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President: Dr Iraphne Childs

## From the President

Dear Members, the next Members' meeting is our Annual General Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September. I would like to make here a few comments on the past year. As the Society's representative, I have attended events and functions in which I would not normally have had a chance to participate. Being President has enabled me to meet and get to know so many members. I wish to record my sincere thanks for these opportunities and to Councillors and our dedicated office staff without whom I would not have been able to fulfil the responsibilities of President.

The past two years has been a period of transition. The Society has overcome major challenges - the search for, and relocation to a new home, following the sale of our Milton premises in December 2017. The move to Spring Hill took place in September 2018 and then we underwent several months of design and fitting out to make Gregory Place fit for our purposes. Finally, we were able to invite members to the Open Day on 9<sup>th</sup> April and the official opening by our patron, the Governor of Queensland on 18<sup>th</sup> July. I would like to, once again, thank the Gregory House committee and all volunteers and staff involved in achieving this momentous change.

The on-going process to upgrade the incorporation status of the Society has taken up an enormous amount of time and effort over the past three years. The creation of a new legal platform for the Society from Letters Patent to a Company by Limited Guarantee, and adoption of a new Constitution, was passed at a special members' meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The document required to effect this change has been submitted to the Office of Fair Trading. I commend and thank the tireless efforts of Roger Grimley, Chris Spriggs and Lilia Darii as they have ploughed through the minefield of legal and administrative procedures required to make this transition happen.

Another important change this year has been the review and restructuring by Council of our staffing. This was conducted from October 2018 in consultation with our existing staff. I believe the resolution we achieved is assisting staff in their work and will enable us to pursue more effectively the Society's wider goals in promoting Geography in future.

In dealing with these major challenges over the past two years, I have had little time to progress some geographical initiatives that I had planned, particularly the renewed development of the Society's Scientific Studies and Publications. I hope to have an opportunity to work on these in the future and look forward to continuing my associations with RGSQ.

**Iraphne Childs, RGSQ President**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to members of the Society that the 2019 Annual General Meeting of The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc will be held:

**at "Gregory Place", Level 1, 28 Fortescue Street, Spring Hill, QLD 4000  
on Tuesday 17 September 2019, starting at 7.30 pm**

### Introduction

There are a couple of characteristics applying to conduct of the 2019 AGM that differ from recent years. As at the date of issue of this Notice:

- (a) the (new) Constitution approved by members at the Special General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as part of transfer of the Society's incorporation to a company limited by guarantee (CLG), has not yet been registered by ASIC. Accordingly, the AGM will be held under the rules of the current constitution.
- (b) No nominations have been submitted by members for election to the positions of President or Vice President. The Society's current President, Dr. Iraphne Childs, has served the two (2) year term limit specified in the current constitution, and is ineligible to nominate for re-election as President at this AGM.

Included in the business to be considered at the AGM is a proposed Special Resolution dealing with adoption of a couple of specific clauses in the new constitution approved on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, which will provide a mechanism for filling the important positions not (currently) covered by nominations ((b) above). This is more fully explained in the Explanatory Notes below which form part of this Notice of Meeting.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is:

- (i) to receive the Council's Report and the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities of the Society for the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- (ii) to receive the Auditor's Report in respect of the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- (iii) to appoint the Auditor in respect of the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- (iv) to consider, and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution:  
'that Clauses 40.1(c), 40.1(e) and 40.2 of the constitution approved by members on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be adopted for application to decisions relating to item (v).

**This Special Resolution requires support of not less than 75% of members voting.**

- (v) to elect members of the Council.

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## **Explanatory Notes**

### **Business items (i) – (iii)**

Material supporting these items (Council's Report and the Financial Reports, including the Auditor's Report) will be available for those attending the meeting, and will be added to the Society's web site following the meeting. The Reports will also be available to Members several days prior to the meeting.

### **Business item (iv) Special Resolution**

The complete text of the clauses of the (new) constitution which are the subject of this Special Resolution:

- Clause 40.1(c) (which sets a four (4) year limit on a President's term);
- Clause 40.1(e) (which provides for a President to be appointed by the council where there is no nomination for election at an AGM), and
- Clause 40.2(a) (which provides for the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary to be appointed by the Council)

is shown at the end of this Explanatory Note.

As a part of the (new) constitution approved by members on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, these clauses will come into full effect on completion of the process of transfer of the Society's incorporation to a CLG. However, it is not known when this will occur.

Adoption of these clauses at the AGM will provide a mechanism for the Council to finalise appointments to positions not filled through election, shortly after the AGM. The alternative of waiting until the incorporation transfer process is completed, given the timing uncertainty, and operating the Society with key positions unfilled, is not considered by the Council to be appropriate.

Irrespective of at what point the Council exercises its powers under Clauses 40.1(e) and 40.2 of the (new) constitution, all elected councillors (subject to consent) may be candidates for appointment to vacant positions, including President. This includes the current President who, whilst not entitled to nominate for election as President at this AGM, and subject to being elected as a councillor, is eligible to be considered for appointment as President under Clause 40.1(c), as set out in the Special Resolution.

If nominations for election as President and Vice President are received before the meeting, and subject to nominees being elected at the meeting, those Clauses of the new constitution referred to in the Special Resolution will not become operative until completion of the transfer of incorporation of the Society to a CLG.

