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■ From the President

Geography and the Commonwealth Games

Dear Members, the Gold Coast XXI Commonwealth Games this April marked the fifth time that Australia has hosted the Games – it was previously held in Sydney (1938), Perth (1962), Brisbane (1982) and Melbourne (2006). In 2018, 6600 athletes and team officials from 71 nations participated. The country with the largest contingent of 473 athletes, not surprisingly as the host, was Australia. The opening ceremony with a kaleidoscope of brightly attired competitors carrying national flags set me thinking more broadly about the role of the Commonwealth in global affairs in 2018.

"The 54 Commonwealth countries cover 20% of the world's land area, spanning six continents and with an estimated population of 2.5 billion people, of which half is in India."

Map source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commonwealth_of_Nations#/media/File:Member_states_of_the_Commonwealth_of_Nations



After decolonisation of the British Empire, the London Declaration of 1949 changed the name from the **British Commonwealth** to the **Commonwealth of Nations**. Member states include republics and indigenous monarchies as "free and equal" nations, sharing English as a common official language and having democratic parliamentary systems. The Commonwealth recognises Queen Elizabeth II as its Head although not all countries were former British colonies. The newest members, Rwanda and Mozambique, have a very limited connection to British history but see trade advantages in joining the Commonwealth.

Debate persists as to the relevance of the Commonwealth today. Critics describe it as "neo-colonialist", as being dominated by former colonial nations and for not taking action against member countries guilty of human rights abuses. Proponents argue the benefits of shared values, trade opportunities and cite the more human aspect, the "People's Commonwealth" comprising voluntary, professional, philanthropic and sporting organisations that work to improve the lives of people in member countries. The bi-annual Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) discusses issues affecting the organisation and each member country. Equal representation for all member states gives the 31 smaller nations an international platform they may not otherwise have.

The Commonwealth Games is the highest profile international event sponsored by the Commonwealth of Nations.

Australia's winning bid for the 2018 Games was announced in 2011 in Basseterre, the capital city of Saint Kitts. I was not familiar with the Geography of this small country but here's what I discovered ...



Map source:
<https://www.stkittsnevisregistry.net/about-skn.html>

The twin-island nation of **St. Kitts and Nevis** is located in the West Indies

Leeward Islands chain of the Lesser Antilles, approximately 1,300 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. The two main volcanic islands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, have high central peaks covered in tropical rainforest. The numerous streams descending from the mountains provide fresh water for both islands. It is the smallest sovereign state in the Western Hemisphere, in both area and population. The name **St. Kitts** is a shortened form of its official name, **St. Christopher**, given to it by Christopher Columbus when he landed there in 1493. St. Kitts was Britain's first colony in the West Indies founded in 1623. In 1983, the Federation of **St. Kitts and Nevis** gained independence. The inhabitants call themselves **Kittitians**. **Nevis** is named after the Spanish word for snow - not because there is any! But because of the white cloud usually around the island's peak. The inhabitants are known as **Nevisians**. In 2016 the population of St. Kitts and Nevis was 54,821, most of whom identified as Anglican Christians. English is the official language but Saint Kitts Creole is also widely spoken. The economic landscape is dominated by tourism, former sugar plantations and light manufacturing.

There is now a thriving offshore-banking sector, an international financial centre and the regional Eastern Caribbean Stock Exchange. There is no income tax, corporation tax or withholding tax on profits in the Federation.

St. Kitts and Nevis had a total of seven competitors in the 2018 Gold Coast Games in the beach volleyball, athletics and table-tennis events.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Kitts_and_Nevis#

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the Klamath story of the origin of Crater Lake (Oregon, USA) about 7700 years ago and memories of postglacial sea-level rise dating back more than 5000 years along the coasts of Brittany (France) and Wales (UK).

This research suggests the nature and meaning of oral traditions in various contexts deserves to be reassessed.

