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NEWS ITEMS

GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

September:

Ralph Gray

"Members' Benefits using
FamilySearch at Interest
Groups and Research days"

October:

Annette Bailey

"Beyond the Rabbit Proof
Fence" A Jigalong Journey

November:

CFHRI Members

"War Memorabilia of our
Soldiers"

GENERAL MEETINGS **and GROUP MEETINGS**

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Hello members,

Welcome to issue 126 and my first as editor—please be kind!

Of particular interest in this issue are the winning stories for the Lorrie Barzdo and Hazel Rose Seto writers awards. Please enjoy.

We also cover group visits to such varied locations as Q Camel and The State Library in Brisbane.

My own story will be told at the September member's meeting on the 19th—come along and hear all you didn't want to know.

— Dave Hamilton, Editor



The President's Pen

– June Blackburn

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Another extremely busy year. I cannot thank all our wonderful members enough for their help, understanding and support throughout the year. Our group is so fortunate to have people like yourselves.

Let's look at all the wonderful guest speakers we have welcomed over the past financial year. In July Judi Waller totally impressed us with her first ever published book at the age of 87. Her book was entitled "*The Tales End*" which was a mixture of poetry, short stories and reminiscences involving her children and grandchildren.

Member, Jan Swift, recommended we invite Moya Sharp via Zoom from Kalgoorlie to talk about "*Ripping Yarns and Tragic Tales of the Western Australian Goldfields*". Moya told stories of the harsh conditions our ancestors had to endure in this primitive landscape.



Member, Pauleen Cass spoke at our October meeting on the important subject of "*Copyright, Privacy and Ethics*". Being family researchers and writers, this is something we all need to be aware of.

A gentleman by the name of John Blow (which brought a smile to all our faces) spoke about the "*Sandakan Death March Survivor*" – namely his father, Rex Blow. Having visited this area in Borneo, the shocking treatment of our POWs is a bitter pill to

swallow. But John talked about his father's exploits including his escape from the Japanese followed by his jungle warfare. What a truly brave man he was.

January this year saw our very own Tim Hill present "*Researching Norwegian Family History*". We now know why it is so difficult tracing our Scandinavian ancestors because of their patronymic and farm names

Shauna Hicks returned to us in February with her topic "*Finding Family in Ireland Online*".



We are always looking for guidance when researching in Ireland so Shauna's talk was excellent.

In March we welcomed long time Caloundra resident, Les Clarke and listened to his topic "*Clarke Family – Fishermen of Caloundra*". He gave many insights into Old Caloundra which we all found fascinating.



To commemorate Anzac Day, member, Ian Edwardson presented "*They Passed this Way*" which was the story of what happened to the World War II units after they left Caloundra. Some became POWs when the Japanese swept down the Malay Peninsula in Singapore whilst others fought in Papua New Guinea, The Huon Peninsula and Bougainville. It was a fascinating talk.

Garry Reynolds spoke to us in May on "*Station of the Cross*". Part of his story was about his own family and other bits from Victorian England and Australia's colonial past.



Our final talk for the year was one of our favourites, Dr Jon Prangnell. His talk this year was different as it was about his Great Grandfather, Tom Prangnell who fought in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan in the latter half of the 19th century.

These talks are all so fascinating and interesting. We can't thank our guest speakers enough for giving of their time to talk to us. It is so appreciated. Thanks also to Roz for all the hard work she undertakes to invite such interesting people.

On 5 July we again hosted a morning tea to welcome our new members. This was highly successful with a good number of new members. I wish to thank the committee for making it such a success.

Then on 27 September we hosted a BBQ lunch in the park to celebrate our volunteers. Sadly, apart from the committee, only two volunteers turned up. So, we decided to not have another one this year. Instead, we would invite all members for a Christmas in July party.

Our hugely successful seminar entitled "*Convicts*" was held during National Family History month on 5 August. There was a reasonably good attendance. Guest speakers included Helen Smith who spoke on "*My Genealogical Treasures in Quarter Session Records*"; Vicki Osborn who joined us on Zoom and spoke about "*Transportation of Maitland & the Hunter Valley Female Convicts*" and '*Roses from the Heart*' Convict Bonnet Project; Shauna Hicks' topic was



"*Discover your Family Behind Bars: Were they Convicts, Criminals, Victims or Witnesses?*"; and finally our very own member Trisha Hyde zoomed in with her University of Tasmania Assignment: "*Ann Elliott's Journey*". Jan Swift did a brilliant job as our MC. To everyone who helped set the room up, worked in the kitchen, and cleaned up afterwards, a huge heartfelt thank you for all your efforts. Without your help, the day would not have been the success it was.

Congratulations to last year's Lorrie Barzdo Award winners. It is a bit embarrassing congratulating myself, but I did win the Advanced Award with my entry "*The Man Who Saved Melbourne*". The Novice Award went to Maree Sutton with her story "*Molly*". Because I won last year, I am now one of the judges for this year's entries. Thanks to Sue Brownjohn for being the Co-ordinator and to our wonderful judges, Margaret Lenz, Trisha Hyde and Kate Bowman.



The Council again invited us during October to participate in the Sunshine Coast Open House by conducting heritage tours along Bulcock Street and Bulcock Beach. Numbers were down this year but those members of the public who joined us were thrilled with the walks.

We need more members to become involved in these walks, so if you are interested, please don't be shy and make yourself known.

We again advertised these walks for the Australian Heritage Festival which was run throughout April and May. Again, numbers were down but it is still well worth the effort to showcase ourselves to members of the public.



Trisha Hyde, our Training Officer, has run a number of courses throughout the year.

She has touched on many areas to assist members with their research. And there are many more to come. I cannot stress enough how important it is for members to attend these courses. Not only are they free but what you learn is vital to aid you in your research. Many thanks to Trisha for all her hard work and her willingness to share her experience and knowledge.

The buddy system was abandoned and, in its place, a new course was created to assist new members. The Resource Training Course will open many doors to our newer members. Hopefully it will be run twice yearly but it all depends on whether members take advantage of it. Maybe even some of our "older" members might like to participate.



In July last year we had the opportunity of another Bunnings sausage sizzle and cake stall. We raised \$2,542 in one day which is great for our coffers. Many thanks for Cathy Meyer and Valerie Thornton for organising these events. A great deal of thanks must also be extended to our wonderful cooks and volunteers on the day. Without you, we would



not be raising these necessary funds for our group.

Our Christmas Lunch was last year. The Corner Pocket by our member Chris Dillon. and her staff for looking after was delicious and the party be faulted. Thanks to Roz for event as well as the trivia say, our table won. The extraordinary and I can't enough for all the work that so attractive. Thank you to all those who donated the goods.



moved to a new venue Bar & Grill was owned Many thanks to Chris us so well. The food atmosphere could not organising this great quiz, which I'm happy to hampers were thank Cathy Meyer went into making them



Roz Kuss has organised a number of outings and visits to repositories throughout the year. The only disappointing aspect of these outings is the lack of members attending them. They are so much fun it is really difficult to understand why people are not rushing to join in. Last November we visited the Queensland Air Museum. This museum has over 80 historic military and civilian aircraft right in our own backyard. Certainly well worth a visit.

