Advisor, Gillian McNeill, the Local History Technician and the Library Staff for their expertise and help in supporting us in our Genie Room.

I would like to thank our Treasurer Yvonne Weston for attending the last meeting to explain the Banking Square App to the GRAs. The Square is now available in the Genie Room where the Librarian Karen and the Assistant Treasurer Val Burt are able to take various payments for the Society. Hopefully as the year goes on more GRAs will be able to take payments on their Mobile Phones.

We started the year with 18 GRAs and are now down to 15 GRAs. I would like to say "A Very Big Thank You" to all GRAs who are currently on the Team and all GRAs who have been on the Team in the past year. You are All Very Much Appreciated for the time that you give and the knowledge that you bring to the Team and to our Society.

I would like to give an extra Thank You to Jeanne Dixon, Annette Hall, Helen Veivers, Penny Stewart and Greg Glidden for always helping and supporting me in my role as Librarian.

If you would like to join our Team, as we are in need of more GRAs, you would be very much welcomed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Genie Room at the Library. Thankyou.



## Newsletter Editor's Annual Report - 2024

*Greg Glidden/Pat McCallum*

The *Redland Researcher* continues to be published in February, May, August, and November.

In 2024, Greg Glidden stood down from the position of Newsletter Editor for personal reasons, after many years of gathering the content and editing the material for distribution in the Newsletter to members. Greg's commitment to the process continued even as he has needed to give priority to his own health right up to the production of the May 2024 edition. Pat McCallum has taken over the role of Newsletter Editor hoping Greg will have the time he deserves to focus on his personal situation.

Greg hands over a sound and well documented process for the successful production of the newsletter which is grounded in the support from our members and the talent they bring to the material which is submitted for publication. Greg likes to say, "Without this it would be difficult for our newsletter to continue". Pat looks forward to the ongoing

support from members to demonstrate through the newsletter the depth of family history, research and writing skills that exists in the Redlands.

Throughout 2024, the newsletter has again been able to rely on a dedicated group of members who are regular contributors, and to the Writing Interest Group for the themed topics sent to Greg from time to time. These contributors again deserve special thanks from the general members for their contributions.

Amongst the highlights from 2023/24 were the long article contributed by Bev McFadyen, "Life in Cape York 1867: William Turton Kennett" and the interesting reflection by Chris Boylett, "Grandfather's Watch". Then there were Yvonne Weston's family history holiday distractions and Audrey Warner's military research and unexpected cousin's reunion. These were ably supported by the many short pieces from members and the Writing Special Interest Group.

Members should continue to feel free to volunteer ideas and drafts for inclusion in the newsletter. These can be short or long stories. They may be just snippets, reflections on a photograph or some treasure found from Trove newspapers at the National Library of Australia. We are all continually gathering information and generating stories through the research that we do to build our family histories.

Producing newsletters is an important function of family history societies. It provides a way to preserve for others the lessons we learn, and the fruits of the many hours spent by us all, tending our family trees.

The *Redland Researcher* aims to make valued contribution to this general effort and to continue to hold a valued place amongst the many magazines from other societies. A large number of these are listed in the Members' Section of our website where they can be accessed by members in the convenience of their homes. These magazines are otherwise available to them only by paid subscriptions. Have a read and you may be inspired by something you see there, to capture from your own research, for a future edition of the *Redland Researcher*.

Greg would thank you one and all for your support during 2023/24 as he went about producing the three major editions for this year under increasingly difficult circumstances. I would like to thank Greg for the professional way he handed over the role and the well documented process he has refined over time. All members will thank Greg for his tireless efforts over many years carrying the responsibility for the production of the *Redland Researcher* on behalf of us all.



## Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report – 2024

*Helen Veivers*

We've continued meeting in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library. While the number of people attending has been quite low, some very in depth discussion has occurred and wonderful writing produced.

