



SPECIAL THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

New Farm & Districts Historical Society celebrates 30 years 18 June 2024

The New Farm and Districts Historical Society will acknowledge 30 years *Gathering information from the past ... Preserving it for the future* at their monthly public meeting on 22 June. The meeting will include:

- Remembering our beginnings
- Reflecting on changes in the area
- Revealing our new logo
- Celebrating together
- Having a party!

See the NFDHS story – The Beginnings on **Page 4**.



What will our new logo look like?

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REVIEW OF MAY MEETING

The May meeting was certainly a well-attended affair, with every available seat taken! With preliminaries, such as the welcome by President, Desley Garnett, announcements and reminders of various upcoming events, and the ever-popular *Movietone News* segment completed, we were soon treated to a fascinating presentation.

Guest Presenter, Mark Coleman, a Brisbane photographer specialising in nightscapes and low light photography predominantly using a drone, delivered an inspiring talk on Brisbane's inner-city bridges.



REPORTER
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THE RIVER CITY AND ITS BRIDGES



PRESENTER
Mark "Brizzypix" Coleman

From the Victoria to the Kangaroo Point Green, Brisbane's 10 inner-city bridges span the historical development of a river city from 1861 to 2024. Well-known photographer, Mark, presented a visually informative narrative of these river crossings to a full house of members and visitors at the NFDHS May meeting.

Brisbane is arguably one of the most liveable cities in the world. As the river snakes its way through the CBD, a natural charm and a challenging dimension have been provided to the bridge designers and builders to connect the many business and residential hubs that comprise our unique lifestyle.

At the time of early settlement, river crossing was only possible by boat (unless you were a keen swimmer and not afraid of bull sharks!) and it wasn't until 1865 that

Brisbane's first bridge was built, a temporary wooden structure linking North and South Brisbane between Queen and Melbourne Streets. Named the **Brisbane Bridge**, it was the first incarnation of what we know today as the **Victoria Bridge**. This structure, using timber pylons in its construction, soon became unusable due to attack by marine borer (marine cobra worms) in 1867 and flood damage in 1869.

Replaced in 1874 by the **first Victoria Bridge**, this structure also had a relatively short life with the northern side being swept downstream by the 1893 flood.

The **second Victoria Bridge** was opened in 1897, constructed using cast iron piers with solid concrete and masonry abutments, one of which remains today on the Southbank side of the river. With increasing traffic demands, there was evidence of the bridge buckling as early as 1943. This led to the replacement by the **third Victoria Bridge** that we know today.

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We build too many walls and not enough bridges.
Isaac Newton



Victoria Bridge, opened 1897, with current bridge, opened 1969

Following Mark's historical account of the Victoria bridges, his talk gave us a chronology of Brisbane's numerous and varied river crossings and how he has captured the many amazing aspects with his skilful photography.

The **William Jolly Bridge** was built in 1928, in Art Deco style, constructed using steel framed arches with a sprayed concrete veneer. Originally it was named the Grey Street Bridge but was renamed the William Jolly Bridge after Brisbane's first Lord Mayor (1925 to 1931), William Alfred Jolly. A recent feature of this bridge has been nighttime projections onto its structure; this stopped during the COVID pandemic and has not recommenced. Increasing electricity costs have prevented this; it seems bridges are not immune to the cost-of-living pressures!



William Jolly Bridge in all its colourful nighttime projection

The **Story Bridge**, designed by engineer John Bradfield and opened by King George V on 6 July 1940, is a replica of the Jacques Cartier Bridge in Montreal, Canada. These days the Story Bridge firework displays are a popular

