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Message from the President

Welcome back to another year of Society activities and I hope you will all find something of interest. It will be a special year – our first in our new home and like any new home, there is still a lot of work to be done.

Our first necessity is electricity and we are planning several fund raising activities to help pay for various items – bus trip, luncheon and bar-b-q. We are also considering how we can best display our growing collection of resource material and make it available to researchers. We will also need volunteers to staff the centre when we open to the public.

You can read the results of Pat O’Shea’s research on the names that used to be on the Memorial Gates at Marchant Park. He has spent many hours collating all the information and the Society has submitted an application to the State Government for a Cultural grant to replace those names on the Gates which were vandalized several years ago. The editor needs more articles for the *Newsletter* – how is the story about your street progressing?

Many of our members have seen the graffiti left by vandals in early January on our building, even on the roof. We had some spare paint and the Council graffiti busters painted over the offensive work. We are very grateful that the work was done so quickly and efficiently.

Looking forward to a happy and productive year
Beverley Isdale

The Book

All Blessings Flow: The Hamiltons of Chermshire was recently published and tells the story of several generations of one family and their contribution to the history of this district.

The story starts with the family’s origins in Northern Ireland and the conditions of the time – the great famine and the resulting mass emigration. Thousands went to England, America or Australia. Andrew Hamilton settled in England, met his future wife, also from Northern Ireland, and later lived in Liverpool.

The family arrived in Brisbane in 1866 and within a couple of years Andrew bought land from Thomas Beard at Downfall Creek.

That is just the start of the story. His son, Thomas Andrew, kept a diary for nearly sixty years and much of the information in the book comes from those diaries. They give a tremendous amount of detail about Downfall Creek/Chermshire in its early years. The family was involved in many community activities – they knew about social capital long before the phrase was first used! As well as a family story, it also traces the changes in transport from horse and buggy travel to the trucks and heavy vehicles used in the early 1950s.

Beverley Isdale & Joan Hamilton

Marchant Park Memorial Gates

by Pat O'Shea

The Brisbane Courier of Friday 30/9/1932 on P. 4 reported the following:

- ◆ On 24/8/1899 George Marchant bought 40 Ha of land that was to become Marchant Park.
- ◆ On 9/9/1921 Marchant gave the land to Kedron Shire Council to be used as a park.

The gates were probably built about 1922. Four sandstone gateposts held eight marble plaques, and four Wrought Iron gates were swung on the stone posts. The larger gates running on curved rails set in the roadbed. The marble plaques are about 20mm thick and the names are cut into them and leaded. According to Merv Royle, the monumental mason who carved the names was probably Frank E Ives who had his yard on the edge of the Lutwyche Cemetery on Gympie Rd. The site is now occupied by a Veterinary Clinic.

Jack Gleadhill thinks that the gates were paid for by public subscription / donation. Merv Royle also thinks that some of the money for the gates could have come from the Patriotic Fund, which was raised locally to help the war effort

Bev Isdale found the following data from the Telegraph 28/1/1900, P.7 - A report of the financial status of the Queensland Patriotic Fund was given by the Secretary, George Jackson, as £21,043. Also the status of the Bushman's Contingent (Fund?) was given by Thof. Hy. Fegan, the Secretary, as £9,619/ 1/ 4.

It would seem that these funds were being raised to support the troops who were in

South Africa at the Boer War. The Patriotic Fund must have appeared again in WW1.

In 1972 the plaques were vandalised. Dr Jack Ford found a report of the damage in the Courier Mail of 18/3/72, p.3. There were eight marble plaques - four had to be replaced. The older plaques are screwed on to the sandstone gateposts but the new ones are with concealed bolts.

Of the original inscribed plaques, one is for the South African War, one lists those killed in WW 1 and the others are blank. Of the four new plaques, two large ones have names of the Enlisted men on them, while the others are blank. The names are listed alphabetically, but the middle names between Fox and North are missing.

BCC Gallery City Hall: Photos of Marchant Park gates were taken with a Polaroid camera from the South side sometime in the 1970s. They show that the small plaque on the West post was intact, but damaged with a triangular piece broken out of its eastern side. Moving to the east the Fallen soldiers plaque is in place on the next large post. The second large post has no plaque at all but shows the four holes that once held a plaque. The final small post on the eastern side has a blank plaque screwed on to the post. These would probably all be original plaques. The gates are missing but were described as “decorative wrought iron, the main ones being flanked with small pedestrian gates”.

Harold Vellnagel said that the vandals destroyed some of the marble plaques but that some of the original plaques were blank. The sandstone gateposts had some sort of decorative tops, which were also vandalised; they have not been replaced. *(They may have been stone flames similar to the ones on the*

stone torches on the corner of each post).

Harold also said that in the 1980s, or thereabouts, the gateway was widened and the old gates were replaced with new steel ones. The carriageway was widened to allow large vehicles easier passageway. Moving the stone posts, which would have been a big job, would have enabled this. However more information would be appreciated.

Harry thinks that the new gates are inferior to the original ones, which were made of “old iron”. This was a type of steel that did not rust like ordinary steel and it was good for forge welding. These gates were riveted together, not welded as are the present ones.

