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MEETINGS

General monthly meetings held on the **FOURTH** Thursday of each month **EXCEPT** December.
Meeting dates on Page 9.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Due 1st July each year.

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I couldn't resist making this poem my editorial offering. Our lives are touched by special people from the time of our birth. How often do we ponder over our Christmas list, agonise about the price of postage, struggle to find the time to write an individual letter to everyone on the list? Make the time, remember your link to the people in your Christmas list. They have touched your lives in one way or another. May you have a wonderful Festive season. Merry Christmas to you all.

A Special Christmas Poem

There is a list of folk I know all written in a book;
And every year at Christmas time I go and take a look.
And that is when I realise that these names are a part
Not of the book they're written in, but of our very heart.
For each name stands for someone who has touched my life sometime,
And in that meeting they've become the "Rhythm and the Rhyme".
I really feel I am composed of each remembered name,
And while you may not be aware of feeling quite the same
My life is so much better than it was before you came.
For once you have known someone the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word or a friendly face.
So never think my Christmas cards are just a mere routine
Of names upon a list, forgotten in between
For when I send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It is because you're on that list of folks that I'm indebted to.
And whether I've known you for many years or few
In some way you have been a part in sharing things I do,
So every year when Christmas comes I realize anew,
The biggest gift that God can give is knowing folks like you.

Sayings from your Secretary.

Well, another year just about under the belt, seems like only yesterday it was 2000 and we were wondering if there was going to be 2001.

Your society again has been busy with David and myself attending many seminars as well as the Standards Program and all that entails. John Hammond, David and myself attended the 69th Anniversary of the tragic crash of the B17 Flying Fortress nicknamed "HOOMALIMALI" as well as the crash of the aircraft that exploded on take off. Congratulations must go to Michael Musumeci who was the mover & shaker behind it all. Tableland Regional Council deserves a big hand as they took on the running of the show, in all a great combination. Members who would like to know more can read the program and reports that are filed in our Centre. A very moving and well run event.

Somewhere in this edition of Mareeba Memoirs there will be a report from the Standards Program people. It is heartening to know that experts in their field recognise the hard work that is done in the Centre and place great value on our contribution to the community. **WE ARE CONSIDERED AN ASSEST TO THE AREA.** This has been a 12 month exercise finishing up in December this year. David, Joan and myself will then take a well earned break. I wish to thank all committee members for their support and on-going advice in this project.

Donations are still being received, which are welcomed. The following is an extract from one such donation. Taken from #32 of **THE TOBACCO TIMES 30/03/1950.**

HUNDREDS OF WOMEN NOW SMOKING PIPES.

Women are taking to pipe smoking. Hundreds of small pipes, specially designed for them, are being sold in London every day. One of London's oldest pipe makers—established more than 80 years ago—has introduced a new miniature pipe for women. It is a real briar 5 inches long (13cm) and weighs quarter of an ounce. Said Miss Esther Ryder, manageress of the firm's shop near Leicester Square—"Lots of women are buying them, I have sold nine today." "Some women get their tobacconist to blend a mild mixture for them. Others use cigarette tobacco". The tiny bowl of the women's pipe takes the tobacco from half a cigarette. Said Miss Ryder "The fashion revived in the war, when cigarettes were hard to get. Now it is spreading for the same reason."

So far women are keeping their pipe-smoking habits secret. It is not yet "done" for a women to puff her pipe in the cinema or restaurant or street. But in their own homes hundreds of women enjoy their pipes. Twenty years ago women smoking cigarettes in public were still news. "Gaspar Girls" they were called. And 40 years ago they were smoking cigarettes at home, just as women are smoking their pipes today. Will history repeat itself? Perhaps, said Mr. Reuban Charatan, the women's pipe-maker.

As you may have noticed we do have some new names on our Committee for this fiscal year. We wish them well and look forward to achieving greatness this year. Thank you to the out-going committee members, your input was invaluable.

Christmas BBQ will be held as usual at Helen's, 9 Toll Close on Saturday, 10th December, after Market Day, so ink it in on your social calendar. The usual BYO except for salads. Who would like to contribute nibbles or deserts?

