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■ From the President

Dear members, on the weekend of the 13th-14th August, I attended the 90th anniversary of the Geographical Society of New South Wales (GSNSW). A big thank you to Phil McManus (the GSNSW President) for the invitation. The event was held in MacLaurin Hall at the University of Sydney. It was a great evening and I congratulate them on their achievement. What struck me was how different our respective societies are. The GSNSW seems to be solidly based in academia with most members either academics or students. As such, a direct comparison to RGSQ is of limited value as the RGSQ is not, and should not become, a primarily academic organisation. What it does have some value for, though, is in how to attract and retain student members, as that is clearly a focus and forte of the NSW Society. Happily, the ideas are not far from what we have been planning and I am keen to trial a couple of these events in the near future. One event is an evening of talks for Geography graduate students with a prize for the best presentation and the possibility of running one for geography students across the Brisbane area, as GSNSW does for at least the greater Sydney area, is worth investigating.

The president of the RGSA (Rod Shearing) was also an invitee and the event gave us a chance to chat about the respective societies. Their Society is quite similar to ours and we had a good discussion on the opportunities and challenges we face. We agreed that more cooperation between our societies would be good and Rod Shearing has proposed that all the societies work more closely together to provide a unified voice for Geography or at least Geography Societies in Australia. I think it is an excellent idea and hope that we can progress this.

As per usual we have a packed schedule coming up. Our monthly lecture is on "18th Century publications in the wake of Cook's Endeavour voyage: rare holdings in Queensland Collections" which will be given by Simon Farley, Fryer Librarian, at the University of Queensland. The historical theme will be maintained when our own Executive Officer Bernard Fitzpatrick gives the 3rd Sunshine Coast lecture in our 2017 series. It is on 'Gympie Gold and Queensland' or how Gympie saved the early Queensland colony. It is on September 26th at the University of the Sunshine Coast and I encourage you to come along. There are trips to the Tramway Museum and the Boondall Wetlands as well as the usual Map and Library Group meetings.

Finally, the AGM is coming up soon. The society has had a successful year with some great treks and activities, a variety of active specialist groups, a very good lecture series and the development of a Sunshine Coast branch, as well as our ongoing commitment to the Australian Geography Competition. We have ambitions to do even more than we currently do, especially in international travel. We also have some big issues in train including constitutional change, and the need to look closely at our premises, with a view to either substantially refurbishing or possibly moving. Our success (or otherwise) comes down to the commitment of our members - that means you. Please consider standing for Council. Council benefits from new and enthusiastic members. There will be some free positions as a few members of Council have indicated that they do not wish to continue. If you want to nominate you need to do so by September 14th. **Jamie Shulmeister, President**

Annual General Meeting - September 19, 2017

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given to members of the Society that the 2017 Annual General Meeting of The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc will be held:

at "Gregory House", 237 Milton Road, Milton, Brisbane

on Tuesday, the 19th of September 2017, commencing at 7:40 pm.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is:

- (i) to receive the Council's Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities of the Society for the year 1st July 2016 - 30th June 2017.
- (ii) to receive the Auditor's Report in respect of the year 1st July 2016 - 30th June 2017.
- (iii) to appoint the Auditor in respect of the year 1st July 2017 - 30th June 2018.
- (iv) to elect members of the Council.

Explanatory Notes

Business items (i) - (iii)

Material supporting these items (Council's Report and the Financial Reports, including the Auditor's Report,) will be available for those attending the meeting, and will be added to the Society's website following the meeting.

Business item (iv) Election of Members of the Council

Under the Rules of the Society, all Councilors retire from office each year, and a new Council is elected by members. The Society Rules provide for a Council of thirteen (13) members. Any member may nominate (and be seconded) for election as a Councilor, and nominations can be lodged at any time up to the commencement of the meeting. For a copy of a Nomination Form, please contact us at info@rgsq.org.au. The functions of a Councilor are set out in a document 'Role Description - Councilors', which can be obtained from the Executive Officer, or any current Councilor. The following current members of the Council have re-nominated for election to the Council for 2017 (and positions where indicated):

Bob Abnett, Paul Broad, Iraphne Childs (Vice President), Tony Hillier, Margaret Keates (Vice President), Margaret McIvor, John Nowill, Leo Scanlan, Jamie Shulmeister (President), Chris Spriggs (Treasurer).