### **Business item (v) Election of Members of the Council.**

Under both the current and new constitutions, all Councillors retire from office each year, and a new Council is elected by members. Any member, including those currently serving as Councillors, may nominate (and be seconded) for election as a Councillor, and nominations can be lodged at any time up to the commencement of the meeting. The functions of a Councillor are set out in a document 'Role Description – Councillors', has been provided to nominees, and can be obtained from the RGSQ Business Manager, or any current Councillor.

Members currently serving as Councillors who have re-nominated for election to the Council for 2020:

Iraphne Childs  
Christopher Spriggs (Treasurer)

Leo Scanlan  
Margaret McIvor (Secretary)  
John Tasker

Other members who have nominated for election to the Council for 2020:

Ian Harding; Annie Lau; Kath Berg; Daphne Stephens  
Pamela Tonkin; Jonathan Corcoran; Patrick Moss

Issued by Order of the Council

Date 20/08/2019

Full text of clauses of the (new) constitution referred to in Special Resolution-Business item (iv)

Clause 40.1(c) No member shall serve more than four (4) consecutive one-year terms as President. Where a member has served a four (4) consecutive year term as President, that member is ineligible for election as President until a period of 12 months has lapsed since conclusion of the previous four (4) year term.

Clause 40.1(e) Where no member nominates for election as President or where no member is elected as President, the Council will at the meeting of the Council first held after the annual General Meeting at which the election of the Councillors and President was last considered and subject to the consent of the Councillor concerned, appoint a Councillor as President. A Councillor appointed President under this clause shall, subject to clause 40.2(c) (but excluding referenced to clause 40.2(a) in that clause) retain the office of President until the following annual General Meeting.

Clause 40.2(a) The Councillors will, at the meeting of Councillors first held after an annual General Meeting, and subject to the consent of the Councillors concerned, appoint Councillors to the office bearer positions of:

- (i) Vice President
- (ii) Treasurer
- (iii) Secretary

Brief background of nominees for election as Councillors on the RGSQ Council for 2020

#### **Dr. Annie Lau**

I have been an RGSQ member since 2017. I am a lecturer in Geography at the University of Queensland, researching and teaching in physical geography with a focus on coastal hazards and coastal changes (e.g. storms, tsunamis, beach erosion). Before moving to Brisbane in 2016, I grew up and studied in Hong Kong, and pursued my PhD in Singapore. I love travelling and playing with sand for fun and my work as a coastal scientist!

#### **Mr. Ian Harding**

I have been a member of RGSQ since mid-2018. I grew up and was educated in Devon, UK, coming to Australia in 1972 by traveling overland from England. My professional life has been in the publishing industry, working mostly as a publisher producing school textbooks, including geography texts. Before retiring, my wife and I established our own publishing business which we ran for 10 years.

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**Ms. Daphne Stephens**

I have been a member since 2014. I graduated as a Town Planner in 1995 from the UQ as a mature aged student. My 20 years' professional career was entirely in town planning development assessment work within the area of south-eastern Queensland, 19 years in private enterprise (mainly with Town Planning Strategies and Goodwin Midson&Partners) and one year in the Brisbane City Council.

**Ms. Pamela Tonkin**

I have been a member of RGSQ since February 2018. I grew up in rural central Victoria. In 1975 I enrolled in a BA degree at Monash University and studied geography, biology, politics and philosophy and majored in both physical and human geography. I chose to take up a career as a librarian, and I have been employed in research institutions and universities either contributing to or supporting research. I now have my own publishing company and am working on the publication of classic works in the genres of fiction, travel and poetry. I also write travel guides.

**Associate Professor Patrick Moss**

I have just become an RGSQ member (August 2019). I am an Associate Professor in Physical Geography and Deputy Head of School, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, The University of Queensland. I teach in the areas of biogeography and environmental management and I am undertaking research in Quaternary palaeoecology across Australia and South East Asia.

**Mr. Christopher Spriggs, FCA**

**Treasurer: 2014 - present**

**Secretary: 2012 - 2014**

**Member: 2004 - present**

Chris Spriggs is currently Treasurer of RGSQ and is a Chartered Accountant. After working in the UK and Melbourne he was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Incitec Ltd in Brisbane in 1989 and then CFO of Orica Inc in US and Canada before retiring back in Brisbane in 2002. He has a great interest in orienteering and has been past President and Treasurer of Orienteering Queensland Inc. He continues to coordinate orienteering events each Thursday around Brisbane. Chris enjoys Geography in all its facets and continues to travel as much as possible.

**Mr. Leo Scanlan FRGSQ**

**Councillor: 1989 – 2010, 2012 – 2014, 2016 - present**

**President: 2010 – 2012, 2014 – 2016**

**Member: 1987 - present**

Leo has worked in the newspaper industry as well as the Department of Main Roads, and he is currently a Guide at Queensland Parliament House. He has undertaken formal studies in tourism and has brought these valuable skills to the Society through his long serving Chairmanship of the Society's Treks and Activities Committee. Following his strong interest in geography he has organised and led numerous Society treks both within Australia and overseas.

**Ms. Margaret McIvor FRGSQ**

**Secretary: 2016 - Present**

**Councillor: 2011 - 2016**

**Member: 1993 - present**

After completing a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Geography and a Diploma of Education, Margaret commenced her teaching career in 1975 at Everton Park State High School. From 1988 until recently, Margaret was actively involved in The Geography Teachers' Association of

Queensland (GTAQ) and the Australian Geography Teachers' Association (AGTA). Since the mid-1990s, Margaret has been a member of the Australian Geography Competition Committee – participating in Geography's Big Week Out and travelling with the Australian teams to the National Geographic World Championships and the International Geography Olympiads.