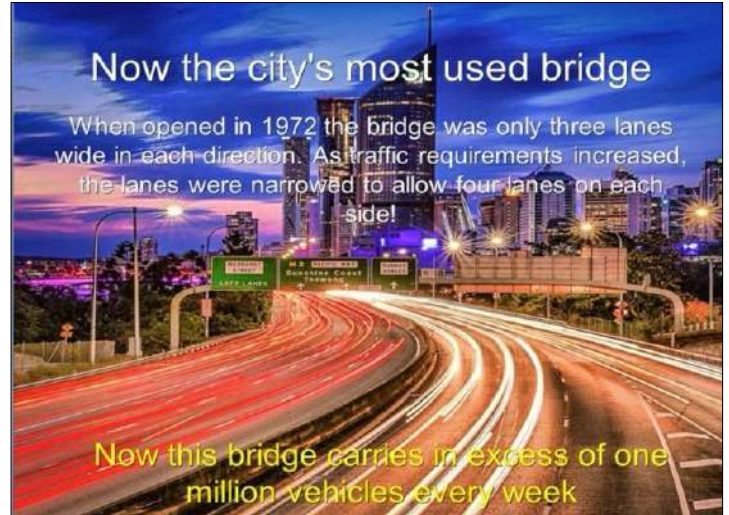


Story Bridge captured during Riverfire

. To appreciate the many stunning photos in this presentation, access the recording of Mark's talk on [Vimeo](#).

part of *Riverfire* and New Year celebrations. The recent installation of 534 modern adjustable LED displays provides nightly and special event illuminations across the bridge.

The **Captain Cook Bridge**, or as Mark refers to it, the "forgotten" bridge, was opened in 1972 to cope with Brisbane's increasing population and accompanying traffic demands.



Captain Cook Bridge - Riverside Expressway, captured by SLR camera through "the hole in the fence"

Brisbane River's first rail crossing, the **Merivale Bridge** opened in 1975, is a double steel arch construction, carrying a double track rail line.



The double arches of the Merivale Rail Bridge

The **Goodwill Bridge** linking Southbank to QUT/Botanical Gardens precinct, used by pedestrians and cyclists, was opened in October 2001. (Continued on P 3)



The Goodwill Bridge

The **Go-Between Bridge**, opened July 2010, was part of Council's Trans-Apex plan. It is probably our most under-utilised bridge, but it is the most expensive per kilometre toll bridge! Maybe this is why Mark doesn't favour this structure with his valuable lenses!



The Go Between Bridge under construction

The **Kurilpa Bridge**, opened in 2011, is a pedestrian and bicycle bridge with a unique design concept. It is a multi-mast, cable stay structure based on the principles of tensegrity. The bridge has a relatively small footprint thanks to the artful design of the spiral off-ramp at Kurilpa Point on the south side.



Tensegrity of the Kurilpa Bridge on full display

The Neville Bonner Bridge, named for our first Indigenous Parliamentarian, linking Southbank to the new Queens Wharf development, will open in August 2024. The standout features of this bridge are its elegant curvaceous "boomerang" design and it being exclusively for foot traffic.



Beautiful Neville Bonner Bridge

Linking Kangaroo Point to the CBD is Brisbane's newest pedestrian only bridge, the **Kangaroo Point Green Bridge**. Its cable-stay design blends seamlessly into the cityscape. The world's largest river-based crane, with a 480 tonne lifting capacity, was used for its construction.



Kangaroo Point Green Bridge - to be opened late 2024

Mark's talk provided an interesting insight into the innovative design aspects of each of Brisbane's 10 inner city bridges. He included the history of government funding and wrangling to bring these bridges to reality and highlighted unique design features and functionality thus increasing the connection between north and south in our growing city.

The next question spanning the discussion was where will Brisbane's next bridge be built – Bulimba to Newstead...or maybe West End to Toowong? Whichever one eventuates, you can be sure that Mark Coleman will be out there creating an interesting and comprehensive photographic record of its construction and certainly will be one of the first to cross it on foot!

More of Mark's work can be found here:

[Facebook link](#)

[Views of Brisbane link](#)



Inspecting the drone

DATE CLAIMERS

Public meetings are normally held at 2.30pm at the Merthyr Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm, on the fourth Saturday of each month from February to November. Entry fee is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Please save these dates in your diaries.

