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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, Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Annette Hall, Megan James, Bev McFadyen, Sandra Pawluk, Eddie Richards, Dianne Smith, Helen Veivers, Audrey Warner, Robyn Waters, Christine Mines, Alison Louttit, Kristin Bain and Malcolm Goddard.

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://rcc.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/OPAC/HOME>. Kristianne Bucknall has commenced as the Local History Advisor; Gillian McNeill is Local History Technician.

A Note from the Editor

Pat McCallum

In these days where many services are restricted to an online format, we are continually reminded of the important role community organisations like local family history societies play in connecting people socially and in sharing information to gain a greater appreciation of where we have all come from. In recent times the Society has played a pivotal role in reconnecting interested people with records which have come into our possession. Lately, as reported by our Librarian a large collection of information on German settlers in Queensland has found its home at German Interest Group at GSQ and the Gatton and District Historical Society for their Library; demonstrating the value of the network of family history societies sustained by their volunteer membership.

A warm welcome Kristianne Bucknall who joined the Library Services team as our new Local History Advisor at the Redland City Council Library from Tuesday, 7 October 2025.

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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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Society Updates

Monthly Meetings

Following on from our successful Annual General Meeting, the Society conducted the August, September and October monthly members meetings at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.

In July, eight members travelled to Caloundra and enjoyed their day hosted by the Caloundra Family History Society. As well as a walking tour there was an interesting talk given on William Landsborough.

The Society contributed to Family History month events in August at the Cleveland Library.



At our August meeting we heard from Col Sutcliffe on "Charles Dickens and the Old Curiosity Shop". This was an excellent addition to the range of interesting topics members experience in the monthly meetings. The presentation included Col's personal family link to the Old Curiosity Shop.



In September a regular friend of the Society, Helen Smith of Dragon Genealogy presented a very

informative presentation on "Google – The Genealogist's Friend". Helen generously provided members with a handout describing all the techniques she uses with Google's search function for helping with family history research. Helen's handout, *Googling Your Ancestors: Why Google is the Genealogist's Friend*, is already a "best seller" amongst members who are expanding their searches from simple name and word searches.



Our October guest speaker was a special treat, with Queensland author Karen Thurecht presenting under the theme, "From Family to Fiction", introducing and reacquainting members with her approach to writing which includes combining her research of historical settings combined with social themes and the use of historical quotes to introduce her chapters, many of which she gleans from Trove. She has produced a series of six novels in the Dr Hamish Hart Mysteries series. The fifth in that series, *The Blacksmith's Widow*, is set in early Maryborough. Karen already had a following amongst members. There was keen interest in picking up copies of her books to catch up on missing mysteries.

Each meeting featured our Genie Clinic session which always attracts lively contributions and discussions from all members present. The clinics are an opportunity to hear about other members family history travels, problems with family history tools, and our successes in supporting other researchers break down their brick walls and resolve unanswered questions.

Memberships

Russell and Jean Clarke

Memberships have remained reasonably stable during this period after a higher number of non-renewals in the middle of the year. There are currently 116 members. There have been 17 new members joined since the 1st July. Membership officers have bedded down the initiative to promote retention of recently joined members. The "Tours" of the Society resources and familiarity with the Genie Room are aimed at supporting new members to appreciate the long-term benefits of membership of the Society in supporting their research,

Another of our long-term members, Margaret Johnson, decided she is no longer wishes to continue her membership. We take this opportunity to thank her for her extended period of membership and regular meeting attendance. We wish her well for the future.

Facebook

Yvonne Weston

In October, we reached 6,640 people which had a total of 18,172 views (not quite as good as the previous month). We had 24 posts during the month. We have increased our followers to 396, continuing our gradual upward trend.

Not surprising that the most popular posts continue to be our Monday Murmurings well over 1,000 views each post.

I have preloaded posts to publish during the next 29 days, as that is all that Facebook allows and have plans to make a few posts whilst I am away. Happy to receive and suggestions for posts during that time and will make it happen when I have secure internet (whilst in certain ports that is). So if you see any amusing icons that I can turn into a genie related post, or valuable information that will help others in their research, or genie related events, please let me know.

Please feel free to share our posts to your friends and other Facebook groups. The more exposure we have, the better. We are still getting likes from non-members, so this tactic is at least getting us greater exposure.

A quick reminder that RGS Members Chat is quite active, and we would love to welcome more RGS members to join. It is a 'members only' resource open to all members and is a great space for sharing hints, tips and ask questions related to furthering our endeavours to break down those pesky brick walls and build our family trees or genealogy research in general.

If you wish to join the chat group, there is now a link to it on the Facebook page in the 'about us' section, simply

find our group and request to join, remembering to answer the security questions so that I can verify that you are a member of RGS and then can approve your request. Just remember, I am away so it might take a day or so to be approved.

Website benefits

Members are reminded that the Member's Section of our website provides access to a number of exchange magazines. You can access the website from home and keep up to date on what is happening in genealogy societies such as our own, around Australian and more broadly.

Display Coordinator

Elaine Speck

The Society arranged a manned display at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre from 13 to 19 October and on each day from 9am to 3pm. This is in conjunction with Qld Seniors Month which is held each year in October. This has been a useful event for the Society in broadening awareness of the work of the Society and providing an opportunity to attract new members.

The manned display requires a significant time commitment from members and is an opportunity for all members particularly newer members to work along side long standing members in promoting interest in family history research. Elaine's core team again managed setup and scheduling of volunteers to achieve a successful week.

VP Day Commemoration

Helen Veivers

Helen, back to her old haunts at the Birkdale State School attended and spoke at the "Reflections on VP Day" held there on August 16. Of particular interest was information about the US Army radio station at Birkdale, a receiving station built by the US.

