

Caboolture
Family History
Research Group Inc.

Preserving Your History
2025 - Celebrating 45 years

CFHRG NEWSLETTER

January – February 2026

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Opening Hrs: Wed 9 - 12noon & Fri 9 - 1pm

From the Presidents' Desk

Welcome to 2026. We have a major announcement for our members. As you may know an increase in funding of some \$140k that has been given to the Village by the City of Moreton Bay, this funding some conditions attached and one of those is that the 6 groups that inhabit the village will be granted 3 years free rent commencing 1st July 2025 through to 30 June 2028. All monies that have been paid up until now will be refunded by the Village. If at the end of this period the additional funding that the village received does not continue, at this stage that is unlikely as far as we know, then we will have to pick up the current lease amount that would be paid in the 2028/29 financial year. We are very grateful to Adam Hain and his fellow Councillors for their support of our requests to sort something out for the Village groups.

CFHRG celebrates 45 years. We posted a lot of memories from our last 45 years, with further posts to come over the coming months. We have had a lot of great response from many of our posts. We will be posting further memories about the group over the coming months and throughout this year as the information becomes ready to post.

Facebook – Our posts currently are to do with Founding Families and our Gathering Event on 2nd November. But we will be talking more about our regional history and looking at other events that shaped our region.

Facebook Stats – We now have 713 Followers on our page, and this grows weekly.

Fundraising – Containers for Change continue to bring in some money and so does our efforts with Traffic Control via the Woodies. We have also had some donations, sold some books and several donated bottles of jam. Every little bit helps. If you have bottles that you would like to donate but need help getting them to the recycling centre, please drop us an email.

Membership – Our membership is currently 41 including 5 Life Members and including 5 new members since May. Welcome to Warren Watts, Marie Simpson, Bob Marsellos, Frank & Linda Buckley, we look forward to hearing about your family history journey.

Upper Caboolture Uniting Church – 150 Anniversary Celebration – Helen and I represented the club at this gathering, where some 400 + people attended a church service following by some refreshments. We had a small display about the Club and our Founding Families project. We had lots of people talk to us about their history with the area and we managed to catch up with several Founding Members of our Club namely Gloria McEwan (No 1) and Rhona Collinson (No 2). It was wonderful from my perspective to finally meet these ladies as I have heard so much about them since I joined the group.

FOUNDING FAMILIES

Our Founding Families project is progressing slowly, to date there are very few families that don't connect to another. We are also finding there is more than one founding family member with the same name, which often causes confusion.

We have done the 3 generations of the family trees containing approximately 831 founding family members. Quite a few have more than one founding family member in their tree.

It would be greatly appreciated if family members would share with us the following:

- Photos
- Certificates
- land titles
- newspaper snippets
- military records
- Shipping
- Or any other documents to add to our collection.

It is truly amazing to see how many times one family can connect to multiple others.

FOUNDING FAMILIES CONNECT

The Founding Families Newsletter has been sent out to those who attended previous events and those who have registered for to receive a Newsletter. Founding Families Connect Gathering event was held on Sunday 2nd November at 12.30pm. We had a great turnout at this stage. Some families who have been to an event before will be coming again along with several new families. I would like to thank Helen; Phil; Paul, Janet & Maureen, & Desley W for all their help on the day.



Descendant Families who attended:

Cochrane, Wallis (Wallace), Lather, Zillman, Otto, Dunne, Pflugst, Hall, Hansell, Wallace, Taeye, Eaton, Tucker, Bell, Battersby, Biggs, Garden, Woodward, Kruger, Denning