Date	Event
until July 31	NFDHS Historical Display at New Farm Library
June 8	Teneriffe Festival
June 13	Getting to Know You Afternoon Tea
June 22	Public Meeting – 30 th anniversary celebrations
June 29	Fortitude Valley Pubs Tour
July 6	Newstead & Bowen Hills Tour
July 13 & 14	Brisbane Open House
July 27	Public Meeting
August 24	Public Meeting and AGM
September 7	RHSQ Bi-Centennial Commemoration, Redcliffe
September 28	Public Meeting
October 26	Public Meeting
November 23	Public Meeting – Final for 2024
October-November	Membership Renewals will be accepted for 2025

Further events and information will be supplied in subsequent newsletters and notifications.

Video recordings (Vimeos) of Monthly Presentations are available on the website. The Vimeo archive can be accessed [here](#).

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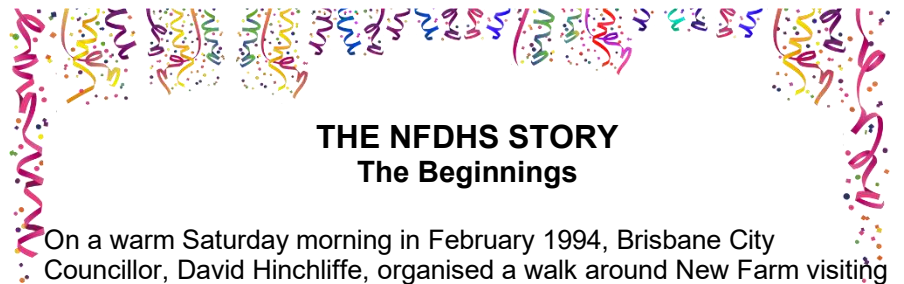
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THE NFDHS STORY The Beginnings

On a warm Saturday morning in February 1994, Brisbane City Councillor, David Hinchliffe, organised a walk around New Farm visiting some historical sites.

The forty people who gathered at Holy Spirit School, including Peter Beattie, MLA, and Alderman Beattie Dawson (1973-76), were invited to contribute to the knowledge of the sites visited on the walk. Jan Power spoke on 'Early New Farm Days'. As Councillor Hinchliffe thanked all for attending, he suggested that New Farm was "an interesting place in need of a recorded history from its beginning as a convict farm to today's multicultural village". His suggestion to establish a committee to 'Research and Record the History of New Farm' led to action soon after, and the inaugural meeting of the Society was held on June 18 1994, with Maureen Baillie elected as the first president. From the start, members have been passionate about preserving and celebrating the rich and vibrant history of New Farm, Teneriffe, Newstead, Fortitude Valley and Bowen Hills.

Meetings were initially held in the New Farm Library amongst the shelves of books – there were no beautiful meeting rooms then as there are today. When the Ron Muir Room opened, meetings were held there. By the end of 2008, the numbers attending the meetings had grown to over forty, thus exceeding the limit of the Ron Muir Room. The first meeting of the historical society for 2009 saw the launch of the first publication, *Reflections on New Farm*, by Gloria Grant and Gerard Benjamin. This was held at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre with over 100 people attending. The venue proved to be very suitable for the monthly public meetings of the society and meetings have been held there ever since. The covered courtyard proves to be the very place to be for afternoon tea and social chatter after the meetings. Since 2009, two more books about the history of the district have been launched – *Tides of Teneriffe* by Vicki Bridgstock and *Homes with History* by Gerard Benjamin.

From these small beginnings, the New Farm and Districts Historical Society has become an Incorporated Association and now has just over 200 financial members and an email contact list of over 1000 interested people.

With the start of the COVID pandemic at the beginning of 2020, meetings were not held for several months and then were held with a limited capacity of 50 people. It was then that the decision was taken to video record the meetings and make them available for members to view them at home. This has proved a very successful way of recording the talks given and preserving the history shared by the speaker for access at any time.

The first gathering of interested people was a walk around New Farm, and these were continued occasionally led by members of the society. In the last few years, there have been 10 – 12 walks in various parts of New Farm, Teneriffe, Bowen Hills, Fortitude Valley and the Princess Theatre in Woolloongabba. These have created much interest in learning more about our wonderful 'peninsula' and many 'walkers' then become members of the society.

