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**REMINDER: Membership Renewals were due 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

*Membership fees are the main source of income for the Society,  
and without that we cannot function.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Irma Deas, President.*

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### **NEW MEMBERS:**

**We welcome the new members and wish them good luck with their research:**

Aileen Elliott, John Lubke, Lou Walsh, Janice McFarland, Belinda Whitehouse  
Re-joined- Neal & Anne O'Connor - welcome back.



***Cover Photograph: 1922 Christmas Postcard Private Collection***

**From the Editor;** The Ipswich Genealogical Society Annual General Meeting was held September 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, and the Executive was returned for 2020- 2021. COVID 19 has impacted on the daily lives of millions of people worldwide, and the Society is not immune. We were closed for some weeks, but are once more open for Research, but with reduced numbers, and members and visitors are welcome. *Irma*

**CHRISTMAS BREAK: The last day for research at “Brigg House” for 2020, will be Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the first day for 2021 will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.**

*Brisbane Courier 18 August 1915*

## WITH OUR BOYS, HEROISM IN GALLIPOLI; "NO RETIRING WHERE WE WERE"

Some of the English newspapers recently published the following: - "In the Deaconess Hospital, in Alexandria, recovering from his wounds, is Major Dawson, of the New Zealanders. For two days Major Dawson with only 150 men - Australians and New Zealanders held the corner of the second ridge at Sari Bahr against tremendous odds. This was at a very critical moment, when the Turks had come sweeping on in great force and there seemed every probability of the British being driven back to the beach, where, of course, nothing could have saved them.

Throughout the night Dawson's men kept up a continual battle, every man shouting orders of some sort or other, and the Turks were thus led to believe that they were confronted by a considerable force. At any moment the Turks could have swept the small force from its position, but British bluff and a courageous spirit saved the day." Referring to this incident Sergeant Coe, of the Ninth Battalion Scouts (who remarks that he was the second man to land at Gallipoli), writes from the First Australian General Hospital: "In justice to the late **Major Beresford Robertson**, **Lieut. Rigby**, and the men who fell with them, and who consequently cannot speak for themselves, and as one of the very few of the survivors, I will attempt to give their friends an idea of what they did.

Not that **Major Dawson** and the men with him did not do a grand thing, but the part done before was even grander, for it was accomplished with about only 70 men. We cleared the second ridge by 10 o'clock, and it was at 1 o'clock we got it heavy. We were on the extreme left flank and at 2.30 the Turks put 6 battalions on to us. We, on the left, got a goodly share of them for it was the key of the position for if they beat us back they could have infiltrated the centre and right, so there was no retiring where we were.

**Major Robertson** was doing his utmost to get reinforcements up to us, but the shrapnel was so thick that a certain regiment was unable to come up to our aid. **Major Robertson** told me to hold a trench with 32 men (it was a Turkish trench on the extreme left second ridge), and went away to get reinforcements for us. He was bowled over by a burst of shrapnel, and died as a brave gentleman. **Lieut. Rigby** got a bullet soon afterwards, and shrapnel completed his short career as a soldier - a very short one, but he died another good example to all, in the very first line of fire, where he had been all the day. At half-past 5, out of the 33 we had in the trench on the left, only two were left, and we were forced to retire, expecting death at any moment. Then down below we heard the glorious cry ring out, 'Come on, the Otago Regiment!' Shall I never forget it? Up they came, and we dug in on the first ridge, and with **Major Dawson's** men held the enemy. Of our original 70, under **Major Robertson**, I think only 6 are left."



**Major Sydney Beresford Robertson - IGS Photograph**



**Sydney Beresford ROBERTSON [Major]** was the son of the Rev. Joseph Robertson, M.A., pastor of the Ipswich Central Congregational Church, born about 1887 and was employed by Walker & Walker Solicitors. He was active in the Queensland Military being a lieutenant in the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry and later as a Captain he transferred to the Intelligence Corps and rose to Major, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1914. At the outbreak of war he was one of the first to volunteer on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1914 and embarked on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1914.

Known as Beresford he was an active member of the Central Congregational Church, the Ipswich Parliamentary Debating Class, St. Paul's Cricket Club, and on the committee of the United Service Institution of Queensland. His brother Capt. Chaplain the Rev. Gordon **Robertson**, B.A., from Sydney, was present at the Landing at Gallipoli and spent 5 months in the trenches administering to the troops. Another brother Mr. Harold Ross **Robertson** from Adelaide was also a member of Australian Expeditionary forces in the Medical Corps.

The Major was **Killed In Action** on the first day of the landing at Gallipoli and is buried in the Beach Cemetery Anzac Cove Turkey. (*Pictured below*)

## GALLIPOLI

Troop ships left Australian ports and docked at Egypt where the men spent over four months training near Cairo before leaving by ship for the Gallipoli peninsular. From the beginning of the campaign to the evacuation in December, there were 26,111 Australian casualties and of these 8,141 lives were lost. The successful evacuation of the troops on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December was carried out with very few casualties because of the careful planning and strategies of those in

charge.