Jen Carter, current RSGQ member, has nominated for election for 2017 Council as well.

AGM Format

- 6:45 pm - 7:15pm: Pre-meeting drinks and nibbles. There will be a number of displays of RGSQ activities (e.g. Map Group) around the auditorium and members involved in the activities will be happy to chat about their special geographical interest;
- 7:15pm - 7:40pm: Short (25 minute) Lecture by Bernard Fitzpatrick on "Gympie Gold and Queensland";
- 7:40pm - Annual General Meeting;
- Members' Forum on Society's future directions;
- Tea, coffee and light supper.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have much pleasure in welcoming *Mr Robert Manktelow* and *Mr Long Cheng* as new members. We hope your association with your new Society is long and mutually enjoyable.

RGSQ COUNCIL

President: Jamie Shulmeister

Vice Presidents: Dal Anderson

Iraphne Childs

Secretary: Margaret McIvor

Treasurer: Chris Spriggs

Councillors: Bob Abnett

Paul Broad

Tony Hillier

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Bernard Fitzpatrick

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John McWatters

Ron Owen

Kay Rees

Graham Rees

Leo Scanlan

Rob Simson

Jamie Shulmeister

LECTURE OF THE MONTH

"18th Century Publications in the wake of Cook's Endeavour voyage: rare holdings in Queensland Collections"

by *Simon Farley, Manager UQ Fryer Library*

Tue September 5, 7:30 pm "Gregory House"

237 Milton Rd, Milton



The discovery in 2016 of what is believed to be the scuttled wreck of HMS Endeavour at the bottom of Rhode Island Harbour reminds us today of legendary map-maker and navigator Captain James Cook's three epic voyages to the South Seas, between 1768-1779. His first Pacific voyage (1768-1771) was aboard the Endeavour. In 2012, the John Oxley Library at the State Library of Queensland purchased, through a private collector located in Brisbane, the first published account of the Endeavour voyage attributed to Midshipman James Magra published in London in 1771 by T.Becket and P.A De Hondt. It is titled *A journal of a voyage round the world, in his majesty's ship Endeavour. In the years 1768, 1769, 1770 and 1771: undertaken in pursuit of natural knowledge, at the desire of the Royal Society ...* with a dedication page to Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander. This copy has a fine contemporary binding and was once held in the Pacific collection of the Hawaiian property developer Donald H. Graham Jr.



Open title page of the Journal.
Source: State Library of Queensland.

From the same collector, the Oxley acquired William Wales' *Astronomical Observations* published in 1788. When selling a copy for \$84,000, a couple years earlier, Horden House stated in their catalogue, "Although Beddie lists four institutional copies the book has virtually never been seen on the market. We know of no copy in a private collection, and we have never before handled a copy ourselves; nor do we know of any other copy being sold in the past 25 years." The Oxley's new acquisition had one time been held in the Radcliffe Observatory at Oxford University.

In 2017, the Fryer Library acquired a copy of Sydney Parkinson's Journal of a Voyage to the South Seas published posthumously in 1773. This copy was once owned by Sir Everard Home, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons.

This presentation will focus on rare books relating to James Cook's Endeavour voyage collected in Queensland and acquired by Queensland institutions including the John Oxley Library and the Fryer Library. ●

SEPTEMBER LECTURE ON THE SUNSHINE COAST "Gympie Gold and Queensland"

by *Bernard Fitzpatrick, the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland*

**Tue September 26, 7:15 pm – 9 pm
at the University of the Sunshine Coast**

Special RGSQ Lecture organised in association with the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2

For a map of the USC, visit:

http://www.usc.edu.au/media/3303/uscmap_brochure_web.pdf

Within ten years of becoming an independent colony of the British Empire in 1859, the Colony of Queensland was in financial hardship. In January 1867, the Queensland Government responded by announcing a reward for the discovery of a new gold field.

In a gully to the east of the Mary River, James Nash discovered alluvial gold in September 1867. On registering the find in Maryborough in October 1867 a rush to the new gold field began. A settlement, later named Gympie, sprang up along the small watercourse.

Gympie would become known as "the town that saved Queensland" and gold continued to be mined in the Gympie area until the 1920s. Gympie has become the regional centre of the Mary River Valley agricultural district and in 2016, the Local Government Area contributed around two billion dollars to the Queensland economy. The presentation follows the progress of the Mary River Valley region from its golden days in the mid to late 1800s.

