



invites you to hear

**Mark Baker**

Speak about

**Service Stations:  
A brief history in suburban Brisbane**

The internal combustion engine motor car has been around for 100 years and has changed significantly. Similarly, the refuelling facilities established to service them have also evolved in their form and function. This talk tracks the evolution through five distinct phases using a section of Ipswich Road as a case study.

Mark Baker is a Town Planner with extensive experience in the conservation of the built environment. His work has been recognised with numerous awards from the Planning Institute of Australia and from the National Trust of Queensland.

Come along and listen to Mark speak about the evolution of service stations.

An Annual General Meeting will take place before the talk.

**Where? Kingsbury Room,**

**Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre**

**347 Old Cleveland Rd. Coorparoo**

**When? Saturday 1 February 2025 at 2.00 pm**

Everybody is welcome, but why not become a member? A small donation to offset hiring charges are always appreciated.

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Coorparoo  
& Heritage Group  
Districts

## JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2025 and hopefully a year that will be memorable for all.

It is hoped that all members had an enjoyable Christmas and the opportunity to catch up with family and friends.

It is with deep regret that we advise of the passing in December of one of our Patrons, Bruce Hunter. Helen Hunter has graciously agreed to become a Patron. This will be endorsed at the AGM.

The Committee would like to thank our political representatives at all levels of government, Max Chandler-Mather MP, Member for Griffith, Joe Kelly MP, Member for Greenslopes and Councillor Fiona Cunningham, Councillor for the Coorparoo Ward, for their generous donations towards the Christmas Raffle. A thank you is also extended to our Patron Helen Hicks for her donations. Congratulations to all members who won prizes and thanks to those who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets.

In December, our Christmas meeting, former politician Pat Comben AM was to speak on the topic *Politicians and other animals I have meet*. Unfortunately, he changed the topic and commenced his address talking about the electorate of Logan (Coorparoo was once part of this electorate). He then spoke about the Temperance League and the Coorparoo women who were part of this movement. It is interesting to note that Coorparoo has never had a hotel whilst neighbouring suburbs do. Following the talk members and guests enjoyed some Christmas cheer and fine food. Our group was fortunate to receive a grant under the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Donation to assist in catering for this function.

Our Annual General Meeting will be conducted at the 1 February 2025 meeting before our Guest speaker delivers his address. Members are again urged to consider nominating for positions on the Committee. Committee membership is not onerous and can be fun and very informative. Nomination forms are attached with this newsletter. Nominations close on Thursday 30 January 2025. Members are also reminded that the Annual Membership fees are due on 1 March 2025. A Membership Renewal Notice is also attached to this newsletter.

Following the AGM, Mark Baker will speak on Service Stations: A brief history in suburban Brisbane. Mark is a Town Planner with extensive experience in the conservation of the built environment and has made a study of the evolution of service stations and how they have changed over time. How many service stations can you remember that once seemed to be on every corner? Bring your thoughts along to this meeting.

The Eris Jolly Library continues to increase in holdings with new books continually being added to the collection. A list of the library's holdings will always be available at the meetings for members to peruse. The group is desperately in need of someone to sit at the book table and assist members with their borrowings and record the borrowings and returns. **Is there a member who would offer their assistance in the library for the duration of the meeting?** In the past some members have borrowed books and not returned them. One particular book that has been in demand is **Law to War by Catherine Bond**. Would the borrower please return it at the next meeting or phone President Ron on 0412 944 095.

Continuing our articles on prominent Coorparoo identities, in this newsletter we feature long-time resident and famous pianist, Max Olding AM. This article has been extracted from Wikipedia and reworded as necessary.

## Max Olding AM

**Maxwell Charles Olding** was born on 4 July 1929. He grew up in Launceston, Tasmania, where as a pianist he often competed against Australian composer Peter Sculthorpe, who later joked that he turned his focus to composition because he could never beat Olding in piano competitions. In 1950, then aged 21, he was appointed an Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) Examiner. He won the Commonwealth final of the 1952 ABC's Concerto Competition.

He began his tertiary teaching career at the University of Melbourne Conservatorium. He was appointed an adjudicator at the 1952 City of Sydney Eisteddfod and has since adjudicated at most of Australia's major music competitions, has chaired many of them and also acted as external examiner for higher degrees at the Universities throughout Australia. Olding also adjudicated at the 2010 National Young Performers Awards in Invercargill, New Zealand.

Max met Pamela Page when they tied for first place in the inaugural Royal Concert Trust Fund Competition in London in 1954. They married in Vienna in 1955. Since then, they have been a distinguished Australian husband and wife team of duo-pianists. They gave many recitals in Australia and overseas. In Australia they appeared with all major and many regional orchestras.

Max was a patron of the Music Teachers Association of Queensland, the Piano Tuners and Technicians Guild and was a Fellow of the Queensland Conservatorium. He gave many master classes and seminars nationally and internationally.

He was deputy chair and principal examiner (Instrumental) for the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) in Queensland. In later years he also worked extensively in Southeast Asia and New Zealand for the board in examining and promotional activities.

Max Olding held positions as president of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Society and deputy chair of the Brisbane Institute of Art. He was patron of the Queensland Piano Tuners and Technicians Guild, and was a Life Member of the Accompanists Guild of Queensland Inc.

Olding was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1970, "To investigate new methods and techniques relating to pianoforte teaching and instruction at advanced and tertiary levels. Max's contribution to the musical life of Australia was recognised in 1991 when he became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to music and music education.

He was also involved in conducting symphonic, choral, operatic and theatre works as well as teaching, administration and as organist and choirmaster.

In 2011, Max (along with Pamela Page) received a Doctor of Music *honoris causa* from the University of Queensland, where he had taught piano for many years. He also held senior teaching and administrative positions at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University (deputy director and principal lecturer in piano); QUT (acting head and senior lecturer); and City University of New York (visiting professor).

He died on 17 November 2021, aged 92. Max and Pamela have one son, violinist Dene Olding.



## **Renewal Notice**

Fees for the annual renewal of your membership of *Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group* are due on 1 March 2025

Annual Membership fee                \$20.00

Fees can be transferred directly into the group's Bank of Queensland account.

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Account No. 90258888

Alternatively, please make money order payable to Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group and send this slip and payment to:

Hon. Treasurer  
Coorparoo & Districts Heritage Group  
PO Box 263  
Coorparoo Q. 4151

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COORPAROO AND DISTRICTS HERITAGE GROUP WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 2.00PM. THE VENUE FOR THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS THE ALEXANDRA ROOM AT THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOME COMMUNITY CENTRE 347 OLD CLEVELAND ROAD COORPAROO.

FOLLOWING THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING YOU ARE INVITED TO LISTEN TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER MARK BAKER SPEAK ABOUT SERVICE STATIONS: A BRIEF HISTORY OF SUBURBAN BRISBANE.

The aim of the group is to Preserve and Record the Heritage of Coorparoo and the surrounding districts. To assist in this endeavour, you are invited to nominate for one of the positions on the Executive Committee.

At the AGM there will be an election of Office Bearers for the 2023 year. Please consider nominating for a position on the Committee or nominating someone else who you consider could contribute to the running of our group.

Following the election of office bearers, a Motion is proposed to endorse Helen Hunter as Patron in addition to existing Patron Helen Hicks.

Please detach and return the completed nomination Form to the Honorary Secretary by Thursday 30 January 2025.

**NOMINATION FORM**

I.....(proposer) Nominate.....

for the position of

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- COMMITTEE MEMBER

(Please strike out positions not applicable)

Has the nominee accepted nomination?.....Yes/No

Signature of Proposer.....

Contact Phone No.....