UPCOMING EVENTS

Royal Historical Society of Queensland

February 2026



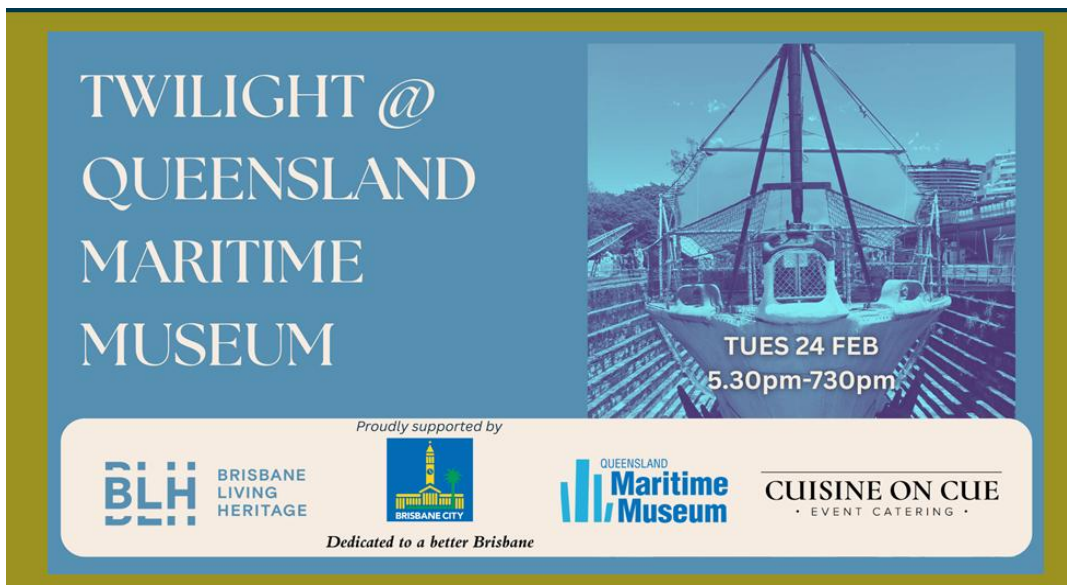
Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture

HANNAH RIGBY
THE LAST CONVICT WOMAN OF MORETON BAY

Presented by
Jane Smith

Wednesday the 11th of February 12.30pm - 1.30 pm
The Commissariat Store Museum
115 William Street, Brisbane

CERTIFICATE OF FREEDOM
No. 3724
Dm. 11th March 1847
Prisoner's No.
Name..... Hannah Rigby
Age..... 28
Month.....
Year..... 1823
Native Place.....
Trade or Calling.....
Office.....
Place of Trial.....
Date of Trial.....
Reason.....
Year of
Height.....



TWILIGHT @
QUEENSLAND
MARITIME
MUSEUM

TUES 24 FEB
5.30pm-7.30pm

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Dedicated to a better Brisbane

Brisbane Living Heritage invites you to the first Twilight Event of 2026—an evening of stories, connection and collaboration at the Queensland Maritime Museum. Set among the South Brisbane Dry Dock and HMAS *Diamantina*, the event also marks the official launch of BLH's 2026 Program.

What this event celebrates

This Twilight brings members, partners and friends together to preview a year of new collaborations and experiences that connect people, place and living heritage.

Launching at this event

2026 Collaborations & Events

Our Twilight Series, Backstage Pass and Walks continue to grow—opening doors to rare places and stories. Be first to hear what's coming, meet our collaborators, and help shape the year ahead.

Harvest

Saturday 28 February 2026, 10:00 am -
Sunday 17 May 2026, 3:00 pm

Redcliffe Museum

75 Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe, QLD, 4020, Australia (map)



Reserve Tickets

This International Women's Day we celebrate our local women farmers and agribusiness champions.

Harvest digs down into the rich agricultural heritage of our region - its deep roots, thriving present, and bold growth for the future.

The exhibition celebrates stories of this Country which has always been home to Aboriginal people. Country has been managed expertly for tens of thousands of years and continues to see abundant yields produced by today's farmers.

Through a vibrant mix of historical objects, striking photographs, and personal stories, *Harvest* reveals how agriculture has always influenced our land, economy, and ways of life.

