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## From the President

Dear Members, the Australian Geography Competition mailout was completed during the week of 12-15 March. Special thanks to Lilia Darii, Kath Berg, John and Mary Nowill for taking on extra responsibilities with this mailout and to members: Ian Francis, Roger Grimley, Neville McManimm, Mary Comer, Kay and Graham Rees, Bob Reed, Catherine Martin, John and Doreen Wilkinson for their help and other RGSQ members for their offer of assistance.

I am happy to report that the fit-out work at our new premises in Fortescue Street, Spring Hill is now complete. Staff and volunteers have been working tirelessly throughout this process to keep RGSQ activities going. I would especially like to thank Bob Abnett and his Gregory House Committee, (Paul Broad, Ian Francis, Chris Spriggs and Bernard Fitzpatrick), for their excellent work in designing, organising and supervising the fit-out, and for many member volunteers who have given their time and effort in setting up our new space. It's a pleasure to now be able to invite members to visit our new home on "**Open day**" on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** – see details in this Bulletin.

**RGSQ's new  
home – Level  
1, 28  
Fortescue  
Street**



Photo: I. Childs

Long-time residents of Brisbane may have memories of Spring Hill. Now an extension of the CBD, many older residential and commercial structures have been replaced by modern office blocks and apartment buildings. Here are some historical snippets which I have managed to dig out about our neighbourhood.

Spring Hill is one of Brisbane's oldest suburbs, with many houses dating from the nineteenth century. Spring Hill was so named because the hill on which the suburb was built was the source of the creek that was Brisbane's first fresh water supply. Boundary Street was named due to the racist policy of separating Europeans from the Jagera and Turrbal peoples whose territories originally extended from Moreton Bay to Toowoomba, including Brisbane and Ipswich.

Aboriginal people were exiled beyond the boundary lines after 4pm, six days a week and completely on Sundays. Police troopers rode the perimeter cracking stock-whips and rigidly enforced the curfew.

Following land subdivisions in the 1870s, the lower Spring Hill slopes became increasingly overcrowded. By the time of the Great Depression in 1929, Spring Hill had become renowned for its seedy cheap rents, crowded boarding houses, high levels of unemployment, brothels and criminals which all helped to give Spring Hill a bad reputation that continued until the 1950s. In the 1960s some parts of Spring Hill began to attract young professionals who were drawn to the character of the area. This heralded an era of gentrification with many of the small timber and tin "workers" cottages and grand historic buildings along Wickham Terrace beautifully restored. Today, Spring Hill is one of Brisbane's most sought-after places to live. **Fortescue Street** is representative of these changes.

### **The Lady in Blue, 122 Fortescue Street**

This is the former site of the Presbyterian Mission Hall. Deaconess May Walker gave forty years of her life looking after the poor and needy in Spring Hill, becoming known as the 'Blue Angel'. She sought to alleviate the poverty and hardship she saw in Spring Hill, particularly women and children. In the 1920s, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church constructed a mission hall on the corner of Fortescue and Wedd streets to assist with her endeavours. The hall became a community centre where those in need could go and be given food, clothing and nursing also. Now the site is residential units.

### **Claydon House, 149 Fortescue Street**



photo:  
R. Carlisle

This building was constructed in 1879 by Irish bricklayer, William Jackson. Upon completion of the building, Jackson ran the unlicensed "Spring Hill Tavern" from the premises. Popular legend has it that it was so noisy and disreputable that a public petition demanded its closure in 1888.

The building was converted to a local store in the early 1900s. Renovations over the years have maintained its external heritage significance. The building is now a legal practice.

**Colonial cottages, 130-146 Fortescue Street**



*In 1968 .....*  
Taken from the Gregory Tce end, the 5 cottages and the former Main Roads Building, now the Johnson Hotel

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/Lost.Brisbane/photos>  
Main Roads Dept, Spring Hill, 1968. Photo - Richard Stringer.



*And now, 2019!*

This row of five cottages called 'Park Terrace' was built between 1889 and 1890 by local engineer James Anderson as investment properties.

*photo I. Childs*

Fortescue Street was then a well-established suburban street. Targeted at a professional clientele, the rents for each cottage may have been higher than other houses in Fortescue Street. e.g. in 1890, the cottages were home to an engineer, an architect, the secretary of the Queensland Club and a Madame Boucherville (profession unknown). By 1910, the tenants renting the cottages had changed to artisan and working class people including a shop assistant, tailoress, prison guard and a missionary. Park Terrace had fallen into disrepair by the 1970s and Spring Hill's character and proximity to the city was increasingly valued. By 1988, all five cottages had been restored and they are still there today.

