



Recollections

Melbourne Cup Lunch The Punter's Party What a hoot!

It was Russell Dinte riding *Blacksmith Bandit* who won by a good length the Museum Maiden Handicap at the Melbourne Cup Lunch on 6 November. *Library Larrikin* ridden by jockey Bruce Smith came second, displaying high spirits and a little horseplay.



A gallant effort was made by jockey Tony Spinks who brought up the rear on *Management Mongrel*.

The beautiful Win Collins won the *Fashions on the Field Hat Competition* competing against a strong field of contenders. See Photo Gallery.



WHAT'S ON

Exhibition – January/February 2019
“*Ex Nostra Bibliotheca*” meaning “from our library” – a display of the museum’s rare books and documents

2019 Australia Day Play
“*Christmas Day*” written by Claire Haywood - a play about family relationships at Christmas
Jan 25, 26, 27 Feb 1, 2, 8, 9 evening performances including 2 course meal - \$35 p.p.
Jan 28, Feb 3 – matinee including afternoon tea - \$25 p.p.
Cash bar and airconditioned theatre
Bookings essential
Ph 3286 3494 or online
www.redlandmuseum.org.au

Heritage and Harmony Fiesta
24 March 2019 - 10am to 3pm
Free community event – entertainment, food, displays



The late Les Collins made the horses. One belongs to the museum and the other two were on loan from Win Collins. Thank you Win.

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Owen Friar, the “bookie”, organized the sweeps and was also the “race caller”. Owen’s jovial banter created a fun atmosphere.



Left: Owen interviewing jockey Russell Dinte before the race, with Sylvia Vassallo and Peter Adam looking on.

Guests enjoyed a glass of bubbly on arrival, and a scrumptious chicken, ham and salad lunch followed by either chocolate cake or trifle. John Burt and Bob Skinner did a great job in attending to the bar.

Collections provided beautiful trophy cups to decorate the tables and our Textile ladies prepared a cabinet of hats. Library volunteers displayed books and information on the Melbourne Cup and very old race meeting booklets.

Jan Banks again prepared the raffles beautifully while Nola McCullagh and Anne Tully sold the raffle tickets.

We had many volunteers helping with catering, setting up and pulling down, and the range of other tasks that needed to be done. A big thank you to all volunteers involved. Your assistance ensured that the event was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone.

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT NEXT YEAR !



President's Notes

Greetings everyone. Welcome to new and existing members to the final newsletter for 2018.

Our membership is now hovering around the 400 mark. Great work is being done in every section of the museum. Behind the scenes, the collection data base is being updated and restorations are being completed and displayed. Our varied exhibitions and events attract many new visitors.

The success of the museum is a result of the combined effort of volunteers and staff and on behalf of the Management Committee I thank you.

I wish to those members who have been unwell lately a full recovery, so they can rejoin our ranks again soon.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

Tony Spinks

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Remembrance Day - 100 years since the end of World War 1

by Sandra Davis

I travelled on the troop train from Central Station to Cleveland Station on Remembrance Day. This idea was initiated by Michael McDonnell, secretary of the Redlands RSL Sub Branch, with the assistance and support of Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Mark Bailey, and Queensland Rail.



The three carriages had a skin depicting a lone soldier and Flanders poppies. The experience evoked many memories for me of my late father, Willoby Wharton, 2/20th Battalion, captured on 15th February 1942 at the Fall of Singapore. The next 3½ years he spent as a guest of Nippon in Changi concentration camp. It was clear that many fellow passengers were feeling similar sentiments.

Mark Bailey travelled on the train, together with Redlands RSL Sub Branch President, Mr Alan Harcourt and Deputy President, Mr Ian Gray, veterans, serving troops and relatives of veterans, past and present.

Three colleagues from the Redland Museum, Jan and Tony Spinks, together with Bevyn Cornford, met me at Cleveland Station. Two other colleagues, Shirley Mahon and Bruce Smith, joined me at the service.



The parade along Shore Street was an impressive sight, led by a Salvation Army band and followed by a Light Horseman and his steed. Next came servicemen and women from Gallipoli Barracks.

Mr. McDonnell introduced himself as the MC for the service. The Venerable Denise Ferguson presented a prayer. She was followed by Mr Alan Harcourt, who gave a commemorative address paying tribute to veterans. He mentioned that Remembrance Day began in 1919 as Armistice Day with an observation of two minutes silence. After World War II the name was changed to Remembrance Day. The laying of wreaths followed.

Mr. Gray read the passing parade list. The Ode was presented by Mr. Harcourt and at 11 a.m. the traditional one-minute silence was observed. Bugler Joshua Sinclair presented the Last Post before the silence and the Rouse after it. Craig Atkinson performed a rousing rendition of the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia, the catafalque party dismounted, and Mr. McDonnell

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presented a closing to a very beautiful and respectful service. This was attended by hundreds of people.

As always, the day showed beyond any doubt that patriotism and respect for our veterans are very much alive in the Redlands.



Above: Wreaths placed on the wall near the Singapore section of the wall.



