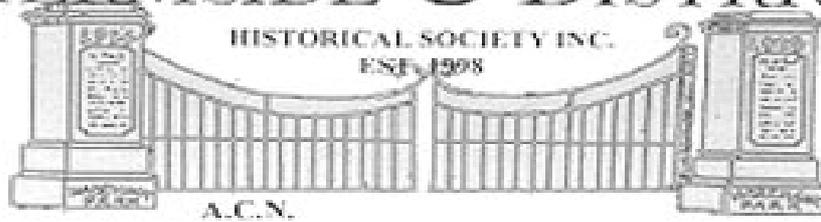


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## Archives Notes Sept 05

In this new segment in the Newsletter, we would like to tell you about some of the interesting information in our collection. It is growing very quickly, thanks to the keen observations of people who "think certain items would be of interest to future generations."

Donations include photographs, books, maps, old documents and some memorabilia. We have some original material, such as the Kedron Bowling Club records and information from the Chermiside Youth Club. We will care for them and maybe a researcher will fall upon them one day as an answer to a prayer!

You could spend hours looking through our photos. We have hundreds and many of them have been scanned onto the computer. They can be seen as a slide show, a Power Point presentation or individual photos, or you can look through the various albums.

We have a very good collection of Chermiside School class photos. Also, the suburbs of Aspley, Chermiside and Kedron form a marvelous photographic collection – but we always have space for more! We appreciate family albums – Alfredson, Argo, Barker, Fisher, Hamilton, Harris/Tune, Hibberd, Lake, Vellnagel, Whitehead, to name a few - to add to our knowledge of the district

A researcher is currently working on the Kedron Bowling Club records to write a history of the old club.

**The Book Launch of "Chermiside State School 1900-1996"** was the big news of the month and it took place at Chermiside Hub in the Chermiside Library on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The main meeting room was crowded by over 100 invited guests, members and friends of the CDHS. The Quest Newspaper photographer was present and took several photos, three of which were included in the following issue of the Northside Chronicle. Rob Isdale was also photographing steadily throughout the Launch and he has some excellent photos to display.

The start of the Launch was delayed because our Guest Speaker, David Gibson, Curator of Newstead House, was held up in the traffic jam caused by the arrival of the new Air Bus. We got underway at about 10.25am with Terry Hampson directing the proceedings by calling the meeting to order and declaring that class had commenced at Chermiside State School.

David Gibson followed with an eloquent and encouraging address which was well received by the audience. He read out the dedication on the title page and described it as "tender, inclusive and all embracing." He went on to note that "Patrick and his Team have cast the net wide to gather up the memories of a good cross section of old boys and old girls, teachers and their families."

Other comments made by David included: "Skillfully crafted, this history is a chronological 'tour de force' ... you arrive at page 110 in such an effortless way ... (with a) better understand-

ing of the ways in which primary education operated from colonial times to the present.”

“the CDHS (has) the comfort of knowing that a worthy project has been realized - for the contributors, the knowledge that someone thought their stories important, relevant and worth of being told; and the BCC who can see one of their grants ensure the realisation of a project that has the potential to ‘touch so many’.”

“Where once the discipline of History sought only to remember the High and Mighty and the grand and obvious Moments in History; now we look within ourselves and within our own communities.”

“This publication ... runs the whole gamut of emotions, offers great subliminal messages and ... at story’s end senses are refreshed, knowledge has been gained and memories have been enriched.”

**The Sale of Memorabilia** went very well with some \$252 worth of mugs, carry bags, photos, Christmas cards and plaques being sold. These were all items which we have had in stock for some time, and which seem to be keeping their attraction.

**Editor:** Congratulations CDHS for having the courage to go ahead and publish. We would have published even if the BCC grant did not eventuate but the risk would have been much greater.

### **Report on the Book – State of Play**

We originally planned to publish 100 copies but as the orders rose to near the 100 mark we decided on 200 copies plus the inclusion of a bookmark to publicise the Society. With the publicity and the work of several members telling their friends by word of mouth, email and clack towers, the orders kept on rising. By the launch they had reached 145; with 10 copies for the Freebies our stock for sales was reduced to about 40 books.

Following the launch this latter lot dwindled to zero, so we decided to print another 100 copies. We are currently taking orders for these books on a prepaid basis and so far have taken 10 orders. We will have the new lot ready by early December in plenty of time for buyers to send them as Christmas presents.

**The New Road** is progressing steadily as can be seen from the car park. Only the stumps of the Casuarinas along Kittyhawk Drive remain and the area alongside the RSL car park has been dug up with the removal of many large truck loads of good soil. The large storm water drainage pipes for the area go under the hockey field and will empty into the pools behind the school.

The other section from Murphy Road has reached Downfall Creek and the preparation for the bridge is underway. There is a temporary crossing for the construction machinery being used near the bridge site.

