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From the President

Dear Members, June and July were very busy months at RGSQ. The end of the financial year always brings extra work for our Treasurer and our Business Manager. Many thanks to both Chris Spriggs and Lilia Darii for their excellent efforts and many hours of work to complete all the necessary procedures and paperwork for our financial systems in preparation for meetings with our auditors.

On Thursday, July 18th, we were pleased to be able to welcome His Excellency the Hon. Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Patron of RGSQ to officially open 'Gregory Place' - the Society's new home. His Excellency was particularly interested in the Society's long history, some of our archival materials, maps and the library. We presented His Excellency with a copy of "A Dream in Trust", a history of the Society by Peter Griggs, for the Government House library. Thanks to all who helped to prepare the displays for the evening and assisted with information as the Governor toured around the premises. Among the invited special guests who attended were the Hon. Trevor Evans, Federal Member for Brisbane; the Reverend Dr. Richard Martin (a life member of RGSQ), from All Saints Church, Spring Hill; Mr. Geoff Edwards, President, Royal Society of Queensland; Mr. Stephen Sheaffe, President, The Royal Historical Society of Queensland; several past presidents of RGSQ; Associate Professor Patrick Moss and Dr. David Wadley from the University of Queensland School of Earth and Environmental Sciences and some 25 current RGSQ members. It was great to see you all there. Thanks to our Society photographer, Kay Rees, for taking photos of the event - see some later in this Bulletin.

In July we installed a new public address and associated audio-visual system. Many thanks to Ian Francis and the Property Committee, for all their work over several months in sorting out what was appropriate for our premises, purchasing equipment and overseeing the installation. We now have a professionally appointed lecture space which will enable easy listening at our lecture evenings. Both the Society board room and the lecture space can now be hired out for meetings by other societies and organisations.

In early August, Ralph and I will be exploring around the Pilbara region of Western Australia. We expect to see lots of red earth and iron ore mines, stunning landscapes and gorge country, famous Aboriginal rock art and we will be very careful of driving with the road-trains!

Iraphne Childs, RGSQ President

AUGUST 2019 MONTHLY LECTURE

'Sir Augustus Charles Gregory: An Iconic Leader'

Presentation by Dr Gary Bacon AM

Date: Tuesday, August 6

Time: 7.30pm-9pm

Venue: [Gregory Place, Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill](#)

RSVP: www.rgsq.org.au

Augustus Gregory was a very significant person in Queensland's early history. He first gained national prominence as an explorer and received the 1857 Founder's Medal from the Royal Geographical Society in England for extensive and important explorations in Western and Northern Australia. He was appointed the first Surveyor General of Queensland and thereafter became closely associated with the start-up development of a range of scientific and professional Institutions, including, in turn, the Council of the Qld Acclimatization Society (1862), Foundation President of the Institute of Surveyors (1876), Trustee of the Queensland Museum (1876), Inaugural President of the Royal Society Qld (1883), and the Foundation President of the Qld Branch of the Geographical Society of Australia (1885). In politics, Gregory was elected as a Toowong Shire Councillor (1880) and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (1882). From 1862 until his death in 1905 Gregory held continuously the senior position of Grand Master in Qld Freemasonry. This presentation will explore Gregory's iconic leadership over a long, action-packed life of genuine achievement in diverse fields.

Presenter: Dr Gary Bacon AM

Gary completed Honours and Doctorate degrees in forest science at the Australian National University, Canberra. He held senior research and management positions in NSW and Qld Government forestry trading enterprises and in land management within QDPI. In 2000, Gary was awarded the Institute of Foresters of Australia's highest accolade, the NW Jolly medal. He chaired the Australian organising team for the 2005 International Union of Forest Research Organisations World Congress. For the last decade he was an Industry consultant and Adjunct Professor in the Environmental Futures Institute at Griffith University. In 2013 Gary was elected as the Grand Master of Queensland Freemasons. In 2016 he was admitted a Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's birthday list.

Official opening of Gregory Place: the new home of the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland (RGSQ)

Speech delivered by His Excellency the Hon. Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Patron of RGSQ at the official opening of 'Gregory Place' on 18 July; reproduced with permission from Office of the Governor, Government House Queensland.