Another outing in March involved a visit to the Yandina Historical House and Museum. This house was built in 1899-1900. There are not that many places on the Coast that old. Devonshire teas were served up – sometimes it is really tough being a tourist.

An outing totally out of left field was a visit to QCamel in June. And yes, there was no history or research involved in this visit, but those camels were so cute. All the camels were female (the males are sold off). We got to taste camel milk. Camels can live up to 40+ years. We fed them by hand and they were ever so gentle - just sucked the food right up. Could have easily taken one home but I couldn't fit it in the car!!!



We also visited the State Library of Queensland in September last year as well as Queensland Family History Society. Both these visits were purely for research.

The Heritage Council invited Roz and Ralph Gray to present a talk on William Landsborough in February this year. There was a good crowd at the Landsborough Museum and the talk went over very well.

Where would we be without our wonderful Interest Group Co-ordinators. Geoff Kelly (England/Wales & Ireland), Chris Richardson (Family Tree Maker), Sue Brownjohn (DNA & Scotland), Sue Schott (Germany), Ralph Gray (FamilySearch), Fran Kitto (Resources) and Trisha Hyde (Writers Group) are all thanked for giving of their time and patience in running these groups. I cannot stress enough the importance of

attending some or even all these groups. They are run by experts in their field and can provide so much assistance to others who may be having trouble with their research. Our Library Volunteers do a fantastic job in welcoming people to our rooms as well as helping them with their research. Loris is always looking out for more volunteers and don't forget, as an incentive, if no-one is asking for help, you get to do your own research.

A new project was commenced last year entitled "War Stories of our Soldiers". Trisha Hyde is running this group. We are collating all the information we can find on our ancestors who fought in World Wars I and II and writing their stories so they will never be forgotten. Some participants are doing three or more. The intention is to publish these stories in time for Anzac Day 2025. And, there is still time for anyone else to join this group.

The committee was somewhat streamlined at the last AGM. You



are all so lucky to have such a great committee. This year on the Executive we had Roz Kuss as Vice President, Pattie Wilson as Secretary and Sue Schott as Treasurer. Pattie had to leave us part way and although we tried, no-one offered to help out so that was another job added to my busy workload. Our Management



Committee was made up of Kate Bowman whose role as Librarian has continued to build on our resources. Jan Swift, as Publicity Officer, has continued to do a fantastic job with getting our name out there during the year. As I have already noted, we are so fortunate to have such a great Training Officer in



Trisha Hyde. Fran Kitto, who is currently living in Spain has continued as our Webmistress and what an excellent job she has continued to do. A new position was created last year and Bob Brummell stepped up to take on the role of Policy and Compliance Officer. This was a totally new concept for the committee but Bob certainly made his presence felt and guided us through a number of obstacles in creating a new Constitution, Policies, Officer's Insurance and much more. Tim Hill's role of Assistant Treasurer was moved from the Support Team to Management Committee. With his business expertise a new financial reporting system was introduced which has been a huge time saver and will make financial reporting so much easier to manage going forwards.

But let's not forget about our Support Team. Ralph Gray and Peter Hovey were always on call to look after our equipment. I thank Ralph also for being our wonderful host at general and members meetings. He is also our Auditor. Ian Edwardson is our very own



quiet achiever and as our Inventory, Insurance and Safety Officer just gets on with the job quietly and efficiently. Cathy Meyer did a brilliant job as our Fund-Raising Officer and worked tirelessly organising our raffles for

Mothers and Fathers Days', Christmas and so much



more. I have already mentioned Cathy's super abilities in organising the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles throughout the year. I mentioned Valerie Thornton earlier but apart from her role as Cake Stall Co-ordinator, she was also the Grants Officer until earlier this year. Robyn Delaney continued as our Correspondence Officer and did a brilliant job keeping



all the paperwork in order as usual. Loris Gray does a fantastic job as Assistant Librarian. If you haven't already filled out your Pedigree Chart, then Loris will be after you!! Terry O'Connor took on the role of Editor and produced another four brilliant

editions throughout the year. We all love a good cuppa and Jen Milner and her band of helpers have always produced just what we need at meetings and seminars. Colleen Jones has continued to carry out her duties as Facebook Co-ordinator brilliantly. It is very hard to thank myself for being Membership Officer and Group Historian, and with the added duties of Secretary and helping out with grant writing, but I think I did OK.

Council grants have enabled us to purchase two new air conditions as well as assist us with the payment of our rent from a Community Planning Funding Program. This latter payment allowed us to do more training and buy more resources. Without Council's assistance, we would struggle to provide everything we do for our members.

It has definitely been a busy year. To those who will be stepping down at the AGM I just want to say from the bottom of my heart a huge thank you. Your efforts, energy, perseverance has stood our wonderful group in great stead. To the new member of the committee, Chris Sayer as Secretary, I wish you all the best and hope you enjoy the experience. To those committee members who are continuing on, I wish you well. I feel our group is in excellent hands. But that doesn't mean they can do it alone. So, I plead with members to step forward and help out when asked. We appreciate all that you do. I felt very proud to be your President over the last three years. Thank you all for your support and even more importantly, your friendship. In case you haven't heard the whispers, I am stepping down at this AGM but will retain the role of Membership Officer and Group Historian.

June Blackburn



Dear Diary

Please check the website for any changes

HEALTH POLICY ADOPTED 4 JULY 2024

Until further notice, it is the policy of CFHRI to protect the health and safety of our members. To minimise the risk of infection and transmission of any virus, this policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure we keep up-to-date with all Government directives.

1. If you are unwell, please do not come to the rooms.
2. It will be up to the individual member's discretion on the wearing of masks.
3. To avoid the spread of disease, hand sanitation will be available in all work spaces.

SEPTEMBER

*****Please check the website regularly for any changes*****

- Sun 1 Father's Day Raffle
'Welcome to Brisbane' Seminar by Brisbane History Group 12:30pm – 4:40pm \$15 non-members. Details on the noticeboard
- Mon 2 ~~In Rooms: Training Convict Research 9:45am for 10-12pm Max attendees 20. Priority given to those who book first. Close of Wed 30 August. Book on our website~~
CANCELLED 27 Aug by Training Officer due to no entrants
In Rooms: War Histories of our Soldiers Project 9am-11am
CHANGED 27 Aug by Training Officer
- Tue 3 **Zoom Family Tree Maker Group 2:00pm-4:00pm**
- Thu 5 **In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm**
Zoom: Committee Meeting
Hybrid: Germany Group 1:00pm-3:00pm
In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm
- Sat 7 **Moreton Bay Bicentennial Celebration of First European Settlement & Penal Colony hosted by Redcliffe Historical Society Inc. Program at <https://historyredcliffe.com.au/2024-200/>**
- Sat 7-14
- Mon 9 ~~**In Rooms: War Histories of our Soldiers Project 9am-11am**~~
MOVED to Mon 2 Sep by Training Officer
- Thu 12 **In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm**
Hybrid: Scotland Group 12:00pm-2:00pm
Hybrid: Ireland Group 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Sat 14 **In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm**
- Mon 16 **Hybrid: FamilySearch Group 10:00am-12:00pm**
- Wed 18 **Close off Qld State Archives Research trip Tue 24 Sep. Book on our website**
- Thu 19 **In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:00pm**
In Rooms: Writers Group 9:30am-11:30am
Hybrid: General Meeting 1:30pm-4:00pm
Guest Speaker: Ralph Gray
Profile: CFHRI Member, Family & Local Historian

