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General Meetings to be held in February, May, August and November.

Annual General Meeting to be held in October

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7	Guest Speaker - Karen Munro
December 2	Christmas Lunch—Club Hotel, Waterford
February 1	General Meeting



Our Research room will close on Saturday 14 December for our Christmas break.

We will re-open on Thursday 16 January, 2025.

### Appreciation

The Committee and Members of Logan River Family History Inc. would like to thank Shannon Fentiman MP for Waterford and her Staff for their support in printing our Journal

# From our President

Dear Members

*As we conclude another year, I am invigorated by the challenges brought forth by the transformations our society has experienced. Nothing kills off a group so effectively as stagnation. To thrive and grow there must be change. We must expect growing pains but, as we work together to develop new processes and overcome the difficulties that arise, we become stronger as a group and develop the resilience that binds us together.*

*I would like to thank Chris and Lin who have jointly taken on the responsibilities of managing our finances: Chris, who has had some bookkeeping experience will be preparing and keeping official records, and Lin will be more everyday hands on, collecting and banking funds.*

*This is not the only change to our executive and management positions. Graham is now Vice-president, Marina has left the Membership Secretary position in the hands of Trevor, while she has moved into the shoes of Secretary. You will remember that Graham took over the responsibility of Librarian shortly before the AGM. All these changes will take some time to settle.*

*I also thank Dianna for the plethora of positions that she has filled or supported during the past few years. She is presently still quite busy, helping other members slot into the jobs that they are now doing. Dianna is still our Webmaster and IT Equipment Officer. Also, she is presently continuing to manage some grant submissions that she initiated, but I know she would like someone to take that on.*

*While these tasks may not seem to be very connected to our stated mission of researching and preserving family history, let me assure you, they are. The strength of being a society lies in the collaboration of our members as we help and encourage each other with research. Having people to fulfil these tasks ensures the continuation and growth of our group and means that we have our 'genie friends' to collaborate and socialise with. Believe me, there is always a job to do and if you are wondering what you can do to help, just ask!*

*Our growth also depends on welcoming new members into our society. It is important that we continue to have display tables in the local community, and it would be great if more members found the time to help at these. Sometimes our members have responsibilities at the rooms on the same day that these are on and can't help unless we close the rooms. Something we wish to avoid. We would always try to have at least one of our more experienced members there, so you would be well supported.*

*Keep in mind the opportunity we have next year with the Australasian Conference, Connections, being held at the Brisbane Technology Park Conference & Exhibition Centre in Eight Mile Plains. That is just a hop, skip and jump up the freeway for us in Logan so very convenient. The society has already booked a display table, which will give us the chance to promote our group to many people who have an interest in genealogy and local history. If you plan to attend the presentations, an Early Bird price for the 3 days of the conference is available until 30 November. You can see me for more details, and I will be sending out more information in the next couple of weeks.*

*I'm looking forward to seeing most of our members at our Christmas Lunch where, once again, just to keep the tradition alive, I'll be asking you to solve a puzzle or two to win something sweet. Please remember to RSVP by November 18 so that we have accurate numbers.*

*I would like to wish all our members a happy and blessed Christmas spent with family and friends. See you next year when we will get back searching out our ancestors and putting together the parts of the puzzle that make up our families' histories.*



Rob Thomson  
President



## From the Editor

Here is the Christmas issue of our journal — where has the year gone? As usual we have a variety of stories for you, including some from our recent display ~ 'Picnics and Gatherings'

Our display co-ordinator Heather has compiled a list of topics for stories for next year (see page 32) - so please give some thought to writing one. It is a feeling of achievement when you complete a story, and also a way to share something you know of your family with your own children and/or extended families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and contributions to the journal during the year, and wish you all a happy and safe time during our Christmas break.

Val Watson

*Welcome*

*We welcome our newest member Karren  
and hope you enjoy your time  
researching with us*

**DUGULLUMBA**

*The Aboriginal name for the Logan River  
meaning Home of the Hornet*

*Logan River Family History respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands across the City of Logan. We extend that respect to Elders, past and present. They hold the memories, traditions, cultures and hopes of Australia's First Peoples*

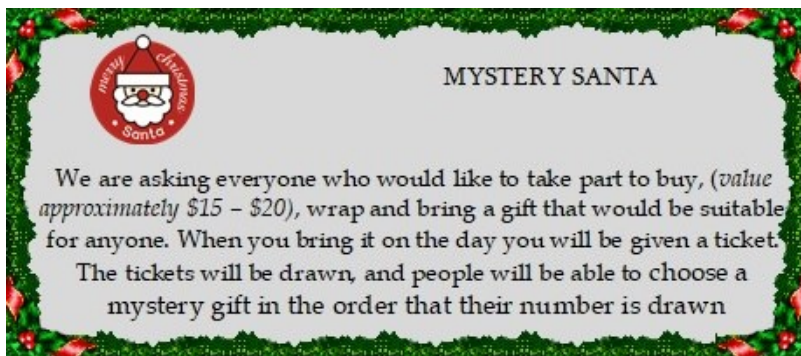
It's not long now until our Christmas lunch.  
Here are some details for your information....



