



President's Report 2000- 2021

Annual General Meeting

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This report covers the 12 months from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

In the period from July 2020 to the AGM in November 2020 we had only three on the committee. Judy Magub, President & Acting Secretary, John Carter, Treasurer and Edna Winkel, committee member. All the other tasks that the committee undertakes were handled by these three committee members. It was difficult at times. Some tasks were not allocated or reduced. For example, the KDHS Newsletter to members was reduced to just a 2 page document mainly advising details of the next General meeting and the guest speaker.

Then at the AGM in November 2020, six members were elected to the Committee and there were more people to share the workload. Of these six:

- Ian Muirhead took on the Secretary role, and responsibility for Primary & Secondary Sources and the Asset Register.
- John Carter continued in the role of Treasurer, and responsibility for Photographs, Photo restoration, IT, Audio Visual at meetings, and more.
- Edna Winkel, continued to look after Membership and the KDHS Library, as well a supper at the meetings, and brought the library to members at meetings
- Sue Deal returned to the committee and took on guest speaker seeker again and introduced the speakers to us at meetings.
- Deann O'Donoghue come on to the committee and undertook Publications and book sales, and always willing to assist with research.
- Judy Magub continued as President, as well the research & writing books for the society, writing an article for the Local Bulletin each month, and responding to calls from the public by phone, email and in person on history matters. Sometimes they are asking for assistance... occasionally providing us with information and material.

An enormous thank you to all the committee for what they have contributed over the 12 months.

Help from outside the committee, Dorothy Miller continued to man (woman) the front door at meetings and Peta McDonald-Smith continued to manage our website. Our thanks to both.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions our general meetings in July and August were suspended and guest speakers cancelled. The committee continued to meet during these months via teleconference.

Our access to stored material at RSL was also not available during this time.

After meetings recommenced in September, only 15 allowed attend, including at our 2020 AGM. RSVPs were required at meetings to ensure we met these requirements and food for supper needed to be individually packaged.

Guest speakers during the year were as follows:

Sept – Judy Magub - Paddington Heritage Trail

Oct – Melissa Fagen – What Will be Worn

Nov - AGM Round Table (shared stories of history & events).

Feb -Margaret Cook – River With a City Problem

Mar – Judy Magub – Historic & Significant Tree Research

April– Vicki Bennett - book ‘Two Pennies’

May – Harold Peacock - Dovercourt

June - Sculptor Rhyl Hinwood

We experimented with videoing guest speakers, but decided not to continue doing this.

We continued to sell our KDHS publications at Kenmore East Post Office and began selling them at the IGA at Pullenvale during the year. This has provided continued income to our Publishing account.

Income to the society is divided into two areas. Income from Membership is used to conduct KDHS business. Income from publications is used for publishing purposes. This year we introduced a third category. We decided to separate the funds we receive in donations and use these for special purposes.

We reprinted 200 copies our first publication, Pictorial History, with some updates and corrections. Unfortunately, the printer published them without

the changes, and they had to be printed again (not at our cost) . So we have the 200 corrected ones and also a supply of 200 in the original format.

During this reporting period I started to research the historic and significant trees in the local area. Information came in about trees for a much wider area. Fortunately, the other local historical societies in Brookfield, Moggill and Mt Crosby agreed to contribute and each assisted in some way. It meant the publication covered the larger area from Fig Tree Pocket and Chapel Hill right out to Mt Crosby.

I am very grateful for the assistance I received from Kristen Dangerfield from Brisbane City Council in locating and identifying many of the trees. To encourage more information to come in about the significant trees we published 25 copies of the research as a report and distributed these to contributors and school libraries, and the Council Library at Kenmore.

Fortunately, Peta McDonald-Smith made an electronic version of the 80 page publication and this has been sent far and wide. One was sent to Ross McKinnon, former curator of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens. He commented that he would like to see every historical society in Brisbane research their local trees and do it in the same format we have used.

