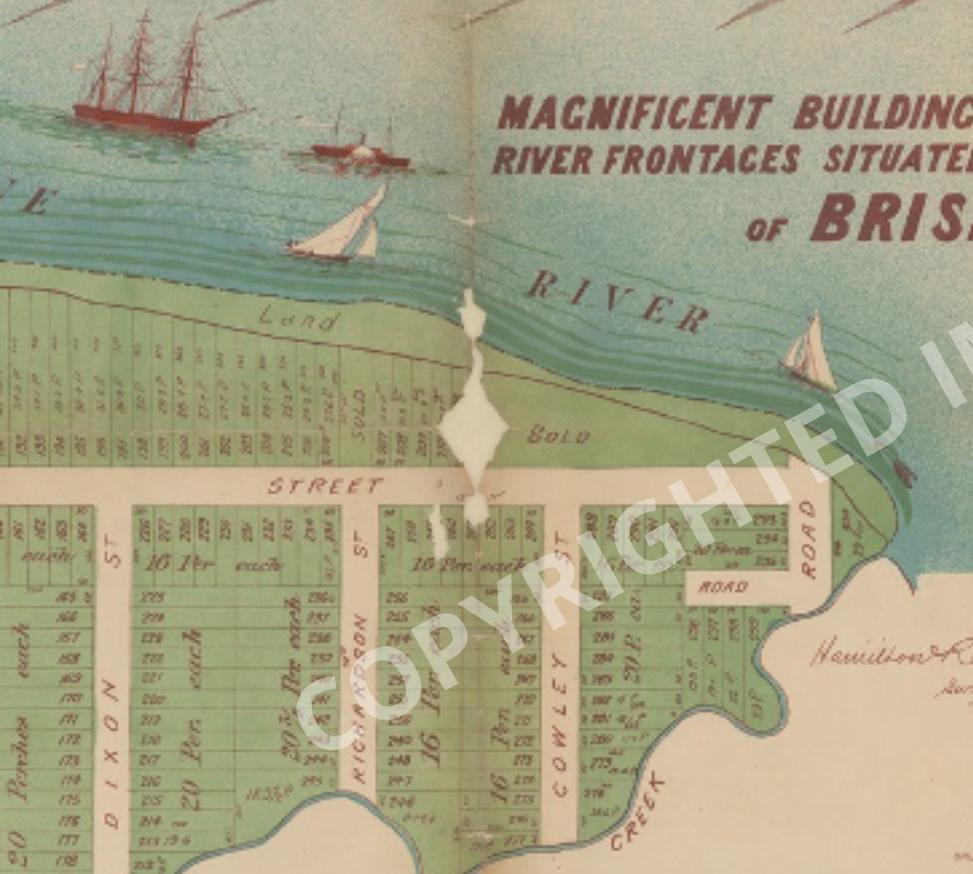


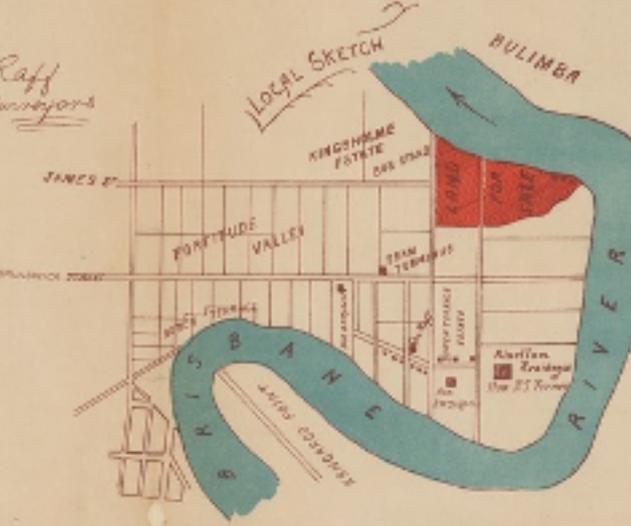
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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

Presented by Desley Garnett

I present to you the Annual Report of the New Farm and Districts Historical Society for the 2022-2023 year.