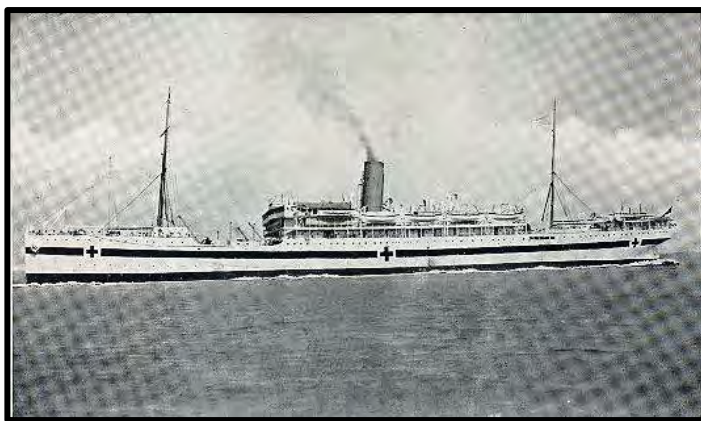
The cemeteries and memorials at Gallipoli were built during the early 1920's, to designs of Scottish Architect Sir John **BURNET** (1857- 1938). They are different to those on the Western Front in France Belgium and have three distinguishing features. On the Western Front cemeteries and

memorials have a free standing Cross of Sacrifice, at Gallipoli each has a walled

cross, and instead of headstones, each grave has a stone-faced pedestal, and there is a sunken fence to divert rain water.

There are 31 war cemeteries on the Gallipoli Peninsula, 21 in the Anzac area, as well as a number of Memorials to the missing. The Australians are commemorated on The Lone Pine Memorial, and the New Zealand National Memorial on Chunuk Bair is for the soldiers from that country who served on Gallipoli. Another is the Helles Memorial with British, Australian and Indian servicemen, and Twelve Tree Copse and Hill 60 two other Memorials. Over 22,000 graves are to be found in the war cemeteries at Gallipoli, but many are un-identified. If a soldier is known to be buried in a certain cemetery, but the site of the grave is unknown, he is commemorated in that cemetery with a "Special Memorial".

SS Devanha was launched in 1905 and entered service for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in 1906. She was a troop ship during World War I, and in 1915, she took part in the Dardanelles campaign, landing the 12th Battalion of Australian troops at what was later Anzac Beach, then steaming up the coast as a feint to draw enemy fire. She was later converted into a hospital ship and saw service in the Persian Gulf, East Africa, Bombay and Suez, before being converted back into a troopship in 1919, was used to repatriate troops back to Australia. In 1920 one of her lifeboats was presented to the Australian National War Memorial in Canberra. The following years saw Devanha re-enter service with P&O. She made her final voyage on 22 May 1925, and was ultimately sold for scrap, valued at £20,500



**Hospital Ship SS Devanha"**

*From the internet*



*1914-1915 Star, British  
War Medal, Victory Medal*

*Queensland Times - Thursday 23 February 1911, page 4*



### **IMMIGRANTS BY R.M.S. "ORSOVA"**

The R.M.S.  
"Orsova" from  
London via usual  
ports, arrived at  
Pinkenba at 11,30  
o'clock on  
Monday.

***RMS "Orsova" 1909 Internet Photograph***

The steamer brought 351 passengers in all classes, including 109 Government immigrants, classified as follows: Nominated, 82; assisted, 24; full-payers, 3. They comprise 18 married men 24 married women, 16 single men, 8 single women, and 38 children.

Their nationalities are:-English, 81; Scotch, 22; and Irish, 6.

The Agent-General states that the nominated immigrants were above the average, the children being particularly clean and intelligent, and all were likely to make good colonists. Some of the men stated that their friends in Queensland had purchased land ready for them to occupy immediately on their arrival. The assisted passengers are all bona-fide agriculturists, and their sole object in coming to the States is to take up agricultural pursuits. One of them, aged, 35, married, but not accompanied by his family, has been farming all his life, first with his father, and latterly on his own account. He has practical experience in all branches of farm work. and brings £500 capital.

