

Coorparoo
& Heritage Group
Districts

Invites you to hear

Annabel Lloyd

Speak about

The Brisbane City Council Archives

The Brisbane City Archives hold a wealth of information relating to our city.

Records held by the archives include; Minutes from the various Towns, Shires and other local authorities in the Brisbane area from 1859 until 1925, and from 1925 onwards minutes from the Greater Brisbane City Council.

Other material available are the Council's Annual Reports from 1940, Street naming records, park histories, photographs taken by Council photographers from 1940 through 2000.

Information on details of service for elected Aldermen and Councillors is also available.

Another valuable asset is the Council's detailed plans from 1913. These plans include an outline of existing houses and buildings existing at the time the plans were prepared.

The archives are located in the Skyline Business Centre, 15/ 107-123 Muriel Avenue, Moorooka. The archives are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm for research. Other times are available by appointment.

Annabel joined the Brisbane City Council in 1994 as its archivist and has served in this role ever since.

Come along and listen to Annabel advising us of the valuable research material the archives hold and is available for research.

At this meeting long standing members of the group will be presented with Certificates of Recognition.

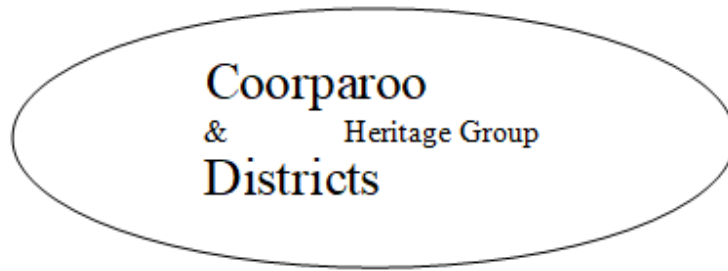
Where? **Kingsbury Room**
Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre
347 Old Cleveland Rd. Coorparoo

When? Saturday **1 April 2023** at 2.00 pm

Non-members are welcome, but why not join our group? A small donation to offset hiring charges would be appreciated.

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This flyer kindly copied by the office of the Member for Greenslopes, Joe Kelly MP



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting was held prior to the February meeting. All existing committee members were re-elected un-opposed.

Elected members for 2023 are President: Ron Baker, Vice-President: Richard Jeffreys: Treasurer: Angela Hawes: Secretary: Helen Hastie: Committee: Barbara Carloss, Lesley Brandis, Pat Skytte and Ruth Blair. Congratulations to all the committee members on their election. The President's Report for 2022 accompanies this newsletter.

Following the AGM Con Drozdovskii spoke about "Russian Gabba" and the influence the "White" Russians had on the South-East area of Brisbane, particularly Woolloongabba. Con distributed a booklet titled Russians in Australia "From Russia with Love". A copy of this booklet has been added to the Eris Jolly Library.

The Brisbane City Council's Archivist, Annabel Lloyd will speak about the material held in the Council's archives at Muriel Avenue Moorooka. For anyone wanting to research information about our city a visit to the archives is well worth the effort. As noted in the flyer, long standing members will be presented with Certificates of Recognition. Councillor Fiona Cunningham has agreed to make the presentations.

Planning for the October bus tour is well under way. This year it is planned to travel to the Hamilton/Ascot area. Unfortunately some interesting homes can not be included in the tour owing to the difficulty in getting the coach to navigate the narrow winding streets. However there are still many significant heritage buildings to view from the coach. This trip is planned for 7 October. Put this date in your diary.

Unfortunately the idea that members write about the street where they live did not prove popular with no one offering to write about their street.

The Committee is planning a Women of Coorparoo & District seminar. St. Stephen's Church Hall has been booked and speakers are being organised. The event will take place on Saturday 2 September 2023. If this seminar is successful and we have a significant list of notable women of the district we may consider holding a second seminar. Over the years the district has had many significant women and we wish to recognise their contribution to the district.

Continuing our articles on prominent Coorparoo identities this Newsletter we feature a gentleman who on five occasions was Chairmen of the Coorparoo Shire Council, Walter Henry Barnes MLA.

WALTER HENRY BARNES MLA

Walter Henry Barnes was born in Castlemaine Victoria on 7 September 1858 the second son of Hiram and Catherine (nee Dawes). The family moved to Queensland when he was six years old.

He gained employment in the saddlery business and then worked as a driver for Cobb & Co. coaches, then with Uhl's Saddlery in Brisbane. Following this he worked for the Post Office. Then in 1884 he joined his brother's firm of Barnes and Co. Ltd., produce and general merchants. He held the position of manager of the Roma Street business for many years, and ultimately became Managing Director of the company.

For 25 years Barnes was a member of the Coorparoo Shire Council and held the position of Shire Chairman on 5 occasions. From 1892-94, 1900, 1906 and 1923.

He first entered Parliament in 1901 as the member for Bulimba, succeeding Sir James R. Dickson, who left State politics for Federal Parliament. With the exception of a break of three years, Barnes represented Bulimba and later, Wynnum, in the Queensland Legislative Assembly until his death on 19 February 1933.