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## APRIL 2019 LECTURE

### THE URBAN FARM: GROWING FOOD AND LEADERS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

*presentation by Nataleen Kilburn*

**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019

**Time:** 7.30pm-9pm

**Venue:** [Lavalla Centre, 58 Fernberg Rd, Paddington QLD 4064](#)

**RSVP:** <http://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

In 2015, the 'big idea' of creating an Urban Farm at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, was the driver of change that transformed a barren space wedged between a multilevel carpark and a towering concrete



retaining wall. Today, the Urban Farm is a unique working model of urban food production and sustainability, with the 500sqm space supporting mixed-farming methods and recycling activities. With sustainability education at the heart of its mission, the Urban Farm has evolved to become a multi-purpose teaching and learning space for not only St Laurence's students and staff, but also for class groups from other schools who visit the farm as a field trip destination. Terri Butler MP, Federal Member for Griffith, Hon. Jackie Trad, Deputy Premier Qld, and Cr. Johnathan Sri for the Gabba Ward have all visited the Urban Farm. With the ability to achieve many pastoral and curriculum objectives, and through the powerful outreach capacity of social media, the Urban Farm's reputation as a unique educational platform has gone global. Nataleen is happy telling the Urban Farm story. It is an upfront and honest account of the frustrations and celebrations, the losses and wins, the challenges and successes - foreseen and unforeseen - that saw an awkwardly-shaped and disregarded sliver of space become a school asset so prized, that in 2018 the Urban Farm cemented its future by being included on the new College site map and official school website.

**Bio:** Nataleen (Nat) Kilburn moved from the wettest place in Australia to Brisbane in 1990. She is a Geography teacher at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane, where she has been working for just over 10 years. In her role as a middle-manager in this large inner-city school, she is the Head of the Humanities Faculty, including Years 7 to 12 Ancient History, Modern History and Geography curriculum areas, and directly leads a team of 12 teachers. In recent times Nat has taken the Urban Farm story to the Ekka Rural Discovery Day, Laneways Music Festival, Geography Teachers' Association Qld Conference, and International Boys' Schools Coalition Conference. At least once every couple of months Nataleen thinks about walking away from the enormous job of overseeing the Urban Farm, but in the midst of a social and political climate so often stained with fear, pessimism and hopelessness, magic happens at the Urban Farm, and she doesn't want to miss a thing.



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## BELLA ITALIA TOUR

RGSQ Traveller invites you to join with us when we travel to Italy on this exciting 16-day tour  
departing Australia on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019



Fully escorted from Brisbane by Leo Scanlan,  
Tour Leader and former RGSQ President

Focusing on *Umbria, Marche, Puglia and Campania*, this tour explores provincial Central, East and Southern Italy and ends on the west coast in Naples.

### INCLUSIONS:

All international air travel ex Brisbane\*; accommodation; transport; fully escorted from Brisbane; all meals as per itinerary; site tours per itinerary, entrance fees to sights where indicated on itinerary.

PRICE: \$10,945\* per person twin share; single supplement \$2,263\*; \$500 deposit\*\* per person required to secure booking. \*\* The \$500 deposit is refundable up until RGSQ secure airline and land content bookings. RGSQ will inform you promptly as soon as we have sufficient numbers to proceed with the tour.

During this BELLA ITALIA tour we will explore magnificent landscapes, historical cities and villages, art and architecture, food and wine, and, of course, the wealth of culture for which Italy is so famous.

FOR A COPY of the extended itinerary please contact RGSQ Traveller on 07 3368 2066 or email [info@rgsq.org.au](mailto:info@rgsq.org.au).

*We hope you can join us as we explore the magic of BELLA ITALIA.*

\*Please note, the price will cover return airfares ex Brisbane. Surcharges will apply for alternations to air arrangements. Itinerary subject to change. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currency rates change. Payments by credit card will incur surcharge. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information 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. Tour departure is subject to a minimum number of bookings. Flights and accommodation are subject to change and availability.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



The **Treks and Activities Committee** have continued to work on this year's programme. The trip to the Airport and DFO concentrating on the Changing Use of Wetlands is now fully subscribed, and the walk in Lamington National Park in May has only 4 places left at the time of writing. We have wait lists if vacancies become available. However, there are plenty of spaces left for the April 15<sup>th</sup> visit to Lowood township, Pete's Nursery and the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (details below). This event is during school holidays. Everyone is welcome at all events. Day trips are also available to non-members and guests. Future programs can be found at [www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au), under What's On/Events List.

