Caboolture Family History Research Group Inc.
Preserving Your History
2025 - Celebrating 45 years

CFHRG NEWSLETTER

July - August 2025

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From the Presidents' Desk

So here we are halfway through the year, and it has been quite busy.

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.

Facebook – A trip down memory lane... "Family Trees" by Janet Reakes has been widely shared with over 145k people across a number of large Australian Family History groups, and this is helping to raise our profile. Many of our posts have been shared many many times. This is really terrific and helps us to let our community know what we do.

Facebook Stats – We now have 661 Followers on our page, and this grows weekly. Our two posts a day seem to be hitting the mark too. Any suggestions as to topics we could cover would be greatly appreciated.

CHV Shop space – Our shop space has been quiet over the last few months, we have sold a couple books and several of our mugs, however as the 1st year comes to an end, we don't believe that it has been really worthwhile as the number of visitors to the village appears to be down quite a bit and so we have decided that we will not renew at the end of this financial year, instead creating a new display in our Club Rooms for the merchandise.

Heritage Day – We again participated in Heritage Day at the Village with a display in the Foyer which attracted a large amount of attention on the day and over the month the display ran. We met quite a few founding families and many others who were interested in what was on display and what we do.

Fundraising – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle has been offered for the 13th July, however, we have decided not to take up this offer, perhaps later in the year. Also, Car Parking has been set down for Saturday 14th June, as we have not had any takers, we have now declined to take part. Several new members have offered their services to help with our fundraising events so let's get behind them too and support our club so we can continue moving forward. The next Car Parking opportunity is "Jetty to Jetty" July 20th and the more people who volunteer the more money we will make. Most of the car parking duties will not be difficult at all and Jetty to Jetty will require over 200 volunteers for this event.

Foyer Heritage Display – We had a display as part of Heritage month in the Foyer of the Village and this proved to quite a talking point for visitors. We had quite a number of display items, costumes, and family histories together with some of our posters. (Pictures later in the Newsletter).

Membership – Our membership is currently 35 including 5 Life Members and including 4 new members since April. Welcome to Lyn Bartlett, Trevor Smith, Mary O'Neill-Smith and Pam Eaton.

New Lease with CHV – As you are all aware we have been given a new lease and have been told that we are not in any position to negotiate with CHV about it and we just need to take it all on the chin and sign on the dotted line. Well, that may have been the case, however we have managed to secure a small concession in that we only need to give CHV 60 days' notice, if we wish to leave the Village. This will mean that we will not have to pay out the 8-year lease should we be unable to meet our commitments. Having said this, we have now signed the lease and returned it to CHV.

We have also met with the City of Moreton Bay Council, and they are working with us to see if they are able to secure us a new more suitable premises in the future. This will of course take some time; however, the Council are very much aware of the situation for all the groups within the Village and they are working to try and resolve the situation.

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.

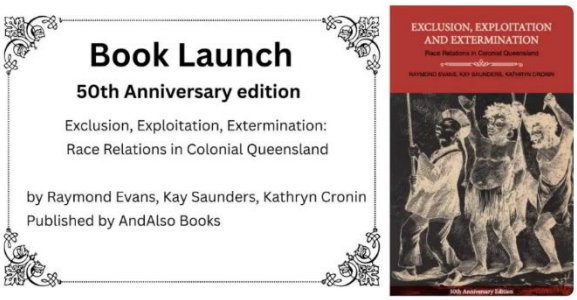
It is truly amazing to see how many times one family can connect to multiple others.

FOUNDING FAMILIES CONNECT

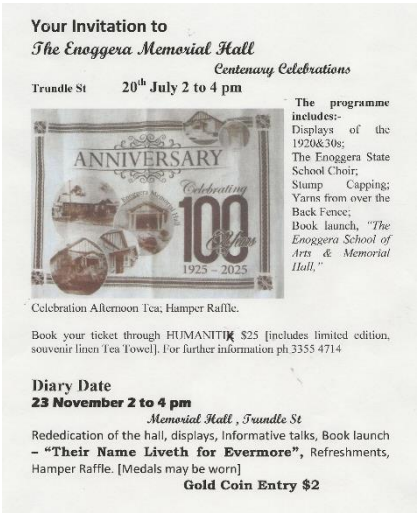
The Founding Families Newsletter is underway and will be out within a few days. I hope that the families who have contacted us so far will be keen to hear about what we have been doing and how far we have come. We are intending to have a Founding Families Connect function in Sept / Oct and hope that we can connect with a wider group and be able to introduce some of our current families to until now unknown relatives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Royal Historical Society of Queensland



