



Volume 7 No. 3

NEWSLETTER

June - July 2004

President 3350 2874
Beverly Isdale

P.O. Box 416, ChermSIDE Qld 4032
Editor: Pat O'Shea

Secretary 3359 3022
Carolyn Bowser

Message from the President

The recent display in ChermSIDE Library, Beacons of Faith, attracted a lot of attention, even though it was not on display for very long. You can see the photos in our own rooms for the next couple of weeks.

At the Zillmere Multicultural Festival many people saw our display and some discovered that they had links with ChermSIDE and districts. It is interesting to meet people and hear their stories.

We participated for the first time in the History Fair organised by the Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies at Mount Gravatt Showgrounds. There were displays from all over Queensland, and we met people who had never heard of our Society but knew the district. The next fair will be in 2006 and I urge members to be part of it again.

Terry Hampson has given us all the files of his press releases made during his time as local councillor. We have decided to call them the Hampson Archives and they give a good indication of the interests and problems of the Marchant Ward during that time. A potted history.

History is happening all the time, even when we're least aware of local events. I went to take a photo of Westons Biscuits at Kedron for our coming display "Then and Now". It was a rather dull day so I decided to leave it for a few days.

When I returned, workmen were putting up scaffolding to remove the sign. Fortunately, Trevor Furness from Westons sent me some photos of the old sign. We also have a

photo of Gallagher's Tannery originally on that site.

If you have any photos of the district in the past, could we borrow them to use in our "Then and Now" display in C'side Library in Sept. It will be interesting to chart the changes.

Thank you to all members who helped with the recent displays. Your enthusiasm and interest have certainly added to our reputation as an interesting and interested group.

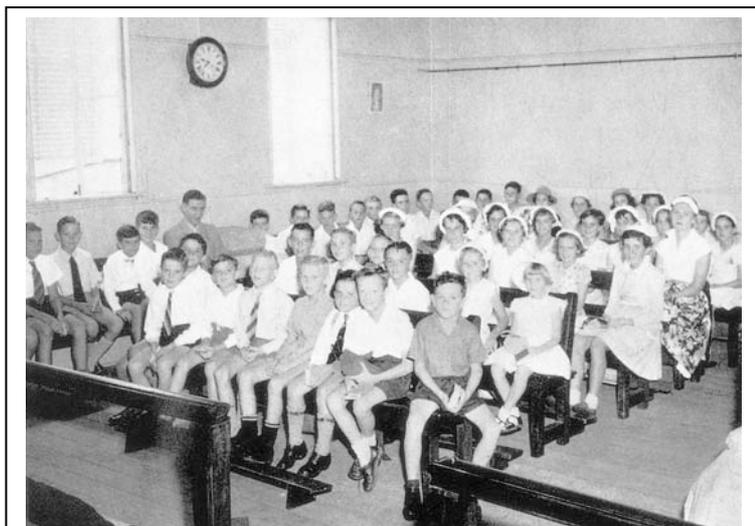


This 1962 photo of St Paul's Anglican Church, which was on the corner of Gympie and Robinson Roads Aspley, was donated by Mr Bill Rahmann. This is a good example of something that existed but has since gone. We need people to come forward with old photos which we can copy. Then we can photo the existing building, or what has replaced it. This is living history as we record the changing face of the local district. It is a never ending story, or is it?

Raffles – Thanks to all the members who have sold and bought raffle tickets over the year. The three raffles held have raised a total of \$941. Well done. Thanks to Jean Tune who regularly prepares the tickets in small booklets for the sellers' convenience. Prizes in the Mothers' Day Raffle - 1. Rob Isdale 2. Margaret Fox 3. Zoe Smith.

Heritage week was marked by a photographic display in the Chermside Library from 8-16 May. The photos of the 60 or 70 local churches were taken and prepared by Bev Isdale while the display was done by Marion Eaton. All the photos and captions were laminated on our own machine. Well done girls.

Zillmere Multicultural Festival 22/5/04 was the scene of a Society booth. Set up and staffed by Marion Eaton, assisted by Bev Isdale, Margaret Argo, the Carr boys and Margaret Fox. Our stall attracted a lot of interest, but didn't sell much. \$240 was collected for the bus trip.



Remember this? This is a photo of the Sunday School class at All Saints' Chermside in 1956. One of the many photos in the new History of All Saints'.

Fire in the bush beside the Old School on Sunday 24/5/04

The bush around the pond to the East of the school was set on fire at about 3pm. The Fire Brigade came and extinguished the blaze. Only a small area of grass and shrubs was burnt but the smoke billowed in great clouds and reached Gympie Road. Cinders fell all over the school and precinct but no damage was done.

The Fire Dept advises that if **any fire** breaks out ring 000; always treat a fire as serious, you never know what will happen.

