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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of Kin Tracer!

The weeks are flying by and we're already past the halfway point for this year! This edition of Kin Tracer brings some interesting reading, thanks to Wendy McMullin, Marlene Hoskin and Ali ORuairc. If you come across anything you would like to contribute, please send it in, even if it's just a subject. We'll research it for you!

I hope you enjoy the articles about Ellis Rowan and Hilda Curtis. I ended up going down a bit of a rabbit hole with Hilda as there really isn't much information out there about her. However, if you happen to know someone who lives on Tamborine Mountain, she's everywhere!

Ali has written about a wonderful May tradition in Ireland. We came across this little titbit and thought it fitted well with this edition.

An expression from the 1500's

Most people were married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled reasonably good by then. However if they were starting to smell a little, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. The custom is still carried on today; brides carry a bouquet when getting married.

Don't forget to get your nominations in by Friday 2nd August for the AGM on 17 August 2024

Angela James.



WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting you and helping you with your family research.

Don't forget to add your names of interest to our GSC Members Interest list.

A spreadsheet format is available to add names of families, places they lived, ships they arrived on and dates. Or you can export a list from your genealogy software. Just ask and we will help you format the list so we can combine it with the research interests of our current members. We also have interest lists from over 2000 members who have been part of our group, so perhaps you share an ancestor somewhere in our group.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following people. If you see them around please make the time to say hi.

**Odette Linedale
Del & Don Bliss
Pam & Brian McInnamy
Patricia Coles
Therese Glittins
Sue Swales
Valerie Maxtone
Rosie Lang
Bob Venn
Sandra Guy
Barbare Miechel**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Family History Enthusiasts,

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing this for the March 2024 edition of Kin Tracer. While the world's been turning, I've been catching up with the mundane but necessary administrative details of running Genealogy Sunshine Coast. With so much rain, almost continuously from mid December to early May and well above average, a rock retaining wall outside the building collapsed. Fortunately, after many emails between us and the insurance company, the wall has now been repaired and should last many more years.



Sunshine Coast Council, who we are pleased to be supported by, conducted a Building Compliance Inspection last December. Their report drew our attention to a number of items that needed correction due to wear and tear. We are in the process of consulting with tradesmen, getting quotes and implementing the solutions. Fortunately, we have been able to remain open for business as usual.

On a positive note, our membership is slowly increasing, many thanks to Nerida and her helpers running the Beginner's Course which has generated a very positive response. We welcome their attendance on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and are happy to be able to assist them in the pursuit of their ancestors and the history of the times that they lived in.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 17 August. Nominations are welcome for all positions on the Management Committee so if you have an interest in the running of Genealogy Sunshine Coast, no matter how small or large, please contact us to discuss it. The more people we have on the Committee, the lighter the load over all. See you there.

Kind Regards

Christine Cutler.



UPCOMING DATES

Our monthly interest groups are the perfect introduction to using our facilities, learning to research and meeting like minded people for only \$2! Use our wi-fi & laptops or BYO

1st Monday	Convicts & Early Australia	9.30am - 12 noon
1st Tuesday	European & UK	9.30am - 12 noon
2nd Tuesday	Irish	9.30am - 12 noon
3rd Monday	DNA	1pm - 3pm
3rd Tuesday	Scottish	9.30am - 12 noon
	Roots Magic & Family Search	1pm - 3pm
4th Tuesday	Writers	9.30am - 12 noon

Genealogy Sunshine Coast: helping you search local and world-wide records

Monthly Members Meetings

Saturday July 20th

Saturday August 17th - AGM

Saturday September 21st

Join us for a chat and a cuppa 9.30am

Meeting start - 10am

RESEARCH IN OUR GSC LIBRARY

Research queries for visitors, non members and members who cannot attend our library can be carried out by our Research Officer. Details can be entered on the form in the GSC Research Queries folder which can be followed up by our Research Officer.

The fee is \$20 which includes at least 3 hours research and entry into a family history program, plus photocopy costs. There will be an extra cost for research in outside repositories. There will be consultation with the enquirer regarding extra costs.

Eftpos available at our Resource Centre, or;

Direct Credit to Genealogy Sunshine Coast BSB - 484799, Acc No - 026106385 (Suncorp). Please include your name as a reference.

You may also Email us at: genealogysc@gmail.com.

Phone 07 5329 2315 – Please leave a message with your name clearly spelt out and a contact phone number if the centre is closed, or visit our Resource Centre in Petrie Park Road, Nambour.

RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS
QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

46 Delaware Street, Chermside, Brisbane. Ph: 07 3355 3369

Opening Hours:- Monday (2nd & 3rd Mondays only) 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 am to 4:00 pm

<http://www.qfhs.org.au>

We also have two Queensland Family History Society membership cards available for use by our current members. These may be collected from our Resource Centre prior to your visit to Brisbane, but must be returned to Genealogy Sunshine Coast.

If you plan a visit to any of the following societies, take your current Genealogy Sunshine Coast Membership Card with you. You will be charged their daily fee, not the visitor's fee at these societies:

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.

Opening Hours: Thursdays (except the 3rd Thursday) 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Third Thursday: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon, followed by the monthly meeting.

Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm;

3rd Saturday in each month 9.30 am to 4.00 pm.

Sunshine Coast Turf Club, 170 Pierce Avenue, Caloundra. Ph: 0450 297 939 <http://www.caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au> Email:hello@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

LANDSBOROUGH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

4 Maleny Street, Landsborough. Ph: 5494 1755

Opening Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

<http://www.landsboroughmuseum.org.au>

GYMPIE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

1 Chapple Street, Gympie. Ph: 54828211

Library Hours: Wed. 9:30 am to 2:00 pm; Friday 9:30 am to 12:00 pm; Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 pm

<http://www.gympiefhs.egympie.com.au>

COOROY-NOOSA GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

17 Emerald Street, Cooroy. Ph: 3129 0356

Opening Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.genealogy-noosa.org.au>

VALE—ELVA DIMSEY—#263

Recently we heard of the passing of one of our early members **Elva Dimsey**.

Elva No 263 was a member of our society for ten years from the time she joined on 13 February 1995.

At that time we were embarking on a huge project to record the cemeteries of the Old Maroochy Shire and produce publications for sale. She volunteered to type up the rough field data collected by the recording committee and then sort it into readable form for our publications. This was a long and tedious undertaking for which our society is very appreciative.

At the time she also kept the stray certificates collection up to date.

We offer her family our thanks and sincere condolences.

Wendy McMullin

COMPULSORY VACCINATION ACT OF 1853 IN ENGLAND

In 1840, 1853, 1867, 1898 the English Parliament passed a series of Compulsory Vaccination Acts against smallpox.

In the 1853 Act (16 & 17 Victoria, Cap 1000) it was compulsory for all children born after 1 August 1853 and during their first three months, to be vaccinated. Parents who failed to have their children vaccinated were fined. A Medical Certificate of Successful Vaccination was issued. Not only were the parents required to fulfil this condition but also the person having the care, nurture or custody of a child was responsible.

At a recent meeting of the Sunshine Coast Genealogy Society, Members brought along old documents in their possession for display. One such precious document issued in 1853 to an ancestor of hers was brought along by Merle.

Marlene Hoskin.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION ACT.
(16 & 17 Victoria, Cap. 100.)

SCHEDULE A.

Medical Certificate of Successful Vaccination.
[To be delivered (pursuant to Section IV.) to the Father or Mother of every Child successfully Vaccinated, or to the Person having the Care, Nurture, or Custody of such Child.]

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, That

(^a) Frederick Walter Rogers (aged (^b) 3 months),
the Child of (^c) Geo William Rogers of (^d) [and residing at
No. 43 in Walden Free Hall Street in]
the Parish of Lambeth
in the County of Surrey has been successfully vaccinated by me.

Dated this (^e) 6th day of July 1859.

(Signature of the Person certifying) John L. Son
(Add Professional Titles) M.R.C.S. & L.

[See Note on the other side.]

TORPEDO SHIP - HMQS MOSQUITO

Queensland's First Warship

Before Federation in 1901 each state had its own navy – Queensland had 2 gunboats, several armed hopper barges plus a torpedo boat – Mosquito, for defence of Moreton Bay and Brisbane River regions.

She carried two torpedoes, one on each beam, originally spare torpedoes and later 14 inch white head torpedoes in dropping gear.

She was built as a 2nd class torpedo boat by Thornycroft & Co. at a cost of 3,500 pounds sterling. She was launched on 16th July 1884 at Cheswick, England.

After trials she was shipped to Queensland as deck cargo on the British India Steamer Duke of Sutherland arriving in Queensland on 19 October 1884. A slipway was built for her on the Brisbane River now under the Captain Cook Freeway at the back of the old parliament house.

Her dimensions were a length of 63 feet galvanised steel hull with a beam of 7ft 6 inches. Her boiler was offset to starboard to allow a view ahead. The steel conning tower was set just port of centre on which a twin 1 inch barrelled machine gun was mounted, (this was the same type of gun taken to the Barcaldine shearers strike) and she also carried small arms.

