

## What's On:

- Australia Day Play - *Love Letters*  
Final days - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Autumn Showcase 4 March
- Heritage & Harmony Fiesta 18 March



## President's Notes - Tony Spinks



2017 was an exciting and busy year for us. Our membership grew and the number of volunteers increased. The library renovations have been completed and our beautiful library is operational. The collections team is using their new office. Restorations and updating displays have been happening throughout the year.

The museum's participation in the Quandamooka Festival with the water trail was certainly a highlight and proved extremely popular, especially with the children. We now have the Flag Trail which leads people on a journey through the museum identifying objects and people from different countries and cultures. This is a forerunner to the Heritage and Harmony Fiesta on 18 March.

Rick's program of exhibitions just keeps getting better and better. We now have *Bohemia - A Family Odyssey* - a story of the Agnew family. This is on until 31 March.

The Nook is being hired on a regular basis by U3A, WeR1 and other groups including for use as an art studio.

Our involvement with events was greatly expanded in 2017 - from the Australia Day Plays, showground events, high teas, Devonshire teas, school holiday activities, musical and theatrical performances, science days, a Melbourne Cup Party, the inaugural Wings over Redlands Dinner Dance, with Carols by Starlight the grand finale. These activities do not just happen. It takes many hours of hard work and dedication from staff and volunteers. The Management Committee thanks everyone for their efforts. We look forward to another exciting year at the Redland Museum.

## Welcome



**Welcome** to Delene Keyser new to our administration team. Delene has enthusiastically embraced many aspects of the museum, cheering on her horse at the Melbourne Cup Luncheon as well as volunteering at the Wings over Redlands Dinner Dance. We are also very fortunate to have Sharon Froome staying on as a volunteer.



## Congratulations



On 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Volunteering Redlands International Volunteer Day Expo, held at the Alexandra Hills Hotel, Paul Jones was awarded the 2017 Greg Cook Award. Congratulations Paul. Our museum is very well represented amongst the many local volunteering groups. Well done Paul!



## New Library

The museum's new library is up and running due to a great deal of time and sweat on the part of the property sub-committee and the wonderful generosity of the Rotary clubs and Rotaract in the Redlands. Quantum Library Supplies has supplied the furniture and fittings. Library hours are currently Tuesday to Friday 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. The librarians have put together an impressive display of books relating to the Bohemia exhibition.



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## Exhibitions

### Bohemia - A Family Odyssey



Generations of the Agnew family gathered together for the opening of an historical exhibition honouring the life, times and artistic talents of their family dating back to 1815. The exhibition was suggested by Artie Rentoul who became interested in the history of the Agnew family whilst researching his own book *Island of a Million Tears*. Artie became a friend and admirer of Phil Agnew, great grandson of Phillip Peters Agnew and he had the honour of opening the exhibition. It was a wonderful opportunity for museum volunteers, members and guests to learn the stories of many generations of the Agnew family.



Special thanks go to Daniel Bunce and Elisabeth Gondwe from the North Stradbroke Island Museum for their valuable contribution. The exhibition will close at the end of March 2018, so there is still plenty of time to learn about and admire the amazing history and talents of a local family.

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## Textiles Display

Be sure to come and see the Textile team's beautiful new Millinery exhibition "Le Chapeau". This Exhibition combines some of the Museum's own collection of beautiful and historic hats with a wonderful millinery collection donated to the museum by Dell Johnstone. Dell operated a Millinery Shop "Ecole de Haute Couture" (School of High Fashion) at Stones Corner for 40 years where she also taught Millinery. Many of her interesting hat blocks and beautiful hats are on display.

*Jan Banks (Textiles)*



## Activities



School holiday activities in 2017 were a great success. Kids and adults enjoyed bush damper, billy tea and lava lamps. The Quandamooka water trail was very popular with a variety of water based crafts including hama bead creations and magnetic 'fishing'. The week was capped off by a wonderful storytelling session by special guest Kaleenah Edwards. Kaleenah is the great granddaughter of the late Oodgeroo Noonuccul, known to Redland residents as Aunty Kath Walker, author of *Stradbroke Dreamtime*.



## Flag Trail

Redlands' residents are from many different places. Visitors are invited to follow the Australian flags around the museum to find stories and objects from these areas. Most of the countries highlighted are included in the Harmony Quilt on display in the textile area. A picture of the flag of the relevant country is also on display as well as the community's population in the Redlands.



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## Strings in Spring

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October the newly formed Fig Tree Quartet, gave their premiere performance 'Strings in Spring' in the museum. The quartet is a Brisbane based group of young musicians brought together through their participation in the Australian Youth Orchestra National Music Camp. The quartet presented a delightful and varied programme of items by Beethoven, Ravel, Borodin and Dvořák and some popular modern pieces. Together with their light-hearted commentary, this musical experience was enjoyed by us all.



## Fillies on the Field - Melbourne Cup Day

*By Delene Keyser*

What will I wear? Fabulous outfit and fascinators complement each other in preparedness for my first Redland Museum function, Melbourne Cup Day! I invited my Mum Ella, to join in the celebration. We were greeted with a glass of bubbles and the lovely museum volunteers. Lunch was delicious chicken with a variety of salads, followed by fruit filled Pavlova.



The hat parade was delightful, guests looked like movie stars walking the red carpet, cameras flashed with fabulous photographs taken at the photo booth on the hay. Of course, the main highlight was the race itself. Armed with our horses in the sweeps, Mum and I cheered as our

horses galloped across the finish line. Mum was especially thrilled as she had never bet on a horse before and walked away a winner!

This was my first Melbourne Cup celebration at the museum and both Mum and I will be first in line with for next year!

Thank you to Tara and all the volunteers who worked hard to make this event possible.



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## Wings over Redlands

Volunteers and guests immersed themselves in the spirit of the museum's inaugural dinner dance `Wings over Redlands'. Everyone was beautifully dressed in costumes from the forties, the armed forces and their best formal outfits.



Guests tapped their toes as the music flowed. Two amazingly talented groups, Amberley Brass and the Andrew Sisters Tribute Band set the tone for the evening with many fabulous tunes, and fabulous dancing by guests. Everyone hit the floor dancing to rollicking show tunes from the war years, and Elvis to ABBA.



The dance was the brainchild of Terence Hendricks and Tara Young, supported by many volunteers. Terence and Brian Russell, with the support of Redland City Council, have been instrumental in the design and placement of markers to commemorate significant events in Redland's aviation history.

A huge THANK YOU goes to the many local businesses that supported the evening. Professional Auctioneer David Patterson from Raine and Horne performed Master of Ceremony duties and conducted an exciting auction of the fabulous prizes donated by our many sponsors. Volunteers contributed many, many hours and were rewarded with an unforgettable evening.

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Sponsors for the Wings over Redlands dinner/dance were:



## Christmas Party 2017

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through  
the museum,  
Lots of lights and decorations, it was lovely to  
see 'em!

Chattering hums and glasses of wine,  
Guaranteed we would all have a jolly ol' time.  
Melodies from ukes and fabulous voices  
Then came the food, what wonderful choices!  
Harmonious carols completed the day  
And the best Christmas wishes coming your way.



A huge thank you goes to the catering team, volunteers and management  
who made the Christmas Party such a success.

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