



Kenmore & District Historical Society Inc

ANNUAL REPORT 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

This report covers the 12 months from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Penny Cook in February. She had been secretary for the first 2 years and during that time had achieved a lot in assisting to set up the Society. She had a special skill with forms and policies, a keen interest in war history and she co-authored the Pictorial History publication.

We also recognise the loss of member Pat Dryden's husband Jim during the year.

The year started with the Management Committee consisting of Judy Magub (President), Suzanne Hanson (Treasurer) and Sue Deal (Committee Member). Peter Nimmo was appointed to fill the casual vacancy of Secretary in July. He resigned in October 2016. At the AGM in November Judy Magub did not renominate for the Committee. Penny Cook was elected President, Peter Nimmo as Secretary, Suzanne Hanson as Treasurer, Ian and Cathy Douglas were elected as Committee Members, and Sue Deal re-elected as Committee Member.

In December Dianne Harris joined the committee. Sadly Penny passed away in February and a new President was not elected. The Committee decided to rotate the chairmanship of the meetings. Peter Nimmo again resigned from the committee in May 2017. Judy Magub joined the committee in June 2017.

Twelve Committee Meetings and nine General Meetings were held during the year. This is one fewer General Meeting than planned because the September meeting had to be cancelled due to a breakdown in AV facilities at our meeting place. Average attendance at general meetings has been 25 members. Our membership has been 60-65.

We have had some excellent guest speakers during this year. They were: Jeff and Ann Hilder on The Gap history and Darby McGrath in July; Val Donovan on Aboriginal history in August; Patrick Dixon on Brisbane River Housing in October; the AGM, a roundtable discussion on 'The Ekka' and 'Children's Birthday Parties' in November; Phillip Castle on the Stinson Crash near O'Reilly's in 1937 in February; Ross Webster on The Brisbane Tea Rooms run by the Webster Family in March; Don & Jim Knowlman on Griffin & Knowlman history in April; Andrew Darbyshire on the Brisbane Spreads West book in May; and Dr Ron Tooth on the Pullenvale Environmental and Education Centre in June.

The Pictorial History Book has continued to sell well. By the end June the balance in the account for that book was \$5733. However during the year \$1358 of profit had been spent on a second print run of 200 books, so the 187 books in stock at 30 June are an asset and represent a further approx \$1270 in value, so total profit to date earned from the book is

just over \$7000. This is a great result (so far) and it puts us in good stead to fund the publishing of further books on our local history. A new book may require around \$5000 for the artwork, editing etc and first print. And there are a few books in the pipeline.

The publication, Brisbane Heads West was a collaborative effort of most of the history groups in the western suburbs, organized by Andrew Derbyshire of the St Lucia History Group. Our representative on the committee was Penny Cook. We applied for a grant from the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund for \$990 through our local Councillor Kate Richards. This was a successful and became our contribution to the funding of the publication. We received 85 copies of the book to sell at \$15 each. By the end of this reporting year we had sold 35.

Six William Pacey Diaries have been sold and we arrange printing of those as required.

During the year we applied for and received Stamp Duty exemption.

Digital aerial photos were purchased from the Department of Natural Resources and Liz Ward from Braggs Signs donated the printing and laminating of these photos.

During the 12 months we continued our membership of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, History Queensland and the Royal Queensland Historical Society. We receive regular bulletins from these societies and we are insured under History Queensland's umbrella. Our Public Liability insurance is with AON for \$20,000,000.

A Planning day was held on 9 October 2016 and Judy Magub, Sue Deal and Peter Nimmo attended. We reviewed the past year; made plans for the following 12 months; prepared a budget and updated the website.

We are grateful to Peta McDonald Smith who continues to maintain our Society website. Changes are often required to lists of resources, committee details, new publications for sale, changes to contact details, new forms to be added etc. Peta is always ready and willing to accommodate these many changes. She also contributes her time to prepare art work for our brochures.

The State Library of Queensland requested permission to archive Kenmore and District Historical Society Inc. website because they were seeking outstanding websites for this purpose and we agreed. This is certainly a tribute to Peta.

The company Digital Pacific continues to provide our web site hosting for free.

