

Coorparoo
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Invites you to partake in

A Virtual Tour of the Historic New Farm Area

Tour guide, Ron Baker OAM, will take you on a virtual tour of the New Farm area from the comfort of your chair in the Kingsbury Room of the Queen Alexandra Home Community Centre.

New Farm is one of Brisbane's oldest suburbs and the peninsula of New Farm was once called *Binkinba*, the place of the land tortoises. The suburb derives its name from the fact that the peninsula was used as a farming area in the early days of Brisbane's history when Commandant Logan established a new farm in the area in 1827 as part of the Moreton Bay Penal Colony.

The New Farm area is rich in history and contains a considerable number of Brisbane City Council listed heritage places and some of these places are also on the State Heritage Register. This virtual tour, which is in lieu of a planned coach tour, will pass many of the district's heritage homes and buildings built from the latter half of the 1800's to the early 1900's. This tour will take you past several of the buildings that would be have been impossible to visit by coach owing to the narrowness of a road or the overhang of the large trees, especially in the Merthyr area.

Come along and listen to Ron speak about some of the heritage listed buildings of New Farm.

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

When? Saturday **5 October 2024** at 2.00 pm

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

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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dr. Deb. Jordan spoke to us at our August meeting about Female Suffrage. Unfortunately, once again the microphone system let us down despite being tested the day before. We are now looking for a different system. President Ron spoke at the Coorparoo Probus Club recently and was impressed with their microphone system. Ron is following up on this and hopes to have a new microphone system in place by the October meeting. Deb. had a very soft voice and this made it hard to hear, especially those in the back row. Deb's talk was very interesting and outlined the struggle women had to get the vote, especially women like Mary McConnell, Leontine Cooper, Charlotte Trundle and Emma Miller. Coorparoo's Elizabeth Bretnall was also prominent in the struggle. Deb also sold a number of her books of which members will find interesting reading.

The October excursion to New Farm had to be cancelled owing to several factors. Firstly, the planned route could not be travelled by a 48 seat coach. After the route was replanned to suit the smaller 24 seat coach the cost became prohibitive. With these factors considered the decision was made to cancel the tour but instead have a virtual bus tour of the New Farm area. There is a considerable number of heritage listed buildings in the area President Ron will present this visual tour and take us to places the coach could not travel. It is well worth the time to drive around the area after the talk.

The Eris Jolly Library needs someone to look after the books going out and the books coming in. We have a register but it is not being maintained. You don't have to be a librarian. A comprehensive list of our holdings is attached to this newsletter. The task is not onerous, it requires someone to place part of the collection on a table in the meeting room and return them to the bookcase at the end of the meeting.

The Treasurer has advised that there are still some members who have not paid their membership renewal fee for this year. The treasure would appreciate prompt payment. Payment can be paid by bank transfer, cheque or cash payment at the next meeting. The group's bank account is; Bank of Queensland, BSB 124062 Account No. 90258888

The committee is still continuing its research for the location of former service stations. In the area Some former services stations are easy to locate as their structure still remains under a different use but others have been completely removed. The committee is urging members to provide the group with the location, name and hopefully a photograph of the service station. It will not matter if your information is the same as other members. With this information the group can prepare a comprehensive map showing the locations of these stations. **Members contribution is valuable.**

We have sufficient speakers lined up for this year but are on the lookout for next year's speakers. If members have heard or know of speakers who would be suitable for our group, please let a committee member know and this will be followed up.

Continuing our articles on Coorparoo identities in this Newsletter we feature the Late Bill Hewitt who represented the seat of Greenslopes from 1977 to 1983. Bill spoke to our group in October 1995 about Growing up in Brisbane in the 1930's.

William (Bill) Douglas Hewitt

Bill was born in a tent on the bank of the Mooloolah River on 31 October 1930, during the Depression years. His father was a railway fettler and the family were constantly on the move, living in railway construction tents. He was the youngest of five children.

The family moved to a rental house in Green Terrace, Windsor in 1931 and Bill remained at this property until his marriage in 1956.

Bill was educated at the Windsor State School with a love of History and English and this passion remained with him all his life. Following completing his Scholarship examination, Bill joined the workforce as his parents could not afford to send him off to secondary school. His first job was a "Tailor out" on a sanding machine in Carricks Furniture factory. To earn extra pocket money, he worked as a Bakery delivery boy and as a paper boy.