**Dr. Iraphne Childs FRGSQ**

**Past president: 2003 - 2005, 2017 - present**

**Vice President: 1999 – 2003, 2016 - 2017**

**Councillor: 1993 – 1994, 2012 – 2016**

**Member: 1988 – 2009, 2012 - present**

Dr. Iraphne Childs is currently President of RGSQ. She is a Senior Research Associate in the Queensland Centre for Population research within the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, at The University of Queensland. Iraphne teaches and conducts research in the area of environmental hazards and population change. She was previously Senior Lecturer in Geography at Queensland University of Technology where she directed the Geography program, has held teaching and research positions at the East-West Center in Hawaii and has lived and worked in Japan for several years. Iraphne was born and grew up in England, has travelled extensively in Asia and volunteers with Red Cross Emergency to assist with disaster response during Queensland's summer.

**Mr. John Tasker**

John joined the RGSQ in 2017. He is currently a Council member, coordinates the Young Geographers Special Interest Group and is a member of the Australian Geography Competition Committee. He has a B.Sc. (Hons) in Geographical Science from the University of Queensland. John is currently employed as a Senior Spatial Information Officer in the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Qld), where he manages drone, aerial and satellite imagery data. He received the Keith Smith prize in 2017.

**Ms Kath Berg**

I was RGSQ's Administrator from 1989 to 2014 when I transitioned into a part-time role as Education Officer for a couple of years, and then retired. I am a member of the Australian Geography Competition Committee and actively involved in organising its associated events, Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the International Geography Olympiad. I was awarded the Society's Thomson Medal in 2016.

**Professor Jonathan Corcoran**

Jonathan has been a RGSQ member since 2018. He is Professor in Human Geography within the School Earth and Environmental Sciences at The University of Queensland, and the director of the Queensland Centre for Population Research. His research interests lie in the fields of Population Geography, Spatial Science and Regional Science. His publications cover topics including human mobility and migration, human capital, and social problems each of which has a focus on quantitative methods. He is the co-editor of Australian Population Studies and Secretary of the Applied Geography Commission.

## SEPTEMBER 2019 MONTHLY LECTURE

### 'A Centenary of Girl Guides in Queensland'

Presentation by Kathy Neehouse

**Date:** Tuesday, September 3

**Time:** 7.30pm-9pm

**Venue:** [Gregory Place, Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill](#)

**RSVP:** [www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au)



#### Girl Guides in Queensland 1919 – 2019 - 100 years Strong

In this presentation join Kathy and see snap shots of the journey for girls and women in Queensland following the determination of a few girls and their Sunday school teachers to find out more about the Girl Guides in 1915. The journey takes them from the grounds of Government House in Brisbane in November 1919 to the most isolated towns and properties in our vast State where women and girls accept the challenge of being their best 'bound together by our voluntary acceptance of the Guide Law and Promise. This is the outward and visible sign under which we rallied; the hinge on which the movement turns' (Extract from the Founder's speech at the World Conference in 1930). In 2019, the challenge remains the same and the courage, determination, perseverance and ingenuity of girls and women is undiminished.

#### Guiding (volunteer roles)

Adult member Girl Guides Queensland 48 years, Leader of Youth, Leader of Adults, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Trainer, Girl Guides Queensland Board member, Region Manager, Outdoor Activities Consultant, Leader in Charge of State and International Camps, Chairman Girl Guides Queensland Centenary Committee.

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#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Kathy Neehouse, Kay Rees, Leo Scanlan, Coral Expeditions, Ian Francis



## The Gregory Grove mystery solved!

The person in the photo (see August Bulletin Page 8) was none other than the man himself, Les Stuart, who had the idea in 1984 for a grove of trees and plaque on Gregory Terrace to remember our first president Sir Augustus Charles Gregory. In the photo taken in 2010 he was checking the place out and, like me, found no grove and no plaque. The small area is part of Victoria Park, so it is perhaps now timely to request the City Council for the plaque, and possibly the grove, to be replaced and replanted to fulfil Les', and the Society's, original concept.

Words by Peter Lloyd

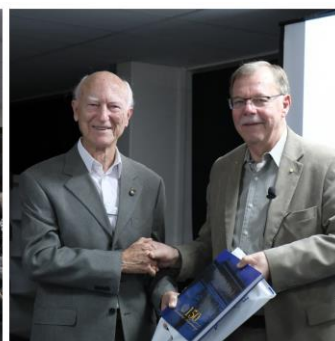
## Cook Committee

On 8 August, I represented the Society at a meeting of the Cook Conferences Committee (CCC) chaired by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland (RHSQ) at its headquarters in the Commissariat Store in Brisbane. The CCC is organising a series of conferences in Brisbane, 1770 and Cooktown on May 23 and 29 and August 1 next year to mark 250 years since James Cook and Co. sailed the eastern seaboard of what is now Queensland. The conferences are timed to co-ordinate with visits from the Navy's replica Endeavour at those places and times. Speakers will give short talks on a wide range of fascinating and challenging topics relating to Cook's explorations. Further details will be published in the Bulletin and on the RGSQ website as they come to hand. The CCC is also preparing brochures which will be available from the RGSQ office. Words by Peter Lloyd

## "Sir Augustus Charles Gregory: An Iconic Leader"

Despite suffering a heavy head cold, Dr Gary Bacon AM, from the United Grand Lodge in Queensland [UGLQ], presented a fascinating and entertaining story of AC Gregory's very productive life. He covered Gregory's many trips of exploration in West Australia and Queensland, his public service as Queensland's first Surveyor-General and Land Commissioner, and later geological surveyor, his political involvement as member of Queensland's Parliament, his diverse scientific interests and his leadership as an early Grand Master of the UGLQ.

