

## Whew! What a month!

### President's notes



With the implementation of the Redland Museum Business Plan for the next five years, the management committee is a step closer to finalising the written funding agreement for the same period with the Redland City Council. The major conditions have been accepted and the final draft document is expected from council shortly.

The time consuming constitutional review is also close to completion and the latest draft will be issued to members and our lawyers by the end of August for their review.

Whilst continuing to manage these aspects of the museum our hardworking management committee and all our active volunteers have been extremely busy with the Transcience opening and exhibition; the World of Tea exhibition; very popular high teas, the well-attended Science Day, GreazeFest; the strong public exposure generated by participating in the Cleveland Crazy Day event; the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards; the Wellbeing Expo held at the Donald Simpson Centre; talks to Probus and other groups.

As a volunteer and member based organisation we do achieve some amazing results. Thank you to everyone involved.

*Doug Alexander*

*What's on - September*  
**6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
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17<sup>th</sup> Travels in Thailand Talk  
10.30 for 11am.

**All welcome!**

18<sup>th</sup> Charcoal and Ash Art  
Exhibition Opening 11am.

**All welcome!**

21<sup>st</sup> Beenleigh Artisan  
Distillery (volunteers only)

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Caravan Show

30<sup>th</sup> 'Shall We Dance' Textiles  
exhibition closes

### *From the Retail Shop*

#### Books

**Island of a Million Tears**

Artie Rentoul

**Deutsche Auswanderer**

Hope and Reality

Diane Moon & Joyce Krause

**My Magic Islands**

Judith M. Brady

#### CD/DVDs

**The Dream That Came True**

Norm J Dean & Jim Gilbert

**Goading the Beast** Colin

Offord

**Harry Redford - The Movie**

#### Other gift ideas...

Local Honey

Knitted toys, booties, bibs

Handmade cards

Pet Rocks

## *A World of Tea and High Teas*



President of the Redland Museum, Douglas Alexander, officially opened *A World of Tea* exhibition on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Redland Mayor, Karen Williams and Councillor Tracey Huges joined the members for afternoon tea. The exhibition investigated the fascinating history of tea and the diversity of cultures that enjoy this tasty and medicinal



beverage. On display were many gorgeous tea settings, including a 140 year old tea pot and a teapoy, loaned by members especially for the exhibition.

To celebrate *A World of Tea* exhibition the museum hosted two wonderful high teas on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August. After a wander through the museum, visitors were treated to a terrific rendition of tunes played by Ian on the pianola. Sharon Froome, our resident expert, then delivered a fascinating introduction to the world of teas.

The gentle aroma of chamomile, lavender, peppermint and apple wafted throughout the room, while our guests shared a variety of delicious sandwiches and sweet treats.



Oodles of compliments were received, with guests already asking about next time! Once again, our wonderful volunteer team was in action, producing another successful event.

The exhibition was closed on 31 August with an afternoon tea for those that had loaned items. Three beautiful tea sets were raffled as part of the

exhibition and the winners "insert winner name" notified. See Sharon at reception if you would like to purchase any of the amazing teas sampled on the day, or visit her website at [www.embraceorganictea.com.au](http://www.embraceorganictea.com.au)

## *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition*

On 24<sup>th</sup> August a sophisticated group of Redland Museum volunteers was treated to the visual delights from the opulent 1920s world of Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition at Old Government House. Peter Robertson kept a watchful eye over his flock of ladies as we all admired the intricate workmanship of the stunning gowns, props and furniture from the ABC TV series. We had fun with an old fashioned 'dress up' ...How divine! An additional treat was the celebration of Anne Tully's birthday.



## Colin Strikes a Tune

Multitalented Macleay Island resident, Colin Offord, has many strings to his bow, including instrument inventor, musician, singer, traveller and visual artist. In appreciation for hosting his *Curlew Republic* exhibition and performances in 2014, Colin decided to construct a zither and donate it to the museum.



Using a cypress pine from Macleay Island, Colin has brought his idea to fruition. Throughout June and July, he presented a series of concerts and workshops, culminating in a dynamic

concert on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. At this event Colin, accompanied by guitarist Elo Rawlinson, played the zither and sang. His invitation to the audience to play was taken up by Sharon Froome, Phil Robinson and other members of the audience.