### **APRIL 15: Pete's Hobby Nursery and Lowood Town**

Self-Drive to Lowood in the Lockyer Valley and meet outside at 10 Patrick Street Lowood for a 10am start

**Cost:** \$10 members and \$15 non-members (includes tips to Pete for the cuppa!). Register early as this event is limited to 20 people.

**RSVP:** by 8th April, online registrations can be submitted at <http://rgsq.org.au/whatson>, alternatively, please contact the RGSQ office at 07 3368 2066.

This activity begins at Lowood in the Lockyer Valley. Pete's Hobby Nursery is a well-established small nursery specialising in shrubs, trees and plants, including rare and endangered species. (For sale at reasonable prices!). We will have a cuppa while Pete explains his philosophy and nursery and he will also take us on a short easy walk to the adjacent Brisbane Valley Rail Trail where he has planted 5500 species along the old rail track. Much more information is at <https://www.peteshobbynursery.com.au>.

We will have lunch locally (at own cost) at the Club Hotel Motel advertised as "A real pub, just like you remember". In the afternoon, we will join a local for a guided walk around Lowood Township using the Lowood Heritage Trail Walking Guide

Directions: from Brisbane, take the Warrego Highway and turn off at the Brisbane Valley Highway towards Fernvale. Approach Lowood either through Glamorgan Vale or Fernvale. From Toowoomba take the Warrego Highway and turn off at Plainland towards Lowood. (Allow approx. 75 minutes from both places). From Walters Street in Lowood, turn right on to James Street, first left on to Pryde Street and first right on to Patrick Street.

**Coordinator:** Chris Spriggs

### **MAY 14: Lamington National Park Bush Walk**

This walk in the O'Reilly's area of Lamington National Park will be approximately 10kms, but there are places where you can leave the walk if they you'd prefer not to go that far.

**Cost:** members \$10, non-members \$15 payable to RGSQ Office or on-line at <http://rgsq.org.au/whatson> if possible; limit 12.

**Meet:** We will meet in Canungra, opposite the Post Office at 8.00am at the Canungra Hub Cafe. This cafe opens at 6.00am, you may like to come early for breakfast or coffee.

We will walk down the Wishing Tree track, along the upper reach of Morans Creek, along a 4WD road, to a lookout area and have morning tea. From here we follow the Morans Falls graded track uphill to meet the road. There are a few steps here also a good view of the Falls. Then out to Python Rock with good views. From here we will, if the group, or some of the group, wish to, continue on a trail to the fabulous West Cliff for lunch. After this back to O'Reilly's for coffee at the cafe.

**Must take:** A small backpack with rain jacket, small first aid kit, torch (although you shouldn't need it!), something warm to wear and morning tea, lunch and 1/2 – 2 L water. Sturdy shoes/boots must be worn as the ground is rough. Don't forget sun and insect protection and a hat. A walking stick may be useful. When registering please give your phone/mobile number, suburb and whether you are prepared to drive as we will arrange carpooling where possible.

**Note:** Those who registered for the cancelled event last October can attend this event at no cost (please advise the RGSQ Office of your intentions by contacting us at [admin@rgsq.org.au](mailto:admin@rgsq.org.au) or 07 3368 2066), alternatively, request a refund from the RGSQ Office.

**Coordinator:** Mary Comer

### **JUNE 5: Visit to Cobb+Co Museum**

**Come spend a day with us exploring the wonders of the Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba**

**Where:** 27 Lindsay St Toowoomba

**When:** 10:00am Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Cost:** Members \$30.00; Non-members \$35.00 (includes concessional entry and sandwich platter lunch, excluding drinks)

**Transport:** Own transport

**Parking:** Free Parking is available behind the museum off Lindsay Street.

**Register online:** <http://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

Cobb & Co Museum is part of the Queensland Museum and houses the National Carriage Collection and focuses on horse-drawn vehicles and heritage trades. The museum conducts courses in many of the disappearing arts and trades and mounts exhibits on a wide array of topics as well as holding The Lost Trades Fair.