Personnel in this building were the first in Australia to receive the news, being conveyed through the station to General Douglas MacArthur then stationed in Brisbane, that War had ended. It was a very good day. The Birkdale radio station was connected by telephone wire to MacArthur's headquarters in Brisbane City. Helen reported that the wire was run out without too much in the way of local approvals.



From the Genie Room

“where RGS lives”

Karen Hawkes, Librarian

The **Christmas Vacation Dates** for GRAs are Tuesday 23rd December 2025 to Saturday 17th January 2026. No GRAs will be in attendance from and including these dates. First day back for GRAs will be Tuesday 20th January 2026.

Our Society subscribes to the following sites, all freely accessible in our Genie Room –

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| • FindMyPast | • RootsIreland |
| • Biographical Database of Australia | • The Genealogist |

We also subscribe to Family Tree UK, Who Do You Think You Are? UK, and the Irish Roots Magazine. The latest copy of each can be viewed in our Genie Room and previous copies can be borrowed.

Also, a reminder that Books and CDs from our Collection **can be borrowed** only by RGS MEMBERS and MUST BE WRITTEN INTO THE BORROWING BOOK and ALSO CHECKED OUT THROUGH THE REDLANDS LIBRARY SYSTEM.

A List of our **Complete Catalogue** can be viewed on our Website, the Redland City Council Library Website and on Computer No: 3 in our Genie Room.

The **Redland City Council Library subscriptions** are – Ancestry and FindMyPast with access to the 1921 Census of England and Wales, both are available to members and visitors in our Genie Room.

We also have the benefits of our **Affiliate Membership with the Genealogical Society of QLD (GSQ)**, their subscription sites are –

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| • Irish Ancestors | • RootsIreland |
| • MyHeritage | • The Genealogist |

GSQs subscription sites are all free to access from your home computer for RGS Members.

The Banking Square is available for use in the Genie Room however there is a limited number of GRAs with access to this App. If making Membership payments in cash it would be appreciated you attend with the correct cash notes as we do not have a Petty Cash Float in the Genie Room.

Part of the **Research Papers donated by Julie Oakes** have now been taken by Michelle Witheyman-Crump from the German Interest Group at GSQ to be distributed to various families in the Lockyer Valley area. The remaining Research Papers were delivered to The Gatton and District Historical Society for their Library, where they are based at the Gatton and District Historical Village, Lake Apex Precinct, Gatton. I hope to organise an excursion to the Gatton Historical Village next year for our Society.

New Acquisitions-

- Family Tree Tips – Writing Interesting Family Histories. Author-Carol Baxter. Category- Family History. Location-World Wide.

- How to Stop Stalling and Start Writing the Story of Your Life. Author-Paulette Gee. Category-Guide. Location-World Wide.
- Survivors in Time. Historic Landmarks of the NSW Golden West. Author-Sue Harding. Category-History. Location-NSW.
- Writing Family History Made Very Easy. A Beginner's Guide. Author-Noeline Kyle. Category-Guide. Location-Australia.
- Coraki Cemetery – 2002. Author-Casino and District Family History Group. Category-Cemetery. Location-NSW.
- Opening the Geraghty Book from Ireland. Author-Bride C. Baldwin. Category-Family History. Location-NSW.
- The Geraghty Story Continues – 2003. On the H.M. Ship Glatton. Author-Bride C. Baldwin. Category-Family History. Location-NSW.
- Jacob Goode and his Burnett Inn. Burnett River District 1848 Series 1, No:1. Author-Dr Judith A. Grimes. Category-Family History. Location-Queensland.

- Indigenous Peoples in Southeast Queensland. A Guide to Ethno-Historical Sources. Author-Roger Ford and Thom Blake. Category-Indigenous. Location-Queensland.

THANK YOU to all who have donated.

The next **GRA Meeting and Christmas Party Morning Tea**, including the Magazine Interest Group Members, will be on Monday 24th November 2025, 10am at the Librarian's Home. If you would like to join the GRA Team, please contact the Librarian.

I would like to Thank all GRAs for their Time, Knowledge and their Dedication in Our Genie Room especially those who have filled in to do extra Duty Days and extra tasks.

I wish All Visitors, GRAs, Members and their Families a Safe and Merry Christmas.

See You All in the Genie Room in 2026.



RGS Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 10th December 2025. 12:15 p.m.

Donald Simpson Centre

Secret Santa: (\$5-10, wrapped), Christmas Raffle: \$2 or 3 for \$5

Cost: \$20.00 (**excludes** the \$2.00 admission fee.) Payable by 28 November 2025

Payable direct to the RGS Bank Account or

At the November Monthly Meeting by cash or card.

Include Name, Member Number, "Lunch" in the Description

A Handkerchief That Proved a War Crime

By Malcolm L. Goddard, May 2025

A follow-up to the article “Truth is the First Casualty of War,” recently published in the Treasure Trove section of the *Redland Researcher*, prompted recollections of Rudolph Joseph “Rudy” Buckley—a great friend and an esteemed colleague of mine, during our 14 years working together in the electrical section within the Department of Civil Aviation at Brisbane Airport in the late 1970s through to the early 1990’s.

Born in Rabaul on 2 August 1930, Rudy Buckley was the third of seven children of William Buckley and Maria Rocca. He attended the Roman Catholic School on Malaguna Road before the outbreak of World War II.



Rudy Buckley in NGVR / PNGVR

Following the Japanese invasion of Rabaul on 23 January 1942, Rudy—then only twelve years old—was among the many local boys conscripted to work long hours tending Japanese soldiers’ cooking fires along Coal Wharf Road, in exchange for a small sack of rice.

