



Runcorn Record

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New records in ArchivesSearch

Rates and Valuations

Queensland State Archives (QSA) has recently received a transfer of rate books and valuation registers from Toowoomba City Council and its predecessors, Middle Ridge, Drayton, Newtown and Gowrie Shire Councils. The records date from 1861 to 1949.

Rate books and valuation registers contain details about owners and occupiers of a property, improvements such as building and the valuation of the property. They are a valuable resource for researchers of family and local history, as they can be used to trace people's movements as well as the history of the buildings.

Toowoomba Municipal/City Council:

- SRS 6315 Rate books
01-Jan-1861 - 31-Dec-1909
- SRS 6316 Valuation registers and rate books
01-Jan-1910 - 31-Dec-1929
- SRS 6317 Index to valuation registers and rate books
01-Jan-1910 - 31-Dec-1929
- SRS 6318 Valuation registers
01-Jan-1861 - 31-Dec-1910

Middle Ridge Shire Council:

- SRS 6308 Valuation registers
01-Jan-1888 - 31-Dec-1912
- SRS 6309 Valuation registers and rate books
01-Jan-1912 - 31-Dec-1916

Drayton Shire Council:

- SRS 6310 Valuation registers and rate books
01-Jan-1912 - 31-Dec-1949
- SRS 6311 Rate book
01-Jan-1910 - 31-Dec-1912
- SRS 6312 Valuation registers
01-Jan-1904 - 31-Dec-1941

Newtown Town Council/Gowrie Shire Council:

- SRS 6305 Rate books
01-Jan-1902 - 31-Dec-1917
- SRS 6306 Valuation registers
01-Jan-1910 - 31-Dec-1917

Prisons Department:

A 30 year access period mostly applies with these records. The photos are of various prisons including Stuart Prison in Townsville,

Research Tip – Valuations

When using these registers, start with what information you definitely know and work your way back. There are no indexes for any of these registers and each entry will have to be scanned.

Woodford, Palen Creek, Lotus Glen and Wacol. These items are listed on ArchivesSearch.

SRS 6207 Photographs and slides of Queensland Prisons
01-Jan-1950 – 31-Dec-1999

Supreme Court, Townsville:

- SRS6243/1 Registers of ecclesiastical files 1875 - 1985
- SRS6220/2 Ecclesiastical files (which may include request for probate, affidavit of executors, the will) 1951 - 1984 (listed by name in ArchiveSearch)
- SRS6242/2 Matrimonial petitions (Divorces) 1961 - 1976 (listed by name in ArchiveSearch)

Insolvency, Intestacy and Insanity Office, Brisbane:

- SRS335/1 Intestacy files (documents regarding deceased persons and his/her assets) 1868 - 1916 (listed by name in ArchiveSearch)



LOOK, NO POCKETS!

Visitors to the Public Search Room now receive a new way to hold their essentials - a plastic pouch attached to a lanyard which can be worn around the neck. Researchers can use the pouch to hold their reader's ticket, money, locker key, all without the need for pockets! The pouches are currently on trial, so make sure you let us know what you think.

Stepping Out: Women in Public Records



Maroochydore Life Saving Team 1931.

Women step out of the records and into the QSA foyer in a new exhibition celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage. The exhibition explores women's contribution to the shaping of the State. Opened by Public Works Minister Robert Swarten and Police Minister Judy Spence, the display provides a fascinating snapshot of women's lives throughout Queensland's history and is sure to stimulate many memories for our clients. The exhibition will run until mid 2006, so make sure you take the time to view it on your next visit. Visitors are encouraged to add the names of women they have discovered during their own research at QSA to the Wonder Wall located in the foyer area.



Lady Mayoress, Mrs Groom, 1960.

Season's Greetings

Director and State Archivist, Janet Prowse and the staff of Queensland State Archives wish to extend to all Runcorn Record readers, the compliments of the season. We thank you for your support in 2005 and we look forward to seeing you again in 2006.

Date Claimers:

Sunday 5 March 2006

Staff from Queensland State Archives, together with State Library of Queensland and the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane Office will be at the Stanthorpe Apple and Grape Harvest Festival on Sunday 5 March 2006. Staff will provide information on collections and services, especially advice on family and local history. See you there.

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 May 2006 – two day seminar at Malanda

The Atherton Tablelands will host staff from Queensland State Archives, State Library of Queensland and the National Archives of Australia, Brisbane Office for a two day seminar program at the Malanda RSL Conference Room from 23-24 May 2006.

Day One will be the Small Archives Seminar, where collecting institutions are invited to learn about the management and preservation of their collections, including collection development, donation, copyright agreements and digitisation.

Day Two will be the Collections and Services Seminar for the general public, three sessions which provide information on what's in the State's major archival collections. The conservator from State Archives will also be available to answer your queries on storage, enclosures, pests and environmental conditions. Enquiries to Katrin Hurlimann-Graham on 3131 7753 or email katrin.hurlimann-graham@archives.qld.gov.au

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Unearth your history at the biennial QALFHS's Family and Local History Fair at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. Enquiries to Kay Ryan on 4638 4111.

Morning tea with the State Archivist dates for 2006

Wednesday 17 May, 10am Lecture Room 1.

Wednesday 15 November, 10am Lecture Room 1.

The Release of the 1975 Cabinet Minutes

The release of the 1975 Cabinet Minutes is an eagerly awaited event each New Year. A historian's report on the Minutes can be downloaded from our website www.archives.qld.gov.au from early January.

Christmas Closure

Queensland State Archives and the Public Search Room will close on Friday 23 December 2005 and it will reopen 9am Tuesday 3 January. The first Saturday opening for the year will be 14 January 2006.

2006 Opening Hours

9am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

9am – 4.30pm on the second Saturday of the month.

Item of interest



Photographs of Bridges, 1896 – 1915

This image is one of a series portraying aspects of the construction, completion, and opening of the traffic bridges over the Burnett River in Bundaberg, the Mary River in Maryborough and the McIntyre River in Goondiwindi. Each photograph measures 30cm x 25cm in size. The above image is of Burnett River Road Bridge under construction PRV 14402/1 Item 18, 1899/1900.

Editorial Information

The Runcorn Record is available for download free of charge from the Queensland State Archives website at www.archives.qld.gov.au

Any comments about the new look and format of Runcorn Record can be sent to the Editor:

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