Gary revealed new aspects to what was already a multi-dimensional character. He noted the high regard Gregory was held in Britain as an explorer to be trusted, the obsessive care he displayed for his horses on his many treks, his forty-three years as Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Queensland and, at his death in 1905, the outpouring of respect from both peers and populace earning him iconic status in the State's history. Gary presented the Society with a copy of The United Grand Lodge's 150-year history as well as a copy of Gregory's funeral booklet which comprised numerous pages, the copy being made from scanning the original held by the UGLQ. The large audience included several representatives



from the Lodge, who joined Society members in animated discussions and viewed the display on Gregory during supper. The talk and display focussed on AC Gregory, the Society's first President, to mark two hundred years since his birth in England on 1 August 1819.



## UPCOMING EVENTS | find out more and register at [www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au)



Reports from participants to the visits to Yabba Falls in July and August were very enthusiastic. The walk at Binna Burra, organised for Saturday 14th September, has only 4 spaces left, so if you are interested, please register soon. Looking ahead, a weekend trip to Gympie and surrounds is planned

for the first weekend in November and a one-day trip to St Helena Island National Park in Moreton Bay will take place on 23rd November. The trip to Central Australia, including the Geographical centre of Australia, is filling up very quickly. Expressions of interest can be registered on the website, with the first deposit due in September. Full details of this trip and all the others are on the website under the Events List. <https://rgsq.org.au/eventscalendar> or alternatively with the office on 07 3368 2066.

### GYMPIE DISCOVERY WEEKEND

Friday, 1st November to Sunday, 3rd November

Come and join us for an interesting weekend at Gympie and Surrounds, including visits to the Woodworks and Gold Mining Museums as well as a ride on the Mary Valley Rattler and a visit to a Camel Dairy.

#### MEMBERS ONLY

**Registration Cost:** \$70.00 per person; payable to RGSQ by 30 September 2019

**Inclusions:** entry and guide for Woodworks Museum; Mary Valley Rattler steam train (BYO snacks and drinks); entry and guide for Goldmining Museum booking fee.

**Exclusions:** accommodation costs; meals; transport.

You should book your accommodation as soon as possible if interested.

**Accommodation:** Various Motels and accommodation options. Gympie Caravan Park will be the "Trip Centre". <https://www.gympiecaravanparkgympie.com/>.

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Friday 1 November:** Check into accommodation (at own cost) at about 11am and meet for lunch at 12pm at the Woodworks Museum and Interpretive Centre at 8 Fraser Road, on the Bruce Highway just North of the Town. 1pm. Guided Tour.

5pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7pm - Possible Group dinner at a local restaurant at own cost.

**Saturday 2 November:** Gather at the Old Gympie Station, Tozer Street at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure on the Mary River Rattler to Aramoor arriving at 10am (One hour Stop and Turnaround). Return to Gympie by 12pm.

12.30pm Meet at Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Centre for lunch and the Café. 1.30 Museum Guided Tour.

5.00pm Happy Hour at Caravan Park. 7.00pm. Possible Self Catering at Caravan Park.

**Sunday 3 November:** 9.30am. Gather at Caravan Park 10.00am Arrive at Camelot Camel Dairy, 49 Waugh Road, Scrubby Creek (about 20-minute drive SW of Gympie). Tour of dairy and camel rides available! 12.00pm Lunch at Dairy Café. 1.00pm Depart for home via Scenic Route or of your choice.

**Trip Organiser:** Wayne McKenzie 0414 432 476

### St Helena Island National Park

23 November 2019

**Where:** St Helena Island National Park – Moreton Bay

**When:** 10 am Saturday 23rd November 2019 (be at William Gunn Jetty, Manly, by 9:45 am)

**Cost:** Members \$85; Non-members \$90 (includes ferry, lunch, and guided walking tour)

**Transport:** Own transport to Manly

**Duration:** Five hours or a little more

**Parking:** Google Maps shows an appreciable amount of car parking within 5 to 8 minutes' walk. Trip Advisor indicates street parking is available within 5 to 8 minutes' walk as well.

**Details:** St Helena Island lies about 5 km east of the mouth of the Brisbane River and has an area of about 80 hectares excluding mangroves.

Evidence from middens shows that the island, known as Noogoon, was used by Aboriginal people for hunting dugong and flying foxes and gathering shellfish.

St Helena was originally intended to be a quarantine station, but the buildings constructed for this purpose were converted into prison accommodation and the island functioned as a high security prison. A proclamation declaring the island a place of detention was signed by the Queensland Governor, Sir George Bowen, on 14 May 1867.

By the end of the twentieth century, there were over 300 prisoners on the island, many of whom had been convicted of violent crimes. Prisoners were engaged in farming, with sugar, maize, lucerne and vegetables being produced; as well as 'trade' activities such as brickmaking, tailoring, and rope making.

The prison was in decline by the 1920s and most prisoners and workshops were moved to Bogo Road Gaol. Several buildings were dismantled, and the last prisoner left the island on 15 February 1933. The island was gazetted a National Park in 1979 and as the first Historic Area in Queensland in 1980.

Our guided tour with Cat O'Nine Tails Cruises will include buildings in the restricted zone and involve walking a little over 4 km. Lunch will be provided during the tour. Bring a bottle of water, sunscreen and a hat, and wear comfortable shoes.