Tuesday, 19 August 2025, 5:30pm at the Commissariat Store



Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery
17h ·

Ah, a cemetery night tour! How utterly thrilling and mysterious! We have two tours coming up later this week -

Friday 25th - Pioneer Women

Seen as the perfect companion to our Women of South Brisbane Cemetery tour, this experience steps even further back in time — shining a light on the lives of female pioneers whose contributions helped forge the foundations of Queensland society. Drawn directly from historical records, these stories honour the women who faced isolation, hardship, and untamed frontiers — and still left their mark on history.

Sunday 27th - Murder & Mayhem

Beneath the quiet headstones of South Brisbane Cemetery lie stories that once shocked a city. On this gripping after-dark walk, we delve into the real-life dramas of those caught up in scandal, violence, and heartbreaking loss — all based on thoroughly researched historical records.

Please check the events for more details.

Stories In Stone
March 22 at 11:53 AM ·

We are happy to announce the presenters who have been confirmed so far for the 'Stories in Stones 2025' conference at the old Hamilton Town Hall on 16 August.

The programme is shaping up to be varied and full of fascinating perspectives on the heritage and history of SEQ cemeteries from experienced, entertaining and highly knowledgeable people.

Bookings will be available soon - please keep an eye on this page, our upcoming website, or join our email contact list. We're really looking forward to this!

Kelly Burstow (creator, *Cemetery as Place* website; Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery)
- Uncovering the Layers of South Brisbane Cemetery: A Trajectory of History

Jenny Clark (committee member, Friends of Balmoral Cemetery)
- The early Brisbane councils and their municipal cemeteries

Dr Leah Cotterell and **Narelle McCoy** (singers and producers, *Whistling Past the Graveyard*; recipients of the 2022 Letty Katts Fellowship)
- Stardust, Wish Me Luck, and other stories: Live performance in cemeteries

Wayne Dale (committee member, Friends of Nundah Historic Cemetery)
- German Heritage and Folklore Histories

Kay Duke (author, *The Mail Train Murders*)
- Research in the Cemetery

Lisa Herbert (guide, Cemetery Tours Toowoomba; author, *The Bottom Drawer Book*)
- The Headstone Heritage Project (Toowoomba) / Students and cemetery cleanups (Hemmant)
- The search for the missing Wolston Park patients: what happened to the cemeteries and remains?

Ben Kelly (CEO, Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association)
- Cemetery management in the coming century

Rebecca Lush (committee member, Australian Death Studies Society; curator, Integrated Pathology Learning Centre, UQ)
- Cemeteries Reimagined: Interpreting Cemeteries as Heritage Places

Kalila Matthews (social media content creator; cemetery cleaning volunteer)
- Sharing Stories Beyond the Graves: How Social Media Engages Communities in Cemetery Care and History

Sat, Aug 16 at 9 AM
Stories In Stone 2025 - Cemetery History Conference
Hamilton Town Hall, Brisbane
Interested

AFFHO

Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

Together We Can Achieve Much More

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Opening and Closing Ceremonies

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH
FAMILY HISTORY A LASTING LEGACY
AUGUST 2025

Awards • Prizes • Guest Speakers

Scroll Down to view Presentation Outlines, Speaker Biographies & Prize Details.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

OPENING CEREMONY

Friday August 1: 5.00PM AEST, via Zoom

- Summary of event – Gabriella Tsiprou FHM Coordinator, AFFHO
- Welcome – David Ballinger President AFFHO
- Nick Vine Hall Awards – Shauna Hicks
- A Lasting Legacy in the Digital Age – Andrew Redfern
- Final Words – David Ballinger

CLOSING CEREMONY

Sunday 31 August: 5.00PM AEST, via Zoom

- Welcome – David Ballinger President AFFHO
- Sharing your legacy by blogging – Anne Young
- Keeping your family's historical stories alive through writing non-fiction – Jane Smith
- Prize winner announcement – Gabriella Tsiprou
- Closing words – David Ballinger

State Library of Queensland
July 16 at 11:59 AM ·

To kick-start Family History Month, join us onsite at State Library of Queensland on Friday, 1 August, for "Sweat, Strikes & Sunshine - Queensland's Working Heritage", a free seminar on working life in 19th and 20th century Queensland. Drawing on State Library's extensive collection of original materials, including diaries, station records, correspondence, and images, our research librarians discuss how such records offer new insights into the lives of our ancestors.

