

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AGM Community Hall 1100 20 November 2011

WELCOME

Thank you all for coming or for sending in your apologies. Welcome especially to Louise Saunders, who is President of Queensland Bat Rescue and Conservation, and to Peter Dowling, well known as our State Member of Parliament, and to Lance and Sheena Hewlett. Lance is standing for Councilor of Division 4. Special thanks to Denise Preston, Keith Stebbins, Lindsay Duncan and John Preston for helping with the lunch.

Apologies: Ivan and Anne Holm, John Pearn, Councilor John Burns, Andrew McLellan, Bronwyn Ramsden, Naomi Judd, Merle Beckett, Annie and Ron Jamieson, Maxene and Gary Morganson, Jan MacIntyre, Des and Di Binstead, Bob and Annette Drennan, Denise and Viv Wright, David and Gayle Morgan.

Proxies: Andrew McLellan, John Pearn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to thank the 2011 Committee: Denise Preston, Daveen O'Pray our redoubtable Treasurer, Margaret Walker and Keith Stebbins.

Sadly, I must record the passing of Alastair Barber. Ali was a much loved member of the Society. It is also noted that young Christopher Flomersfeld suffered severe burns in September. Chris rowed *Trim* this year in the re-enactment.

The Management Committee has been in some disarray in the twelve months since the previous AGM. Margaret Walker fell and broke her hip in April and both Keith and I have been sidetracked with books. Keith's book actually is a complex teaching resource which has been well received. Mine is about the co-evolution of people and dogs. The Community Hall has been renovated as you can see, but as a result became inaccessible for quite a long time. The Brisbane floods were a major event which disrupted arrangements and cast a pall of gloom over the community. None the less we have achieved quite a lot.

We house-kept the membership list. Membership levels are good, at about 60 members, if we count family members as two. Ted Jones and Maureen and Bill Bradby were stalwarts, who have left the Island.

We welcome three new Life Members, Brian Aitken, Keith Stebbins and Patricia Screen.

After the very successful Opera on the Bay/Sunset Cruise on the *Sirenia*, we tried to organize a trip to Peel Island and then to North Stradbroke. In both cases it proved simpler and cheaper for individual members to organize tours for themselves, but each trip is worth doing. The Committee welcomes any suggestions for functions we might host.

Several newsletters have been circulated, including one with the Objects of the Society.

Ted Jones is in the Spiritus St Johns Men's Residence at Toowong. It is not ideal and with the good efforts of Peter James, we are trying to have him moved to the Masons' home at Sandgate.

Visitors/contacts: George Harris (Coochie Chatter); Trevor Kjeldal (grandparents Shirley and Doug Sivyer built shop and lived here for 20 years)(Lil Flavelle = Leadfoot Lil); Geoff Michie (parents Alex and Dorothy Michie built house about 1962, road fatality 1996/7 Victoria Parade), and has an 8mm film which he is trying to convert to DVD.

Donations: Maxene and Gary Morganson donated the cost of the John Oxley sketch of the Brisbane River mouth: Dr John Auty donated the narrative of Flinders voyage in the *Francis*. Peter and Rae Wear the CD of the very funny radio series *Moonlight Over the Estuary* and Denise Wright the book of same name: Francis O'Connor her entire collection; Ted Jones many donations courtesy Estelle Boyd including Flinders account of *Trim* the cat; Norma Green large number of significant photographs and Ian Rowland CDs of photographs through the year; John Clark (Croc) provided DVDs of the Sunset Cruise. This year we shall set up a register.

Functions: Mark and Maree send off and Matthew Flinders' birthday. Jackie and Cliff Prentiss are keeping *Trim*; Flinders landing re-enactment (Paul Moynagh and the Flomersfeld boys and Keith Slack), Colin Orford and Yilan Yeh Sunday Brunch at Mudlo 24 July, Progress and RSL; Blues festival, mainly by Progress. Another Colin Orford event planned for 14 January at the Amphitheatre, Mudlo. Mayor Melva has expressed the wish to attend. We supported Progress' application for funds for office equipment and BBQ. *Trim* was filmed for the new Great Outback Spectacular at Warner Bros, for which a generous donation was received.

We plan to invite Maureen O'Connor, George Harris and Geoff Michie to the Island early in 2012, and Cross Country Tours has 2 visits in March. Carolyn, Keith and I will represent the Society at UN International Year of the Volunteer celebrations, 28 November. There is a lot of cataloguing to do and we should look at rationalizing a user friendly web site. A major project could be to convene a conference on the natural history of the Island, and to write this up for the third book on Cochiemudlo.

Special mention of Margaret Walker who has been a very important founder and constant member of the Committee. She is standing down this year. We shall organize a function for her at her convenience, perhaps for Flinders birthday about 16 March.

Major project for 2012+2013 may be third volume of the Chronicles series.

NOMINATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President David Paxton Keith Stebbins/Daveen O'Pray

Vice President Denise Preston David Paxton/Keith Stebbins

Treasurer Daveen O'Pray David Paxton/Ellen Paxton

Secretary Keith Stebbins David Paxton/Ellen Paxton

Committee Vivienne Roberts-Thomson David Paxton/Keith Stebbins

Committee Peter Wear David Paxton/Keith Stebbins

ATTENDANCE

Louise Saunders

Margrit and Dennis

Carolyn and Lindsay

Denise and John

Daveen, Keith Slack, Eithne

Patricia

David and Ellen

Keith Stebbins

Vivienne and Graeme

Margaret Walker

Rae and Peter Wear

Peter, Lance and Sheena

Jan Romeo

Naomi Judd