"Assistant Minister, the Honourable Trevor Evans MP; our President, Dr Iraphne Childs; Reverend Martin; distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I at once respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather today and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Of the many community duties I perform in my capacity of Governor of Queensland, official openings are among the most enthralling. I'm not quite sure how best to describe them. There is at each occasion something intangible: hope; optimism; the beginning of a new era.

Today's inauguration builds on a long record of achievement – one that began in 1885 when the Geographical Society of Australasia opened a Brisbane branch. It shortly afterwards attracted the 'Royal' prefix, under Letters Patent signed by Queen Victoria.

For nearly 135 years, the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland has promoted the study and science of geography while encouraging a greater understanding and enjoyment of the world around us.

It wonderfully brings together and welcomes people from all walks of life who share a particular interest in places, geography and the environment.

Our beautiful planet faces many challenges. Through its central mission, the Society plays a key role in finding answers to the great questions of our time.

I'm sure I speak for all of us – as Governor and Patron – when I say that such a cause deserves our passionate support.

There is an additional pleasing element to my attendance at tonight's event: recognition, through the presentation of Fellowship certificates, to two distinguished members.

But before we proceed, I congratulate you all most wholeheartedly on this marvellous milestone occasion.

How wonderfully you all keep buoyant the spirit of this magnificent institution... a spirit forged by your Foundation President, Sir Augustus Gregory, a spirit embraced by people prominent in the affairs of our State – Sir Samuel Griffith, William Kidston, and many Governors – and a spirit brought to a marvellous accent by all those here tonight.

Members of the Board, everyone: you have every reason to be incredibly proud. It gives me great pleasure to shortly unveil a plaque, thereby declaring Gregory Place officially open. Thank you."

[https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/the-governor-of-queensland/speeches/2019/july/official-opening-of-gregory-place-the-new-home-of-the-royal-geographical-society-of-queensland-\(rgsq\).aspx](https://www.govhouse.qld.gov.au/the-governor-of-queensland/speeches/2019/july/official-opening-of-gregory-place-the-new-home-of-the-royal-geographical-society-of-queensland-(rgsq).aspx)

Photos from the Official Opening; courtesy of Office of the Governor, Government House Queensland and Kay Rees.



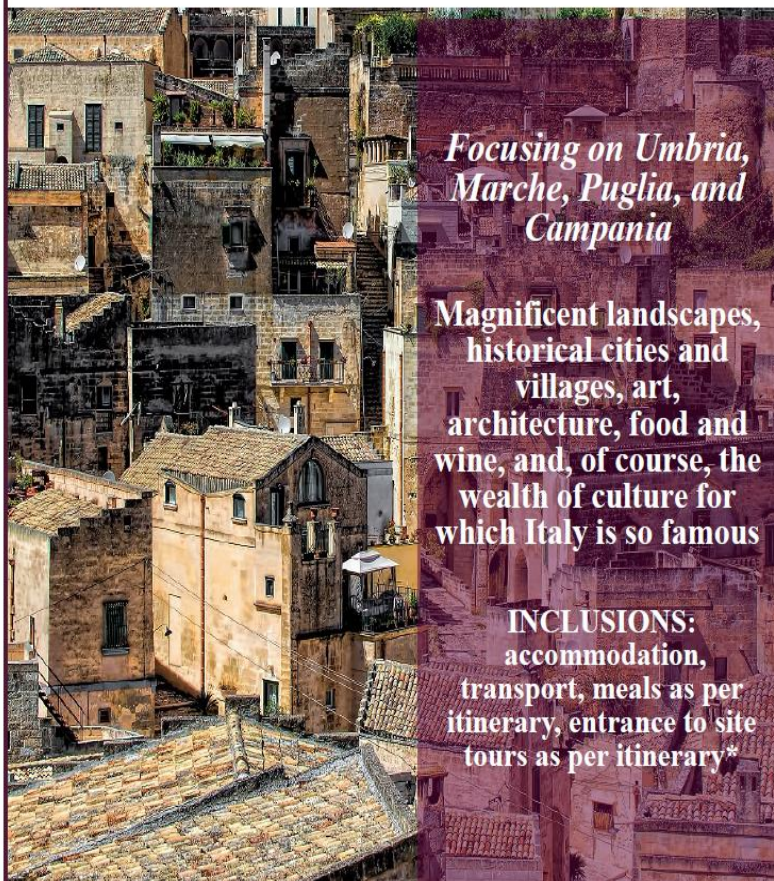


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Expression of Interest

BELLA ITALIA TOUR

16 days - depart 7 September 2020



Focusing on Umbria, Marche, Puglia, and Campania

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INCLUSIONS:
accommodation, transport, meals as per itinerary, entrance to site tours as per itinerary*