CHECK CFH WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES TO DATES

Topic: "Members' Benefits using FamilySearch at Interest Groups and Research days"

Fri 20	Zoom DNA Group 10:00am-12:00pm
Sat 21	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 23	Zoom Resources Group 7:00pm-8:00pm
Tue 24	Carpool: Research trip to Qld State Archives Runcorn Close off 18 Sep. Book on our website
Thu 26	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm Hybrid: England & Wales Group 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat 28	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm

OCTOBER

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Tue 1	Zoom: Family Tree Maker Group 2pm-4:00pm
Thu 3	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm Hybrid: Germany Group 1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat 5	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm
Thu 10	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm Hybrid: Scotland Group 12:00pm-2:00pm Hybrid: Ireland Group 2:00pm-4:00pm
Sat 12	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm
Mon 14	In Rooms: War Histories of our Soldiers Project 9:00am-11:00am
Thu 17	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:00pm In Rooms: Writers Group 9:30am-11:30am Hybrid: Members Meeting 1:30pm-4:00pm Guest Speaker: Annette Bailey Profile: CFHRI Member, Family & Local Historian Topic: "Beyond the Rabbit Proof Fence" A Jigalong Journey
Fri 18	Zoom: DNA Group 10:00am-12:00pm Close off date Introduction to Family History for Seniors Fri 25 & Sat 26 Oct. \$20pp Book on our website for catering purposes
Sat 19	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm SCC Open House Heritage Bulcock Street commencing 9am
Sun 20	SCC Open House Heritage Walk Bulcock Beach 9am
Mon 21	Hybrid: FamilySearch Group 10:00am-12:00pm
Thu 24	In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm Hybrid: England & Wales Group 1:00pm-3:00pm
Fri 25	In Rooms: Introduction to Family History for Seniors Day 1 From 8:30am for 9:00am-3:30pm. Morning Tea~Lunch~A/Tea Maximum attendees 20. Priority given to those who book first. Proudly sponsored by COTA. Book on our website.
and	
Sat 26	In Rooms: Introduction to Family History for Seniors Day 2 From 12:30am for 1:00pm start-3:30pm. A/Tea. 2 Day Course\$20.
Mon 28	Zoom: Resources Group 7:00pm-8:00pm

SEE PAGE 34 FOR INTEREST GROUP TIMES AND CONTACTS

Thu 31

In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm

NOVEMBER*Please check the website regularly for any changes*****

Sat 2 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm

Tue 5 **SCTC Day Race Meeting Melbourne Cup – no access to Rooms**

Zoom: Family Tree Maker Group 2:00pm-4:00pm

Thu 7 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm

Zoom: Committee Meeting

Hybrid: Germany Group 1:00pm-3:00pm

Sat 9 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm

Mon 11 In Rooms: War Histories of our Soldiers Project 9:00am-11:00am

Tue 12 Close off date Brick Walls [Refresher of 2023 presentation] on Fri 15

Nov: Book on our website

Thu 14 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm

Hybrid: Scotland Group 12:00pm-2:00pm

Hybrid: Ireland Group 2:00pm-4:00pm

Fri 15 In Rooms: Training by Trisha Hyde 8:45am for 9:00am-11:00am

Brick Walls [2023 presentation + additional hints & investigation of a member's challenge] Close off date Tue 12 Nov. Book on our website
Maximum attendees 20. Priority given to those who book first.

Sat 16 No Research: SCTC Day Race Meeting Mooloolaba Cup

Mon 18 Hybrid FamilySearch Group 10:00am-12:00pm

Thu 21 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:00pm

In Rooms: Writers Group 9:30am-11:30am

Hybrid: Members Meeting 1:30pm-4:00pm

Guest Speakers: CFHRI Members

Profile: Family & Local Historians

Topic: "War Memorabilia of our Soldiers"

Last Meeting of the year. Christmas themed Afternoon Tea

Fri 22 Zoom: DNA Group 10:00am-12:00pm

Close off date Resources Training by Trisha Hyde Mon 25 Nov. Book on our website

Sat 23 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm

Mon 25 Zoom: Resources Group 7:00pm-8:00pm

In Rooms: All day Training Resources Refresher by Trisha Hyde
8:30am for 9:00am-3:30pm BYO Lunch Close off 22 Nov. Book on our website

Wed 27 Christmas Lunch & Hamper Raffle Drawn. Venue TBA

Thu 28 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-4:00pm

Hybrid: England & Wales Group 1:00pm-3:00pm

Sat 30 In Rooms: Research 9:30am-12:30pm

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**JOIN THE 100 CLUB FOR
\$20**

***YOUR 100 CLUB NUMBER IS
IN THE DRAW EACH MEETING***

**AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

June	1 st Robyn Delaney, 2 nd Wendy & Jeff Gunns, 3 rd Ian Edwardson
July	1 st Marie O'Hare, 2 nd Charlotte James, 3 rd James McMahon
August	1 st Robyn Delaney, 2 nd Paul Carty, 3 rd Cheryl Robinson

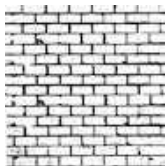
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Brick Walls

Personal History of Samuel Jeffery

Samuel Jeffery, the brother, of my great grandfather George Thomas Jeffery, was born in Torquay, Devon, England in 1853. His parents were John Jeffery and Rebecca Jeffery [nee Burnett].

He was married in Bideford, Devon in July quarter 1870 to Harriet Copp. In the 1871 census, aged 18, with occupation mason, he was living at number 7 Moreton Cottages, Meddon St, in Bideford, with his wife aged 18, and a 4-month-old son Alfred.

I have no further England records for him.

Samuel, listed as 21 years of age, came to Australia, without his wife Harriet and young son Alfred, leaving London on 8 October 1872 on the Royal Dane with his brother George Thomas Jeffery and George's wife, Mary Jane [nee Way]. I cannot find any record of Samuel since his arrival in Moreton Bay on 16 January 1873.

I would be grateful if you can help me solve my puzzle.

Thank you, Roz Kuss, E: rozcaloundra@bigpond.com

Caloundra Family History Research Inc was awarded a COTA grant to run "An Introduction to Family History for Seniors".

This program will be offered to non-members during Seniors' month in October.

We need your help to promote this event to your friends and relatives.