Date - Monday 2 Dec  
Venue - Charlie's Bistro, Club Hotel Waterford  
Time - 11.00 am to order at 11.30

Mystery Santa  
Christmas 100 Board Lucky Number Draw  
Prizes for the raffle - all \$50 gift card + something seasonal (e.g. Xmas cake, etc)

Raffle Tickets are on sale now at our rooms.

A poster for the Mystery Santa event. It features a red circular logo on the left with a Santa Claus face and the text 'Mystery Christmas Santa'. The main text reads: 'MYSTERY SANTA We are asking everyone who would like to take part to buy, (value approximately \$15 - \$20), wrap and bring a gift that would be suitable for anyone. When you bring it on the day you will be given a ticket. The tickets will be drawn, and people will be able to choose a mystery gift in the order that their number is drawn'. The poster has a decorative border of green holly leaves and red berries.

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We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to our Patrons, Mayor John Raven and Cr Lisa Bradley, MP's Shannon Fentiman, Bert van Manen, and Linus Power for their continued support of our Society, and for their gift vouchers and hampers for our Christmas party.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Held on Saturday 7 October 2024*

*Anne Mitchell conducted the interim meeting after all positions were declared vacant.*

*The following is the list of new Committee and other role holders:*



President - Rob Thomson (Publicity Officer, Sausage Sizzle Convenor)

Vice-President - Graham Popple (Librarian)

Secretary - Marina Bruno

Treasurer - Chris Bell

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Lin Hayes (Cashier)

Pam Hayes (FamilySearch Affiliate Liaison, Enquiry Committee)

Trevor Reynolds (Membership Secretary)

Esma King (Enquiry Committee)

Other Roles

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Diane Schultz - Health & Safety Supervisor



Guest Speakers




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EMILY COONEY  
Emily Cooney  
Logan Lecturer 2022

**LISTEN TO  
YOUR  
DNA**

HEAR MUSIC DRAWN FROM A DNA PROFILE  
WHAT HARMONIES COME FROM YOU?  
LEARN ABOUT EMILY'S PROJECT, SHE  
COULD USE YOUR DNA TEST RESULTS TO  
FURTHER HER PROJECT

August



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**WORKSHOP**

Working to Bring Your  
Ancestors to Life

**Helen V Smith**  
Teacher, Family Historian and Researcher  
Experienced Presenter

Plinks and  
Cotherage

September



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**Irish Connection Issues**

**Stephanic Ryan**  
Senior Librarian  
Family History Information Services

Do your Irish ancestors want to be buried under the Blarney Stone?  
Or... you have searched for BORN and shipping records without success?  
Stephanic may be able to point you to the successful gold at the end of the rainbow

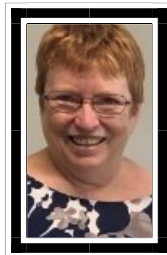
October

Logan City Council Heritage Specialist, Dr Hilda Maclean

presented a

**FAMILY HISTORY MINI FAIR**

on Saturday 17 August  
and featured one on one help for family  
researchers, displays of local history and several speakers during  
the day



These included :

Hilda: Integrating Local History and Family History

Rob Thomson: The Web of Connection

*This was followed by a break for lunch*

Coralyn Cowin: A Journey in Time—1870 - the present day -  
Finding Stumps, Branches Leave and Twigs

Logan City Historical Museum Society Oral Stories Project:  
including Geoff Kerkow, Paul Casbolt, Sylvia Arnold,  
and Annette Maddison



*For Hilda's upcoming talks:*  
*see page 33*



Graham and Marina at Logan Seniors Big Day Out



Rob and Graham at Forde Seniors Expo



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 The logo for the Australasian Conference 2025, featuring four interlocking puzzle pieces in red, yellow, dark blue, and purple.
 

Australasian Conference 2025  
**CONNECTIONS**  
 Past - Present - Future  
 Family History - Genealogy - Local History  
 Brisbane - 21 to 24 March 2025

Conference Location & Venue  
 Brisbane Technology Park  
 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, Qld

Early Bird rates available until 30 Nov 2024

<https://www.connections2025.org.au>

**Our Society will have a display at this event—Helpers are needed**

**If you can help, please contact Rob or a Committee member**



## Logan River Family History Writers' Group

The Writers' Group continues to meet on the first Monday of the month at 12.30 pm, with the same eight members.

The August and September meetings were hands on lessons in Microsoft Word. The focus was formatting, adding pictures and text boxes into documents. These sessions were mainly to help with the ongoing Pioneer Poster Project. This is to produce informative summaries of the Logan pioneers for display off site and at expos.

The October meeting was not held due to a Public Holiday and illness.

Our latest exercise was decided to be on one of the themes for the library quarterly display, Shops and Shopkeepers. Some interesting articles are now proudly displayed on the board in our research room.

Every meeting involves some grammar or spelling lessons prepared by Rob and we read and critique each other's writings with the aim of improving skills.

New members are always welcome.

Perhaps a New Year's resolution?

Improve your writing skills with us.