Price: approximately \$11,450 per person twin share, single supplement approximately \$2285 per person, to be confirmed. Tour departure subject to minimum numbers. RGSQ Traveller will inform you promptly as soon as we have sufficient numbers. Accommodation subject to change and availability. For further information, including a copy of the draft proposed itinerary* please contact RGSQ Traveller. If you are interested, it is paramount that you forward your expression of interest to RGSQ Traveller ASAP as it is our intention to advertise in mainstream media.

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REPORT: Geography, Game Parks and Gorillas tour

by Leo Scanlan, Tour Leader

On 9 July, Leo reported that the current RGSQ Africa Trip is going very well.

The group is covering areas of Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, with travellers in good health and everyone getting on well and very happy, and delighted with the amazing sights they are seeing including: a walk in the Bwindi forest to see the gorillas - a very serious but rewarding outing with everyone enjoying it immensely; flamingos in Nakuru, Kenya, a visit to Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania; and the unique human geography of Uganda in spite of the country's hardships.



*Geography
Game
Parks and
Gorillas on
tour photos
courtesy of
Leo
Scanlan*

UPCOMING EVENTS | find out more and register at www.rgsq.org.au



In the past month, the NAIDOC event proved very popular; the walk at Binna Burra, organised for Saturday 14th September, has only 5 spaces left, if you are interested, register soon.

Looking ahead, a weekend trip to Gympie and surrounds is planned for the first weekend in November and a one-day trip to St Helena Island National Park in Moreton Bay will take place on 23rd November.

Advanced notice is given for a major trip to Alice Springs with the intention of visiting the Geographical Centre of Australia as well as many local attractions in the area (Uluru, King's Canyon, Coober Pedy, etc) and down to Adelaide. This trip is filling up very quickly so expressions of interest can be registered on the website.

Full details of this trip and all the others are on the website under the Events List <https://rgsq.org.au/eventscalendar> or alternatively with the office on 07 3368 2066.

Sept 14

Binna Burra Walk

Cost: Members \$10; Non-Members \$15

Limit: 12 people, 5 places left

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

Daves Creek Circuit is a walk of 12km on graded tracks. There are areas of rainforest and heath land, a cave, views into the Numinbah Valley and even more distance views if you climb part or all the way up Surprise Rock. We will also take a short side-track to a beautiful little waterfall. A retired geologist is coming along as a guest to give us information about the geology and formation of the area.

For more details and to register, please visit the RGSQ website <https://rgsq.org.au>.

GYMPIE DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Friday 1st November to Sunday, 3rd November

Come and join us for an interesting weekend at Gympie and Surrounds, including visits to the Woodworks and Gold Mining Museums as well as a ride on the Mary River Rattler and a visit to a Camel Dairy.

Members only. Costs to be advised except you should book your accommodation as soon as possible if interested.

Accommodation: Various Motels and accommodation options. Gympie Caravan Park will be the "Trip Centre". <https://www.gympiecaravanparkgympie.com/>.

There are reasonable costs for cabins or powered and unpowered sites, also pet friendly.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday 1 November: Check into accommodation (at own cost) at about 11am and meet for lunch at 12pm at the Woodworks Museum and Interpretive Centre at 8 Fraser

Road, on the Bruce Highway just North of the Town. 1pm. Guided Tour.

5pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7pm - Possible Group dinner at a local restaurant at own cost.

Saturday 2 November: Gather at the Old Gympie Station, Tozer Street at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure on the Mary River Rattler to Aramoor arriving at 10am (One hour Stop and Turnaround). Return to Gympie by 12pm.