The program will provide theoretical content on Friday, while Saturday afternoon's session will include a practical session with an experienced researcher.

See details on page 15

Library Opening Hours

THURSDAYS 9.30am — 4pm SATURDAYS 9.30am — 12.30pm
except

3rd THURSDAY 9.30am—noon

The library volunteer roster can be found on the CFH website
Please arrive at least 20 minutes before starting your shift

QCAMEL

On 15 June, 13 members and two partners visited QCamel in Bells Creek Road, Bells Creek.

Lauren, the owner of QCamel welcomed us and told us about her property. We saw three large dogs who turned out to be Mareemas. Their role is to patrol the boundaries every night to protect the camels. Oriel was the muster dog and he joined us for many pats, especially from the children. There was a donkey who also protected the camels against wild dogs. Apparently, he did a fantastic job in protecting the camels and the dogs always came off second best. And of course there was the obligatory cat.



All the camels are female. Their milk is nutritional and recently has been used for its medicinal properties for treatment such as diabetics and autism. Someone like me could drink it because it is free from lactose. It is a wee bit expensive at \$25 a litre but you can buy it in some IGA Super stores.

Lauren advises farmers, governments and other organisations on best farming practices. The “Camel Cuddles” tours have been a huge success.

We were told that camels can live up to around 40+ years. Those camels who were referred to as the “Grandmothers” are cared for to their dying day. To say the camels are pampered would be the biggest understatement but they are such beautiful creatures who just want to receive lots of cuddles and food – not necessarily in that order!!!

Mothers can take 12-14 months before giving birth and what was weird is they decide when to give birth. Apparently, a mother can even stop mid-labour if she doesn't feel it is the right time. Why I can't imagine. Surely you would want it out like any human mother does!!! The camel Mum can even decide when she weans her calf which ranges between 10 months to 2 years. What special talents they have.

We watched Molly and Desiree being milked and they were so calm. They were being constantly fed during the process so that might have encouraged them to stand quietly but somehow, I doubt it. They just enjoyed the experience.

Afterwards the group adjointed to a nearby paddock for morning tea. This was where you could sample the milk. It tasted just like normal milk. The camels were let out of their pen and surrounded everyone behind a wire fence. There were crates full of fruit for all the visitors to feed to the camels. They just basically sucked the food up and came back for more. Some were greedier than others and it was hard work trying to push them away to give something to the gorgeous babies. One endearing moment was watching a little boy pick up pieces of watermelon to give to the camel after he had taken a bite out of it first each time.

It was a super lovely day and everyone had a smile on their face. I really can't understand why more members do not join us on these outings. They are so much fun.

June Blackburn



Introduction to Family History for Seniors

Date: 25th and 26th October 2024

Time: 25th 8:30am – 3:30pm; 26th 12:30 – 3:30pm

Venue: CFHRI rooms, Sunshine Coast Turf Club Precinct,
Gate 2, Pierce Ave, Corbould Park

Additional Information: Cost \$20 Includes lunch and refreshments. Please register online at:

<https://caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/>



Love getting older
in Queensland



A Family Member who was the 'End of the Line':

Arthur Edward Long

By Jan Swift

wayneswift64@bigpond.com

Lydia Chant had eloped with a dashing Mr John Long who was six years her junior – and they headed for Wales. Lydia was the youngest and only girl in the family and the sister of my 2 x great grandfather. John had been raised in a family of nine children to



agricultural labourer George Long and his wife Sarah. The family lead a rather nomadic lifestyle working on farms around the country and by 1871 were working on the 564-acre Wyke Farm located just outside Bradford Abbas.

But why Wales? Perhaps farming was not the life John wanted and he had heard that the Gelligroes Colliery had struck a Red Ash vein so headed there for a new adventure. They married on 9 August 1875 at St. Tudor's in the Parish of Mynyddislwyn (pron: Mini-dis-wil-en) in Monmouth County, Wales. Their former Bradford Abbas neighbours, Mary and Albion Bragg, attended the wedding, which was nice, as the fathers of Albion

and Lydia had been partners in crime and on more than one occasion, had been arrested together.

The young newlyweds resided in the picturesque hamlet of Gelligroes, but a few months later, their plans were thrown into disarray when the pits were abandoned due to water problems. They relocated a mile or so up the road to Pontllanfraith, which is where Arthur Edward Long was born on 9 May 1877.

With news that Lydia's two older brothers were doing well in the building industry, they joined them in Liverpool and John went to work as a labourer for them. Arthur's sister Alice Maude Long, was born in Everton, Liverpool and baptised soon after her birth on 23 November 1880, but died of bronchitis just shy of her first birthday. In the last two weeks of November 1881, there had been 38 burials at St Marys, 24 had been children aged three and under with the cause of death listed as either bronchitis, croup or convulsions.

As a young boy, Arthur spent much of his spare time at the docks, enthralled by all things naval and went on to live the bachelor lifestyle, as he forged a career with the Merchant Marines.

In 1904 and 5 Lydia, John and Arthur immigrated – one at a time - to the United States, initially basing themselves at the home of a cousin of Lydia's in Schenectady, New York. John remained working in the building industry until his death in 1910. Arthur found work as a machinist with the General Electric Co., the largest employer in

the area. On 12 September 1918, Arthur completed his Draft Registration Card and two weeks later, obtained his American Citizenship Certificate. Arthur was now able to apply to the United States Shipping Board to join the U.S. Merchant Marines and in December was issued with a U.S. Seaman's Protection Certificate confirming his rank as 2nd Officer.

Arthur's last voyage was on the *City of Everett*, a Kaplan-owned whaleback steamer sailing from Santiago, Cuba to New Orleans, Louisiana with a cargo of molasses. On Tuesday 9 October 1923, his mother suffered a stroke and the following day, the ship received a radiogram message that his mother was seriously ill and that he return "at once" as she was not expected to live.

The following morning the ship floundered in a storm and after broadcasting a mayday, the *City of Everett* sank, 15 miles west of Dry Tortugas in the Gulf of Mexico, over 120 nautical miles off the Florida coast.

As the crew took to the lifeboats, a strong wind was blowing, and the seas were rough. The first message received by the navy yard at Key West, Florida at 07:00 stated "am lowering boats, will sink soon. Latitude 24:30 north, longitude 86 west". Twenty-five minutes later, another message was sent "going down stern first SOS SOS." That was the last word heard from the *Everett*.

From 75 miles away, the Mallory liner *Comal* responded that she was on her way but reported that she had been unable to find any of the *Everett*'s lifeboats upon reaching the vicinity that afternoon. The Coast Guard cutter the *Saukee* left Key West also in the hope of reaching the *Everett* before she went down. It was later thought that the lifeboats might have been carried so far away that they could not be seen by either rescue vessel. None

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of the crewmen survived with reports varying in their numbers from 26 to 29 men lost. In what turned out to be a double tragedy for the family, Lydia passed away soon after on Friday 17 October with family saying the tragic news of her son was too much for her to bear.