Our meetings always start with the opportunity to write. It amazes me the diversity of ways people respond to the same writing task. Tasks have included A Place I'd Like to Visit, Which Ancestor I Would Invite to Christmas Lunch, How Weather Influenced My Ancestor's Life and Family Traits. 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 2023 we discussed the strategies for writing for a different voice, something that is difficult to accomplish, although at least two of our members have mastered the technique. In September the group enjoyed a presentation from the first of 2 Guest Speakers for the year when Anne Pollitt arrived laden down with the wonderful books she's produced over the years. Anne generously permitted Writing Group members to peruse her publications and she provided us with a very good handout she uses to ensure she covers all sections of her family tree. At the November meeting we discussed possible future developments for the Writing Group, while the March 2024 meeting focused on using Charts in Family History writing. Our second Guest Speaker for the year, Christine Leonard, attended our May 2024 meeting. Christine demonstrated the very simple method she used to record her "Wall Family".

We'd love to have more RGS members attend our Writing Interest Group meetings. They're held in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library on the 4th Wednesday of the months of March, May, July, September and November, commencing at 1.00pm. Why not come along!





## Facebook Co-ordinator's Annual Report – 2024

*Yvonne Weston*

The Society's 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, some even resulting in new members joining the Society. 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. This is possibly the most difficult task that the page has but we continue in those efforts.

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 allowing 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.



## DNA Interest Group Co-ordinator's Annual Report – 2024

*Kevin Hughes*

The DNA Group has had a pretty successful year. There have been nine meetings in the Elders Room at Cleveland Library, during which 22 videos on DNA have been shown and discussed. Members continue to "work out where we are" during this process. The number of members attending the meetings has been dropping and at our next meeting we may have to decide to schedule one-on-one meetings or hold meetings every two months instead of monthly. Overall, there have been 66 members attending these meetings throughout the year.



## Website Co-ordinator's Annual Report – 2024

*Kevin Hughes*

The website continues to work well. This coming year I will endeavour to make the necessary changes to existing articles and continue to add magazines and journals. I work on the website to the best of my ability and when needing assistance, call on our help from Gerard. Items are continually being added to the website and shortly, a workable live Membership Application Form will be added to the website.



## Magazine Interest Group Annual Report – 2024

*Annette Hall*

The Magazine Interest Group consists of those members of the Society, only nine of us at present, who subscribe privately to various Family History Societies around the world. The Journals issued by these societies are circulated by six of the members. Once circulation is completed they are placed in our Library for the use of all Society Members.

Thank you to all members of the Magazine Interest Group for their generosity.



## Remembering Glenda Webb

*Elaine Speck*



My friend Glenda Webb passed away on 17th May 2024 after having two strokes.

Glenda joined our Society with Kaye Barber in the very early days in 1982. She was a Life member of our Society. Many of you here would remember her. She was always involved with the running of our Society being President twice, helped run our fledgling library and produced the Newsletter with Pam Gilbert. A small group used to go to Sydney every August for a week to do research at the Archives – no computers then. She remained a lifelong friend to our older group of genealogists.

## One Never Knows What Could Happen

When You Write Something to be included in the *Redland Researcher*

*Helen Veivers*

In May 2023 a story I'd written about my husband's Great Grandfather, Thron Mathiesen, was published in the *Redland Researcher*. In the account of Thron's life in Australia, I'd detailed how he had been presented with a Pocket Watch by the Railway Department in recognition of his work on the railway. Imagine my amazement when I opened up the Redland Genealogical Society email account (redlandgs@gmail.com) in April 2024 – something I do daily, to find the following message:

*Hi*

*I'm not sure who wrote the article in Issue 147 but I thought you may be interested that I actually have the Pocket Watch. I'm guessing it may have been Helen Veivers as I know that I have relatives by that name. I think my Grandmother's maiden name was Veivers. I have attached a picture of the Watch.*

*Callen*

This was like a bolt from a clear blue sky. I, of course, immediately contacted Callen whom I established was descended from a different Mathiesen daughter from my husband. When we next visit North Queensland, we intend to visit Callen to view the watch firsthand. In the meantime, here's the photo Callen sent.