The day visit will start with members and guests arriving at the museum by their own means to enjoy morning tea (own cost) at the Cobb's Coffee Shop, located in the Museum building.

At 10:30am a guided tour of the Museum will be conducted by the Curator, Mr Geoff Powell (subject to his availability), or an experienced volunteer guide, followed by lunch in the café at 12:30pm.

Following lunch, members and guests are welcome to explore the many exhibits and displays on their own until 2:00pm, when the Curator or his guest speaker will present the monthly Curator Conversations on a topic which at this stage remains a secret. Following the Curator Conversation members and guests are welcome to explore more of the beautiful city of Toowoomba or make their own way home.

**Coordinator:** Wayne Mackenzie



**THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND (RGSQ)**  
**OPEN DAY SESSIONS**  
**AT 'NEW' PREMISES AT SPRING HILL**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Registration/RSVP by 4 April 2019 - ([Register your interest now](#))

*RGSQ's new premises at Spring Hill will be open to RGSQ members from early April 2019, after an extensive fit-out period adapting the premises to RGSQ's operational needs well into the future.*

**OPEN DAY DATE:** Tuesday, 9 April 2019

**TIMES:**

- Morning Session - 11am to 12.15 noon
- Evening Session - 7.30pm to 8.45pm

**VENUE:** RGSQ's new premises Level 1, 28 Fortescue Street, Spring Hill (see maps overleaf)

**PROGRAM SESSIONS:**

- 11.00am – 11.15am and 7.30pm – 7.45pm gather in the new building
- 11.15am and 7.45pm welcome by the President Iraphne Childs
- 11.20am – 11.30am and 7.45am – 7.55pm short presentation on RGSQ's "move" from Milton to Spring Hill by Ian Francis
- Following the presentation members are welcome to explore the premises, socialise and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits

**REGISTRATION:**

- **Registration is necessary.** Please Register by 4<sup>th</sup> April for either the 11am or 7.30pm Session
- **Preferably register on the RGSQ Website, (log into the website [www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au) and click on the open day sign) alternatively contact the RGSQ Office at [admin@rgsq.org.au](mailto:admin@rgsq.org.au) or 07 3368 2066**