Biography: With a PhD from the University of London, Patrick Nunn was appointed Lecturer in Geography at the main campus of the University of the South Pacific (which serves 12 Pacific Island countries) in Fiji in 1985. He spent 25 years there, becoming immersed in Pacific worldviews and traditions, before moving to Australia, initially to the University of New England, thence to the University of the Sunshine Coast where he is Professor of Geography.

In addition to some 250 peer-reviewed publications, Patrick has authored several books, including *Oceanic Islands* (1994) and the award-winning *Vanished Islands and Hidden Continents of the Pacific* (2009). His new book, *The Edge of Memory: Recollections of Coastal Drowning and Other Phenomena Over Seven Millennia Ago*, is scheduled for publication by Bloomsbury Sigma in August 2018. Patrick was awarded the Gregory Medal of the Pacific Science Association in 2003 and, in recognition of his sustained service to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), shared in the award of its 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have much pleasure in welcoming Mr Kent Olive, Miss Shannon Boyce, Miss Bonnie Wu, Miss Sienna Blanckensee, Miss Cassandra Malley, Miss Lindsey File, Mr Benjamin Priebe now, Miss Tamera Summerill, Miss Julia Marler, Miss Grace Marion Derrick, Miss Gail Gregson, Ms Jennifer Allen and Mr John Saint-Smith as new members. We hope your association with your new Society is long and mutually enjoyable.

MAY LECTURE

Annual JP Thomson Address

Whose Dreaming? Ancient Stories as Memories not Fiction

by Professor Patrick Nunn

Date: Tuesday, May 1

Time: 7.30pm-9pm

Venue: Magda Community Artz Hall, 80 Boundary Rd Bardon

<https://www.magdacommunityartz.org/tablet/about.html>



Over the past decade or so, it has become abundantly clear that certain traditional stories, long regarded as fictional, have cores of information about ancient events that derive from firsthand observations of these. Recent research in Australia shows that Indigenous stories about coastal drowning, volcanic activity and meteorite impacts are likely to have been preserved for several thousand

years, largely by accurate and unbroken transgenerational storytelling.

In celebration of James Park Thomson's fascination with landscape evolution and Indigenous traditions in Australia and Fiji, this talk will illustrate, through a series of case studies, the idea that some of these traditions are likely memories of actual events. These include traditional earthquake responses on Kadavu Island (Fiji), where Thomson spent extended periods and could "scarcely wish a more charming place in which to pass my life". Most case-studies are from Australia and include Indigenous Australian recollections of volcanic activity, coastal submergence and the nature of traditional resistance to this, and the possibility that there are extant accounts of now-extinct creatures such as the *bunyip* or *yero*.

Modern science allows us, as Thomson keenly anticipated, the ability to determine the age of many occurrences of the natural phenomena on which such stories focus. This talk will explain how such ages are calculated, what they refer to, and what is uncertain. It is plausible to suppose that numerous different Indigenous Australian traditions recall events that happened more than 7000 years ago. And while it is clear that Australian Aboriginal stories – with the aid of various mnemonic devices – have generally endured longer than any of the world's other ancient cultures, there are examples of comparable oral traditions elsewhere. These include

Geographers in the Spotlight



The winner of the 2018 Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Prize for the highest achieving student graduating from the geography major at the USC announced

The Faculty of Arts, Business and Law at the University of the Sunshine Coast held its annual Awards and Prizes Ceremony on Tuesday, the 27th of March. Ms Bethany Williams-Holthouse was the 2018 winner, having received a grade point average of 6.82 (out of a possible 7) for her Bachelor of Regional and Urban Planning (Honours) program, and a grade point average of 6.875 (out of a possible 7.0) for the geography major in the program. Bethany is now working as a strategic planner for the Bundaberg Regional Council, which she enjoys very much. Bethany said that she loved geography, and that everything about geography has helped her in her present work with the Council.

