



# Recollections

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## Thank you Sylvia

Sylvia is unfortunately unable to continue in her role as President due to ill health. As per the constitution, Tony Spinks has stepped into this role.

## From Tony Spinks

When I took on the role of Vice President 12 months ago, I certainly didn't imagine I would end the year as President. The year has been very exciting with the major project, the renovation of the Library almost complete. Other good news is that Sylvia is feeling much better and continues to work behind the scenes.

Watch for the full year's activities in the annual report available at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.



## Goodbye and Thank You to:

**Kimberley Knijff**, one of our administration staff who has been with the museum for three years. We will miss her cheerful face, knowledge and professionalism, and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

**Malcolm Savage**, a stalwart volunteer of many years who is exploring further afield. We will certainly miss his passion for knowledge and his enthusiasm for the museum.



## Welcome Sharon Vassallo



Many of us will recognise Sharon through her many roles in the Mates Theatre Genesis' Australia Day plays. Sharon has joined the administrative team working Monday, Thursday and Friday.

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## What's On - August/September

<b>August</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> Model Railways 14 <sup>th</sup> August to 30 <sup>th</sup> September – Current Exhibition “Burmese Daze – Myanmar Land of Mystery and Intrigue
<b>September</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> Management Meeting 18 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> School Holiday activities 22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> Camping and Caravan Show 29 <sup>th</sup> Volunteers’ trip to Cobb &Co. Toowoomba
<b>Save the Date</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> November `Wings over Redlands’ Dinner Dance

## Get Well Wishes

Peter Robertson has recently spent time in hospital and now on the road to recovery.  
Paul Jones has had major surgery and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.  
Unfortunately Kath McNeilly has been re-admitted to hospital, we hope to see Kath back at the museum in the near future.

## Vale

Jim Wallis, local historian and long-time museum member.  
Dr Alec Foxton, local well respected medical identity, and supporter of the museum.  
Leo McNeilly, long time museum member, loving and supportive husband of Kath and ingenious creator of amazing machines. One of Leo’s machines is on display in the Timber section.

## New Members

It is always wonderful to welcome new members and volunteers. Pictured are new volunteers Owen Friar and John Barker with President Tony Spinks.



**Volunteers’ bus trip** to the Cobb & Co. Museum at Toowoomba 29<sup>th</sup> September

**Become a volunteer** to enjoy the great perks and friendships of like-minded people.

## A Busy Week at the Museum

We had a very enthusiastic and enterprising work experience student from Sheldon College, Aisling O’Byrne, with us from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7th July. She undertook a variety of tasks during the five days:

- assisting Tara and others with the children’s activities;
- working with Elizabeth and others in the library;
- assisting Rick setting up the “Homage 2 Oodgeroo” exhibition in the Dunn Wing.
- She spent Thursday in the Dan Holzapfel Wing with Ken who was impressed with her interest and the questions she asked relating to the various machines and vehicles there.
- On the Friday Aisling attended a scanning session with Liz, Sandra and Dylan Carmichael from Stardot Computers, then priced and tagged 18 beanies for Sandra, later arranging them on the Beanie Tree. Following this, she spent her remaining time cleaning, dusting and polishing the schoolroom with Sandra.



A busy week, one which gave Aisling a comprehensive view of the many different tasks involved in the running of a museum.

*Sandra Davis*

## Redlands Creative Arts Alliance Exhibition



Winners of ‘People’s Choice’  
 First Prize: Catherine Bishop’s oil painting ‘The Trio’. She received a \$100 gift voucher from Oxlades Art Supplies, Cleveland.  
 Second place: Sue Norris for her oil and acrylic ‘Low Tide’ \$50 voucher. ‘Storm over Perulpa’ was given an honourable mention.



## Exhibition - **Homage 2 Oodgeroo**

This lovely exhibition was a wonderful tribute to the waterways of our beautiful region, celebrating Indigenous culture and endemic flora and fauna. The **Watertrail** for Quandamooka Festival is ongoing until the end of September, so come along and follow the footprints, find the ‘splashes’ and complete the quiz based on water features in the museum.