**Co-ordinator:** Bob Reid 0412 625944 (Mary Comer from 14 September to 1 November)

### 2020 RGSQ Trek to Lambert Centre

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR TREK TO LAMBERT CENTRE



This exciting 12-day trip includes airfares from Brisbane to Alice Springs, a luxury 4WD Tour Coach with a driver/guide and camp cook. Many included attractions as detailed below, as well as all breakfasts and dinners and most lunches. Some camping and some motels/cabins.

**Tentative Cost** not exceeding \$4500 per person twin share, with single supplement of \$575.

**Maximum limit:** 20 people. Expressions of Interest at no cost to be registered as soon as possible, with first deposits of \$125 per person required by 9 September 2019, \$150 by 9 December 2019 and \$350 by 9 March 2020. Full non-refundable balance per person required by 9 July 2020.

#### Full Draft Itinerary, Accommodation and Coach Details

**Day 1:** Wednesday 09/09/20 – Arrive Alice Springs. (Stay 2 nights at Desert Palms in twin share cabins)

**Day 2:** Thursday 10/09/20 – Alice Springs sightseeing

**Day 3:** Friday 11/09/20 – Western Macdonald Ranges (Stay: Kings Creek Station Safari Cabins)  
**Day 4:** Saturday 12/09/20 – Kings Canyon & Uluru (Stay Yalara 2 nights camping in 2-person tents)  
**Day 5:** Sunday 13/09/20 – Uluru & Kata-Tjuta National Parks (Ayers Rock and the Olgas)  
**Day 6:** Monday 14/09/20 – Travel to Lambert Centre 2 nights (camping in 2-person tents)  
**Day 7:** Tuesday 15/09/20 – RGSQ Lambert Centre activities  
**Day 8:** Wednesday 16/09/20 – Travel to Coober Pedy (Stay: Coober Pedy: twin share cabins)  
**Day 9:** Thursday 17/09/20 – Coober Pedy & William Creek (Stay: William Creek - Hotel accommodation)  
**Day 10:** Friday 18/09/20 – Optional Lake Eyre Scenic flight & Roxby Downs (Stay: Roxby Downs - camping in 2-person tents)  
**Day 11:** Saturday 19/09/20 – Woomera & Port Augusta (motel accommodation)  
**Day 12:** Sunday 20/09/20 – depart Adelaide for home

#### Included Attractions

- ◆ Alice Springs Sightseeing Tour including guided tour of Alice Springs Telegraph Station
- ◆ Entry and self-guided tour of Alice Springs Desert Park
- ◆ Entry to National Transport Hall of Fame & Ghan Museum, Alice Springs
- ◆ Western MacDonal Ranges including Stanley Chasm and Simpsons Gap
- ◆ Guided Rim Walk at Kings Canyon or self-guided canyon walk
- ◆ Sunset viewing of Uluru with drinks and nibbles
- ◆ Uluru Sunrise tour
- ◆ Guided base tour of Uluru
- ◆ Visit Uluru - Kata-Tjuta Cultural Centre
- ◆ Guided walk at Walpa Gorge at the Olgas
- ◆ Guided tour of Coober Pedy including underground mine, underground house and underground church
- ◆ Guided tour of Andamooka Opal Fields & Sunset tour at Roxby Downs
- ◆ Entry to Woomera Heritage Centre; entry to Wadlata Outback Centre in Port August

#### Meal Inclusions

Daily breakfast – a mix of continental and cooked breakfast/7 lunches/daily 2-course dinners.

#### Dedicated 2-person coach crew including experienced driver/guide and camp cook; The 4WD Coach:

- 22 reclining seats with lap-sash seat belts and plenty of leg room
- Arm rests & footrests to each set of seats (no footrests in front row)
- Road-cam – see what's happening up ahead via the TV monitor in passenger saloon
- Large windows with curtains
- Overhead luggage racks
- Overhead reading lights to each seat
- Reverse cycle – climate-controlled air-conditioning
- Air bag suspension for comfort
- Onboard fridge and freezer
- Onboard hot water urn
- Kitchen facilities
- Onboard rest room – rear of coach (not in passenger saloon)
- Luggage storage facilities
- Satellite phone for emergency contact in remote areas

#### Camping equipment

Two (2) person tents, equipped with camp stretcher, air mattress and/or bed roll. All plates, cups, bowls and eating utensils for meals will be supplied by Stonestreets Travel. Guests should bring their own sleeping bag, pillow, towel & 12-volt light/torch for tent and getting around at night.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



### KEN SUTTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, 23 September, from 9.30am to 12 noon.

**Venue: 'Gregory Place', Level 1, 28 Fortescue St, Spring Hill, 4000**



### EVENTS CALENDAR

**New and existing members welcome**

For a full view of the Map Group year refer to the RGSQ website

[www.rgsq.org.au](http://www.rgsq.org.au)

**Wed, 04 September 2019, 9:30am - 1:30pm**

#### Fryer Library Visit (including pre visit coffee and post visit lunch)

Details: The visit will give visitors an insight into the Fryer Memorial Library of Australian Literature which was founded in 1927 in honour of John Denis Fryer. It has a rich store of books, manuscripts, photographs, architectural drawings, oral histories and much more.

This will be the second visit with the aim to see more historic maps of Queensland and Australia.

