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We now have four tall glass cabinets and are now able to display our gowns! A special thank you to Ross who had ordered them for the Toy Hall of Fame display but as we needed them, gave them to Textiles and has ordered 4 more for the toy area! Many thanks also to Peter Robertson and his helpers from the Collection area, the two Grahams and Gary for shifting the glass cabinets into position!

Another special thanks to Bob Skinner, Ray, Don & Russell for preparing and painting our large cabinet which now looks like new! This was a very tedious task as it involved a lot of sanding back and painting around large areas of glass. At one stage, due to a door being accidentally closed a bit too soon, when it was opened some of the paint pulled off the frame and had to be redone, a lot of patience was needed! Bob is also in the process of making a head for one of our models – you never know what you might have to do at the Museum!

Thank you to Mike and his “sparky” Steve who are working on installing the tracks for the special spot lighting. They have also fitted a two way light switch for the Textile work room, the light in the room can now be turned on from the outside. Previously the lights could only be turned on from the inside which meant the glass doors had to be unlocked in order to allow visitors to view the area.

We are currently working on a display of wedding gowns from the 19th – 20th Century. Thank you to Hein for making the frame on which we are now able to display a beautiful little lemon coloured flower girl dress worn by Dorothy Templeton B.E.M. when she was only four, at her sister’s wedding in 1925.

Dorothy was a founding member of the Redland Museum and worked as Secretary and in many other positions, particularly Textiles until she passed away in 2009. Dorothy had a long list of community achievements in the Redlands District. She worked on the committees of both Thornlands Primary and Cleveland High School for 29 years. A Foundation member of the Victoria Point/Redland Bay Meals on Wheels Assoc. A member of the local Girl Guides Assoc. since 1968 holding a number of volunteer positions including Commissioner for the Redlands District for a total of 8 ½ years, Thornlands Hall committee member for over 41 years, a foundation member of the Redland Arts Council Committee and on the Seniors Photographic Tribute team.

In 1985 Dorothy was awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to the community and was also a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990.

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