Photo: Associate Professor Jen Carter with Bethany Williams-Holthouse, Awards and Prizes Ceremony March 2017.

Congratulations to Professor Iain Hay

Professor Iain Hay, Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor of Geography and Dean (Education) in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at Flinders University has been re-elected as one of the three Vice-Presidents on the Executive Committee of the International Geographical Union for the period 2018-2022. The other two VPs are from Italy and China. It is an honour to have Prof. Hay represent Australia on this peak international body for Geography.

<http://www.flinders.edu.au/people/iain.hay>



UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY: Visit to Beenleigh Rum Distillery and Poppy's Chocolate Factory

Wednesday 30 May | 8:00am – 4:30pm

- Departure:** 8:00am - Park Ave Eagle Junction
8:20am – Park n Ride Mains Rd Nathan
- Cost:** \$65.00 members / \$68.00 non-members (based on 25 participants). Includes bus cost, morning tea and tour/tasting at Distillery and Poppy's.
- Pay by:** Monday 30th April 2018.
- Lunch:** Own cost at Beenleigh RSL.
- Home:** Drop-off at Mains Rd and Eagle Junction. Last drop-off at 4:30pm.
- Dress:** Closed shoes must be worn, access is not conducive to wheelchairs, walkers or prams.

We would love you to join us on a bus tour to the Beenleigh Artisan Distillery and Poppy's Chocolate Factory.

The tour includes morning tea, Tour and Tasting at the distillery followed by lunch (own cost) at the Beenleigh RSL after which we shall visit the Poppy's Chocolate Factory.

Beenleigh Rum was established over 130 years ago and still operates from their original site on the banks of the Albert River.

Join us for a tour of the distillery followed by an included tasting of selected products from either the "Classic Rum Experience" or the "Distiller's Selection". Products are also available for purchase, for those who wish to indulge. Our tour will be followed by lunch.



Following lunch, we will travel to poppy's Chocolate Factory where we will be greeted with gourmet samples to taste prior to being enlightened about the craft of chocolate making and shown a glimpse of the art. Each member will be presented with a 'goodie' bag containing 5 different chocolates to take home (or consume on the way).

Tour numbers are limited to 25, so, please register with the office now to avoid disappointment and please advise the office of your preferred pick-up / drop-off point.

Coordinator: Wayne Mackenzie

JUNE: Public lecture at the University of the Sunshine Coast

"Balloons, Blackbirds and Beyond: a short history of photo intelligence"

by Ken Granger, past President of the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland

Date: Tuesday 19 June, 7.15-9.00pm

Venue: USC, Lecture Theatre 2

During WW II, British air photo interpreters produced an in-house magazine with the very clever title "Evidence in Camera". The title not only reflected the wealth of critical intelligence gleaned from the aerial photos obtained by specially equipped aircraft over occupied Europe; it also reflected the "behind closed doors" secret nature of their work.

A good example of this work is the way that photos obtained by an RAF reconnaissance aircraft over Germany's Baltic coast in April 1943 were analysed to confirm the establishment of the V-1 flying bomb and V-2 ballistic missile test facility at Peenemünde. That analysis provided the intelligence that led to heavy air raids on the site as well as the targeting of V-1 launch facilities being built along the French coast. Had these weapons reached full operational status, the D-Day landings in 1944 may have been impossible and the outcome of the War made uncertain.