You never really know what will happen when you submit something for publication in the *Redland Researcher*!!

## Found in South Brisbane 1859

Pat McCallum

# Treasure TROVE

Queensland separated from the Colony of New South Wales in 1859. In August 1909, the *Queenslander* published "A Jubilee Retrospect. – The City of South Brisbane" by W. Clark. How exciting to find a reference there to my Great Great Grandfather, Daniel McCallum. Daniel was a house carpenter in Glasgow, convicted and sentenced to transportation for life for stealing two silk handkerchiefs. He arrived on the ship *John* on 13 September 1829. He was married in 1840 and was engaged building churches around Maitland. He made his way to the Moreton Bay settlement.

Remembering times from fifty plus years earlier, in 1909 Clark writes about the old-time village established at South Brisbane on indigenous lands called Mehanchin (Meanjin). At this time Europeans were still outnumbered by traditional owners camping on the ridge above. At the time he remembers it as a favourite camping place for the emancipationists of the penal regime.

In 1849, there were only 44 buildings, grouped around what is now Russell-street where the ferry crossed to North Brisbane. These buildings were situated along the river bank for about three blocks, and only extending back two streets, to Stanley and Grey-streets. A street map from the time shows more streets were surveyed. However, in 1859 it was still unformed as suggested by Thomas Baines painting looking across to South Brisbane from the north bank. The painting was done from sketches made in 1855. In 1859, when the estate of Mr. Bunton had his property on Lot 10 Melbourne St. up for sale, it was described as a large five roomed weatherboard cottage, substantially built with hardwood floors. A building which would have operated as his Inn with the McCallums staying nearby. This location was long ago built over with the railway line connecting South Brisbane to Roma Street.



Baines, Thomas, 1820-1875. South Brisbane From The North Shore, Moreton Bay, Australia, 1868. National Library of Australia.

David Bunton along with Jacob Goode of Burnett Inn (Nanango) fame, both publicans, were amongst the 20 qualified voters from South Brisbane on the 1847 electoral list. On one infamous occasion in 1848, Goode and his colleagues were returning from a three-day racing event with their horses on a punt which took them across the river to South Brisbane. A dispute arose between the passengers and the skipper of the punt on whether he should set out with them immediately or wait for further passengers. Goode and his colleagues forced the punt to set off. The skipper stopped it and a fight ensued with the skipper going overboard and in danger of drowning. He was saved from being drawn under the punt by a more fair-minded passenger and Goode was fined £5.

Jacob Goode commenced at the Burnett Inn, the founding of Nanango, in 1849. Daniel is thought to have built the shingle roof on the original Burnett Inn.

**Grey-street was the only other street showing any settlement upon it in the year 1849. David Bunton's Wheat Sheaf Inn stood quite isolated at one end of it at the edge of a large swamp. Near to it lived Dan M'Cullum, a carpenter, and Francis Glynn Connolly, father of South Brisbane's medico, of that name. On the opposite side of Grey-street John Bryden-Petrie's foreman carpenter—owned a cottage. Next to that was the Stockton store, the property of Mr. Daniel Petersen, but leased to Messrs. Albert, John, and Henry Hockings, merchants.**

[The Queenslander, Sat 7 Aug 1909. Page 21. A JUBILEE RETROSPECT.—THE CITY OF SOUTH BRISBANE.](#)