**Pre-Event Coffee:** Our group will meet at Merlo's Café, Duhig Building, UQ St Lucia Campus, Campbell Rd, St Lucia at 9:15-9:30 am

**Fryer Library Event:** Tour from 10:00 to 12:00pm

**Post Event Lunch:** Approximately 12 noon at Wordsmith's Café Building 4, 2 Staff House Rd, St Lucia (dependent on completion of Fryer Library visit)

Website Link: <https://www.rgsq.org.au/event-3216479>

Location: Level 6, Duhig Tower The University of Queensland Brisbane QLD 4072

Transport: Members to make own arrangements

Cost: Fryer Library is free, coffee and lunch payment by member at venue

Co-ordinator: Kay Rees, (07) 3356-7329, 0402-101-555, email [kayrees@gmail.com](mailto:kayrees@gmail.com)

**Mon 14 - Fri 18 October 2019, 5-day event**

#### Toowoomba Field Trip - 5-day Event

Details: The aim of our tour/visit is to gain a better understanding of the mapping history of the Darling Downs and Toowoomba, one of the earliest settled areas in Queensland.

**Possible Venues:** Negotiations are underway with a range of Venue Options including – Toowoomba Regional Council (local history and historic maps); Toowoomba Art Gallery (Bolton Reading Room); Airborne Insight (drone operating firm); Australian Rail Track Corporation (inland rail project); Nexus Infrastructure (second range crossing); Wagner's (Wellcamp Airport); Cobb & Co Museum (historic transport and possible lunch venue for one of 5 days).

**Accommodation:** Registrants to secure own accommodation.

The recommended accommodation is Jolly Swagman Accommodation Park, 47 Kitchener St, East Toowoomba, (07) 4632 8735, <https://www.swagmanpark.com/>

Website Link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3453921>



Location: Toowoomba & environs

Transport: Members own transport (carpooling options possible)

Cost: Registration is \$20.00, attendees to cover other costs  
Co-ordinator: Stuart Watt, 0421-726-741,  
email: [swatt7@westnet.com.au](mailto:swatt7@westnet.com.au)

**Wed, 23 October 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
**2nd Queensland State Archives Visit**

Details

This is a follow up visit for Map Group to the QSA and is the second visit for 2019. The visit will concentrate on early historic maps of Queensland - e.g. explorer's maps/charts of Queensland, early land settlement maps, early town maps.

Website Link: <https://rgsq.org.au/event-3435898>

Location: Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Rd, Runcorn QLD 4113

Transport: Members make own arrangements

Cost: Nil

Co-ordinator: Daphne Stephens (07) 3366-2510, 0417-662-510, [daphne.stephens2@bigpond.com](mailto:daphne.stephens2@bigpond.com)

## Map Group holds its first Computer Training Session for RGSQ members



Most RGSQ members will have a technology question. With this in mind, a session offering tuition on computer related matters was advertised on the RGSQ website. Fielding the questions were Ian Francis and Graham Rees who were happy to share their combined experience.

Many concerns had a common theme, some were individual, but everyone was interested in the problems from the floor and their solutions. We were delighted to see "the pennies dropping" as we explored solutions.

The response was significant, therefore other training sessions will be advertised on the RGSQ website in the coming months. We may look at particular software or devices in detail, for instance we may run a program on how to get the most out of MS Word or what "must have" apps can be installed on your Android or Apple devices.

If you would like to be involved in the next training session and have a particular software annoyance or device problem the please forward a request to our Business Manager Lilia Darii or contact Ian Francis directly at [brisfran@gmail.com](mailto:brisfran@gmail.com). Photo courtesy of Ian Francis.

*Words by Ian Francis and Graham Rees*

## REPORT: Map Group Presentation "Mapping and Town Planning"

*Most of the Map Group, RGSQ members and guests at the Mapping & Town Planning Presentation*



19 people attended the Presentation, comprised of Map Group members, RGSQ members and a couple of guests.

Neil Simson is a Town Planner and he worked, initially as a consultant town planner in the 1990s, then as a town planner in local government, firstly at Beaudesert Shire to the early 2000's; then at Logan City until 2017. He is now a "freelance town planner".

Neil was involved in the preparation of Town Planning Schemes at both Councils and he spoke to this rigorous process, plus the complex issues associated with modern town planning mapping; before indicating what on-line mapping tools now exist for the public to access council town planning maps and property information on blocks of land.

Local government town planning has three main areas of activities:

- those associated with Strategic Land Use Planning, covering the long-term future – up to 25 years and beyond, depending upon the Council involved, and with very broad-brush land use planning and development principals established at the mapping level;
- those associated with the Preparation of Planning Schemes, covering about a 10-year period into the future, and where mapping, at a detailed level, becomes very important to the administration and implementation of the planning scheme in the local government area concerned;
- those associated with Development Assessment of individual planning applications proposing to undertake development upon land, be it a land subdivision, land or building development, or re-development, and which require a planning approval under the planning scheme.

Preparation of Planning Schemes: Neil focussed upon this activity, primarily at Logan City Council, resulting in the current Logan City Planning Scheme, gazetted (i.e. made into local law), a few years ago.

Critical issues:

- the Logan City Planning Scheme had to amalgamate 5 different planning schemes inherited by the City after the 2008 amalgamation of various lands to create the City as it is known in 2019;
- various ages of the mapping bases used in quite different former Council areas, for the designation of Planning Land Use Zones – in the 1970s, before modern based computer mapping came into being, town planning zoning maps were hand coloured and a "physical cut and paste" was used to amend the zoning maps!;
- the vastly simplified form of a modern Planning Scheme in the 2010s, especially in relation to Land Use Zone types shown on maps, reducing the number within Logan City's multiple planning schemes from over 170 zones to about 80 zones;
- the need to create far more accurate modern computer-based cadastre maps (i.e. property boundary-based maps), in order to complement the text and tables of the Planning Scheme documents.