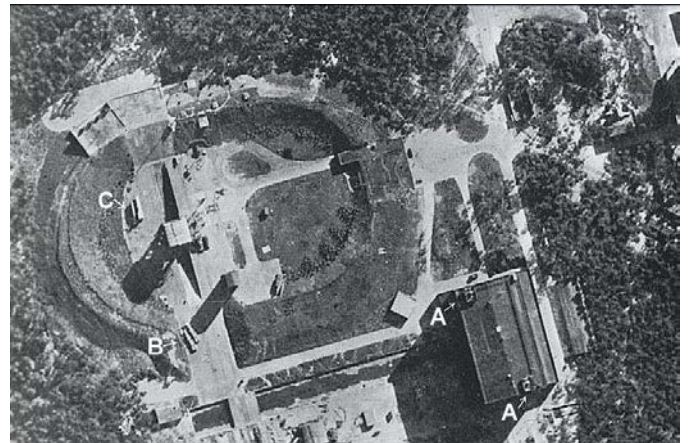


Photo: V2 test site, By No. 540 Squadron RAF Flight Sergeant E. P. H. Peek in a de Havilland Mosquito PR4[7] returned to Leuchars airfield on June 23, 1943 with Peenemünde photos showing a pair of low-loader vehicles[8] holding a pair of rockets.[2] [Public domain], via [Wikimedia Commons](#)

Neither the technology that acquired the photos nor the methods employed to analyse them were new. At the time, they were simply at the leading edge of an evolutionary stream that began as early as 1909 and continues to evolve to this day. In this lecture Ken Granger traces the history of aerial reconnaissance from the use of observers in a balloon during the Battle of Fleurus in 1794 during the French Revolutionary War, to the integrated use of high resolution imaging satellites, technologies such as GPS and GIS, sophisticated databases and spatial modelling routines to produce what is now called geospatial intelligence.

Ken is well placed to tell this story. He has been fascinated by the observation of the land from above ever since his first flight in a Tiger Moth as a 14-year-old in the mid-1950s. He was introduced to photo interpretation and simple photogrammetric tools in the early 1960s and went on to map the forest resources and land use of PNG over the next 8 years. During the 1970s and 80s he worked in the "black world" of strategic intelligence using a range of imaging systems as well as early database and computer mapping technologies. For the past 28 years he has applied these skills and knowledge to the analysis of the risks posed by a wide range of natural and anthropogenic hazards to communities and their critical infrastructures.

JULY: A day at Lamington National Park, O'Reillys

Wednesday 11 July – self drive



MEET: 8:30am at Canungra Hub Café, Canungra. Departing to drive to O'Reilly's at 9:05am

Cost: \$10.00 members / \$15.00 non-members

Book and Pay: RGSQ Office, 07 3368 2066 or admin@rgsq.org.au by Friday 6 July.

Note: Please advise your suburb, whether driving and if you are prepared to carpool or take more passengers.

What to bring: Sturdy shoes, wet weather gear, umbrellas. Be prepared, so bring a bottle of water as well.

This is a self-drive activity to Canungra. We will carpool from Canungra to O'Reilly's. The road from Canungra to O'Reilly's is narrow, winding and being repaired after extensive damage resulting from Cyclone Debbie in 2017. There are some one-way sections controlled by lights.

We need to depart Canungra at 9:05am for the drive to O'Reilly's. The Canungra Hub Café is open from 6am to 5pm on weekdays so you might like to leave Brisbane early and have breakfast in Canungra.

10.00 am: Welcome by Ranger in Heritage Room followed by an easy 1.8km Centenary Walk, The Time Walk explaining formation of region about the National Park.

The group will then split and those interested in a bit more adventure on uneven surfaces will walk on to Picnic Rock and see ancient Antarctic beech trees – approx. 1 hour, led by Mary Comer.

The rest of the group will have time to walk the O'Reilly's Rainforest Gardens and Tree Top Walk and visit the Info Centre – more time in the Heritage Room, and/or feed the birds.

Lunch around 12.00 – either BYO picnic or cafe.

Following lunch, Bernard Fitzpatrick will talk about the Stinson plane crash and rescue which featured in Bernard O'Reilly's 1940 book "Green Mountains" and the 1987 TV Movie, "The Riddle of the Stinson" in which Jack Thompson played Bernard O'Reilly.

Leave 3pm. Stop at Canungra if desired.

Arrive Brisbane 5-5.30pm approx.

