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Joe Kelly MP Member for Greenslopes

Speak on The Goings on in the Greenslopes Electorate

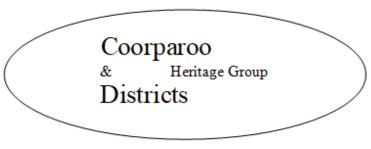
Joe Kelly MP has been the member for the Greenslopes electorate since 2015 and in this time has gained valuable information on the numerous community groups and service organisations located within the electorate. Joe has always focused on building community and has strong relationships with all community groups in the area. Coorparoo and Districts being an older area of Brisbane, many community organisations such as Victor Scout Group that have a long history whereas groups like Stepping Stone Clubhouse are relatively young. Joe will share some of the history of these groups young and old, as well as, providing an update on current activities.

Come along and listen to Joe speak about what is happening in the Greenslopes Electorate

Where? Alexandra Room (upstairs)
Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre
347 Old Cleveland Rd. Coorparoo
When? 7June 2025 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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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Apologies for the lateness of this newsletter but your scribe has once again been in hospital, hence the brevity.

At our April meeting we moved upstairs to the Alexandra Room to test out the acoustics. The carpeted floor certainly improved the acoustics and the microphone worked, albeit the volume could have been turned up slightly. Hopefully these teething problems will be sorted out at the next meeting The committee would like feedback about the change of venue for our meetings,

Dr, Janis Hanley gave an informative talk on the Chinese presence in the district around Coorparoo. Unfortunately, her research into Coorparoo so far has been limited. And further research will be conducted in this area. She did mention Ah Fong who was a notable character in Coorparoo. Our parted member, Trevor Connolly often mentioned Ah Fong and what he did around the Coorparoo area. Once Dr. Hanley has conducted further research we will invite her back to speak about the Chinese influence in Coorparoo.

Our speaker at the June meeting will be our local State member of Parliament Joe Kelly MP Member for Greenslopes. Joe has visited our group on several occasions but has never had the chance to tell us about the numerous organisations and the work they do in the community. He will also mention some of the things he has done in the electorate.

Members are reminded that Membership Renewal Subs. were due on 1 March. Renewal can be by cash at the next meeting, cheques or by bank transfer. Banking details are:

Bank of Queensland

BSB 124962

Acct. No. 90258888.

Until the Eris Jolly Library can be relocated to the Alexandra Room, borrowings are not possible. However, books on loan can still be returned

Continuing our articles on prominent Coorparoo identities, in this newsletter we feature Isabella (Isabel) McCorkindale. This is a direct extract from the Australian Dictionary of Biography written by Diane Langmore.

Isabella (Isabel) McCorkindale (1885–1971)

by Diane Langmore

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- online in 2006

Isabella (Isabel) McCorkindale (1885-1971), temperance worker, was born on 5 January 1885 at Rutherglen, Lanarkshire, Scotland, eldest daughter of Archibald McCorkindale, wholesale ironmonger,

and his wife Barbara, née Brown. In 1886 the organized campaigns against liquor licences and extension of drinking hours.

In 1934 Isabel McCorkindale and Ada Bromham attended as Australian delegates the world W.C.T.U. convention in Stockholm, also the British Commonwealth League Conference and the World Congress against Alcoholism. After visiting Switzerland, Austria and Russia—whose progressive social welfare policies impressed Miss McCorkindale—they returned via China and Japan to Australia where she resumed her work for the W.C.T.U. From 1948 she edited its monthly magazine, the *White Ribbon Signal*. Her publications include, besides temperance pamphlets and study books, *The Frances Willard Centenary Book* (1939), *Pioneer Pathways* (1948) and *Torch-bearers* (1949). In her later years she promoted the use of fruit juices as an alternative to alcohol, and campaigned for road safety, advocating use of the breathalyser. In 1958 she helped to establish an Australian committee of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism. She was national president of the W.C.T.U. in 1963-66.

A prominent figure in the international W.C.T.U., Isabel McCorkindale served as world vice-president in 1947-59 and president in 1959-62. She represented Australia at international conventions in England (1950), Canada (1953), West Germany (1956), Mexico (1959) and India (1962). In 1963 she was appointed M.B.E.

Slight, dark and bright-eyed, Isabel McCorkindale appears in photographs a rather elfin figure beside some of her strong-jawed, sturdy temperance colleagues, who appreciated her charm, leadership capacity, sense of humour and eloquence. In her speaking and writing she used scientific rather than emotive arguments against alcohol. Like that of many of her colleagues her commitment was part of a wider concern for the status of women. A member of the League of Women Voters, she served as a committee-member for the 1946 Australian Women's Charter conference, and defended the charter against attack from other women's organizations. In 1950 she was a member of the Australian delegation to the United Nations' Status of Women Commission in New York. A lifelong member of the Coorparoo Methodist Church, she felt challenged to 'make the world a better place'. She died unmarried at her home at Holland Park, Brisbane, on 24 February 1971 and was cremated.

In addition to the above extract the following information is included.

Her father, Archibald McCorkingdale became the Shire Chairman of the Coorparoo Shire Council in 1895. He tragically, was drowned when the Pearl ferry capsized in the Brisbane River on February 13, 1896. The disaster occurred when the ferry was carrying passengers between Queen's Wharf and Musgrave Wharf. The ferry was struck by an eddy current and strong current, causing it to collide with the anchor chains of the vessel Lucinda, resulting in the ferry splitting in two and sinking.