The latest chapter in this story is that while many of the missing names have been found, there is no guarantee that all of them have been found. A submission has been made to the Qld Cultural Heritage Incentive Program 2001 - 2003 for a grant to restore them. The Program will make a decision in the New Year.

If readers have any information relating to the gates the author would appreciate them passing it on, till then we wait for the next chapter in the evolving story of the Memorial Gates.

Marchant Park Memorial Gates Alphabetical list of Enlistments 1914 - 1919

The names are listed on two marble plaques which are headed Enlistments. They replaced the ones destroyed in March 1972 by vandals.

Abbott. M.	MP
Albury. C. F.	MP
Albury. D. E.	MP
Albury. C. W.	MP

Albury. D.	MP
Alfredson. N. W.	MP
Alfredson. A.	MP
Anderson. R. C.	MP
Anderson. W.	MP
Anderson. R.	MP
Antony. A. E. A.	MP
Ansell. C.	MP
Armstrong. J. D.	MP
Ashby. S. A.	MP
Baker. C.	MP
Barclay. A.	MP
Ball. J.	MP
Bailey. D.	MP
Bayne. J.	MP
Barrett. R. W.	MP
Beard. W.	MP
Bilbrough. J.H.	MP
Blatchford. P.	MP
Booth. P.	MP
Bomford. E. H.	MP
Borger. S.	MP
Bunkum. H.	MP
Butt. R. F.	MP
Carseldine. E. J.	MP
Carseldine. G. W.	MP
Chipendale. R.	MP
Corbett. A.	MP
Corbett. H.	MP
Collard. H.	MP
Craig. J.	MP
Crompton. S. L.	MP
Cullimore. W. E.	MP
Crase. J.	MP
Darlington. J.	MP
Davis. W.	MP
Daly. J.	MP
Daly. M.	MP
Dent. H. S.	MP
Dent. P. H.	MP
Denning. L. E.	MP
Dixon. S. J.	MP
Dods. G. A. C.	MP
Edgell. W.	MP
Ellis. W.	MP
Ewing. J.	MP
Farley. F.	MP
Ferguson. R.	MP
Felsman. C. E.	MP
Fielding. G.	MP
Fisher. J. L.	MP
Fogarty. J. J.	MP

Forbes. W.	MP
Fordham. F. J.	MP
Fox. E.	MP

The missing names

North. B. W. N.	MP
Packer. P. F.	MP
Pashen. W.	MP
Pashen. J.	MP
Powell. S.	MP
Poultney. M.	MP
Rainey. J.	MP
Reid. R.	MP
Richards. H.P.	MP
Robson. T.	MP
Robinson. W.	MP
Robinson. G.	MP
Robinson. E. S.	MP
Roberts. W.	MP
Robertson. J.	MP
Rose. W. K.	MP
Rilley. H.	MP
Rilley. A. H.	MP
Ryan. E.	MP
Ryan. V.	MP
Shaw. R. B.	MP
Shaw. H.	MP
Sharpe. S.	MP
Sharpe. G. E.	MP
Sinclair. D.	MP
Sinclair. A.	MP
Simpson. A. E.	MP
Simpson. T.	MP
Slaughter. F.	MP
Smith. J.	MP
Snellman. J.J.	MP
Snellman. G.	MP
Sneyd. E. V. W.	MP
Sneyd. C. G.	MP
Someville. A. V.	MP
Strachan. J.	MP
Stewart. A. D.	MP
Stone. J.	MP
Stone. H.	MP
Sutherland. N. G.	MP
Tame. R. J.	MP
Taylor. J.	MP
Taylor. A. F. C.	MP
Thompson. J.	MP
Thompson. J.	MP
Tillyard. H. W. C.	MP
Turnbull. G.	MP
Vidler. K.	MP

Vidler. H.	MP
Walsh. G.	MP
Watters. A.	MP
Wadley. J.	MP
Wadley. T. C.	MP
Watson. L.	MP
Watkins. G.	MP
Walsh. T. H.	MP
Wallin. W.	MP
Webber. W.	MP
Weston. W. A. H.	MP
White. V.	MP
Whitehead. H. T.	MP
Wilson. B.	MP
Wilde. N. R.	MP
Williams. P. J. G.	MP
Williams. P. G.	MP
Williams. G. E.	MP
Williamson. H.	MP
Wren. C. M.	MP
Wren. F. J.	MP
Webb. W. A.	MP
Young. M. S.	MP
Young. A.	MP

The two plaques list 133 Returned Diggers. The list on the plaques is largely in alphabetical order.

