

ANNUAL REPORT
Kenmore & District Historical Society
2018-2019

This report covers the 12 months from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. We started with 48 members and finished the year with 49.

The Management Committee consisted of Judy Magub President; Sue Deal Treasurer, John Carter Minutes Secretary; Judy Magub Honorary Secretary and committee members, Edna Winkel, Dorothy Miller, Bep Torkington and John Carter. At the Annual General Meeting in November, Bep retired from the committee and Ian Muirhead joined the committee.

As well as the formal duties of President, Secretary & Treasurer, the committee members undertook other duties. Sue Deal was Guest Speaker seeker and had responsibility for the primary & secondary source material for the first 6 months. John Carter took responsibility for photographs and many other jobs mainly associates with IT. Edna was responsible for Membership and the library. Dorothy was your greeter at each meeting setting up the front desk with name badges etc. Bep took on Minutes Secretary for six months until she retired at the AGM. After that John recorded the minutes.

When Ian came on board in November, he took responsibility for the primary and secondary sources from Sue, and the assets register. Ian and Sue worked together to bring the cataloguing up to to date at the RSL facility.

Judy looked after the public relations roles, including the monthly newsletter, articles for the Local Bulletin, facebook interviews, and public presentations. She also took requests from the public for information and sending out publications, as well as research for history writing.

Thank you to all the committee members for the great work they have done on behalf of the members to keep our society functioning so successfully. It has been done with willingness and good spirit.

During the reporting period we held 11 committee meetings and 10 General meetings. Guest speakers at these General meetings were :

July 2018	Denver Beanland – Brisbane: History of City Hall
August	Ann Swain- DNA Testing and Genealogy: The Basics.
September	Holt Family Video
October	Caylie Jeffery – Under the lino
November	AGM and Round Table Discussion

February 2019	Brian Beconsall & John Carter – Visionary Engineers in Brisbane’s Early Development
March	Ray Kerkhove – Aboriginal Campsites of Early Brisbane
April	Margaret Watts – Brookfield District Museum & Historical Society
May	Harold Peacock – Metal Detecting as a Tool for History
June	Deann O’Donogue – McGrath Bros, William Sheehan & John Frederick McDougall; and Alison Muirhead – Walter Taylor Bridge.

The committee approved a priority process for selecting guest speakers, with the highest priority allocated to speakers on local history topics.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day in 2018, we published a new book in November, *The Kenmore War Memorial*. The authors were Judy Magub with assistance from Philip Castle. We were successful in our application for a grant of \$2224 from the Dept of Veterans Affairs for this project.

This grant funded a complimentary copy of the book given to all the people who attended the Armistice Day services at the Kenmore War Memorial. Complimentary copies were also given to all 12 schools in our local area, to our political representatives, members of KDHS and to various libraries. Total of more than 200 copies were complimentary.

We also received a grant of \$1000 from the Lord Mayor’s Community fund via Pullenvale Ward, towards the cost of further copies of the book on the war memorial that we could sell over time.

We recommended to Lord Mayor Graham Quirk an initiative of ringing church bells on Armistice Day, an idea that he took up. Member Sal Gardner knitted more than 100 poppies for distribution on Armistice Day. Thanks Sal.

At the ANZAC Day service 2019 we sold the books after the service and at the cricket match at the Brookfield Show Grounds.

In 2019 we commenced work on a project to reprint a book “Focus on Pullenvale’ that Libby Wager had written in 1988, 30 years ago. The book was out of print and remaining copies in libraries were in poor condition. Libby warmed to the idea and John Carter set about assisting her with more and better photos and additional words. More about that book in the next Annual Report at the 2020 AGM.

Judy Magub has continued to write an article on local history for the Local Bulletin each month and has done so since 2015. The 12 articles published this reporting period were:

July	The Role of Women on the Farms
August	The Role of Men on the Farms
September	The First Shopkeepers
October	Memories of Childhood
November	Memories of Life at Home
December	Memories of Dating & Entertainment
January	Our Early Gardens
February	Fig Tree Pocket State School
March	A History of Disease
April	The Kenmore War Memorial
May	The Timbergetters
June	Dairy Farms and Slaughter Yards

We enjoyed two outings during the year. The first was to the Fryer Library at the University of Queensland. The second was to the Welsby Library at the Commissariat Store. Thanks to Sue Deal for organizing those.