The Society holds public meetings at **2:30 pm on the 4th Saturday of each month** (February to November) when guest presenters speak on a variety of topics that inform and inspire and are relevant to the history of the area or greater Brisbane. Afternoon tea brings the opportunity to meet up with friends old and new. These meetings are held at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm. There are usually 90 to 140 members and interested friends attending each meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and to enjoy afternoon tea and friendship in the courtyard.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2024

Desley Garnett
President



Turning 30! Do you remember it?

I have been thinking about the significance of turning thirty. Looking back in my life, I was still 'mothering' teenagers, and I don't remember it being significant. For young adults today, turning 30 appears to be one of those crisis points - you either embrace fully moving into 'serious adulthood' or you try to pretend it is not happening because you want to stay young and carefree. Some want to celebrate it and others want it to just slip past. The committee decided 30 years of the New Farm & Districts Historical Society is worth celebrating!

We have travelled a road of significant growth in the number of members, worked on becoming more efficient in our administrative processes, and tried to ensure that we have an interesting line-up of speakers for our public meetings, and that the meetings are welcoming and friendly. We have increased our public engagement through regular walks of historical interest and through showcasing our activities at public events. Thanks to changes that happened in society through COVID, we are now video

recording all our public meetings and making them available for people interested in the topic of the meeting and ensuring our society has a permanent record of the information shared at the meeting. We are working on moving into the digital age with respect to our archival material, thus making information more easily available to members and the general public.



When the society began, computers were not as accessible to everyone as they are now, and email was in its early days. The first 1G 'brick' mobile phone was introduced to Australia for voice only communication in 1987, but it was quite a while before it was something that we all owned. Organising meetings and general communication must have been much more difficult, so congratulations to the committees in the first decade or so.

This seems to me to be a very good record of changes over the past 30 years and is a good reason to celebrate. We always welcome your thoughts and ideas and your active engagement with the society in practical ways. Letters to the editor editor@newfarmhistorical.org.au are a great way to let us know what you are thinking, or just email us directly at info@newfarmhistorical.org.au.

Come on and celebrate! Saturday, 22nd June, 2:30 pm.

VALE Margaret King

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of society member Margaret King. Margaret was probably our longest continual financial member, having become involved with the society soon after the initial walk that was the catalyst for its formation. Many will remember Margaret as the person at the welcome desk who received the entry fees at the public meetings and for a time ensured everyone had their 'lucky door prize' tickets.

There was so much more to Margaret, much of which we do not know! Margaret King was a mathematician and worked with computers at a time when they occupied a whole room. She travelled extensively overseas for work and for leisure and finally settled in New Farm. Her knowledge of the history of New Farm was very impressive and she was responsible for collecting and organising much of the material in our archives. Margaret was also very involved with the Metropolitan Seniors Citizens Club. Ill health in more recent times and the move out of New Farm caused her to reduce her activities with our Society and we have missed her presence at our meetings.

This New Farm identity and great friend of the historical society will be missed. We offer our condolences to her family.



VALE Angelo, Founder of Angelo's Fresh Pasta Products

New Farm and Fortitude Valley have lost another of their favourite sons, Angelo Cazzolato, the man behind Brisbane's beloved Angelo's Fresh Pasta Products, who passed away on 4 May 2024, aged 91. Born in Italy's Veneto region, Angelo began by hand-crafting pasta under his own house in New Farm. His dedication turned that humble beginning into Queensland's largest and award-winning fresh pasta producer. Angelo's Fresh Pasta is a Brisbane landmark, with its iconic big red factory on Doggett Street, Fortitude Valley. The company's success is a testament to Angelo's determination and hard work. His daughter, Donna, spoke at our June meeting in 2015. Our condolences go to Angelo's family who are continuing his legacy.

More about Angelo's history can be found here
<https://www.angelospasta.com.au/angelos-story/>



RECENT EVENTS

Sights and Sites along Moray Street Tour Guide: Gerard Benjamin

There was so much to see in Moray St on Saturday 18 May, that time ran out before we reached its Upper North section. The Sydney/Moray intersection is always popular with points of interest on each corner, viz GFS House, Santa Barbara, and the sites of the Papaw Hospital and the school run by the McKenzie sisters. The advantage of a smaller group is that our walkers got to know a little bit more about each other, and the conversation continued over a cuppa at Merthyr Village.



