

CFHRG NEWSLETTER

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From the Presidents' Desk

I can't believe that it is almost a year since the current committee took over our Club; it has been a full-on year well and truly. Some of the highlights for me is are: the redesign of our Club Logo to modernise and streamline the look and feel; our Founding Families Project, highlighting every land owner in the Moreton Bay District from 1860 to 1910 approx and Heritage Day, where our expertise as researchers helped to provide some fabulous information for our Heritage Day Posters that showcased the amazing early settlers to the Old Moreton Bay District; and the Moreton History Seminar which was a terrific opportunity to launch our Founding Families project and let our community know about the work we are doing for this.

This year has also seen our numbers slowly grow and we look forward to further growth in the ensuing year. I would ask anyone who may have family or friends who could be interested in researching their family history, that you offer them the opportunity to come along and see how we can help them with their research.



Our Founding Families project has really taken off. Following our Facebook posts we have had a number of people contact us about what we are doing, with offers of information about their forbears. We are so thankful for their assistance and interest in our project.

We currently have over 2,400 families have been identified as Founding Families, and this has meant that we now have hundreds of family connections via marriage. We do have a few families that have contributed to the development of Queensland within our timeframe. These early families were responsible for providing timber and produce for the fledgling colony.

Our next Founding Families Connect Event will be held over two Sunday's in May – 19th & 26th. We are going to have it as a time-based ticketed event so that each family has time to speak with and share their information with us and we with them. We want to be able to develop solid

foundations and support from these families. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in these events, please let us know so we can give them a timeslot for one of these days.

A Founding Families Connect Newsletter will be going out very shortly and letting all the current members know that we will be showcasing more of our research at these days. We have identified over 2400 Founding Families and so the amount of research required is now quite incredible. If you are willing to help research BDM's or Trove for a couple of hours a week, then we would be grateful for the help.

As we progress with this project, it has created a great deal of interest in Family History circles around Southeast Queensland. I have spoken to a number of members of other Family History Groups and this project has piqued their interest and they have suggested that we send through more information about its' scope and progress. Over the next few months, we will hopefully be able to present some of the information and stories we have gathered for a number of Founding Families at other events and groups. If you know of any other groups who would like to hear about this project, please contact me.

If you would like to register to get more information or attend one of our Founding Families Connect events or more information about our Founding Family project, please contact us via email at cfhr55@outlook.com

Should you believe you have a Founding Family in your Ancestry please let us know so we can check and see if we have their name on our list.

If you would like to know which families are on the list, please check out our Facebook page as we regularly add alphabetically lists of those we have identified.



So, after an extended wet, long, Summer we may finally be getting some cooler weather.

Hope everyone had a nice Easter Break.

We have had a few days over the last month when we have not been able to open the Club due to the weather, hopefully with the cooler months ahead and less wet days we will be open on all of our scheduled days.



Check out our Facebook page for updates on the Club.

Caboolture Family History Research Group Inc – “like and share” our page with your family and friends. It is updated regularly with information about the Club and highlights other Sites and Events that may be of interest to fellow researchers.

MEMBERSHIPS

A reminder that all Memberships are due by the 30th April. Pay cash in the Club or via direct debit. Details are on the renewal forms. Forms were sent out via email last month but let us know if you need a form and it will be emailed to you.

We have a few of cartons of Golden Circle poppers left from Australia Day. If members would like to purchase any, they are \$4 per 6 pack. Just ask when you are next in the Club. A few different flavours are available.

SAVE THESE DATES

MORETON BAY REGION
Libraries

MORETON BAY HISTORY SEMINAR - Morayfield

9TH MAY 2024 - 9am-3pm



Discover significant events and exciting narratives @ the 7th annual Moreton Bay History Seminar. With engaging guest speakers and stall from the regions Historical Groups and Societies. The all-day 2024 Seminar promises to showcase the Culture and Heritage of Moreton Bay. This is a great day to learn more about our region and to listen to some very interesting talks.

CFHRG Inc. WILL BE PART OF THE DAY.

Held at the Morayfield Sports and Events Centre.

This is a free event but you do need to book.

Head to moretonbay.qld.gov.au and save your spot.

CFHRG Inc AGM Wednesday 19th June at 10am

We are looking for any Members who like to nominate for any of the Committee Positions:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

Nomination forms are available at the Club, or we can email one to you.

As well as these positions there are several other positions that have remained unfilled for a couple of years. We used to have an extended Committee, which included **Fundraiser, Publicity Officer, Research Officer, Librarian, if anyone would be willing to take on any of these positions, it would help the Exec Committee and lighten their workload. If you want more information about any of the positions, please get in touch and we can let you know what is involved.**

Could Members also put forward any AGENDA ITEMS.



14th SEPTEMBER 2024
REDCLIFFE REMEMBER

200 years of Redcliffe History.