She was powered by locomotive type boilers with a working pressure of 130 lbs. per sq. inch, speed of 17 knots at 600 r.p.m.s., rated at 166 h.p. She carried 10 cwt (about ½ tonne) of coal.

She was never commissioned but placed in service when required as she had no crew accommodation facilities; spent much of her time out of the water. Exercises were carried out in Moreton Bay with the Gayundah and other units of the Queensland navy from 1886 to March 1913 which was a long career for such a small vessel. Finally in 1913 she was last docked, stripped of all fittings including her engine, was hulked on the foreshore of Boggy Creek near Pinkenba a tributary of the Brisbane River and allowed to rust away.

In 1966 **S.G. Prior** of Hendra photographed what was left of the hulk – the ram bow and conning tower (separated from hull) which were still visible.

Mr. Prior donated part of Mosquito's armour casement to Queensland Museum in 1974, photos in 1983 and informed them of the vessels approximate location. In 2009 Queensland Maritime Museum conducted an archaeological survey of the remains recovering the stern casement. The Redland Museum has a photo in 1904 of the Mosquito at Cleveland.

Source: Unknown, Internet.

Wendy McMullin.



HMQS Mosquito

HMQS Gayundah - The Gunboats Gayundah, Paluma & Queensland's Colonial Navy.

LOCAL HISTORY

In 1960-61 **Len Duncker** owner and editor of the "Maroochydore Advertiser" asked **Mollie Krebs** if she would contribute a weekly historical article of interest to the readers of the paper. After much research and interviewing of local residents she produced many interesting articles and here is just one of her efforts.

A VICTIM OF THE GNEERING'S CANNON

The Gneering carried a cannon?

Why this coastal steamer, built nearly 100 (1860s) years ago to carry timber from the Mooloola (sic) and Maroochy Rivers to Brisbane, should carry such a weapon is not quite clear. Perhaps it was used for signalling or for sending a line ashore, or perhaps in the first years it was a safeguard against possibly hostile blacks (sic). Perhaps Mr. Pettigrew just felt that he'd like 'a cannon'. But for whatever reason, the little brass cannon travelled backwards and forwards along the coast on many trips for many years.

Eventually when **James Campbell and Sons** of Albion bought the sawmill on the Maroochy River from **Mr. Pettigrew**, the cannon came into their possession and was taken to their Brisbane premises.

One day, much later, **Mr. Victor Campbell**, coming out of his office, found his younger brother and an office boy busy trying to load the cannon. With the powder in place, young Campbell was standing directly in front of the barrel and ramming wads of paper in with a stick. At his alarmed shout they stopped and listened silently to his dire predictions of what could happen. Probably, the warning that young Campbell could have a hole blown right through him didn't worry them as much as the fact it had been a "fair cop" in office hours.

That same afternoon after work Mr. Campbell heard what he thought was a terrific explosion. Rushing outside he found the lads had taken the cannon into the backyard for another attempt to fire it.

This time they had succeeded ---with dreadful results.

At least taking to heart part of the morning's lecture they had been careful not to have the barrel pointing directly at them. Instead, the office boy called **Gibson**, I think- stood with his feet apart and the barrel pointing between his calves. The shot, which rocked the neighbourhood, blasted away most of one leg, to the extent that it had to be amputated.

If the cannon could be located today it would be a museum item and a reminder of the part played by the Gneering and other small ships in the early years of this area.

Wendy McMullin.



The "Gneering" at Pettigrew's wharf in Brisbane, ca 1895; John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland, Negative number: 64740.

PINEAPPLE MAN REMEMBERED

Obituary - Sunshine Coast Daily 24 April 1992

Pineapple Man Remembered

Charlie Atkinson's name will go down in history as one of the founders of the Sunshine Coast fruit industry over the past 50 years.

Mr. Atkinson, who died recently at the age of 85, lived on a farm at the corner of Eudlo and Chevallum roads from the age of 12 until three days before his death and became synonymous with the pineapple industry in the region.

He attended the Sydney Easter Show with the Queensland fruit grower's delegation for 40 years from 1947, and the Brisbane Exhibition and Nambour Show up until 1978.

He was born in Wimbledon, England in November 1906 and moved with his family to Australia in 1912 eventually settling at Forest Glenn.

He married **Mary Teske** in 1929. He is survived by three sisters, one brother, six children, 21 grandchildren and 10 great grand-children

Wendy McMillin.



Find a Grave - Woombye Cemetery

THE STORYTELLERS

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

Submitted by Narelle Wright

TWO EARLY QUEENSLAND WOMEN NATURALISTS

Both **Ellis Rowan** and **Hilda Curtis** (page over) were accomplished naturalists, as well as Ellis being an Australian artist of note and Hilda a photographer, especially of orchids. At the time, even though they were well known Australians their work later fell into obscurity. Researched by Wendy McMullin.