The Hollywood Period of the Princess Theatre Tour Guide: Robert Allen

Around 20 Society members and others enjoyed a tour of Woolloongabba's Princess Theatre on Saturday 1 June with society member and theatre historian Robert Allen. The tour date was special because it was the 112th anniversary of the re-opening of the theatre as a silent movie cinema. The refurbished Princess could hold 1 200 people. Pictures were shown each night during the week and twice on Saturdays, often accompanied by a pianist. The Princess showed silent movies until 1930. With the advent of sound, it continued as a 'talkies' cinema until 1948.



Princess Theatre 1941



Princess Theatre - 1921



HeartFIT comes to New Farm

A message from Bruce Collins, Founder and Proprietor of [HeartFIT](#)

To the New Farm & Districts Historical Society

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to introduce HeartFIT to the New Farm community with your invitation to speak at your February meeting this year.

The response received was fantastic, which has opened the door for us to start a weekly session at the New Farm Uniting Church Hall. I am confident this will be a wonderful addition for HeartFIT and will greatly benefit the health and wellbeing of the mature age community in New Farm.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Bruna Burello-Day for her initiative and invaluable assistance in

making this all come to fruition. Her dedication and efforts have been instrumental in facilitating this new chapter for HeartFIT, for which I am immensely grateful.

We are excited to see the positive impact that our sessions will have on the community and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to seeing many of you 'in session' as we go forward.

Bruce Collins

The 9.30 session on Tuesdays has been locked in; however, due to high demand a second session would be feasible. Bruce will discuss options at forthcoming sessions and announce the decision in coming weeks. Sessions are held at the Merthyr Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road (the same location as NFDHS monthly meetings).

*From left to right: Bruce with new recruit, Beth, aged 99!
Enthusiastic NF HeartFITers lining up to sign up,
and a few familiar NFDHS faces.*



RESPONSE TO MAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The May Newsletter elicited some positive reactions, including the following:

From Ken and Mary Davidson - Living in Glenfalloch

Mary and I grew up in Brisbane but always in mid-suburban settings. But when we returned after 20 years away, we were visiting a relative who'd recently set up in New Farm and we decided that, after establishing a botanical garden near Toowoomba and not wanting to work a garden again, a unit there would best suit us too. We first found a place in Sydney Street but sitting on our deck there and looking towards the river we asked ourselves why shouldn't we live in that high building on the river?

We found Glenfalloch to be one of Brisbane's oldest high rise apartment buildings, so it wasn't surprising it was located on this premier spot. We bought a high unit and were staggered by the views and also found it was so solidly built that, unlike more modern apartments, inter-unit noise was virtually non-existent. We then bought an end unit with balconies front and back and found we got a different river view from every window and each deck.

Glenfalloch's location is fabulous for public transport – frequent bus services (to New Farm Park, Merthyr Village, the Valley, City, Cultural Centre, West End and Fairfield) at the front door, and frequent ferries (CityCat and free City Hopper) at the back door. It wasn't hard to get rid of our cars. For first-rate river walks we have Merthyr Park or the river walk to Howard Smith Wharves.

Being on the edge of the city centre one would expect to be in a noisy area but, being on a bridgeless pocket, there's no through traffic so the roads are quiet and so is the whole environment.

Glenfalloch has almost 100 units with a nice mixture of owner-occupied and rented units and we run across each other in lifts, at bus and ferry stops, in the basement carparks, in our beautifully treed large back garden, and our under-used pool, and we're generally a very friendly lot. The 60+ year-old building predated Bodies Corporate so we are a company with leased units, and we hope it can stay that way.

Since coming here, for the first time in my life I can't imagine anywhere better to live. Now in our eighties we hope we can stay well enough to enjoy this very easy-living spot for some years to come.
Dr Ken Davidson

From Madelyn Peterson (nee Usasz)

Madelyn, whose family lived on Oxlade Drive in the 1960s and '70s writes:

I really enjoyed reading about Glenfalloch as I recall there was so much local talk about it when the building was happening.