September 2024 is set to become an exciting and interesting month for Queenslanders interested in local and family history.

A series of events is being planned to acknowledge the passing of 200 years since the brig Amity anchored just off Redcliffe Point on 12th September 1824.

The goals of the organising committee are to provide an opportunity for residents, day trippers and visitors to mark the significance of the arrival of the first European settlers to Queensland and to acknowledge the presence of the First Nations People who already inhabited this site.

The historical significance of this program is important as it will tie in with the establishment of the settlement of Brisbane in 1825. This is a great opportunity for Redcliffe's program to have a flow on effect with Brisbane's locations of significance.

Recently, there has been a resurgence of interest in local and family history, and particularly the establishment of the penal colony in 1824. We are committed to developing a high-quality program of events based on a timeline from prior to 1824 until the present day. Research has proven the importance of high-quality tourist experiences, and this week will be beneficial to local traders, tourist operators, creatives, and residents.

We also would like to hear from descendants of the soldiers, their wives and children and convicts so that we can invite them to attend a morning tea.

CFHRG will represent our Club and showcase the Founding Families Project and with as many Founding Families Connect members as possible.

If you have a Founding Family in your ancestry, please let us know so we can make sure you are represented at this auspicious event.

Contact: cfhrg55@outlook.com

Some interesting upcoming events members may wish to check out.



Australasian Conference 2025
CONNECTIONS
Past - Present - Future
Family History - Genealogy - Local History

Brisbane
21 to 24
March
2025

Three Keynote Speakers

Six Master Classes

Forty Two Specialist Speakers

Join us for **Connections 2025**
Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists to uncover the past, celebrate the present and tap into the future.

Full details and registration here:
www.connections2025.org.au
office@connections2025.org.au


AFFHO
Together we can achieve much more!

 **GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc**
Enriching family history


 **HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC.**

I have learned two very important lessons in my life.

I don't remember the first one, but the second one is to write everything down.



Brisbane in Flood
Sunday, 28 April 2024



QPS Headquarters, Ground Floor Conference Room, 200 Roma Street.
Best to arrive by public transport, please pre-check Bus and Rail timetables.
Street parking all round QPS HQ is metered until 7pm.
The Queensland Police Museum will be open 10am to 3pm.

10:30 – 11:10	Morning Tea, Registration and Book Sales
11:10 – 11:15	Welcome, BHG Vice-President
11:15 – 11:50	Margaret Cook, 'No two floods are the same: Brisbane's flood history'
11:50 – 12:25	Lisa Jones, 'Policing the 1974 Flood'
12:25 – 13:00	Christine Ianna, 'Saving your soggy family treasures'
13:00 – 13:30	Closing and Questions

Enquiries: Lisa Jones 0408 883 251 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL RSVP 24 April 2024

Brisbane in Flood 28 April 2024


Admission: **FREE**
Booking: Online – Humanitix.com/BrisbaneinFlood; Post details to PO Box 2118, Brookside Centre, Qld 4053 or email details to brisbanehistoryevents@gmail.com

Number attending: _____

Name(s) attending: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____



The Female Convicts Research Centre
in partnership with the
School of Humanities, University of Tasmania



Freedom:
time served, moving on

This seminar will focus on the pathways to freedom for convict women and will explore the lives they led once emancipated.

Sunday, 5 May 2024
9.00 – 3.00
Stanley Burbury Theatre,
University of Tasmania
and also as a live-streamed webinar

 Theatre Bookings  Webinar Bookings

<https://femaleconvicts.org.au>



THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024

This year Woodford Historical Society and Museum will be holding its ANZAC commemoration and showcasing the COBB FAMILY and their service to our defence forces since WW1.

For all the details about the day contact Donna Grigor at <woodfordhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com>

Newsletters & Information From other Historical Societies

We generally receive a number of emails containing Newsletters and Flyers from many different Historical Societies and Groups throughout the month letting us know about what they are up to. In February & March we received Newsletters & information from the following:

- Armidale Family History Group - Dust of Ages & a flyer about their 2024 Annual Seminar coming up in April.
- The Caboolture Historical Society - The Village Voice.
- Family History Academy Newsletter; Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc - with a number of Educational Courses available this year.
- History Queensland with a number of publications and events.
- New Farm & District Historical Society – check out their Facebook page for their monthly events.
- The Queensland Family History Society’s “Snippets” with information about their program for the coming weeks at their new venue at Chermside
- Mornington Peninsula Family History Society February Newsletter.
- Roma District Family History Society.
- SAG - Society of Australian Genealogist - in Sydney- might be some events there worth checking out if you are in the area.
- Qld State Archives - New Exhibition - Beneath this Skin is now open - up till 3rd June, this looks like it would be a great exhibition to attend.