Pam Hayes,  
Member 151



# CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL

## 150 YEARS

A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND FUN FOR ALL

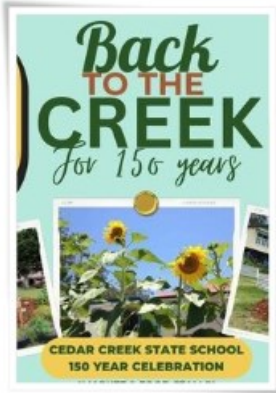
Bert van Manen was there to congratulate the school on their 150 years, together with the Scenic Rim town crier who declared the event open



Lots of market stalls and activities

Photos and memorabilia were on display in the hall adjoining the school





## CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL 150 YEARS

On Saturday 31 August this year, Cedar Creek celebrated it's 150th year. It was a great day with many activities and displays.

And now for some history of the school:

*The Cedar Creek people are now sure of obtaining a school. They have collected between £40 and £50, and have thirty-five children to begin with. A suitable site has been offered by more than one of the residents. The whole matter has been laid before the Board of Education, and the whole done so energetically that the Committee deserve every credit.*

***The Queenslander, 28 June, 1873***

*Cedar Creek School will be finished about the end of next week, when it will be ready for use. The school and school-master's residence are built on a nice healthy situation, rather a picturesque place. Having the spurs from the Darlington Range, forming the Cedar Creek with one side towards the east, and the Birman Range on the west, and the windings of the Albert River to the north.*

***The Brisbane Courier, 25 July, 1874***

***Photo taken circa 1903/4  
courtesy of Facebook  
(Old Town Soul page)  
contributed by Lindsay Love***



The diamond jubilee of the Cedar Creek School was held in conjunction with the breaking-up of the school for the Christmas holidays. There was a large attendance, including Mr. R. M. King, M.L.A., and Mrs. King, Mr. T. F. Plunkett, M.L.A., and Mrs. Plunkett, and Dr. E. W. H. Fowles and Mrs. Fowles. Dr. Fowles was one of the original scholars.

Mr. T. F. Williams, the present head teacher, called the original roll, and the following answered: —

*W. H. Bowser, Emma Daniels (Mrs. E. Mahony), Charlotte Daniels (Mrs. J. Vievers), Hetty Bowser, James Gannon, H. C. Hart, Elizabeth Daniels (Mrs. E. Johnston), Emma Gannon (Mrs. E. Glover), Grace Vievers (Mrs. D. S. Watt), William Vievers, Rose Titcombe (Mrs. A. Wilkie), W. L. Curtis, Annie Curtis (Mrs. E. Franklin), E. W. H. Fowles, Sarah Bishop (Mrs. H. C. Hart), Robert Ferguson, Bertha Fowles (Mrs. B. A. V. Marley), and Annie Ferguson (Mrs. J. Welch).*

Mr. T. F. Plunkett, who was born in the Cedar Creek district, and Mr. R. M. King welcomed the old scholars, and the chairman (Mr. J. Ferguson) presented each old scholar with a badge and ribbon. In responding, Dr. E. W. H. Fowles related incidents which had taken place during his school days. He donated a book to each present scholar in memory of his father, Mr. William Fowles, head master of the school in 1875. Mrs. E. Fowles presented the books.

Mr. W. H. Bowser, who also replied, stated that there were more pupils attending the school in his time than at present, and some of them were nearly 20 years of age. Many of the successful pupils were 14 years old when they started school. Others who replied were Messrs. H. C. Hart, R. Ferguson, W. S. Curtis, W. Ferguson, and Mrs. E. Franklin.

The school was opened on September 21, 1874, and 48 scholars were enrolled. Toward the end of the 1934 school year the enrolment did not exceed 25. The existing school reserve contains 10 acres but originally the reserve comprised only two acres, and an additional 10 acres was purchased from Mr. C. F. Chardon for £20 in 1876, the committee paying a fifth of the cost. In 1913 the Department of Public Instruction surrendered two acres for school of arts purposes.

Since the foundation of the school 470 scholars have been enrolled. Teachers at the school have been John Villiers Waller, William Fowles, Thomas Julius Johnson, William Giles, James Armstrong, Alfred Edmond A. McCahon, Mary Agnes Kelly, John Gwilyn, John Hayter, Charles Percy Wallin, Thomas A. Smith, Lilian Smith, Reginald Walter Carlyon, and the present head teacher Thomas Francis Williams.