Public Domain - Ellis Rowan on her wedding day. Portrait Painter & Photographer John Botterill (1817 - 1922). This was the first national portrait of an Australian woman.

Marian Ellis Rowan (30 July 1848 – 4 October 1922), was known as **Ellis Rowan**.

Marian, the daughter of **Marian and Charles Ryan** was born at "Killeen" near Longwood - one of her father's pastoral stations in Victoria, was a well-known Australian artist and botanical illustrator. She also did a series of illustrations on birds, butterflies and insects.

Educated at **Miss Murphy's** private school in Melbourne, she later married **Captain Charles Rowan** in 1873. Her husband who was interested in botany encouraged her to paint wild flowers; even though she had no formal training she worked carefully in water-colour producing botanically informative as well as artistically pleasing paintings.

Rowan returned to Melbourne in 1877 and then travelled in Australia painting the flora of the country, often in the company of **Margaret Forrest** a painting companion.

Her work was exhibited at the Palace of Fine Arts at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. She published in 1898 '*A Flower-Hunter in Queensland and New Zealand*, based on letters to her husband and friends.

About this time she went to North America and provided the illustrations, many in colour, to *A Guide to the Wild Flowers*, by **Alice Lounsberry**, published in New York in 1899 as well as *Guide to the Trees* (1900), and *Southern Wild Flowers and Trees* (1901) also by Lounsberry. It was while in America, travelling with Lounsberry, that Rowan received news that her son **Eric Rowan** had been killed in the Second Boer War. In 1905 she held a successful exhibition in London. She returned to Australia and held exhibitions of her work which sold at comparatively high prices. In 1916 she made a trip to New Guinea, the first of several during which she produced a huge volume of illustrations. She contracted malaria during these journeys. In 1920 she held the largest solo exhibition seen in Australia at the time, when she exhibited 1000 of her works in Sydney.

She died at Macedon, Victoria, her husband and her only son having predeceased her. Her husband died of pneumonia in 1892, aged 47. Her son died of nephritis in Africa, aged 22, while in jail awaiting trial on charges of forgery. Despite winning several gold medals judged by international artists against some of Australia's leading male artists, who disdained her ability, artistry,

and capacity due to her gender resulted in a bias against her art that lasted decades. Her art was housed in the National Library, not the National Gallery.

Ellis Rowan was one of Australia's most accomplished artists and an incredible—if somewhat unexpected—adventurer. During World War I Ellis ventured alone into the tropical jungles of New Guinea in search of all 72 known species of the Bird of Paradise. Not only was she the first white woman to do such a thing, she was also 70 years old. *The Flower Hunter* is the incredible story of a woman who went to extraordinary lengths to paint her beloved subject matter, journeying to some of the most wild and inhospitable areas of Australia and beyond. On her death in 1922 there was hardly a household in Australia that didn't know her name. Sadly today she is all but forgotten, yet her work lives on in the 970 paintings carefully preserved in the National Library of Australia and in this, the definitive story of Ellis Rowan's remarkable life.

The Flower Hunter : the adventures in Northern Australia and New Zealand of flower painter Ellis Rowan is available in the Biography section of our library



Public Domain - Ellis Rowan. Rothschild's Bird of Paradise *Astrapia rothschildi*, Papua New Guinea c. 1917.



Public Domain - 374 moths of New Guinea, in 11 columns, belonging to a wide variety of families, water colour with bodycolour on grey-green paper, 1918, by Marian Ellis Rowan (1848-1922) - Copied from an art book.



National Trust.org.au - Royal Worcester fine bone porcelain china tea set, watercolours by Ellis Rowan. Provenance: Acquired by the Whites of Saumarez, inherited by Mrs Anne Philp, granddaughter of F.J. White, donated by Mrs Philp to the National Trust for Saumarez Homestead in 2005.

Hilda Gladys Curtis nee Geissmann (22 November 1890 - 10 June 1988)) was a pioneering Australian botanist, naturalist and photographer whose botanical and ornithological research within the Mount Tamborine area of South East Queensland significantly contributed to the early ecological understanding of the region.

Hilda was born in Brisbane the second daughter and 4th child to **Wilhelm Felix Geissmann and Bertha Elfriede Dorothea Reinhold** on 22 November 1890.

When Hilda was eight years old in 1898 her Swiss born father, a grocer by trade, decided to move the family to Tamborine Mountain where he built a guest house called Capo di Monte. Here she spent an idyllic childhood with access to 200 acres of bush land and rainforest adjacent to her family home where, she was to spend many hours gaining knowledge and experience of the natural world.