Coordinators: Bernard Fitzpatrick and Mary Comer. For further information call Bernard in the RGSQ Office: 07 3368 2066.

Photo: Lamington National Park – Antarctic Beech; Stinson Model A at O'Reilly's, model replica; courtesy of B.Fitzpatrick.

AUGUST: Field trip | Friday 17 - Sun 19 August

A weekend for guided exploration of the Upper Yabba catchment, specifically Yabba Falls and Kingaham Gorge (Ochre Falls, Tumbled Valley, Broken Femur Falls et al).

Coordinator: Ian Stehbens

Expressions of interest only by Friday April 27.

Please contact the RGSQ Office on 07 3368 2066 or admin@rgsq.org.au.

Cost: tba

The old geologies of the area provide some baffling questions and a wide variety of landforms including moderate and massive jointing in granitic outcrops, surprising volcanic intrusions and vent, and strongly jointed metamorphic structures. The Mary Catchment has captured some of the upper Burnett catchment via Yabba and Kingaham Creeks. The weekend is appropriate for a range of fitness levels:

- easy but rough walk to top of Yabba Falls and Weaner Rock;
- moderate challenge due to length of slopes gives access into Kingaham Gorge and also into Gates of Yabba;
- abseiling descent into awesome Baiyambora Gorge with challenging return hiking ascent.

Staying at Imbil in your choice of accommodation: Imbil Country Cabins (economical quality accommodation) or B&Bs or camping at Deer Park, camping at Imbil Island Reach Campground, or at Borumba Dam camping area.

Borumba Deer Park www.borumbadeerpark.com:

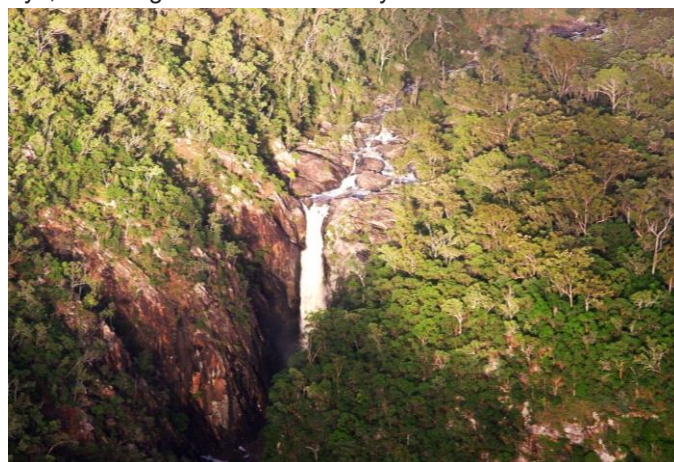
Camping \$15pp pn.

Budget Cabins \$75 for first 2 persons pn, + \$15 per extra adult.

Deluxe Cabins \$95 for first 2 persons pn, + \$15 per extra adult.

Own Van \$32 for first 2 persons pn +\$17 per extra adult. Alternative quality accommodation (rating by the trip Coordinator ****) at **Imbil Country Cabins** for up to 6 persons (1 Queen, 2 bunks, 1 double fold out sofa) is \$181 pn.

Access to the field site from Imbil requires a 4WD vehicle, so we will be carpooling for those who do not have a 4WD. People need to assemble at Borumba Deer Park, Yabba Creek Road, IMBIL by 7.30am on the Saturday morning and again on the Sunday morning. This trek will involve two days, returning to Imbil on both days.



Top plunge - Yabba Falls, the first 60m of the 160m fall. Courtesy of Ian Stehbens.