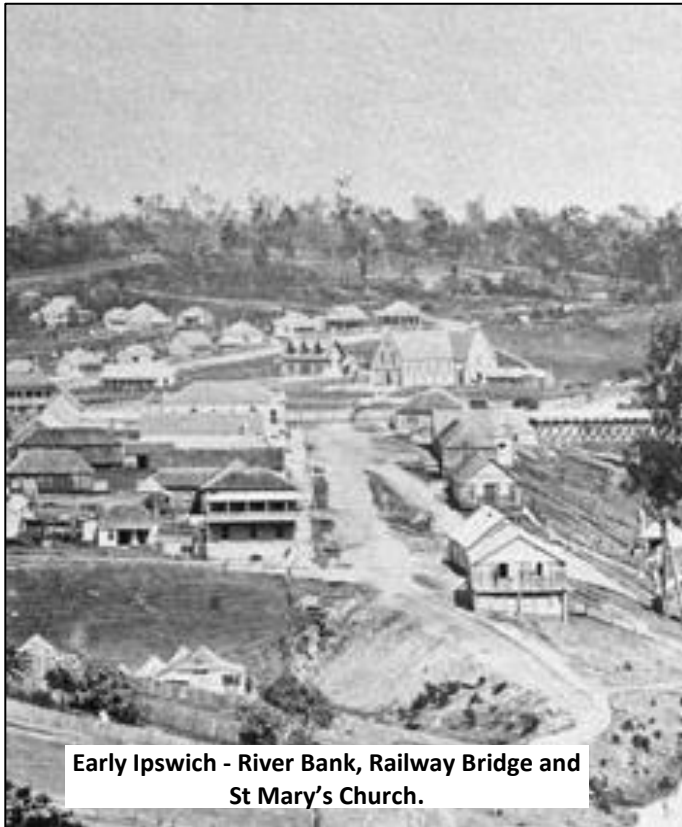
Another, aged 47, has been farming. for 19 years, 12 years as a farm hand, and seven years on his own account. He has brought £200 capital, and is accompanied by two sons (16 and 14), and one daughter (18), the remainder of his family coming later. A third, aged 55, with a wife and four children, has been farming in Ireland all his life, and has a practical experience in all farm work. He is a superior man, of fine physique, and very intelligent, and has a son already in Queensland. He has £300 capital. A fourth, aged 36, with a wife and three children, was until a few years ago all his life at farm work, is an excellent ploughman, and has a good knowledge of all other branches of farm work. He has £150 capital.

This is a very small extract from the Queensland Times, Ipswich Herald and Advertiser 7 November 1862 page 3 - a very long and rambling article.

( Ipswich Municipal Council – from the Guardian Nov. 4)

### **ROAD TO CHURCH**

It seems, that in Ipswich there is a very handsome edifice, which the members of



Early Ipswich - River Bank, Railway Bridge and St Mary's Church.

the Roman Catholic Church have, to their credit, erected for the purpose of Divine Worship. This church is approached by a somewhat bad road in one direction; to put this road in good order would in addition to another already commenced require a sum equal to that annually derived from all the citizens of the town in the shape of rates.

The road moreover, when improved and bridged would lead simply to the church; and also to some locality known as "Macalister's Pocket" In fact there is no traffic to speak of on the road, and this amount of the income derived from rates, if expelled in the manner proposed, on a bridge across a gully, would simply benefit the

church-goers who frequent the place of worship mentioned.

The dominant party in the Council appear to have had it all their own way hitherto; but this motion to expend a year's rates upon improving the approach to the Catholic Church (when other more important works were kept in abeyance) has evidently excited a sort of rebellion on the part of the minority. One of the local journals accuses the Mayor of violent partisanship; and if the report be correct the accusation is fully borne out. The minority, seeing their weakness, left the chamber when the division came on, and the majority seem to have had sufficient power to carry the day. In the debate however, on this question, the Aldermanic rhetoric and courtesy are shown in bold relief. The real object of the movers of the resolution was to expend an immense sum upon a little bit of road that lead to one particular church. The ostensible excuse for the expenditure was that the road led to a little bit of land called "Macalister's Pocket.

Although the amount of traffic between this "pocket" and the town, seems to have been wisely kept by the majority in the background. After a great amount of badinage, which a harsh critic might term "Billingsgate" we find Alderman Thorn, one of the minority making the remark that "there is no road to Macalister's pocket". This remark, however true, has not the merit of originality; and indeed, if



the Ipswich Corporation had intended to spend half their income in finding a road to Macalister's pocket - that is to his breeches pocket - we should possibly rank the members of that Corporation with that misguided but well intentioned class of individuals who, in former days, spent the best years of life in endeavouring to find out the philosopher's stone, the elixir of life, or the secret of perpetual motion. The pocket, however referred to, dignified by the name of Macalister, is scarcely a place deserving of such expenditures as that proposed.

In fact Macalister's Pocket seems to have been, like charity made to cover an immense municipal sin - that is to say, the expenditure of the ratepayers' money on a work which really the requirements of the town, as a commercial depot did not in the present stage of its existence, justify.

So disgusted were the minority of the Council with the laches of their opponents, that they left the Chamber in a body. The majority were then without a quorum. One of the party who composed the majority had, however at a previous stage of the proceedings; been accused by some of his fellow-members of being "in liquor," had been threatened by the Mayor with removal by the police, and had discreetly retired. In order to make up the quorum, therefore, this rebellious alderman was sent for, obeyed the mandate, and the vote for the improvements on the road to "Macalister's Pocket" was carried in the absence of the minority.

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## ODDS AND ENDS



Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

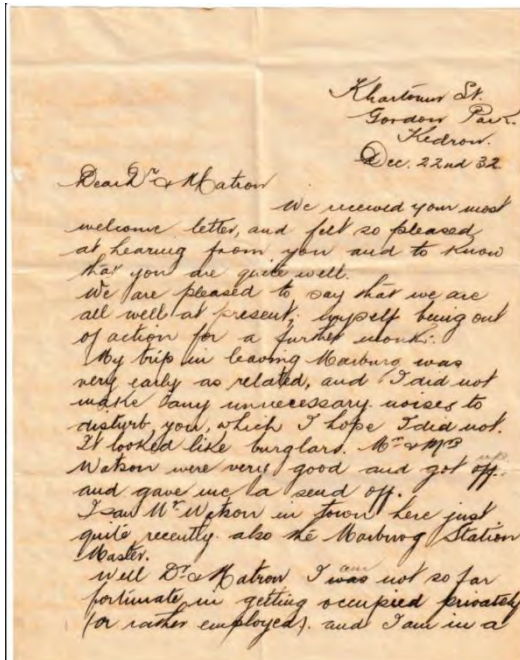
Learn to keep your troubles to yourself; the world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache, or lumbago. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels but they are out of place in real life.

Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good humoured man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere, and is a nuisance as well.

**Letter From 1932:** This letter was written in 1932 by a man who had lost his farm at Marburg in the Depression and moved to Brisbane to find work. The letter was written to Dr Sirois who opened a private hospital in Marburg in 1912.



Khartoum St,  
Gordon Park,  
Kedron,  
Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> '32

Dear Dr & Matron,

We received your most welcome letter and feel so pleased at hearing from you and to know you are quite well.

We are pleased to say we are all well at present myself being out of action for a further week.

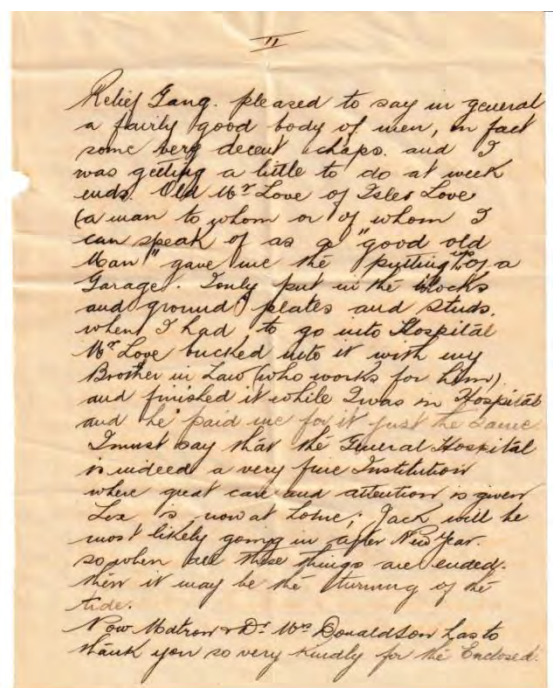
My trip in leaving Marburg was very early as related, and I did not make any unnecessary noises to disturb you which I hope I did not; It looked like burglars. Mr & Mrs Watson were very good and got me off and gave me a send-off. I saw Mr Watson in town here

just quite recently, also the Marburg Station Master.

Well Dr. & Matron I am not so far fortunate in getting occupied privately or rather employed and I am in a Relief Gang, pleased to say in general a fairly good body of men, in fact some very decent chaps, and I was getting a little at weekends. Old Mr Love of Isles Love, (a man to whom or of whom I can speak of as a "good old man") gave me the putting up of a Garage. I only put in the blocks and ground plates and studs when I had to go to Hospital. Mr Love bucked into it with my Brother-in-law (who works for him), and finished it while I was in Hospital and he paid me for it just the same.

I must say that the General Hospital is indeed a very fine Institution where great care and attention is given. Lex is now at ??; Jack will most likely go in after the New Year, so when all these things are ended it may be the turning of the tide.

Now Matron and Dr Mrs Donaldson has to thank you so very kindly for the Enclosed.





We owe to you both a very deep debt of gratitude for all your many many Kindnesses to ourselves and the children, which it seems is only repaid by Our Great Respect & Gratitude for you.

Our time at Marburg seems quite hard to retrace as far as the farm is concerned in fact I do not want to, and have not very much desire to retrace those twelve years, practically one quarter or one fifth of one's life. Nevertheless we are not selfish; we realize no matter how bad off you may be there is always someone who is much worse.

I get 3½ days a week £2.7.3 we are in a fairly comfortable house at 14/- a week rent. There is a nice big back yard and we have various vegetables growing, and when well again will dig up some more ground. We are mostly settled, not hemmed in,

and in a

high

position. We regret to hear of the boy's death by drowning. How swift things can happen.

I was out Marburg not long after leaving it.

Intended calling in, but had a farmer friend of the Brother-in-laws, and he was in a desperate hurry to get back. I took him out to try and buy some cattle, which we successfully did to his satisfaction.