12.30pm Meet at Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Centre for lunch and the Café. 1.30 Museum Guided Tour.

5.00pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7.00pm. Possible Self Catering at Caravan Park.

Sunday 3 November: 9.30am. Gather at Caravan Park 10.00am Arrive at Camelot Camel Dairy, 49 Waugh Road, Scrubby Creek (about 20-minute drive SW of Gympie). Tour of dairy and camel rides available! 12.00pm Lunch at Dairy Café. 1.00pm Depart for home via Scenic Route or of your choice.

Trip Organiser: Wayne McKenzie 0414 432 476

2020 RGSQ Trek to Lambert Centre

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR TREK TO LAMBERT CENTRE



This exciting 12-day trip includes air-fares from Brisbane to Alice Springs, a luxury 4WD Tour Coach with a driver/guide and camp cook.

Many included attractions as detailed below, as well as all breakfasts and dinners and most lunches. Some camping and some motels/cabins.

Tentative Cost not exceeding \$4500 per person twin share, with single supplement of \$575.

Maximum limit: 20 people. **Expressions of Interest at no cost to be registered as soon as possible, with first deposits of \$125 per person required by 9 September 2019, \$150 by 9 December 2019 and \$350 by 9 March 2020. Full non-refundable balance per person required by 9 July 2020.**

Full Draft Itinerary, Accommodation and Coach Details

Day 1: Wednesday 09/09/20 – Arrive Alice Springs. (Stay 2 nights at Desert Palms in twin share cabins)

Day 2: Thursday 10/09/20 – Alice Springs sightseeing

Day 3: Friday 11/09/20 – Western Macdonald Ranges (Stay: Kings Creek Station Safari Cabins)

Day 4: Saturday 12/09/20 – Kings Canyon & Uluru (Stay Yalara 2 nights camping in 2-person tents)

Day 5: Sunday 13/09/20 – Uluru & Kata-Tjuta National Parks (Ayers Rock and the Olgas)

Day 6: Monday 14/09/20 – Travel to Lambert Centre 2 nights (camping in 2-person tents)

Day 7: Tuesday 15/09/20 – RGSQ Lambert Centre activities

Day 8: Wednesday 16/09/20 – Travel to Coober Pedy (Stay: Coober Pedy: twin share cabins)

Day 9: Thursday 17/09/20 – Coober Pedy & William Creek (Stay: William Creek - Hotel accommodation)

Day 10: Friday 18/09/20 – Optional Lake Eyre Scenic flight & Roxby Downs (Stay: Roxby Downs - camping in 2-person tents)

Day 11: Saturday 19/09/20 – Woomera & Port Augusta (motel accommodation)

Day 12: Sunday 20/09/20 – depart Adelaide for home

Included Attractions

- ♦ Alice Springs Sightseeing Tour including guided tour of Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- ♦ Entry and self-guided tour of Alice Springs Desert Park
- ♦ Entry to National Transport Hall of Fame & Ghan Museum, Alice Springs
- ♦ Western MacDonald Ranges including Stanley Chasm and Simpsons Gap
- ♦ Guided Rim Walk at Kings Canyon or self-guided canyon walk
- ♦ Sunset viewing of Uluru with drinks and nibbles
- ♦ Uluru Sunrise tour
- ♦ Guided base tour of Uluru
- ♦ Visit Uluru -Kata-Tjuta Cultural Centre
- ♦ Guided walk at Walpa Gorge at the Olgas
- ♦ Guided tour of Coober Pedy including underground mine, underground house and underground church
- ♦ Guided tour of Andamooka Opal Fields & Sunset tour at Roxby Downs
- ♦ Entry to Woomera Heritage Centre
- ♦ Entry to Wadlata Outback Centre in Port Augusta

Meal Inclusions

Daily breakfast – a mix of continental and cooked breakfast/7 lunches/Daily 2-course dinners.