Populate or

“Barefoot and pregnant” was a term much used back in the non-PC distant past, but for some of our ancestors, it was a painful reality.

The high infant mortality rate had something to do with it, we’re told. The need to boost the population was another.



Ebenezer Maynard is a cousin eight times removed -- a situation I'm guessing his wives may have dreamed of at one time or another. He sired 16 children with two wives.

Born in 1716 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony of America, at 27 he married 23-year-old Aimee Dodge in 1743. Aimee bore him six children in 11 years between 1743 and 1754. She died just 13 days after the birth of their last child.

Two years later, in 1756, Ebenezer at 40, remarried. Twenty-eight-year-old Sarah Knight had their first child in less than a year and followed up with nine more in the next 16 years. Like her predecessor, she died shortly after the birth of her last child in 1773.

Ebenezer married for the third time in 1776, this time to 21-year-old Sarah Brigham - 31 years his junior and younger than six of his children. The couple remained childless until his death in 1803. Sarah died 17 years later.

We can be fooled sometimes when we see an ancestor with a large family.

The handwritten caption on the back of this photograph says “Elizabeth Maddox and her children.”

Elizabeth, my 2 X great grandmother, married in 1839 and died aged 52 in 1871 which means she would have spent most of her 32 years’ marriage pregnant with 19 children.

However, the photograph is more likely to show her grandchildren, taken about 1889, before the 20th grandchild was born in 1893.

Even so, Elizabeth had nine children between 1839 and 1862. The 20 grandchildren came from just five of them, with nine from one daughter.

I come from a family of seven... but I never saw Mum barefoot while pregnant.

Ian Edwardson

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My thanks to all members for your confidence in voting me into the position of your President for the forthcoming 2024/2025 year. I have contributed to the Committee for 15 consecutive years to date in the position of Publicity Officer 2009 to 2011, Vice President & Publicity Officer 2011 to 2017 and Vice President 2017 to 2024. While confident in these positions, the responsibilities of my new position will be a big 'learning curve' for me, especially at this stage of my life.

Not all Committee positions were filled last year, the majority of that extra workload being carried out by June who wore many hats. Extra tasks included the upgrade to our Constitution, the Strategic Plan and taking on a commercial accounting program which were implemented with the expertise of our Compliance Officer and Assistant Treasurer, two new positions created last year. Plans for a Library upgrade continue in the pipeline. All Committee and Support Team members excelled in their contributions to our group.

It's my pleasure to thank these members who are continuing in their roles and thank all who will contribute to the group's success in the coming year-

Treasurer Sue Schott, Assistant Treasurer Tim Hill, Librarian Kate Bowman, Training Officer Trisha Hyde, Planning & Compliance Bob Brummell, Webmaster Fran Kitto.

Welcome to new members on the Committee, Secretary Chris Sayer and Editor Dave Hamilton. Publicity Officer Jan Swift has moved to the Support Team together with Assistant Librarian Loris Gray, Correspondence Officer Robyn Delaney, Equipment Officers Ralph Gray & Peter Hovey, Facebook Co-ordinator Colleen Jones, Fund Raising Officer Cathy Meyer, Grants Officer Bob Brummell, Providore Jen Milner, Auditor Ralph Gray and Writers Awards Co-ordinator Margaret Lenz. Membership Officer & Group Historian positions will remain in June's hands on the Support Team and Inventory/Insurance/Safety have been incorporated in management positions.

I look forward to working with everybody, including the Interest Group Co-ordinators who show up every month, encouraging members to use the group's resources in fulfilling their family history research endeavours.

Vacancies exist for Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Projects Officer and it is my hope that these positions can be filled to complete our team. Don't be shy, come on board!

ROZ KUSS, CFHRI PRESIDENT

SENIORS EXPO



Trisha Hyde and June Blackburn manned a stall on behalf of the group at this very interesting Expo. It was held at the Power Boat Club.

There were a number of guest speakers who spoke about many topics all to do with seniors. Some of these discussions included information on savings for seniors, aged care, elder abuse, Scamwatch, transportation, home support programs,

carers support, road safety for seniors including road rules we may have forgotten or have changed since we got our licenses.

These events are held annually, and I would recommend you keep an eye out for them and attend if possible. They are very informative.

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2024 Writer's Awards

The Lorrie Barzdo Award for advanced writers and the Hazel Rose Seto Award for novice writers has been decided for 2024 with the awards going to Roz Kuss and Cheryl Robinson respectively. Their stories are included below for everyone's enjoyment and inspiration for the future. Congratulations to the winners as well as all those who entered.

FAMILY RESEARCH ADVENTURE

"Come with me" he said, and we followed him into the building on our right.

I was with super sleuth Sue Bj, on the road again, seeking out information on my mother's maternal Baker and paternal Philip families. We were in the Northern Rivers of NSW on our family history trip, in the area where Mum spent her childhood. She was one of five children, with her parents, living and working on the dairy farm of her grandfather, Thomas Baker.



The farm was at the intersection of Cudgen and Duranbah Roads, known locally as 'Baker's Corner'. Up high, with great views out to the Tweed River, I shouldn't have been surprised to now see a large home with a swimming pool and the dairy farm now heavily vegetated with trees.

Photo of the current 'fingerboard' [as Mum called it] on the corner, "Where Finn fell down".

We had left our accommodation at Salt Beach, taken photos of the farm area and continued on to Duranbah Public School, the entry hidden away under trees, just a short distance from the farm. We drove around the school oval and into the parking area where we were taking photos of the school sign.



Left: Farm of Thomas Baker on the Western Corner of Duranbah Rd and Cudgen Rd, distance to



and school

Right: Duranbah Public School. Today with 5 teachers "The school provides a safe and nurturing environment for students from Kindergarten to Year 6."





We noticed a class on the verandah of a nearby building. A teacher waved then walked towards us, asking if he could be of some help. I told him my mother, Florence Margaret Philip, born in 1914, did all her schooling here, probably from 1919 to 1927, even staying on an extra year helping the then 1 teacher school with the youngest children. That's when he introduced himself as Jason, School Principal and Teacher of Years 4, 5 & 6, before inviting us into the Administration building. *"The Baker and Philip families have been in the district for decades and are still 'well known in the Tweed'. We're sure to have records and photos of their time at this school."*

He sat us down, gave us each a bottle of water and started pulling framed historical photos off the walls to show us. I was devastated when he said that we, unfortunately, had arrived too late! Only the week prior, all the school records and photos from commencement to 1950 had been forwarded to State Archives & Records NSW, where they would eventually be digitised.

Jason then found a 'Duranbah Primary School Centenary 1892-1992' 64-page book which he presented to me. I pored through that while he went to the storeroom, bringing back some archive boxes of records from 1950 on, for us to search through while he went back to his class. We spent some time with the boxes but didn't find anything really relevant as the records I was after were all before 1950.