Her art training was undertaken at the Brisbane Central Technical College from 1913 alongside fellow students including painter **Lloyd Rees** and sculptor **Daphne Mayo** who remained a life-long friend.

Hilda married **Herbert Curtis**, a widower in his 40s, in 1926 and two years later give birth to their only child, **Herbert Sydney (Syd) Curtis** who was to later become a notable ornithologist and conservation figure in Queensland

Her work in research, writing and photography was widely recognised within Australian botanical and ornithological communities in the early to mid-20th century. These often accompanied by her photographs were published in the journal, Queensland Naturalist, and her work influenced the work of Australian naturalist and author **Alexander Hugh Chisholm** as well as Zoologist and Conservationist Zoologist and Conservationist **Francis Ratcliffe** - later chief of the CSIRO Division of Wildlife Research and founder of the Australian Conservation Foundation.



Public Domain - Hilda Geissman as a young woman. Image: Thomas Mathewson Co.



Pterostylis hildae
The Nature of Robertson Blog.

Geissmann's work in the field of Orchid identification and collection was also important to the research of many Australian botanists who she corresponded with, whilst also fulfilling their requests for plant specimen photographs and fresh flower samples for study. Her scientific collaboration in this field with **William Henry Nicholls** later resulted in Nicholls naming the rainforest greenhood species *Pterostylis hildae* in her honour. Hilda's work was also well recognised in the international scientific community and in 1925 Professor **Charles Joseph Chamberlain** of the University of Chicago sent her the microscope and chemicals necessary for conducting Histological work on Australian cycads, mosses and lichens which was critical to the University's research in the field.

Find out more about this family and others in *THE TURNING YEARS A Tamborine Mountain History* by Eve Curtis. This book is in the GSC library.
QLD 4270 HIS; Reference 2795.



Science News - Story about trying to save Great Grandfather Peter after boys cut him down.

Later Hilda conducted a photographic study of the 1000 year old Mt. Tamborine Cycad “Great Grandfather Peter” which was also featured on the cover of the American Journal of Science Newsletter.

Hilda Gladys Curtis nee Geissmann died on 10 June 1988 at the age of 97 years.

Hilda is now the subject of a biography ‘Hilligei’ by **Julie Lake**, writer in Your Time Magazine on the Sunshine Coast. Julie has a long time association with the rainforests of Tamborine Mountain so found much in common with her subject, sharing a love of bird watching and orchids.

In Hilda’s era male natural historians got their due recognition but Hilda’s work is virtually unknown.

‘She was called the little woman with the big camera’. This was a second-hand Thornton-Pickard Camera which she taught herself to use while she lugged it through the rainforest and then learnt to develop the glass plates.

Later she conducted a photographic study of the 1000 year old Mt. Tamborine Cycad “Great Grandfather Peter” which was also featured on the cover of the American Journal of Science Newsletter.

Source: Wikipedia & Your Time Magazine January 2023.

FOR THOSE HAPPY LITTLE VEGEMITES...

Did you know...

22 million jars of Vegemite are produced in the Melbourne factory each year.

Even the smell from the factory at Fisherman’s Bend has been given heritage listing in the street called Vegemite Way.

Vegemite first arrived on Australian shelves in 1923 but it took a while to win favour. British spread Marmite was a favourite during World War One but supplies were cut off when the Germans began sinking supply ships bound for Australia.

Food technologist **Cyril Callister** was hired by **Fred Walker** to create a spread using brewer’s yeast from Carlton Brewery. After some experimentation he produced a thicker spread by including vegetable extracts to improve the flavour.

World War Two disrupted shipping supplies so Vegemite was marketed on the home front as a replacement for many foods and its long shelf life and B-vitamins as an essential inclusion in soldier’s ration kits. It was a struggle to buy during rationing but the idea grew that if it was vital for the armed forces it was authentically Australian.

Having passed its centenary in 2023 it is agreed that Vegemite is here to stay.

Source: Article by Garry Reynolds writing in You Time Magazine August 2023



Picture: Vegemite Heritage Products & Packaging Timeline

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST

From the New South Wales Government Gazette,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 14 April, 1842

It has been represented to the governor that a district exists to the Northward of Moreton Bay, in which a fruit bearing tree abounds, called Bunya or Bunya Bunya, and that the aborigines from considerable distances resort at certain times of the year to this district for the purpose of the fruit of the said tree. His Excellency is pleased to direct that no licences be granted for the occupation of any lands within the said District in which the Bunya or Bunya Bunya is found and notice is hereby given that the Several Crown Commissioners in the New England and Moreton Bay Districts have been instructed to remove any person who may be in unauthorised occupation of land where on the said Bunya or Bunya Bunya Trees are to be found. His Excellency has also directed that no licences to cut timber be granted within the said Districts.