Presenter

Bernard Fitzpatrick is a geographer with a strong interest in regional geography. Since 1980 he has worked in the areas of cartography, mapping, remote sensing, and spatial analysis associated with natural resource management, agriculture and forestry, undertaking projects over various locations in Australia, Sumatra, and Southern Sudan before becoming the RGSQ Executive Officer in 2014.

Bernard has a personal connection to Gympie through various branches of his family, which have had an association with Gympie since at least 1869.

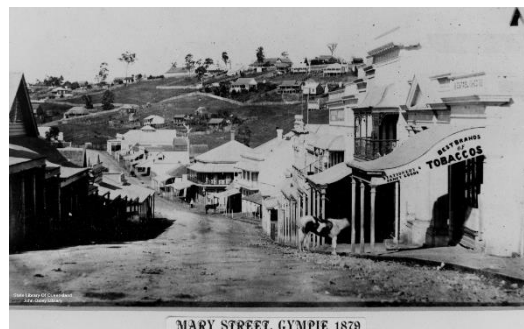


Photo: Mary Street, Gympie 1879, courtesy of State Library of Queensland.



Photo: Mary Street, Gympie, 2017. Courtesy of Bernard Fitzpatrick.

SYNOPSIS

August lecture: "The cups that cheer, but not inebriate: Australia's love affair with tea"

by Dr Peter Griggs

Synopsis by Peter Griggs, Presenter

At the scheduled lecture at the RGSQ Auditorium on Tuesday 1 August, I spoke about tea consumption in Australia. The presentation began by explaining the origins of the phrase in the title. The words were a line in a 1785 poem written by William Cowper, an English poet. They probably would have been forgotten, except the English and Australian temperance movements - the organisations against the consumption of alcohol - adopted them as their slogan during the 1830s. The 'cheering cup' became associated with tea drinking and abstinence from alcohol because tea was considered a safe drink that did not cause intoxication.

In the second part of the lecture, I examined the patterns of tea consumption in Australia. By the 1850s, colonial Australians were the highest consumers of tea per capita globally, using between 3.2-3.6 kg of tea per capita annually. They held this position until overtaken by the British in the 1920s. Colonial and Edwardian Australians consumed so much tea because our forebears liked strong brews and the beverage was consumed at every meal and in between. Tea was also given as part of the weekly rations to shepherds, convicts,

agricultural labourers and Aborigines. Consuming so much tea, however, attracted criticism from doctors, who thought it caused many complaints ranging from pimples in adolescents, loss of hearing and even mental illnesses.

Australian Consumption Patterns
Source: *Australasian Sketcher*, 22 January 1876.



Tea consumption declines in Australia during the Great Depression and 1930s, despite a campaign by the London-based Tea Expansion Bureau to reverse the trend. Tea rationing during World War II and late 1940s required Australians to consume less tea and weaker brews, so that one Ceylonese tea planter who visited Australia in May 1951 observed that Australians, "now drink no more than bitter hot water". Tea consumption in Australia continues to fall during the post-Second World War period. Many Australians, especially younger Australians, shunned the beverage in preference to coffee, which was seen as "cool and modern", whereas tea increasingly became viewed as old fashioned.

In the third part of the lecture, I considered the origins of Australia's tea supplies and who were the traders in tea. All of Australia's tea until 1880, came from China. This tea, however, was not considered good quality, often being adulterated by indigo dye, kerosene or used tealeaves. After 1880, Australians start to import more of their tea from India and Ceylon, following a very successful campaign by James Inglis, who promoted that South Asian teas were better quality than Chinese teas. By the 1910s, however, many Australian tea traders were importing their tea leaves from the Dutch East Indies (today known as Indonesia) because the product was cheaper than Indian or Ceylonese tea, much to the annoyance of those Australians who promoted the buying of products made in other British Empire dominions or colonies.

Australia was served by numerous tea traders between 1800 and 1938. Several of the most significant of these entrepreneurs who created business empires based around leaves included James Inglis & Co. (Billy Tea and Goldenia), the Robur Tea Co. (Robur), Griffiths Bros. (Signal) and D. & J. Fowler (Amgoorie). The most celebrated of the country's tea merchants, however, was Bushells Ltd. Established in Brisbane in 1883, Bushells grew into the country's premier tea trading firm, its success built on its now famous Blue Label blend of tea.

