

Recollections

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Museum Royalty



Photo: left to right- Rick Thomason, Kath McNeilly, Ross Bower

Our museum has been blessed with many capable volunteers over the years. Two of our stalwarts, Rick Thomason and Ross Bower, have been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to the museum. Susan Russell, another museum member and active community volunteer was also honoured with an OAM.

Rick and Ross are amongst our "Redland Museum Royalty". Kath McNeilly OAM is still an active volunteer. Our founding forefathers, Norm A. Dean and Norm Austin, are OAM recipients. Norm Austin will be a centenarian next January. Sadly however, Norm A. Dean passed in 2013, aged 95.

For more information about our worthy recipients, visit the museum and have a chat in person or peruse the displays that highlight our local identities.

Tracey Mann

Date Claimer

31st July Transience Exhibition Opening
11am

August

1st A World of Tea Opening 2pm

2nd General Meeting 8.30am

5th-7th 'Greazefest' Showgrounds

10am-4pm

8th Science, Seniors &
Kids 10am-3.30pm



10th Heritage Stall
Cleveland Crazy Day

11th Management Meeting

13th Golden Oldies Movies 6.30 for 7pm

17th High Tea 2.00pm for 2.30

18th Wellness Expo 9am-2pm DS Centre

19th High Tea 2.00pm for 2.30

20th Golden Oldies Movies 6.30 for 7pm

24th Miss Fisher's Costume
Bus Trip 10am-3pm
(Volunteer only Trip)



27th-28th Model Train Show

September

2nd-4th Redfest

3rd Town Criers' Luncheon

6th Annual General Meeting

10th Jenny Wilkinson Art Exhibition

17th Travels to Thailand Talk

21st Beenleigh Artisan Distillery
(Volunteer only Trip)

23rd-25th Caravan Show



From the President - Doug Alexander

Members would be proud to know that a recent insurance valuation calculated the total new replacement cost of all our buildings and fixed plant at \$4,530,000. This valuation highlights the wonderful community asset built by many members over 42 years.



Our end of year figures show another strong annual financial result. These figures are currently being audited and will be available to members at the Annual General Meeting.

We have commenced the renovation of the old toilet area with the wonderful help of the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed. Management committee has recommended this area be used for the library and storage. Other renovations in the museum are still being discussed.

Congratulations to our member and Rotary stalwart Albert Benfer, who received a Paul Harris triple ruby award for his generosity to the Rotary Foundation. Well done Albert.

Museum Quick Quiz

1. What is a tantalus?
2. Name a rule a female teacher must obey in the 1930's classroom.
3. In what year was the Clauson Clock made?
4. What brand of fuel did the petrol bowser dispense?
5. How many different types of barbed wire are on display?

Editor's note

The Redland Museum is 'owned' by members and volunteers, so if there are any special interest items, or if you would like to submit an article (100-200 words) for "Recollections", please forward them and any fab photos to our wonderful administration staff in person or email: admin@redlandmuseum.org.au



To ensure a variety of articles representing a cross section of members, it would be great to assemble a small team of roving reporters to form a "*News Chat*" team to compile the newsletter. This will ensure timely publication, especially if one of the team would like to roam further afield.

Ernie Tickner - Flying Artist

Ernie Tickner, a resident of Wellington Point, was a qualified draftsman when he migrated to Australia from the UK in 1949. He worked at Archerfield for QANTAS.

After QANTAS relocated to Sydney, Ernie joined Barrier Reef Airways Flying Boat Division. They had commenced regular services through the Redland Bay flying boat facility, which was then known as Brisbane Water International Airport.

The museum library collection holds Ernie Tickner's detailed recollections of Redland Bay's Water Airport.

Ernie worked at the Redland Bay facility until the flying boat services ended in 1971. For a short time he worked in Sydney with Ansett. On returning to Brisbane he obtained a position with the Courier Mail newspaper in the artwork department. Ernie went on to create many of the then well known, hand-drawn advertisements for some of Brisbane's notable businesses.

