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2010 Denise Brady & Marel Donaldson - Foundation Members
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2013 Les McFadzen

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2016 Jeanne Dixon, **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), Val Burt, Margaret Clark, Russell Clarke, Annette Hall, Megan James, Bev McFadyen, 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 is Redland City Council's Local History Advisor; Gillian McNeill is Local History Technician.

A Note from the Editor

Pat McCallum

Monitoring the family history and genealogy feeds on BlueSky I was drawn to the post by the Family History Federation in the United Kingdom.

Family History Societies survive because of volunteers. Every hour given helps protect records, knowledge, and heritage. With just a little time you can get involved in many different ways. Find your local society and ask about how you can help? www.familyhistoryfederation.com/find-a-society

A shout out to everyone for contributing to keeping Redlands Genealogy Society healthy and active.

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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 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 – 2026

Helen Veivers

President

It is with pleasure that I present my Report for the 2025 - 2026 Year, my 13th for the Society. The Redland Genealogical Society is continuing to thrive. During the year we recorded the largest number of members ever at 133 and our Genie Room is often a busy place to be – a very pleasing sight!! It continues to be central to our wellbeing, the place where 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 Librarians, Georgia Bennett and Kristianne Buckley, for their support of our Society. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the symbiotic relationship the society continues to have with Library Technician, Gillian McNeill. Gillian is always so willing to help when assistance is required.

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!!! Several additional GRAs have joined the team during the year and this has assisted our librarian to a great extent. 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 2026 – 2027. Thank you, Karen!

With our Guest Speaker program we've attempted to increase members' knowledge of family history associated matters. In August 2025, Col Sutcliffe provided a wonderful address titled "Charles Dickens and "The Old Curiosity Shop", supported by some entrancing props. Helen Smith was September's Guest Speaker with a presentation titled "Google, the Genealogist's Friend" – we were amazed at the number of ways in which Google can assist us. Author, Karen Thurecht, spoke to us in October, demonstrating how she wove Family and Fiction in her latest book based in the Maryborough region. Our final Guest Speaker for 2025 was Eve Terry from the National Archives of Australia (NAA) with a very informative and enjoyable address titled "War Brides: Stories of Love and Adventure". As a means of introducing members to the newly appointed Local History Librarian, Kristianne Buckley, was invited to be the Guest Speaker for the February 2026 meeting where she spoke about something very dear to family historians' hearts, "Ways to Organise your Family History Notes". Sean Dugger was the Guest Speaker for March with a wonderful and very well received presentation centred on researching Irish Family History. Tracey Olivieri from South Brisbane Cemeteries demonstrated how to use Cemeteries and Death Records as a resource at the April meeting – following this meeting some members discovered records they'd been searching for years. The Stradbroke Island Museum was "brought to life" by May's Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Gondwe, and in June Inspector Melissa Anderson provided a fabulous address, titled "12 minutes that changed the history of the world – my grandfather's war."

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 the website, 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!

Alison Louttit took on the role of Secretary at the 2025 Annual General Meeting and has done a great job throughout the year. Thanks very much, Alison! 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 also managed our growing Facebook presence as well. Her Monday Murmurings are seemingly very popular. Thanks Yvonne and Val!! Our Membership Officers, Russell and Jean Clark, have done a great job of managing Membership, a really important role. Thanks Russell and Jean. Pat McCallum maintained the role of Newsletter editor and has introduced new concepts along the way, making the "Redland Researcher" an interesting production to read. Thanks, Pat! Elaine Speck has continued to organise Displays for the Society during the year. These included one at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre in October for Seniors' month and one in Cleveland in early June. Such displays are important for our Society as a means of getting the work the Society does known out in the community. Thanks, Elaine, for all that you do. Our records have continued to be safely maintained by Archivist, Janelle Everest. Janelle has begun the time-consuming task of reducing the size of the Archives. Thank, Janelle – it's comforting to know that the Society's history is safe. Thanks, too to Dianne Smith for her continued involvement with the Management

Committee – the work you do, Dianne, is greatly appreciated! Our Forms and Documents are “in very good shape” indeed, thanks to the work of Forms Officer, Greg Glidden. Thanks, Greg.

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. Annette would welcome new members to the Group at any time. The Writing Group has met every two months according to the established schedule, with renewed interest in recent months. Some members’ work has been published in the “Redland Researcher”.