His first office was that of Minister for Lands in the short-lived Philip Ministry (19 November 1907 to 18 February 1908). Then in the Kidston coalition Ministry, he served as Minister for Public Instruction, and had the distinction of piloting the University of Queensland Bill through Parliament. In 1909 Barnes was allotted the combination portfolios of Public Works and Education, and in 1912 became Treasurer and Minister for Works in the Denham administration, and served as Acting Premier during Denham's absence in Great Britain.

He again served as Treasurer in the Moore Administration.

He was defeated in the contest for Bulimba in 1915, but was again returned in the general election of 1918, and later became the member for Wynnum.

Walter Henry Barnes died at his home in Coorparoo after suffering poor health for several months. He was accorded a State Funeral and buried in South Brisbane Cemetery. A memorial was erected to him on the Wynnum foreshore near the Wynnum Wading Pool.



Walter Henry Barnes MLA

It is my pleasure to report on last year's activities.

Fortunately we were not interrupted by covid restrictions even though the threat was always present.

Our 2022 membership list stands at 63 members and the current Committee consists of 8 members. Additional Committee members are always welcome.

Its not too late to nominate for this year's committee. Members find participation enjoyable and informative

Once again we were fortunate to experience interesting speakers.

In February, following the AGM, we listened to Robin Kleinschmidt OAM speak about *The Early German Presence in the South-East Brisbane area*. Robin gave us a copy of his address and additional images. These have been inserted into a folder and will be added to our Eris Jolly Library collection.

Following on the emigration theme, in April we had Dr. Robert Ørsted Jensen tell us about *The Early Scandinavian Settlement in South-East Queensland*. Unfortunately Robert could not show his images owing to incompatibility between his lap top and ours.

In June we embarked on a different track when Jordan Haimes advised us about the *Cross River Rail* project. This was an informative address and Jordan revealed a number of interesting artefacts discovered during excavation.

As 2022 was the centenary of the foundation of the Queensland Country Women's Association, we arranged for State President Shiela Campbell to speak on the activities of the association over its last 100 years.

The Sandgate/Shorncliffe area was the scene for our annual bus excursion in October. The Mt. Gravatt Coach & Travel supplied a comfortable coach and obliging driver. A very enjoyable afternoon tea was had at Matthew Thomas Cafe and timing ran to perfection returning to Queen Alexandra Home a few minutes before 5.00 pm.

In December, our Christmas meeting, Stephen Sheaffe AM. spoke about *The True Facts behind the Mayne Inheritance*. Stephen gave a convincing talk on why the book *The Mayne Inheritance* should be considered a novel and not an historical document. Several members of the Annerley Stephens History Group attended this meeting.

I would like to thank the speakers who addressed our group and look forward to another year of interesting talks.

Apart from our regular meetings our group was invited to be involved in numerous community activities.

The St. Stephens Anglican Church celebrated its 100th birthday and our group was requested to provide a display for the centenary celebrations on 8 October 2022. We were able to unearth some valuable material relating to the original church including the original architect's drawings for the church.

The Brisbane City Council asked us to participate in the opening of the Martha Street Village Precinct project with a display. We also provided the information for the commemorative plaque mounted on the Newman Avenue corner of Martha Street. Our effort is recognised on the plaque.

Councillor Fiona Cunningham requested us to provide information for the recently named Barbara Joyce Park. This park sign only had the name of the park and needed further explanation. Our group is also providing information on several other parks in the Coorparoo Ward that require further explanation.

Following the collection of signatures for two petitions our group submitted these petitions to Councillor Cunningham to have a small parkland in Lade Street named Pat Clark Ryan Park and the Old Cleveland Road section of Coorparoo Creek named Wallace Place after Wallace Brothers Plumbing who once occupied the site for many years before resumption by Council. It is hoped that these petitions are successful.

The Coorparoo Community Association Inc. wound up late last year and following its final meeting all its assets were transferred to our group. We thank the CCAI for its generous consideration.

Our book library, The Eris Jolly Library, is continuing to expand due to generous donations by members and purchases of our speaker's books. The collection is kept in a cabinet in the room adjacent to the Kingsbury Room at Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre and is available at each of our meetings.

I would like to thank Mr. Joe Kelly MP, Member for Greenslopes and his staff for assistance with the photocopying of flyers and notices of meetings etc.

There are a number of members of our group who need to be thanked for their individual contributions. Angela Hawes for looking after our finances and attending to numerous matters at our meetings Helen Hastie for taking the minutes at our Committee meetings and also managing the serving of afternoon teas at our general meetings.

Other Committee members for their input into various activities and contributions at committee meetings.

Also Greg Doolan for looking after our web page and also our Facebook page

Also our three tiers of political representatives who generously donated prizes for our Christmas raffle and members who also donated prizes are thanked for their donations.

Our Honorary Patrons, Helen Hicks & Bruce Hunter and also our Honorary Auditor Philip Dyson are also thanked.

Lastly I would like to thank all members of our group for their continued support and attendance and contributions towards venue hire and afternoon tea. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Ron Baker OAM
President