*Visit website [rgsq.org.au](http://rgsq.org.au)*

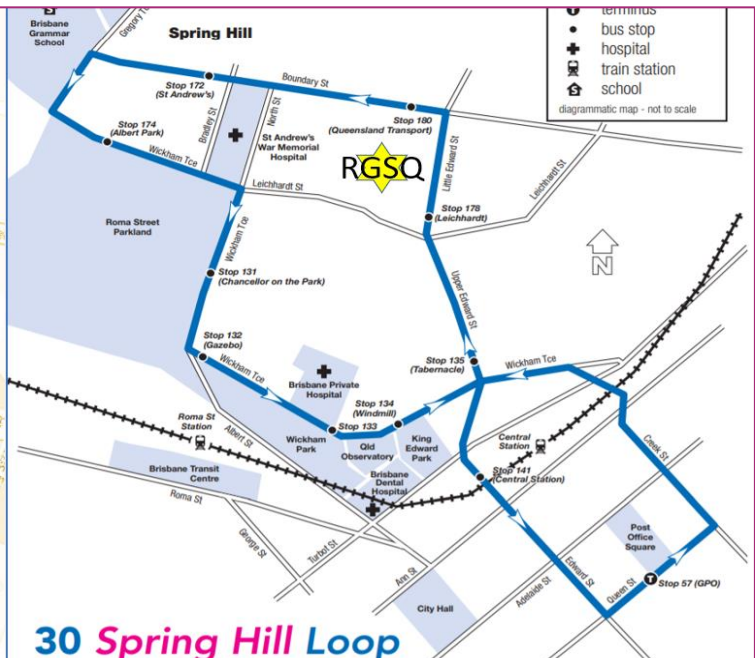
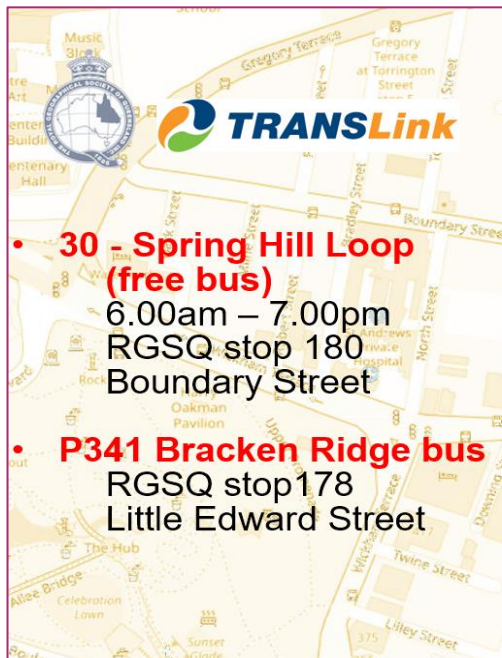
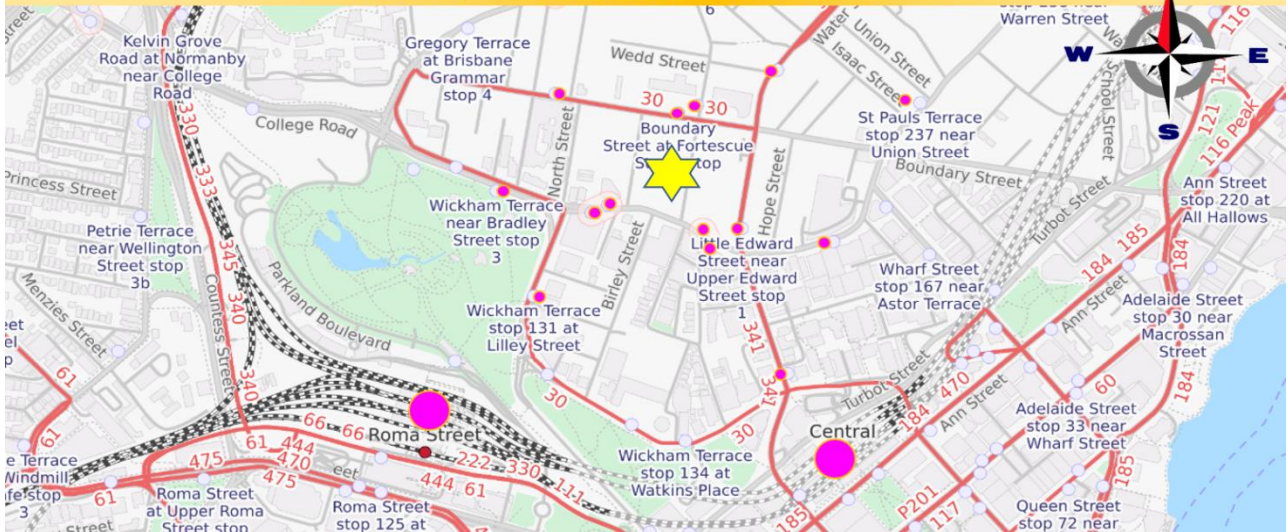
**HOW TO GET THERE:**

- **Morning Session: Public transport is the best way**, daytime metered parking is limited, parking stations are convenient but come at a price, e.g. 2½ hours \$27.00
- **Evening Session: Either Public Transport** (especially a train to Central Station) **or Private Car** (free street parking after 7pm or cheap car parking station at Central Railway Station (exit into Wickham Terrace).

**See maps on next page on public transport routes (especially buses) and nearby car parking station locations.**



## Public Transport Nearby Bus Stops and Train Stations





# UPPER YABBA VALLEY

## WEEKEND TREKS

**TREK A** July 20-21, 2019: Baiyambora Gorge, Gates of Yabba & Yabba Falls

**TREK B** August 9-11, 2019: Two Gorges: Yabba Falls & Kingaham Gorge

*These trek weekends are an activity of The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.*

Registrations are now open for both these treks and full details are on the RGSQ website <https://rgsq.org.au/whatson>.



**TREK A** July 20-21: YABBA FALLS Baiyambora Gorge, Gates of Yabba & Fishermans Spur (return Day Hike) & Yabba Falls (Field Day)

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>** - RETURN DAY HIKE: **Good fitness required**

To enter into the Baiyambora Gorge is to enter into majesty! There is much to discover and wonderful landscapes to assess. The main hike is challenging, but safe. It is a 9km day hike. The descent is 300m down a spur then following the creek and gorge upstream into Gates of Yabba with access to the foot of Yabba Falls and the Primaeval Forest.