Local Bulletin articles during the year were:

July – Moggill & Cubberla Creeks
Aug – Local History on Plaques
Sept – Iona Village
Oct – The Arrival of Electricity
Nov – Eliza Dart's Memories
Dec – Historic & Significant Trees Part 1
Jan - Historic & Significant Trees Part 2
Feb – O'Brien Family
Mar – Sophie Sugars Essay
April - Magee Family
May – The Pioneer Church
June – Indooroopilly Bridges

We also put information in the 'Club News' section of the Local Bulletin about our society and our meetings.

In December 2020 the new committee met for a Panning Day. At this we considered and allocated Committee tasks, reviewed the website, membership processes, and display opportunities. We reviewed and changed the Oral History Agreement form to make it more relevant to the actual process.

We assessed the need to republish any of our books & suburb brochures. At Planning day we discussed the possibility of a Facebook page, and although this would be a great addition to our resources, we have not yet been able to set it up. We also considered meeting format, grant applications, possibility of talks to local schools and maybe a workshop on 'How to Research'. The two latter suggestions have been delayed for now.

We were approached this year by the now defunct Kenmore History Group as they wanted to hand over their resources to KDHS. I met with Joan Behan and we received about 200 photos. Many were from State Library and others we already held. But there were some new photos that we grateful received.

There were also 11 Oral Histories on cassette tapes. Helen Shaw attempted to transcribe these, but it is a tedious job. John Carter found some great software that transcribes the tapes and spent many hours doing this. We now have these Oral Histories transcribed and printed out, together with the ones KDHS has undertaken over the years, and they will soon available be in our library for members to read.

Judy undertook an Oral History this year with Barry Surman.

Our members were invited to the Lord Mayor's Xmas party and to the Annual Seniors morning tea. We were involved in consultation meetings re Mindenbury and Witton Barracks. The society assisted Bev Walker to submit a proposal for a park on land previously owned by her family, to be renamed Penhaligon Park. Many members attended the opening of the park.

Judy represented the society as a guest speaker at the Probus Club of Paddington, the Rotary Club of Toowong and the Towong History Group during the year. She also represented the society on a committee at Fig Tree Pocket State School to assist planning the school 150 year anniversary.

We are grateful to member Peta McDonald -Smith for continuing to manage our website and to Digital Pacific for their sponsorship in hosting it. We continued the society's membership of the Royal Historical Society of Queensland, History Queensland and the Brisbane Historical Society.

In May the Brookfield & District Museum & Historical Society sold our books at the Brookfield Show and we shared the profits.

During the year we purchased a projector and required repairs to our laptop. We did away with Judy's landline phone number that we have used for 6 years and acquired a mobile phone to receive calls from the public.

Some of the committee met to consider how we can best catalogue the many photos we have collected and label and access them readily. We are still working on this monumental task.

We are grateful to the Brisbane City Council for the use of this Kenmore Library Meeting Room for our Committee and General meetings. Also, very grateful to the Kenmore/Moggill RSL for providing us a room at their facility to store our history records and our store of publications and our goods and chattels. During this year they relocated us to a different room which does have more space.

We very grateful to our four elected representatives, Julian Simmonds, Christian Rowan, Cr Greg Adermann and Cr James Mackay. They have all provided support, encouragement and assistance.

At the 30 June our membership stood at 38 and did later grow to 49. Thank you again to all the committee who keep the engine of the society running and give so much of their time to do so. And thank you to others who help in various ways.. putting out and putting away the chairs each meeting; donating to supper; sharing their memories & knowledge of the local area; picking up and driving other members to the meetings; donating to the society; or contributing to the society in other ways. Thank you to those leaving the committee, Sue Deal and Ian Muirhead. And a big thank you to those continuing on the committee.

It has been a difficult year in some ways...especially with the Covid restrictions and also with such a small committee for the first 5 months. But I believe it has also been a very successful year. Our committee grew to 6, and we have achieved a lot for our society.

Thank you.

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