On that fateful day in June 1942, young Rudy became an unwitting eyewitness to one of the Pacific War’s most tragic war crimes: the forced embarkation of prisoners of war and civilians onto the ill-fated Japanese vessel, *Montevideo Maru*. These men had been interned at a POW camp in an area later known as 2/22nd Street near Rabaul. Under heavy guard and machine gun cover, they were marched to the wharf and loaded onto the ship via barges, a process Rudy observed taking nearly an entire day.

Amid the chaos of an American air raid occurring at the same time, Rudy saw the prisoners seek cover in a

large concrete storm drain. As the prisoners moved past him toward the wharf, one Australian soldier—his uniform in tatters—discreetly tossed him a khaki army-issue handkerchief. Unbeknownst to Rudy at the time, this humble piece of cloth would one day play a part in confirming the identities of those forced aboard the *Montevideo Maru*. The handkerchief bore the name and service number of its owner, VX19523 B. O’Neil, marked in black Indian ink in accordance with Army regulations.

Rudy kept the handkerchief as a memento, for years, storing it with other wartime memorabilia—badges and items from Australian soldiers—in a tin box. This box remained hidden for the duration of his family’s captivity in a village approximately twenty miles from Rabaul, along the north coast road. Had it been discovered by the Japanese; severe punishment would almost certainly have followed.



The handkerchief that proved a War Crime.

Rudy’s father, William Buckley, a 42-year-old mechanic, was among those brutally murdered during the occupation—killed by repeated blows from a tyre lever after failing to repair an engine quickly enough. Such acts reflected the notorious brutality shown by the Japanese occupying forces, toward civilians and prisoners alike.

The *Montevideo Maru* tragedy, long shrouded in secrecy, saw the deaths of 1,053 service personnel and civilians when the vessel was torpedoed by the American submarine USS Sturgeon on 1 July 1942, unaware that the ship was carrying Allied prisoners. In the confusion of early 1942, Rabaul’s acting Administrator Harold H. Page had cabled Canberra seeking permission to evacuate on the *Herstein*, then docked in Simpson Harbour. This request was denied by Australian Prime Minister Curtin, and the *Herstein* was bombed and burned three days later.

In later years, Rudy became active in the NG & PNG Volunteer Rifles Ex-Members Association. Around 2004, he discussed his wartime mementoes with fellow member Douglas Ng. When the handkerchief bearing O'Neil's name and number came to light, a search of the Australian War Memorial's WWII Nominal Roll, confirmed the identity: Barry O'Neil of Box Hill, Victoria.

This remarkable discovery led to renewed connections. A full-page article published on 4 June 2008 in the *Whitehorse Leader* brought forth a single phone call and the address of a woman now living in Queensland. On 3 July 2008, Max Hayes was contacted by Carole Worthy, daughter of Miss Grace Robinson of Box Hill—Barry O'Neil's sweetheart during the war. She had preserved two letters sent from Barry in Rabaul, dated 14 and 31 December 1941, as well as photographs and documents. Though Grace eventually married and became Mrs. Grace Baker, she had been unaware of Barry's fate until receiving an official letter from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission dated 11 November 1963.

Beyond Rudy Buckley's powerful eyewitness testimony, further confirmation of the *Montevideo Maru's* grim fate came from Yosiaki Yamagi, the last surviving Japanese crew member, located by historian Albert Speer, MBE, and Hisashi Noma. Yamagi affirmed that the POWs were confined below deck when the vessel was torpedoed.

The tragedy stands in contrast to the fate of officers and nurses from Rabaul, who were transported to Japan aboard another transport, the *Naruto Maru* and later survived their captivity. Most likely, the POWs on the *Montevideo Maru* were being taken to serve as forced labour in the Hainan mines.

Rudy's recollections also included the executions of captured Australian, New Zealand, and American airmen. After the war, he led the Imperial War Graves Commission to thirty-two graves of executed airmen—victims of beheadings, bayoneting, and shootings.

Rudy sadly passed away on the 1st of August 2018 at the grand age of 87 years, but his testimony, and the handkerchief he preserved, brought justice and recognition to the lost men of the *Montevideo Maru*, adding a deeply personal link to this wartime tragedy. His story serves as a lasting reminder of the human toll of war and the enduring value of memory in uncovering truth.

References:

- Ian McPhedran, *The Courier-Mail* July 01, 2011
- Max Hayes (Member of the Papua New Guinea Association of Australia)

- *The Last Coastwatcher, Rabaul Under Japanese Occupation*, James Burrowes OAM

Supplementary Notes:

1. Rudolph Joseph "Rudy" Buckley: Post-War Life and Service

Following the war, Rudy Buckley served as an electrician in the Commonwealth Department of Works in Rabaul for approximately 25 years, principally engaged in the construction and repair of administrative housing. After Papua New Guinea gained independence in 1975, he transferred to Queensland and was employed by the Department of Civil Aviation. Rudy had become an Australian citizen in 1964. He also served with distinction in the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles ("B" Company), enlisting under service number 860478 and rising to the rank of Sergeant before his discharge in 1971. Rudy died in August 2018.

2. Corporal Barry Richard David O'Neil (VX19523)

Barry Richard David O'Neil was born on 30 March 1920 in Ararat, Victoria, and was residing in Box Hill when he enlisted in the Australian Army. He first joined on 26 September 1939 under service number V80018 but was discharged on 5 June 1940. The following day, he re-enlisted for active service under the number VX19523, continuing the military tradition of his father, William O'Neil. Barry served with "B" Company, 2/22nd Australian Infantry Battalion, attaining the rank of Corporal. He is recorded as having died on 1 July 1942—the date the *Montevideo Maru* was torpedoed. He lived with his parents and sister at 5 Hannaslea Street, Box Hill. His mother was Beatrice Laura O'Neil.