Source: *The New Idea*, 1 October 1902, back cover, NLA.



The focus turned to the growers of tea in Australia in the fourth part of the lecture. Many colonial Australians recognised that tea bushes thrived in Australia, but no

one ever successfully established the commercial production of tea in Australia during the nineteenth century, probably because of the lack of government support, despite the huge demand for the product. However, James Griffiths, during the 1890s, had been experimenting with growing tea bushes and producing tea on his property near Melbourne. By the early 1900s, Griffiths was selling this Australian-produced tea at his firm's outlets, but the practice appears to have ceased after James Griffiths' death in 1925.

Experiments by the Queensland Department of Primary Industries at South Johnstone during the 1930s and 1940s showed that tea bushes thrived in North Queensland and that tolerable brews were made from their leaves. The main stumbling block to establishing a tea industry appeared to be a lack of mechanical harvester, the cost of labour in Australia being too prohibitive to engage in hand harvesting. Alan Maruff, an Innisfail doctor, overcomes this issue during the 1960s and establishes his tea plantation at Nerada. By 1970, Nerada is producing tea commercially for the Australian market. Today, Nerada is the country's largest tea producer, with smaller tea plantations in northern New South Wales and the Daintree region in Far North Queensland.

Australians now consume around 0.8-1.0 kg of tea per capita annually, mostly at home. Coffee and sweetened drinks remain the most popular drinks in Australia, although the trend over the recent years has been for tea to have become slightly more popular due to its supposed health benefits and the rise of herbal teas. Australia's love affair with tea may have waned, but the 'cheering cup' is still brewed occasionally in the homes of many Australians, but unlike in past eras, that cup of tea is now made from tea bags.

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"AN EYE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA" ITINERARY

B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

- **Day 1** Brisbane Airport Depart **21 April 2018**
- **Day 2** Durban South Africa LD **22 April 2018**
Arrival at airport & transfer to hotel; meet & greet.
Accommodation: Gateway Hotel Umhlanga.
- **Day 3** Southern Drakensberg BLD **23 April 2018, 2 nights**
Durban City tour. Lunch is prepared en route possibly in Pietermaritzburg (time dependent). **Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Golf and Spa Resort.**
- **Day 4** Southern Drakensberg BLD **24 April 2018**
Full Day Sani Pass & Lesotho Tour: Take an exciting 4x4 drive up the Sani Pass, the highest road pass in Africa. Enter the Kingdom of Lesotho and visit a nearby Sotho village. Light lunch (included) at the highest pub in Africa, with its incredible views.
Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Golf and Spa Resort.
- **Day 5** Golden Gate Highlands National Park BLD **25 April 2018, 1 night**
Afternoon visit to the **Brandwag Butress** & have a short hike (approx. 1 hr or less). Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Basotho Cultural Village Rest Camp.
- **Day 6** KwaZulu Natal Battlefields BLD **26 April 2018, 1 night**
Zululand Battlefields excursion visiting: **Spion Kop, Rorke's Drift & Isandlwana** (escorted by a battlefields guide). Spion Cop, Anglo Boer War; Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana, Anglo Zulu War. Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Battlefields Country Lodge.**
- **Day 7** Hluhluwe BLD **27 April 2018, 1 night**
Enroute visit **St Lucia-iSimangaliso Wetland Park** for a guided St Lucia estuary boat trip and optional walk on the Indian Ocean beach. Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Ezulwini Game Lodge.**
- **Day 8** Hlane Royal National Park BLD **28 April 2018, 1 night**
Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Ndlovu Camp.**
- **Day 9** Hazyview BLD **29 April 2018, 2 nights**
Morning **Umphakatsi Experience** (a visit to a Swazi Chief's homestead). Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Casa Do Sol.
- **Day 10** Hazyview BLD **30 April 2018**
Central Kruger Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Casa Do Sol.
- **Day 11** Soutpansberg Mountain Range BLD **1 May 2018, 1 night**
Blyde River Canyon Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Mashovhela Bush Lodge and Drumbeat Restaurant.
- **Day 12** Great Zimbabwe Ruins BLD **2 May 2018, 1 night**
For the **South Africa and Zimbabwe border post** (expect approx. 2 hrs delays at border post). Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Short stops enroute (time permitting).
Accommodation: Lodge at the Ancient City.
- **Day 13** Matobo National Park BLD **3 May 2018, 2 nights**
Great Zimbabwe ruins. Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Big Cave Camp.
- **Day 14** Matobo National Park BLD **4 May 2018**
Rhino walk. Grave Cecil John Rhodes. Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Big Cave Camp.**
- **Day 15** Gweta BLD **5 May 2018, 2 nights**
Nata Bird Sanctuary. Planet Baobab guided walks.
Accommodation: Planet Baobab.
- **Day 16** Gweta BLD **6 May 2018**
Ntwetwe Pan Expedition Today we visit the **Ntwetwe Pan** for a morning excursion and later we learn about cattle trading in this region, and finally we visit a local community that call the vicinity of the **Magadikgadi Salt Pan** home. Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Planet Baobab.**
- **Day 17** Maun BLD **7 May 2018, 1 night**
Transit to Maun. **Optional Okavango** scenic flights. Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Thamalakane Riverlodge.**
- **Day 18** Moremi Game Reserve BLD **8 May 2018, 2 nights**
Depart Maun in the late morning on safari vehicles heading to **Moremi/Khwai Game Reserves** (NB: group to be split into 12