Dedicated 2-person coach crew including experienced driver/guide and camp cook

The 4WD Coach:

- 22 reclining seats with lap-sash seat belts and plenty of leg room
- Arm rests & footrests to each set of seats (no footrests in front row)
- Road-cam – see what's happening up ahead via the TV monitor in passenger saloon
- Large windows with curtains
- Overhead luggage racks
- Overhead reading lights to each seat
- Reverse cycle – climate-controlled air-conditioning
- Air bag suspension for comfort
- Onboard fridge and freezer
- Onboard hot water urn
- Kitchen facilities
- Onboard rest room – rear of coach (not in passenger saloon)
- Luggage storage facilities
- Satellite phone for emergency contact in remote areas

Camping equipment

Two (2) person tents, equipped with camp stretcher, air mattress and/or bed roll. All plates, cups, bowls and eating utensils for meals will be supplied by Stonestreets Travel.

Guests should bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, towel & 12-volt light/torch for tent and getting around at night.

UPPER YABBA VALLEY WEEKEND TREK

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

The weekend trek is an activity of The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

SATURDAY 10th - 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 11th - KINGAHAM GORGE FIELD DAY

Today the bushwalking will take us into another environment with different geology and 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. Only moderate fitness required for this day, which can be tailored for your level of agility.

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.

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.

The first trek has been completed this past weekend with all those attending marvelling at the unique beauty of the Baiyambora Gorge. The August treks will be a mix of students/young geographers joined by experienced geographers in a two-day exploration of the Yabba Falls and Kingaham Gorge.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, 23 September, from 9.30am to 12 noon.

Venue: 'Gregory Place', Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill, 4000

This will be the second visit with the aim to see more historic maps of Queensland and Australia.

Pre-Event Coffee: Our group will meet at Merlo's Café, Duhig Building, UQ St Lucia Campus, Campbell Rd, St Lucia at 9:15-9:30 am

Fryer Library Event: Tour from 10:00 to 12:00pm

Post Event Lunch: Approximately 12 noon at Wordsmith's Café Building 4, 2 Staff House Rd, St Lucia (dependent on completion of Fryer Library visit)

Website Link: <https://www.rgsq.org.au/event-3216479>

Location: Level 6, Duhig Tower The University of Queensland Brisbane QLD 4072

Transport: Members to make own arrangements

Cost: Fryer Library is free, coffee and lunch payment by member at venue

Co-ordinator: Kay Rees, (07) 3356-7329, 0402-101-555, email kayrees@gmail.com



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

Mon, 05 August 2019, 10:00am - 12 noon

Neil Simson (Guest Speaker)

Topic: Mapping and Town Planning

Details: Presenter Background - Neil Simson is a Town Planner. He started his career as a consulting Town Planner to the mid-1990s, before working as the Town Planner for Beaudesert Shire until the late 2000s, then moving onto a far larger local government area (population and urbanisation wise), in Logan City and worked there until 2017. Neil was the chief drafter of Beaudesert Shire's planning scheme (2007) and he was heavily involved in the drafting of Logan City's planning scheme (2015).

Topic Overview:

History of Town Planning in Logan City; issues in modern mapping for town planners; what mapping tools are displayed to the public

Website Link: <https://www.rgsq.org.au/event-3216967>

Location: RGSQ, 28 Fortescue Street Spring Hill Brisbane

Transport: Members to make own arrangements

Cost: \$2.00 towards the cost of tea and coffee

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

Wed, 04 September 2019, 9:30am - 1:30pm

Fryer Library Visit Event (including pre visit coffee and post visit lunch)

Details: The visit will give visitors an insight into the Fryer Memorial Library of Australian Literature which was founded in 1927 in honour of John Denis Fryer. It has a rich store of books, manuscripts, photographs, architectural drawings, oral histories and much more.

Mon 14 - Fri 18 October 2019, 5-day event

Toowoomba Field Trip - 5-day Event [Mon - Fri]

Details: The aim of our tour/visit is to gain a better understanding of the mapping history of the Darling Downs and Toowoomba, one of the earliest settled areas in Queensland.

Possible Venues: Negotiations are underway with a range of Venue Options including – Toowoomba Regional Council (local history and historic maps); Toowoomba Art Gallery (Bolton Reading Room); Airborne Insight (drone operating firm); Australian Rail Track Corporation (inland rail project); Nexus Infrastructure (second range crossing); Wagner's (Wellcamp Airport); Cobb & Co Museum (historic transport and possible lunch venue for one of 5 days).