*Courier-Mail Wednesday 19 December 1934*



# Memories of a Family Gathering

*I have lots of memories of family gatherings and picnics. I will chat about one special gathering. My Mother Emma Armstrong turned 80 years old on the 2 July, 1990. My sister Glenda came down from Cairns to celebrate. We sent out invitations to our immediate family and all of Mum's siblings and relations from both sides of our family and a lot of her close friends.*



*July 1990—Victoria Point Day shed  
Emma's 80th Birthday gathering*

*We rolled up on the given day at the day shed on the shore of Victoria Point. This had always been a favourite place for picnics for Mum's Holzappel family. Mum grew up in Mt Cotton. There were many German families in the vicinity and the families would gather on the shores of Victoria Point and Cleveland and Redland Bay after transporting everyone in their vintage trucks etc for picnics.*

*You can imagine the memories as the families arrived in their modern cars. They greeted each other with hugs and kisses and picked a spot to spread their rugs or to place their table and chairs. We had relatives and friends come from Mt Cotton, Redland Bay, Sunnybank, the Gold Coast and Beaudesert and some from further afield. We all brought our own picnic lunch and shared some favourite baking.*

*Mum enjoyed reminiscing with everyone. After lunch it was time to celebrate with the cutting of the 80th birthday cake. My brother Trevor, sister Glenda and I welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to help us enjoy Mum's 80th special day. Mum also took the opportunity to say a lovely speech.*



*Happy 80th Birthday Emma*



*Of course, Mum's 10 grand-children were part of this special celebration. They enjoyed meeting our extended family of cousins, aunts and uncles and friends. They had a game of cricket which was a favourite. The children and oldies enjoyed a walk along the waters edge and a play in the water.*



***L-R Glenda Brasch, Elizabeth Lamb,  
Emma Armstrong and Trevor Armstrong  
(Emma's three children)***

*As the afternoon slipped by it was soon time to say farewell to everyone and we looked forward to our next family gathering whatever and whenever that may be.*



***L-R  
Mum Emma with her  
sisters Gertie Bunker and  
Hilda Cupit***

*These were such special times, and many lovely memories will always be in our thoughts.*

***'Keeping the Bonds Strong.'***

***Elizabeth Lamb  
Member 7***

## Visiting Granite Island

When I was young we lived on an orchard and market garden in the Adelaide Hills at Ironbark, South Australia. Life was busy and there wasn't much time for leisure. During summer we rarely went to the beach. But occasionally during the winter Dad and Mum took time off and we went on a road trip. I remember that several times we drove to Victor Harbour and when there we walked to Granite Island.

We walked across the causeway to the Island and then took time to explore all the granite rocks. Some were unusual shapes that had been eroded by the wind and sea. Penguins nested on the island and depending on the time of year we would find them nesting in their burrows. The winter weather was windy and the waves were spectacular as they broke on the rocks. I feel that this took us all day to walk around and explore.

This is a firm memory from my childhood and something I enjoy recalling.

In recent years we have visited Granite Island a few times and it didn't take all day to walk around the Island. Admittedly it was summer but the waves were not that big either. It shows that a child can have interesting views and perceptions from an adult.

*Heather Cuthbert*  
*Member 83*



**Heather on Granite Island in 2007**



**You can catch the horse drawn tram across the causeway 2007**

# HORSEMEN OF THE PAST

*(To The Editor.)*

Sir,— I was very interested in 'Bill Bowyang's' article in March the 1st issue, where he speaks of Will and 'Pink' Wormmells of Bindin and Coorooral Stations.

I know these men personally and perfectly realise their ability with a horse but they are second raters compared with one whose name was not yet seen in print, and that is Harry Hagan of Callingunee Station, Weir river.

Hagan rode often with the Wormmells and always took the lead, although a kid, not out of his teens. The first time they met was at a muster on old Lartha Station, the Moonie River. A mob of scrubbers were started and the chase began; Hagan took the lead and quickly left all hands in the rear. After going about a mile through the scrub 'Pink' Wormmell pulled up and cursed the lad for chasing the mob away. His wrath somewhat abated, he then remarked they may as well return to the yard. Upon arrival at the yard they found Harry sitting on the rails and the mob inside.

No man ever led Harry and only the best could work with him. A big mob stampeded on Retreat Station, Weir River one night. Of course in a few seconds all hands were in the chase. After a couple of hours hard riding and doing no good they pulled up with the intention of picking up what they could next day. But when the boys collected Harry was not there. They waited a while, but when he did not put in an appearance they became anxious, thinking he must have been shot up a tree.



They looked for him until day light with no success, so followed up the mob and upon an old clearing not a mile from where they withdrew from the chase, they found the mob quietly camped, and Hagan riding around them; one legging gone also his hat, shirt, jumper, and trousers nearly torn off, and his left eye hanging out, nevertheless he would not leave the mob until they were safe within rails.

An old warder and his wife (a nurse) happened to be camped at the home-  
stead for a week. They put the eye back and bandaged him up, and he was  
on the warpath again in a couple of days. His sight was never perfect again  
in the injured eye, but it did not seem to affect his riding.

His sons are all fine horsemen, especially Henry who is his father's double.  
J. S. Keen was quietly listening in to an argument as to whether Henry  
Hagan or his Uncle Tom, Harry's brother, was the best horseman. He  
drew out his cheque book and said 'Well boys, I've got £500 to say Henry  
Hagan will ride any horse and ride him any where.' Anyone who knows  
J. S. Keen (who owns half a dozen stations in N.S.W. and Queensland) will  
understand the significance of that statement.

When I last saw Harry he was 67 years of age and still riding the bush.  
I'm dashed if I could keep in his dust then.

Yours etc., "LOFTY." Mackay.

*Townsville Daily Bulletin, Wednesday 26 March 1930*



# Picnics and Family Gatherings

Picnics and Family Gatherings were often held to celebrate special occasions or just being together when the family were home for a weekend visitor holidays. They were special and relaxed times.