**Textiles** group is getting into the swim with a special display of swimming costumes from yesteryear. As well as the beautiful quilts, a 'quillow' has been included in the display, another reason to visit the museum and admire the talents of craftspeople of the past.



## Winter Jazz Night

Despite the heavens opening for an uncharacteristic 'summer' storm at an inopportune time, more than seventy guests were warmed by the aroma of Annabelle's special Gluhwein. Redland City Bands' Big Band fabulous variety of musical magic revived many memories including covers of *In the Mood*, *Moon River* and *Fly Me to the Moon*. In the flickering candlelight toes were tapping to *Route 66*. Guests enjoyed a variety of cheese platters, dips and sweet dessert options prepared by our hardworking volunteers behind the scenes, coordinated by Tara. A fabulous evening was enjoyed by all.



## Redland Hospital Celebrates 30 Years

Redland Museum resident health volunteer Irene Cole proudly represented the Redland Museum at the Redland Hospital 30 year anniversary on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. The celebration was held at the hospital and was attended by medical staff, past and present as well as representatives from South Metropolitan Region.

The hospital first opened its doors on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1987 and admitted its first patient, a child on July 1<sup>st</sup>. From humble beginnings, Redlands Hospital is now a 222 bed facility, includes a large paediatric unit to help cater for the 2000 babies born in the Redlands annually and employs over 1000 staff.



The first hospital in the Redland District was first set up in 1919, in an old boarding house in Wharf Street. Other hospitals established in the Redlands were *Cassims* in 1921, *Bayview*, and *Saint Ann's* in 1925. Peel Island had a Quarantine station from 1874 and Lazaret for patients with leprosy from 1907 -1959. (Ref. RCC archive)

More information about the Redland's medical history can be found in the Medical Room of the museum. The Redland Museum is fortunate to have our own health care professionals with regular 'health spots' where Kathy Teh encourages us all to take care of ourselves, prompting several members to obtain their 'flu shots!

## Ellen Thomson – Presumed Guilty



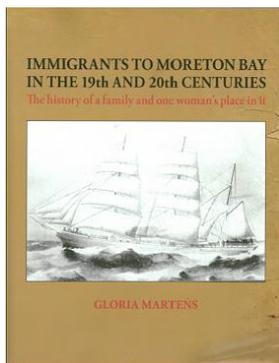
“Was she guilty?”

This was the question on everyone’s mind at the commencement of a special presentation that focused on Ellen Thomson, the only woman legally hanged in Queensland. Ellen was executed at Boggo Road Gaol in 1887 following a presumption of guilt, as was the policy in those days. The play *Presumed Guilty* was written by playwright Margaret Dakin, and was accompanied by photographs and documents pertinent to the case.

The presentation kept the audience engaged as they viewed the dramatization, horrified at the unfair treatment of the prisoners and the bias of the judge. Life was certainly difficult for woman without money or social standing.

The presumption of innocence in modern times is certainly fairer than the assumption of guilt in a homicide as in times gone by.

## Book Launch- *Immigrants to Moreton Bay in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries* - Gloria Martens



There was an air of excited anticipation as guests arrived for the book launch and began exploring and admiring the museum. They were warmed during the brisk evening by freshly prepared refreshments of sandwiches, fruit, selection of cheeses, and of course some sweet treats, accompanied by tea and coffee.



Councillor Paul Bishop began the formalities with an interesting and informative talk about the history surrounding Willard’s farm and warmly introduced Gloria. The author captivated the audience and museum volunteers with her own journey in writing her book. Although initially a historical book, it quickly became something quite personal, not just based on facts but the fascinating stories behind them. It was lovely to have three generations of Willard descendants present to celebrate the evening.