As I write this report, Brisbane (and indeed Australia) is just coming out of another wave of Omicron COVID virus infections affecting a large number of people. For more than 2 years now, the Society has, like many groups, lived with the uncertainty of the effects of the pandemic on the ability of the society to meet in its normal pattern. Fortunately, only the February public meeting in 2022 had to be cancelled due to the inadvisability of meeting in large groups. Members have made their own decisions about protecting themselves from the possibility of contracting the virus when mixing in a large group. This has possibly affected numbers attending the public meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month at 2:30 pm at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Warner Hall.

Last August we recognised the huge contribution that Ross Garnett made over the past 17 years as President of the New Farm and Districts Historical Society. He oversaw its incorporation and its growth from a small group of about 30 who met in the Ron Muir Room to a society with 150 members. Public meetings now have 70 – 140 attendees each month. During this past year we have built on that momentum to increase the current financial membership to over 200.

Committee

The dedicated committee has met monthly and I wish to thank each person for their support.

President:

Desley Garnett

Vice President:

Malcolm Godfrey

Minute Secretary:

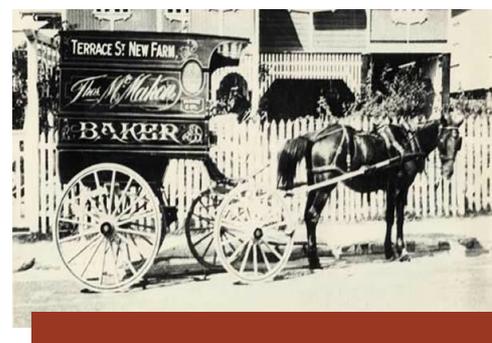
Virginia Balmain

Treasurer:

Denise Buckby

Committee Members:

Austin Adams, Ben Pritchard,
Janetta Douglas (to February 2022)



Cowin transport, courtesy G Cowin

Particular thanks to Austin Adams who is retiring from the committee this year. Austin has researched and refined the video recording of the monthly meetings that are appreciated by many people who can't attend the meetings. Most videos have been viewed by over 80 people after the meeting. The videos of the meetings plus some meetings in 2010 are all available at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8485721>

The contributions of all of our speakers who freely give of their time to prepare and present their presentations at the monthly meetings is always appreciated. The meetings each begin with a musical prelude by Stewart Free and this sets a welcoming ambience to the meetings. Also appreciated are the excerpts of Movietone News that Stuart Wallace prepares for our nostalgia.

Society office

Volunteers have staffed the Society office each Thursday afternoon. Stuart Wallace has commenced working on digitising the resources in the archives. This is a big project and will need more volunteers to assist with the process. The small Society Office housing our archives and the use of the Ron Muir Room on Thursday afternoons are provided free of charge by the Brisbane City Council and we are grateful to BCC for this provision. These past few months, we have introduced “Cuppa and Chat” on Thursday afternoons as a way of getting to know each other, meet new members and give society members and the general public an opportunity to look into the archives. We will keep this new initiative going and welcome new volunteers to be on the roster to host these meet-ups.

Communication and Marketing

Newsletters

Our interesting and well-presented newsletter remains the most common way of communicating to our members. Currently the newsletter is emailed to over 1200 subscribers and posted to about 90 people. Gerard Benjamin has compiled and edited the 10 monthly editions each year since August 2011.

We have been treated to many interesting and informative articles, professionally designed and appreciated by so many. The August 2022 edition of the newsletter is the last one to be edited by Gerard. THANK YOU, GERARD!

The good news is that Emma Golder has accepted the role of newsletter editor, commencing in September. THANK YOU, EMMA! We look forward to the submission of short articles by society members and friends for publication in the newsletter.



New Farm Powerhouse interior, 1952