

Summary of Minutes

General Meeting of 21 October 2004

Meeting opened at 7:40pm with 51 members and 13 visitors present. 13 apologies were received.

Minutes of Previous Meeting of 16 September 2004, moved by Betty Mottram and seconded by Col Brown.

Correspondence, inwards and outwards, was presented by Lena McCreadie and put on display.

Financial Report (as at 31 August) by Jan Parnell.

Opening Balance: \$2,994.70 Receipts: \$2,182.16

Expenses: \$2,182.16 Closing Balance: \$3710.56

Community Gambling Grant of \$10,170.00.

Investment A/C \$15,000, (4.8%), matures on 27/7/04.

New Members, John Pillis and Melva Hatchman .

Resource Centre. Jill Greenhill thanked members for their support at the Spring Fair and asked for contributions for the 75th Anniversary Brisbane City Hall.

Heritage Tour. Heather Smith provided details of the forthcoming Christmas Tour to be held on Saturday 27 November. 2004.

General Business.

Volunteers were asked for Society's display at Bne City Council "Green Day at Lota on 31/10/04..

Jim Meehan invited members to attend opening of Signals Museum at Fort Lytton on 14/11/04.

Myrtle Beitz thanked all for support for Fashion Show at Lota House.

Community Gaming Grant is to be used for materials for the Resource Centre.

Main Speaker, Hugh Lunn, introduced by Noela Stratton, entertained us with snippets from his writings of his life experiences and people he has known. . Many of his anecdotes came from his best selling book, "Over the Top with Jim".

Lucky Door Prize : Peter Jones

Membership Draw: Noela Stratton.

Supper provided by Beryl Kennedy, Dawn Wilkins and Betty Mottram

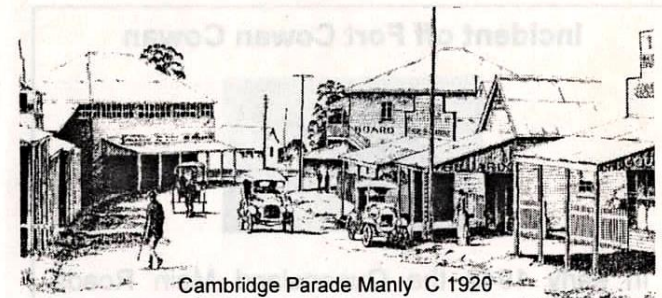
Meeting closed at: 9.20pm

Jill Greenhill
(Minute Secretary)

(Full un-abridged version of minutes are available on request)

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NEWSLETTER

November 2004

Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm
in the Baptist Church Hall
(Corner Bay Terrace / Clara Street)

In recognition of "Remembrance Day" 11th Nov

Guest Speaker

Brian Connolly-
History of the R.S.L

Spot Speaker

Doug Gilshenan –
Legacy

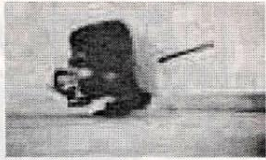
(Our appreciation to Stewart Simmons who will be introducing and giving the Vote of Thanks to the Guest Speaker)

Gold Coin entry - helps cover the hire of the Hall
Bring and Buy Stall - Please bring your unwanted gifts, cakes, fruit and vegetables to support the Resource Centre

Appreciation to Margaret O'Neill, Lena McCreadie and Myrtle Beitz for providing supper

Why not invite a friend to attend?

Incident off Fort Cowan Cowan



In early 1942 the Queensland Main Roads Commission was directed to erect buildings, anti-aircraft gun emplacements, command and battery observation posts, underground plotting room, magazines, accommodation for officers and men, a 20,000 gallon concrete tank, and a 20 bed hospital at Cowan Cowan (aboriginal Kau-in Kau-in) on Moreton Island. They were also instructed to build a controlled mines station with accommodation for officers and men of the Australian Navy.

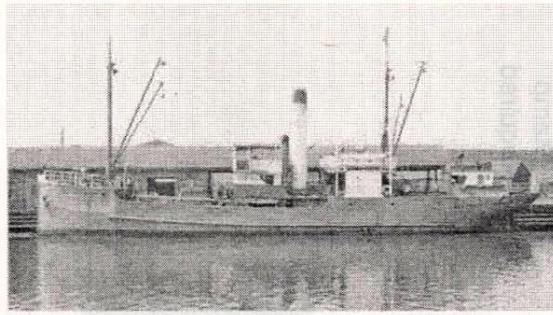
On 4 March 1942, an unfortunate accident occurred, when HMAS Tambar was fired on by the Examination Battery at Fort Cowan Cowan on Moreton Island. There was a mix up in the code signals for identification of the vessel and the examination Battery at Cowan Cowan was ordered to fire a shot across the bow of the unidentified "intruder".

However, things went badly wrong and a piece of the solid iron, 100 lb shot went through the chartroom.

Two crew members were killed instantly and another died later, after both his legs were lost in the incident.

The military authorities decided to cover up the incident so that it wouldn't affect morale in the services. "Tambar's" crew was dispersed throughout the RAN immediately after the funeral of their shipmates and the captain was given a new ship to command. The "Tambar" was paid off as a minesweeper on 14 July 1942.

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Australian Minesweeper HMAS Tambar, 456 Gross Tons, was first launched in 1912. It carried one 12 pounder gun and four Depth Charges with two double and one single chute. It was requisitioned by the Royal Australian Navy from its owners William Holyman & Sons Pty. Ltd on 18 October 1939. After being fitted out at Williamstown Dockyard in Victoria as a Minesweeper, she was commissioned for service on 7 November 1939 and operated in Queensland waters as part of Minesweeping Group 74 until June 1942

† Ellen Digby †

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a wonderful lady, Ellen Digby, on 11 November 2004.

Long time member, Bill Hess, is currently in hospital with a broken hip.

We all send Bill our very best wishes.



CAN YOU HELP?



Myrtle is drawing up a supper roster for meetings next year. The more volunteers the better for everyone...more volunteers means this becomes a "once a year job"!



Heritage Tour Saturday 27th November

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Depart Civic Centre 8.00 am

- Morning tea and markets at Pomona
- Silent movie in the Majestic Theatre
- Lunch at the Cooroy RSL (cost is included in price of ticket)
- Historic house, Ginger and Macadamia Nuts at Yandina

Cost \$25

Mark your Diary ✓

- Australia Day Breakfast 26th Jan 2005

The Society will again be having a stand at this event. Members who are able to give some time to help, please see Heather or Jill.

FEES DUE

\$ Membership fees are due by 1st January. \$
\$15 single \$25 family

Remember our Regular Meetings . . .

Third Thursday (November 18) Baptist Hall
7.30pm Brian Connolly – History of the RSL

Last Thursday: (November 25) Wynnum Library 10am
Speaker - Cherrie Nicholson, Morning Tea

Open every Monday to Friday 10 –12 noon:
Resource Centre, 7/66 Bay Tce
(Outside Public Library)