NOVEMBER: TASMANIA

Calling for Expressions of Interest
(by 30 April 2018)

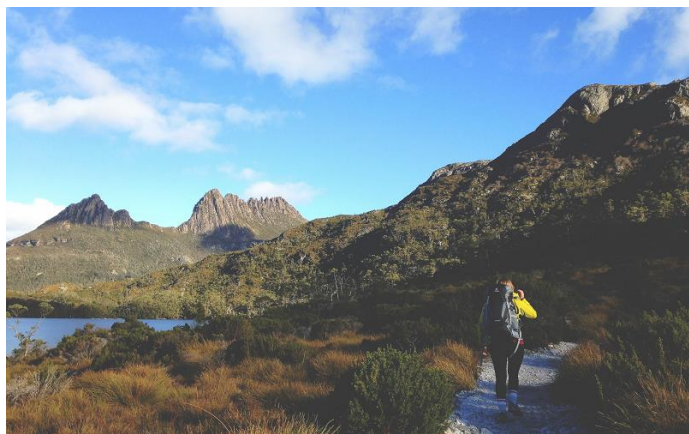


Photo: Cradle Mountain, Tasmania, by Roxanne Desgagnés on Unsplash

We are planning a 14-night, 15-day Fly/Drive Trek to Tassie from 1st November to 15th November 2018 and are seeking expressions of interest from members.

We would fly out of Brisbane into Hobart, collect hire vehicles (sedans) at the airport and meander around Tassie with booked accommodation.

The plan is to use Hobart as an initial base for 6 days to explore Port Arthur and surrounds; Richmond and surrounds; Hobart including Salamander Markets (for those interested), MONA, Wrest Point etc. and Bruny Island. Own cost options for Tours and /or Cruises etc. are not included in our Budget Costs.

We would then travel to Strahan staying two nights. Options would include visiting Queenstown with own cost options for a Gordon River Cruise, Wilderness Railway etc.

From Strahan we would visit Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake on our way to Burnie where we would stay two nights. From Burnie we would visit The Nut in Stanley then on to Smithtown and back to Burnie to visit the Paper Mill and watch the Penguins.

The following day we travel to Ulverstone (Lillico Beach), then Devonport (Mercy Lighthouse), Beaconsfield (Mine and Heritage Centre) and on to Launceston where we stay for three nights. From Launceston we have the options of exploring Cataract Gorge, Pyengama (St Columba Falls), St Helens (Perron Dunes), Binalong Bay (Bay of Fires), Scamander, St Marys (Fingal Valley White Knights), Mathina Falls, Launceston and nearby wineries.

We then travel from Launceston to Hobart visiting Bicheno, south to Rocking Rock and Blowhole, Cape Tourville with an easy boardwalk for cliff-top views, Swansea (Spikey Bridge), Cape Berry Farm, Triabunna Visitor Centre through Orford to Hobart where we stay overnight before departing the next day for home.

A budget cost at this stage is around \$2500.00 **per person**, including airfares, vehicle hire and accommodation, based on twin share (or double) and two persons per vehicle.

We are planning on a maximum number of participants of 20 people.

If you would like to register your interest in this trek, please contact the office ASAP at 07 3368 2066 or email admin@rgsq.org.au to place your name on a list of interested persons before 30 April 2018

More detail can be provided once we have an idea of the number interested. **Coordinator: Wayne Mackenzie**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

When: Monday, May 28

Time: 9:00 am

Where: "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Library Group requires someone who would be willing to assist with organising RGSQ library material. No experience needed. If you are interested, please email Peter Griggs at peter.griggs1960@outlook.com.



UPCOMING GATHERINGS & EVENTS

Map Group takes pleasure in advertising the May - July events. **All** RGSQ members and friends are welcome to attend; details and costs are shown below. It is important to register for events with the event co-ordinator, preferably a month prior to the event for logistical purposes. For registrations under a month from the event please contact the relevant co-ordinator who will do their best to include you.

The next 3 months events will be very popular so register soon.

May 2018

Wednesday 16 May 10:00am - 12:00pm

Visit - Queensland Maritime Museum, followed by lunch at the Ship Inn Hotel

Details

Expanded access to the Museum's artefacts thanks to Map Group member Peter Nunan.