This event is followed by a White Gloves Experience, during which a specially curated selection of State Library's original materials are showcased for your viewing.

⛴ Sweat, Strikes & Sunshine - Queensland's Working Heritage
📅 Friday 1 August 2025, 10:30am
🏢 Onsite
🎟 Free

Registrations are essential, so sign up today for this one-off experience.

SLQ.QLD.GOV.AU
Sweat, Strikes & Sunshine: Queensland's Working Heritage
Discover special documents in which workers from the past tell us in their own words the c...

Newsletters & Information From other Historical Societies

From April to July, we received Newsletters & information from the following:

Armidale Family History Group – June 2025

Caloundra Family History– Caloundra Clipper– Dec 2024 & June 2025

Genealogical Society Gladstone District – May 2025

Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc – May 2025

Genealogical Soc of NT – March 2025

Maryborough District Family History Society – May 2025

Mornington Peninsular Family History Society – May 2025

New Farm & District Historical Society – April, May, June, July - 2025

Nundah & Districts Historical Society – June 2025

QFHS –May, June - 2025

Roma District Family History Society – May 2025

Toowong and District Historical Society – March 2025

Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society – July 2025

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

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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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Stone & Stories Uncovered
Restoring Respect

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

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

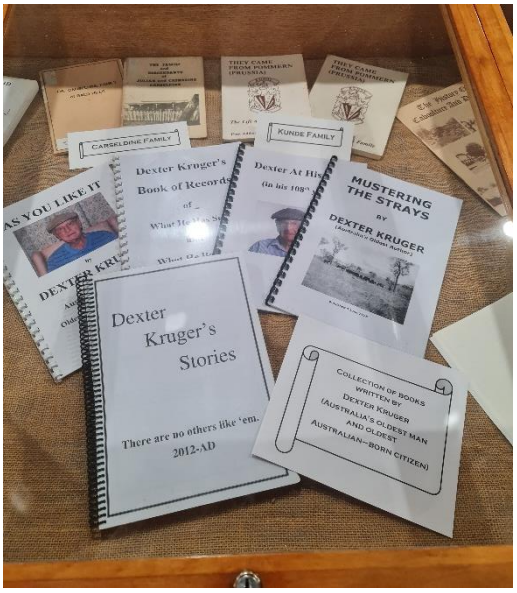
Friends of Nundah Historic Cemetery

Stone & Stories Uncovered

Friends of Balmoral Cemetery

Heritage Day 2025

Helen Eaton, Sue Battersby, Phil Eaton, Bev Bennion and Tom Blake all represented the Club on Heritage Day and spoke with many people about the display, the Club and Founding Families.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KUNDE FAMILY
Dexter Kruger's Book of Records
Dexter At His
MUSTERING THE STRAYS
BY
DEXTER KRUGER
Dexter Kruger's Stories
There are no others like 'em.
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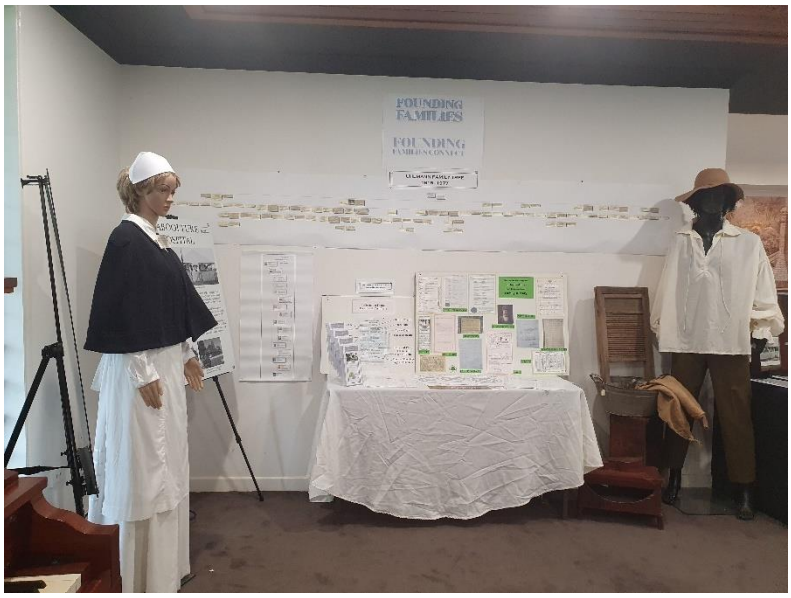
COLLECTION OF BOOKS WRITTEN BY
DEXTER KRUGER
(AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST MAN AND OLDEST AUSTRALIAN–BORN CITIZEN)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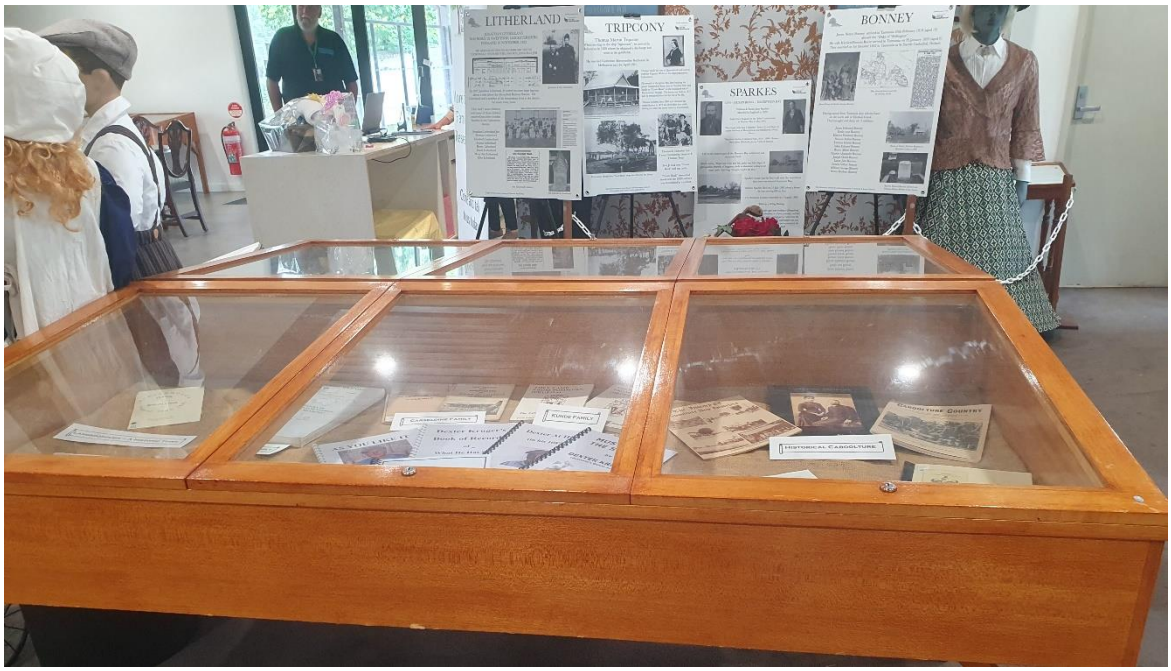
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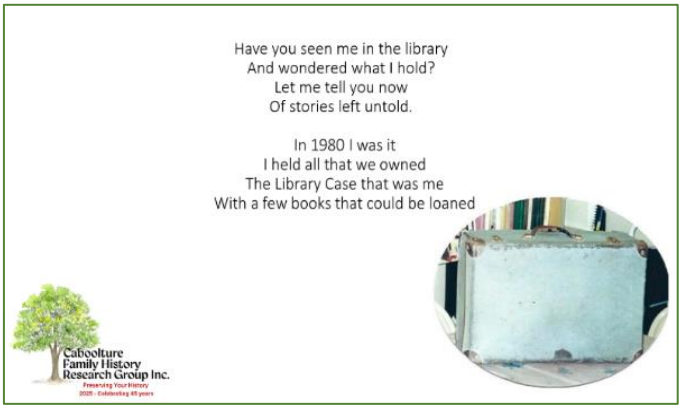
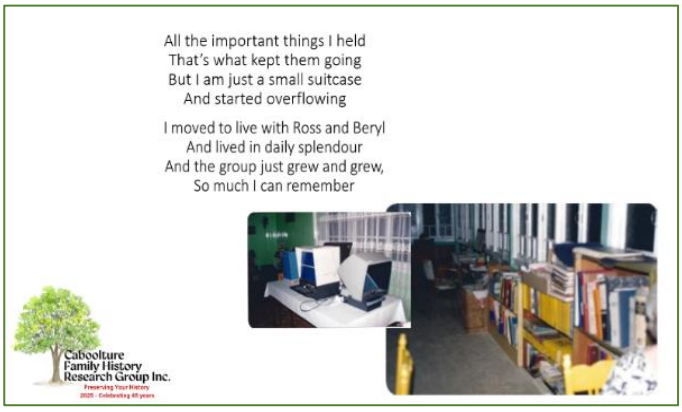
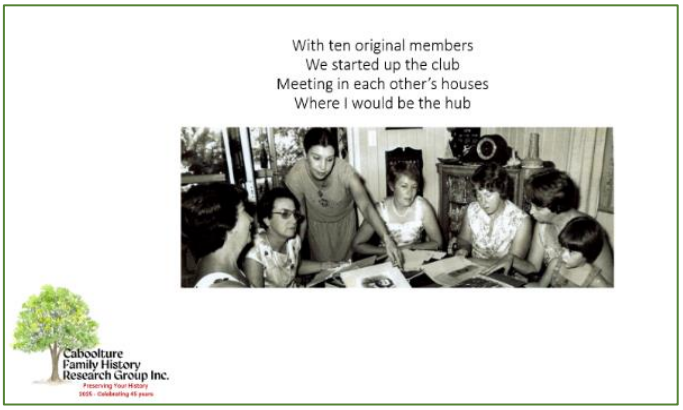
HISTORICAL CARGOLTURE