This reporting year we completed the project at the Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre to sort and catalogue the photos and other history material they held. It was a most successful project, not only for PEEC but for KDHS as well . We acquired permission to use the photos we found there, and we discovered other treasures, such as the Holt Family Video and Libby Wager's research entitled WAS, Wager's Ageless Series More than 1300 pages of history research.

We arranged a morning tea at PEEC to thanks Ron Tooth and also so that members of KDHS and the local historical societies could see the collection of history material.

We have been asked to be guest speaker at other association's meeting including the following presentations Judy gave:

Brookfield CWA on 'Origin of Street Names'

Moggill Historical Society on the PEEC project

Last Friday Social Club at the Kenmore Library on the Kenmore War Memorial

Probus Club at Aveo Durack on 'Memories'.

John Carter gave a presentation the Men's Shed on 'Visionary Engineers of Early Brisbane'.

The ongoing saga of trying to obtain the material that Libby Wager had gifted to our society finished in January 2019 when it was finally handed over to us after 2 years of trauma. It has now been catalogued and filed and it is accessible to our members. We are very grateful to Libby for this history. Also, thanks to Bep for indexing some of the files and to Edna and John for assisting Judy to file it all.

We held a display at the Uniting Church in September. Thank you to committee members who assisted with that project.

Member Alison Muirhead has been posting information on the Community 4069 facebook page about the Corey house project on behalf of the society. It has created quite a bit of interest and we will be looking to see how we might do more of this in the future.

Member Reuben Packer-Hill has been interviewing Judy on history topics for facebook and during the past year we have covered about 10 different topics:

Haysom Close
Chapel Hill State School
Mt Coot-tha
Marshall Lane
Griffin & Knowlman
Bob Accord Sawmill
Pullenvale State School
How Chapel Hill got its Name
Chapel Hill State School.

These usually have more than 1000 views...some topics more than 8,000 views on facebook.

A couple of committee members attended a presentation on restoring and dating old photographs and we prepared a submission for Cr Kate Richards on a possible plaque regarding the story of the Penhaligon family and farm at the site of the Kenmore Tavern.

In October we displayed at the Kenmore Library a collection of photos on 'Early Transport' that John Carter had prepared. A small grant was received through the Lord Mayors' Community Fund to print the enlarged photos, and the display was opened by Cr Kate Richards. The exhibition has since been shown at the Montessori School at Fig Tree Pocket and at the Mt Nebo State School.

On the 25 August the committee held its annual Planning Day, at which we set the direction for the next 12 months. It also involved a review of our website and a resolution to separate our funds in to two accounts, one for Administration and one for Publications. This means that the expenses and profit from the publishing and sales for our books can be separate from the overall cost of administration. A decision was made to bring some of our library books to each meeting and Edna has been doing that, giving members the opportunity to borrow the books.

There has been a sprinkling of social activities. We received tickets to the Lord Mayor's Xmas party and that was enjoyed by those who attended. Judy and John attended the launch of a book by the Toowong Historical Society and the committee took Bep to afternoon tea to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Our society has membership of the Royal Qld Historical Society, Brisbane History Group as well as History Queensland, which also covers us for insurance.

I would like to thank our local representatives, two here tonight for their ongoing support for our society.

Thank you also to the members who undertake research for the society ... Dean O'Donogue, Sue Deal, Dawn Burgaty and Jim & Barbara Shepherd.

Lola Priddle has provided supper for our meetings since we began in 2014 until recently. Thank you, Lola.

Edna has taken on the role of arranging a roster for the supper. We are also grateful to member Peta McDonald-Smith for being our Webmaster and for assistance with our publications. Also, to Digital Pacific for hosting our website at no cost.

We are very fortunate to have this Brisbane City Council meeting room available to us and for the storage space that RSL provides to us at Fairview.

There are many who contribute to the success of our association. Thank you all.

Judy Magub
President

21 November 2019