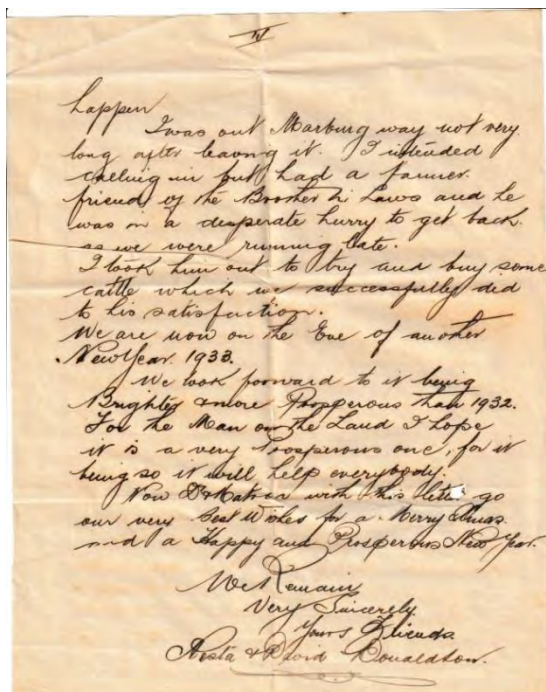
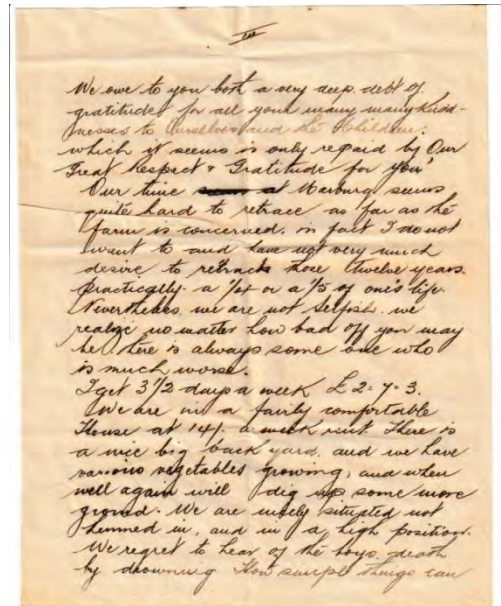
We are now on the eve of another New Year 1933. We look forward to it being Brighter and more Prosperous than 1932. For the Man on the Land I hope it is a very Prosperous one for if being so, it will help everyone.

Now Dr & Matron with this letter go our very Best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy and a Prosperous New Year.

We Remain, Very Sincerely,

Your Friends

Nesta & David Donaldson



1914 - Marburg Hospital on the hill, railway station house in the centre, Royal Hotel on the left, and the Queensland National Bank on the right

Private Collection

*Photos - extracts from the internet.*

## LEYLAND MOTORS



James **Sumner** produced a steam wagon in 1884, this was the first of his many inventions including a steam driven lawn mower and, later, a three wheeled motor car.

**J Sumner and Company** was formed and George **Spurrier** later bought into the Company and in 1896 Spurrier and Sumner

formed the Lancashire Steam Motor Company, in Leyland, Lancashire, England

In 1907 they changed the name of the Company to Leyland Motors Limited. Steam power dominated production in the early years, though an internal engine vehicle was produced in 1904. The last Steam powered vehicle was produced in 1926. Truck models in the 1930s included the Octopus, Beaver, Bison, Buffalo, Bull and Hippo. Leyland continued to grow and take over other truck Companies including Albion Motors in 1951, Scammell Lorries in 1955, AEC in 1969. Leyland was nationalized in 1975 and then sold to DAF in 1987.



Leyland Motors Limited was a British vehicle manufacturer of lorries, buses and trolleybuses. It gave its name to the British Leyland Motor Corporation formed when it merged with British Motor Holdings, later to become British Leyland after being nationalised. British Leyland later changed its name to simply BL, then in 1986 Rover Group.

*The following was found among personal papers; in the 1960s or 1970s Leyland had a series of advertisements on television, and some people were offended by the little dog doing what dogs do.*



*[I apologise if this offends  
some people – Irma editor]*

## **CANINE CAPERS IN “DOGGERELL”**

*Leyland Australia produced a series of tele. ads. Apart from making an offer of free tyres, they also depicted a delightful little “bitzer” dog lifting a leg. Believe it or not, in these days of “R” rated movies and printed matter of very questionable moral standards there were complaints about the dog’s act. Radio, T.V. and one of the daily newspapers involved themselves in varying degrees in the controversy. Not that there was any adverse sales reaction – quite the opposite in fact! The whole episode was viewed by the top Leyland executive’s secretary in this little piece of “doggerell”*



“Little dog little dog, Oh! Where have you been?  
“I’ve been around the trucks piddlin’ and peeing’  
Little dog, little dog, some folks are offended  
And the wrath of some viewers on us has descended.”

”I can’t believe it – it just can’t be true”  
For when I watch telly – now I’m telling you  
I see bare boobs and bottoms, and blokes without trousers,  
And gorgeous young chicks with their mod see-thru blouses,  
And one day I stopped piddling to sum up the cricket  
And two strippers sneaked on and took off with the wicket  
And Chappell stood there and let down his flannels  
To fix his jock strap – it was on all channels.”

