



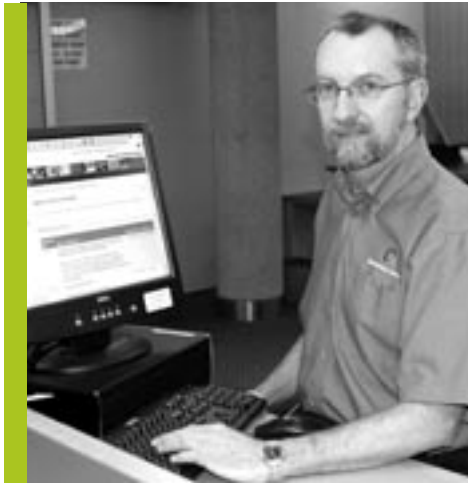
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ArchivesSearch goes live



Niles Elvery, Public Access Manager using the new ArchivesSearch.

In early January 2007, Queensland State Archives (QSA) welcomed the arrival of the new and improved ArchivesSearch database. The new version of ArchivesSearch is still located at www.archives.qld.gov.au

The search engine has a number of improved search facilities and contains extensive help pages. The help pages have step by step instructions and can be downloaded or printed out.

One of the main features of the advanced search function is the ability to restrict your search to the agency, series or item by searching within these sections of the database. A date search is also now available.

What's new for researchers

Immigration Index 1884-1012

Immigrants Personal Files 1940's to 1980's

Wills 1916-1955

Searching for Tully History

Helen Pedley
Cardwell Shire Librarian

Recently I spent four days at Queensland State Archives. My mission: to fill a gap in our knowledge of Tully. When the Cardwell Shire Council moved its headquarters from Cardwell to the new town of Tully, the Council Meeting Minute book of the time (1922-1928) was mislaid.

During this period the shire saw huge changes. A new sugar mill was built in Tully, the North Coast Railway line from Townsville to Cairns was completed, and the whole focus of the shire shifted from sleepy seaside Cardwell to the newly opened sugar town.

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Unloading cattle from road transit, Quilpie



Make sure on your next visit to Queensland State Archives you take a look at "In the West", an exhibition which looks at records relating to life in Queensland's west.

QSA2 Expansion Update

Contractor Laing O'Rourke has commenced construction on the QSA2 expansion project. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2008.

The Public Search Room and the car park will remain open to researchers during construction. Please phone 3131 7777 if you have any queries or visit online www.archives.qld.gov.au for the latest information.

Bowled Over

If you think you can help us identify this photo please call Jenny Kidd on 07 3131 7732 or email jenny.kidd@archives.qld.gov.au



Searching for Tully History (continued)

Sometime in these early days the streets of the new town were given names.

At QSA the helpful staff produced maps that allowed me to establish that the streets must have been named sometime in 1927. They found registers of correspondence which led me to request one very significant batch of documents on early auction sales of the new allotments which no-one had previously asked for.

On my last day, the archivists brought a Register of correspondence to the Surveyor General, and I found letters from Cardwell Shire Council about the naming of the streets. However, when I requested these bundles of letters I was devastated to find that they weren't there.

This became another puzzle for the archives staff. Where was File 10-30?

I had to return to Tully with the puzzle unsolved but, to my great joy, I received a phone call from Bill Kitson, the expert on historical documents at the Department of Natural Resources & Mines. He had been contacted by QSA staff, searched DNR records and eventually found File 10-30 tucked away in the store area. The photocopies arrived soon after and the information confirmed our suspicions that the first Tully streets were indeed named after those whose names appear on the local honour board of those who enlisted in the Great War.

Tully residents can be most grateful to those who helped re-discover these documents. Our local historical knowledge has benefited, making the visit to QSA well worth the long train rides.

Date Claimers:

For all bookings phone 3131 7777

Harmony Day

Wednesday 21 March 2007

Time 10.00am to 11.30am

Lecture Theatre 2

Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

Harmony Day is a national celebration of multiculturalism and QSA will celebrate with a morning tea and lecture on Harmony Day. This year's theme is Citizens of the World: Greeks in Queensland which looks at the influence Greek migration has had on Queensland society. QSA's expert staff will conduct a seminar about Greek immigration and the types of records held in our collection.

Starting Research at QSA

Tuesday 24 April 2007, 10am

Lecture Theatre 2

Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

A seminar for those who don't know where to start their research at Queensland State Archives.

Morning Tea with the State Archivist dates for 2007

Wednesday 16 May, 10am

Lecture Theatre 1

Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

An opportunity to meet Janet Prowse, Director and State Archivist, over a cup of tea.

Queensland Day Seminar

Wednesday June 6 2007, 10am followed by morning tea and discussion.

Lecture Theatre 2

Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

State of Origin—Find out interesting facts about immigration and learn which records about Queensland you will find in the State Records Office of New South Wales.

Immigration into Queensland

Wednesday 27 June 2007, 10am

Lecture Theatre 2

Queensland State Archives, Runcorn

A seminar to assist researchers using the immigration records.

2007 Opening Hours

9am–4.30pm Monday to Friday

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

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