seated safari vehicles). Game driving to the lodge and enjoy sunset at the lodge. Lunch en route prepared by crew.

Accommodation: Mankwe Bush Lodge.

- **Day 19** Moremi Game Reserve **BLD** **9 May 2018**
Moremi Game Reserve. Lunch en route prepared by crew.
Accommodation: Mankwe Bush Lodge.



The amazing foresight of Chief Moremi created one of the world's most famous reserves, conserving part of the Okavango Delta and the plains to its east. The reserve covers more than 4871 square kilometres of pristine wilderness, and the varied terrain includes savannah, winding waterways, and thick forest.

- **Day 20** Chobe Riverfront **BLD** **10 May 2018, 2 nights**
A short drive northwards we arrive in Kasane, the gateway to Chobe National Park. **Chobe River Cruise.** Lunch en route prepared by crew. **Accommodation: Chobe Marina Lodge.**
- **Day 21** Chobe River Front **BLD** **11 May 2018**
Chobe National Park Game Viewing. **Accommodation: Chobe Marina Lodge.**



- **Day 22** Hwange National Park **BLD; 12 May 2018, 2 nights**
Hwange National Park. Optional game drive by the lodge in the afternoon. **Accommodation: Sable Sands.**

- **Day 23** Hwange National Park **BLD** **13 May 2018**
Hwange National Park. Packed lunch during game drives. **Accommodation: Sable Sands.**
- **Day 24** Victoria Falls Zimbabwe **BLD** **14 May 2018, 1 night**
In Transit to **Victoria Falls.** **Shearwater** guided tour of the Falls. **Victoria Falls Hotel High Tea** on the veranda. **Optional** helicopter flight over **Victoria Falls.** **Accommodation: Victoria Falls Hotel.**
- **Day 25** Victoria Falls/Johannesburg **B** **15 May 2018**
- **16 May 2018** **Arrive in Australia**

Photos courtesy of Jenman African Safaris.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information in the itinerary at the time of publication, RGSQ cannot accept responsibility for the errors, changes, omissions or for descriptions which have been supplied by third party providers.

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with Jenman African Safaris.**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER: VISIT TO THE BRISBANE TRAMWAY MUSEUM

Wed 6 September

Cost: \$40 members \$43 non-members

RSVP: by Tuesday 29 August to RGSQ Office.

Who doesn't remember riding on a rattly Brisbane tram? Would you like to ride on one again to relive those memories? Well then, join us for a tour of The Brisbane Tramway Museum. The Museum has been operational since 1980 and is run entirely by volunteers who make a visit fun & informative. We will meet at 10am at the Museum for Morning Tea before commencing the tour at 10:30am.



Photo courtesy of Kay Rees

Following on the tour, we will make our way to the adjoining Ferny Grove Bowls Club for lunch.