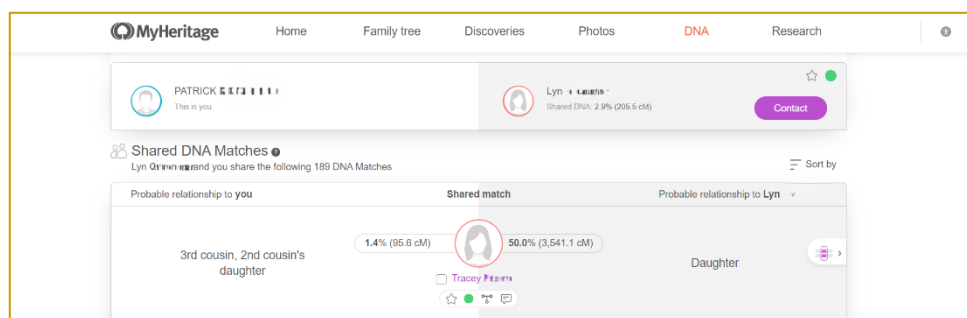
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## Using Ancestry Pro Tools with DNA Matches

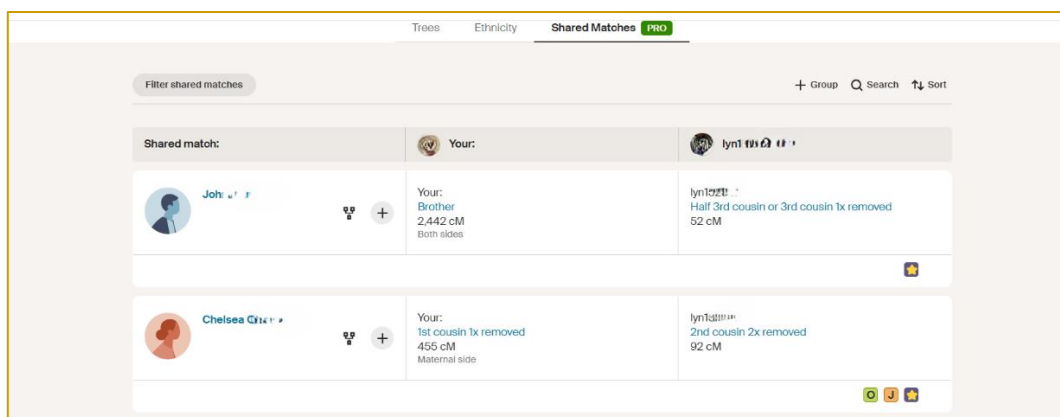


Ancestry has introduced a new 'up size me' option called Pro-Tools. You can read a support article on this new feature at [https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Ancestry-Pro-Tools-Membership?language=en\\_US](https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Ancestry-Pro-Tools-Membership?language=en_US).

The enhanced shared matches feature of Ancestry Pro Tools is similar to a built-in feature in MyHeritage DNA matches lists. It shows you how strongly a DNA match is connected to other matches on the shared match list associated with that DNA match. Those who use both platforms will recognise this because MyHeritage presents that information in two columns and Ancestry without Pro Tools only has one. The first column in MyHeritage shows how strongly the match is between you and the shared match. This is what the Ancestry shared matches feature does without the enhancement. The second column in MyHeritage shows how strongly each shared match in the list is to the DNA match you are investigating. You can now get this information in Ancestry by the extra Pro Tools subscription.



It has been frustrating that up until the release of Pro Tools Ancestry has held back that information. With Pro Tools you will now get the second column of information to help you with identifying how that match fits into your extended family tree not just how they are related to you. There are still features of the shared match list included in the MyHeritage basic subscription which are not available in Ancestry. These include being able to link to chromosome mapping to see where the shared DNA segments occur and being able to sort the list of shared matches by the strength of the match to the DNA match being investigated (the second column) rather than to yourself (the first column).



### Ancestry DNA Shared Matches with Pro Tools

This enhanced shared matches feature is clearly quite useful. Where you have a well-developed family tree and you know exactly where a good number of your shared matches fit into that tree, seeing how closely a DNA match is connected to each of those shared matches can point you to where that person most likely fits into your family tree. This can narrow down your genealogical investigations. For instance, if it is likely that the person is a third cousin and you share 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandparents, then the strength of the match to known relations might point you to which great grand uncle or aunt that person is descended from.