Jack Harrison Park at Wappa Dam on the Sunshine Coast was a firm favourite. It was situated close to Nambour and had picnic tables, shelters, barbeques and plenty of open space for the children to play and run around. The picnic grounds overlooked the dam and made it a pleasant back drop.

There wasn't a lot of planning in having a gathering. Each family would take their own drinks, food to share, plus rugs etc and not to forget the insect repellent. Often a barbeque was held with plenty of sausages, rissoles, steak and onions, and tomato sauce to feed the hungry mouths. The stubbie was popular with the menfolk, while the ladies would often enjoy a glass or two of bubbly while having a catch up on all the family news.

The children were happy to have a soft drink or cordial with their sausage and bread roll. They would play on the playground equipment which would entertain the toddlers to the older ones. They would make their own fun playing games and running around the park, and getting to know their cousins or other extended family members.

A leisurely bush stroll down the falls track to reach the Wappa Falls was a very enjoyable end to the day. Gatherings were also held at the beach, Boreen Point, and on occasions at sibling Denise and husband Ken Peterson's property at Nambour.

Denise would bake her special pavlova for us filled with passionfruit, strawberries, kiwi fruit and topped with fresh whipped cream.

Family members would take a plate of food, savouries, dessert or fruit to place on the table. Depending on how many were there, we would either sit around the large dining room timber table or outside on the outdoor table and chairs. Good conversation, music, laughter and children enjoying themselves made it all so worthwhile. Gatherings are less frequent now due to a number of reasons, but those memories will last a life time.



*Grandson Kenneth showing his climbing skills at a Family Gathering*



*Grandma Baumann with some of her grandchildren celebrating her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Wappa Dam 30<sup>th</sup> October 1999*

***Submitted by Diane Schulz  
Member No 168***

# Litchfield Family Get-togethers

Rob Thomson

Over the years there have been numerous opportunities for groups of my family to share time together; some of them annual events for a time and others just a one-time gathering.

Below is a “gathering” of my mother, her siblings and their pets, taken about 1920 somewhere on their parents’ orchard, Moss Vale, near Glen Aplin on the Granite Belt. I’ve no idea whether it was a special occasion or not, although they do seem rather well dressed for the photo.



The second photo is of all of the family, including the parents, George and Agnes, Agnes’s parents, William and Jane, and two of the workers on the orchard. William and Jane would have been visiting from the Monaro, where they lived at the time; perhaps that was the reason for the big group photo. It was taken by the only family member not in the photo, their eldest boy, Lawrie, who had developed an interest in photography.





The group in the next photo is small but of a celebratory kind. My Aunty Tib had retired to a house on a small block on Bribie Island after her husband had passed away. Having grown up wandering the wilds of the country around Glen Aplin, one small block was not big enough for her, so she bought the block behind her house, and the one across the street, just to ensure that she did not feel hemmed in. This photo was taken just after the purchase of the block across the street had gone through.



In 2002, the Litchfield family at Hazelden, the house my great grandfather, James Litchfield, built on his pastoral property, organised a family reunion of all of his descendants from around Australia.

Unfortunately, I was unable to go, but two of my Queensland cousins and my mother's sister, Tib POPE nee LITCHFIELD – at the grand age of 95 – journeyed down to represent our line of the family.

My cousin, Wendy, brought me back two photos, the first of which is of all the attendees. (below)



A little family history helps to explain the second photo.

James LITCHFIELD had four sons: Arthur, George, Edwin and Owen.

In the years after his arrival in New South Wales in 1852, James had worked for William Bradley and had earned, in lieu of wages, sheep that were the genesis of his livestock holdings. When he was able, in 1862, to purchase 320 acres along Jillamatong Creek, he was able to establish the pastoral company that has grown over the years and remains in the family to this day

When James retired, he divided his, by then, vast pastoral property into four sectors, each with a grand home, one for each of his four sons. George, who was known by his middle name, Fred, from an early age, was given Matong. Fred married Nina HASSAL in 1888 and they had eight children, three of whom died as children. Nina passed away from childbirth complications. The family story has it that Fred “lost it” after the death of Nina and some of his siblings stepped in to care for the children. However, when Fred eventually sold Matong, he gave half of the proceeds towards the care of the children.

20 months after Nina’s passing, Fred eloped to Wodonga in Victoria to marry Agnes ROBERSON, who had been a housekeeper at Matong since 1897.

