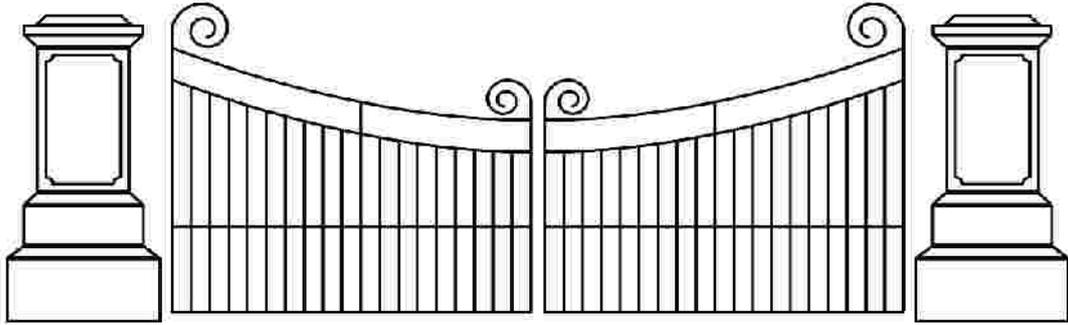


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Honour Rolls was the topic of our October speaker, Charlie Nolan from Pine Rivers History Museum. Charlie has spent the last nine years analysing World War I Honour Boards from the Pine

River district and sort all the multiple recordings of many diggers' names.

After World War I there was a widespread desire to honour the men who served overseas especially those who died. The making of Honour Boards was not organised by a central authority such as the state government or the army, but rather each local community made its own list of local men and then got the local carpenter to make the wooden frame, and a local sign writer to inscribe the names. In many places there would be a stone monument with marble tablets erected by the local monumental mason.

If that was the end of the story there would not be much for Charlie to do, but the story gets much more complicated and Charlie, who has laboured for nine years so far, still has 99 years to go.

In even small settlements there could be several Honour Boards for the various groups such as the Town Hall, the Community Hall, the School of Arts, the local School, the local Church, the various Lodges, place of work, etc. The largest Honour Board in the CDHS collection is from a timber

mill in Brisbane. If a digger was associated with several of these organisations his name could easily be on several boards.

In addition a soldier could have been born in one place, educated in another, lived in another and died somewhere else. Because of their work some could have lived in several places, others had family members living in several places and all of them recorded the soldier's name on local boards. It was common for many diggers to be recorded on two or three boards while some were inscribed on six or more.

Names could be recorded differently by some using nicknames, family names, anglicised names, under age or runaways using aliases, illegitimates using the name of a grandparent, misspelling of names; the list goes on further complicating the process of identifying a person. Some used a second or third given name such as Ethlyn Cyril Dunstan who was simply C. Dunstan or Mick Buckley for Edwin Audrey Buckley.

In addition there was the misreporting of place of residence, next of kin, place of enlistment, date of birth, conjugal status, etc.

When the CDHS restored the 100+ missing names on the World War I memorial gates at Marchant Park we had to sort through Honour Rolls from Chermshire State School, Zillmere School of Arts, Bald Hills Community Hall, Minutes of the old Kedron Shire Council and descendants whose ancestors were never recorded; it was easy.

Charlie uses the official Commonwealth rolls such as the Embarkation and Nominal Rolls each of which 330,000 names, also the National Archives which holds the official papers of each soldier in his identification process.

Another source of information is the Pine River Database compiled by Leith Barter which lists some 177,000 names of the residents from first settlement till the end of World War II.

Charlie and Leith are doing wonderful work in providing these invaluable sources of information which form part of the local archives available to the community searching for family history. And family history has become very popular since the computer age began.



Adrian Turner restored the very badly dilapidated honour roll to its original state. Adrian, a foundation member of CDHS, died recently at the age of 96; he was only about 90 when he did this job.

Windsor State School, originally known as the Bowen Bridge Road School, will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2015 and the community plans to make it a date to remember.

Speaking of remembering, the Principal Stephen O'Kane would like to find somebody who remembers where the 1930s Time Capsule is buried or otherwise situated. So who will step up, it's not that long ago? Has anybody consulted Trove?