We are grateful to the members who do research and share their work with the society. This year these included: Penny Cook (Brisbane Spreads West) , Sue Deal (commercial history, dairy farms) , Judy Magub (Chapel Hill Cemetery, Street Names, Fig Tree Pocket suburb), Jim & Barbara Shepherd (Racecourse, Postal services, Service Stations) , Deann O'Donoghue (the McGrath Brothers) , Dawn Burgaty (history of Kenmore area) Brian Becconsall (Rotary Club of Kenmore history)

Considering the goal of the society is to research, promote and publish the history of our local area, then this research is valuable and keeps us on track with the purpose of our organization.

The Secondary Files were the responsibility of Sue Deal then Penny Cook then Sue Deal again with assistance from Judy Magub. Primary Sources were responsibility of Suzanne Hanson.

The books we hold are stored at the RSL at Fairview and Suzanne took responsibility for these. This year we transferred the books from open bookshelves to a locked cupboard so they are more secure.

The Local Bulletin articles continued during the 12 months with articles on: Kenmore State High School in July; Chapel Hill State School in August; Kenmore Park in September; The Religions of the Early Settlers in October; The Clarkson Family in November; Postal Services based on Jim Shepherd's research in December; Roy Hanson in April; Rafting Ground Reserve in May and Griffin & Knowlman in June. One article was written by Penny Cook, the others all by Judy Magub.

The Local Bulletin articles have been scanned (as well as stored in cutting format) to ensure we maintain a record of these articles on our local history.

Members have received their KDHS newsletters each month with the Notice of Meetings and also with news about the Society. Marg McLeod assisted with the newsletter from August to October. Hopefully this monthly newsletter helps keep members, including those who cannot attend the general meetings, informed about activities of the Society.

Judy continued the Area Networking Project, collecting information on the history of the kindergartens and emergency services in the area.

During the year Judy was guest speaker at various group meetings on behalf of the KDHS on local history. These groups included: the Toowong & District Historical Society, The Men's Shed Group, Transition Town, Kenmore Gardens Probus Club, Kenmore National Seniors, the Kenmore Garden Club, and the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary. At each of these meetings, our publications were sold.

The Brisbane City Council conducted a Streets of Remembrance program in which they sought names of suburban streets that have been named after a war veteran, hero or site. KDHS submitted 12 street names in Fig Tree Pocket that were all named after VC winners and also two streets in Kenmore. Although they were not selected this round they can be considered the following year.

We had the sign on Moggill Creek at Moggill Rd updated to include the words Mc Grath's Bridge. In conjunction with this we installed an interpretative sign in the Rafting Ground Reserve explaining the story of the McGrath brothers. We are grateful to member Deann O'Donoghue for her research into the McGrath family and to the Brisbane City Council for designing and funding the sign.

A big thank you to those members who I mentioned earlier who have served on the management committee as president, secretary, treasurer or management committee members. Both Sue Deal and Suzanne Hanson have been on the committee since the beginning our organization and Sue also served on the steering committee.

Thanks also to all the members who assist at General Meetings....Lola Priddle with help from Barbara Shepherd, looks after the supper each meeting; Roy, Jim and Ian who take

out and put away the tables and chairs; Suzanne then Cathy who has set up and welcomed us at the front door; and those who help with the AV. Thank you also to members who have donated photos and other items of history... These include Vi Hall, Sal Gardner, Bill Waterfield, Jim & Barbara Shepherd.

We also received a lot of significant donated material from people who are not members... this included information on the Old Friary (Vivienne Binns) , Maddern family (Shirley Bannister) , King Family (Enid Jones), Leech family and On Kee (John Leech), The Fisher family (Roslyn Nicol and Tony Fisher), Penhaligon Family (Bev Walker) local history (Gordon McFarlane)

We have achieved a lot since we started. Our constitution was adopted, logo designed, website set up and maintained. Policies and guidelines are in place for many areas and there are forms developed for many purposes. I know you will agree that the people who have served on our Management Committees until now are to be congratulated for the time and effort that have put in to these important aspects of our Society. I believe that new committees now will be able to concentrate more on the purpose of our Society and that is on collecting and recording our local history.

Thank you

Judy Magub
Secretary
(President 1 July 2016 to 17 November 2016)