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> - ADVENTURE OPTION THROUGH HIKE** including abseiling descents

The experience of standing beside Top Pool looking up at the plunging falls is unforgettable. To explore The Showerroom is a must. To stand above Gate of Heaven and look down to the second bottom of the gorge is awesome. To do science down there measuring girth of towering hoop pines, or recording fungi, is important research. *Maximum for 5 people.*

**Abseiling** will be provided by qualified abseiling guides (Climbing Guides Australia). There will be two descents each between 40 and 60 metres. Those doing abseiling must be prepared to walk out from the base of the falls along a creek bed. This is about a 4km walk, ascending 300m, although alternative steeper ascents are possible.

**Abseiling Cost:** \$180 each (GST Incl), includes insurance for this activity.

**Pre-booking and prior payment essential for this option.**

*The group of abseilers will meet up with the hikers and leave the gorge together.*

## SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - YABBA FALLS

Yabba Falls: Described by the custodians of Conondale Conservation as "Boolumba on steroids!", Yabba Falls is our primary destination today. It will be a gentler day than the previous one. The falls will be viewed from the plateau, looking down into the gorge from different vantage points above Top Plunge, through Eye of the Needle, from Superb Corner Lookout and Weaner Rock. Opportunities for plant identification, or field sketching, drone photography, or unravelling the structural geology enigmas.

**TREK B** August 9-11, 2019: Two Gorges

## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> - BAIYAMBORA GORGE & YABBA FALLS

There is much to discover and wonderful landscapes to assess. The main hike is challenging, but safe. It is a 9km day hike. The descent is 300m down a spur then following the creek and gorge upstream into Gates of Yabba with access to the foot of Yabba Falls, and the Primaeval Forest.

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> - KINGAHAM GORGE FIELD DAY

Today the bushwalking will take us into another environment with different geology, landforms including a series of waterfalls, pools and puzzles: Two Step Falls, The Ballroom Pool, Ochre Falls, Broken Mirror Falls, Masons Quarry, Broken Femur Falls, The Greenstone Crater. Serendipity might be the essence of the day.

Opportunities abound for landscape aesthetics assessment, landform recording, vegetation identification, photography and drone imaging (if you bring your own drone).

Only moderate fitness required for this day, which can be tailored for your level of agility.

## FITNESS

The weekend is appropriate for people with good bushwalking fitness and endurance, though a range of fitness levels can be catered for by some tailoring of the program:

1. easy but rough walk to top of Yabba Falls and Weaner Rock;
2. moderate challenge due to length of slopes gives access into Upper Yabba country and into Gates of Yabba and Baiyambora Gorge;
3. challenging hike (9km return with 300m descent and return ascent) into Gates of Yabba with access to the foot of Yabba Falls, and the Primaeval Forest.

Walking will be on unformed tracks through open grazing country including grasses and timbered country, and over rock surfaces. There is no current infrastructure (e.g. paths, safety fences), so caution must be exercised especially in rock locations and cliff areas. Comfortable and sturdy shoes should be worn while walking, a hat, sunscreen and water are imperative.

## LOCATION

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. Access to the field site from Imbil requires a 4WD vehicle, so we will be carpooling for those who do not have a 4WD. Please advise if you have a 4WD and are prepared to help transport participants from Borumba Deer Park and back on each day.

**Assembly Point:** Borumba Deer Park, 1133 Yabba Creek Road, Imbil

**COST:** *TREK A* or *TREK B*

**Registration** <https://rgsq.org.au/whatson>: \$25 per person includes a BBQ (food and non-alcoholic drinks) on Friday 'Meet and Greet', and Saturday evening.

Paid registration by Wednesday 10 July 2019.

**OPTIONAL ABSEILING COST:** '*TREK A*' Only

Abseiling Cost: \$180 each (GST Incl), includes insurance for this activity.

**Pre-booking and prior payment essential for abseiling.**

If you are interested in abseiling with highly qualified guides, please call the RGSQ Office 3368 2066 or email [info@rgsq.org.au](mailto:info@rgsq.org.au) by 1 July 2019.

### ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Staying at Imbil in your choice of accommodation, which you arrange yourself. All of the following are suitable and convenient:

- Camping, self-catering cabins and caravans at Borumba Deer Park, Yabba Creek Road  
<http://www.borumbadeerpark.com/>
- Camping and caravan at Lake Borumba Camp Ground, 1484 Yabba Creek Road, Lake Borumba <https://www.facebook.com/LakeBorumba/>
- Camping and caravans at Imbil Camping Retreat <https://www.imbilcampingretreat.com.au/>
- Short term accommodation is also available at Elsie of Imbil, Elizabeth St, Imbil. Ideal for a group of 4, especially if you would like to stay for a couple of extra nights. <https://www.elsieofimbil.com.au/>

B&Bs: there are Bed and Breakfasts and quality accommodation options in and around Imbil. Three of the best are:

- Imbil Country Cabins (\*\*\*\*),
- Mary Valley Views B&B (\*\*\*\*\*) and
- Melawondi Spring Retreat (\*\*\*\*)

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UGANDA, KENYA & TANZANIA**

Inclusions: fully escorted from Brisbane, flights ex Brisbane, accommodation, transport, all meals, game drives, guided site tours, 4x4 excursions, bottled water on tour and tipping.

Price: \$15,968\* per person twin share; \$2,223\* single supplement.  
To join us on this exciting journey and for further information, please contact RGSQ Traveller.  
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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, from 9.30am to 12 noon.

**Venue:** Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill, 4000



### EVENTS CALENDAR

**New and existing members welcome**

For a full view of the Map Group year refer to the RGSQ website

[www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au)

**Date:** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, 10am

**Event:** Peter Griggs (Map Group Speaker): Mapping a New Colony, the Geographical Construction of Queensland

**Location:** RGSQ, 28 Fortescue Street Spring Hill

Peter Griggs is a geography lecturer and lectured at JCU for many years, prior to semi-retirement. He is still doing part-time geography lecturing, whilst being an active member of RGSQ. Peter was a member of RGSQ back in the 1980s and wrote a History of the RGSQ from inception to the mid-1980s and this is still the definitive history of the RGSQ to this day.

The Presentation will include issues such as:

- What was mapped (e.g. electoral districts, towns, railway routes)
- Who was mapping (not only government)
- The commencement of cadastral mapping
- The challenges faced making maps in an era when lithography still used limestone stones.

**Cost:** \$2.00 donation for tea and coffee

**Registration:** Register via <https://rgsq.org.au/> or through Bob Abnett, email [abnett@powerup.com.au](mailto:abnett@powerup.com.au) or mobile 0412 135 794

**Date:** Tue, 07 May 8:40am - 3:30pm

**Event:** Visit to North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum & lunch at Island Fruit Barn Café

**Location:** (Stradbroke Ferries), 12 Emmett Drive Cleveland & 15/17 Welsby St, Dunwich QLD 4183

The museum has a range of permanent displays about the Quandamooka people, convict history, shipwrecks and maritime history, the story of sandmining on the Island, as well as lots of photos of the old fishing shacks, boats and buses that helped kick off the tourism industry on Straddie. As well as this they will provide us access to their small but interesting map collection. The visit includes morning tea.

**Lunch:** Lunch at the pleasant Island Fruit Barn Café followed by a return water taxi to Cleveland.

**Cost:** Museum Entry Fee \$8.00, includes tea and coffee. Attendees pay directly to lunch venue.

**Return to the Mainland:** Return water taxi to Cleveland. Members may choose to stay longer on Stradbroke Island and catch a later water taxi back to Cleveland. Water Taxis depart at 1:25pm, 2:25pm, 3:55pm, 4:55pm.

**Registration:** Register via <https://rgsq.org.au/> or through Bob Abnett, email [abnett@powerup.com.au](mailto:abnett@powerup.com.au) or mobile 0412 135 794.



**Date:** Tue 03 June 2019, 10am - 12 noon  
**Event:** Keith Treschman (Map Group Member)  
**Topic:** Areography (The scientific study of the planet Mars' geographical features)  
**Location:** RGSQ, 28 Fortescue Street Spring Hill Brisbane.

Keith Treschman is a Science Teacher and has taught Science in secondary schools for over 40 years. He has a passion for Astronomy and has written curriculum materials on this topic for teachers. His PhD is on "Astronomical Tests of General Relativity". He is responsible for the installation of an observatory at Brisbane Girls Grammar School - this is at its outdoor centre near Gympie. In this facility are 4 telescopes, 3 of which are operated by the students robotically from their computers.

**Topic Overview:** Earth has latitude defined from the equator, longitude based on Greenwich and height referred to sea level. How is this done on Mars? What are the features on this planet?