“Now I’ve lifted my leg and caused all this furore  
As though it’s never been done by a doggie before  
I’ve lifted my leg and they’re all up in arms  
When it’s just a part of a poor doggie’s charms”

“Little dog, little dog, I see you’re embarrassed  
Having caused all this fuss, and have us harassed  
But don’t be upset little dog, for you have won us  
Far more admirers than those who will shun us

We’ve said “Keep on trucking” for many a year  
But now when the salesmen gather round for a beer,  
And their sales have been booming instead of just middling,  
They’ll say “Little dog, little dog, you just keep on piddling”

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld.), Saturday 9 November 1878, page 3

## COMETVILLE THE LATE RAILWAY ACCIDENT

THE fearful railway accident of yesterday has cast quite a gloom over our township. I wired you all available particulars immediately after the accident and before the telegraph office closed for the night. The fuller details are that the ballast train left 139 miles ballast depot and cleared the station at 4.30 p.m., the empty sleeper train from the head of the road running into the triangle to allow the up ballast train to pass. No 1 bridge, 140 miles, was reached at 4.45, and at this point the sad catastrophe occurred.

A number of workmen were engaged topping the high level bridge, using a derrick for the purpose of hoisting the timber; the derrick was held in position by three guys, and at the time the ballast train approached these were being shifted. One of the men stationed at one of these points seemed to lose command over the rope, and as the engine approached they observed the guy gradually lowering, just clearing the engine and two trucks, and sweeping nearly all the men off the remaining seven trucks. A water butt on the last truck caught the rope and saved a few from being injured, although one man was killed off it.

Those who were stationed on the engine describe the scene as something awful; the men were hurled in all directions; the boy who was engaged for carrying water to the workmen was caught and pitched into the air like a cricket ball. Fortunately for him he fell on the end of the embankment and escaped almost unhurt. The train left the ballast depot with nine trucks and thirty men on them.

When the accident occurred one man was killed instantaneously. A messenger was despatched for the empty sleeper train, which soon arrived on the scene, and conveyed the sufferers to the Government store. One man died immediately on being removed and two others soon afterwards. Dr **McNeely** was in attendance on the injured, and every care and attention was bestowed on them by Mr. **Ballard's** staff, and also by himself. The agonies of most of the men were most painful to witness as they lay on the floor of the store, which was strewn with blankets and tents, if possible, slightly to relieve their sufferings. Every despatch was used in having the men forwarded to Rockhampton. One of them died on the road at Blackwater ; but Dr **McNeely** does not expect any more fatalities from the accident.

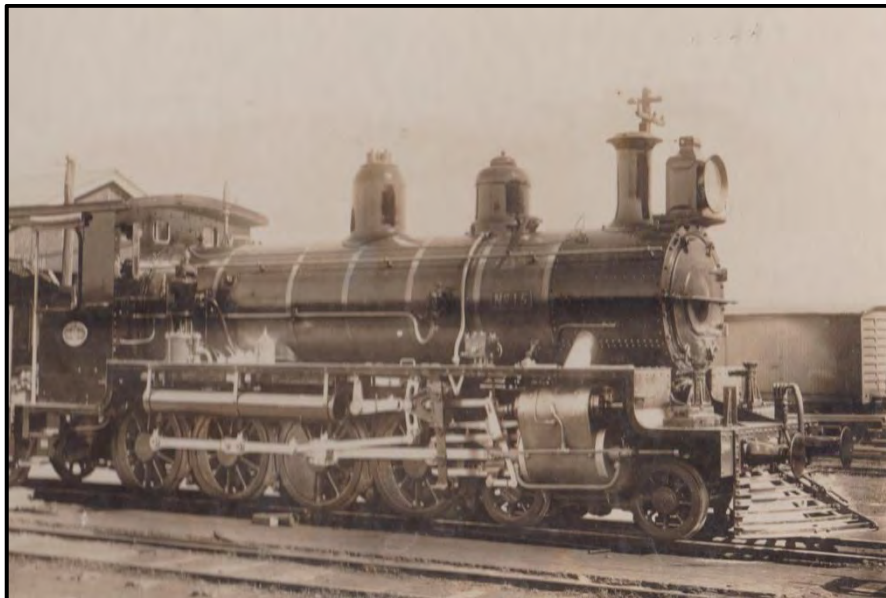
The following is a list of the dead and injured:— George **Georgensen**, a Dane, killed instantaneously, died at Government store ; Charles **Nicholson**, (Dane), John **Munro** and William **Wilson**, (Scotch), **Scraluep** (German), died on the way down. Injured : **Chappo** (Italian), Frederick **Robuskay**, **Earp**, **Branberg**, **Richleu** and **Calmund** (Germans), Thomas **Thomas** and Mark **Barnes** (Welsh), William **Lowe** and **Moulder** (English), William **Munro** (Scotch), and **James Finn** (Irish), making five dead and twelve injured.

A magisterial inquiry has been pending from 11 a.m. to-day, and is adjourned until to-morrow. The presiding JP.'s were Messrs. F. **Taylor**, George **Fox**, and M. W. **Christian**. The evidence of Joseph **Waite**, W. **Sutherland**,

George **Evans**, James **Hill**, Henry **Dodd**, Andrew **Young**, Edward **Pattison**, and Joseph **Edwards** was taken, all pointing to the same conclusion — that the accident was caused by the lowering of the guy, but whether through negligence or otherwise, is not yet determined.

