



Kenmore & District Historical Society Inc

Annual Report 2017-2018

This Annual Report covers the period from 1 July 2017 to the 30 June 2018.

Firstly, the membership of the committee. On the 1 July 2017, the committee consisted of Suzanne Hanson (Treasurer), Sue Deal, Ian & Cathy Douglas, and Dianne Harris. There was no President following the passing of Penny Cook. Judy Magub re-joined the Committee in June. In September Judy offered to be Secretary until the AGM.

At the November AGM the following were elected: Judy Magub (President), Sue Deal (Treasurer), Peter Hall, Dorothy Miller, Bep Torkington, Edna Winkel. As there was still no Secretary, Judy took on the role of Acting Secretary with the help of Bep who became Minutes Secretary. In June 2018 John Carter joined the committee, just 3 weeks before the end of this reporting period.

After the secretary's resignation at the end of last reporting period, there was no secretary and all the secretary's records had been delivered to Ian Douglas and Suzanne Hanson. Then with the new committee after the AGM in November it was re-distributed to reflect the responsibilities of new committee members.

At the end of this reporting period there were 49 members.

After the 2017 AGM tasks were allocated to the new committee. Sue Deal continued with Secondary Resources and Guest Speaker Seeker as well as Treasurer; Dorothy Miller took on the role of front desk and welcomer at meetings; Edna Winkel became librarian and membership officer; Bep Torkington became Minutes Secretary. Judy Magub looked after Primary Resources, photos, meeting chairman, newsletter, responding to requests from the public and the monthly Local Bulletin articles. She also continued to fill a gap as Acting Secretary. John Carter restored photos and generally helped the committee in various ways.

Peter Hall became ill during the year and sadly passed away. He had been a foundation member of our society and a long-term resident of Kenmore. We will miss him.

My sincere thanks to the committee for the excellent work they have done as volunteers over this reporting year. It is the committee that keeps the organisation functioning.

We had some excellent Guest Speakers during the 12 months:

July	Daytime outing to the State Archives
August	Helen Gregory - <i>The Brisbane River</i>
September	Angus Veitch - <i>Once There Was A Creek</i>
October	Brian Beconsall - <i>The Rotary Club of Kenmore</i>
November	AGM and Round Table
February	Duncan Richardson - <i>The Era of Disasters in Brisbane 1864 (Fire, plague, cyclone and floods)</i>
March	Katherine Wiltshire - <i>Aboriginal Culture, Language and Landscape</i> and John Carter movie re Moggill Ferry
April	Peter Collins speaking about <i>Canon Garland, Architect of ANZAC Day</i>
May	Neville Marsh - <i>Moggill History</i>
June	Laurie Mullins - <i>Brookfield Recreation Trust and planned restoration of Brookfield Hall.</i>

There were no new books published over the 12 months (although a couple were in the pipeline). We did continue to sell our Pictorial History and Brisbane Spreads West and a few of the William Pacey Diaries. The Wild Canary Café took copies of the Pictorial History to sell there.

We received a grant from Cr Kate Richards for \$722, to produce brochures on our each of our four suburbs. This allowed us to print 1000 brochures on each suburb - Chapel Hill, Kenmore, Fig Tree Pocket and Pullenvale. These have been very useful at displays and for responses to the public, and we have also put copies in the Pullenvale and Walter Taylor Ward offices.

We also received a grant of \$631 from Cr Julian Simmonds from the Walter Taylor Ward towards the printing of the Kenmore War Memorial Book. Funds were also granted for this purpose from Cr Kate Richards from the Pullenvale Ward, but this will be recorded in next reporting period.

We were fortunate to receive two donations. One from KM Smith Funeral Directors for \$200 to thank KDHS for assisting with photos for their new office in Kenmore. The other was for \$500 from member Reuben Packer-Hill. Reuben donates \$500 to the charity of choice on behalf of home buyers. One buyer asked him to select the charity and he chose our society.

Our photocopier/scanner/printer was taken from the RSL facility and returned broken. This has had to be replaced and that is now completed.

Lockable filing cabinets were donated for the RSL storage facility by both Edna Winkel and John Carter.

The committee has had a very frustrating year trying to obtain from Pat Dryden, the material donated to KDHS by Libby Wager.

At the last AGM Pat put forward a motion seeking to enable her to give some of the material to the John Oxley Library without coming through the society. This motion was soundly defeated, but Pat went ahead and did it. The handover of the material was scheduled for April 2018 at our RSL Storage facility, but the offer was withdrawn and since then Pat has placed many conditions on the handing over of Libby Wager's material to KDHS.

We went ahead and met at the RSL on 30 April and made it an opportunity to allow members to see the facility there and to look at the material we care for. It was an enjoyable day with lunch and camaraderie and good feedback.