Location: The Museum is located at **50 Tramway St, Ferny Grove QLD 4055** and is approximately a 25-minute drive from RGSQ north-west via The Gap, Ashgrove or Mitchelton. There is plenty of free parking. The closest railway station is Ferny Grove and it is a 10 minute, 700 metres walk. We can arrange to pick up anyone from the station (prior to 9:45am) and drop them back for a return train.

Coordinator: Kay Rees

SEPTEMBER: TOTEMS AND A TEMPLE

Thursday 21 September



Photo courtesy of Audrey Johnston.

WHAT: a morning walk through the Boondall Wetlands to view the aboriginal totems along the track. It is about a 2km, flat walk on a well-made track winding its way through the wetlands, with the possibility of a short detour to a bird hide beside Nundah Creek. Each totem has a different story, e.g. kula represents a stingless bee, chagrine is an eel, Kabul, the carpet python while Bingen - represents turtles. The local indigenous people, the Morris, ate the short necked but not the long-necked turtles which bred in the swamps. Apparently, the meat is very tasty. You might like to pop into the Information Centre to collect a brochure about the totems.

Enjoy a BYO lunch in the picnic area.

Be SunSmart, wear walking shoes, bring a water bottle and a camera.

Then travel to the Taoist Temple at Deagon for a guided tour. Taoism is an ancient Chinese religion that originated 4,700 years ago. Built in 1991, this is the largest Taoist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere. Teen How is the Goddess of Heaven and Goddess of the Sea, while Wong is the Shepherd Saint. Both are worshipped by millions of Chinese throughout the world.

- **LOCATION:** Boondall Wetlands

From Sandgate Road, Boondall, follow Stanworth Road, which becomes Bicentennial Road, drive under the motorway and follow the signs to the Information Centre.

- **MEET** at the Information Centre by 9.30am for a 9.45am start.

Following lunch continue along Sandgate Road to Depot Road to the Temple at 41 Depot Road. It is on the right-hand side of the road. There is parking at the back.

- **ARRIVE** at the Temple by 1.30 for a 1.45 start.

Cost of \$5.00 is a donation to the Temple.

Book with the RGSQ Office and **pay by** 15 September.

IF IT IS WET WE WILL CANCEL THE WETLANDS WALK AND MEET AT THE TEMPLE by 1.30pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact Audrey Johnston, Trip Coordinator, on 07 3283 4494 or 0438 159 218.

Audrey Johnston: Trip Coordinator

OCTOBER: SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS TRIP

Thursday 26 October

Cost: members \$15; non-members \$18

Book and **pay** with the RGSQ office at 07 3368 2066 by September 15th

Lunch at the RSL and the cost of ferries is at the participants' own expense.

Somewhat less visited than the tourist oriented North and South Stradbroke Islands are the four 'residential' islands of southern Moreton Bay - Russell and Macleay, each with populations of around 2,500 and Lamb and Karragarra which each have less than 500 residents. The best known island is Russell probably as a result of the (in)famous land scam of the 1970s based partly on the rumour of a bridge from the mainland.

The islands are linked with each other and the mainland by a ferry service which operates from Redland Bay Ferry Terminal. The ferry operates within the Translink system and therefore offers Gocard convenience at reasonable rates.

The ferry services I've selected - 10.30 am out and 2.35 pm return - are scheduled to stop at all of the islands but we will disembark only on Russell, the largest, for a commented bus tour of the island and lunch at the RSL. These times are necessary so we can make use of the island's school bus (air conditioned, full size) outside its normal hours of operation and so that the ferries will not be crowded with students and commuters in either direction. The ferry arrives back in Redland Bay at 3.06 pm.

Free off-street parking is available close to the ferry terminal. Some upgrading work is being conducted throughout this year in the carpark so I've been advised that it's wise to arrive by 10 am especially as these ferries wait for no-one. (I had no trouble finding a park during a recent trial run however.) The terminal is also serviced by buses from Brisbane (see the Translink Journey Planner).

Redland Bay Ferry Terminal is off Banana Street. UBD Map 226 Ref 17P. **John McWatters, Trip Coordinator**

NOVEMBER: COAST TO COAST across ENGLAND

A presentation of Wainwright's Classic 304 km walk across England

When: Tue 14 November, 9.15am for 9.30am start.

Cost: \$7 including morning tea.

Book and Pay: Contact RGSQ at 07 3368 2066 or email admin@rgsq.org.au by Tue 7 November.