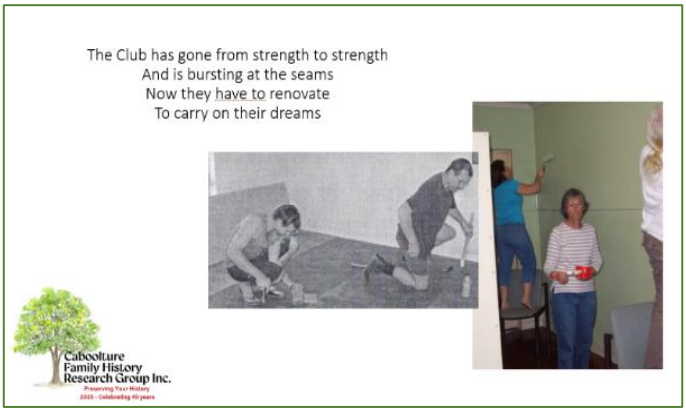
CITY OF MORETON BAY HISTORY SEMINAR

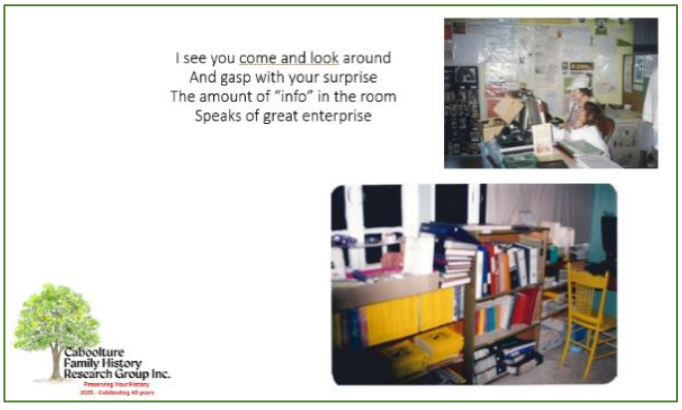
The Club participated in the History Seminar again this year and the presentation was about our Club and the fact it is our 45th year. I based the presentation on the Poem by our member, Janet O'Flaherty (2005) "The Blue Suitcase". This amazing poem speaks volumes about our Club. So here is some of the presentation for you to enjoy.











Their house was taken over
We had to move along,
The Old Fire station was vacant
And here we could belong.

Rhona Collinson presenting a plaque of Appreciation to Beryl and Ross Wolfenden

And so, in August 2010 we were advised that the Council was going to demolish the Old Fire Station and so after much discussion we were offered a place at the Caboolture Historical Village. Much packing had to be done to move us as we had added a few thousand titles to our resources.

Jane O'Brien, Joanne Beeston & Janet O'Flaherty packing up the library.