Toowong & District Historical Society has just released a new book “Toowong: Twenty Memories of Yesteryear”, if you have family who lived in the Toowong area, this may be of

interest to you and your family.

This is just some of the publications we receive, so if you would like more information about any of these please contact our Secretary: Alison Algate at cfhrg55@outlook.com

Websites & Facebook Groups of Interest



Hard to believe CL is 28 years old today! Still FREE. Still your online starting point for online research. Thank you for using Cyndi's List and sharing it with your friends. The site is due for a long-needed update, so please consider a birthday donation to support the site. I appreciate all of you who have supported Cyndi's List all these years. Thank you!!

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Qld School Admissions Registers

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

Qld Indexes

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

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>

The Ryerson Index

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

Free BDM UK

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

Scotlands People

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

Trove

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

Facebook Groups

Australilan Ancestors—Family History Research Group

Australian Family History Genealogy Ancestral Research

Vintage to Modern Wedding Photos of Australia

DONATION OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CLUB!

Our Club has now registered with Containers for Change

If any Members have empty cans or bottles that are accepted, deposit them and the cash will come to the Club. Members can deposit on our behalf, simply by choosing the Charity they want to support.

Our Member Number is C11438854.



We are going to restart both -

Silver Circle and Scratch and Support.

More information on both of these will be forthcoming shortly.

“COINCIDENCE???”

No doubt there are many amongst us who have found some amazing facts about the people we research. Member Wayne Kelly discovered just this when he was researching a Kelly Ancestor from Ireland. It prompted Wayne to write the following story which he titled. **“COINCIDENCE”** Wayne kindly gave his permission for us to include it in this month's newsletter.

How many times have you asked yourself this question when you stumbled upon something interesting and completely unexpected?

I have been researching my Kelly ancestry from Ireland and occasionally stumble on a gem or two myself. For instance, my Grandfather William Kelly 5y.o. and his sisters, Mary 8y.o. Jane 10y.o. and Sarah E. 18y.o. (20y.o. by records but she was after a husband) sailed from South Hampton 10th August 1887 on the “S.S. Chyeabassa” arriving in Brisbane 4th October 1887. While searching for information and a photograph of the ship I came across a copy of a diary of a passenger on one of the many voyages she made from South Hampton to Brisbane. I ordered it thinking it would give me an idea as to what life would have been like on such a voyage as my Grandfather made with his 3 sisters and no parents.

The diary was written by Allan Aitken and, BY COINCIDENCE, he was on my grandfather's voyage. Alan Aitken was given the paid position of constable for the voyage and, BY COINCIDENCE, he was in charge of women and children. He and his wife would have known my grandfather and perhaps their children played with him and his young sisters during the 54day voyage.

Further research into the ship after seeing many booklets in the Tiaro information centre put me in touch with the Maryborough Family History members. They very kindly checked the Chronicle archives and found only one entry of the “S. S. Chyeabassa” visiting the area and, you guessed it, BY COINCIDENCE, it was dated Monday October 3, 1887. (The very ship my Grandfather was on)!

Arrivals: October 1 (at White Cliffs) “Chyeabassa” B.I.S.N. Company R.N. Steamer, Captain Wilson, from London via Queensland Ports, J. Walker and Co Ltd Agents.

Departures: October 1 (from White Cliffs) Chyeabassa B.I.S.N. Company R.N. Steamer, Captain Wilson, for Brisbane, J. Walker and Co Ltd Agents.

Upon arrival in Brisbane the children spent 3 days in immigration before they received a sponsor and, BY COINCIDENCE, her name was Sarah Aitken. I have not proved any relationship with Allan (the author of the diary) but I have to wonder, if she was, did Allan recommend the children to her after his association with them on the voyage. (Just another notation to follow up on)

My aunty is taking a world cruise this year and the second half is London to Sydney via Suez, the way my Grandfather came, calling into the ports mentioned in Allan's diary. The time to do this leg of the journey? -- BY COINCIDENCE -- **54 days!!!**

.Wayne Kelly.



To anyone with a Celebration this Month enjoy your special day and to those who aren't feeling the best, rest up and get well soon.



A little early but just in case you forget
Sunday 12th May
Mother's Day.

Hoping everyone has a great Month ahead and don't forget that if you have anything that you would like added to our Newsletters' please let us know.

CFHRG 45th Anniversary Celebrations 2025



As mentioned in the March Newsletter, we are asking you to send us through your "Club Memories" ie photos, stories or recollections of the Club, so we may include them in our Club's Anniversary Publication. We would also be interested in any Family Recipe's. So put your thinking caps on and start sending through your memories!

Planning is underway to celebrate this incredible milestone in the life of CFHRG. If you were / are a member of our group and would like to be involved in our celebration, please contact us (cfhrg55@outlook.com) to be updated about this event.