Life Long Learning talk at Chermside Library on 9 September, 10.30-11.30am in the meeting room - Two to the Valley - "Some people do not know that trams used to come to Chermside"- Speaker from Tramways Museum

All Saints' Anglican Church Chermside will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary with a series of events:

- 25th July with a Stump Capping ceremony and a 1642 Evensong. The history of the Church will be launched at the ceremony – cost \$20;
- 2nd August – Church Music event;
- 11/12 Sept – Old Time Concert;
- 10th Oct – 1662 Service at 8 am in contemporary dress;
- 24th Oct – Sing Along 4-5pm;
- 29/30 Oct – Arts & Crafts Exhibition;
- 14th Nov – Dedication Service 8am.

A full program will be posted on the noticeboard for the next meeting.

A Trash and Treasure fete, organised by Ken Reilly, will be held in the Drill Hall for the Leukaemia Foundation on the 18th September. We have been invited to supply a Devonshire Tea for the event.

The Latest on the Link Road

Another meeting was held during the week at which the officers of the BCC explained that the link road from Hamilton Road along Kittyhawk Drive and on to Murphy Road would go ahead. It will be two lanes at first and after some years it would be expanded to four lanes.

Westfield would be responsible for building the road and the BCC are determined that it will be built, so the RSL bowed to the inevitable and removed its objections.

Now that we are faced with the road actually going through and eventually becoming a four lane avenue, it is more important than ever that we campaign hard for extra parking. There is the possibility that there may be curbside parking

especially when the four lanes are built. But what do we do in the meantime?

The letters that you write to Faith Hopkins will be photocopied and passed on to Westfield and the BCC so that they know what you think.

The Voyager centre will be demolished and there is the possibility that it may be rebuilt somewhere else if Westfield does not adequately compensate the RSL.

Another proposal, somewhat extreme, is that the whole Historic Precinct could be moved. A problem here is where would it go? Another is do we want to go? We are happy where we are.

There will be more meetings as the proposals have to be hammered out in detail. At present there are some vague points that have to be cleared up. Also, as time goes on new situations will arise and the plans may have to be revised again, and again. Hang in there.

No matter what we plan on the link road we still have the choked up Gympie & Hamilton Roads intersection and the string of traffic lights along both roads. We are still trying to cram more and more vehicles on to the same roads.

Help Wanted with Identification

Recently we have received photos and information about two sawmills that no longer exist;

- Laurence & Palmer in Hamilton Road Cherm-side;
- Simpson Sawmill Mermaid Road Cherm-side.

We need to know such things as Location, when did they open and close, where the timber came from to be milled, what sort of milling did they do apart from sawing, memories associated with the firms.

An excerpt from Alan Carr's story of Albert Anning – 1890 to 1968

While Dairy Farming at Maleny in 1936 he was recommended for a job at the Garden Settlement, Cherm-side. When the home was built, they were broke and did not know what to do.

He took the job for very little wages, obtained a horse and plough, seven milking cows, built bails, chook shed, raised pullets for eggs. Most

of these items were donated by the Church goers. In a few months he was producing all the vegetables, milk, butter and eggs making the home self supporting.

He was married again after 25 years to Helen, a lovely lady who was helping the same as Albert at the home.

A Mr Cooper, a Hides and Tallow merchant always helped Albert, when the Board would not, or could not buy any equipment. Mr Cooper always came up with the money.

Albert Anning put his heart and soul into his job just as if he owned it himself and was loved by everyone, always on hand with horse and sledge on Christmas morning. It might not have been a Reindeer, but a big draught horse, the look on the old peoples' faces was all the thanks that Albert needed to make his day.

To irrigate his small crops he had a bore at the front of the settlement, next to the big Jacaranda. It never ran dry. The only accident he had was with the pump. It was a low geared and moved very slowly, the cogs were in the open. He was busy putting grease on with his finger when one of the old Gents came up and touched him on the shoulder. Albert got a fright and lost the top joint of his right index finger. This gave him a bit of trouble as all the milking was done by hand.

He always found it hard to get good help. He gradually lost all his ground with extensions to the Settlement. First the vegetable garden, and then a large piece of land was sold and he had to hand feed the cows, his poultry was the last to go, all that was left was gardening and mowing.

In the early days the Settlement was the friendliest place, every one knew everyone. In the war time it was hard on Albert with two sons as POWs; he didn't know for years if they were dead or alive. He still mourned the loss of his elder brother in the Boer War.

He worked there for 25 years and retired for a few years before passing away in 1968. Rev Weller told the family that the Settlement would never have got off the ground except for Albert and the farm. They were very lucky to pick the right man for the job. That's why he erected a monument in front of the Settlement for Albert Anning.