And I was delighted to see a photo of my mentor, Prof Pearn, who was responsible for drawing me into the world of clinical genetics and genetic counselling. Such a wonderful, gracious, knowledgeable man who was always generous with his time and interesting discussions from one of his many areas of expertise! The first time I met him, he asked about my academic pathway and, since I had a pharmacy degree and worked then in that profession, he gave me a copy of a book he had written on medicinal plants!

I'm so happy to see how engaged he still is in his interest in history.

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Glenfalloch on Oxlade Drive

From Marcus Dobinson

I wanted to share a little story of how much joy our Newsletters bring.....

On Sunday I had lunch with some neighbours. As it was a long lunch, we chatted about many things. I mentioned that I'm a member of our history group. I discovered a neighbour is researching the history of Merthyr Bowls Club. It was very interesting to hear what the site was used for during the war.

Anyhow, after lunch, I went home to collect the May newsletter and dropped it around to another neighbour's place. Later that evening I received a phone call from that neighbour while on my evening walk around New Farm.

She was so excited and thrilled...when she picked up the newsletter, she saw on the front page a news grab for Glenfalloch Tower. The story referred to her brother-in-law, Theo Hutton, whose architectural firm designed the building. My neighbour is Judy Hutton [who had been in the interior design business and worked with many architectural firms]. Judy told me Theo was such a lovely man, very fastidious and focussed on quality detail. Judy shared the newsletter with family and other architect friends.

Such a lovely story...all from our humble newsletter.

MYSTERY PHOTO



of the Five Star Cinemas group).

The last chance to win a double pass to the cinema will be at our 30th Anniversary Celebratory June meeting. So come along and have a go!

The lucky winner of the May Mystery Photo competition was member, **Marian Peters**, who correctly identified the photo of part of the "Flood" installation outside Mary Mae's Bar & Kitchen at the Powerhouse. Marian was thrilled to receive a double pass to New Farm Six Cinemas (or any of the Cinemas



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Bruna Burello-Day

Current Membership = 206

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Man of the Moment, **Marcus Dobinson**, our stand-in AV Guy (while our globe-trotting regular AV Guy, Stuart Wallace is on an extended overseas holiday) has had a “baptism of fire” for his first solo gig operating the AV equipment. It turned out that our hardware was not compatible with our speaker’s software and presented many challenges. So, there were several nail-biting moments on the part of Austin Adams (Cameraman) while both Marcus and Mark Coleman calmly collaborated to come up with, in the nick of time, solutions which produced an (almost) seamless backdrop for the presentation. So impressive was his management of the AV, that Marcus reported to Stuart that *A gentleman came up to me afterwards and said Stuart would have been proud of me. Very nice of him. Well done, Marcus!*



Marcus and Mark

Here's Marcus' story:

My first connection with New Farm was through my aunt. She lived in New Farm before she was married (born Millmerran) in the 1950s. She would share stories of her time living in New Farm. And fond memories of her travelling by tram, along Brunswick Street, for treats at McWhirter's in the Valley.

I grew up in Toowoomba. Like any young person growing up in regional Australia, there came a time to come to the big smoke. Through work I had the opportunity to make that move. But where to buy? A friend said that if you're working in the city, it made sense to live north of the river. If there were any traffic problems on the bridges, getting to work can be a considerable challenge when travelling from the southside. So New Farm it was. New Farm was amazing. Coffee shops, restaurants galore and the ever-popular grocery meeting place at Merthyr Village Shopping Centre. I could easily walk to work on the path under the Story Bridge or catch one of the many buses travelling the 195, 196 or 199 routes.

I lived in New Farm for fifteen years. I joined the NFDHS before I left and attended every book launch since *Reflections on New Farm (2008)*, compiled by the late Gloria Grant and Gerard Benjamin. I also recall Gerard's book launched by the former Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley AC. I remember how she was such an eloquent speaker (she was born and grew up in Toowoomba too).

I moved to Albion for several years. From my balcony, I could still see parts of New Farm along the river. And I yearned to return, so it's no surprise I bought back into the New Farm “Peninsula” a couple of years ago...and rejoined the wonderful NFDHS.