3. The Handkerchief That Proved a War Crime

The khaki army-issue handkerchief thrown to Rudy Buckley by a prisoner—bearing the name and regimental number VX19523 of Corporal Barry O'Neil—was kept hidden throughout the Japanese occupation, buried with other memorabilia in a tin box. Rudy later donated the handkerchief to the Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Association Museum, where it remains on display in the *Montevideo Maru* section. The artifact is now recognised as one of the few personal items directly linking a known individual to the sinking.

3. The *Montevideo Maru*

The *Montevideo Maru*, an unmarked Japanese prisoner transport ship, was commandeered by the Imperial Japanese Navy and departed Rabaul on 22 June 1942. On 1 July 1942, it was torpedoed by the USS *Sturgeon* off Cape Luzon in the Philippines. The ship sank within 11 minutes, resulting in the deaths of all 1,053 prisoners

of war on board, including Australian military personnel and civilians.

4. The Death of William Reuben Buckley

Rudy's father, William Reuben Buckley, was born in Rabaul on 7 November 1896. A skilled mechanic, he was forced to work under Japanese control in a former Burns Philp garage on Mango Avenue. Accused by a Japanese officer, Seki, of deliberately delaying repairs, William was brutally beaten at least 16 times with a crank handle. He was carried home to Ratongor, where he succumbed to his injuries on 7 March 1943. His death was witnessed by a friend, Philip Taligatus, and he was buried near the family's wartime residence.

5. National Memorial and Recognition

In July 2012, the victims of the *Montevideo Maru*—Australia's worst maritime disaster—were formally commemorated at a new memorial erected within the grounds of the Australian War Memorial. Designed by Melbourne sculptor James Parrett, the memorial honours those who perished during the defence of Rabaul and subsequent imprisonment.

6. Communication Delays and Family Grief

The families of the *Montevideo Maru* victims, including those of former Australian politicians Kim Beazley and Peter Garrett—whose respective grandfather and uncle perished in the disaster—were not officially informed of the deaths until after the war's end in 1945. Barry O'Neil's former sweetheart, Grace Robinson (later Mrs. Grace Baker), received formal notification of his death only in 1963 via the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

7. Forced Labour and Civilian Displacement in Rabaul

Before being loaded onto the *Montevideo Maru*, Australian prisoners in Rabaul were routinely assigned heavy labour, particularly loading and unloading Japanese shipping vessels. Other prisoners—including

Korean, British, and Indian nationals—were enslaved and compelled to tunnel through Rabaul's mountainous terrain or cultivate food crops for the Japanese Army, then numbering over 60,000 troops. Native populations, including Rudy's family, were relocated to the outskirts of Rabaul. With no shops available, they survived by bartering goods such as rice, fish, and crafts with occupying forces.

8. Wartime Civil Conditions

Though initially indifferent to children and native populations, the Japanese instituted feeding programs and even opened a school to teach Japanese. However, the school was destroyed during an air raid, and such efforts were short-lived. Rudy's mother, two brothers, and two sisters survived the occupation through resourcefulness and resilience.

9. Allied Air Raids and Strategic Bombing

During 1942 and then from 1944 onward, Rabaul was subject to regular aerial bombardment by Allied forces, with raids often occurring mid-morning and intermittently at night. One account suggests attempts were made to bomb the Matupi volcano in hopes of triggering an eruption—without success.

11. Executions of Allied Airmen

During Japanese occupation, approximately 42 Allied airmen—including Australians, New Zealanders, and Americans—were captured and executed by sword. Rudy witnessed some of these atrocities firsthand while in a Japanese truck. In 1949, he led the Imperial War Graves Commission to the site of these executions and graves, enabling the identification and proper commemoration of the fallen.

Useful websites for family historians

This is a collection of quality websites selected by information professionals for family and local historians. It includes sites from across Australia and overseas. Links to the most important parts of a website are included.

<https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/collections/family-history/useful-websites-family-historians>

My Father's Story – Part 2

My English side of the family

My father **Frank Cartlich Moreton** and his brother **Herbert Edmund (Bert) Moreton**

Elaine Speck

We take up the story of the Moreton brothers following their six weeks voyage from England, via Suez Canal and Colombo (now Sri Lanka). The ship called into Freemantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and then to Brisbane.

They were found a job with Mr Dickenson at Yambin who was renting a farm. There had been a terrible drought – no rain for 18 months. All the stock was dying as well as all the kangaroos. Some of the stock were put on agistment at Biloela.



The drought broke Christmas Day 1926; it poured down. Mr Dickenson asked Uncle Bert to stay on and help him clear 120 acres for cotton. My father was now working for the same man on another rented farm at Biloela, mainly milking cows. Four creeks came up and met together in a big flood.

Uncle Bert moved on to another farmer named Joe Ralf(?) at Yambin - two pound a week wages. My father worked for a man named Jamieson. He had to chip one acre a day in black soil for two pound ten shillings a week. Jamieson was unable to keep my father employed. He went to the immigration centre at Kangaroo Point and they sent him to a farm in Canungra. Uncle Bert meanwhile was still at Yambin.

The next move was to Eukey outside Stanthorpe. My father was offered a job with John (known as Jack) Thompson who had a farm at Eukey. Jack Thompson was married to Jamieson's daughter so, with this connection, was able to get my father a job in Eukey on Jack Thompson's land. Jack Thompson moved out to Passmore and offered my father his farm to rent. My father then sent for Uncle Bert to join him.