This exhibition will be shown first at Redcliffe Museum, followed by Pine Rivers Heritage Museum. Each museum will share some homegrown stories.

Image credit: Loading melons on the Hungerford family farm, Kippa-Ring, c1960. City of Moreton Bay, RLPC-001\001284.

Redcliffe Museum is open Wednesday to Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Saturday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Posted In: Exhibitions, Gallery, Launch, Events

Police Museum exhibition delves into humanity behind historic mugshots

Tuesday 6 January 2026, 9:00 am -
Friday 6 March 2026, 4:00 pm

QLD Police Museum
200 Roma Street, Brisbane City, QLD, 4000, Australia (map)

The Queensland Police Museum is breathing new life into true crime history with its latest exhibition, 'Rogues and Vagabonds'.

The captivating showcase features a series of dramatised criminal mugshots from the past century, reimagined as striking paintings by the Queensland Police Service's (QPS) Detective Chief Inspector Stephen Tiernan.

Drawing inspiration from real-life black and white photographs, the exhibition offers a unique glimpse into the lives and stories behind people who have been caught up on the wrong side of the law over the years.

Detective Chief Inspector Tiernan says during his almost 30-year career with the QPS, he often found himself observing people in moments of vulnerability, while off duty he channels his keen eye and observations into art.

"The collection draws on historic criminal mugshots from Queensland and New South Wales which present the subjects as figures frozen in a single moment in time," Detective Chief Inspector Tiernan said.

"The portraits reimagine these moments, delving into the humanity behind these people's stories," he said.

One portrait revisits the life of Alwyn Henshaw Harris, an Englishman who travelled throughout Australia as a short order cook.

Police records list more than 60 convictions before the age of 50, with the most notable charge in South Australia for being a 'rogue and a vagabond', relating to his ongoing homelessness and theft of food and bedding.

Another portrait explores the life of Vera Purdy, described as a fixture of Darlinghurst nightlife.

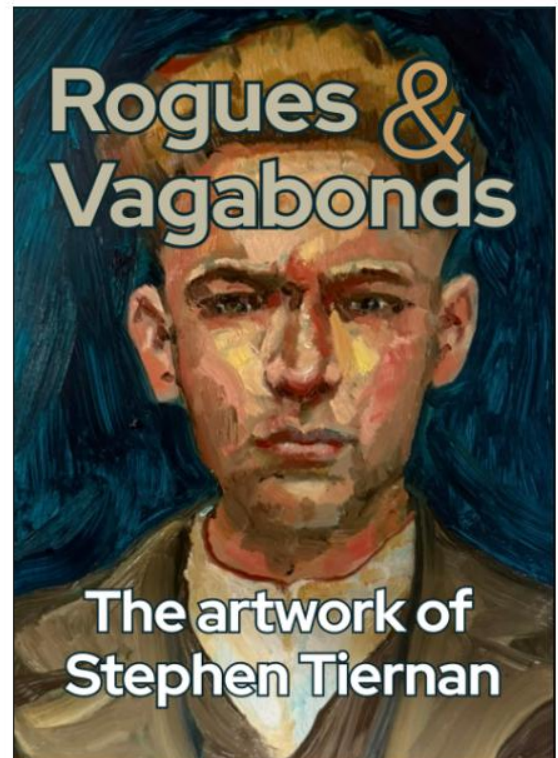
"She lived through difficult relationships and bold ambitions, but her criminal record tells only a fraction of her story," Detective Chief Inspector Tiernan said.

"When you look beyond her mug shot, Vera's story shows a woman with presence, dry wit and a larger-than-life personality," he said.

Sharply dressed Toowoomba man William Harrington Croker also appears in the series, showing a history of vagrancy convictions throughout the 1930s.

Croker's crimes were typically waiting outside local bars to rob intoxicated persons and menacing bookmakers at race meetings.