Initiatives during the year included a display in the Cleveland Library during Family History Month in August, a visit to the Gatton and District Historical Village in May, organised by Librarian, Karen Hawkes and an extension of the Problem Solving Folder to include referral to member, Malcolm Goddard, for research requiring additional expertise. Malcolm has solved a couple of “Brick walls” during the year. Your assistance is very much appreciated, Malcolm.

Last year I reported a decline in membership. I’m very happy to be able to advise that this trend has been reversed, with the highest membership ever being recorded during the year. I truly believe that this is related to the information sessions being conducted by Membership Officer, Russell Clark. Russell offers these to both new and existing members, taking the small groups through our Genie Room, explaining what is available and how members are able to access resources.

I urge our members to continue to promote the Society in the community at every opportunity – carrying a supply of our “Business Cards” (available in the Genie Room) is an excellent strategy so that they are “on hand” when speaking to community members about the Society.

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 Officers’ Annual Report – 2026

Russell and Jean Clarke
Membership Officers

We are pleased to report our membership has grown over the last year by nearly eighteen (18) percent. The current membership totals one hundred and thirty-three (133) compared to last year’s total which was reported as one hundred and thirteen (113). This total includes six (6) new family groups giving us a total of nine (9) family groups. One of the new family groups was an upgrade from a single membership. From 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, we have welcomed forty-three (43) new members which included three (3) re-joined members. However, we had twenty-three (23) members removed from the register over the last 12 months, most commonly due to inactivity. It is noted approximately two thirds of the new members joined in the last six months. We noted in the 2025 AGM report that we looked forward to increasing our membership level over the next 12 months particularly by staying in closer contact to our current members. We believe we have achieved both these aims especially by running An Introduction to the Genie Room session for the new and existing members. These sessions were well received and had twenty (20) attendees, primarily new members over the last twelve (12) months.



Treasurer's Annual Report - 2026

Yvonne Weston
Treasurer

Redland Genealogical Society Inc

Statement of Income & Expenditure

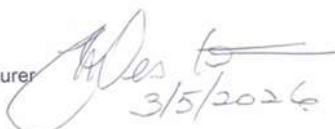
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INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Memberships	3	\$4,232.50	Advertising	2	\$0.00
Bank Interest	4	\$0.00	Bank Fees	3	\$0.00
DNA Interest Group	5	\$4.00	Float	4	\$0.00
Donations - attendances	6	\$606.00	Fundraising-Christmas/functions	5	\$640.00
Donations - 50/50 scheme	7	\$0.00	Fundraising - raffles	6	\$0.00
Donations - library box	8	\$9.00	Fundraising - trips	7	\$0.00
Donations - Other	9	\$151.55	Library Subscriptions	8	\$1,359.66
Library - members' purchases	10	\$128.75	Insurance	9	\$1,183.62
Newsletter Advertising	11	\$0.00	Meeting Room hire	10	\$605.00
Starter Kit/Work Book sales	12	\$0.00	Newsletter - expenses	11	\$72.20
Fundraising - brick wall research	13	\$350.00	Postage (incl. Newsletter)	12	\$17.00
Fundraising - bring and buy	14	\$0.00	Post Office Box Rental	13	\$165.00
Fundraising - Christmas	15	\$640.00	Purchases - books	14	\$206.89
Fundraising - raffles	16	\$217.00	Purchases - CDs	15	\$0.00
Fundraising - trips	17	\$0.00	Purchases - DVDs	16	\$0.00
Refunds	18	\$110.00	Purchases - fiche/USB	17	\$0.00
Sundries	19	\$0.00	Purchases - furniture	18	\$0.00
Members' badges	20	\$20.00	Purchases - lib. Equipment	19	\$1,045.22
Fundraising - Functions	21	\$0.00	Purchases - stationery	20	\$46.00
Grants	22	\$0.00	Refunds	21	\$60.00
Term Deposit	23	\$346.50	Society Memberships	22	\$396.70
			State Govt Fees	23	\$62.10
			Sundries - Administration	24	\$0.00
			Term Deposit	25	\$0.00
			Members' Badges	26	\$21.00
			Internet - Administration	27	\$80.00
			Guest Speakers	28	\$80.00
			Square Fees	29	\$10.39
			DNA Resources	30	\$0.00
TOTALS		\$6,815.30	TOTALS		\$6,050.78
Opening Balance 1/5/2025		\$2,832.97	Closing balance 30/4/2026		\$3,597.49
		\$9,648.27			\$9,648.27

STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS

Bank of Queensland- Cheque Account	\$3,597.49
Bank of Queensland -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: 8 July, 2026

Treasurer 
3/5/2026



Librarian's Annual Report – 2026

Karen Hawkes
Librarian

We have welcomed 895 members and visitors to our Genie Room, with many visitors joining on the spot after talking to our GRAs or coming in after one of our Society displays. Members have borrowed a total of 94 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: 2 in the Genie Room.