Examination of samples of the Museum's nautical charts followed by a museum tour. After the tour we will have lunch at the Ship Inn Hotel. Those interested in exploring more of the Maritime Museum may return after lunch.

Location

Southbank, 412 Stanley St, South Brisbane QLD 4101.

Transport

Please make your own arrangements. No onsite car parking.

Cost: Chart & Map display and discussion free, site tour \$12.00 + lunch (\$10-\$22)

Co-ordinator: Ian Francis (07) 3266-2285, 0457-628-033, brisfran@gmail.com

June 2018

Monday 4 June 10:00am - 12:00pm

Presentation - Mapping Brisbane History by Neville Buch

Details

Neville has been undertaking the project of mapping Brisbane's history in association with the Brisbane City

Council and local historical societies.

Location

11 Kerriane Place Moorooka 4105.

Transport

Please make your own arrangements.

Cost: Gold coin donation for tea and coffee.

Co-ordinator: Bob Abnett (07) 3820-2621, 0412-135-794, abnett@powerup.com.au

July 2018

Wednesday 4 July 10:00am - 12:00pm

Visit - MacArthur Museum, followed by lunch at the Victory Hotel

Details

This is a special tour for the RGSQ, the museum is normally closed on Wednesdays. Our tour will include a selected viewing of some of the museum's WW2 maps as well as a conducted tour of the museum.

Location

MacArthur House, Corner Queen and Edward Streets Brisbane, entrance to museum is 201 Edward Street.

Transport

Please make your own arrangements. Brisbane CBD, no onsite car parking.

Cost: \$5.00 + lunch (\$11-\$17)

Co-ordinator: Ian Francis, (07) 3266-2285, 0457-628-033, brisfran@gmail.com

Map Group Event Report



April 2018 Gathering

This was a well-attended gathering, with 19 Map Group members and 3 guests attending the Presentation, (22 people), with 2 more Guests arriving a little later for the gathering and morning tea.

The Presentation: The speaker was Grahame Jardine-Vidgen, a long-term member of RGSQ and a descendent of the 19th century Jardine explorers of Cape York. Grahame delivered an excellent presentation on the **"JARDINE FAMILY HISTORY, INCLUDING CAPE YORK YEARS"**.

Grahame spoke to his presentation containing 150 photo images of the Jardine family - tracing the family history from the Norman Invasion of England in 1066, when the original Jardine's were part of the Norman invasion army; through their Scottish settlement and clan history; onto the immigration of Captain John Jardine to Australia in 1840. John's sons, Frank and Alex were born in Australia and in 1864/65 the two brothers led the famous Jardine Expedition up the west coast of Cape York, taking 250 cattle (200 arrived) with them to the very small settlement of Somerset, just to the south of the Tip of Cape York. Somerset was originally a government settlement, but

later the government shifted its functions to Thursday Island in the Torres Straits.

Somerset and the surrounding locality became the home, over many decades, of the Jardine's and the Vidgen's (another family that went to Cape York and the two families then joined up through marriage). Various parts of the family lived in the far north of Cape York and on various islands in the Torres Straits, including Thursday Island. However, during World War II, and particularly after the Japanese invasion of Papua New Guinea in 1942, Europeans were evacuated to southern Queensland and Grahame Jardine-Vidgen, born in late 1941, grew up in Brisbane.

From the 1970s and 1980s onwards, Grahame undertook research into his famous family history, including initiatives to preserve the last remnants of the Somerset settlement (especially the family graves – now heritage listed). The family continues to this day, but the Jardine-Vidgen name is unlikely to continue into the future, unless some of the many daughters and grand-daughters maintain the name. However, the treasure trove of this amazing and historical family is to be maintained by the younger members of the family, well into the future.

Maps of the Jardine Expedition route were on display, plus a copy of the original Jardine Journal from 1867 and a facsimile of the Journal (both in the RGSQ Library).

