

NEWSLETTER



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Message from the President

Some of our members went to the Bald Hills Cemetery for the May meeting. After a short meeting, I spoke about the origins of the cemetery, some of the early settlers in the district and the trustees who managed the cemetery from 1869 to 1931. The members then wandered around the cemetery and many were surprised to recognize local family names. Herb and Bert Carr spoke about their Miller/Muller ancestors and Vern Carseldine came to tell us about Carseldine families who settled in the Bald Hills area.

We're hoping to have stalls in Aspley and Toombul later in the year and we need items to sell. I have been assured that food SELLS so if you are a cook, please think of something to make for the stalls. Or anything else that you think might sell.

Do you have any old treasures you want to get rid of? We're planning a garage sale in August/September and would love to sell some treasures.

The Wavell Heights Neighbourhood Watch is holding a Centenary of Federation celebration picnic on 3rd June and we will display the items that we showed in Chermshire Library in February. Nundah and Districts' Historical Society will also be at the picnic.

Marion and I spoke to the Noonga Aboriginal Reconciliation Group on 15th May about tracing family history in the local area. It was interesting to

hear how many records are available for Aboriginal people to trace their ancestry.

Bev Isdale

Aspley

Since it was first settled, the suburb of Aspley has had three names. The area was originally known as Soldier's Flat after a property owned by early settler Mr J Gibbon.

This was changed to Little Cabbage Tree Creek. However because of the confusion between that name and Cabbage Tree Creek at Sandgate, the postal authorities requested an alteration in 1897.

The name Aspley was taken from an English estate near Nottingham and was used by Mr John Morris for his property on Little Cabbage Tree Creek. He called this property, which he received as a grant in 1864, Aspley Orangery. He later bought land in Gympie Road which he named Aspley Vineyard.

Marion Eaton

Stalls - September-November

Best sellers and suggestions by Joan Hamilton.

Any cooking home made such as:
Cakes
Slices

Biscuits
Date Loaves
Fruit Loaves
Coconut Ice
Chocolate Fudge

Presented on paper plates or trays with paper doily and cover with clear plastic.

Plants – presented in clean pots or hanging baskets. There is plenty of time to begin potting ready for this event. So start now. Some people may have some spare pots, please bring along for others to use if you can spare them.

Flowering if possible or even pick a flower and place in pot for the day – geraniums, crucifix orchid, herbs are suggestions.

Craft – any kind in wood, material or whatever.

Haberdashery:

Washers with crocheted edge
Coathangers – with lace very popular
Children or baby clothes
Knitted garments
Bags to carry wet umbrellas
Bags
Kitchen towels – crochet tops with loop to hang
Dressed teddy bears or dolls.

Kedron State School

75th Anniversary 8-14 October 2001
Monday 8 – Friday 12
Special activities in the classrooms from 9.00 am to 11.00 am followed by Morning Tea
Saturday 13
Family Fun Day – 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Featuring food, drinks, rides, reunion rooms, roll call for original pupils and teachers
Sunday 14
Past Pupil Reunion – 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Wavell Heights Community Hall – Nibbles, Tea & Coffee. Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks on sale.
Contact Sandra Molineux 3359 1139 for more information.

Deep Water Bend

As Fred Staib toiled away on his farm where the Prince Charles Hospital now stands, his mind would stray to his favourite fishing spot at Deep Water Bend. Sometimes the family would join others who made their way to Sandgate to relax, but Fred's heart was in the Tinchi Tambi Wetlands.

His mate Jack Victor also lived on Hamilton Road where he was the caretaker at Packer and Knox Tannery. The two men would take Jack's horse "Dodger" and sulky and head north on the Gympie track. They sometimes picked up a bullocks heart as bait from the slaughter yard before hitting the road.

Dodger knew the route and peeled off to the right before coming to the Pine River and trotted towards the area known as Deep Water Bend. In 1921 land was resumed there for soldier settlement and cleared for farms which proved unsuccessful.

In 1929 it was declared a reserve and Gus Davie, one of the original soldier settlers was installed as caretaker. His ancestors had hunted and fished those sheltered, food rich wetlands for hundreds of years before the area was opened up for selection in the late 1880's.