Accommodation:

Registrants to secure own accommodation.

The recommended accommodation is Jolly Swagman Accommodation Park, 47 Kitchener St, East

Toowoomba, (07) 4632 8735,

<https://www.swagmanpark.com/>

Website Link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3453921>

Location: Toowoomba & environs

Transport: Members own transport (carpooling options possible)

Cost: Registration is \$20.00, attendees to cover other costs

Co-ordinator: Stuart Watt, 0421-726-741,

email: swatt7@westnet.com.au

MEMBER REFLECTIONS

My Path via Town Planning

by Daphne Stephens, RGSQ Member

There is a saying that I roughly quote “you only need 20 seconds of insane courage to change your life”. It took only 20 seconds for me to decide to tick the box for town planning and attend the University of Queensland as a mature aged person (at a similar age to the mothers of the then current students straight from school). At this point in time, I had no idea what a town planner did, I was attracted totally to the wide range of subjects to study!

Geography has always been my most riveting subject. I realised this during Grade 11 in secondary school in Brisbane when I sat spellbound in my chair listening to the Geography teacher calmly going through the physical and urban geography curriculum of the mid-1960's.

It is with deep gratitude to the university lecturers and all my town planning employers that I enjoyed and was fully challenged and satisfied by 20 years of working as a town planning consultant. I was fascinated by the four years of subjects required to be undertaken. Often, I sat perched on the edge of the lecture-room chair, fascinated by the content being given by the lecturers. The European and Australian cities that were given as examples of historical town planning, or excellent town planning, were those I had visited when I was a backpacker in my early 20s.



Shiraz city gate, Iran 1972; courtesy of Daphne Stephens

During my university years I devoured as many additional geography and town planning reading texts as possible and then later as a graduate, I attended and was captivated by the additional professional development required to ‘keep up with the changing legislation’.

With town planning under my belt, I freely advise younger generations to “not stop your learning or taking the opportunities offered to you, until the brick wall in front of you is too high to climb over”.

“Geographers in the Spotlight”

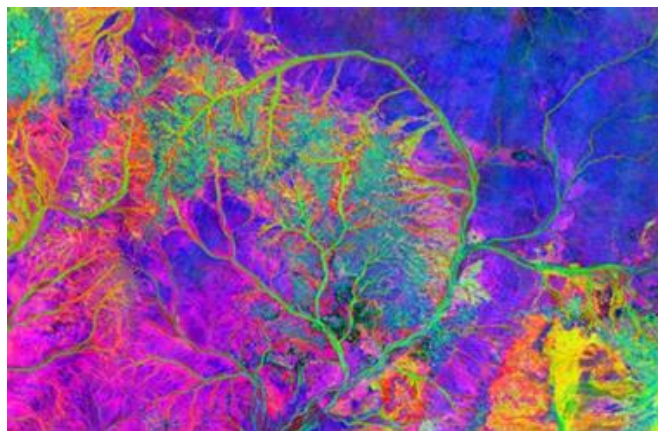
by Professor Stuart Phinn



Professor Stuart Phinn, of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, the University of Queensland, and Director of Earth Observation Australia, is Program Leader for one of the three research programs in the new *Smart Satellite Cooperative Research Centre* (SmartSat CRC <https://smartsatcrc.com>).

Recently announced by the Federal Government with funding for the next seven years, the CRC will be part of a Queensland-led national initiative with CSIRO's *Space Innovation Exchange program* that will establish an Earth observation analytics hub in Brisbane. This builds on the work at UQ's Remote Sensing Research Centre (www.rsrc.org.au), its extensive collaboration with state governments (www.jrsrp.org.au) and national coordination of earth observation activities in Australia (www.eoa.org.au).

The SmartSat CRC is a national collaborative research effort based at the University of South Australia that will provide enhanced connectivity, navigation and monitoring capability of Australia and its resources by solving major satellite system and advanced communications challenges. It will catapult Australia as a leader in niche areas of intelligent satellite systems, advanced communications and earth analysis of observation-driven data. It builds on Australia's growing expertise in the development of advanced communications and smart satellite technologies assisting in Australia's growing space industry. The CRC enables a new level of national collaboration to turn the ever-increasing global streams of satellite data into essential information that industry, government and defence requires. This will also open new activities in our agriculture, horticulture, power and water supplies, linking ground-based sensors and regularly updated satellite information to measure and monitor the environment in ways that have not previously been possible.