Venue: RGSQ Auditorium, "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd

*Nine Standards
Rigg on a high point of the
Pennines half way across
England,
courtesy of Ron Owen.*



There are many long-distance walks in the UK but probably the best known is that from the Irish Sea at St Bees Head to the North Sea at Robin Hood's Bay. Created by Alfred Wainwright, a legendary fell walker, guidebook writer, and illustrator, this walk in Northern England passes through some of the most beautiful and varied scenery in the country. It passes through three major geographical regions being: the rugged mountains and beautiful lakes of the Lake District, the rolling hills and pretty valleys of the Yorkshire Dales, and the extensive heather moorland of the North York Moors. There is dramatic coastal scenery at both start and finish, and in the Yorkshire Dales dry-stone walls and green valleys that support cultivated crops and grazing of sheep and cattle. The walk was completed by six friends in 17 days averaging 18 km per day during a midyear drought when there were water restrictions in London. Navigation was based on having a detailed guidebook and quality Ordnance Survey topographic maps backed up with compass and hand held GPS.

Coordinator: Ron Owen

NOVEMBER: QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT HOUSE HIGH TEA

When: Friday 24 November, 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Where: Strangers' Dining Room

Cost: \$47.00 and payable to the RGSQ office by Fri 17 November.

*Parliament House,
Brisbane, seen
from the end of
George Street,
Brisbane. Image:
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High Tea will be followed by an optional tour of Parliament House commencing at 12.00 noon for approximately half an hour which will be followed by a visit to the O'Donovan Library at 12.45 pm.

Tour numbers are limited to twenty so if you are interested please register now to avoid disappointment. All who attend are kindly requested to provide photo identification on the day. Failure to comply will result in your inability to take part in this outing. Dress is smart casual.

RGSQ members will meet on the corner of George and Alice Streets outside the Parliamentary gate at 10.10am.

We will then move on to the Parliamentary Annexe entrance where a member of the Parliamentary staff will escort us to the Strangers' Dining Room.

Please note: There is no visitor parking available at Queensland Parliament House.

Hope to see you there! **Leo Scanlan, Coordinator.** ●

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

KEN SUTTON

MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

When: Monday, September 25, 2017

Time: 9:00 am

Where: "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd.



MAP GROUP

UPCOMING MAP GROUP GATHERINGS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2017 - Events:

RGSQ AGM - Tue 19 September 2017: Map Library Display.

- Map Group has agreed to mount a Map Display and some volunteers will do so, before the AGM Evening starts.

- **"Show and Tell" - Wed 20 September: 10am to 12 noon/thereabouts.**

Venue: Auditorium, Gregory House, 237 Milton Road, Milton.

Morning Tea: 11am. Map Group members agreed to the following:

- Each attendee to make a \$2 contribution to cover costs of tea, coffee, sugar and milk
- Each attendee brings along one of the following:
 - Biscuits (a variety is being sought)
 - Cake (simpler the better)
 - Fruit Salad (summer type fruits)

OCTOBER 2017 - Gathering & External Event:

Mon 9 October: 10am to 12 noon.

Gathering: Auditorium, Gregory House.

- **Presentation:** Speaker/Topic: Peter Lloyd - *"Thematic Mapping - 50 Years Ago"*.
- **Gathering:** General Items about remainder of 2017 Program.

(Note: Monday 2 October is Queen's Birthday public holiday)

Tuesday 10 October: All Day External Event - STEAMx Brisbane

- **Event Organiser:** QSSA (Qld Spatial and Surveying Association); contact: info@qssa.com.au
- **Venue:** Queensland Museum
- **Fee:** For RGSQ members - a discounted rate of \$35 will apply for the day (RGSQ is a participant of the Queensland Science Network, along with QSSA).
- **Further Information:** QSSA's August 2017 e-letter still mentions STEAMx for Tue 10 October, without further details. If you are keen to attend the event, please contact QSSA directly, or google its website: <http://qssa.com.au/>

NOVEMBER 2017 - Key Event: Map Group Canberra Trip - Monday 20 to Friday 24 November. Bit late to join now, given need to book accommodation. Will be visiting:

- National Library of Australia (NLA) - Map Collection
- Geoscience Australia - Special tour of Australian geosciences
- National Museum of Australia - Explorers and relics exhibits Australian War Memorial and Museum - Military maps and general exhibits. **Bob Abnett, Map Group Coordinator.**

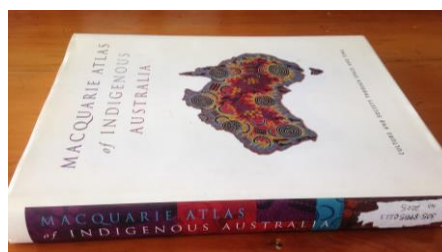


RGSQ members mapping areas of Milton during the OSM workshop organised by the Map Group, June 2017. Courtesy of Bob Abnett.