Once arrived, Fred and Jack would unharness Dodger and with nosebag attached, secure him under a shady tree. Decisions were then made to either hire a dinghy from Gus or fish amongst the mangroves.

There were times when the bream were running just off the mangrove covered shoreline and the big frying pan would be retrieved from the sulky in readiness for a tasty seafood feast. At times their sons Keith Victor and Lindsay Staib would join them and there were also times when the Hermann men would be there collecting mud crabs by the bag full. What wonderful memories for our pioneering families.

Gus Davies Park is beside the Gateway Arterial Road at Bald Hills.

Staib Road is within the Prince Charles Hospital precinct.

Herrmann Place is the Hamilton Road / Webster Road Roundabout.

Victor Street – One in Banyo and one in Stafford.

Story by Marion Eaton

A Lesson with Mr Rice

I would like to tell one wonderful story about Mr Rice our headmaster. He taught our class whenever it was necessary. This particular morning he conducted the usual school parade. When we were in our places in the classroom, he announced that his dog had been poisoned by a bait and we were to accompany him into his back yard.

When we arrived there, we circled around the prostrate dog. Mrs Rice brought out a mixture of Epsom Salts and water in a bowl. Mr Rice then appointed the larger boys to assist him as he forcefully poured the liquid down the dog's throat. In turns the boys and the Master swung the dog in circles holding the poor animal by its back legs. After awhile the dog was placed on the grass and we returned to the classroom.

Our lesson that day, we were told, was 'how to save a dog that has been poisoned'. We were keen to learn of the outcome of that morning's lesson. The dog lived.

Mr Rice earned a special place in our hearts that day. (Jack Smeeton was one boy who helped swing the dog.)

Valma Ross (nee Fullwood)

Random Memories of the Early 60's in Chermside

In the early to mid 60's the Chermside Youth Club supported all sorts of athletics including trampolining. Prizes were awarded at the end of year. The venue, a wooden hall, was the Chermside Community Hall situated at the corner of Hall Street and Gympie Road. The Chermside Library now stands on this same spot.

Wavell High Speech Night was held in the Nundah Theatre. The mums sat with the kids and heard all the boring bits, while half the dads disappeared over the road to the pub. Sound familiar?

Daphne Sapsford, well known ballet and tap teacher, held classes for many years in Wavell Heights Community Hall. Lots of children from all round were taught by her. She put on a recital at the end of each year and woe betide any mum who did not have the correct number of layers of tulle in her child's tutu. Big Trouble!

Lyn Currie **Crying Room**

Does any one remember the "Crying Room" at the Dawn pictures?

It was a sealed room with glass walls and speakers. If your baby cried during the movie, you wheeled it up there in the stroller in which you had pushed it to the movies (we didn't have cars then) and could watch and hear the movie without disturbing all the other patrons.

Lyn Currie, Chermside

Asleep in Class

Times were tough in the Thirties, too tough. Rarely was a home equipped with refrigeration, some food items were bought daily. Milk and meat were two such items.

Jack was neither privileged nor a dull student. He was in fact a good scholar, and blessed with better than average learning ability; but here he was once again asleep at his desk.

The teacher, Mr Hooper, made a remark to Jack about not being permitted to sleep in class, and with a hint of sarcasm about not sleeping at home. A few days later Jack was once again asleep at his desk. Mr Hooper, the teacher, was a wise compassionate thinking man. Privately, he spoke to Jack. The next time Jack fell asleep in class, Mr Hooper said to the other students, "Let him sleep" and so we did. The reason for Mr Hooper's change of heart was as follows:

The milk was transported to our homes, early each morning, by horse and cart. The usual procedure was for residents, nightly, to place a billycan on or near the front gate with the milk money and order form. Each household on awakening would collect their milk from the front fence, and enjoy very fresh milk. We'd paid for the milk, but without thought at the real cost of our fresh milk.

Jack's father was the dairy farmer who supplied the milk, after milking the cows (without milking machines), harnessing the horses, the milk rounds began. Jack's help was needed to assist his father.

He would commence working about 3 a.m. each morning.

Indeed times were tough, too tough!

Valma Ross (nee Fullwood)

Privileged

In the early thirties life and times seemed harsh and unfair to many children. Several children lived in poverty, some had lost a parent; one family of girls had lost both parents. At least four schoolmates had died as children. Child abuse was acceptable; by community standards, parents had the right to brutally control their children.