23 Apr 2019: Middleton in Queensland, Australia – Copernicus Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 data (2018) Processed by Peter Scarth

Reference:

<https://sees.uq.edu.au/article/2019/04/earth-observation-play-key-role-building-australias-space-industry>

The Mystery of Gregory Grove

By Peter Lloyd, RGSQ member and past President



Please contact the office if you know the identity of this person in the photograph. The back of the photo says: "June 2010 ... so-called Gregory Grove". Therein lies the mystery. The photo was found on its 'pat malone' during a clean-up of the storeroom on 20th May, and raises the question: "What is the 'so-called' Gregory Grove?" Some background may help.

Gregory Grove, on Gregory Terrace Brisbane next to the Centenary Pool (UBD Map 18 M9), was the brainchild of Les Stuart, an old and valued member and Fellow of the Society. The idea of planting a grove of trees to honour the Society's first president was put forward by Les as part of the Society's centenary celebrations of 1985. Due to the already large number of activities at the time the idea did not get traction.

It was raised again during my presidency (1987-9) and we took the opportunity of celebrating 170 years since Gregory's birth. On 1 August 1989, a very cold and blustery day, I planted a fig tree at the site with the help of the then deputy mayor. The ceremony was observed by representatives of the Society, the Surveyor's Institute and the Masonic Lodge. Apparently, a plaque was later erected to mark the occasion but unfortunately no photo was taken at the time.

For the 125-year history update I visited the site in April 2010 (no it was not me in the photo) to look for the tree and plaque. I found a fig tree (possibly the one I planted) about the right age behind a new bus stop. There were supposed to be another 10 to 13 figs and a plaque but no evidence of these was found. Apparently, Gregory Terrace had been realigned during the interim, so I was not surprised. The only sign I found was one for Victoria Park.

I guess that very few members today would know the story, so Gregory Grove is still a mystery that needs to be resolved. Now that the Society is within a short walk of the Grove it might be a suitable place to gather outdoors, take in the ozone (so long at the weather is amenable), and remember our first president A.C. Gregory, whose birth bicentenary is coming up on 1 August.

CORAL EXPEDITIONS – LAST CABINS OFFER FOR THE KIMBERLEY 2019

If you have ever wanted to experience the geographical wonders of the Kimberley Coast firsthand, then now is the perfect time to go! With more direct flights from Brisbane to Broome and Darwin than ever before, this is a great time to see the rugged Kimberley coastline and witness the annual migration of the majestic Humpback Whales.

Our stunning new ship the Coral Adventurer has some Last Cabin availability for the end of the 2019 season.

Take advantage of our Partner Rewards Program with the Royal Geographical Society of QLD - quote the code: PNTR RGQ to receive a 25% reduction on your cruise fare

Available departures:

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FRI 16 AUG	Darwin to Broome
MON 26 AUG	Broome to Darwin
FRI 06 SEP	Darwin to Broome
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"Ian's knowledge 'made' the day much more than a walk/badge earning exercise but the young people (20s) on the walk did love the rock hopping.

It wouldn't be an over statement to say his insights into local indigenous history/society, major recent weather vents, vegetation etc will help those who want - to connect with place and perhaps even enlighten broader learning."

Words and photo courtesy of Tim Donovan, participant in the July 19-21 Yabba Falls Trek led by Ian Stehbens

Photo: Baiyambora Gorge Spur Entry

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Monthly Lecture: Tuesday 6 August

"Sir Augustus Charles Gregory: An Iconic Leader" *presentation by Dr Gary Bacon AM*

**Activity: August 9-11 WEEKEND TREK
UPPER YABBA VALLEY**

Map Group: Monday 5 August

10:00am – 12pm; 'Mapping and Town Planning' by Neil Simson (Guest Speaker);

Ken Sutton Memorial Library: the group will not meet in August

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

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