The Society has continued to renew our online subscriptions to: The Biographical Database of Australia, The Genealogist, FindMyPast and RootsIreland. Also, our magazine subscriptions to: Family Tree Magazine UK, Who Do You Think You Are? and Irish Roots.

We also have the benefits of our Affiliate Membership with the Genealogical Society of QLD (GSQ), their subscription websites are: Irish Ancestors, My Heritage, RootsIreland and The Genealogist.

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

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

We had various Books, Journals, CDs, Microfiche and USBs donated and recommended to our Library, resulting in approximately 30 new acquisitions. Our largest donation being a computer from Malcolm Goddard. Thank you to all who have donated, including those who have donated miscellaneous stationery items for use in our Genie Room.

A great day was had for 9 RGS Members who attended our Day Trip to the Gatton and District Historical Society Museum Village and Research Room in May. Hoping to plan another Day Trip for next year.

We would like to Thank Kristianne Bucknall who was appointed as the new Local History Adviser and Gillian McNeill, the Local History Technician and all the Library Staff for their help in supporting us in our Genie Room.

We welcomed Malcolm Goddard's expertise in Research to the GRA Team however we are down to 15 GRAs for Library Duty. I would like to say "Thank you" to all GRAs, Committee Members and Society Members for supporting me in my role as Librarian.

Please consider joining the GRA Team. Thank you.



Display Co-ordinator's Report 2026

Elaine Speck
Display Co-ordinator

Last financial year we had only two official displays. During Seniors Month in October we were able to hold a manned display at Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre from 13th to 20th October. We were placed outside Woolworths the same as the last couple of years. This spot has served us quite well as this time we actually recorded how many people came to our stand so it seemed a very worthwhile week. I had to get Greg to be my backup as we actually ran out of some information sheets, so he hurriedly printed more off. This manned roster required two people for each shift, that is 9am to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3pm, for each of the five days. The roster was a bit sparse this last year so some people had to double up on shifts. There is quite a bit of effort put into this special week long display and with one coming up again I hope in October this year please give some consideration to helping with only three hours of your time.

The second display was out of the blue actually. Yvonne who is travelling overseas let Helen know of a Market Day down Cleveland Point at the Historical Buildings site and with only a week's notice Kevin, Greg and myself were able to join the day. Kevin picked up the marquee, table and chairs from Les's place and Greg and I hurriedly checked out that our information sheets were up to date. It was a lovely morning with quite a lot of interest in us and at our next general meeting there were surprisingly two new members from that day.

My thanks as always to Kevin and Greg who are always there as part of these displays.



Newsletter Editor's Annual Report - 2026

Pat McCallum
Newsletter Editor

We have had another active year for the *Redland Researcher* during 2025/2026.

All scheduled editions were published and distributed. There were a few minor hiccups on timing and quality and I apologise for my contribution to those issues. With a bit more discipline on my part in the coming year we should iron most of those out.

The *Redland Researcher* is your newsletter and it reflects the engaged society that is the Redland Genealogical Society. It is the member's contributions which make the newsletter what it is. I just pull the material together.

I would like to thank all those who submitted contributions for publication during this financial year. A number of new contributors submitted material this year. This added greatly to the interesting content that was published.

I would like to thank those who made constructive suggestions about the form and content of the newsletter. These are always welcomed. I know that the newsletter is valued by members when these suggestions and comments are made. It is a sign of a healthy organisation.

During the year we revived the members interest section and commenced recognising new members in the newsletter. *Treasure Trove* was not so prominent this year but is always there as a hook for something interesting turning up in your research from newspapers in Trove. I introduced *SnapShot* during this period to show case an interesting family photograph you might want to share. These are not meant to be must haves in every edition, but they do provide an interesting editorial hook for both contributors and the editor.

The major content that is included in each edition is the longer articles. These have covered a broad range of topics and showcased the research skills of those who spent the time preparing them.