Many students of Chermside State School felt indifferent about attending classes. It was something we had to do. The best day of the year was break up day, a treat that Mr Rice offered, in great style.

The students were indulged with gifts, fruit and sweets distributed by some parents, then we were dismissed for six weeks. Six weeks of swimming or yabbing in the local creeks, playing Monopoly; riding our bicycles, or having fun climbing and chopping down trees. We would build a cubby house on a nearby vacant block, bring sandwiches from home and have our own picnic.

Several years ago I purchased second hand an old encyclopedia. As I flipped through some of the encyclopedia's volumes, I was flooded with memories of school days. There were many, many poems, stories and lessons, which had been part of my education.

In my maturity, I was able to consider the quality of our school lessons. I marveled at the richness of it, and an appreciation of the teachers that gave us so much without adequate recognition and reward. I offered a belated heartfelt prayer of thanks.

Indeed we were privileged, although we were unaware of it at the time.

Valma Ross (nee Fullwood)

Request for the Zillmere Primary School

*Zillman Waterholes
15th November 1875*

To the Board of Education Brisbane

Gentlemen,

I have been requested by the residents of this district in public meetings and assemblies to inform you that it is the desire of the settlers of the above named district to have a primary school in our midst.

That there is a necessity for such a school will, I think, be admitted from the fact that we have about 60 familys comprising about 110 children from 30 to 40 between the age of 5 to 14 years and all within a radius of 1½ miles.

Many of these children attend no school at all and those who do have to walk a distance of 4 miles to German Station (Nundah) or, which is still further, to Sandgate.

If further proof of the necessity be needed, a reference to the local map (sheet No. 8B) will show the land is cut up into small farms and all bought from Government 10 years ago & therefore is likely to become a thickly settled district if not a township.

I may state that we had 2 public meetings, the result of which is, a subscription list has been got up and the sum of £62 promised and a very fair proportion collected.

I may further mention that there is a portion of land reserved by the Government for a school & will no doubt be found suitable for the purpose. In conclusion I am desired to state that having voice, then we can, amongst ourselves, earnestly solicit the assistance of the Board of Education of Queensland to help us to the best of your ability.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen

Yours very truly

Joseph Walsh Lee *Secretary to the School Committee*

Article submitted by Marion Eaton

Donations from Businesses, Clubs, etc

Allkind Joinery & Glasses,
594 Rode Road, Chermside

Arbatus Picture Framing,
293 Ellison Road, Geebung

Edinburgh Castle Hotel, Pastime Fishing Club
36 Sydney Street, Kedron

Gillards Health Company
17B Bald Hills Road, Bald Hills

Hi-Vita Organics
17B Bald Hills Road, Bald Hills

John Halpin Pty Ltd, Aspley Village Shopping
Centre
591 Robinson Road, Aspley

Kirkfare Pty Ltd
153A Robinson Road, Aspley

Mirrors Galore
293 Ellison Road, Aspley

Polynesian Kahuna Massage, S & V Singh
113 Trouts Road, Stafford Heights

Pradella's Mens Hairdressers, R & V Pradella
736 Gympie Road, Chermside

Qld Country Women's Assn, Chermside Branch
4 Reisling Street, Carseldine

W & S Autocraft, Accident Repair Centre
535 Zillmere Road, Aspley

Special thanks for a generous donation:

Chermside Nextra News, Westfield Shoppingtown,
Chermside (Dennis & Peter Hickey)

Vouchers received from:

Aspley Tenpin Bowl, 149 Albany Creek Road,
Aspley

**Donations to the School Building
appeal from Businesses, Clubs, etc
amount to \$955.00**

Donations from Members and Friends of the Society:

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**Donations from Members and Friends
of the Chermside & Districts
Historical Society amount to \$990.00**

Future Fund Raising Activities

Lunch at the Kedron Wavell Services Club,
Coral Sea Room on 18 July - please bring
friends.

Father's Day Raffle. Tickets available soon

We would like to have some well-stocked
stalls in October at Toombul and for the
opening of the Historical Precinct on 11
November.

We can start preparing plants now and they
would be well advanced by then. We have
plenty of space to display a marvelous
selection of home-grown plants.

Donations to School Building Appeal As at May 2001