On 27th November 2010 just before we moved, we celebrated our 30 year Anniversary at the Caboolture Historical Village super room.

Founding Members cutting the cake, Gloria McEwan (Member No 22 and Rhona Collinson (Member No 2) both now Life Members

In October 2012 we launched another book by Joanne Beeston the Librarian on the Old Caboolture Fire Station, the history of the building from when it was constructed in 1964 to it being demolished in 2011.

Ex-Firemen from the old Caboolture Fire Station, Joanne Beeston, current fireman from the new Caboolture Fire Station

30 year Anniversary was such a huge milestone for the club and the celebrations were well deserved. Lots of our members volunteered to help to make this a memorable occasion.

In 2012 we updated our building with a roof over our courtyard to give us more space. Our member Phil Eaton and a small dedicated team constructed our new carport area.

Over 30 years we have researched many family's histories and help uncover family secrets, mysteries, missing branches, lost identities, smashed down brick walls and disappeared down numerous rabbit holes.

The new building was much smaller than the Old Fire Station but with some careful organisation we managed to fit almost everything in.

In June 2014 Phil paved the entire space. Oh Phil what would we do without you..

The paving work was completed over 5 days.

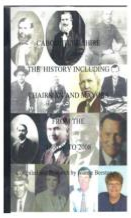
On the 12th March 2011, we had the Official Opening of our new premises.

President Jane O'Brien and Patron Greg Chippendale cutting the ribbon.

On the 14th November 2015 we celebrated our 35th Anniversary as part of the celebrations, we launched three new books A Memorial to the World War 1 Ancestors from the Caboolture Family History Research Group Members; A Memorial to the Service People of the Caboolture Family History Group members serving in various wars and our 35-year Anniversary Book.

Over the years we ran Craft Stall, Sausage Sizzles and Cake stalls to help raise funds to purchase more new resources for the club. We also published several books over the years.

A new book was published by our then librarian Joanne Beeston for the club, it was called the Caboolture Shire Mayors from 1880 to 2008 and it was launched on the 20th August 2011. The launch day was held outside our new premises under shade tents.



Our 40th Anniversary came in 2020 along with Covid 19. This certainly put a large dint in our group, unable to meet, we concentrated on our own research using online resources. We published our 40th Anniversary Hindsight Quarterly publication.

Yes, I'm still here on the shelf watching over the Club, it's been two years since the new Committee came on board. There's been a few problems and hiccups, but we're still going and even have some new members, which is fantastic. I'm so happy.

A huge new project was suggested
Founding Families of the District to be found.
The lives of the Committee have certainly been tested
As they search for information, and make sure it is sound.

Searching old old records, maps, BDM's and Trove
Sending out requests and questionnaires to everyone they can.
The info and the sources, they will have to prove
Inquiring if it's one of theirs and when the dynasties began.

FOUNDING FAMILIES

The whole fantastic project, it has just snowballed
And they've had to rethink and rearrange the rooms
There is so much information, new files have been installed
To keep families together with all the brides and grooms.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers
Who have been here for good times and bad
And as we celebrate this, our Club of 45 years
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Free Searching Websites

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/starting/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

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.scotlandspeoplel.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!

Caboolture River Bridge (Images courtesy of City of Moreton Bay Library & Courier Mail)

Then –

Now –

Ever wanted an Old Maps of Brisbane? Well once again we are shining a light another subdivision from www.Suburbmaps.com