Our Newsletter is distributed in a member's only form to members, published in a public version on the Society's web page, shared with other family history societies around the world and deposited in the National Library's Magazine eDeposit repository.

Keep the contributions coming in 2026/2027.



Writing Interest Group Convenor's Annual Report – 2026

Helen Veivers
Co-ordinator

We've continued meeting in the Elders Room in the Cleveland Library. The number of attendees has been low but some excellent writing has been produced by the group.

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 writing about forms of transport we've experienced in July 2025, exploring family reunions in September 2025 and "If I could ask one question" in March 2026. 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 2025 we explored using the Dictate function in Microsoft Word, while for September's meeting the topics of Privacy and Ethics in Family History Writing were discussed. November 2025 saw us discussing strategies for editing your own writing. The March 2026 meeting was spent in planning for meetings in 2026, while the May 2026 meeting explored Writing competitions available to members and provided another opportunity for further planning.

It's been pleasing to see a recent uplift in numbers attending the Writing Group meetings. Remember our meetings are 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 Report (August 2026)

Yvonne Weston

Facebook Co-ordinator

In July, we reached 6,188 people which had a total of 18,234 views, an increase from previous month. We had 13 posts during the month, which was less than the previous month. We have increased our followers to 456, continuing our gradual upward trend.

As always, our most popular posts continue to be our Monday Murmurings from 3,545 views to 4,758. A good overall result. It is obvious that people are keeping an eye on what we are doing on a weekly basis.

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 growing in membership and quite active. 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. We again have had a few requests to join from non-RGS members and after some direct messaging, this may eventuate in new RGS memberships.

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, if I am away so it might take a day or so to be approved.

Website Co-ordinator's Annual Report – 2026



Kevin Hughes

Website Co-ordinator

The RGS website continues to work well. Over the past 12 months I have added 42 Exchange Genealogical Branch magazines, updated 12 Sections of the website and added 5 Redland Researcher magazines.

The added or updated RGS Sections are as follows:

- Corrected link to Redcliffe and Districts from QFHS
- Updated Web Guest Speaker list 2025
- Replaced Unrelated BDM Certificates
- Added Benefits of our Affiliated Membership with GSQ
- Repaired ability to save entries in the MEDIA LIBRARY
- Replaced section 35 Aust, NZ, Overseas Family Research Contacts
- Replaced section 36 First Nations People Family Research Contacts
- Fixed Members password as not working
- Updated 2026 Guest Speaker List
- Updated Unrelated Certificates
- Updated Benefits of Affiliate Membership with GSQ
- Updated Complete Subject Catalogue List
- Deleted the MyHeritage and other GSQ Research Sites Section

Sections of the RGS website are added or replaced only after the Management Committee has discussed and/or revised them.



Magazine Interest Group Annual Report – 2026

Annette Hall
Magazine Interest Group
Co-ordinator

The Magazine Interest Group consists of those members of the Society who subscribe privately to various Family History Societies around the world.

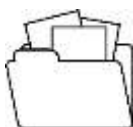
The Journals issued by these societies are circulated by the group either by hard copy, meaning paper journal or by E-journal whereas the owner must apply for permission to circulate them among our group.

Once circulation is completed the magazines/journals are placed in our Library for the use of all RGS Members.

We have a much smaller group than several years ago with just eight contributing members.

Currently six English counties and one New South Wales district are covered along with one Australian publication.

Thank you to all members of the Magazine Interest Group, past and present for their generosity over the years.



Archives Report AGM July 2026

Janelle Everest
Archivist

The archival files have been maintained and added to on a continuing basis throughout the year, recording Society events. Ensuring that the Society files are maintained is important. It is equally important that all facets of the Society's activities are put down for future reference.

The Archive has continued to grow, however, in recent years the size of the Society's Archive has become an issue that requires addressing. In considering this issue, a review of some sections of the Archive has been undertaken during 2025/26. This review has assessed that existing material reflects the activities of the Society and alternative options for information storage and retrieval. All statutory requirements have been, and will continue to be, adhered to as the review continues into the year ahead.

I would like to thank all those who have assisted over the past year in supplying information necessary to maintain an accurate record of the Society's activities.

Upcoming Meeting Program

- 9 September – RGS Members – Brick Walls Discussion.
- 14 October – Terence Hendricks – President 23 Squadron – History of the 23 Squadron.
- 11 November - Emeritus Professor John Pearn AO – Remembrance Day
- 9 December – Christmas Celebrations.