Now, most evenings I enjoy pleasant walks along the river to the Powerhouse and around the ever-beautiful New

Farm Park, full of life with happy picnickers enjoying our piece of heaven.

Great to be back in New Farm. You might say I should've never left. But by leaving, I wouldn't have appreciated New Farm as much as I do now (again)!

Marcus Dobinson

Accolades from Member, George Cowin

I would like to mention that I attended the History Queensland Inc AGM and meetingand spoke of the activities of the Qld Manx Society Inc, along with other societies who shared their reports.

I also took the opportunity to mention that the NFDHS had registered its 200th member and that it continued to have meetings where over 100 people attended. It was indeed the most successful Historical Society in Queensland.

Getting to Know You (formerly New Members Welcome) Afternoon Tea

Thursday, 13 June, 2.30pm, Ron Muir Meeting Room

To be held monthly, this event is open to anyone, whether new, long-standing, or former members, newcomers to the suburb wanting to know about the history of their home, or anyone interested in finding out about the Society before making any commitments.

It's an opportunity for like-minded people, young and more mature, to get together to talk about their favourite topic – New Farm and surrounds – and to share memories and stories.

We hope we can tempt you with tea, coffee, and home-made treats, along with great conversation. If planning to attend, please RSVP to president@newfarmhistorical.org.au.



New Farm Library Display

To celebrate our 30th birthday, the society has arranged a display which is currently on show at the New Farm Library in Sydney Street. Items have been kindly lent by Rosalinda Pike (her father's fireman's helmet), James Delahunty (chemist's memorabilia), Gary Collett (family photos) and Archie Nahman (antique soft drink bottles). The display, which has attracted excellent public feedback, will continue until the end of July.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Historic Walking Tour of Fortitude Valley Pubs

Saturday, 29 June 2024, 2.00-4.30pm

Tour Guide: Robert Allen

Most of Brisbane's oldest pubs are long gone, but Fortitude Valley still retains a number that have survived the wrecker's ball and reinvented themselves for the 21st century. Robert Allen will be running his popular Valley hotels walking tour on Saturday 29 June.

Featuring expert commentary and behind the scenes insights, the tour will focus on half a dozen pubs, each with something to tell us about the social, political and economic history of the Valley.

NB. The tour is conducted as an easy walking pace but there are stairs at some venues. Tickets can be booked at [Eventbrite](#).



Wickham Rainbow



Prince Consort

BNE OPEN HOUSE

Brisbane Open House (BOH) is an annual weekend celebrating notable buildings and places, with dozens of properties across Brisbane opened to the public free of charge.

This year's BOH will be held on 13 and 14 July and organisers have announced New Farm as this year's 'Village of Brisbane', nicely coinciding with our mid-year 30th birthday celebrations. The New Farm Powerhouse will be a prime focus for events. Several historic local properties around New Farm will be open to the public and local walks led by our society's tour guides are also planned.

More information on local BOH events will be provided at the June meeting and in the July newsletter. The BOH website can be accessed [here](#):

Walking Tour: Newstead and Bowen Hills:

Saturday, 6 July 2024, 8.30am

Tour Guide: Gerard Benjamin

Join us at Gasworks for a slow climb to Bowen Hills to view the Twelfth Night Theatre, Cintra House, Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, the site of Cloudland, and much more. Book on [Eventbrite](#).



IN OTHER NEWS

The D House

The article by Jessica Yule, architect and society member, and published in the November 2023 Newsletter, has now been uploaded to the website. It contains more information and photographs and can be accessed [here](#).

Update on Vimeo of Tamsin O'Connor's Talk on the Brisbane Centenary Celebrations

View the updated Vimeo of the insightful and informative talk by Tamsin O'Connor in April [here](#).

Kangaroo Point Then and Now

This video tour of Kangaroo Point by Austin Adams is now available on YouTube [here](#).



AROUND THE TRAPS

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Here are some of the almost 110 attendees (in no particular order). Please go to our photo gallery to see all the photos taken on the day.

<https://newfarmhistorical.org.au/gallery/>



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