

# Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society Inc.

## Annual General Meeting

2 November 2014, held at the Community Hall

### MINUTES

#### The meeting opened at 11.10 am

**Attendance (32):** David Paxton (President), Ellen Paxton, Keith Stebbins (Secretary), Daveen O'Pray (Treasurer), Brian Aitken (Committee), Keith Slack, Rae & Peter Wear, Anne Schue, John Rutter, Eithne Barber, Heather Patrick, Jacquie & Noel Christensen, Margrit & Dennis Lack, Margaret Anderson, Ann Wright, Rachael Krinks, Herb Golightly, Christine Stewart, Ray Ridings, Bob & Annette Drennan, Carolyn Brammer, Lindsay Duncan, Diane Gilham, Ruby Sanders, Jacquie Cresswell, Helen Condon, Merle Beckett, Margaret Walker.

**By invitation (6):** Lance Hewlett, Sheena Hewlett, Peter Ludlow, Phyllis Ludlow, Averil Maree, June Byrne

**Apologies (18):** Vivienne and Graeme Roberts-Thomson, Naomi Judd, Jan Macintyre, Ivan & Anne Holm, Peter Dowling, Annie Jamieson, Denise Preston, Elizabeth Sparks, Peter & Gail Webb, Michael & Jacquie Gourlay, Chris & Christine Leonard, Mary Russell.

1. **Welcome:** David acknowledged the traditional landowners, and welcomed the guests to the meeting. He welcomed Peter & Phyllis Ludlow our guest speaker and Lance and Sheena Hewlett our Redland City Councillor. He asked Lance and Sheena to pass on the Society's thanks for all the support that Peter Dowling had provided to the Society over the years he had been Councillor and then State Member of Parliament. **Adopted**
2. **Confirmation of previous minutes:** The minutes of the AGM 20 October 2013 were adopted (David Paxton/Margrit Lack) carried **Adopted**
3. **President's Report:** David Paxton's report is attached. The report was adopted (Keith Stebbins /Margaret Walker) carried **Adopted with acclamation**  
**Matters arising:** Margaret Walker asked which three sites were being listed on the Local Heritage Register. David advised the meeting that the three sites were:
  - a. Morton Steps
  - b. Community Hall and steps
  - c. Norfolk BeachRachael Krinks requested as many people as possible to congregate at the jetty at ten past eight next Sunday morning for a community photo.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Daveen O'Pray's report is attached. Daveen reported that the Society was in a better financial position for the year. The report was adopted (Daveen O'Pray/Keith Slack). **Adopted with acclamation**

**5. Verification statement:** David advised that the Treasurer and he would submit to the Office of Fair Trading a verification statement.

**6. Election of Management Committee:** Lance Hewlett Councillor, conducted the elections. He advised that the following nominees had accepted nomination and were duly elected:

**Acclamation**

**President:** David Paxton

**Vice President:** Denise Preston

**Treasurer:** Daveen O'Pray

**Secretary:** Keith Stebbins

**Committee Members:** Rachael Krinks, Brian Aitken.

**7. Special Resolution:**

“That the Aboriginal items (grinding stones and tagged artefacts) that the Heritage Society is caring for be given to the Qandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation to be on display in their museum on Stradbroke Island.”

David displayed photos of the grinding stones and tagged artefacts and told of how the aboriginal artefacts arrived at the Heritage Society and why it was felt they should be handed over to the Qandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation. He advised that the items are currently on loan to QYAC for display and training.

Margaret Walker proposed that the following additional sentence be added to the motion: That there be formal acknowledgement of the Coochiemudlo Heritage Society's donation of the items and that the date of the gift being the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 be displayed with the items at the Aboriginal Qandamooka Stradbroke Island museum.

There was discussion whether the items be lent on permanent loan but it was noted that as the Cleveland museum had transferred their Aboriginal items to the Stradbroke museum, and that there was a movement to return aboriginal items to appropriate aboriginal communities. It was agreed that the original motion with the additional sentence proposed by Margaret Walker be adopted.

The amended motion was moved by Margaret Walker seconded Ellen Paxton.

Councillor Hewlett scrutineered the vote. Carried.

**6. Close of meeting:** David Paxton welcomed and thanked members of the new Committee. He thanked members and guests for their attendance, and thanked John Rutter for the use of his sound system. The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

**7. Guest Speaker:**

David welcomed the guest speaker, Peter Ludlow, a leading Moreton Bay historian. Peter gave a talk and displayed photos of his topic 'Me and Moreton Bay'. He spoke of how he became interested in researching historical information which led to his writing numerous books about the early history of Moreton Bay. He spoke of his initial research of Ian Fairweather, the noted artist who lived on Bribie Island, for ABC Radio and how this sparked his interest in the history of interesting people in Moreton Bay. He spoke of how his contacts with characters who had lived on Peel Island when it was a leprosy treatment centre led to his visits to Peel island and his documentation of the stories told, and his collection of photos and drawings which he used to produce books. Informants included Eric Reyes a doctor who became interested in midge control and Alex who had been a patient on Peel Island. Ray and Nola Cowrie were Rangers on Peel Island who also provided Peter with valuable information. Rosemary Opala was a nurse on Peel island who provided Peter with drawings that he used in his books. Peter arranged the 1989 tours to Peel Island where they visited the leprosy settlement. In 1989 QPWS took over control of Peel and Peter then started writing about interesting Moreton Bay people such as Dick Whitehall, the ferry operator, that he published in his books.

**Acclamation**

Peter displayed three of his books in current publication, and distributed business cards for those interested in purchasing his books.

On behalf the Society, Keith thanked Peter for his presentation and gave him a gift.