## Greazefest



The amazing display of ‘hot’ cars and rumbling motor bikes were matched by the fabulous fashions that adorned the showgrounds for *Greazefest*. Volunteers bopped along to the music as we welcomed over 1700 visitors to the museum. Compliments once again flowed for our museum and the delicious food served. Adrian Watson, one of our Blacksmiths forged some gorgeous roses which were popular with visitors.



## Volunteers `take flight` to Amberley Air Base

Museum volunteers were treated to a wonderful bus trip out to Ipswich and surrounds. The collection of well- presented and preserved aircraft were viewed, including an F111 Escape Capsule, Caribou A4-236 and a Sabre Jet. The aircraft certainly brought back many good memories. Volunteers also enjoyed lunch at the Ipswich RSL Club.



Many thanks go to Liz for organising the day.

*Tony Spinks*



Here is Norm J's reflection from the day.

On reaching the museum after our great day at the Air Force base, I stood up and announced the driver got us back safely and gave him a 10 out of 10!

“The Anzac Poem”

On a more exciting note, one of my projects has come to fruition. ‘The Anzac Poem’ was written by a grade seven teacher (Roberta Kadwell-Griffith) at Vienna Woods State School for their Anzac ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign in 2015. A copy is held at the Museum. I was there with the school’s VCR video camera and recorded the celebration. The Minister for Veteran Affairs, Mr. Con Sciacca, attended and was so impressed with the poem he requested a copy to take to the Gallipoli ceremony to read out. I submitted a copy of the museum version to the War Memorial in Canberra, hoping it would be included in the War Poems list. I received a reply from the director, Brendan Nelson, who will recommend it for inclusion.

*Norm. J. Dean*

## Science Days

Volunteers, kids and adults mixed, cut, launched and laughed at another successful series of science days. National Science Week coincides with Seniors’ Week and the Brisbane agricultural show (EKKA), so it was a great opportunity for adults and kids alike to explore their inner `science geek`. Visitors came from as far away as Greenslopes and Wynnum. Volunteers were a vital part of the days and a huge thank you to those who helped make the days so successful.

*Tracey Mann*



## Wings over Redlands

Local groups including Rotary, Royal Australian Air Force and the Redland Museum are currently endeavouring to establish a 'Redlands Aviation Heritage Trail'

The idea began when Rotary wanted to establish a permanent marker for one of the Wirraway aircraft that crashed near Ziegenfusz Park 1942. With the support of the Redland City Council, the trail will highlight other 'flight' features of the Redlands. Some of these sites include areas near Paxton Street and the Grand View Hotel, home of the original Sandringham and Kingsford Smith Joyflights.



Redland Bay Hotel and Redland Bay itself are significant as the QANTAS Booking Office and International Airport in 1953. As the Redlands area was primarily agricultural, aircraft used for crop dusting were based in the areas near the Cleveland Bowling Club and Raby Bay. There were also many significant aircraft locations on North Stradbroke Island. Many of the artefacts from our local aviation heritage have a new home in the Redland Museum. Thank you to Terence Hendricks and Brian Russell for their persistence and drive, and we look forward to updates over the next few months about this informative historical project.

This project will culminate in an inaugural '**Wings over Redlands Dinner Dance**' to be held in November this year. This event is being organised by Terence and our Events Co-ordinator, Tara. Keep up to date with this event and other happenings at the museum on our website and Facebook page.

## Historical Bathing

Test your historical knowledge – Where is Gordon going to bathe?

Answer: Not Redland Bay, but the end of South Street, the bathing area being the first Thornlands State School baths. The area was originally sandy, but as development of the area began and ferry and boat numbers increased, the wash from the vessels caused a build-up of silt, thus providing an ideal environment for mangroves, also very beneficial for the bay.



## Museum Shop



If you're looking for a unique gift for someone, make sure you have a look at the wonderful array of items for sale in the Museum Shop. Hand crafted toys, tea towels, lavender products and greeting cards.

We also have a beautiful range of hand-made pottery statues for sale ranging in price from \$15 to \$30. Honey, books, carry bags, glass ornaments and jewellery are also great gift ideas.



# Photo Gallery