Text: Bob Abnett, Map Group; **Images:** Kay Rees, Map Group & RGSQ Library.

YOUNG GEOGRAPHERS GROUP



https://www.facebook.com/groups/379870585818842/?source_id=137379932950619

For the latest group news and to keep in touch with upcoming events please join the RGSQ Young

Geographers' Group on Facebook.



MAY

Friday May 4, 5-7pm

Young Geographers Group social meeting

UQ, Room 314/315, Steele Building (03)

An informal student presentation evening followed by board games and pizza. Meet other members, discuss geography related projects and socialise over food. Further events for the year will also be discussed. See the 'RGSQ Young Geographers Facebook' page for more information closer to the date.

JUNE

Mid-year group gathering at the University of Sunshine Coast. There will be a social BBQ evening and some short student presentations before attending the RGSQ Sunshine Coast Group lecture *"Balloons, Blackbirds and Beyond: a brief history of photo intelligence"* by Ken Granger. Transportation to be provided (TBC).

RGSQ Traveller

Geographical Discovery Tours

Coming up in 2019:

April/May 2019 – discover Central Africa: **Nairobi to Victoria Falls.**

September 2019 – discover **Umbria and Puglia** – Italy's 'green heart' known for its rich cultural heritage and medieval history.

Watch this space – dates tba.



Photo: Montepulciano, Italy, by Rowan Heuvel on Unsplash.

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Sunshine Coast June Lecture – ERRATUM

PLEASE NOTE the date for the next Sunshine Coast Lecture is 19 June 2018.

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Account name – Royal Geographical Society of Queensland;
BSB: 034 072, Account number: 211 734.

A tax-deductible receipt will be issued if required for every donation gratefully received.

Cancelled Event

Unfortunately, the June *Day Tour to North Stradbroke Island* had to be cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Vale Dr Don Eastwell

It is with great sadness that we advise our members of the passing of Dr Don Eastwell on the night of April 10. Dr Eastwell joined the Society in 2007 and took part in the Cravens Peak Scientific Expedition. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and son, Steven.

We have been advised that the funeral arrangements for Dr "Don" Eastwell will take place at: *Centenary Memorial Gardens, 353 Wacol Station Road, Sumner Park, Queensland, 4074* on Monday, the 23rd of April at 11.00am.

A funeral notice will be published in *The Courier Mail* on Friday, the 20th of April.



If you would like to contribute a story to one of our upcoming Bulletins, please email your ideas and suggestions to info@rgsq.org.au.

Copy submission deadlines:

June 2018 Bulletin – Thursday 17 May

July 2018 Bulletin – Thursday 14 June

Volunteers to assist with the 2018 Australian Geography Competition



In April, the Competition will again require assistance from Society members.

April Tuesday 24 to Friday 27, but not Wednesday 25 (ANZAC Day) – **Question booklets and Answer sheets mailout**. This requires counting/weighing of Question booklets and Answer sheets and placing them in large envelopes, post satchels or boxes. This is a complex mailout, which takes a few days to complete with 6-8 volunteers required each day. In the last few years it has taken about three days to complete the sorting and packing. The mail-out will take place at RGSQ in Unit 2, on the first floor.

If you are available on any of the days, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us on 07 3368 2066 or email admin@rgsq.org.au.

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May Lecture: Tuesday May 1

Annual JP Thomson Address: *"Whose Dreaming? Ancient Stories as Memories not Fiction"*, by Professor Patrick Nunn

Tours and Activities:

April 21-May 16: *'An Eye on Southern Africa'*

May 30: *Visit to Beenleigh Rum Distillery and Poppy's Chocolate Factory*

Map Group: Wednesday 16 May, 10:00am to 12:00pm - Visit to Queensland Maritime Museum, followed by lunch at the Ship Inn Hotel

Ken Sutton Memorial Library: Monday May 28, 9:00am, "Gregory House", 237 Milton Rd, Milton
Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month

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