- Julie Lauman
- Darren Morley
- Gary King
- Paula Kooyman
- Linda Blank
- Carol and Dennis Vining
- Robert Bunt
- Debby Horgan
- Valerie and Glynn Jones
- Wayne Stern

New Members May – July 2026

The Management Committee endorsed the applications from the following new members. Recent additions will be acknowledged in the next edition. Welcome and welcome back.

A Favourite Location in My Family History

Jean Clarke

I have many favourite locations in amongst my family history but the one that first came to mind is 'Larnook' Domestic Arts Teachers College, situated in Armadale, Melbourne.

This was my first post school experience and has left a lasting impression. The College is not far from where I grew up as a child, one of the middle-class suburbs of Melbourne.

It was close to two different tram lines, not too far from a railway station and set on a very large block of land, well set back from the tree lined road on which it was located, and down a long driveway edged with garden beds. All around were many stately homes, many of which were owned by the Education Department and had been converted to teaching spaces or residential settings for teacher trainees or students at Melbourne University.

The main building itself was a white two storey stately mansion built in 1881 the likes of which I had never seen, a very imposing building.



The namesake of Larnook Street, 'Larnook,' is a grand, late-Victorian Italianate boom-era mansion. It was built in 1881 for William H. Miller, the son of Henry "Money" Miller, who was the founder of the Bank of Victoria and the richest man in the colony.

In 1912, the original 5-acre Larnook estate was subdivided, creating Larnook and Vail streets while keeping the mansion largely intact. The Victorian Government purchased it in 1949, and it opened as the Domestic Arts Teachers' College in 1952. It was subsequently acquired by The King David School in 1984.

It was not hard to imagine that it had been owned by a very wealthy family who employed a housekeeper, gardener, and a laundress at the very least. The

laundry, where our home management classes took place was very large, filled with every sort of laundry equipment imaginable and where we often dreaded the tasks we were set to complete as part of our training. Would you believe even doing laundry has a theoretical base of knowledge! This where I learnt to iron a shirt, correctly I might add! I never thought this would a useful skill at the time!

In the front of the building the driveway opened into a small parking area below which was a large expanse of lawn set under a huge Moreton Bay Fig tree, the place where we had our graduation afternoon tea in December 1965 together with family and friends.



The front door was a large, heavy, panelled wooden door with a large brass knob which was cleaned every Saturday morning as part of our training with a solution of salt and vinegar, rinsed and polished to a gleam.

Inside the front door, a huge staircase greeted you with an intricate wooden banister and carved balustrades curving its way to the upper level where the Principal resided. To the right of the foyer was the Principal's office, a stately room with a high ceiling, carpeted, a huge, magnificent desk and completed with heavy window curtains, a lounge, and a fireplace. It was not a place we ever wished to be summoned to as it usually meant you were in trouble.

The staircase was every student's nightmare as part of our home management training involved cleaning and polishing the staircase banister and each individual balustrade as well as vacuuming the carpet on each stair.

We lived in for a third of each of the first two years of training and attended classes on site or in nearby teaching rooms in properties that had been acquired as more room was needed.

Three years passed quickly, and many memories remain of friendships made, knowledge gained, teaching skills acquired, and wonderful food created in the kitchen along with food service and waitressing skills.

A magnificent building, which was eventually absorbed into Victoria College and later Deakin University. Now in

the 2020s as 'Larnook Armadale' it now has very stylish apartments and a penthouse along the front of the block with the original mansion still located at the back.

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Robert Graham's Cleveland Gamble

Darren Morley

As the sun broke over Cleveland Point on Monday the 17th of January 1854, it promised to be another sultry day. High tide coincided with the sunrise and lying at anchor was the 233-ton brig, the *Courier*. Unbeknown to anyone, the vessel was on fire. So rapid was the fire's progress that within two or three hours the *Courier* had burnt to its waterline. Fortunately, no lives were lost, although most of the wool and coconut oil on board was destroyed.¹ While the authorities judged the fire to be the result of spontaneous combustion, there were rumours of foul play. A sizeable reward of £250 was offered for any information leading to a conviction, but no one came forward.² Although the valuable cargo was insured, Robert Graham's dreams for Cleveland had gone up in smoke.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE BRIG "COURIER," AT CLEVELAND.