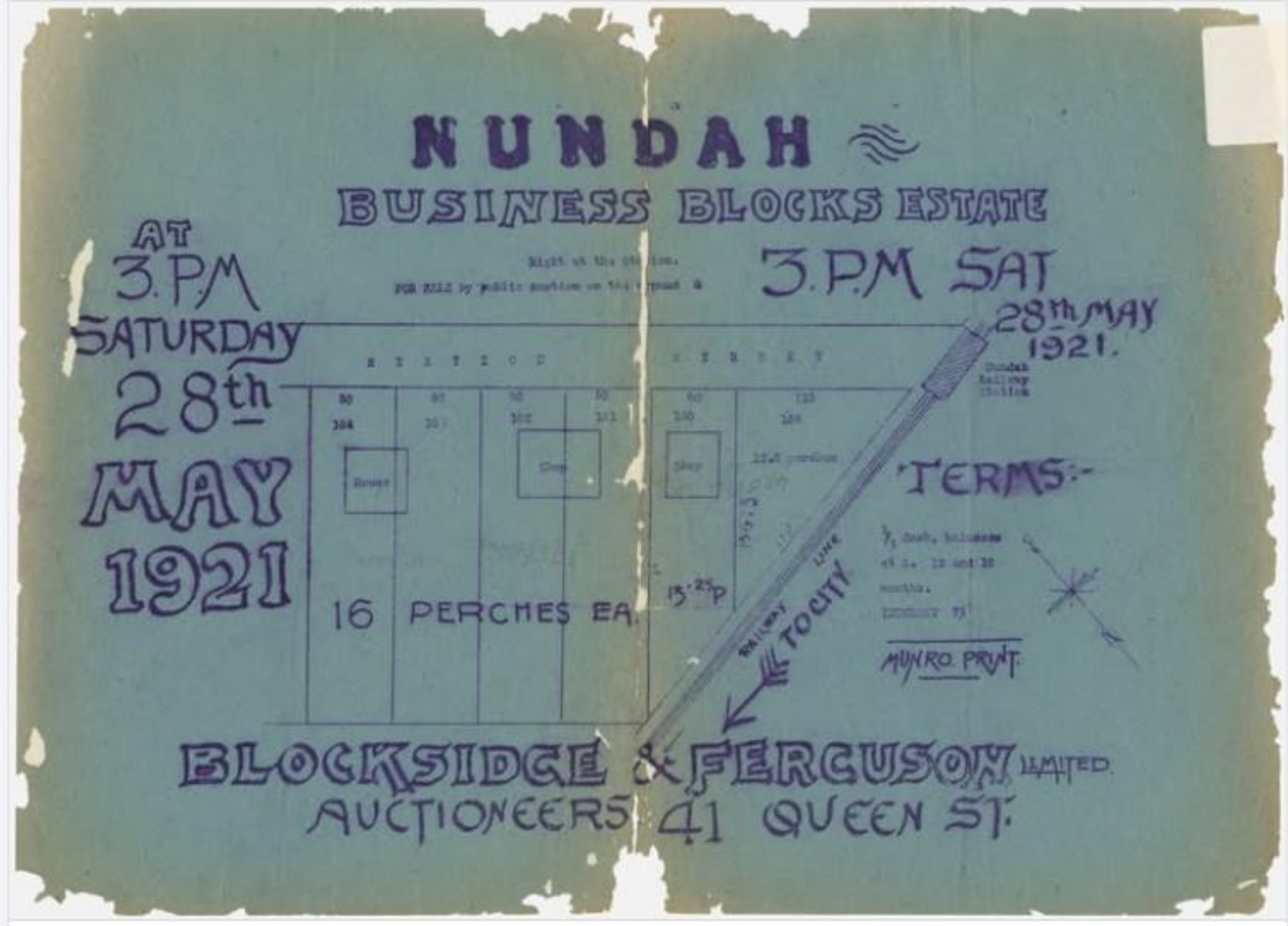
SuburbMaps.com is celebrating a birthday in **Nundah, Queensland.**
May 28 at 5:30 PM ·

1921 Business Blocks Estate - Nundah
28 May 1921 - 104 years ago today

Today, 104 years ago, on Saturday, 28th May 1921, the Business Blocks Estate was being advertised for sale on the ground by Blocksidge & Ferguson.

"Right at the Station"

(Adapted from images sourced from the Iona Facebook page)
#OnThisDay #Nundah #Brisbane #BrisbaneHistory #BrisbaneProperty #Maps



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 May

Week 1	Phil Eaton (30)
Week 2	No Winner (1)
Week 3	No Winner (31)
Week 4	Helen Eaton (13)
Week 5	Jacqui Brinkhoff (5)

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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.

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 GENERAL MEETING – August 2025

Friday 8th August 2025 at 10.00am

Please bring a plate to share

Please RSVP your intention to attend or email an apology by Wednesday 6th August.

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

From my family history collection… The chook house behind "Glenowen", (the family knew it as "Islay"), when it was situated in King Street, where the water tower is today! My Great Grandmother "Lellie" raised lots of chooks for the family.

This is my Uncle Bevan, my father's brother in front of the chook house.

This is Lellie and my father Blair Battersby. He was such a cutie, helping out granny feed the chooks.