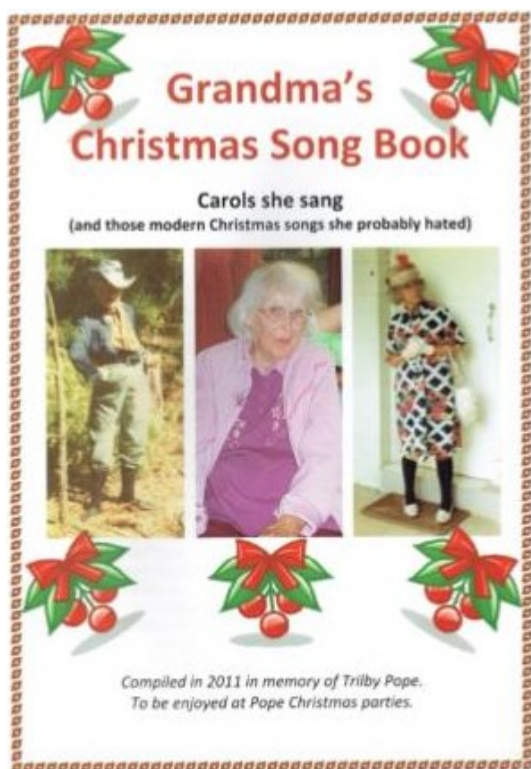
Fred had become interested in prospecting and various other ventures and he, Agnes and the family moved to various locations in New South Wales before finally arriving in Stanthorpe in 1911. There were six children born in Fred’s second family with my mother, Jane, the youngest, arriving in 1914.

This takes us back to the second photo that Wendy brought me from the reunion. Another large group photo was taken of the descendants of each of James’ four sons, so the second photo is of Fred’s descendants from both of his marriages.



In later years Tib's family, the Popes, started getting together every year a little before Christmas. Being a very musical family, the main attraction was getting together with various members providing accompaniment on piano, violin, flute, guitar, or whatever instrument they had mastered or were prepared to have a go at, while we all sang Christmas carols and songs.

Sadly, I have no photos of these events, but the family did put together a song book to use for the occasion, which was dedicated to the respected matriarch, Trilby (aka Tib, Tibby, Ma, Aunty Bunyip) POPE nee LITCHFIELD. Below is the front cover of this important family publication. And, yes, those photos on the cover are all of the irrepressible, zany, much loved Ma... Aunty Bunyip to me!



# Strangers in the Box

Come, look with me inside this drawer  
In this box I've often seen  
At the pictures, black and white  
Faces proud, still serene.

I wish I knew the people  
These strangers in the box  
Their names and their memories  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time  
To tell who, what, where or when  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be passed away?

Make time to save your stories  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The strangers in the box.



*Written in 1997 by Pamela A Harazim*

# Growing Up on WW2 Loganlea Airfield

My childhood home was “Riverdale” Loganlea (now Meadowbrook).

I was always fascinated with the small planes dipping down over the paddock we called “The Aerodrome.” There were monoplanes (one wing), and biplanes (two wings.) The power lines followed the roads around to the local farmer’s farms. The power lines had marker boards painted orange to indicate to the pilots. Archerfield Airfield managed this part of it. Trainee pilots would fly their planes to this aerodrome for practice. Trainee pilots would practice approaches for landing. They would fly along at very low altitude without landing. Of course, some flew too low and took out the electric wires at the end of the field.

We had some funny experiences when occasionally planes would have to make an emergency landing. The pilot would have to contact Archerfield but, in this era, they did not have mobile phones and possibly no radio contact. Landing in an open paddock was rather bewildering and disorientating. Our dairy farm and houses were the only place they would see depending on whether they were night flying or day flying. One afternoon we were at the dairy milking the cows when this person walked in in his flying gear, helmet, and all. We thought he was someone from outer space. His engine had cut out over Greenbank; fortunately, they were issued with aerial maps which were marked with emergency landing fields, he then drifted towards our airfield and landed safely. Another time that I remember a plane coming down was nearing dark and the pilot knocked on our door. Usually, the first thing they asked was if we had a phone. Of course, we didn’t have one! The railway station was the only place with a phone. They would ask where to find the station. We were about 1/2 mile away along the gravel road as it was in the country then. Can one imagine that now!!!!

The next day a crew from Archerfield Air base would arrive and put a fence around the plane, so the cattle didn’t damage the plane. They would then arrange for a mechanic to look at it or possibly bring a truck to carry the plane back to base. The latter would seem the most logical as the airfield would be rather bumpy for a take-off as the cattle traipsed over paddocks constantly.



You will be wondering how this emergency airfield began. During World War 11, a grass, crucifix-shaped military airstrip, consisting of two intersecting runways of 190 metres and 1133 metres in length, was constructed on the “Riverdale” property Loganlea (now Meadowbrook). First constructed for the United States Air Force by M.R. Hornibrook Pty Ltd, they were transferred to the R.A.A.F. in 1943 and occupied much of what were the Armstrong family’s original selection. Igloo shaped fighter plane “hides” constructed of timber frames with wire, hessian and brush camouflage materials were located on the airstrip’s western reaches adjacent to Loganlea Road. After the war the airstrip was used as a training area for small planes from Archerfield. This was still a busy area for training aircraft right through to development in the 1970 -1990’s.



Emergency Airfields were constructed in adjacent areas to the Loganlea Emergency Airfield at Waterford and Kingston/Woodridge for the United States Air Force by M.R. Hornibrook Pty. Ltd., a prominent Queensland Company. There were many more emergency airfields constructed in Southeast Queensland and along the eastern seaboard of Queensland. These strips were constructed to protect our country as there was fear that the Japanese were preparing to invade our country. Thankfully this did not come to fruition. Unfortunately, the Japanese had already bombed parts of Darwin on the northern edge of the Northern Territory.