For several years a debate had been conducted over the ideal location for the main port for Moreton Bay and the site of its customs house. Both major options Brisbane and Cleveland presented serious challenges to shipping. Naturally those with a vested interest loudly proclaimed the benefits of their choice. Matters were seemingly decided when the competent and impartial Captain Owen Stanley, conducted a survey of the region in the Rattlesnake and came out overwhelmingly in favour of Brisbane. In his report to the Colonial Secretary, Edward Deas Thomson he found that Cleveland would require a considerable outlay of capital before goods could even be embarked.³ Nonetheless there remained a group of wealthy men who were not convinced. Overwhelmingly they were squatters who preferred Ipswich to be the new capital, with Cleveland Point as its port.⁴

At the forefront of the efforts on behalf of Cleveland, was the well-connected Scotsman, Robert Graham.⁵ Although he no longer lived in the region, he visited regularly and was heavily involved with the pastoral industry, both as a principal and agent for other squatters.⁶ In 1846, he entered in a partnership with

another leading Sydney merchant, Jacob Montefiore.⁷ While their company, Montefiore, Graham & Co., was based in Sydney, they had a branch in Brisbane, which traded under Graham & Co.⁸ The company had also secured two leading agents, Messrs Raff & Co. in Brisbane, and Walter Gray & Co. in Ipswich. By 1852, Montefiore, Graham & Co. was the largest exporter of wool and tallow in NSW.⁹

Robert Graham was also involved in shipping ventures. For a while he was the northern agent for the Hunter River Steam Navigation Company, which ran steamships between Brisbane and Sydney. Another agency he held was for the *Experiment*, which in 1846, became the first paddle steamer to successfully travel between Brisbane and Ipswich.¹⁰ Whereas previously punts took several days, the steam powered *Experiment* averaged around seven hours for the journey. When there was sufficient demand, the vessel also included Cleveland Point on its itinerary.¹¹ After the *Experiment* sank, Montefiore, Graham & Co., purchased the first vessel made by the Sydney shipbuilder John Cuthbert. As the name implied, the 40-ton cutter *Cleveland*, was designed to carry wool and tallow down the Brisbane River and out to the bay, as fully loaded it drew only 3 feet of water.¹²

steam. The old *Experiment* sunk in the river, cargo and all, in a gale of wind; but she was hoisted up again, cleaned, repaired, and again put on the line. Then

In early 1852, town lots were offered for sale at Cleveland, and this presented an opportunity not to be missed for those keen to develop the area. Besides Robert Graham, other significant purchasers included John Balfour, Francis and Frederick Bigge, Louis Hope, George Thorn and Walter Gray.¹³ The construction of basic port facilities followed with a jetty, wharves and stores. A warehouse owned by Francis Bigge, was leased by Robert Graham & Co. as a customs bond store.¹⁴ A wide range of goods were sold through the Cleveland store, including tobacco, grains and alcohol.¹⁵ A recent migrant from Germany, Augustus

¹ *Courier* Sat 21 Jan 1854 p2

² *Courier* Sat 1 Apr 1854 p3

³ *Courier* Sat 9 Feb 1850 p3

⁴ Glen Lewis, *A History of the Ports of Queensland* p9

⁵ John Mackenzie-Smith, *Moreton Bay Scots 1841-59* p48-49

⁶ 1845 Immigration Report from Select Committee of the Legislative Council

⁷ *Courier* Sat 7 Nov 1846 p3

⁸ *Courier* Sat 12 Dec 1846 p3

⁹ *Empire* Wed 26 Jan 1853 p3

¹⁰ *Courier* Sat 26 Dec 1846 p1

¹¹ *Courier* Sat 18 Jul 1846 p1

¹² Roger Hobbs, *A Shipwright in the Colonies* John Cuthbert 1815-1874 p17 & SMH Fri 10 Jun 1853 p2

¹³ *Courier* Sat 10 Jan 1852 p2

¹⁴ *Courier* Sat 24 Sep 1853 p4

¹⁵ *Moreton Bay Free Press* Tue 14 Feb 1854 p1

Jeghers was appointed by Robert Graham to manage the business.¹⁶ The Brisbane printed Moreton Bay Courier, could not help have a dig at this new arrangement. It wondered why this young man would have such disgust for human society to voluntarily retire from the world and go to Cleveland.¹⁷



Cleveland Point jetty at Cleveland, circa 1880 (State Library of Queensland)

Critics notwithstanding, progress was being achieved as Cleveland was described as being “very lively and cheerful”, with many crew members and visitors.¹⁸ Along with the overseas and smaller river vessels, the 200-ton brig Louis and Miriam was chartered to provide a regular service to and from Sydney.¹⁹ To make Cleveland a more attractive proposition, Robert Graham reduced freight charges from it. Whereas wool to London was quoted by his Ipswich and Brisbane agents at 1½d per lb, from Cleveland it only cost 1d per lb.²⁰

WRECK OF THE “COUNTESS OF DERBY,” BOUND FOR CLEVELAND.