While there were no school records of Mum and her four siblings in the Centenary book, it did include a lengthy profile of Margaret [Tottie] Kelleher nee Philip, who was Mum's Aunt and sister of my Grandfather Alexander Robert Richard Philip. Other family members were mentioned, including *"Stewart Reid, Alex Philip [both ex pupils at Duranbah School] and Pearl Smith used to load all their cream onto the truck at Baker's Corner"* captioned under a photo. Two more photos, from 1894 and 1898, included my Grandmother Florence Sarah Margaret Baker and her sisters Mary, Ada, Harriet and Ida in a class photo. [Just what every dairy farmer needs-- five daughters and no sons]

After that eventful morning, we travelled down to the low fertile farmland of the Tweed, crossed the river at Murwillumbah and we were warmly welcomed at the Murwillumbah Historical Society in the Tweed Regional Museum building in Queensland Road Murwillumbah. High on a hill and safe from the floods that regularly plague this region, Joan, in one small room, went into her computer and came up with the 1913 Parish of Cudgen, County of Rous, Land District of Murwillumbah, Eastern Division NSW, Tweed Shire Cartographic Map!

This map gave the Portion No., Section No., Owner, Date of Purchase., Acres, References - and there was all the land owned by the immigrant Baker boys, and James' son Thomas! William had 375 acres, his brother James 236 acres and James' son Thomas 255 acres. Thank you, Joan! I now knew one reason the Baker and Philip family names were *'well known in the Tweed'*.

We were tourists the next day, before preparing for our long jaunt south to Lismore, with cemetery searches on the agenda.

I had contacted the Richmond River Historical Society a few weeks earlier with questions about my London convict John Jones, and they had an envelope waiting for me.

The society was forced to abandon their first-floor rooms at the Lismore Regional Museum in Molesworth Street as the floodwaters from the river at the rear of the property lapped the ceiling of the ground floor. They were now operating from a 'pop up shop' in the same street while their records were stored safely in 40ft shipping containers on high ground at Goonellabah, east of Lismore.



The envelope contained information on my 3 x Great Grandparents John Jones 28 years of age and his wife Harriet Lancaster Exton. Was she only 14 years of age when they married? John, died in 1866 when almost 47 years of age and is buried in the North Lismore Pioneer Cemetery. Hindered by a road closure due to flood repairwork, Sue and I eventually found our way to this cemetery, where the headstones sit on quite a steep hillside.

Partially collapsed headstone of John Jones.



My thoughts that the burials were at the base of the hill on flat land appear confirmed when the findagrave.com website noted- "Salvageable headstones were re-erected as a group at the head of the sloping site."

Rows of headstones set closely, in concrete.

After meeting at Tomki Station where both John and the Extons were employed on a large-scale cattle boiling down works from which the fats were rendered, packed in kegs and shipped to Sydney, they settled in North Lismore. John joined the ranks of the cedar-getters and Harriet became the midwife for the surrounding area. It was at nearby Blakebrook that John died, a long way from the centre of London and Garlick Hythe, at the bottom of Bow Lane where he came from.

Unfortunately, we didn't see Harriet's grave, but tramped through long grass at another North Lismore Cemetery to find her daughter, one of the 7 girls and 3 boys fathered by John. Three years after John's death, Harriet married Henry George Brown and had another son and daughter. Henry died in 1879 and Harriet lived on until 1915.

The Northern Star, Lismore printed Harriet's Obituary on Thursday 19 August 1915 and it included that she had lived in the Richmond River District for 77 years, arriving when 10 years of age from Lincolnshire. She "has left nearly 200 descendants to follow in her footsteps, 67 grandchildren and over 100 great grandchildren." Being a 3 x Great Grandchild, how many am I one of?

My sincere thanks to Jason Ellem, Teacher/Principal at Duranbah Public School; Joan Cuthel, Murwillumbah Historical Society; Genevieve Gibson, Richmond River Historical Society, Trove; and special thanks to SBJ who drove me here, there and everywhere!

Rosalyn Kuss 17 July 2024 CFHRI Member No. 710

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1913 Parish of Cudgen, County of Rous, Land District of Murwillumbah, Eastern Division

NSW, Tweed Shire Cartographic Map

William Baker- [b. 1833 Emigrated from Gloucestershire 1857 m.1860 d. 1901 No issue]
295 acres on 6 different Portions at Duranbah, between 1880 and 1885 +

80 acres on 2 different Portions at Stott's Creek in 1884 and 1885

James Baker- [b. 1828 Emigrated from Gloucestershire 1852 m. 1860 d.1882 Two sons
Thomas Baker b. 1861 m. 1884 d. 1934 and James Baker b. 1863 d. 1886 drowned in the
Tweed]

148 acres on Portion 48 in 1881 + 88 acres on Portion 210 in 1887 [typo?] at Duranbah

Thomas Baker- [b. 1861 m. 1884 d. 1934] [my Great Grandfather]

50 acres on Portion 211 in 1882 + 205 acres on Portion 214 in 1882



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'A MAN OF COURAGE, ENDURANCE AND SELF RELIANCE'

Figure 1. Photograph of James Robinson, original held by Les Robinson, Brisbane, Queensland.

As my great grandfather, aged 21, stood on the deck of the *Fortitude* as the ship departed Gravesend bound for Moreton Bay in the Colony of New South Wales, I wonder at the mixed emotions he must have felt. Was he sad to be leaving his parents and siblings whom perhaps he might never see again? Was he excited to be going on an adventure to the other side of the world? Was he hopeful of a good life that might include a wife and children and, with the promise of a land grant on arrival, wealth and security in the future?

James Robinson was born on 6 August 1827 and baptized on 24 August 1827 at St Mary Magdalene Church in Clitheroe, Lancashire, the son of John and Ellen nee Proctor.[1] The 1841 Census shows James, who was then aged 13, living with his grandmother, Mary Robinson, at the bottom of Church Brow, Clitheroe.[2] His parents and two of his siblings were living at Black Lane, Clitheroe.[3]

On 10 February 1842, Moreton Bay officially ceased to be a penal colony and was declared a free settlement by Governor Sir George Gipps and cheap convict labour was no longer available to the early squatters. Rev Dr John Dunmore Lang, a Scottish Minister, who had arrived in Sydney in 1823 and founded Scots Church there, realised that the Moreton Bay colony could not function without new skilled immigrants. He chartered three ships, *Fortitude*, *Chaseley* and *Lima*, 'financing the venture himself and promising land grants on arrival to those on board. He personally selected emigrants who he believed possessed qualities of courage, endurance and self-reliance'.[4]

The *Fortitude*, the first of these three ships to set sail, departed Gravesend on 14 September 1848 and James was on board.[5] Shortly after casting anchor, Dr Lang addressed the passengers - he prayed, read Scripture, blessed them for their journey and promised 'a land flowing with milk and honey'.[6]

The occupations of the 256 passengers were listed as agriculturalists, builder, bricklayer, plasterer, carpenter, joiner, engineer, blacksmith, saddler, harness maker, draper, tailor, shoemaker, analytical chemist, watchmaker, bookseller, schoolteacher and preachers. It would seem that Dr Lang had found emigrants with the skills and personal qualities that he

considered necessary for the colony to flourish. Unfortunately, James' occupation is not shown beside his name.[7]

One of James' fellow passengers, Samuel Welsby, wrote a daily diary during their journey and extracts were published in the 'Daily Sun' newspaper on 6 June 1884 and 7 June 1884, in an article titled 'Our tribute to 125 years in the life of this Sunshine State'.[8] His diary provides weather details, shipboard activities, sickness and deaths and gives an insight into the journey that James would also have experienced.