In the past, although individual allotments were subject to a Survey Plan and quite accurate, in terms of measurement; when thousands of such Survey Plans were amalgamated into far larger areas of properties for say, local government base maps, (before land use zone types were then painted onto

these maps); it was common for a “fudge factor” to enter into the mapping process, in order to “close” the map i.e. have the map “appear” to look accurate, even if the mappers knew otherwise! In modern computer-based mapping, when such cadastre maps were then overlaid with detailed aerial photography maps; cartographic based maps; vegetation and drainage maps; etc. the “fudge factor” became quite evident and had to be removed!! Not an easy job for the modern mappers to do, hence a very time-consuming exercise. When greater on-line access to local government maps became the standard, then the pressure to rid the maps of the “fudge factor” was really on!!

Neil referred to these problems in mapping as “Cadastral Shift” – a matter of increased accuracy in the mapping of property boundaries in local government maps, not continental drift – a totally different matter for mapping in the modern age! In Logan City’s case, all the cadastre maps of the City (as it had become in 2008), had to be redone.

On-Line Mapping Tools for the General Public: Neil went on-line with his Presentation to demonstrate, using Brisbane City Council’s on-line mapping tools, just how easy it is for the general public to access land use zoning maps and a wide range of other mapping now publicly available within local councils. It is now compulsory for all councils in Queensland to have their planning scheme zoning maps on-line and many of the larger councils have other forms of mapping on-line too. Neil’s on-line demonstration occurred after the Main Presentation was completed and about half the attendees remained to watch it.

General Conclusions: modern day mapping at the local street level and local government level is now quite prolific within Queensland and is going beyond just land use planning schemes, based upon cadastre maps. This is not the case, Australia wide, but it will eventually be, when on-line mapping access spreads across the whole nation. The accessibility to local maps is now quite profound within Queensland and combined with the State Government’s initiatives in a wide range of on-line maps, Queensland is quite advanced, relative in others, in the “modern mapping world”.

Summary prepared by Bob Abnett, Map Group member; photo courtesy of Kay Rees

## MEMBER REFLECTIONS

### WHY GEOGRAPHY?

*By Pamela Tonkin*

I joined the RGSQ in February 2018 for the purpose of engaging in geographical interests. I have been able to participate in samples of all the activities offered and have found the experience very enjoyable.

In 1975 when I enrolled in a BA degree at Monash University, I chose to study geography, biology, politics and philosophy. The oil crisis of the 1970’s dominated public discussion and my cohort were very concerned and focused on environmental issues. The study of geography awakened me to many issues facing people and places. I majored in both physical geography and human geography. The energy crisis drew attention to city planning and the need for sustainable communities. Physical geography drew attention to the fragile ecosystems which were at risk. The works of the naturalists Darwin and Wallace caught my attention and the topic of my major research paper was Alexander von Humboldt the Prussian geographer, who first theorized that South America and Africa were once conjoined.

I chose to take up a career as a librarian, and I have been employed in research institutions and universities either contributing to or supporting research. My interest in

travel has taken me too many destinations, which I enjoy experiencing through the everyday activities of the locals. People and places and their interactions, infrastructure, ecology and history interest me greatly. History is most often tied to politics which in turn motivates government policies and decisions at all levels. I like to travel with a view to looking through both the wide and short-sighted lens. I was thrilled to be able to visit Cuba in 2016 and visit locations from where von Humboldt had collected specimens of plant material and made extensive notes on the flora and fauna. His work won him recognition as the ‘second discoverer of Cuba’ after Christopher Columbus.

I now have my own publishing company and am working on the publication of classic works in the genres of fiction, travel and poetry. I also write travel guides.

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**East Africa - PART I**

*by Leo Scanlan, Tour Leader*

As I sit down to report on RGSQ Traveller's recent trip through Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania it is quite timely and rather a coincidence that the Sunday Mail Escape Magazine for July 28 has a cover story related to the area covered in this trek to Africa. On page 3 is a picture of a couple of zebras in the Masai Mara, Kenya, and having so recently seen thousands in Kenya and Tanzania, it reminded me they do have colour, appeal and they are very photogenic.

Nine other members joined Sharyn and me this time around with Kaye Schwede, Ron Owen, Yvonne Keylard, and James and Angela McLeod having had some experience in Africa previously, while the others, Robyn Luscombe, Joe and Pat Weber and Les Beckman turned out for their maiden event. This trip had everything, and it was quite interesting to observe the different reactions from members when they saw lions and other wildlife for the very first time not to mention the vast range of physical and human geography we witnessed in East Central Africa throughout our trek.

Uganda was a real eye opener at the start of the tour when we experienced the rhino walk at the Ziwa Rhino and Wildlife Ranch. Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary is a collaborative effort between the Uganda Wildlife Authority and the Rhino Fund Uganda. Both are equally committed to the restoration of Uganda's rhinoceros population before their eventual release into Uganda's National Parks. I'm equally sure at the end of our tour many of our participants would have forgotten this rather exciting excursion until they had some quiet time to really contemplate what had transpired during their 'walk with rhino'.