- Posted In: [History Events](#), [Exhibitions](#), [Gallery](#)



Newsletters & Information From other Historical Societies

We received Newsletters & information from the following:

Armidale Family History Group
Caloundra Family History – Caloundra Clipper
Genealogical Society Gladstone District
Genealogical Soc of NT
Mornington Peninsular Family History Society
Nundah & Districts Historical Society
Genealogy Society of Queensland
Toowong & District Historical Society

AMRSQ
SAG
Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc
Maryborough District Family History Society
New Farm & District Historical Society
QFHS (Queensland Family History Society)
Roma District Family History Society
Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society

These are just some of the publications we receive, so if you would like more information about any of these please contact any of the Committee: cfhrg55@outlook.com

HOW ABOUT GETTING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO DONATE USING OUR BARRCODE



Several Donations Received via Containers for Change

I have added the barcode for our group and if you keep this in your wallet or photograph it and keep it on your phone you can scan the barcode reader on the machine you put the bottles in, and it will automatically send any money to us.

We have had several donations now and it is a wonderful way to help add to our coffers. Please tell your friends and family so they can help keep our doors open.



Team Member number

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There's a deep fascination to being in a cemetery. The rich history, exquisite craftsmanship, and intricate details that surround you are truly captivating. The bonds of family, the expressions of faith, and the stories etched in stone all come together to create an atmosphere that is nothing short of breathtaking. Every aspect of this sacred place is a testament to the beauty and significance of human experience.



Friends of Lutwyche Cemetery

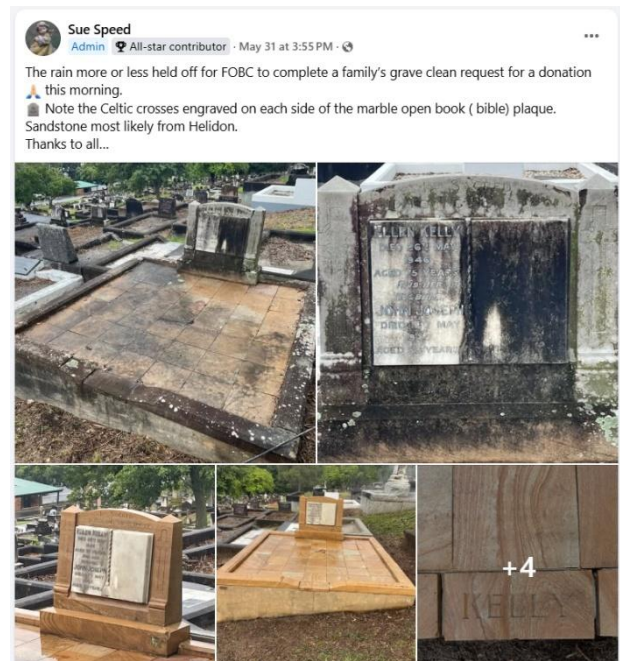
Several clean up days go on around southeast Queensland every week. Maybe you could join your local group and help keep our Cemeteries looking beautiful.



Friends of Nundah Historic Cemetery



Stone & Stories Uncovered



Friends of Balmoral Cemetery

Free Searching Websites

Qld School Admissions Registers

<https://www.data.qld.gov.au/dataset/school-admissions-registers-1878-2001>

Qld Indexes

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/starting/search-the-records/search-the-records>

City of Moreton Bay Libraries—History & Heritage

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Libraries/Discover/History-and-Heritage>

Qld Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.qld.gov.au>

NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/familyhistory/search?1>

Vic Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/64c33bae43563b265345faad>

NZ Births, Deaths & Marriages

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/home>

Libraries Tasmania – Births, Death & Marriages

<https://libraries.tas.gov.au/family-history/births-deaths-and-marriages/introduction/>

WA BDM – Online Search Tool

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/online-index-search-tool>

Find-a-Grave

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Search Archive Indexes – Immigration, Convicts, Prisoners & Early Settlers, Lands & Mining, Schools, Hospitals, Orphanages etc