Despite Robert Graham’s best plans, the venture was dogged with bad luck from the outset. The first vessel chartered to load wool from Cleveland was the Countess of Derby in late 1853.²¹ However, on its way from Sydney it was wrecked as it attempted to come through the south passage, near Stradbroke Island. Unfortunately, the approach to Cleveland Point was marred by mud flats and exposed to the weather, which naturally created difficulties for vessels.²² While there were no fatalities, the salvaged goods only recovered around £300 at auction.²³ In addition, the stockpiled wool ready for England was delayed. The next vessel, the Himalaya, arrived from London with a large portion of its cargo consigned to Brisbane rather than Cleveland. This caused a good deal of confusion and

inconvenience.²⁴ The situation was only worsened, when a punt laden with merchandise mostly from the Himalaya and destined for Ipswich, sunk at Messrs Raff & Co.’s wharf at Kangaroo Point.²⁵

The final setback came with the fire on the Courier, especially as the wreck only realised a modest £64 at auction. Of the 295 bales that had been loaded, only 23 bales or around 600lbs of wool could be salvaged. At auction the wool was purchased by Messrs Raff & Co., for just 1s 3¾d per lb.²⁶ Considering the losses he must have sustained, it is no wonder that Robert Graham decided to abandon the project. All the goods from the Cleveland bond store were transferred and auctioned at Messrs Raff & Co.’s store in Brisbane.²⁷



George Wishart, Australia/Queensland 1872-1921 / A busy corner of the Brisbane River 1897 / Oil on canvas / 76 x 101.5cm / Acquired before 1962 / Collection: Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art /

In a further blow, Messrs Raff & Co. not long afterwards proved that with the right vessel the Brisbane River offered no serious impediment to overseas trade. The 328-ton barque the Asa Packer, with an ability to draw only 10 feet and 6 inches was the largest vessel to date to berth in Brisbane, and the first to load wool direct for London.²⁸ At Raff’s wharf, the Asa Packer took on about 500 bales of wool, with around another 200 added when it anchored in the bay.²⁹ Robert Graham may have given up on his dream for Cleveland, but it did not die with him. In 1860 when Robert Graham had returned to England, his old Ipswich agent Walter Gray tried his luck. Unfortunately for him, it was met with a similar lack of success.³⁰

¹⁶ Moreton Bay Free Press Tue 15 Mar 1853 p3

¹⁷ Courier Sat 19 Mar 1853 p2

¹⁸ Moreton Bay Free Press Tue 17 Jan 1854 p3

¹⁹ Moreton Bay Free Press Tue 10 Jan 1854 p3

²⁰ Maitland Mercury Wed 26 Oct 1853 p1

²¹ Moreton Bay Free Press Tue 8 Nov 1853 p2

²² Glen Lewis p9-10

²³ Courier Sat 4 Feb 1854 p2

²⁴ Empire Tue 17 Jan 1854 p2

²⁵ Courier Sat 4 Feb 1854 p2

²⁶ Sydney Morning Herald Tue 28 Feb 1854 p4

²⁷ Courier Sat 6 May 1854 p3

²⁸ Courier Sat 25 Feb 1854 p3

²⁹ Courier Sat 13 May 1854 p2

³⁰ North Australian Fri 7 Dec 1860 p2

Madame Arabella Goddard

Member Malcolm Goddard submits this piece from Trove which concerns a famous member of the Goddard family. The following summary of notes in *The Goddard Association of Europe Newsletter No. 39 May 1996* give some colour to the remarkable person that was Arabella Goddard.