This will be productive in family history research. You may be lucky that the likely branch has limited possibilities. This adds more power to your DNA match-based family history research as there are many relatives tested in Ancestry who are not in MyHeritage. The kicker is that it is another subscription to pay.

## Forthcoming Events

### CONNECTIONS - Australasian Conference 2025



This is a premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists to uncover the past, celebrate the present and tap into the future.

Date: 21 to 24 March 2025

Venue: Brisbane Technology Park, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains QLD

Full details will be found on GSQ's website: <https://www.connections2025.org.au/>

Early Bird registration is open. Interested persons can choose to sign up to a newsletter to stay in touch.

The website provides full details, including Costs, Speakers, Conference Programme, Parking and Public Transport.

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### Conference, The 9th CHINA Inc 'No Fuss' Conference, 'Northern Gateways'



The [Genealogical Society of Northern Territory](#), is holding this conference in Darwin from 20 to 23 September 2024

Following is some background to holding this conference:

On 5th August 1874, the SS Vidar arrived in Port Darwin with 186 indentured Chinese labourers onboard. To mark this sesquicentenary of Chinese settlement in the Northern Territory, the Chung Wah Society's NT Chinese Museum will be co-hosting the CHINA Inc 2024 biennial conference in Darwin.

Under the broad theme Northern Gateways: Chinese History and Heritage in Northern Australia, the conference aims to explore sub-themes relevant to the Chinese in north Australia, such as ports and travel routes; overland routes; the railways; tropical settlement; remote adaption; community integration; marriage opportunities and family formation including with Indigenous people.

Special sessions will be reserved for papers within two sub-themes:

- "Objects as tellers of history"
- "Chinese families and Chinese family history".

[Registration & Program Information.](#)



### [Chris Paton & Mia Bennett down under](#) Scotland, Ireland, England & DNA

Take your research further with leading experts Chris Paton and Mia Bennett, featured speakers on our [18th Unlock the Past cruise](#) (Southern Australia) in December 2024.

**Brisbane** – 2 days Thu 12 - Fri 13 December 2024 – [Brisbane details and booking](#)  
at Geebung RSL Club, Corner Newman Road & Collings Street, Geebung.

## Wandering Through the Web



### [STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND](#)

August is National Family History Month Australasia and State Library of Queensland joins various libraries, archives, genealogy societies and other organisations in celebrating this event. It's a great time to start exploring your family tree or follow new leads.



#### Getting started

Our [family history pages](#) are a great place to start for family history research.

- Find out the steps involved in [tracing your family tree](#).
- Consult our useful websites for family historians and discover more places to search online.
- Research guides will help to lead you on new and interesting paths.
- Search our free indexes to see if your ancestor appears.
- Become a member to access historical newspaper databases from home.
- Ask a librarian for help researching your family history or arrange a research appointment.



**FamilySearch** - This August, Australians and New Zealanders will have many opportunities to connect with their families by taking part in "Family History Month."

Family History Month (FMH) is an initiative, created by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO), to promote events relating to family history, genealogy, and other related campaigns.

This year, the theme of Family History Month is "Family as a Community - Together We Can Achieve So Much More." The theme celebrates the many organisations dedicated to family history work and seeks to support their efforts through Family History Month. [Link to online sessions](#).



Family History Month kicks off today!

It's the perfect time to explore the collection to uncover details about your relatives through their interactions with the Australian Government.

The national archival collection may hold a record about a family member. Exploring these records can provide a deeper understanding of your family's history and heritage.

Unsure where to begin your search? [Start here](#).

### [Diaspora: the Greek migrant experience in Queensland](#)

Did you know that the word 'diaspora' is a Greek word meaning 'dispersion'?

5 million Greeks are estimated to live in countries outside of Greece, and in the years after the Second World War, Australia became home to more than 350,000 Greek migrants in search of a better future.