By his Excellency's Command

E. Deas Thomson.



Public Domain - Palácio de Monserrate, vista para a Araucaria, a maior árvore do parque.

This Proclamation was rescinded in 1859 when the new government for the State of Queensland was formed.

European settlers were allowed to come into the area to cut timber and graze cattle.

Researched by Wendy McMullin.



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NAMBOUR SUGAR FESTIVAL

Who remembers the Sugar Festival? Up at GSC the other day we were talking about the Sugar Festival. We remembered the fun, the floats and great memories. I am one of the few who miss the Moreton Sugar Mill. We used to set our clocks by the mill whistle. As kids we played in the millmud Dad brought home for the garden. The smells, the sugar cane fires, even the black rain. We were fascinated by the cane trains travelling down the middle of the road.

Everything in town stopped for the festival! Many local groups paraded through town with floats and/or members marching. The locals lined the streets in a massive show of support. Shops dressed their windows and sugar cane was tied to all the poles in the street. Everything smelled so fresh and... sweet!

GSC didn't miss the opportunity to share in these events!



Wendy McMullin with a float 1997.
GSC Collection.



'Pioneers' in the carpark 2001.
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'Pioneers' in the parade 2001.
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THE IRISH TRADITION OF THE MAY BUSH



On the first of May, summer officially begins in Ireland, and in centuries-old fashion, it's also the time that many people in Wexford will gather their painted eggshells, ribbons and bunches of flowers to decorate their May Bush. However, the May Bush tradition is not just practised in Wexford.

It is found throughout Ireland, however, Wexford is regarded as one of the strongholds of the tradition, particularly in recent decades due to the groundwork of **Michael Fortune** and his family, who created the Wexford May Bush Festival. A May Bush is a piece of

whitethorn (known locally as 'sceach' or a furze/gorse bush which is erected on May Eve. In most cases they were decorated with painted eggshells, ribbons and seasonal flowers. The flowering of the whitethorn coincides with the beginning of summer. It is considered bad luck to bring the Whitethorn inside.

Traditionally, May Bushes were erected in a prominent place in a bid to keep the 'pisheogs' away. (Pisheogs means naughty fairies or bad luck.) Like so many of our customs, the May Bush was centred on the protection of the growing crops and the milk yield. In the past, eggshells were kept from Easter Sunday, mostly by young girls. Most were left in their natural state, but some were painted and hung on the bushes. When Michael was a child, his mother used balloons which were bright for a moment, but they didn't last long!

Another contemporary take on the eggs is to use plastic Kinder egg shells. These can be spotted on May Bushes around the county and also the left-over coloured foil from chocolate Easter eggs. The late **Elsie Donnelly**, from Cottage Row, in Taghmon, always included a bit of this foil on her May Bush and you'd even find the cardboard boxes at times.

Old Christmas decorations were also used and if you did not know about the tradition, you could be forgiven for thinking that someone had emptied a recycling bin on a bush by the side of the road!

The method of hanging the eggs has changed over the decades. In the past the old eggshells were made into a garland and hung around the bush.

Nowadays, eggs are hung individually using wire or pipe cleaners. The colours and textures have certainly become more vibrant in recent decades, with a lot more decorations.





The May Queen

The May Queen

These days, people leave their May Bushes up for the month, while in the past it was often left to wither of its own accord. The thing was to get it up on May Eve, as this was the turning point in the year when 'the fairies' were out.

Associated with the coming of summer is the May Queen tradition. The children dress up in lovely gowns, veils and wreaths; the loveliest is chosen to be 'Queen', then the children march in a procession through the town. They carry a decorated branch of Whitethorn (Hawthorn) with them and sing rhymes such as 'here we go gathering nuts of May on a cold and frosty morning'. The old people of the village are so pleased with this beautiful spectacle

which reminds them of their own youth and May Days past, that they shower pennies on the children who buy all sorts of sweets and have a feast under the May Bush where they sing and dance around it.

Researched by Ali ORuairc.

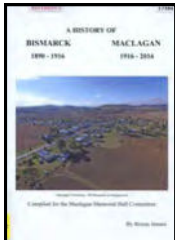


NEW ACCESSIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

The Genealogy Sunshine Coast library collection has a large section of local area resources. We are always adding resources from other parts of Australia and overseas. Quite a few military books have been donated by one of our members. Here are a few of the new accessions.

