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From the President

As a result of my story about the establishment of the Steele Rudd Shingle Hut Memorial in the June *Bulletin* it was most interesting to receive an email from Mr Noel Lipp. The mention of the Lipp family, so closely associated with "The Selection", has evoked some nostalgic recollection of the circumstances related in my story of the survey work I carried out in 1973. Mr Noel Lipp had been raised on the original Lipp farm adjacent to the Steel Rudd property. Grandfather Lipp was the, then, owner of "The Selection", with whom the site for the replica Shingle Hut was negotiated. I have subsequently exchanged more nostalgia with Mr Noel Lipp. The Lipp Family History contains comment on this land exchange.

One of the nominated topics in the review of Society activities is the library. How well do Members appreciate the library and the available content?

The Society has a significant and specialised library with a very significant collection of publications and material.

To me, the most interesting content is the bound copies of the proceedings of our Society from 1885. Also in bound copy, we have the Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society of London commencing 1831. These were passed to the Society from the Parliamentary Library as an appropriate repository. Others will have an appreciation of different types of content.

Library holdings cover the whole period from these early papers to up-to-date publications and journals including, for example, the results of recent Scientific Studies published by the Society.

The review has commenced to take note of many circumstances which impact on the maintenance of a library:- costs and space available, relevance and type of documentation, historical significance of holdings, usage, accessibility, and searchability. Acquisitions are constantly reviewed and culling of some magazine collections is managed to maintain space.

The Review has noted that the library does not receive a great deal of use and seeks to identify appropriate steps to enhance the value of this resource. An electronic catalogue has been established but has not been developed to be a reliable search machine to be "Put Online" for remote searching. It is noted that the library is not open on weekends and evenings.

Compared to other Brisbane libraries, the collection is strong in

geography education journals. This includes recognition that there is much in the way of historical records, bound volumes and very old reference material that will increase in importance as time goes by and consequently be more in demand.

The safe environment for storage of some of this material needs to be addressed. One of the historic documents owned by the Society is stored at the State Library because of the rarity and value. This is cartographic material, being Volume 5 of an Atlas published by Joan Blaeu in 1654 and covering England, Scotland and Ireland. Ownership is attributed to RGSQ in the State Library record.

There is a realisation that many in our Membership may not have knowledge of the Library beyond its mere existence. It is not visible from the auditorium and it requires a deliberate plan to visit. The existing shelving and storage occupies about one third of the office area and more space is desirable. Should (part of) the Library be extended into the

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Auditorium? But of course that space is also required as auditorium.

To highlight the scope of holdings, here is a small sample of the content on the shelves and filing space:- Queensland Geographical Journal (Society), ANZAAS Papers, National Geographic commencing 1888, Encyclopaedia, Atlases, Queensland Year Books, Australian Geographic, Canadian Geographic, GTAQ Journals and interstate Geography journals from kindred associations, a General Reference Library and a most comprehensive collection of maps of all types.

The June Lecture by Cameron Kusher presented a comprehensive analysis on "Geography of Australia's Housing Market". This was very well received by an auditorium filled by Members and Guests.

David Carstens

Lecture – Mongolia

The July lecture is sure to be one of this year's highlights so please come, and bring your friends. It will be presented by Carl Robinson on the topic: "Mongolia: Nomad Empire of Eternal Blue Sky".

This beautifully illustrated lecture will provide a comprehensive and insightful virtual tour of the diverse natural history and rich culture of "The Land of Eternal Blue Sky". Mongolia is a land of amazingly rich history, spectacular geography and hospitable people. From his 20,000 kilometres of journeys on back-wrenching roads to places few tourists see, Carl takes the audience on a tour explaining the history, geography, people and culture of this entrancing land.

Mongolia is a land of constant surprises. Renowned for its classic rolling steppe land, from where nomadic Mongol clans and confederations swept out to conquer much of the known world, it also boasts snow-capped peaks towering over wide, grassy valleys, meandering rivers and great lakes as well as badlands, dramatic gorges and mighty sand dunes rising from flat desert floors. Within these enormous vistas, much of the old

Mongolia can still be found, with herdsmen, horses and heart-warming hospitality. But in its growing cities a new Mongolia has emerged, with an extremely proud and hospitable population that has shaken off its Soviet-era shackles and is making the most of a liberating free-market economy, including trying to manage its own mining boom.