Book of the month

"MACQUARIE ATLAS of INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA"

By Rob Simson



This magnificent atlas does not only tell us *where* Indigenous Australians lived both past and present but also *why* those distributions existed or have changed with the European occupation of the continent. This

information is presented using both thematic and choropleth maps; as well as selected indigenous art works and photographs of cultural interest. The individual chapters are grouped into three sections – cultural space, economic space and political space, so as to give the atlas a definite structure; but the inquisitive reader can jump into any topic of interest, such as population patterns, indigenous involvement in arts, sports and games, or the questions regarding land ownership and land use, and issues to do with social justice.

The small chapter on the adoption of indigenous place names has particular relevance with the Committee for Geographical Names in Australia, together with the equivalent State authorities, indicating that Indigenous words are the preferred option for naming features without an already recognized name. Along with this, there is the trend for many official names to be changed back to indigenous naming (eg. Uluru), and even dual-naming being adopted. As the editors point out in the segment, *Navigating the Atlas*, the Indigenous people did not write their languages, so practical orthographies have been devised based on the Roman alphabet. English speakers often have difficulties with the letter combinations being used to represent a single sound from an Indigenous language that is not familiar to them.

Another interesting topic that is discussed involves rituals and mortuary practices including the adoption of Christianity. In the 2001 census nearly 70% of the total Indigenous population said they had a Christian religious affiliation. Maps showing the distribution of early and postcolonial missions including areas where a particular form of the Christian faith has become dominant.

No matter what you might think you know about Indigenous Australia and its first nation peoples, this atlas is sure to help in many of the gaps in your knowledge.

Report "July Brisbane River Filed Trip"

By Iraphne Childs



Photo courtesy of Ralph Childs.

On Thursday 13 July, 9am-1pm, thirty-three RGSQ members participated in a Brisbane River field trip on a chartered Citycat ferry, organised in conjunction with the Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG) Conference, held at the University of Queensland, July 11-14. RGSQ Vice-President, Dr. Iraphne Childs, also a geographer from UQ's School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, convened the field trip. The tour began at the ferry terminal on UQ's St. Lucia campus, traversed downstream through the Toowong, Milton, Town-CBD, Kangaroo Point, Bulimba and Hamilton Reaches.

As time permitted, the ferry captain took us beyond Hamilton Northshore terminal (the usual downstream limit for Citycats), passing beneath the Gateway bridges and into the Lytton Reach to view part of the Port of Brisbane. This was an unexpected opportunity and a very interesting part of the trip. Commentary during the field trip was given by Iraphne, Emeritus Professor John Holmes, a staff member from the Brisbane City Council's urban planning team and the ferry captain, who is currently enrolled at UQ in an Education degree studying Geography!

Much information was shared on the river's geological history, biogeography, navigation and bridges, notable flood events, historical land use and present-day waterfront landscape. We returned to UQ by 1pm and enjoyed a complimentary boxed lunch at the Global Change Institute, courtesy of the IAG. The weather on the day was outstanding and all aboard had a very enjoyable field trip.

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Lecture of the Month: Tue September 5

"18th Century Publications in the wake of Cook's Endeavour voyage: rare holdings in Queensland Collections" by Simon Farley

Sunshine Coast Lecture: Tue 26 September

"Gympie Gold and Queensland" by Bernard Fitzpatrick

Tours and Activities: Wed Sep 6 - Tramway Museum, Thur Sep 26 - Deagon Temple

Map Group: Wed 20 Sep, 10am-12pm "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd, Milton. Event – *"Show and Tell"*.

Ken Sutton Memorial Library: Mon Sep 25, 9:00am, "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd, Milton.

RGSQ AGM: Tue 19 September

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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