Judy has continued to write the monthly articles in the Local Bulletin. Over the 12 months articles have been published on the following topics:

July	Mt Coot-tha
August	Morrison Family
September	Patterson's Saw Mill
October	The Fisher Family of Pullenvale
November	Marshall Lane
December	The Railway line that almost happened
January	Early Transport on the Brisbane River
February	Motorcycle Clubs
March	History of Pullenvale
April	The Fig Tree at Fig Tree Pocket
May	Early Settlers of Chapel Hill
June	The Kenmore Sanitorium

As a result of these articles we have an ever-increasing number of enquiries from the public on history matters. Sometimes just a question or a comment; others wanting more detailed information. Judy responds to these requests from the public, and it is a job that is starting to take considerable time and research.

Judy undertook a number of public speaking engagements on behalf of the society. These were at:

- Christian Rowan's morning tea at Uniting Church
- Anglican Church Breakfast at the Gap Tavern
- Carinity Aged Care
- Phoenix Club
- Men's Shed
- Moggill Historical Society

In July 2017 we arranged for a day time meeting, a tour to the State Archives. A bus was hired to transport members and it was an informative day.

We began a Facebook interview project with Reuben Packer-Hill. Reuben has made short interviews with Judy on the history of the local area available on Facebook. So far topics covered have included, the War Memorial, The Kenmore

Racecourse, Chapel Hill State School, Marshal Lane, Merri Merri farm, Kenmore Park, McGrath Brothers and Mt Coot-tha. All interviews have had more than 1000 views, in fact a few have had more than 3000, and it is good publicity for the society.

We are grateful to Peta McDonald- Smith who continues to manage our website and it has been updated during the period. She also generously did the layout and design of our suburb brochures, so they were ready for printing.

Jane Prentice contacted us to advise there were grant funds available for an Armistice Day 2018 project. We submitted an Expression of Interest in November 2017, to produce a book on the Kenmore War Memorial. Letters of Support were received from the RSL, Kenmore library, Rotary Club of Kenmore, and Jane Prentice supported our application. We were advised in February to go ahead to make a full submission and they informed us we were successful in July 2018.

The Pullenvale Environmental & Education Centre (PEEC) invited us to sort, file and catalogue their history records and photos. Sue Deal and Judy spent some months on this and we were later joined by John Carter. They had many great original photos and some very good history records. We located the Wager Ageless Series in an old Word-perfect format. This is a 500 page record of Libby Wager's research. We now have a copy of this and it is a valuable record. John Carter put together all the photos and restored many of them.

PEEC together with KDHS held a social morning tea at the centre for the members of local history groups to let them see the resources available. This was attended by the Moggill Historical Society, Mt Crosby Historical Society, the Brookfield District Museum and Historical Society and members of our own society.

Pullenvale Environment and Education Centre has invited KDHS to enter into a partnership with them and we willingly agreed. This caused us to look at our relationship with other groups and we documented that we have:

1. Partnerships: (we work together):

RSL

Other History Groups

Pullenvale Environmental and Education Centre.

2. Sponsorships: (they give us funds or donated goods/services)

Westpac Bank (\$500 donation to pictorial history)

Braggs Signs (printed and laminated maps and aerial photos)

Moonstone Creations (website, graphic design)

Digital Pacific (free website hosting)

The Print Shop (discounts on printing)

3. Supporters: (support us in some way)

Wild Canary (sell our books)

Brisbane City Council (free meeting room)

Local Bulletin (publish our history stories)

As well we have great support from representatives from our three levels of government: Jane Prentice MP, Christian Rowan MP, Cr Kate Richards and Cr Julian Simmonds.

In October 2017, Ian and Cathy Douglas prepared a display for KDHS in the Kenmore Library. There were two aspects for this display, one a 'treasure hunt' type of exercise in which the hunter looks for sites by longitude /latitude. The second, was a History Hunt. A list of questions re names/places /events were available at the library and people had to go through the 'Our History' section of the KDHS website to find the answers.

We provided information for a Brisbane wide Mapping Project, which is setting up a website with historic places in Brisbane.

In May we had a display of our photos and history material at The Hut Environmental Community Assoc (THECA).

We provided assistance to Bev Walker in her submission to the Brisbane City Council for an interpretative sign at the site of the Penhaligon Farm (at the current Kenmore Tavern site)

I would like to again thank the Management Committee for all they have done in a volunteer capacity for this organization. Thank you all.

And, thanks to others who help...Lola Priddle and Barb Shepherd with the supper each month; Deann O'Donoghue, Jim & Barb Shepherd , Sue Deal, Dawn Burgaty for their research; Vi Hall and Sal Gardener with personal & local history. And to all those who help in other ways ...putting out chairs, etc. Thank you.

I believe this has been a successful and productive year for the Kenmore & District Historical Society.

Judy Magub, President

15 November 2018