Originally from the United States but a long-time resident of Australia, Carl spent nearly a dozen years in Vietnam, first as a development worker in 1964 and then as a journalist for the Associated Press until the fall of Saigon in 1975. He moved to Sydney 1977 with the AP and then with Newsweek magazine before starting up the highly-successful Old Saigon restaurant in Sydney in 1990.

Carl was Media Manager for the Sydney 2000 Games and Production Adviser for the film *The Quiet American*. Moving to Brisbane in 2003, Carl continued to travel, photograph, lead tours and write prolifically. His publications include Odyssey's guides to Australia and Mongolia and he's now working on a book on his present-day travels around Vietnam. He and his wife moved back to Sydney earlier this year to be closer to their grandchildren.

Light Horse Museum

Sunday 28 July, Mudgeeraba

Getting there: From Brisbane, take Exit 77 off the M1, turn right at the roundabout to cross over the M1 and, on the western roundabout, turn left into Mudgeeraba Road. The Light Horse Museum is in the show-grounds on your right about 1.5 km from the motorway on the corner of Worongary Road. Parking may be in the grounds, which can be entered from either Worongary or Mudgeeraba Roads, or on Worongary Road itself.

What happens: RGSQ member, Tony Hillier, will have hot water available from about 10.30 am for a cuppa and there'll be time to inspect the exhibits.

At 11.30 am, the RGSQ plans to make a presentation to the Light Horse Museum of document copies from RGSQ member, Frank Birchall. The documents are copies of the 4th Light Horse Regiment's War Diary and intelligence reports for October 1917, the month of the legendary Beersheba Charge – the last mounted cavalry charge ever carried out by a Western army. From then, the grounds have plenty of shady places available for picnic lunches.

At 11.45 am Tony has organised a demonstration of tent-pegging to be performed by a member who does a similar demo at Movieworld.

Cost: \$10.00 to cover a donation to the museum

Book: Please advise the office by Monday 15 July. ALSO, please advise if you would like to attend the:

Optional lunch: Many of us will probably enjoy a lunch at our own expense at the nearby Gold Coast German Club (1 km EAST of the M1). It's located in Jondique Rd in a unique European style building – white with a red roof – adjacent to a less unique but easily recognisable McDonalds outlet. Its interior is also very Euro, its cuisine distinctively German and there's live music on Sunday till 4pm. Their prices are very reasonable and the atmosphere is great.

I need to advise the club of numbers a couple of days beforehand so please let the Office know of your interest in this lunch when booking.

John McWatters

Ludwig Leichhardt

Queensland Museum is collating information/evidence concerning Ludwig Leichhardt to commemorate Leichhardt's Port Essington expedition. If any members have knowledge of or access to items or articles relating to Leichhardt please contact Council Member Neal O'Connor – mobile 0457 849 737; noconnor@worldoptions.com.au.

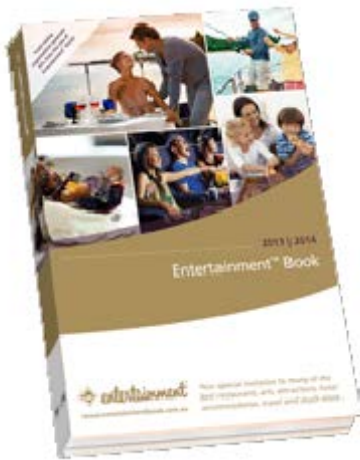
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Thank You

Many thanks to the members who sorted and sent back the results of the Australian Geography Competition to the 725 schools that entered:

Helen Bismire, Mary Comer, Roger Grimley, James Hansen, Margaret Hardy, Maureen Meier, John and Mary Nowill, Chris Spriggs

Thanks as well to the members who were on standby for the Thursday in case we hadn't finished.



Discount Vouchers Book

Help us raise funds for the Society's work in promoting geography by buying an Entertainment Book from us, and 20% of the purchase price comes back to the Society.

We have **only two left**, so don't delay in buying one for yourself, or for family or friends.

The books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! Selling for only \$65, you'll receive \$15,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use up until 1 June 2014.

New Member

We have much pleasure in welcoming Katie Couch as a new member.

We hope your association with your new Society is long and mutually enjoyable.

Office Hours

Kath Berg will be out of the office from the afternoon of Friday 26 July to Friday 9 August. Kath will be taking the Australian team to the International Geography Olympiad in Kyoto – and working very hard while she's there, as she is co-chair of the International Geographical Union Olympiad Task Force.

