### Summary of Minutes General Meeting held on Thursday 16 October 2003

Meeting opened: 7:35pm

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Seconded: Lorima Rabe. Moved: Nina Robertson.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 

Seconded: Jan Parnell. Moved: Kay Bond.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

For month of September, income was \$725.40, expenditure was \$884.50. Closing balance as at 30 September was \$2693.96.

Seconded: Doug Gilshannon Moved: Jan Parnell

**NEW MEMBERS:** 

Brian Brandenberg, was introduced to the members..

**COACH TOURS:** 

Christmas tour will be on 22 November 2003 to the Kingston district and Daisy Hill Koala Centre. Cost will be \$20 including lunch.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Thanks were extended to all who manned the Spring Parade display. Money raised through the raffle will be used to assist in the purchase of some Ortho photo charts of the local district. The Little/Charlie Mills brick façade has been exposed by the developers of Bay Terrace Apartments (80-82 Bay Tce). A letter thas been sent o the developer The Museum of Brisbane (MOB) is to be opened 25 October 2003. Stewart Simmons will be 87 tomorrow (Oct 17).

SPEAKERS:

Spot Speaker, Alun Morgan, an architect from Britain, gave an interesting talk about the preservation of old buildings in Britain and how the focus has changed since the war. Both the 'Internals' and 'Externals' of buildings as well as 'Cherished Views' are preserved. Our Main Speaker, Marion McKenzie spoke about 'The Scholarship Years' and how winning of the Lilley Memorial Medal for the highest achievement effected many of its recipients. She also reminded us of the relief felt by many students - and teachers - when the Scholarship Examination was abolished during the 1960's.

Lucky door prize winner: Shirley Jones Membership Draw: Noela Stratton

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Kay Bond (Secretary) Meeting closed: 9:15pm (Full un-abridged minutes are available on request.)

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# **NEWSLETTER**

November 2003

Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall (Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

Visitor

Ken Goodman will tell us about the "Moreton Bay Larrikin"

Member

## Cherrie Nicholson

will talk about her research of the **Colmslie Animal Quarantine Station** 

Gold Coin entry - covers hire of Hall and Supper Bring and Buy Stall - Bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit, vegetables to support the Resource Centre Appreciation to John Davies, Myrtle Beitz and Margaret O'Neill who will be providing your supper

Invite a friend to attend

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### A Message from the President . . .

The most difficult thing about writing the President's message is deciding what to write about. This morning at the gym I was pondering this question.

Whilst using the treadmill, which was revolving endlessly round and round and round, I realised that this is exactly what I was doing.

### Christmas already!

How many times have I said that? Then there is New Year and the grind of another twelve month's activities starts. On and on it goes, over and over for every future year. I felt that I might just as well be a treadmill myself being pounded mercilessly by feet until I wore out.

BUT, life is not actually like that. I must have been suffering from a momentary mental aberration or else too much sweat in my eyes, sorry, my brain.

Really, there is so much to look forward to, so many places to go, exciting events to attend, new people to greet and old friends with whom to gather it is impossible to fit them all in. There is so much to do, so many things which are started and yet to be finished and before these are finished there will be others started. And so we go on.

All of this is outside the family. Of course, family always takes top priority. Remember when you were a child, the promise and excitement of Santa's visit and the opening of presents on Christmas Day? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could maintain this feeling for an entire year for the whole family, both adults and children, without a single occurrence to mar it.

My heartfelt thanks to our Committee members for their support and hard work throughout the year and, notably, the increasing number of members of the Society who are contributing their time and expertise in various ways to its growing success.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Noela Stratton.

# There are still a few seats available for the Final Heritage Tour for 2003 Saturday 22 November

Depart Civic Centre 9.00am. Return 5.00pm

\*View the site of Kingston's Goldfield
\*Enjoy Morning Tea at the home of Pioneer Mayes
Family

\*Buy your Christmas presents at Kingston Butter Factory

\*See the historic Kingston Cemeteries \*Visit the Koala Sanctuary at Daisy Hill

Tickets \$20.00 INCLUDING lunch Bookings: Contact Jill (3393 3208) for final seats

MEMBERS - Your help is needed . . .

We have a request from the Wynnum Herald for photographs of the buildings that once stood on the empty land in **Colina Street** (opposite the Croquet Club and Kitchener Park), that is the Gas Works and Bunney's Saw Mill. Can anyone help?

Many thanks to all those people who have thought hard, and provided information on **Doctors**, **Dentists**, **Chemists**, **Maternity Nurses**, **St Kilda's Hospital**, **House Names**.... Any more thoughts? Keep the information coming in.

The Resource Centre will be closed to the General Public from Dec 22 till January 16 2004, but open on request to members. Very many thanks to all the volunteers in 2003—we hope you are able to continue your support in 2004. Jill 3393 3208

# How good is your memory? In which year did:

(Answers overleaf)

- nightsoil collection commence in Wynnum?
- auction of land at Manly Beach Estate occur?
- Lytton School open?

### Our Heritage Listed Places - Dumbarton



Although numerous alterations have been made, Dumbarton is one of the few remaining examples of the 1880s style single-skin and cross-bracing construction and is closely associated with the pioneering Hemmant families, the Uhlmans and Gibsons.

Its original site was part of a 29 acre property alienated from the Crown by Friedrich Uhlmann and F Harz in 1859. In 1869 the land was subdivided and the Dumbarton site was transferred to Friedrich Uhlmann. In 1873 this land was further subdivided and one acre [including the Dumbarton site] was transferred to the Doughboy Sugar Company. In 1880 a mortgage was taken out against the property - possibly for improvements, which may have included construction of the house. In 1885 title to this property was transferred to Angus Gibson, then to Christof Uhlmann in 1888, thus returning to the Uhlmann family.

The first definite evidence of the house is in 1887, when it is marked on a Railways survey of the proposed route of the Cleveland Railway Line.

In 1911 the house and land were bought by Henry Skiller who lived there until his death in 1955 when it was transferred to Alan Skinner, subdivided and sold to William and Elizabeth Ashcroft. The house fell into disrepair but was renovated in the 1990s. In 2000 the Main Roads Department acquired the land to build a new road to the Port of Brisbane. Following representation from local residents, members of the Gibson and Uhlmann families and local historical organisations, the house was moved to the Hemmant State School site in April 2001. The name 'Dumbarton' has been applied to the house only recently. Previously it was known as the Gibson House or the Ashcroft House. 'Dumbarton' was named after the original home, in Scotland, of the Ashcroft family.

### Remember our Regular Meetings . . . .

Third Thursday: November 20 Baptist Hall 7.30pm: K Goodman: "Moreton Bay Larrikin". C Nicholson: "Colmslie Quar Stn."

Last Thursday: November 27 Wynnum Public Library
10am: Eris Powell "Manly Kiosk" Morning Tea

Monday to Friday 10 -12 noon:

Resource Centre 7/66 Bay Terrace (Outside Public Library)