Arabella Goddard was a child prodigy. Born in 1836, she was playing theme's from Mozart's *Don Juan* on the piano at the age of four with the assistance of a booster cushion. At the age of seven she played piano for Chopin and George Sand. Her talents were fostered by the best tutors. 'She learned to play the most difficult passages at sight and developed the musical memory and ability to play without music for which she was justly famed.' Arabella pursued a stellar career as a concert pianist in England and Europe. (Julie of Newbury in *The Goddard Association of Europe Newsletter No. 39 May 1996*. Newsletter in the possession of Malcolm Goddard.) In 1874 Arabella was in Queensland.



[Argus \(Melbourne, Vic. : Monday 13 July 1874, page 7 \(Trove\)\)](#)

THE DISASTER TO THE FLINTSHIRE

A gentleman who was a passenger by the Flintshire has sent to the *Sydney Morning Herald* the following, dated Townsville, June 25th:

The R.M.S. Flintshire, chartered by the Eastern and Australian Steam Company, left Townsville at half-past 3 p.m. on June 20 for Sydney, via Bowen and Brisbane. Everyone was congratulating himself that she had got through the Torres Straits in safety, that being considered the most dangerous part of the voyage. However, in rounding the point, and about 20 miles from the town, at quarter past 6 p.m. the steamer went on a rock and there stuck fast.

...

[Two] gentlemen who were armed kept the gangway clear from a rush.



All the female passengers, amongst whom was Madame Arabella Goddard, were got into the lifeboat first; then their husbands and friends were permitted to go down, the crew having been previously told off to their respective boats. There was no baggage taken, with the exception of some of the cooler heads, who had secured their jewel cases and valuables.

...

[The small boats] started for the town at about 6 p.m., and from this hour I can only tell you how the lifeboat with all the women got along. In this boat we had two great celebrities, Madame Arabella Goddard and Blondin.

...

After a heavy night's work we arrived at Townsville at half-past 2 a.m., June 21, ...

Great praise is due to Mr. Ponder, second officer, who had charge of the boat, and also to Captain Cox, Mr. Blondin, Mr. Amhurst, and Mr. Williams (Madame Goddard's manager)—passengers—who scarcely relinquished their oars the whole of the trip to town.

...

Mr. Blondin returned to the ship on Tuesday, 22nd, to see about getting off his heavy baggage and apparatus, but was informed that nothing could be taken out of the hold, as they wanted weight in that particular part of the vessel.

Madame Goddard is in the same fix with her piano and valuable baggage. I hear that their conjoined effects are valued at over £4,000, and are not insured.

Several sailed without it yesterday by the *Wonga Wonga*. Madame Goddard, Blondin, and others prefer remaining to see the progress of events.

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President Helen Veivers will be providing a presentation for this session.

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Wandering Through the Web



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Newspapers.com, GenealogyBank, NewspaperArchive, OldNews, Chronicling America ... the list of historical newspaper websites goes on and on and on. Thanks to them, genealogists have access to a once-unimaginable number of digitized newspapers—in fact, so many publications in so many places that it can be hard to know where to look.

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FamilySearch has scaled its database past 22.7 billion searchable names, adding billions of records globally from regions like Europe, Latin America, and the UK. FamilySearch has expanded its free online archives with more than 8 million new records from 25 different countries. New additions include 4.7 million civil and church records from the Philippines and more than 3 million civil and census records from Italy.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/new-free-historical-records-from-25-countries-july-2026-update>

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[Editor's note: remember you can access Ancestry for free in the Genie Room]

Better DNA match lists

(Prepared with input from Google Gemini with references)

Ever wondered why Ancestry is better at producing meaningful DNA matches in the 10-35 total cM range compared to MyHeritage match lists. It uses two distinct proprietary technologies to filter out “false matches” against its larger DNA test database. It has more tests to work with and better ways of filtering.

1. The Timber Algorithm

The [AncestryDNA Timber algorithm](#) identifies patches of DNA that are overly common within specific populations. If thousands of unrelated people share the exact same 7 cM segment, Timber recognizes it as a historical population signature (often due to endogamy or historical isolation) rather than a recent family connection. Timber automatically downweights or removes these segments. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

2. Advanced DNA Phasing

Ancestry uses highly advanced statistical “phasing” to separate your maternal and paternal DNA strands before performing its matching process. Other platforms sometimes accidentally create a “false match” by zig-zagging between your mother's and father's chromosomes to construct a fake matching segment. Ancestry's strict phasing heavily reduces these mechanical errors. [1, 3, 4, 5]

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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, birth dates 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.

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