

## Queensland Local Studies Group Minutes

### Exhibitions – local studies collections and the narratives they reveal Brisbane City, 6 December 2018, 10:00am – 2:30pm

#### Attendants

Annabel Lloyd – Archivist, Brisbane City Council Archives – meeting organiser  
 Kyla Stephan – Local Studies Librarian, Southport Local Studies Library, City of Gold Coast  
 Cheryl Aubrey - Southport Local Studies Library, City of Gold Coast  
 Raylene Jensen, Local Studies Librarian, Scenic Rim Regional Council  
 Hilda Maclean – Logan Heritage Specialist, Logan City Council  
 Michelle Williams – Student and volunteer, Logan City Council  
 Jane Harding – Heritage Librarian, Noosa Library Service  
 Lisa Jackson – North Stradbroke Museum  
 Beth Wilson – Local Studies Librarian, Gympie Regional Council  
 Jill Rogers - Repository Resource Librarian, Digital Collections - Qld University of Technology (QUT)  
 Justine Lim, - Q ANZAC  
 Anne Scheu – Collection Engagement | Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland

#### Apologies

Jenny Hayne – Sunshine Coast Regional Libraries  
 Kate Harbison – Local Studies, Brisbane City Wynnum Branch  
 Jayne Royal - Local Studies, Toowoomba Regional Libraries

### Exhibition – The Invincible Spirit of Queenslanders, through their built environment: Old Government House, 11 Oct 2018 - 11 Jan 2019



Curator Katie McConnel led the group on a tour of Old Government House, describing the history of the building, life in early Brisbane

and the Governors and wives whose influence is still recognisable today.

The exhibition commemorates 100 years of the end of WWI, and honours the young women and men who lived or studied in Old Government House (OGH).

From 1862 - 1910, OGH served as the official residence of Queensland's governors, and from 1911, it was the main building of the recently established University of Queensland (UQ). It was a place where many spent their halcyon days before the outbreak of the Great War.

Featured are the wartime experiences of four young people associated with OGH: sons of former Queensland governors who spent their childhoods growing up there, and two students who were among the astonishing 60% of UQ staff and students who enlisted for active service 1914 - 1918.

Access the Digital exhibition - <https://digitalcollections.qut.edu.au/4926/>  
 Old Government House URL - : <http://www.ogh.qut.edu.au/>

## Exhibition – Perspectives of Brisbane, Museum of Brisbane

Local Studies members met with MoB's museum staff for an introduction to Perspectives of Brisbane. The gallery space includes a new media work by international art star and local Aboriginal artist Judy Watson, *water body 2012*, exploring the ongoing connection of Traditional Owners to Country, and *Beauty 2013*, a filmic journey from the source of the Brisbane River (Maiwar in the Yuggara language) to Moreton Bay.

Accompanying this semi-permanent exhibition is a selection of panoramas from the Museum of Brisbane Collection. These sweeping views

provide an intriguing overview of how Brisbane has grown since the early 1860s.



## Update

### State Library of Queensland

- Plantation Voices: Australian South Sea Islander exhibition opens in February
- Community outreach tool linking to *Home: a suburban obsession* (Corley images)
- QANZAC 100 / Heritage Leaders workshop scheduled in 2019 – dates announced in January
- Fellowships open 30 January 2019, nominations will be invited for John Oxley Library Award and John Oxley Library Community History Awards in 2019.
- Local Studies meeting scheduled 28 February – invitations to forward items for meeting which will be in Philip Bacon Learning room.
- *Islands: Hidden Histories* exhibition continues until January 27

Images: Members of the Queensland Local Studies group thank our hosts Old Government House and Museum of Brisbane for the opportunity to visit the exhibitions.

**Meeting closed 2:30pm**

**Next Meeting: State Library of Queensland – 28 February, 2019  
Stanley Place, South Brisbane.**

Contact Anne Scheu – [anne.scheu@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:anne.scheu@slq.qld.gov.au)

Forward your suggestions for the meeting agenda and add the date to your 2019 calendar.

Wishing everyone a safe and merry Christmas!