We are pleased that our country was very fortunate to survive and become a peaceful country. Our Loganlea airstrip will hold many happy memories of the little planes dipping down and buzzing above our home. Archerfield Airfield would have been very successful training their pilots in such a safe area.

*Elizabeth Lamb*

*Member 7*

Logan River Family History Inc

2025 Display Topics

Jan-Mar 2025

**Postcards** – Do you have a collection of old family post-cards? For our Display we would like postcards that can be displayed or we can scan the front and back of the postcard and insert it in a Word Document.

*Email story by the end of January 2025*

Apr-Jun 2025

**Artists and Artisans in My Family** - Photos and stories of work done by your gifted family members. Painters, wood workers, sculptors, musicians, photographers, etc

*Email the story by the end of March 2025*

Jul-Sep 2025

**How my family lines arrived in Australia** – Photos and stories of how your family arrived in Australia. Ship, plane, boat people, jumped ship, etc

*Email the story by the end of June 2025*

Oct – Dec 2025

**The War Effort** – Stories of people who were not on active duty but still contributed to the War Effort. Maybe Land Army, Factories, Nursing, etc. Also memorabilia to do with this time. This can be any war.

*Email the story by the end of September 2025*

Your story doesn't have to be long. Photos make your story interesting but are not necessary, just a photo by itself is great as well. After the display the stories are published in the Society Journal. Don't forget to add your name, membership number, page numbers and source references. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Please email your story and/or photos to the Display coordinator, Heather Cuthbert – **[cuthbertheather@gmail.com](mailto:cuthbertheather@gmail.com)**



**Dr Hilda Maclean**, Logan City Council Heritage Specialist  
presents a free talk each month ~ ~ ~  
all you need to do is book a place!



Upcoming dates:

**Wednesday 20 November 2024**, at 10.30—12.00

TROVE: Did you know that you can find historic photographs, maps, diaries and letters from libraries, galleries and museums Australia-wide by searching in Trove?

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**Wednesday 18 December 2024**, at 10.30-12.00

Join Hilda for some Family History Festive Fun.

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**Unlock the Past presents**



2 days in Brisbane Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December, 2024

Venue: Geebung RSL

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Research is what I'm  
doing  
When I don't know  
what I'm doing

# From the Journals

*We receive several quarterly journals from other family history societies on a reciprocal basis from both Australia and overseas. These books are available to members and can be borrowed from our library for a period of 2 weeks at a time and must be signed out by a room attendant. Because of postage some journals are emailed to us and can be read via Dropbox or from one of the computers in our rooms.*

*I enjoy reading these journals and magazines and you just never know what you may find that might help you with your family history journey*

TRACES MAGAZINE - EDITION 28, 2024



## *The Refrigerator Revolution*

The refrigerator is part of every modern kitchen keeping our food cold but it wasn't always this way. Prior to the late 19th century refrigeration options were limited. The introduction of the Coolgardie Safe, an Australian invention, in the 1890's provided a breakthrough in food storage.

## *William John Mayne & the Murder That Wasn't*

While writing a book on UK railway wagon builders of the 1960's the writer came across a man named William John Mayne and began to uncover his colourful life.

## *Exploring Scotland's Criminal Database*

Criminal records are a wonderful source of information. They provide not only captivating stories, but also first hand testimonies from our ancestors.

‘TIMESPAN’ Journal— NEPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY-  
September 2024

Grace Elizabeth Braithwaite

Grace was Matron and Superintendent at Reformatory for Women Long Bay, 1908-1934. Records for women at that time were difficult to research but persevered and found Grace’s interesting life.

Walking in the Footsteps of our Ancestors... to Devon, England

The bombing of Aveton Gifford

IRISH ROOTS MAGAZINE- Third Qtr 2024



Local Family History Resources for County Dublin

This article is one of a series dealing with records specific to one county and which are located within the county. In 1994 it was divided into 3 areas, Fingal (northern half), Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown (the southern coastal area) and south Dublin (the inland south). Dublin City remains a separate administrative unit. Some of the collections found in the Local Studies Libraries are census substitutes, newspapers, gravestone inscriptions, commercial directories, estate papers, local and family histories as well as books, maps and photographs.

Henry Howard Fitzsimons - Lost Orphan Found

Rev. William and Jane Fitzsimons of Wexford died of fever leaving 7 orphaned children. The guardianship of the children was taken over by William’s brother, Meredith, a solicitor, who arranged for the children to go to various relatives. As the writer traced the children through the years, the third child, Henry, remained a brick wall and this article finally breaks down the long search.