Blast From The Past

Chermshire News Oct & Nov 1913

A tender of £211 was accepted for the construction of a bridge over Downfall Creek at Newman Rd. This bridge was to replace its predecessor

which was washed away in December 1912. Unfortunately, the contractor failed to build the bridge and the tender was awarded to another who promised concrete abutments rather than wood. The following photos show the current bridge as well as some of the previous supports which have been left in the creek.



The current bridge was built in two parts in the 1990s with the right hand (northern) side being first. Shortly after it was completed there was a very big flood which was exacerbated by the bridge. So the second part was added; there hasn't been a big flood since, climate change!



Margaret Jane Hamilton (daughter of James Hamilton) married John Henry Wayper on 26th November at the Chermiside Methodist Church after a wedding breakfast at the School of Arts building. They had six children and eight grandchildren.

One of their children, Jim Wayper, built the Woodland Woodworks on the corner of Charlotte St. and Hamilton Rd. It was replaced by Berne Ford which is currently being replaced by a

MacDonald's; Chermiside just goes on changing! Our speaker for November was Peter Bekkers, the President of Nundah Historical Society. (Our Bradley Scott went to Nundah to speak about his work at Lutwyche Cemetery)

Peter spoke about the monument which was erected to commemorate the building of the pipeline to bring oil from the Moonie Oilfield near Roma to Bulwer Island. This was the first oilfield in Australia and very big things were expected of it. The monument was unveiled by Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, on the 7th March 1963.