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/starting/search-the-records/search-the-records>

The Ryerson Index

<https://ryersonindex.org/search.php>

Free BDM UK

<https://www.freebdm.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>

General Register Office – England & Wales

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/>

Ulster Historical Foundation

<https://ulsterhistoricalfoundation.com>

Scotland's People

<https://www.scotlandspoplel.gov.uk>

Trove

<https://trove.nla.gov.au>

Cyndi's List

<https://cyndilist.com>

Brisbane City Council – Cemeteries

<https://brisbane.discovereverafter.com>

FreeReg

<https://www.freereg.org.uk/>

Local Facebook Groups of Interest

Australian Ancestors—Family History Research Group
Australian Family History Genealogy Ancestral Research
Vintage to Modern Wedding Photos of Australia
Remembering the Past Australia
Chermside & Districts Historical Society
Nostalgic Brisbane
State Library of Western Australia
Pictures from the Past
A Colourful History
Cooroy Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group
National Trust of Australia
Royal Historical Society of Queensland
Old Australian Photos
Genealogy Sunshine Coast
Outback Family History
Peachester History Committee
Glasshouse History Group
Caboolture Historical Village
Landsborough Museum
Maleny Historical Society
The House Detective
Woodford Historical Society & Museum
Gympie Family History Society
Nundah & Districts Historical Society Inc
Windsor & Districts Historical Society
Dayboro Historical Society
Lost Brisbane
Enoggera & Districts Historical Society
Toowong and District Historical Society Group
Friends of Nundah Historic Cemetery

Caboolture - Then & Now!