**Registration:** Register via <https://rgsq.org.au/>.

## REPORT: Map Group Presentation

### "Visit to Queensland State Archives (QSA) and its Map Collection"

by Bob Abnett

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, twelve RGSQ members met for a Map Group tour at the Queensland State Archives, Runcorn. The order of the morning was a 45-minute talk in a lecture theatre followed by 30 minutes in the Map Storage Room (non-public area), ending with 10 minutes in the Reading Room being instructed on how to do our own searching of the Archives.

QSA's Archivist gave Map Group an initial *Introduction to the Archives*. The Archives first started collecting maps and records in 1959 and stores maps of Queensland dating from 1824. However, the majority of the maps are from the commencement of Queensland in 1859, whilst maps prior to this belong to New South Wales and are stored in Sydney. This talk was followed by another on how QSA *Preserves Maps and Records* which come into its possession. This talk detailed how QSA staff treated mould, dust and dirt, pest infestations, and contamination of the maps and records. All staff are trained for emergencies when such pollutions are found. This talk also detailed the best methods of storage of these documents: in cool, dry, clean and dark cabinets, shelves, filing cabinets and boxes. Steel cabinets are better than timber. QSA never destroys records and maps despite their condition. However, they digitise the maps as soon as possible. QSA has not started to store any modern digitized maps.

Map Group was then taken to the *Map Room* to view maps and records, including an 1842 surveyor's map of Brisbane with approximately twenty-four lots marked out on both the north and south banks of the Brisbane River. This map was pulled from storage specifically for Map Group. It had never been shown to any other group before.

A number of the other maps included the first survey of Gayndah 1852; a road map of Gayndah to Maryborough; the town of Maryborough; a more recent map of Queensland; original documents written, which started

the searches for Burke and Wills; and copies of maps showing the routes of explorers of Queensland.



Map Group members in the Reading Room

Map Group was then shown a demonstration in the *Reading Room* – the public viewing room - on how to use the search tools that are free for the public to use.

QSA staff also provided Map Group's Event organiser with information in relation to grants available which may assist in the storage of the RGSQ maps at its own premises.

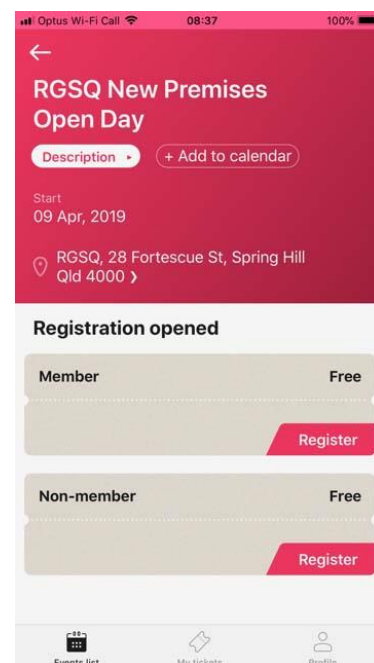
Thanks to Daphne Stevens, Map Group QSA Visit Event Organiser. Photo courtesy of Kay Rees.

## RGSQ Website App

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- is a free App for IOS (Apple) or Android phones that is very convenient for managing your RGSQ events. You can book and pay for events as well as check your bookings.

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## Australian Geography Competition

### Volunteer Help Needed

From the 8<sup>th</sup> of April to end of April - we would like to call on members to assist with the scanning of the returned answer sheets. At present no specific dates can be given as it depends on when and how many sheets are returned at any time. This job is very repetitive and requires concentration and attention to detail to ensure no mistakes are made. If you would like to help or enquire about the task, please contact the Society's Office on 07 3368 2066.

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<https://rgsq.org.au/whatson>

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# RGSQ Bulletin

April 2019

**Lecture/Meeting: Tuesday 2 April**

***"The Urban Farm: growing food and leaders for the 21st Century"***

*presentation by Nataleen Kilburn*

**Activity: Monday 15 April**

*Visit to Pete's Hobby Nursery and Lowood Town*

**Map Group: Monday 1 April, 10am**

**Event: Mapping a New Colony, the Geographical Construction of Queensland** by Peter Griggs

**Ken Sutton Memorial Library: Monday 15 April**

9:30am – 12:00 noon, RGSQ, Level 1, 28

Fortescue St, QLD 4000

The April Council will meet on the third Tuesday of the month

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