After Uncle Bert left Yambin. They got a second flood - eight feet of water outside of the general store in early 1927. The cows had to be milked under water to relieve their swollen udders.

They bought a horse (Violet) and a dray, from Dave Knight; got through one season; didn't do very well.

They then rented another place at 3-mile (apple orchard) off Erin Thompson for twelve months. Complete failure. The apples all got fruit fly. They buried tons and tons of apples - 50 acres worth.

An ex-butcher then took over that farm. He was crazy. While he was a butcher he used to swear at the customers in his shop. Later he was put into an asylum



Bert: Erin Thompson's Farm - Frank working on a farm in (E. Speck)

at Goodna. I remember as a small child going to visit him. After this failure my father and uncle went back to working for local farmers, namely William (Bill) Meharg and William (Bill) Knight (my grandfather).

In 1930 my father got 320 acres in Eukey through some sort of ballot. His name was pulled out of a hat. Later he bought the other side of the road. Uncle Bert was always around but my father was the boss. As a child I always thought my father was the eldest because I always noticed my father taking charge.



First Home out of Split Logs

Their first night on their own farm there was a big snowstorm, and the weight of the snow flattened the tent with them still in it. They stayed in the tent till morning. The next day they went into the bush and cut stringy bark and built a hut with a fireplace, all in one day. Their beds were known as Queensland Bunks – two chaff bags with poles through, with timber forks on each end. Of course, they needed water and they actually found a spring not far from their camp, so they dug a well and, being a spring, it never went dry. I clearly remember that well as a child.

In between working for the local farmers, they cleared a quarter acre and planted peas. They made very little money but used it all to plant more vegetables and bought a sulky for the farm.

Next thing, they built a shed out of split logs with a fireplace made out of rock and bed. This was their new home for some time. They couldn't make the farm work really as they had to pay rates. They went as far as Tenterfield to get work. They found good work at Clifton Station between Tenterfield and Texas, which was a Stocking Station Agent. The young man who ran the Station was the son of the bank manager in Tenterfield. They did ringbarking of trees and suckering and grubbing them out. This earned them about two pound ten shillings a week.

This job ended with my father having an argument with the manager. My father threw hot tea and the horse reared up, and he called my father an idiot. They moved on to Goondiwindi and got another job with a stocking agent. They became very friendly with the Shire Council chairman named Bob Allen. Bob Allen had three stations joined together, and he had named it "Done Robbin". He also had a store and some people used to say he had "done robbin" people.



Grace aged 15 years

During all this time in Eukey, my father had been courting my mother Olive Grace Knight (known as Grace) who was the eldest daughter of Bill Knight for whom my father did a lot of work. Frank and Bert returned to Eukey for Frank to get married.

My mother and her sister **Alma** had a double wedding. Alma married **Gordon William Doughty** who had come from Wagga Wagga. They got married in **Warwick** with only a few family and Uncle Bert as best man.



Extract: The Border Post newspaper 11/11/1935 -

On Saturday afternoon last at St Pauls Church of England Warwick a picturesque ceremony was enacted, the occasion being the Double Wedding of Olive Grace and Alma (daughters of W P Knight and the late Mrs Knight of Eukey), the bridegrooms being respectively Frank Cartlich (second son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Moreton, of North Staffordshire England) and Gordon William (son of the late Mr and Mrs Doughty of Wagga Wagga NSW). The Rev Canon officiated.

Miss Grace Knight wore a creation of shell pink satin, featuring a cowell lace neckline and sleeves, with a veil to match. Miss Alma Knight was attired in a dress of pink georgette and lace with shirred neckline, skirt trimmed with lace godets, with veil to match (the veil being kindly lent by Mrs Sid Fray). Each bride carried a bouquet of lilies and fern.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs Blackwell, aunt of the brides, where the usual felicitous expressions were voiced. The honeymoon in each case is taking the form of a motor tour through southeastern districts. Mrs Moreton chose a travelling dress of navy-blue marocain, and Mrs Doughty a frock of figured silk marocain.

After the wedding mum, my father and Uncle Bert went back to Goondiwindi. They only had a bush shelter. They had a piece of tin they carted around and would make some sort of bedroom and kitchenette. Uncle Bert

had a small tent separate. My parents graduated to a big khaki coloured army tent for their stay in Goondiwindi. I still have the camp oven that my mother

used to cook in in the tent. For many years when I was a child, it was used as a water bowl for the chooks and, as a result, is very rusty

Untold truths: A personal reflection

Pat McCallum

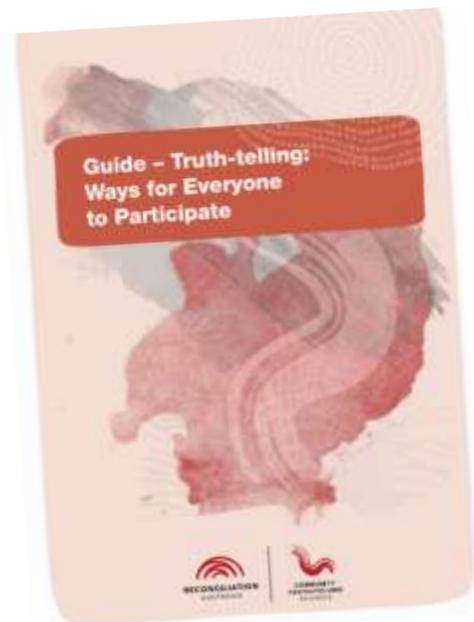
As genealogists and family history researchers we are constantly uncovering untold truths about our past. Memories fade, time overtakes the concerns of the past, families bury inconvenient facts and societal forces filter and form our understanding of the history from which we all have grown. So that much of what was past fact is now forgotten or overlooked.