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A History of Bismarck 1890-1916 Maclagan 1916-2016 : Commemorating 100 Years Since Changing Name from Bismarck to Maclagan compiled by Royce Jensen (2016)

This work begins with the naming of Mt Bismarck (after the Chancellor of the German Empire) in 1890 by Fred Wockner. The town's name was changed to Maclagan (after General Sinclair-Maclagan, who served with the AIF in WWI) by request of John Warren, the Post Master at Bismarck. The book covers individuals, families, businesses, churches, schools and other aspects of the local community. The appendix lists quite a few properties

and their succession of owners

233 p. : b&w photos, map, appen., biblio.

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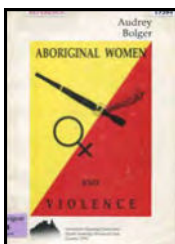
A History of Krakow for Everyone by Jan M. Malecki (2008); translated by Jessica Taylor-Kucia; illustrated by Ignacy Czwartos

The book commences from the city's legendary beginnings thousands of years ago, followed by modern archaeological discoveries in this area of Poland. It investigates many aspects of Krakow's turbulent history, including politics, religion, trade and education. The chronology of major events is both interesting and useful for anyone whose research incorporates this city.



296 p. : b&w ill.

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Aboriginal Women and Violence : A Report for the Criminology Research Council and the Northern Territory Commissioner of Police by Audrey Bolger (1991)

This was a 1991 study of Aboriginal women living in urban, town camp, rural and remote communities in the Northern Territory. The research was primarily exploratory, but the report also presented an analysis of the needs of Aboriginal women subjected to violence in the state. Aboriginal women told their stories in these pages. As well as field studies, the author used court transcripts relating to cases of rape, murder and assaults on women. The

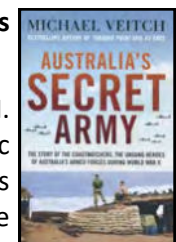
report exposed systemic prejudices and shortcomings and the resultant ongoing cycles of abuse.

104 p. : tables, biblio.

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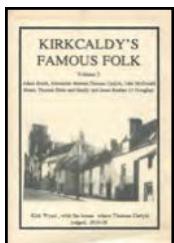
Australia's Secret Army : The Story of the Coastwatchers, the Unsung Heroes of Australia's Armed Forces during World War II by Michael Veitch (2022)

Coastwatchers served in Australia, New Guinea and the Pacific Islands during World War II. The Coastwatchers were supported by all three services. This is the story of Commander Eric Feldt and the over 600 men and women, both military and civilian who served in this important field of work. Their role was to observe and communicate. Without them, the armed forces would have been attempting to operate blind.



340 p. : biblio, index

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Kirkcaldy's Famous Folk : Volume 2 by Kirkcaldy Civic Society (1996)

An informative little book about some of the folk associated with Kirkcaldy in Fife, Scotland. Included in this volume are Adam Smith (1723-1790, economist, philosopher), Alexander Stewart (1790-1874, diarist, clergyman), Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881, historian, writer), John McDouall Stuart (1815-1866, explorer in Australia), Thomas Elder (1818-1897, businessman in South Australia), and Anna Buchan, known as O. Douglas (1879-1947, author).

73 p. : b&w photos, maps

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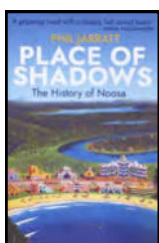
Mapleton National Park : Secrets and Surprises by Burnard Collins (2021)

More than a description of Mapleton National Park now, this book looks at the history of the area, including the timber industry, transport, and land use. There is a chapter on activities during World War 2, and another on accidents in the forest. The author looks at the changes that led to the creation of the national park, and includes a chapter on the Men's Shed.



82 p. : col. and b&w photos, timeline, maps, endnotes

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Place of Shadows : The History of Noosa by Phil Jarratt (2021)

A substantial book by an author who has lived in the area for more than 30 years. The information is based on family histories and other secondary sources, as well as a vast collection of articles and interviews. These have been merged to create an evocative narrative about the people and events that made Noosa what it is today. Included is some Kabi Kabi and Wakka Wakka history, such as that of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Community and the massacre at Murdering Creek.

335 p. : b&w and col photos, biblio., endnotes, index

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Stuff We Had in the '50s and '60s by Pam Van Der Kooy (2019)

The author described the purpose of the book as: "... an incomplete collection of stuff from the 1950s and 1960s with facts, history, anecdotes and memories to be used as catalysts for your own memories of that time ..." It is a book to browse through or become absorbed in, frowning over some stuff, smiling nostalgically over other stuff, and laughing outright at times. Food, utensils, clothes, toys, cars, school items and lots of other "stuff".