Hayley Freemantle will staff the office every day in Kath's absence, but the office will open later and shut earlier than usual. It would be wise to ring before visiting.

Top GeoShot – Photography Competition

The theme for this year's Geoscience Australia's Top GeoShot photography competition is "Exposed to the Elements".

Geoscience Australia is looking for photographs that capture the essence of Earth science. The image can be anything from an unusual land formation, a link to our dynamic planet or even your favourite landscape. We are encouraging entrants to be as creative as possible when choosing subject matter as Earth science is all around us and we interact with it every day.

There are open and student categories. Entries close on 23 September. For more information, please visit the Top GeoShot webpage <http://www.ga.gov.au/education/public-events/top-geoshot-2013.html> or contact the Education and Events Team on 02 6249 9263.

Kanawinka Global Geopark

Sticking with the Earth Sciences theme, have you caught up yet with the existence of Global Geoparks? I first visited one in Taiwan, then found that we had one in Australia. Kath

Kanawinka Geopark was declared Australia's first Geopark in September 2006. Geoparks exist in many countries and Australia's is the world's 57th.

The park covers Australia's most extensive volcanic area, extending

from the Naracoorte caves in the south east of South Australia across the western district of Victoria. It follows a fault line of the same name, and includes all the cave systems, extinct volcanoes and their existing craters and lakes in the area. Most of the volcanism is estimated to have taken place from about 5 million years before present (BP) to around 5,000 years ago.

The Geopark contains a number of geological heritage sites of particular importance. This is where Tenison Woods collected so many fossils and describe the different geological topography. It contains World Heritage sites and is recognised as Australia's first and only UNESCO Global Geopark.

Kanawinka is an indigenous word meaning "land of tomorrow".

More information on its website: www.kanawinkageopark.org.au.

IAG-List

RGSQ members are invited to join the IAG-List: the electronic noticeboard of the Institute of Australian Geographers.

This is intended to serve as a forum for discussion and the sharing of information relevant to Australian geographers and interested others. The list facilitates and advances the study and discussion of geography in and of Australia, and helps bring together in hyperspace a co-operative community of 'Australian' geographers.

These ends are achieved through the exchange of information concerning relevant meetings, conferences and job opportunities; the posting of article synopses, book announcements and reviews; calls for papers; presentation of concise essays, legislative alerts and relevant cross-postings from other lists. Contributions from academic and applied geographers, non-geographers and independent scholars are welcome.

Further details about joining and posting to the IAG-List are found at <https://www.iag.org.au/communications/iag-list/>.

Parking

When attending the Society's lectures **at night**, members may enter St Francis's grounds from Milton Road and proceed to the first junction. You can park either in the paved, marked spaces to the left of this junction, or on the gravel area to the right. You may **not** park on grassed areas.

If visiting **during the day** you may park in the Society's driveway, on the gravel area as above, or in adjacent streets. You may not park in the paved, marked spaces in St Francis's. St Francis's generously allow us to park in their grounds, so please do the right thing.

International Urban Design Conference

Sydney, 9-11 September 2013

The conference "UrbanAgiNation" urbanisation | agitation | imagination will examine the liveability, productivity, affordability and efficiency of our cities.

The conference takes its theme from the 2011/12 Budget Papers where it stated:

"Three-quarters of Australians live in our 18 major cities (that have populations over 100,000). While Australians are fortunate to enjoy some of the most liveable cities in

the world, our cities face a number of long term challenges: the need to improve productivity growth; provide affordable and accessible housing; create safe community spaces; meet the needs of a growing and ageing population; ensure an inclusive and cohesive society; and address the implications of climate change. The way our cities develop to accommodate future growth and change will be critical to maintaining their status as some of the best cities in the world."

More information at:
<http://urbandesignaustralia.com.au>



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Lecture, Tues 2 July, 7.30pm
Speaker: Mr Carl Robinson
Subject: Mongolia: Nomad Empire of
Eternal Blue Sky

Day Trek, Sun 28 July
What: Tour of Light Horse Museum
Where: Mudgeeraba

Lecture, Tues 6 August, 7.30pm
Speaker: Dr John Kirkwood
Subject: Visiting Antarctica? Is Ecotourism
Compatible with Wilderness Preservation

4WD Trek, 28 August - 18 September
Where: Lambert Centre

Meeting, Tues 3 September, 7.30pm
What: Annual General Meeting

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