My family history research activities, particularly those inquires based on DNA matches, has dredged up untold truths from my family's recent history. It is only 175 years from the mid-1800s, for a genealogist that is recent history. In that time the forces of colonialism have flipped the enjoyment of the lands now called Queensland from the custodianship of its traditional owners to control by a modern multi-racial society. The ongoing interactions between traditional owners and new arrivals through this process is a part of our shared history.

I have learnt many things from following up these leads, but in particular I have learned not to be fearful or concerned about the facts. Sure, there are likely to be unpleasant facts. What else reasonably should we expect where our history includes a convict past, migration forced by religious and political conflicts, and land clearances in Europe, the colonial dispossession of our indigenous population and the frictions arising during that process. But just as likely is the discovery of wonderful stories of survival and achievement in the most extreme circumstances. Yet for many families these stories remain untold and with an open mind my research is beginning to draw them out for our family. While my mother and I briefly discussed the pro's and con's of what was called a 'mixed marriage', never did she tell me of her uncle who married an indigenous woman. My father from regional Queensland never talked about the many indigenous children fathered by one or more of his uncles. These are the truths behind some of the DNA threads I am following.

One quick example, and not the first, is following a small DNA match result for Ryan, it was at the edge of significance for indicating shared inheritance by descent. However, Ryan's indigenous origins tweaked my interest. Through research this lead firmed up as yet another cousin relationship arising from the activities of one of my Grand Uncles in regional Queensland. This was confirmed by Ryan's close relationship to other indigenous cousins who are proven to come from this same context. The match has proven to be a key in unlocking more of the story of my family but also adding to the research I am undertaking with another of my indigenous cousins. In the process I have discovered I share a line of descent to Australia's first indigenous barrister who was also an Australian Rugby Union representative who later played league for Wynnum Manly after declining to play against the segregated South African Springboks.

I have had to learn respectful ways for engaging in conversations about this shared history. Some very good guidance is available in the publication, *Guide – Truth-telling: Ways for Everyone to Participate*.¹



¹ Accessed at https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/GUIDE_Truth-telling_Ways-for-Everyone-to-Participate_web.pdf 1 Oct 2025.

**SNAP SHOT!****First form of transport***Audrey Warner*

I guess the first time I remember propelling myself anywhere other than by walking was when my parents gave me a three-wheeler bicycle for my third birthday.

What a wonderful surprise was that big red trike! I quickly learned to manoeuvre around the back yard and even, accompanied by one or other of my parents, rode as far as the local shop.

The shop was only at the end of our street, but we needed to cross a busier street to arrive at our destination, so to me the journey was quite an



adventure. In a photo from that time, I looked very proud as my Dad got out his trusty Kodak camera to record the event.

From then on, bicycles became my favourite form of transport. Dad made a little seat for the front of his bicycle so we could travel further afield,

For my 12th birthday, I received a brand new two-wheeler red, white and blue Scout ladies' bike. With my Dad or with friends I travelled many miles around our district – with only the occasional “buster”.



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Stranding of the Warren Goddard, Schooner
Lost off Comboyuro Point, Moreton Island.

With research by Malcolm Goddard

STRANDING OF THE WARREN GODDARD, SCHOONER.

This vessel left Brisbane on the evening of the 8th instant, and crossed the river bar on the following night, bound for Melbourne via Laguna Bay. She was to call at the latter place to land the machinery and plant of a saw-mill intended to be established there by a Mr. Blakesby, who was to travel overland and meet the schooner at Laguna Bay. On reaching the place above-mentioned Captain James sent ashore, but could not find the parties he expected to meet, and the vessel lay at anchor there two days while a search was made. At the expiration of that time the weather became unsettled, and finding it unsafe to lay in an exposed place like Laguna Bay, she put back to Moreton Bay, and anchored off the Yellow Patch on Moreton Island on Wednesday afternoon, having neither wind nor tide to take her to the anchorage in Yule Roads. Captain James then went ashore, leaving the schooner in charge of the mate, to telegraph to his owners in Melbourne for instructions. While at the pilot station the sea rose and became so heavy that the captain was unable to get back to his vessel. During the night the wind increased to a gale, and next morning it was blowing heavily from the east, occasionally veering to east-north-east. The schooner was riding with both anchors down when one of the chains parted, owing to her violent pitching motion in the heavy sea. The other chain was then slipped, and an effort made to get into Yule Roads. As she came into Freeman's Channel the wind hauled round to the northward, and before she could round Comboyuro Point she was driven ashore. On Thursday afternoon, when our informant left the pilot station, the Warren Goddard was high and dry on the Beach, which is composed of soft sand, and beyond the reach of the surf. The bulwarks on the port side had all been carried away, but were replaced temporarily by boards nailed on to the stanchions. She was standing upright, and had not sustained any material damage, but has lost both anchors and her chains. We understand that the agents of the vessel in Brisbane have made arrangements to send new ground tackle to her, and also to send a steamer for the purpose of getting her off.

The schooner Uncle Tom, bound to Sydney, was anchored under the Yellow Patch, in company with the Warren Goddard, on Wednesday evening, but succeeded in getting into Yule Roads in safety, with the loss of an anchor and chain, which parted during the gale.