188 p. : b&w photos, references

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Take Me Back to the Eighties : Reflective Sketches from Brisbane to the Coast by Allan Staines (1982)

A selection of sketches and comments on historical buildings from the 1880s. Most of the buildings were still standing in 1982. There are quite a few Brisbane buildings, and some on the Gold Coast. For those with interests north of Brisbane, the book also includes pages on Nambour shops, the first shop in Maroochydore, a Landsborough church and Dyer House (Landsborough).

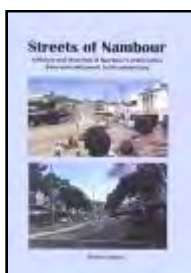
64 p. : pen drawings

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B45 STREET NAMES OF NAMBOUR – A History and Meaning of Nambour's street names from early settlement to the present day

2nd Edition 2017 - by Barbara Want. Early streets of Nambour were officially named in 1896 although some of the names were in popular use before then. This book covers the localities of Burnside, Dulong, Highworth, Parklands, Rosemount, Coes Creek, Image Flat, Nambour, Perwillowen and Town Mountain, describing the origin and history of the street names. Many interesting stories, people and photos from early settlement to the present. **Price: \$15.00 per book. P&P extra.** [Also available from

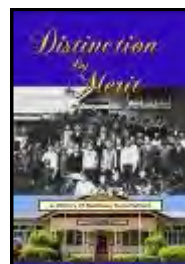
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B43 DISTINCTION BY MERIT– A History of Nambour Rural School

From the first school at Parklands in 1879 to the School in Carroll Street, Nambour, the Rural School, the first in Queensland, has rich history. This book traces the development of the school until it became Nambour High School, with separate Infant and Primary schools. Many memories, photographs and index of names.

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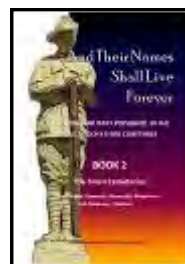


B41 & B42: AND THEIR NAMES SHALL LIVE FOREVER.

This series of books provides information about servicemen and women laid to rest or memorialised in the cemeteries of old Maroochy Shire.

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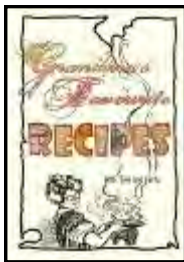
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B24 PEOPLE OF THE SUNSHINE COAST: Following on from GSC's previous publication, 'People of Maroochy', and covering a wide range of personalities, experiences and professions. While most of our residents were not famous in any way, their lives were important. A collection of stories about those who peopled the small communities of the Sunshine Coast – proof that in all things there is an interesting story. 142 pages including full index. **Price \$15.00 each – P&P extra.**

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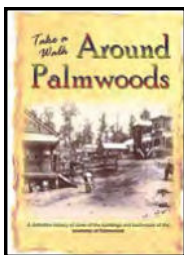
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This still popular book covers the original buildings still in use in Palmwoods and some of their history, what they were originally used for and their use today.

Many have changed hands over the years but the buildings remain. By following the map in this book and actually walking around the town to see the buildings and chat with the owners some very interesting people and history can be found. Make use of the coffee shops and little restaurants for good meals and breaks. <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-publications/take-a-walk-around-palmwoods>

PALMWOODS PAVEMENT BOOK \$30.00 + P&P.

Remembering the original Pavement Project and Nicklin Memorial Clock in Main Street Palmwoods.

The pavement has been redesigned to become Piccabeen Green with the names transposed from the original terracotta tiles to the current boardwalk, making them a little harder to find.

Owing to the loss of the distinctive tiles, we at Genealogy Sunshine Coast have collected stories behind the names nominated by local residents and tried to give some history of the town and its people from the early days to 2020.

Some of the stories have been written by the families featured in the book. Others have been gleaned from newspaper stories and historical documents. All add to the colourful flavour of the town, making it a popular place to live and raise a family. Many Photos plus Index. <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoastinc/Home/gsc-publications/palmwoods-pavement-project>





HUMEROUS TOMBSTONES

Here lies

John B. Cudd DMD (Dentist)

Filling his last cavity



Anna Perry

The children of Israel wanted bread

The Lord gave them manna

Parson Perry wanted a wife

The Devil gave him Anna.



On a 1880s grave in Nantucket, Massachusetts

*Under the sod and under the tree Lies the body of **Jonathan Pease**.*

He is not here, there's only the pod: Pease shelled out and went to God.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR LIBRARY RESOURCE

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