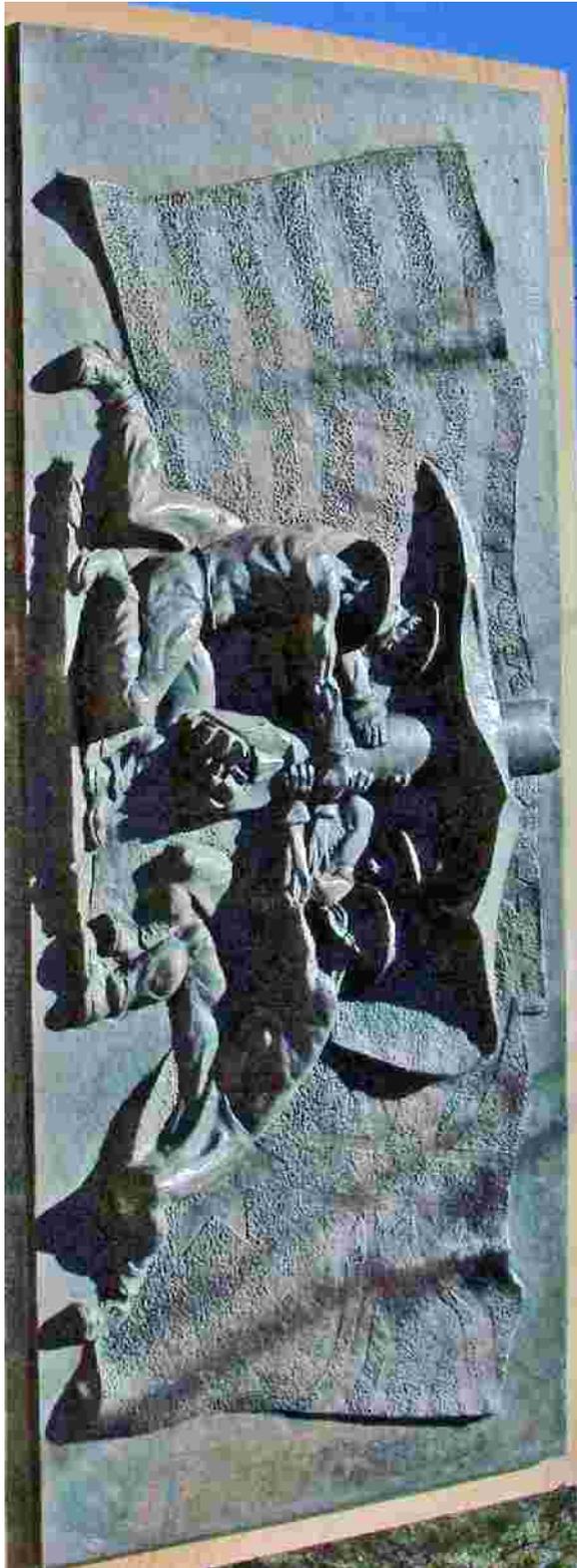


It is sited on the southern end of Bulwer Island, which, in 1963, was still an island and a conglomeration of mangroves and eucalypts; today it is partly developed with roads and is the centre of Brisbane's oil and gas industry.

When the royal couple arrived on a visit to Brisbane they sailed up the Brisbane River in the Britannia and were welcomed in the city. Sometime later they drove to the monument in their Rolls Royce. The fact that the royals came and unveiled a monument in such an obscure place indicates how important the pipeline was in the eyes of the government of Queensland. The small Moonie oilfield lies 331km west of Brisbane on the Darling Downs and was the first commercial oilfield in Australia.

The opening was a grand affair with marquees to shelter the formally dressed dignitaries and enclose mining displays while flowers were planted to give the area a garden setting. Six Koalas were brought in to drowse in the eucalyptus shrubs and enchant the royals. Meanwhile council employees were furiously spraying the area to kill the mosquitoes and Marsh Flies; others were finishing the

road and paths. The Courier Mail reported that the crowd numbered some 2,000 persons.



The Queen gave a short address when she unveiled the bronze plaque on the Helidon sandstone. Amongst other things she said “I hope that the unveiling of this stone will mark the opening of another vigorous chapter in the history of Queensland.” So did the government and the oil industry.

Alas when the Captains and the Kings departed

the monument slowly slipped from public consciousness and nature took over. Added to that was the fact that Moonie did not deliver a bumper oil harvest. Later the oil pipeline was cleaned and used for gas which is still being pumped to Brisbane.

There was a suggestion by some that the monument should be dismantled and moved to Roma or some more place more suitable. However the then President of Nundah Historical Society, Dennis Cleary, strongly opposed the idea. Dennis insisted that the position of the monument was an integral part of its historical significance.

After a news item appeared asking “Is this your obelisk? A monumental island mystery” The Hamilton Rotary Club undertook the restoration of the site. Additionally the land was transferred to the Brisbane City Council and it was turned into a park, which the council maintains.



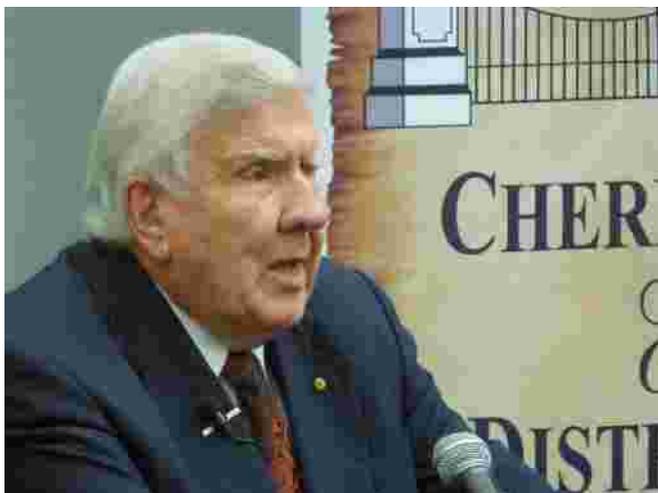
The Moonie Monument Park is situated at the junction of Tingira & Kirra Streets on Bulwer Island in front of and beside oil installations.

2013 Marchant Lecture

Everald Compton, Dreamer and Doer, gave the following 2013 Marchant Lecture Saturday 16th November at the K-W Services Club – Long Tan Room; with an audience of about 50 people

Creating a Suburban City at Chermiside on the lines of Parramatta in Sydney

Everald, who always speaks without notes, gave an eloquent, witty and informed address touching on the major features which he saw as the basic steps in achieving his dream for Chermiside.



public. We live in a democratic system so it is up to us all to share in the dream and, over the years, develop a new Chermshire which could be the envy of the nation. How many people, in the early 1950s, thought the creative genius, Jorn Utzon, was just a dreamer with his proposal to build the opera house on Bennelong Point in Sydney?