The *Fortitude* sailed into Moreton Bay on 21 January 1849.[9] However, it was not to be the wonderful arrival that the passengers had envisaged. Dr Lang had not been in direct contact with the colonial government and had made no proper arrangements for their arrival. The ship was put under government control and it was up to the Police Magistrate, Captain John Wickham, to deal with the situation. The government denied any knowledge of the land grants and ordered Captain Wickham not to give the immigrants any assistance or allow them to settle, even temporarily, on Crown land.[10]

Due to cases of typhus during the voyage, Captain Wickham placed the passengers in quarantine on Moreton Island for two weeks. Once clearance had been given, the schooner *Susan* was chartered to bring the immigrants to Brisbane. In line with Government orders, no accommodation was provided for them, but Captain Wickham allowed them to set up a temporary camp in York's Hollow, now Fortitude Valley and named to honour their ship.[11]

On 18 July 1852, James married Mary Hofland nee Walton at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Brisbane and he gave his occupation as a farmer of Zion's Hill.[12] It is believed that Mary, also a passenger on the *Fortitude*, had previously married James Hofland, another passenger on the *Fortitude*, but no Marriage Certificate has been found.[13] James Hofland passed away and was buried on 10 November 1851.[14]

After their marriage, James and Mary lived at Zion's Hill (present day Nundah) before a move to Nudgee, sometime after the birth of their son George in 1865 and before the birth of their next child, Ambrose, in 1868.[15] Between 1853 and 1871 they were blessed with a family of ten children.[16] The Nudgee property was sold in 1883.[17] Their final move was to a property in present day Aspley which was purchased by their son, Henry Walton Robinson, in November 1882.[18] The house fronted a road which is now named 'Robinson Road'.

On 8 June 1885, James died, at the age of 57 from Bright's Disease.[19] He was buried on 19 June 1885 at German Station Cemetery, now Nundah Cemetery. Mary lived for another 29 years and was buried alongside James.[20]

Despite the fact that James and his fellow passengers on the *Fortitude* didn't receive the welcome they expected and the land grants they were promised, James married, had children and was able to purchase his own land. Every two years, over the past 30 years, descendants of James and Mary have gathered in a community hall in Nudgee, close to where James had his farm, to celebrate their lives and to acknowledge their 'courage, endurance and self-reliance' - qualities Dr Lang had considered essential in the immigrants he chose for the *Fortitude*.

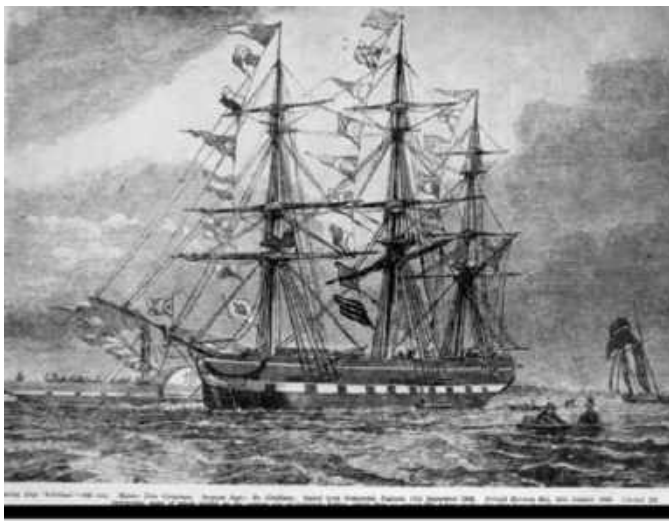


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Cheryl Robinson Member No. 1043

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OUR OUTING TO THE STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND**Trisha Hyde**

Six members and a member's wife carpooled or took advantage of the 50-cent train fares to the State Library of Queensland on Monday 26th August. After a revitalising cup of tea or coffee we went to the third floor where we were met by one of the staff who gave us an orientation of the centre. Who knew that all libraries need users to put all items such as books, microfilms, microfiche on a trolley to be put away, not put them away themselves. It helps track usage and relevance of the collection and aids with future funding requests.

After we began our research, Stephanie Ryan gathered us up to take us to Level 5 where we were given a tour of the digitisation workspace. What an interesting area and tour.

To begin the tour, we were shown the Map Digitisation machine. It was over a metre wide, and they have successfully scanned a three-metre-long map as well. We were shown a specific sleeve with a white backing and clear top. Fragile maps are placed inside of the sleeve to protect them while scanning occurs.

The second section was the dark room, where a very clever piece of equipment was used to scan books. The page of the book is opened, a glass plate is lowered to keep the pages flat. The pages are scanned using foot controls. The two pages scanned are saved as separate documents. The room is dark to stop light reflections.

After passing trollies loaded with film, we were shown the computer of the lady who edits digitised 8mm home movies. While they are digitised off site, she then edits them. Members of the public offer their home movies to the library. They are professionally scanned and digitised before the original is returned to the owner along with a digitised copy of the film.

Our last port of call on this tour was meeting the man who scans items in 3D. He was working on a WW1 pair of binoculars which had been hit with a bullet on one side of the binoculars before exiting in another area on the side. No information was known about the fate of the owner of these leather field glasses and of course cannot have much handling. The Ikea lazy Susan they were resting on appeared to be graffitied with numerous different symbols, shapes etc. We were informed that this assisted the camera with lining up all the different frames/photos so that the 3D scan can be developed. While the original cannot be handled however the final 3D photo can be viewed or printed on a 3D printed and examined in minute detail.

Our train travellers left after lunch, but the rest of us continued our research. Kate was able to find the scan of the original newspaper a particular photo had been published in. I researched an article about the weather on my 20th birthday, which an early edition of the Brisbane Telegraph proclaimed it to be the second coldest August day with the day

I was born being the coldest. While I didn't find that article, I did find a later edition which said the day warmed up after lunch.

Since I've just celebrated a significant birthday, I'm currently combining two loves family history and art by creating a collage based on my life and time. The article will come in handy.

Our journey to Brisbane had a few slow points, however we were relieved that we weren't going north where a multi vehicle crash saw the traffic at a stand still for kilometres. I missed turning into Caxton Street so after weaving through the northern suburbs and past the rapidly shrinking Toombul, we successfully navigated the dreaded Pine River merge. The rest of our trip home was a pleasant drive.

A big thank you to Stephanie Ryan and the staff who gave of their time with the orientation, tour or assisting us with our research. One day I will get the hang of the Microfilm machines.