Today, Queensland boasts a vibrant, close-knit Greek-Australian community, with more than 30,000 people in the state who claim Greek ancestry.

Join us to explore migrant selection documents, arrival records, and alien registration papers from the national archival collection that document the Greek migrant experience in Queensland.

**Date:** Tuesday 20 and Friday 23 August 2024

**Time:** 10 to 11 am

**Location:** National Archives of Australia, Queensland Office, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

**Cost:** Free

[Register Now](#)

# Identity safety

Identity theft occurs when a person takes another person's identifying information to commit theft or fraud.




If a crime is happening now, call **Triple Zero (000)**.  
If not, think **Policelink** and report online.

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[www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au)

For news and alerts sign up to  
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## What you can do

There are a number of simple safeguards you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft.

- Place passwords on all of your important documents.
- When creating a password, avoid using obvious passwords such as telephone numbers, birthdates or your mother's maiden name.
- Avoid using the same password on multiple accounts.
- Change your password regularly.
- Don't allow your computer to store your password.
- Secure all your personal information at home in a lockable filing cabinet or safe.
- Never carry your PIN number in your wallet with your ATM card.
- Avoid carrying documents such as your passport or birth certificate unless absolutely necessary. Try taking photos on your phone instead.
- Before discarding old bills, records or expired cards, ensure any identifying information is destroyed. Consider investing in a paper shredder for your home.
- Avoid providing personal information by phone, mail or online and ensure you know who you are dealing with before giving out personal information.
- Make sure your letterbox is secure and lockable and only post mail at official Australia Post boxes.
- Carefully check all transactions on your banking and credit card accounts each month to monitor for potential fraudulent transactions.
- Follow up if bills don't arrive on time or you don't receive an invoice.
- If you lose your wallet or purse, notify your bank immediately to protect your accounts.

## Remember

- Identity theft and fraud have become some of the fastest growing crimes in the world. Identity theft and fraud can happen quickly and easily and most often you will not know you have fallen victim until after the fact.

Unsolicited offers which seem too good to be true or require you to give out bank account details or other personal information are likely to be scams.

**Prevention Together**  
Prevent | Disrupt | Respond | Investigate





## Where to get your BDM Certificates

Prices are based on Historical Certificates, where available

This information is a guide. Please check websites for full details of types of certificates available, how to place orders and how to make payments.

**Prices are changed regularly by government agencies.**

### 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  
**\$24.70** Historical Image – Download  
**\$24.70** Historical Source Image – Download  
**\$34.70** Historical Certificate – Postage included.  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/law/rbdm>

### New South Wales

NSW Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
GPO Box 30, Sydney, NSW 2001  
Phone: 13 77 88  
**\$39.00** with Registration Number  
**\$53.00** w/out number (includes 10-year search)  
Postage included  
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 4332, Melbourne, Vic 3001  
Phone: 1300 369 367  
**\$22.50** Uncertified Historical Image - Download  
**\$55.80** 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  
**\$72.00** – Postage included  
Historic Death and Marriage Indexes are available.  
<https://services.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/public-registers>

### South Australia

Births, Deaths & Marriages  
Consumer & Business Services  
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA 5001  
Phone: 131 882  
**\$31.25** Historical Image - Emailed  
<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 **also** 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 – Postage included  
<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/justice/civil-law/searching-family-history>

### Tasmania

Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages  
GPO Box 198, Hobart, Tasmania 7001  
Phone: 1300 135 513  
**\$64.72** – Postage included  
[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  
**\$54.00** – Postage extra  
(1856-1863 check NSW)  
(1863-1870 check SA)

<https://nt.gov.au/law/bdm>

### New Zealand

Registry of Births, Deaths, Marriages & Citizenship  
PO Box 10-526, Wellington 6143 New Zealand  
**\$(NZ)25.00** Printout - Emailed  
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/)