How's that for imagination? I wonder what Bennelong thinks about it all?

1. Rail transport to Chermshire via Geebung as the start of a circle line as for the whole of Brisbane, using tunnels as in London.

2. Need to take the northbound traffic off Gympie Road via tunnel to bypass Chermshire.

3. Build a city square with space for thousands, like Federation Square in Melbourne, to form the central heart of Chermshire city surrounded with community buildings; a centre for the generations of young and old with an interfaith centre for all religions.

4. The living space for residents of both high and low accommodation with distinctive architecture, (Chermshire style?) Develop Thomas Street as the Lygon Street of Melbourne as a special eating area with a wide variety of restaurants. Make Chermshire a welcoming, cosmopolitan place where all races can find a home.

5. Set up a Chermshire Foundation to finance new ideas, new projects in all spheres of human endeavour. The finance is to come from the middle income earners in their wills and from the occasional rich philanthropists such as George and Mary Marchant; the Comptons have already set up their own Foundation. Create a city of givers.

6. Create a Chermshire City Corporation with sweeping powers to regenerate the whole surrounding area on the lines followed by the Urban Planner Robert Moses in New York.

Everald offers these thoughts to other planners, dreamers, politicians, bureaucrats and the general



A section of the audience; notice how many sit with their arms folded? Several questions were asked and the microphone was passed around. Everald responded and expanded on his observations one of which was that rail transport is making a comeback. Especially fast track trains which can deliver passengers to the city centres as fast as or faster than airlines.

Item from the Oct-Nov Newsletter 2011

Geoff Harris rang to tell me the Samford Historical Society and Museum had been given an old sulky which they were in the process of restoring. They pulled it apart and were cleaning the different parts when a maker's name plate was found. The maker was J. Plucknett of Chermshire. We are looking forward to being able to photograph the finished sulky. Thanks Geoff.

Now after a visit to the Samford Museum I have

photographed the sulky in all its splendour complete with the lining and scrolling. And, something I surprised me, rubber tyres instead of iron tyres. Of course it is a very long time since I rode in my grandparent's sulky, and time plays some very interesting tricks on memory!



The sulky is in an open sided shed in a rather cramped position, but with a bit of cropping and enhancing you can see the conveyance. The lady may be just going to get into the sulky but with the ankle length skirt; this is going to be interesting



The frontal view shows the scrolling on the dashboard; have you ever thought why they called it a dashboard? Doesn't look like the dashboard in our

cars! And the 'modern' car doesn't backfire any more

Website Hits for the month. We are continuing to receive over 2,000 hits per month with the following statistics.

25 Oct to 24 Nov 2013

Hits: 2,257

New: 1,935 Returning: 322

Carol Cunningham has updated the EVENTS CALENDAR, second item from the top, on our Website by putting on the dates and details of our meetings for the coming year. This will enable you to plan your diary for the year. We may be able to put on the names of speakers when we have them.

The Website is steadily growing as a channel of information from people who browse. This month three people have contacted us.

Nurse Alice Mable Cock who served in France in World War I and is the only female on the 283 males on the Marchant Park Gates: A descendant of James Woodside who married Alice Mable sent a 2MB family history which fills out the tragic story of Nurse Cock's short life of 33 years. She had two girls both of whom died within hours of their births. Her own death was thought to be caused by the after effects of the Pneumonic Flu of 1919.

Matron Phipps who lived in Victor Drive was well known as a midwife and nurse in Chermside: A great grandchild has sent a lot of information to add to the work of Val Ross who wrote a short essay about Mattie Phipps, Winifred Lydia Kilpatrick. I have since found her buried in South Brisbane Cemetery.

The 1919 photograph of 119 medical and nursing staff the Yungaba which was in a previous newsletter: I have had two more contacts identifying three more persons. That makes four so far.

I will put all this material on the website when I get time. Anybody tell me how to get time?