As Carricks could not offer him the opportunity to advance, Bill, in 1946 found employment at Castlemaine Perkins as an office boy. They offered to pay his fees for him to attend night school to study accountancy. He remained with them for 8½ years and then he was employed at Websters Furniture Manufacturers as Office Manager/Accountant. He stayed there for 10 years.

Bill joined the Hamilton Amateur Wheelers, and despite training, the thrill of racing and the team spirit helped him in his self development. In 1955, he was a selector for the Olympic Road Races.

In 1950 he was invited to a Young Liberals meeting and was immediately hooked on politics. Jim Killen was President, and Bill soon became Club Secretary Delegate at the Branch meetings. Bill became President in 1957-59 and later he was made a Life Member of the Queensland Young Liberals. Bill met his life long partner, Shirley Clark at a Young Liberals meeting, later marrying her in 1956 and having three children.

Bill contested the State seat of Belmont in the 1960 election but was defeated by Labor's Fred Newton. He then served as campaign manager for Jim Killen, who narrowly retained his federal seat of Moreton in the 1961 Australian federal election.

Bill was a member of the Queensland State Parliament from 28 May 1966 to 22 October 1983, representing the electorate of Chatsworth from 28 May 1966 to 12 November 1977 and Greenslopes from 12 November 1977 until 22 October 1983, when he lost his seat to Leisha Harvey at the 1983 election when there was a split between the National and the Liberal Parties.

Bill was temporarily Speaker from 1972-1975 and served as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees from 1975 to October 1980. In 1975, while in this position he took a principled decision to not support Joh Bjelkie-Petersen's nomination of Albert Field to replace federal Labor senator, Bruce Millner, as this was against the wishes of the Labor Party. Field was appointed, triggering the 1975 Australian constitutional crisis leading to the dismissal of Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam. In December 1980 Bill was appointed to the Minister as Minister for Environment, Survey and Valuation and Administrative Service in the Bjelkie-Petersen government. He later became the Minister for Welfare Services.

On 18 August 1983, Bill together with fellow Liberal Cabinet member Colin Miller, resigned from cabinet. He contested the 1983 election but was defeated by the National's Leish Harvey. During his 17 years in Parliament he earned the reputation for integrity and even-handedness.

After the election Bill took up a newsagencies at Toowong and Mt. Gravatt, and remained there for a number of years. He maintained his interest in politics and mentored other aspirants including former Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and former Senator George Brandis.

While a member of the Queensland Parliament, Bill was made an Honorary member of the Stones Corner Rotary Club. After his departure from Parliament, Bill joined the Club as an active member. Bill served as President of the Stones Corner Rotary Club in 2005-06. He was an active member, organising quality guest speakers for numerous years. He also arranged for Stones Corner Rotary Club to be involved in the opening of the Eleanor Schonell Bridge but this did not happen in his year as President.

A park at Camp Hill, opposite the White Hill State College was named the Bill Hewitt Reserve in honour of Bill in 2016 just before Bill died.

Bill died on 23 November 2016 and was cremated at Mt. Thompson Crematorium.

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Alpha Author

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Twentieth Century Architecture 1900-1960	Adams K.M.
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The History of the Department of Transport	Brisbane City Council
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Slow as frog: a short history of the Brisbane trolley-bus system	Deskins, P. & Hyde, C. Styrrubbe
A history of Kuraby & Eight Mile Plains	Donovan, Ron
Our Liverpool Boys (2 copies)	Dredge Sue & Senior Julie For Liverpool City Council
Striving for Success 1900-1990: A History of Thompson Estate	Eastern Suburbs Athletic Club
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Moreton Bay in the news 1841-1860 - a select subject index	Fisher, Rod & Schiavo, John
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Grave tales, stories not laid to rest - vol 1 Brisbane	Goltz, Helen & Adams, Chris
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Historic homes of Brisbane	Hogan, Janet
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Bremer Echo Vol. 34. No. 3	Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc.
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Citizens of Ipswich 1904	Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc
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Seven Hills of Brisbane	Jolly, Eris
One man's family, a history of the Klumpps 1855-1983	Jordan, Lorraine
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The Early German Presence in the South-East Brisbane area	Kleinschmidt, Robin OAM
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