

Kenmore & District Historical Society Inc

President's Annual Report

For the period 20 February 2014 to 30 June 2014

The report covers the period from the launch of the Kenmore & District Historical Society on 20 February 2014 until the end of this reporting year, 30 June 2014... a period of just over 4 months.

However I would firstly like to mention the work done by the Steering Group from their first meeting in September 2013, facilitated by Brisbane City Council archivist Annabel Lloyd and attended by Cr Margaret de Wit. At the January 2014 meeting it was decided to re-form a history group which was renamed as Kenmore & District Historical Society.

Members of the Steering Committee were Pat Dryden, who became the chair, Sue Deal, Brian Becconsall, Sue Turner and Fyri Fahir. During 5 months this group investigated incorporation, public liability insurance, storage of records, and the name and boundaries of the group. They developed a Membership Form and opened a bank account.

I would like to thank all the members of the Steering Committee for the work they did in setting up the Kenmore & District Historical Society.

At the foundation meeting on 20 February 2014, the guest speaker was Jean Stewart a member of the Kenmore & District Historical Society and esteemed historian who spoke about her home Kenmore Park after which the suburb of Kenmore was named.

Also at this meeting the Management Committee was elected from the nominations received. Pat Dryden was elected President, Penny Cook Secretary, Suzanne Hanson Treasurer, and Sue Deal, Lola Priddle and Judy Magub committee members.

The Management Committee has met each month since and worked to establish the Kenmore & District Historical Society. The committee organised incorporation which was achieved in May 2014. The society also joined the Royal Historical Society of Queensland and Queensland History Inc. A Collection Policy was adopted, as were several procedures including a photographic record form, an Oral History Agreement and committee roles and responsibilities.

Also discussed were other issues such as how to receive general enquiries and whether to transcribe discussions at general meetings.

Pat Dryden provided local history to Coles Supermarket for a display to mark their 100th anniversary. Penny Cook held an oral history workshop in May.

A number of research projects commenced during the reporting year. Judy Magub and Jane Holmes have been working on the Chapel Hill Cemetery, with Dorothy Millar acting as liaison with the Uniting Church. Sue Deal has undertaken considerable work on Kenmore's commercial buildings and the people who operated them. Sue has also been our representative on the Brisbane City Council Shopping Centre Improvement Program Consultation and has been working with the Council representatives to ensure the local history is included in the outcome.

Ian and Penny Cook commenced research on the 12 men who are recorded on the Kenmore War Memorial for the Boer War. And a partnership has been established with the Kenmore and Moggill RSL on the 'Adopt a Digger' program as part of the 100th anniversary of World War 1.

Penny Cook and Judy Magub have begun recording the history of the Kenmore State School.

Work commenced on designing a logo and the society has been most fortunate to have the volunteer services of Peta McDonald-Smith. Peta also began work on designing the web page.

A number of successful general meetings were held during the remainder of the reporting year. Helen McMonagle was guest speaker in March 2014. Helen is chairperson of the Moggill Historical Society as well as being President of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland.

This was followed by Deb Drummond and Janice Teunis in April who spoke to their book *Lingering Doubts*. In May members were treated to a spirited presentation by Avon Moffatt who is a member of the Lockyer Valley Light Horse Association.

The last meeting of the reporting year was aimed at capturing the past with the presentation of historic photos of the district. Member, Vi Hall (nee Clarkson) showed her family photographs of Kenmore from the 1920s. Pat Dryden also discussed her new book. At this meeting we trialled a new layout of tables and chairs, allowing better interaction and discussion between members.

We have had good publicity in the Local Bulletin each month and membership stood at 37 on 30 June 2014

We are very grateful for the support of our three political representatives, Councillor Margaret de Wit, state member Bruce Flegg MP and federal member Jane Prentice MP.

It has been an eventful start to a new society and much has been achieved in our first 4 months. This has been due to the time and considerable contributions of the members of our Management Committee. Please join me in thanking them all.

Judy Magub
Acting President

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