THE WARREN GODDARD.—A few days ago we published an account of the stranding of this vessel on Moreton Island during a heavy gale from the north-east. As the vessel was comparatively uninjured when first stranded, hopes were entertained that she might be got off the beach by means of an anchor and cable, and accordingly Captain James sent to town for the necessary appliances, having lost both his anchors and chain, during the gale. The agents of the vessel, Messrs. Brabant and Co., despatched the Diamond, s., as soon as possible to Moreton Island with the required anchor and chain, and as it was considered necessary to hold a survey on the Warren Goddard, Captains D. Dring and Bennett, and Mr. D. Muir, the government shipwright, proceeded in the steamer to the Pilot Station, and arrived there at 2 a.m. on July 17. The steamer returned to Brisbane on Monday afternoon, bringing with her the surveyors and Captain James, to whom we are indebted for these particulars. When the tide receded on Thursday after the Warren Goddard was stranded, it left her standing upright on the sand uninjured, and had the weather become moderate the vessel would in all probability have been saved. Fresh gales, however, set in from the north, occasionally veering to the north-west, with a violent surf on the beach, which caused the vessel to strike heavily, and each succeeding tide drove her further and further on shore. She is now at the level of high water at spring tide. The sea continually breaking over the vessel has imbedded her in the sand to the depth of five feet. The whole of one side is bilged, and the planking under both quarters has started from the timbers. As she appears to have "hogged," that is risen amidships, it is thought that the keel and floor timbers have been displaced by the vessel striking on the sand. The water in her hold flows and ebbs with the tide, and the cargo, on board, consisting of the plant of a sawmill, is covered with water. After an examination the surveyors were of an opinion that she was too seriously damaged to be got off, and condemned her as a wreck. When Captain James left the crew were engaged in dismantling the ship of all her gear and rigging. The ship and cargo are insured.

Brisbane Courier, Wednesday 17 August 1864 page 4. (Trove)

Brisbane Courier of Saturday 16 July 1864, page 4. (Trove)

I have now researched this ship and family and it's quite an interesting story. This ship was constructed in 1853 at Eastport in Maine, USA, though her home port was Boston, by the ship building firm of "William Goddard", first cousin of my great great grandfather Samuel Aspinwall Goddard (SAG) from Boston and was named for SAG's Uncle Warren (coincidentally Warren is my own brother's name and has been used as a name in the family for nearly 200 years). The ship was a brigantine of wood carvel construction, of 203 gross tonnage and approximately 30m by 8m in dimension and with a draft of just over 3m. The firm was taken over by William Goddard's son, William Warren Goddard, in 1835 on the death of his father.

William Goddard's ships mostly carried copper or copper ore. He never hesitated to claim they were built to last fifty years.

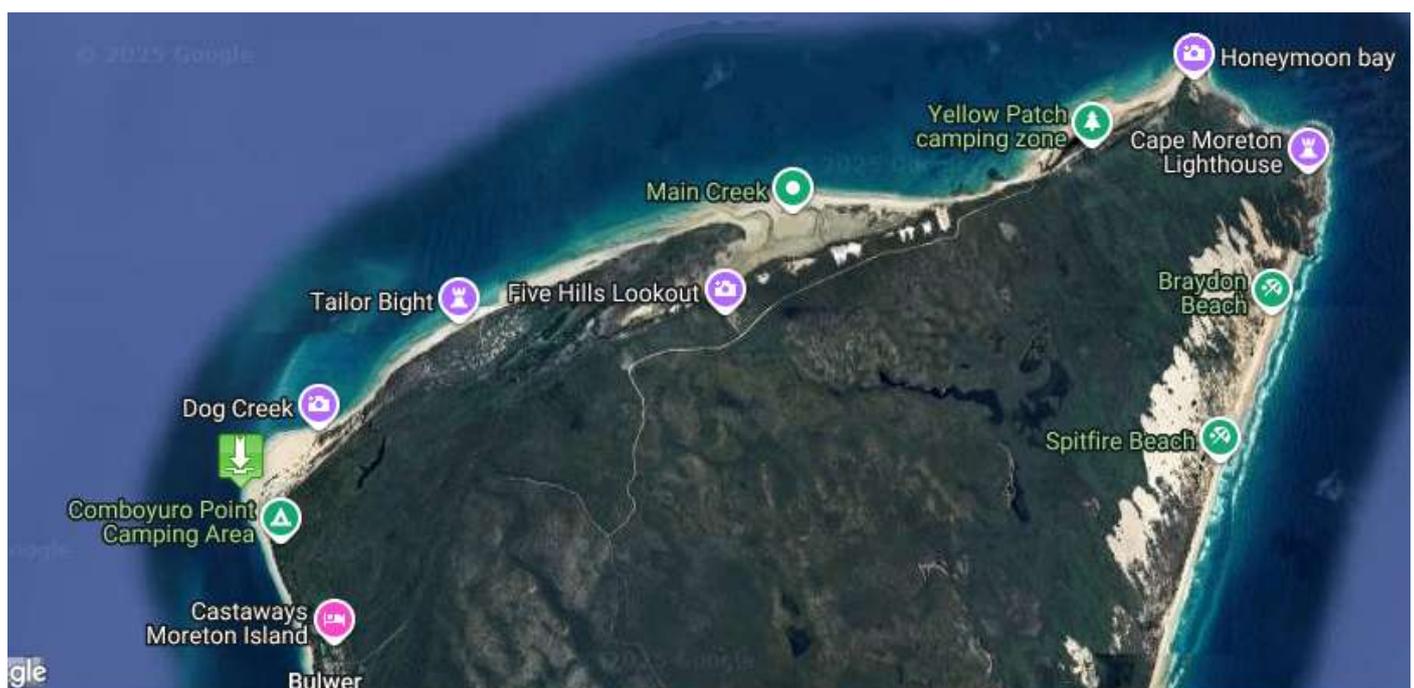
The *Warren Goddard* was originally used on the Atlantic seaboard of the USA and South America, once surviving a hurricane with only the loss of a couple of sails and the deck cargo. About 1860 it began trading to South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia; there are also some records of it carrying passengers.