The funeral cortege left the Government store at 5.45 this afternoon, followed by Mr. **Ballard** and the greater portion of the staff; also by the fellow workmen of the deceased, about ninety in number, and a large number of townspeople. All the places of business were closed. When the procession reached the cemetery, the coffins were placed side by side over the tops of their respective graves, and Mr. **Ballard** most appropriately and impressively read the solemn service of the Church of England. The earth was then filled in over the bodies of those who a few short hours before were in the health and bloom of man-hood.

*(Unfortunately a photograph of the accident cannot be found)*



*C17 Locomotive Built 1920  
Courtesy The Workshops Rail Museum Ipswich*

*We can all fight the battles of one day  
It is when we add the burdens of yesterday  
And tomorrow that we break down  
Live one day at a time.*





## IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Inc PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2020

I would like to present my Report for 2020 the sixth as President of the Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc. Thank you to the other members of the Executive who always step up when needed, it is appreciated.

The Central Post Office in Ipswich closed, and as we have a permanent home at Cooneana Heritage Centre, the PO Box was cancelled, and all mail delivered to our street address.

Following the Ipswich City Council election in March, an approach was made to the new Mayor Teresa Harding, a member of our Society, who accepted the invitation to be our Patron, and we look forward to a happy relationship.

The Society was contacted by the Queensland Museum South Bank asking for information on Ipswich families - **Finch**, **Whittaker** and **Horsnell** for a display of personal items they were assembling. Member John Rossiter was able to help and also give contact details for descendants. We are always happy to help other groups when possible.

Kim **Mensforth** has been scanning photographs in our collection, and putting our CD's onto the laptop which he has upgraded, thus making it possible to use those which do not play on Windows 10. We appreciate his help. Our IT manager, Greg Yarham installed Windows 10 on all the computers to bring us up to date – Thank you Greg.

In September a successful “Meet & Greet” was held to introduce new and old members to what is available at “Brigg House”, and another was planned for 2020 which did not eventuate owing to the pandemic.

The family of deceased member Beth **Forsyth** kindly donated to the Society her computer and printer, and Joyce and Peter **Phillips** and Bettina **Kracht**, donated books and documents. Ray and Heather **Sharpe** donated large photographs of local interest, which have been added to our collection. Photographs taken of the Ipswich CBD in 1986/87 when the Mall was being built which are of great interest came from a lady in New South Wales. All of these donations are received with thanks, and it is amazing the little gems which have come to light. A number of CD's were kindly donated by the LDS at Brassall who have reduced their Family History resources, and these are available at “Brigg House”.

The Society was informed by the Administrator of the Ipswich City Council, that there would be no free printing done by the Council in future, but thankfully our Federal Parliamentary Member Shayne Neumann has offered to print Bremer Echoes and our brochures. We appreciate his help as printing can be quite expensive.

Our Photographic Display is in the capable hands of John **Rossiter** and Edith **Henry** who periodically make changes, adding items of interest for our members and visitors. The **Robyn Buchanan Collection** is gradually being catalogued and photographs scanned, with help from. Special stickers have been purchased to make the collection more visible.

Meetings have been held with the Ipswich City Council and the other groups at Cooneana, to work together for a Master Plan for the site. A number of changes will perhaps occur in the next 12 months, but nothing definite at this stage, to our knowledge.



In November 2019 the History Queensland Meeting was held at Blackbutt and the Society was represented by Edith **Henry** and myself. Blackbutt is a small town, but has a big heart, and a very interesting day was enjoyed by all.

In December, contact was made with the Colonial Forces Study Group who Gifted to the Society a large collection of microfilm and microfiche, which was accepted with thanks. All the Queensland Government Gazettes from 1859 to 1989 on fiche, and over 500 reels of microfilm of historic newspapers, maps, journals and diaries; A real treasure trove. A Grant application in the near future will be made for another film viewer reader.

Two of our older members have sadly passed away in the last year, Jim **Cummings** and John **England**. We extend Deepest Sympathy to their families.

A group – NICO, Network of Ipswich Community Organizations has been formed with a view to having a combined voice, which hopefully be heard by the City Council, and the general public.

Brigg House was closed from 21<sup>st</sup> March to the 6<sup>th</sup> July, but now the Library is open, and a safety and health plan means social distancing is observed as well as sanitizing hands and wiping down equipment before and after use. We wonder when things will return to normal, or if they ever will.

All our hard copies of the Queensland Government Gazettes stored in Shed 2 at the Complex have been wrapped in brown paper, placed on shelves which were then covered with plastic. John **Rossiter**, John **Hertrich** and Sally **Hetherington** were the main workers; this was a very big job. They are a great resource, and will be kept, but we do have the QGG's on microfiche, so the books will probably not be used, which is a pity, but they are big and heavy.

When our insurance came for renewal, it was decided to reduce the contents cover, as many of our records could never be replaced and no value can be placed on them. Our Public Liability Insurance is the most important and that did not change.

A longtime member of the Genies, Angela **Geertsma** has kindly donated 50 stackable chairs and John **Hertrich** with help from grandsons of a member, constructed a platform under "Brigg House" and the chairs are now out of the weather, and safely covered with plastic; our thanks to John and the boys. These chairs can be used for events at the Centre.