22 Lower King Street, Caboolture (Images courtesy of City of Moreton Bay Library) Home of Coghill Family c1900's

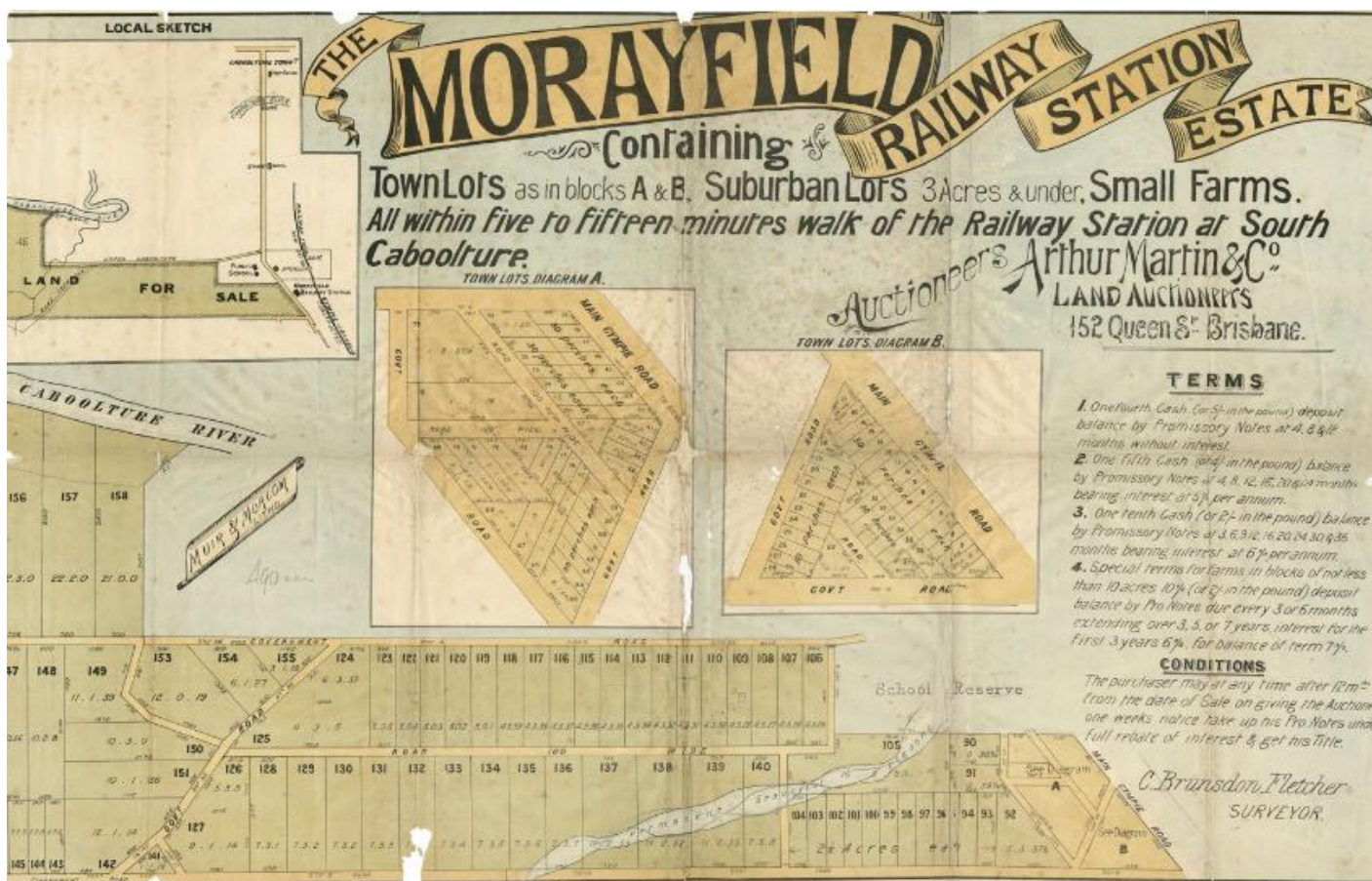
Then –



Now – 2026



Ever wanted an Old Maps of Brisbane or surrounds? Well once again we are shining a light on another subdivision, this time a map from the State Library of Queensland.



One of the very early sub-divisions of Morayfield. Always so interesting to see how our regions was developed.

We have added this page to our website as well.

SEND IN AN ARTICLE

We are asking our members to think about writing an article for the Newsletter. We need to have good content, and it is up to everyone to see what they can do to help make this Newsletter more informative for our members and for other groups who are on our mailing list. It would be great to hear about your family history journey's. It does not need to be more than a couple of paragraphs but if you are able to write more then please do. If you have photographs to go with the story, we can help scan or digitise them for you. Many of you have been with the Club for years and must have a story or two to tell. Please consider sending something through for the next Newsletter.

NEXT SILVER CIRCLE DRAW IS OPEN

Get your number now and join the next draw, please contact one of the committee or email cfhrg55@outlook.com to organise payment for your numbers.

All numbers will need to be sold before we can commence each draw.

This will be a 5-week draw.

Get your numbers now!

Winners from last draw are: -

Week 1 Helen Eaton
Week 2 Trevor Smith
Week 3 Beryl Collins
Week 4 Helen Eaton
Week 5 No Winner



Rules of

SILVER CIRCLE (over 5 weeks)

Cost \$10 to be paid up front

Weeks 1 - 4 = \$20 prize
Week 5 = \$100 prize

Numbers will be randomly drawn and not by choice

Winning number is first number drawn on Saturday night Lotto that is #30 or less

NO JACKPOTS

Will commence when all numbers are sold

(See one of the Committee or email the Club direct at cfhrg55@outlook.com to join in the draw)

Next draw starts shortly.



If you have one of these special occasions in your life, we wish to all the best and trust you will have a wonderful day celebrating your special occasion.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wed 4th February 2026 at 10.00am

Please bring a plate to share

Please RSVP your intention to attend or email an apology by Monday 2nd February.

Remember this is your Newsletter, so why not help make it even more special by sharing a family picture and short story.