Thank you all for your company on a successful day. Thanks, Roz, for organising it even though you couldn't attend. Why don't you join us on our next outing?



Picture Gallery

BBQ Fundraiser 14 Jul at Bunnings Caloundra



Sue Schott, Cathy Meyer,
Gaynor McMahon, Brian Knight



Tim Hill, Gaynor McMahon, Denise
O'Brien, Dave Hamilton

Awards at the AGM



Annette Bailey with her book "A Jigalong Journey"



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Mark McArdle with Sue Brownjohn

MATTHEW FLINDERS

A suggestion by CFHRI member Paul Carty saw five of us travelling south from Caloundra to Beerburrum on Saturday 13 July 2024. We were celebrating the event of Matthew Flinders' reinterment, in the North Aisle, adjacent to the Flinders Stained Glass Window in the village Church of St Mary and the Holy Rood in Donington, Lincolnshire. This was his home, where he was baptised, and many members of his family are buried.

At only 40 years of age, Flinders died on 18 July 1814 and was buried in the St James burial ground, London. Following the expansion of Euston Station westwards into part of the burial ground in the 1840s, his headstone was removed and it was thought that his remains had been lost; whereabouts unknown by the mid-19th century. His grave was rediscovered in January 2019 when unearthed during an archaeological excavation preceding a major new railway development. A lead plate bearing his name, dates of birth and death, clearly identified his resting place, much to the excitement of Donington and Australia.

Why were we in Beerburrum? In 1799 he was exploring part of the Queensland coast in *HM Sloop Norfolk*, entering the Pumicestone 'River' from the south. With his Aboriginal guide Bongaree and two seamen he climbed Mt Beerburrum on 26 July and camped overnight by Tibrogargan Creek. The group thought they might ascend Mt Tibrogargan to survey the surrounding area, but realised this was too difficult, before

returning to the ship. On exiting the passage, apart from his initial skirmish with the natives, he found them to be friendly, and described their achievements with respect and admiration, naming the area Skirmish Point.

Probably Australia's greatest explorer, he proved that New South Wales in the east and New Holland in the west were the two halves of one landmass and gave this country a new name, *Terra Australis* or *Australia*. In 1817 Governor Macquarie used the term 'Australia' and Britain formally named the continent Australia in 1824.



Roz Kuss Member #710



Paul Carty with commemorative cairn in the Matthew Flinders Rest Area near the base of Mt Tibrogargan on Steve Irwin Way, Sunshine Coast, Qld.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Caloundra Family History Research is very grateful to the Sunshine Coast Council for the grant under the Community Partnership Funding Program to provide funding of \$4,000 for three years to go towards our rent. This funding will let us use more of our own money to provide training programs and resources for members and the Sunshine Coast community in a range of family history research areas.



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From the Journals

*Thanks to **Sue Schott** for reading the incoming printed journals for this report.*

So much great information and tips can be found in journals.

From the Journals September 24

Links 'n' Chains Jun: The Way it Was; AI & Genealogy; Beginners Corner; What's New?

Family Tree May: Roots Tech Roundup: FH Projects & Developments; Mapping the Development of a Place through Time; How should we deal with our Family Secrets; FH in the AI Era; DNA Test comparison Guide

Family Tree Jun: Tracking down Elusive ancestors; Tracing WW2 Heroes; Top DNA Tactics; Interviewing older relatives; Creating 'quick & dirty' trees.

Family Tree Jul: History of the Workhouse; And so to France; Proof or Works of Fiction?; Weavers & Activists; Shape up your Search Skills in 5 steps; Your Questions answered.

Family Tree Aug: How to Group your DNA Matches (& why this will help you); Newspapers Investigated; Twiglets – Sleuthing the Siblings; Dear Paul – Marriage anomalies etc; Ancient DNA for Genealogy; Garages, Sheds & Family Treasures; The Plague Years.

Tasmanian Ancestry Jun: Abraham Wren Pt 2; Edward Innes Pt 2; Joseph Dell Pt 2; Jessie Spurling Pt 1.

Timespan Jun: Nuts & Bolts of Census Taking; What did you do in the Great War Grandad? Pt 2; 40 things to ask your Mum – and yourself; DNA Snips – exploring DNA Matches on My Heritage.

The Genealogist Autumn: The Day the War came to Kilsyth; Surnames & their Meanings; Legacy Family Tree; Letter from England; Cornwall OPC.

The Genealogist Winter: Born at Sea – but was he English; Trying to find 400 acres; Surgeon-Superintendents; Gravestone Symbols; Australian Army Resources.

Ancestor Jun: Letters of Love lost; Travels of a Tapestry; The Convicts' daughter; Beginners' Guide to researching your Dutch Ancestors; Research Corner - Parliamentary papers; PROV – Adoption records transferred into PROV Custody.

Traces Ed 27: The Bush Inn, New Norfolk, Tas; Rescuing the Past from the Wreckage (Cyclone Tracey); Wakka Wakka Resistance in the Burnett River basin; Newsreels – a record of daily life; Murder or Misadventure on the Moana.

Tamworth Family Historian Jul: History of Tamworth Scout Movement (Including list of original members); Various newspaper reports.

Irish Roots 2nd Qtr: Visiting the National Archives Kew; County Waterford; Using Irish naming concentration to discover family of Thomas Delaney in mid 19C Ireland; Aus Irish Connections – Establishing settlements.

The Explorers' Tree Jun: Susanna Hottes – German Immigrant; Kate; The Plimsoll Line.

**THESE JOURNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN
FROM THE LIBRARY.**

**PLEASE USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
BORROW A NEW ONE EACH MONTH.**

NEW MEMBERS

The committee welcomed **Maria Cooling, Jan Friar and Vic Friar** in June, **Jean Paynes** in July and **Di East, Sharon Everton and Jennifer Lord** in August.

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2pm to 4pm, 1st Tuesday of month on Zoom only

Contact - Chris Richardson



WRITING GROUP

9.30am to 11.30am

3rd Thursday of month

Contact - Trisha Hyde

training@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au



GERMANY

1pm to 3pm

1st Thursday of month

Contact - Sue Schott



DNA

10am to NOON

Friday following members or general meeting, on Zoom

Contact - Sue Brownjohn



SCOTLAND

NOON to 2pm

2nd Thursday of month

Contact - Sue Brownjohn



CFH RESOURCES

7pm to 8pm

Fourth Monday of month, on Zoom

Contact - Fran Kitto

Webmaster@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au



IRELAND

2pm to 4pm

2nd Thursday of month

Contact - Geoff Kelly



ENGLAND & WALES

1pm to 3pm

4th Thursday of month

Contact - Geoff Kelly



FAMILY SEARCH

10am to NOON

3rd Monday of month

Contact - Ralph Gray



PROJECT: War Histories of our Soldiers

9am to 11am

3rd Monday of month

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at the premises: Corbould Park Racecourse, enter Gate 2, and via Zoom.

Guest speakers are as advised in the Clipper. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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