Above: The Re-enactment Group's Light Horseman and his trusty steed.

Below L to R: Sandra Davis, Tony and Jan Spinks.



Science at the Museum by Tracey Mann

The Redland Museum Science Day saw dozens of visitors embracing the 2018 National Science Week Theme, 'Game Changers and Change Makers'.

Children and adults alike experimented, explored, observed, discovered, mixed and constructed more than twenty different activities. A quiz tested their knowledge of scientists and the discoveries of the ancient Egyptians, Stephanie Kwolek (Kevlar inventor), Stephen Hawking and our own CSIRO Scientists.



Visitors were able to use 'old school' technology in the form of tin can telephones and experienced good vibrations using coat hangers and cutlery.

Observing celestial objects through an impressive telescope was again an annual highlight. This year the fascinating miniature world attracted curious eyes. Visitors had their 'physics' caps on learning about Einstein's laws of motion using whirlybirds and rockets. They also learned about the properties of substances and how these properties have detrimental effects on our environment.

A special thank you to our amazing volunteers who once again stepped up into the scientific world.



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Rotary Dinner by Shirley Mahon

On Tuesday 30th October, Rotary Club of Cleveland held their annual “Dinner at the Museum” in the Events Room, following a very pleasant time browsing through the Museum with a drink in hand. Newer members attended including some who had moved during the last 12 months to the Redlands from Northern New South Wales. As well, some other local new members had rarely if ever visited the Museum.

It is always a great opportunity to demonstrate to our members the long history we have with the Museum, as it was a project of the Rotary Club of Cleveland – the idea of Charter Member Norm Dean. The club was formed in 1962, and so it is important for us to ensure that newer members understand the history and legacy of our earlier community projects.



Above L to R: Rotary Cleveland President Jan Kilbourne, Terence Hendricks, David Cameron, Shirley Mahon and Liz Blumson at the dinner.

On 11th June 2017, the combined Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of the Redlands donated \$100 per member to the Redland Museum for the fitting out of the new library (over \$10,000.00), which was subsequently opened on 9th March 2018 as the Rotary Heritage Library.

Museum Librarian Liz Blumson outlined the history of the renovations and development of the Library, and members were able to browse through the collection. We discovered that there are some gaps. We will be rectifying that very soon with a donation of the history of the Rotary Club.



Above L to R: Enjoying themselves were Cynthia and Robin Archer, Jenelle and Bob Neich, and at the back, Elwyn Hodges.

Another Rotary project which is now available for public viewing and exploring, is the Redlands Aviation Heritage Trail, an idea of Rotarian and Museum member, Brian Russell. Terence Hendricks, who has led and guided this project, explained the process to us, and outlined the plans for further expansion.

Our thanks to the caterers, volunteers and Museum members who assisted on the evening – a thoroughly enjoyable time, delicious food and even with showbags or Emergency Rations to take home. Even a very experienced Rotarian found it to be very interesting.



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Artists reflect on the “naturally wonderful” Redlands Coast

On 17th November 2018, MP Kim Richards opened the exhibition of *Creative Alliance* artists illustrating their views of our coastal community. The exhibition comprises the work of 31 artists and features an array of materials – jewellery, sculpture, pottery, paintings, photography and 2Dwork.



FLANDERS POPPIES



Our blacksmiths made beautiful metal poppies, painted red, for Remembrance Day. They are on sale at the museum shop for \$25 each. One or more would look beautiful in your home or would make a wonderful gift for someone special.

On display is a perpetual trophy (pictured above), commissioned through Sculptors' Queensland, for the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation's annual winter festival. Crafted in timber with a painted logo, it tells the story of creation from the perspective of the SE Queensland aboriginal communities.

It is a collaborative work by sculptor Ted Upton of Macleay Island (Jencoomercha), design by Saltwater Murriss, North Stradbroke Island artist Patrick Coolwell and acrylics artist Lynda Faulkner also from Jencoomercha. The exhibition continues until 4 January.



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FAREWELL TO DELENE



Our Administration Officer, Delene Keyser (left), is moving on to a new adventure. President Tony Spinks thanked Delene for her valuable contribution to the museum at a morning tea after the general meeting on 4 December.



FROM THE WORKSHOP

The men in the museum workshop do a lot of work which is often not seen by members. Chris Johns (below) did a magnificent job of restoring the Cyclops child desk circ1960s.



Keith Fidler sand-basted it first to get rid of old paint and rust. The desk will be put on the wall in the Toy Hall of Fame.

The fine work of Keith Fidler (below) with restored soldering irons, fruit-fly traps, and a carbide bicycle lamp.



SANDRA WINS !

Museum volunteers, Sandra Davis (right) and Gordon Davidson (below) were nominated for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award initiated by *Volunteering Redlands*. Sandra won one of the four major prizes and received a certificate in recognition of her services to the Redland City community.



Right: Gordon Davidson (3rd from R) and friends at the *Volunteering Redlands Expo* on 5 December



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Christmas by Starlight

