



PROFESSIONAL HISTORIANS AUSTRALIA INC.

DELEGATE'S REPORT FORM SEPT 2022

President: Carmel Black
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Number of Members: Total 79 (73 Professional, 4 Associate, 2 Graduate)
as of 30 June 2022

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Activities

- Special thanks to Tim Roberts and the conference team for the success of the online conference held in September 2021. Given the conference was initially to be “in person”, then a hybrid, and finally had to resort to being online only, via zoom, the team did an amazing job of pulling it all together, including the session presenters, the technical crew (Jessica Stroya and others) and Speaker Liaison (Christina Ealing-Godbold.)
- Despite many inquiries, the Queensland State Archives has not shown any signs of reconvening the User Group and this is of concern to many members. Katie McConnel was able to inform us that the report on QSA services was delivered on Wednesday last week just past and it will be very interesting to read the document when available. Katie had accepted the opportunity to be on the QSA panel.
- The John and Ruth Kerr Medal was awarded with the Royal Historical Society of Queensland this year to two recipients – Dr Rod Kirkpatrick and Dr Ian Howie Willis – both very deserving recipients of the medal. Both have done excellent work in their respective fields.
- Social events and conference presentations held during the year included
 - Many Queensland members either presented sessions, contributed as part of a panel or chaired sessions at the PHA Queensland Conference online in September 2021.
 - Christmas Drinks were held at the home of Lee and Ralph Butterworth. 13 members attended, with some partners as well.
 - Six Regional members converged in Cairns to coincide with the China Inc conference – a great opportunity to get together.

- A planned trip to the Mt Crosby pumping station was cancelled due to inclement weather. It may be rescheduled at a later date.
- Nine members presented at the Commissariat Store in May 2022 for the Royal Historical Society of Queensland Chinese conference.
- Several members presented at the Family History conference on Norfolk Island in July 2022, including Janice Cooper and Lee Butterworth.

Professional Development

No professional development activities were offered this year. The continuing pandemic made seminars and talks almost impossible.

\$3,000 profit from the online conference has been allocated to some form of professional development to be offered nationally. A tailored seminar for historians by the Copyright Council of Australia was investigated, and even a generic seminar was prohibitively expensive at \$100 per person for an hour lecture – ie \$8,000 for 80 people.

Public Relations

Thank you to Lee Butterworth for preparing the E-bulletin for Queensland PHA members throughout the year. Lee had assistance from Dot Wickham and Jessica Stroja, but often did most of the work for the publication herself. As the primary method of communication to our members, the E-bulletin is vitally important.

Issues – Internal:

Our challenge this year was to find new members. Most community groups have had this issue, especially in COVID times.

Issues – External:

People and organizations seeking historians either expect it to be free or cheap, and usually go to particular people rather than advertising.

Signed:



Date: 24/9/22

Applicable to twelve months to 24 September 2022.