Always a keen artist, Ernie painted scenes familiar to him including some wonderful oil paintings of aircraft. He has donated to the museum, a painting of the *Pacific Warrior*, a Sandringham flying boat. This aircraft formed part of the first regular QANTAS service flying in and out of Redland Bay.



Rick Thomason

Ernie Tickner, holding his painting, shares this moment with family



Pacific Warrior (Redland City Bulletin)

Helen and Arthur - 80 Fabulous Years

We were delighted when Helen and Arthur Duggan chose the museum as the venue for the celebration of their 80th birthdays which fell within two days of each other in June. It was a beautifully organised occasion with the Duggan family members busily involved in the preparations. Son Richard acted as MC for the evening.

Guests were welcomed in the foyer with drinks and savouries, to melodies from members of the musical group Arpeggios.

Guests then moved to the Events Room where a wonderful family video was being played in the Nook.

Once seated at tables beautifully decorated with floral arrangements, Helen, Arthur and their guests, enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by our catering group and served by our smiling volunteers and the Duggan grandchildren.

These younger members of the family also entertained the guests with a series of jokes confidently presented over the PA system.

Helen and Arthur both made speeches after which their daughter Anne made a moving tribute to her parents and her late brother, Peter.

Guests were invited to speak also and many anecdotes were shared.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and, we hope, particularly by Helen and Arthur.

The museum volunteers are to be congratulated for their part in making this a very successful and happy occasion.

Rick Thomason



Helen, Arthur's cousins Graham and Pamela Eaton, Arthur

A little knowledge goes a long way



Pedigree Doll

One was a 1950s Pedigree doll, made by Moldex, the Australian branch of Lines Cyclops. The Pedigree Company closed in 1960. These dolls are very collectible and sell in the vicinity of \$300. The other, although dressed prettily in a purple crinoline, was a much cheaper generic variety, according to my friend and porcelain doll maker, Brenda Hardie.

The 2008 Fun & Games exhibition included two Pedigree dolls. One called Glenda was owned by the late Rhonda Bryce and I owned the other Lettie May. It is amazing that eight years down the track, my research solved a little mystery many kilometres away in Bathurst!

Sandra Davis

On a recent visit to the old gold mining town of Bathurst, I came across a heritage store called Webb Western Warehouse. It was originally a general store and was built by Edmund Webb in 1862. It is managed by Joanne Cunynghame who accepts vintage articles and sells them on commission.

The conversation we shared led me to mention our museum's huge collection of dolls.

In 2008, I researched Pedigree dolls for Rick's Fun and Games exhibition. Joanne had two dolls about which she knew very little. Because of my research, I was able to provide information on Joanne's dolls.



Volunteers' Thank you Lunch

On Thursday, 21st July, the mouth-watering aroma of barbecue cooking greeted us as we arrived at the museum. The museum's very own master chef, Hein, was busily cooking steak, sausages and onions for lunch. Accompanying the meat was a wide selection of gourmet salads. Naturally the main course was followed by delicious desserts.



More than forty Redland Museum volunteers were treated to this special lunch as a small reward for their many hours of service. The room was full of talk and laughter as we ate.

Hein - King of the barbecue

This annual lunch is just one of the many rewards for volunteering at the museum. To become part of the volunteering team discover how easy it is to upgrade your ordinary membership to volunteer status by contacting Hein.



Jan Spinks

Museum Snippets

- Dedicated volunteers Peter Robertson and Barbara Matthews have both been nominated for the Greg Cook Volunteer of the Year. Well done!!
- Redland Museum is a finalist in the Chamber of Commerce Business and Retail Awards. Winners will be announced at a special event on 6th August. Ross Bower and Phil Robinson will be representing the museum.
- Sylvia McGarry and Tony Spinks manned the "Man Up" stall held recently at the Community hall. It was a special promotion for Men's Health Awareness, in particular, prostate cancer. There was lots of museum promotion with many participants delighted to hear about our museum's expansion.
- The School holidays saw many excited youngsters searching for their favourite characters in the amazing toy display kindly lent to the museum by the McDonald family of Ormiston.