4 Helpful Tips for your Family History Tree -

Courtesy of the Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS).  
See page 17 of this Magazine

*Happy Reading  
From Esma King*



# RECENT LIBRARY ADDITIONS



## Books

The Ringer's Book of Outback Terms and Phrases - The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre.	AUS/H005-002
Aboriginal Mythology by Mudrooroo	AUS/H011-006
The Cattle King by Ion L. Idriess.	
The classic story of Sir Sidney Kidman	AUS/H053-002
The Official Book of Australian Place Names	AUS/H072-001
Who's Who in Australia 1994	AUS/P031-1994
The Bush Undertaker and other stories by Henry Lawson	AUS/P034-010.4
Pioneer Women of the Bush and Outback	AUS/P048-001
Flynn of the Inland by Ion Idriess. John Flynn	NT/H006-002
Alice Springs Willshire of Alice Springs by Austin Stapleton.	
Willshire, William Henry, Mounted Constable, 1st Class	NT/P001-001
Logan Village 160 Years of History 186 2023	
by Noeleen & Graham Bobermien	QLD/H010-007
Heritage Trails of the Queensland Outback. An Illustrated Guide to Western Queensland by the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency	QLD/H133-002
Roma Sixty Years On, Roma State High School 1920 - 1980	
edited by Gary Dent	QLD/S077-001
Living Stones - A Friendly Guide to some Tasmanian Graveyards	TAS/C008-001
Hobart Yellow Pages/White Pages Hobart 2017/18	TAS/TD001- 2017/18
East Kimberley Phone Book East Kimberley 2012	WA/D002-2012
East Kimberley East Kimberley Business Directory 2012	WA/D003-2012
Melbourne Cook's Cottage	VIC/
Crooked River Victoria's Forgotten Goldfield	VIC/H017-003

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Camperdown District Scotland to Australia Felix: Founding Scots of Victoria's Camperdown District	VIC/P023-001
Family History Handbook 2020	UK/G002-013.2020
Family History Handbook 2021	UK/G002-013.2021
Family History Handbook 2023	UK/G002-013.2023
The History Today Companion to British History Edited by Juliet Gardiner & Neil Wenborn	UK/H001-003
Concise Dictionary of National Biography I to 1900	UK/P027-002
Chambers Biographical Dictionary	UK/P027-003

### **Journals**

Nepean FHS, Emu Plains Timespan No 175 Jun 2024	NSW/J012-175
Who Do You Think You Are, Issue 180 Summer 2021	UK/J015-180

### **Magazines**

Traces Uncovering Australia's Past Edition 27 2024	AUS/J018-027
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### **Folders**

Beppo	QLD/P002-059
Powley, Stephen, Ancestors and Descendants	QLD/P016-021
Logan District Waters, Frederick. Story	QLD/P023-003.1

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They Chose Beenleigh <i>by LRDFHS 2014</i>	\$30.00
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Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine (Vol) The Moreton Bay Story by Karen Rosser	\$50.00

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# ARMSTRONG

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**1843:** William Armstrong was born at Ballyjames Duff, County Cavan, Ireland and was the son of William Armstrong (Snr.) and Margaret McGill.

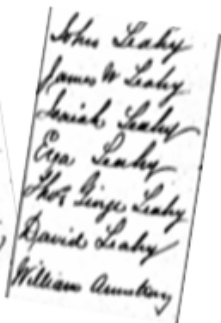
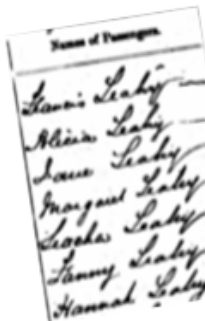
**Abt. 1855:** William worked for the Lahey Family who were tenant farmers as a leading hand. William was treated very kindly by the Lahey Family.



**1862: 20<sup>th</sup> March.** William left Liverpool with the Lahey Family on board the barque *Bellissima* at the very young age of 19 years. It must have been a huge decision for them to pack their belongings and leave their homeland for a better life in Australia. Captain John Whittle steered the 'Bellissima' with the assistance of 17 crew members.

**1862: 26<sup>th</sup> July.** The *Bellissima* arrived in Sydney New South Wales, A few days later William and the Laheys boarded a coastal vessel bound for Moreton Bay Queensland.

**1862: 1<sup>st</sup> August:** William Armstrong and the Laheys arrived at Moreton Bay to begin their new life in an unknown country.



**1863:** William acquired land, and chose Loganlea on the banks of the Logan River. The land extended along the northern side of the river from Slacks Creek upstream to where the railway line crosses the river today. The property was called 'Riverdale.'

**1866: 27<sup>th</sup> December.** William married Margaret Lahey in the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Brisbane. After their marriage, the couple settled on 'Riverdale' living for many years in a slab hut built by William. Later William built a large cottage using sawn timber which was purchased from the Lahey Sawmill. The cottage was one of the first to be built in the south coast region using this timber.

**1876: - 1879:** While living at 'Riverdale', a daughter Mary Ann and son Frederick was born.

**1880: - 1932:** William continued to work the property with the family, and it prospered with the growing of small crops and the raising of Illawarra and Jersey cows. The milk was sent to Paul's Factory in Brisbane, and the cream to Kingston Butter Factory.

**1907: 25<sup>th</sup> November.** Margaret Armstrong passed away at Loganlea.

**1932: 14<sup>th</sup> December.** William Armstrong passed away at Loganlea.

William and Margaret are buried at St. Mark's Church of England Cemetery, Daisy Hill, now known as Slacks Creek.



More information  
may be available in  
our Family Files