**Marchant Park Memorial Gates
Alphabetical List of the Fallen -1914 - 1919**

Abbott. F.	MP F
Bayne. A.	MP F
Birch. W.	MP F
Brown. J. R.	MP F
Bunkum. Hd.	MP F
Carseldine. H. E.	MP F
Church. P. C.	MP F
Crawford. J. B.	MP F
Cummings. C.	MP F
Dixon. N. E.	MP F
Fahey. G.	MP F
Feuerreigel. E. G.	MP F
Fielding. H.	MP F
Fowles. H. H. K.	MP F
Fraser. J.	MP F
Furhman. N.	MP F

Gardiner. H.	MP F
Gardiner. M. W.	MP F
Gibson. R. G.	MP F
Gleeson. J.	MP F
Gott. J.	MP F
Hennessy. P.	MP F
Jardine. A. H.	MP F
Jones. A. P.	MP F
Jordan. R.	MP F
Lawson. W.	MP F
Love. R.	MP F
Lydon. J. P.	MP F
Mackay. S.	MP F
McPherson. D.	MP F
McPherson. J.	MP F
Mellis. J.	MP F
Millard. A. T.	MP F
Millard. G. P.	MP F
North. A. G. F.	MP F
Platten. T.	MP F
Powell. A.	MP F
Rayner. R.	MP F
Rilley. J. A.	MP F
Roberts. A.	MP F
Ronaldson. R.	MP F
Rose. W.	MP F
Sammells. H. E.	MP F
Snellman. A.	MP F
Stuckey. H. J.	MP F
Trinder. W.	MP F
Trout. R.	MP F
Walton. G.	MP F
Walton. J.	MP F
Watters. T. H.	MP F
Webster. A.	MP F
Wolno. A.	MP F
Wright. L.	MP F

The original plaque on the gates lists 53 Diggers, mostly in alphabetical order, who were killed

Lost Diggers for Marchant Park Gates - 1914 - 1919

Alphabetised without Duplicates

100 names on this list are ones who enlisted. All the Fallen are recorded on MP Gates.

Sources: Z Zillmere; CSS Chermshire State School;

BH Bald Hills; REL Relatives; KCM Kedron Council Minutes.

Albury O E	Z
Armand F	Z
Barrett R	Z
Bateman E	CSS
Baxter J	CSS
Brady C E	Z
Bretherton H C	Z
Bridges S	Z
Bridges T	Z
Brooks. R	CSS
Brown A J	Z
Brown AG	Z
Brown D	BH
Brown H G	Z
Burgess F J	Z
Burgess J F	Z
Cock A- Nurse	CSS
Farley F	Z
Fielding F	BH
Fisher J	KCM
Flewell Smith B	Z
Fox H	BH
Francis F J	Z
Francis R A	Z
Gamble C	BH
Gamble C R	Z
Gamble J	BH
Gaskell J F	Z
Gatehouse A	BH
Gatehouse AC	Z
Gleadhill R A	REL
Gleeson D	Z
Gordon A	Z
Griffiths W H	Z
Grinrod T	Z
Hack H E	CSS
Hack P	KCM
Hack. H C	CSS W
Hall S	KCM (POW)
Hamilton S	Z
Hamilton T A E	CSS
Hampson E	Z
Hansen C	CSS
Hansen D	Z
Hansen H T	Z
Hansen W	Z
Hardaker D B	CSS
Harper H	Z
Holding Mr	KCM

Hollingsworth H	Z
Hopper B	CSS
Hopper J	CSS
Hopper T H	CSS
Howard C	BH
Ingram J	Z
James D	BH
Jarrett W	Z
Jenkins R	CSS
Johnson S J	BH
Kerrigan H	Z
King P	BH
Large C	Z
Latham H S	BH
Latham J S	BH
Latham W A	BH
Laurence C W	Z
Lawson W	REL
Leiper C	CSS
Leiper R	CSS
Mackay A	Z
Mackay C	Z
Mackay K	Z
Mackay L	Z
Mackie J	Z
Madden A	Z
Mahoney D	Z
Mahoney P	Z
Mair T	Z
Mansfield H	Z
Michael E	BH
Mison L A	Z
Munnings L	Z
Murr A	CSS
Nelmes L	Z
Nowell F J	REL
Nuttall F	Z
Pearce A	KCM
Phimister H	CSS
Rainey J H	CSS
Riley A	Z
Robinson G	CSS
Strachan J S	Z
Thomson J	BH
Walsh A	CSS
Walsh J A	CSS
Whitehead H	CSS
Williams G	CSS
Wilson V	Z
Woodward H	Z
Young M M S	BH

Events of Interest

Aspley's Classes for Seniors

Thursday 21 March 2002
10.30 am – 12 noon
Aspley Uniting Church

“THE MAYNE FAMILY”

A Cautionary Tale
Speaker: **Rosamund Siemon**
Writer & Broadcaster
Enquiries – Margaret 3263 4023
or Pat 3263 3086
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Sandgate Historical Society

150 Rainbow St, Sandgate.

Monthly Talks – commencing 1.30 pm

25 Feb 02 – *Buchanan Family*
by Grace Beecher
25 Mar 02 – *Lt Wheeler & Family*
by Grace Beecher
22 Apr 02 – *Return to Crete -*
50 years later
Anzac Poem
by Grace Beecher

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Golden Hour

Chermside Library
Morning Tea 9.30 am
Start 10 am and finish 11 am

Surveying in the Simpson Desert with Bill Kitson
Tues 12 Feb 02

Holtermann: Goldminer and Photographer
by Des Dimmock
Tues 12 Mar 02

Eddie's Exegesis.
Great book reviews with our librarian
Tues 9 Apr 02
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