Three houses on the Hamilton Road end of Kittyhawk Drive and have been demolished to make way for the changes taking place at the intersection which will carry more traffic when the new road is opened towards mid 2006.

**Speakers for 2006** We need speakers so if you know any likely people who could keep us interested for 20 – 30 minutes please let us know ASAP.

### **The Culprit**

**Audrey Twining (nee Velnagel)**

The Old man had a small-crop farm  
Where he grew water melons  
But found to his dismay one day  
‘Twas visited by young felons.

With purpose strong to catch the lads  
He trained his faithful hound  
He’d stop the thieving brats at last  
The culprits would be found.

One day his dog stood at ‘alert’  
With eyes fixed on the land  
And ears pricked up to indicate  
Invaders were at hand.

‘Go get ‘em, boy!’ the old man said  
And off his canine ran  
And when the farmer caught him up  
The dog had made a stand.

A lad lay there upon the soil  
No harm at all was done  
There stood the dog a-straddling him  
Until his boss had come.

'I've caught you, boy, and off you go'  
He said as he marched off  
And walked that lad a mile or so  
Right to the local 'cop-shop'.

'I caught him in my melon patch'  
He said, and triumph felt;  
'I'll deal with him' the Copper said  
And removed his leather belt.

He stropped him hard on his backside  
The punishment soon was done  
And the Copper won't forget. I'm sure  
The day he stropped his son!

*Peter Pfingst trained his dogs by tying sugar bags around the arms and legs of his grand son, Alan, so he wouldn't be hurt, then getting him to go into the melon cultivation where the dogs would be sooled on to him*

### **Vivien Heiner writes about her father.**

Arthur Bertram Marquis J.P. (1888-1958) was born in the Laidley district in 1888 the son of John Marquis, a teacher and Agnes Bailey. John came from Scotland as a 6 year old and Agnes was born in Australia the daughter of English parents.

The family arrived in Zillmere where John was to be Head Teacher of the school from 1891 to 1907, which made his tenure one of the longest in the history of Zillmere State School.

In 1906 Arthur married Cecilia Lee (d.1947), a granddaughter of J. W. Lee, they settled at, what is today, 47 Handford Road opposite Pretoria Street, raising a family of two daughters and one son; Vivien is the remaining survivor.

Arthur worked for J.C. Hutton & Co., and was a member of their Cricket Team & Rifle Club, winning medals in each sport.

Arthur Marquis J.P. was a Kedron Shire Councillor for many years and, on occasions, acted as Chairman. He remained a member until the Brisbane City Council was established and the Shires became redundant on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1925.

Arthur was a fluent speaker and was often called upon to express thanks at functions, e.g. To General Sir T. W. Glasgow at the unveiling Ceremony of the Memorial Gates at Marchant Park on the 3.5.1924. He also proposed a toast to the Parlia-

ment of Queensland when electric trams were first extended into Kedron Shire at Kedron Brook on the 2.5.1925.

He was also a member of the Metropolitan Electricity Commission which planned how electric light and power would become available and was switched on suburb by suburb. It proved to be a great boon replacing the messy candles, lamps and wood burning stoves; Electric Light was installed in the School of Arts in 1925.

While Arthur Marquis was active throughout the Shire, most of his service was within his home suburb of Zillmere: He was Chairman of the Zillmere School Committee, a member of the local Progress Association and later chosen as their Patron, Sunday School Superintendent at Zillmere for a long period and a lay preacher in the Kedron Shire and beyond, Secretary of the Zillmere Agricultural, Horticultural & Industrial Society which conducted very successful 'Shows'; the railway Department ran special trains to and from Zillmere on Show day each year.

During WWII he was the chief ARP (Air Raid Precaution) Warden for the district of Chermside, Geebung, Zillmere and several other areas.

**Note:** Vivien was the only person present at the rededication (after restoration) of the Marchant Park WWI memorial gates who was also present at the dedication in 1924. As you can see she is still an active member of the CDHS.

### **Wanted, information for writing the History of Chermside.**

Does anybody know where we can get information about Bruce Pie Industries which were so prominent in the local area? We need documentary as well as verbal material on the industry. Do you know anybody who worked there?

What other manufacturing industries existed in the Chermside area?

**This issue has been emailed to those members who have given me their email addresses. If you are on email and didn't get a copy then please give me your email address.**



David Gibson, Terry Hampson, Faith Hopkins, Terry Sullivan (Front) Pat & Lois O'Shea



A view of the 100 + audience in a meeting room at the Chermshire Library for the Book Launch



Melissa Tune & Colin Judd on the Memorabilia Stall



Mother shows daughters what she was like when she was their age.



Part of the Book Sales Team hard at work



It takes two to ring the Chermshire Bell