Rick and Sandra also experimented with it the day before the concert and both were intrigued by the range of sounds produced. Numerous visitors since the concert have played this very unusual instrument.



Two youngsters, Riley and Cooper, proved very efficient, and both were very reluctant to leave! Colin also donated a variety of items used to play the zither, including two sticks and a bow.



So...if you hear unusual notes resounding through our museum do not be alarmed: it is merely someone enjoying the thrill of composing a melody on a beautifully crafted instrument.

## *Kids and Seniors Science Day*

An enthusiastic band of dedicated volunteers helped both kids and seniors alike to mix, create, observe, construct and learn about the wonders of science. In



conjunction with National Science Week and National Seniors' Week, the Redland



Museum held our inaugural Science Day. Physics, chemistry and engineering skills were tested. We had machines in the form of bottle and balloon rockets,

kites, paper planes, O-ring flyers, tea bags, helicopters and special machines running on air. Visitors also had the special opportunity to observe our largest satellite with a very special telescope. Other science experiments included surface tension, gas production, sound waves, bridge construction challenge as well as old fashioned telephones.



Lots of positive comments were received by our volunteers, including 'This is the best day of my life!' and 'We'll be here next year!' It was difficult to tell who was having the most fun, kids or adults!

## *Blooming Beanies and Scarves*

If you are looking for a warm beanie and a cosy scarf these wintry days or a Fathers' Day gift, our museum can help you. All proceeds from sales go directly to the museum. All beanies and scarves are skillfully hand knitted by Annabelle, Audrey, Barbara, Margaret and



Miriam . They have a decorative Redland Museum tag, which may be kept as a souvenir for those who wish to send the beanie or scarf overseas as a gift. The Beanie Tree is in its seventh year and the scarf tower in its first. Kimberley arranged the beanies and the Scarf Tower. Hein and Ken Hanson constructed and assembled the turrets, while Don Roberts added the paint. *Sandra Davis*



## Museum Clippings

- **Museum shirts** - If you would like to purchase a museum shirt see Jan Banks from textiles. The shirts are subsidised by the museum and cost \$25
- **Crazy Day** - Once again Bloomfield Street was buzzing with the annual Crazy Day Markets held on the Brisbane Show holiday. Heritage was the theme for the day and our volunteers were out in force in their heritage costumes. They complemented the other heritage displays including a beautiful old 1903 steam car. The day was terrific publicity for the museum, with prominent exposure in the *Redland City Bulletin*, and many locals promised to visit the museum in the near future.
- **GreazeFest** - This was our second joint venture with Robot Productions at the Showgrounds, the first being *Rockabilly* earlier in the year. More than 30 volunteers involved in guiding, catering and merchandising, welcomed over a thousand visitors during the weekend. The positive comments made by visitors at this excellent exposure were most encouraging. All museum members can feel proud of their involvement with the museum.
- **Shall We Dance?**  
This gorgeous display will close at the end of September. The display exhibits a lovely cross section of gowns and tuxedos from 1920s 'Flapper' to 80s 'Disco'.
- **Transience** - Remember to head to the museum to view the beautiful Transience display. It will transport you to a calmer place.
- **Model Train Show**...watch this space



## Awards

- The Redland Museum was honoured with a finalist position in the "Most Innovative Business" category at the Redlands Business Awards. While we were unsuccessful in winning this category, being nominated shows that we are a forward thinking Museum, preserving our history whilst keeping in touch with modern technology - the past and the future, hand in hand. Ross Bower and Phil Robinson represented the museum at this special evening.



## Community Support

Each Monday to Friday volunteers from Meals on Wheels deliver meals to many in our community who are not able to cook for themselves. The meals will be brought to your door and our volunteers are willing to pack them into your fridge as part of the service. If you think we can help you, please call 3286 2626 or go to our website at [www.clevelandmealsonwheels.com.au](http://www.clevelandmealsonwheels.com.au).

We are also looking for volunteers, please call us on 3286 2626 if you are interested.

# Rogues' Gallery