The ship was wrecked off Moreton Island, Queensland, on the 14 July 1864. Moreton Island is one of the sand islands at the entrance to the Brisbane River and has claimed many ships before the advent of steam made safer navigation possible, as the currents up the east coast shifted, the sand banks and charts would be out of date within weeks of being published. The goods recovered from the wreck were auctioned off in Brisbane later that same year.

By Malcolm Goddard

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Green (Down) Arrow marks the location near the Comboyuro Point Camping Area on Moreton Island

Treasure TROVE

Joyce Isabella Hall was born the 23rd August, 1923 in Lithgow, New South Wales, the youngest child and only daughter of Cecil Clifford Hall and Myra Eileen Hogan.

Joyce's older brothers were Clifford Ernest born the 18th May, 1920 and Roy James born 15th December, 1921 in Lithgow. Roy was my husband's father.

My mother-in-law, Mavis was able to fill in marriage details and children's birth dates as at that time they couldn't be researched due to privacy reasons. Mavis told me that Joyce had married Frederick Edward EVANS about 1942 but left him and moved to the USA to marry an American soldier whom she met while he was stationed here during the war years. Oh! I thought, that didn't seem very nice of her.

The new man in her life was Max Ganzer and I was told they went on to have four children. That was all I knew as the families didn't seem to keep in touch with each other. Apparently Joyce did visit her brother Roy and Mavis in the early to mid 1970's but we, Denis and I never got to meet her.

Years later I decided to find out a bit more of the story as to why Joyce would leave her husband and move overseas, so of course I turned my attention to **TROVE**.

Well, well, well that certainly was an eye opener. Poor Frederick I had thought, 'No Way', he was an absolute scoundrel. I found several articles dated between 1936 and 1937 of him receiving stolen goods and also for stealing. In one instance he tried to blame a bare footed child for the crime. This all happened before he and Joyce married, possibly she didn't know about his arrests.

In 1946 Frederick is again in the papers. This time it seems his crimes were a bit more serious. He was charged with having in his possession on August 13th a 6.35 m.m. automatic Browning pistol without being the holder of a licence. From the dock Frederick claimed he never owned a pistol and that it had been planted in his drawer by the police. Other charges listed against him were: receiving one single-stone diamond ring, knowing it to be stolen; also found in his room was a quantity of food ration coupons, suspected of being stolen or unlawfully obtained.

I eventually found an article in one of the Sydney papers dated 1st December, 1947 titled "Flight to U.S. Lover". The information the article provided told how Joyce had applied for a quick Divorce to allow her to fly to the

THE WAR BRIDE

Annette Hall

United States by December 31st which was the last permissible day for entry into America of war brides and sweethearts. Another article of the same date mentions Max, who was a lawyer, and Joyce had become engaged before he returned home.



Daily Mirror, Mon 1 Dec 1947, p. 4. (Trove)

Of course with divorce proceedings being published the truth comes out. Joyce parted from her husband, Frederick in September 1943, ten months after their marriage, because he did not work and support her.

Joyce was working to support herself and she met Max while she was in the employ of the American Army in Australia. After Max returned home they corresponded regularly and quite an intimate letter was read out in the courtroom.

Mr. Justice Edwards granted Joyce a divorce from Frederick Edward Evans on the ground of desertion. He also shortened the period for the making of the decree absolute to two days to enable her to reach the United States by December 31st.

It wasn't until an article published March 1948 that I discovered the whole story. A young mannequin, Judith Farrell, apparently unusually tall and handsome, allegedly said that she met Frederick Edward Evans at a King's Cross party in 1944. When Frederick was jailed for twelve months for receiving she visited him at Long Bay and Bathurst. While at Bathurst Jail, Evans told her

to go to a solicitor and pose as his wife to get him a divorce.

**IN JUST TWO DAYS
SHE'LL DREAM
OF MOONBEAMS**

Request by a deserted Sydney wife to cross the Pacific almost immediately and marry an American lawyer, was granted by Mr. Justice Edwards today.

[The Sun, Mon 1 Dec 1947, p. 28. \(Trove\)](#)

On April 18th 1947 Judith Farrell went to a Solicitors office in Sydney, telling him her name was Joyce Isabelle Evans and said she wanted a divorce from her husband Frederick Edward Evans. She dictated instructions which were typed on a divorce petition which she signed. She also signed an affidavit verifying the petition. The solicitor was later visited by the real Mrs. Evans after she received his bill, unpaid by Farrell, which had been sent to her address. The solicitor contacted the Registrar in Divorce. As Joyce was now living in the USA she would not be available to give evidence in the case. Farrell was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions in April.

In the end, Judith Farrell being only eighteen years of age when she first met Frederick and was probably coerced by him, she was released on thirty pound bond, and to be of good behaviour for two years. She also

denied Frederick had directed her to petition for a divorce in the name of his wife.

**GIRL'S PETITION
"OWN IDEA"**

SYDNEY, Friday.— In Central Court to-day, Mr. Hawkins, S.M., discharged a man who had allegedly induced a girl to petition for a divorce from him in the name of his wife.

The girl, Judith Farrell, mannequin, said she had filed and signed the petition with a solicitor but that it had been "my own idea entirely."

The man, Frederick Edward Evans, 39, hawker, had been charged with having, on April 18, 1947, conspired with Judith Farrell to procure a divorce from Joyce Isabella Evans with intent to produce a public mischief

[Newcastle Morning Herald and Miner's Advocate, Sat 22 May 1948, p. 3. \(Trove\)](#)

As no prima-facie case had been made out against Frederick, you guessed it, he was discharged.



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