Our next stop, Murchison Falls, was between Lake Kyoga and Lake Albert on the Victoria Nile River. The Nile River flows through the Murchison Falls National Park and then drops down through the Rift Valley escarpment forty-three metres through a 7-metre-wide gorge and is quite a spectacular sight as it thunders through the gorge. The Murchison Falls were named after Sir Roderick Murchison, President of the Royal Geographical Society of London, somewhere around the year 1873.

Our trek to the Bwindi families of gorillas was always going to be special so I will mention that later in my review. The environs surrounding Bwindi were quite populated within large deep valleys reminiscent of terraced rice fields I had seen in Asia except that here in Uganda they cultivate maize, potatoes, beans, cauliflower, carrots, onions a couple of different varieties of bananas, pineapples, passion fruit and a variety of other produce down through the terraces. One of our guides commented that while the general population is one of the poorest in the world no one was starving as the soil and climate lend itself to an abundance of vegetable foodstuff production.

After a further day's driving through some lush farming country and tea plantations, we again arrived back at

Kampala and then next day moved on across the border into Kenya and our first stop there, Nakuru National Park. Sarove Lion Hill Game Lodge was situated high above Lake Nakuru with some imposing views. The lake itself revealed some buffalo, zebra, waterbuck, and many varieties of birds including our first juvenile flamingos and here again we enjoyed a game drive in the morning and then we were off again in the late afternoon.

The Masai Mara was the next place on our agenda and we saw many lions, giraffe and thousands of zebras, wildebeest and the full range of different plains antelope. While there was some considerable concentration of zebra and wildebeest, I didn't see the vast herds moving in other parts of the park and the crossing at the Mara River was exceptionally quiet with only the resident Nile crocodiles waiting to create the crossing mayhem in the coming weeks or even day's time.



We had a very pleasant night's rest beside Lake Victoria at a resort called Serenity on The Lake before proceeding on next day into the first part of the Serengeti. The first couple of hours were extremely quiet regarding sighting game but as the day progressed, we managed to see a lot more activity including many lions, elephants, and plains game. I was very surprised to see how a large part of

the Serengeti was burnt a crisp golden colour and was very sparsely populated for miles with only a few antelope and a family of cheetah sighted while covering a particularly dry patch. Finally, our vehicles stumbled on a couple of lions walking slightly above our vehicle beside a cutting and almost in line with the side windows on the vehicle. A quick 'flick of the shutter' and a quick 'slide of the window' was in order I can assure you as this was about as close to a lioness as I would want to be.

Following an all too brief excursion to Olduvai Gorge and a fascinating insight into the work of Louis and Mary Leakey's famous discoveries of early humans, we moved on to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. We descended into the crater next morning for an all-day game drive until 2 pm in the afternoon when we were expected to vacate the park as our entry permit had expired. Again, as well as the impressive physical features of the crater itself, there was a virtual Eden consisting of the many and varied species of birds and animals within the crater itself.

After an overnight in Arusha, and a further drive on to Amboseli, we were back in Kenya again and at the foot of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, the backdrop to the impressive green marsh complete with many of Africa's largest elephants, waterbuck, buffalo, and many species of birds including flamingos once again.

Towards the end of our tour we were to experience the endless horizon of Tsavo National Park and the magnificent herds of elephant that inhabit what seems infertile endless plain that stretches into the distance. These elephants had the largest tusks of any we had seen on tour. At one point, almost at the end of our game drive in Tsavo East we stumbled on to a large pride of Tsavo lions. These lions are somewhat different to others we had encountered as the males do not have the large mane most other male lions have in the Serengeti and Masai Mara.

*To be continued in October Bulletin. Photo courtesy of Leo Scanlan.*

## Map Group Visits RGSQ's Libraries (July 2019 Gathering)

The RGSQ has a treasure trove of items collected since its inception in 1895. Map Group decided to highlight some of the more interesting and obscure at the July meeting. Items were chosen from 3 categories:

### Collections

Aby assisted by "lanternist" Neville McManimm, Peter Lloyd gave a lively talk using the Society's 100+ year-old lantern slide projector to show a few quirky maps from the lantern slide collection. Part of the presentation was to try a partial reconstruction of a lantern slide talk given in Warwick on 1 April 1922 by Queensland Governor and Society President Sir Matthew Nathan. His talk was titled Maps and Discovery before the Dutch and his first slide included the 150AD map of the known world by Claudius Ptolemy. While none of his images are held, Peter was able to partially reproduce that one from the Society's slide copy of the Ptolemy map. The projector, which had not been used for 27 years, worked well and vigorous applause suggested the presentation was well received.

### Text Library

Jim Graham spoke to a small display of books taken from the RGSQ Library collection. The books were selected primarily because they contained maps and were thought to be of interest to Map Group members.

Items in the display included:

### Map Collection

Peter Nunan showed a map of Cocos Islands, an orthophoto of Fortescue St local area, and a 1:250000 of southern Carnarvon and the equivalent satellite image. Ralph Carlisle also displayed maps of interest to the meeting.

Following the Meeting fellow Map Group member organised the viewing of a webinar from the National Library of Australia titled Find the Map You Want. Thank you, Ralph, for this initiative.

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**Monthly Lecture: Tuesday 3 September**  
'A Centenary of Girl Guides in Queensland'  
presentation by Kathy Neehouse

**Activity: Saturday 14 September**  
Binna Burra Walk

**RGSQ AGM: 17 September at 7:30pm**

**Map Group: Wednesday 4 September**  
9:30am – 1:30pm - Fryer Library Visit

**Ken Sutton Memorial Library: Monday 23**  
September 9:30am – 12 noon, 'Gregory  
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