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MEETING TIMES

Monthly meetings featuring a guest speaker are held each month on the 4th Friday

Where: In the meeting room at the Toowong BCC

Library located on the third floor of Toowong Village

Time: commencing at 9.30am till 11.30am.

The **TDHS's AGM** will be held on 23rd August 2013 during the August monthly meeting.

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From the President...

With the 2013 year well under way I would like to take the opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Christmas-New Year break!

Launch of Cradle to Grave-Toowong Council

The launch of Melva A Welch's publication *Cradle to Grave—Toowong Council* on February 7th was a most successful function, with almost 100 people attending. The book includes cameo biographies of all those who served on Toowong's council from 1880-1925.

I would like to thank Melva for her efforts. One has to only look at the contents of the book to realize the enormous nature of the task she willingly undertook in taking on this project. I would like to also thank Melva's son Tim who did the photo insert. Likewise I thank Denver Beanland, who launched the book, and the Toowong BCC Library staff for their assistance.

After the launch formalities were completed Cr Peter Matic kindly accepted upon behalf of the BCC Archives a large photograph of the Toowong Town Council 1915-16 for hanging in the Toowong BCC Library. Grants and monies totaling \$2,500 had been received by the TDHS to pay for the conservation and re-framing of the photograph.

Member for Mt Coot-tha Saxon Rice MP accepted copies of the book on behalf of the Queensland Parliamentary Librarian and the State Library of Queensland while Cr Matic accepted copies of the book on behalf of the Toowong BCC Library and the BCC Archives.

Afterwards guests were invited to morning tea. Many thanks to the assistance of Bernie, Judith, Elaine, Ruth, Joy, Robert and members of the management committee who assisted in making this function such a success and with the catering. Books may be obtained at our monthly meetings or by contacting the society, and cost \$30.00 each plus \$8.00 postage and handling (within Australia).

Guest Speaker Programme

Guest Speaker Programme organizer Bruce Sinclair has once again secured a year's programme of interesting speakers and topics for members to enjoy.

A survey of members and guests was undertaken last August and September to ascertain topics the members were interested in. As Bruce had already booked most speaker slots for 2013, not all of these suggestions have been included in this year's programme, but the submitted suggestions have been set aside for consideration for next year. If you know of someone who would be interested in giving a talk for 2014 please let either Bruce or the management committee know.

25th January Members' Meeting

The January monthly meeting was set aside as a Members' Day to allow members and guests an opportunity to share aspects of their family history or other research.

Member Ruth Sapsford presented an excellent talk titled *Capture, Incarceration and Freedom—STALAG XXA* based upon the war diaries kept by her late husband, POW Capt. Lionel Sapsford AAMC.

Lionel, who was a doctor, spent four years as

a POW in WWII, and he treated injured POWs. Extracts from his diaries brought details of his imprisonment vividly to life, and includes a photo taken of the officers at the dinner table eating a very watery gruel off a table set with a lace tablecloth (provided by the Red Cross); a cricket match; and details of the forced march undertaken by prisoners which took a heavy toll on the lives and health of fellow prisoners.

To celebrate Australia Day the morning concluded with the screening of a very informative and interesting short film on the history of the Australian flag.

Library Display January 2013

The TDHS arranged for a display during the month of January in the Toowong BCC library's glass cases. Melva A Welch provided material relating to *Cradle to Grave—Toowong Council* and Ruth provided objects associated with her talk on Lionel's POW experience. It was decided to arrange a photograph exhibitions on two themes, Toowong of Yesteryear and Floods in the Toowong area. Thank you to Melva, Judith Marks, Ruth Sapsford, Helen Banks and Leigh Chamberlain, for their contribution and assistance.

MEETING REPORTS (Cont.)

23rd November, 2012: Robert Chestermaster

Robert Chestermaster was a crew member of a plane participating in a bombing raid during WWII when the plane was shot down behind enemy lines. He survived the crash and fortunately he was rescued by the Danish Resistance Movement, who assisted him to avoid capture until he could escape back to Britain. Robert's reminiscences held the audience spellbound. Some guests travelled a long way to hear Robert speak, with one guest explaining that he had travelled from Mount Tamborine.

Afterwards, members and guests were invited to stay and join members at the TDHS's Christmas party.

26th October, 2012

Jean Stewart, President of the Moreton Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters, spoke about the story of the First Fleeters and shared some very interesting stories of their descendants.

Jean explained that the Fellowship of First Fleeters is composed of the descendants of those who arrived in Sydney Cove in 1788, and explained the details of her association with the organization, and the story of her family's connection with the First Fleeters.

Jean also shared some photos from her family album.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING 22nd MARCH

A guest speaker from the National Trust of Queensland will speak upon the topic *Heritage Buildings of South East Queensland*. Find out more about the work performed by the National Trust of Queensland as the organization gears up for Heritage Month from 18 April to 18 May 2013. This is a month long programme of events celebrating our history and cultural events.

BOOK LAUNCH: *The Cocks' Family Tree*

On 2nd May the TDHS will launch their second publication for 2013 titled *The Cocks' Family Tree* during the National Trust Heritage Festival. After the launch a side table made from wood acquired from a tree planted by Mrs Maryanne Cocks (aka Annie) in the front yard of her family home in Sherwood Road is to be presented to the Toowong BCC Library. Despite being successfully heritage listed by the TDHS the tree subsequently died and had to be removed. Wood turner Chris Andrews volunteered to acquire some timber from the tree and was commissioned to fashion the table.

This publication, a family history of the Cocks family, has been written by Debbie Drummond, a great-granddaughter of Mrs Maryanne Cocks. Maryanne was the wife of Richard Cocks, a well-known grocer. Cocks' grocery store stood in High Street from as early as 1889, and in about 1910 moved to Sherwood Road where it operated until mid-1960s.

GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAMME

March 22	National Trust	<i>Heritage Buildings of South East Queensland</i>
April 26	Prof Peter Roennfeldt	<i>Contribution to Qld's Music by its Conservatorium 1957-2007</i>
May 24		Researching your family history? Investigate the resources held by the National Archives
June 28		<i>The Maritime Museum</i>
July 26	Dianne Parker	<i>St Paul's Presbyterian Church: Celebrating 150 years</i>
August 23		Members' Day: AGM, followed by members' presentations
September 27		<i>Fort Lytton</i>
October 25	Kaye Nardella	Research resources held by The Museum of Lands, Mapping and Surveying
November 22	Linda Bracken	<i>Louis Stamm & Honora Coonan & Related Indooroopilly Historic Families</i>

The November meeting is also the Christmas break-up party for the TDHS

Thank you to those members and guests who RSVP their attendance or otherwise each month. This assists the management committee in estimating seating requirements and catering. Please advise special seating needs.