The pandemic has put a stop to planned events in the last six months, such as the Open Day at Cooneana Heritage Centre in August, and "The Gathering" All Things Celtic, which was to have been held at the Ipswich Turf Club in June. In other years these have been a source of income for the Society. All fund raising events have been cancelled since March which has impacted on many groups in the community.

Members have been working to update the cemetery indexes and produce indexes for the Newspaper Scrapbooks which hold information from the late 1970's to the present day. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group who spend a lot of time working for the Society; work was done from home during the time the Library was closed. Thank you to all.

Our Auditor has retired because of health issues, and contact was made with Accountant Richard **Dinsdale**, at Bachmann & Robinson who informed us that as we have a balance less than \$20,000 we do not need auditing, just a signed statement from the Treasurer is sufficient.

The members appreciate the support of the Ipswich City Council with our accommodation at "Brigg House" and the office of Shayne **Neumann** M.P. for our printing requirements.

We look forward to 2021 hopefully a better year. Stay safe!

*Irma Deas President.*

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY****STATEMENT BY TREASURER.****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

TO 30 June 2020

**INCOME**

Membership Fees	\$ 2,895.00
Research Fees	\$ 180.00
Door Money	\$ 87.00
Donations & Gifts	\$ 220.00
Projects	
Library Equipment & Supplies	
Printouts & Photocopying	\$ 72.20
Other Income	\$ 566.45
Functions & Displays	
Raffles	\$ 355.00
Subdries	
<b>INCOME FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20</b>	<b>\$ 4,375.65</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

Annual Costs	
Telstra account	\$ 1,226.48
Office of Fair Trading	\$ 56.60
Hist. of QLD Membership	\$ 38.50
Contents Insurance	\$ 1,150.00
Ips. Historical Soc Donation	\$ 100.00
On Line Subscription	\$ 453.58
H&R Block Audit Fee	\$ 110.00
Anti Virus Software	\$ 59.00
 Bremer Echoes Print & Post	 \$ 72.90
Projects	
Committee expenses	\$ 222.00
Projects	
Books, CDs, Microfiche etc	
Library Equipment & Supplies	\$ 193.80
Other Expenses	\$ 60.00
Web design cost	\$ 228.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE 30 June 2020</b>	<b>\$ 3,970.86</b>
 <b>SURPLUS</b>	 <b>\$ 404.79</b>

**BALANCE SHEET****Retained earnings**

<b>Balance 1 July 2019*</b>	\$ 15,169.01
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>	\$ 404.79
<b>Balance 30 June 2020</b>	<b>\$ 15,573.80</b>

**Assets**

Bank	\$ 15,573.80
<b>Float</b>	<b>\$ 85.00</b>
 <b>Net assets</b>	 <b>\$ 15,658.80</b>



Eric Clarke  
Treasurer 30 July 2020

## **PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

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**FROM RAIL TO WAR** – QR Employees who enlisted in the Anglo Boer War 1899 – 1902 and the Great War 1914 – 1918 plus other information.

USB \$25.00 plus \$5.00 P&P [Australia]

### **PLACES OF WORSHIP – Ipswich & District Churches**

Short history of churches in the area \$5.00 + \$2.50 P&P in Australia

### **INDEX TO IPSWICH CEMETERY BURIAL REGISTER 1847 – 2014**

Over 36,000 records giving full name, age, death and burial dates where available 1 CD - \$20.00 + \$5.00 P&P

### **INDEX TO IPSWICH GENERAL CEMETERY 1851 - 1992 &**

**Columbarium Wall 1949 - 1992.** One microfiche \$6 includes postage in Australia. Over 15,000 entries with details of name, age and date of death.

**BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE EXTRACTS 1858 – 1865** from The North Australian & Ipswich General Advertiser. \$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

**CITIZENS OF IPSWICH - 1904** Names of Ipswich citizens in 1904 taken from Available Church Records - Baptisms, Deaths and Marriages, Electoral Rolls, Post Office Directory, Available School Rolls, Queensland Times Reports.

\$10 + \$10.00 P&P in Australia

**IPSWICH & DISTRICT PIONEER REGISTER - pre 1914;** Pioneer Families of the Ipswich, Gatton, Laidley, Boonah and Esk areas of Queensland.

**Please note prices:** Set Volumes 1 & 2 - \$10 + \$18 P&P in Australia

**JUBILEE HISTORY OF IPSWICH 1910** Commemorates the Jubilee of Municipal Government. Reproduced on CD from the original 157 page book \$19.50 (\$6.00 P&P)

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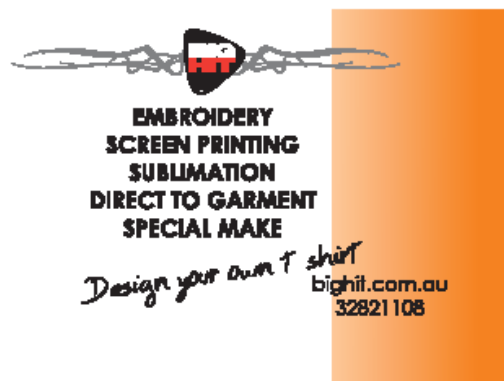
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