Lunch was prepared by the Coochiemudlo Kiosk and was enjoyed by members and guests.

David Paxton  
President

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT to AGM 2 November 2014**

Members and guests, welcome to you all. Thank you for attending the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society 2014 AGM.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this Island. We have a good relationship with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, largely thanks to contact with Michael Costelloe, the Cultural Coordinator. I would also like to mention the passing of Roly Stebbins, our Secretary's father, on 11 October this year. Roly attended our 2013 AGM and was an admirable man, which no doubt helps explain our admirable Secretary. My friend John Auty, a Life member who donated *The Voyage to Terra Australis* by Matthew Flinders and two rare books by Jessop, passed away on 6 December 2013.

A special welcome to our guest speaker Peter and to Phyllis Ludlow, and to new members for 2014/15, Ray Ridings, Jacquie and Noel Christensen, John Rutter, Christine Stewart and Herb Golightly.

A big thank you to our very competent Committee members: Denise Preston, Keith Stebbins, Daveen O'Pray and Brian Aitken. Vivienne Roberts-Thomson and Ann Wright also contributed usefully to the Committee. Committee members have worked hard this year, and also juggled their own lives; no mean feat, as life doesn't get simpler. Thank you to those others who helped make the Social Evening a success: Ellen Paxton, Mary Preston, Shane Poole, Rae Wear, Margrit Lack, Jackson and Keith Slack. Keith has also been a major contributor to our Anzac Centenary grant application, along with Peter Webb, landscape architect Catherine Brouwer and Meg Warnock who is our link with Redland City Council on this.

We guided a large number of bus tours for Cross Country Tours. The tours are a gentle way of promoting the island, supporting island crafts-people and are good earners for the Society, especially since we asked that the donation be increased to \$ 3 per passenger. A second company, Tropicana Tours from the Sunshine Coast, has asked to come on board in December.

The Social Evening we hosted in Flinders Week was fully booked and financially successful. Thanks to the Councillors' Small grants scheme and our supportive Councillor, we received funds to help produce *Footprints on My Coochie*, by Joan Bland, Doug and Mary Morton's daughter. The little book is full of interesting photographs, and it has been wonderful to work with Joan and Tom on this. The booklet was printed by Redland Graphics. During the year we built further on our relationship with the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation. Significantly we changed our name to the Heritage Society and changed our objects to include "heritage". We did this on Matthew Flinders' Birthday. This required a Special Meeting and resolution, Office of Fair Trading and Australian Tax Office approval, and formal notification of our bank, the Bendigo Bank. The Society was formed on this little island in 2000 when the permanent residents numbered fewer than about 200. The paradigm that sufficed then probably was that history gives meaning to the present and the focus may be said to have been on the collection and preservation of artefacts in some form or other. Since then the permanent population has changed and grown to probably 800+, and the SE of Queensland has grown remarkably. As a place of residence and as a regional recreation resource, the island character has become more intense. As the Heritage Society, we took ourselves out of our comfort zone by acknowledging that present day values based on history also shape the future aspirations of a community. Redland City Council supported our

request for three sites to be included on the Local Heritage Register, and recommended accordingly to the Minister for Local Government.

The Heritage Society embarked on a complicated on-line application for Anzac Centenary funds to enhance the Lone Pine/Doug and Mary Morton Reserve/First Tee/Flinders Lookout area at the Community Hall. The application team has been mentioned already. The support of the Garden Club, Coastcare, Golf Club, Recreation Club, RSL Events Committee and Redland City Council was much appreciated, also the cooperation of contractors in quoting. If we are successful, the funds will be spent locally. We shall request a launch at the Golf Club sausage sizzle on Anzac Day and a closing ceremony with the RSL Events Committee on Armistice Day.

Our major long term goal is to have the public road reserve around the island declared a Landscape of Cultural Significance, with the support of the Queensland Heritage Council, of which we are a member, but history remains very important. We are represented on the executive of History Queensland. Our collection of records and memorabilia includes several significant books, a classic dinghy that was restored as a community project, and a Bristol sextant about 200 years old. It is surprising how often the Society is consulted by researchers. Donations continue to be received and are recorded. Among these are metal artefacts reflecting the domestic, farming, fishing, timber getting, and the war-time past of the island. A sculptor of metal has been invited to consider whether these can be combined into a sculpture that makes a statement about the heritage of the island. A source of funding has been identified and an application will be developed over the next few months. With any luck the sculpture project will meld (weld?) with the proposal to do up the Doug and Mary Morton Reserve.

Best wishes for the coming year,  
David Paxton

**COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
2012 ANNUALGENERAL MEETING  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

<b>Income</b>	
Annual Membership fees	\$ 735.00
Sales – Books, DVD and magnets	341.00
Book sales commissions	10.00
Donations –	157.00
Tours – Cross Country	249.00
TAFE/Fellowship	66.00
Matthew Flinders event	2,414.00
Annual General Meeting	275.00
Bank Interest	19.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4267.05</u></b>
 <b>Expenses</b>	
Insurance	660.00
Registration trailer	95.80
Annual General Meeting	414.15
Matthew Flinders Event	2069.90
Office of Fair Trading – name change	83.80
Incorporation fees	46.60
Book and magazine purchases	169.80
Minted coins (for raffle prizes)	67.50
Bank fees	14.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,621.90</u></b>
 <b>Actual Balance as at 1 July 2013</b>	 <b>\$ 1 305.68</b>
 <i>Add Income</i>	 <u>4267.05</u>
	 <b>5572.73</b>
 <i>Less Expenses</i>	 <u>3621.90</u>
 <b>Bank Balance as at 30 June 2014</b>	 <b>1,950.83</b>