"Good relationships are about communication. To make communication easier and be part of the conversation you need to be a good listener".

Helen Kint

Cricket season again! This poem is not just about cricket of course, but about fighting against the odds and never giving up. More on the background to this poem next memoirs.

Vitai Lampada
(They Pass On The Torch of Life)

by Sir Henry Newbolt
(1862-1938)

*There's a breathless hush in the Close tonight,
Ten to make and the match to win.
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
But his captain's hand on his shoulder smote,
"Play up! Play up! And play the game."*

SRS REVIEWER'S COMMENTS FORM

REVIEWER Lisa Jones
PARTICIPATING MUSEUM Mareeba Historical Society
DATE 23/07/2016

COMMENTS ON OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Mareeba Historical Society (MHS) are enthusiastic custodians who exhibit a powerhouse of organisational skills. The MHS website is informative and accessible. The Jack and Newell website is fantastic and I could see a great traveling exhibition coming from this great resource of information.

Very good of them to forgo a museum to concentrate on collecting the history of the Mareeba, although a bit more work toward making the collections and information more accessible to the general public is required.

I rather think that if the MHS wants to attract volunteers and members, they need to make documentation such as the Annual report, available on their website (A2.4.3). Their willingness to mentor each other and new members is admirable (A2.3.5).

The current MHS members have agreed to emulate the national museum standards and will need to maintain their focus on the issues as their decisions about acquisitions, deaccessioning and the care of collections are informed by significant responsibilities (C1.2.1) and collection information is backed up and future proofed.

To great to see a collection policy and a five year DPM, both of these documents need to be regularly reviewed. The plan includes a fabulous idea.

Its very good to see that the Mareeba Historical Society will make sure as much as they can from the standards expansion to inform the management of their collections.

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RESEARCH ENQUIRIES

Assistance: A research officer may assist by searching Society records.

NON-MEMBERS: A minimum fee of \$22 for a 2 hour search then \$11 per hour or part thereof afterwards for researcher to search. \$10 per day for D.I.Y researchers.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES: If a visit to a cemetery or other library is deemed necessary, traveling expenses will also apply.

ENQUIRIES All enquiries should be in writing and include a stamped self-addressed envelope. If via Email, no research will be undertaken until the fee is paid.

A REMINDER OF MEETING DATES FOR 2011 –2012

November	24th
December	No Meeting
Jan	26th
Feb	23rd
Mar	22nd
Apr	26th
May	24th
June	28th
July	26th
August	23rd
September	27th
October	25th
November	22nd

A bushman's description of the Australian Outback.

"Outback is way out west, out in the never-never, where the crows fly backwards to keep the dust out of their eyes; it's away out west o' sunset, way out past the black stump; it's the great open spaces, where men are men, and women are glad of it. Keep goin' west, mate—yer can't miss it.

**BOOKS FOR SALE AT
MAREEBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRE**

Author	Title
LENNIE WALLACE	Dead Mans Gold
	Wild Jimmy
	Camels, Camelmen and Abdul Wade
	The Palmer Poltergeist
	Mt Mulligan's Highway
	Wheelbarrow Way
	Nomads of the 19th Century Goldfields
	Cape York Peninsula: A History of Unlauded Heroes: 1945—2003
	The Battlers of Butcher's Creek
	From Nanango to Cooktown Bitten by the Bull Bug

JACK STRUBER Jack's Book: 75 Years and Perfect Health:
a true story of faith, believing and determination.

MULLIGAN, J.V. A Journal of Exploration
Republished Aug 24, 2007

MAREEBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Riches of Wolfram Camp Compiled by John C Hay.

WW2 Diggers Book of Poetry Compiled by Helen Kindt

The Lone Wolf: Last of the old-time prospectors: The autobiography of Sam Elliott.
Edited by S.G. St Clair-Kendall and John C Hay

HARRIS, Ken Bullock Hearts

HAY, John C in association
with Colin and May Jones Demise of the Typewriter:
Recollections of a Queensland Era.

CLOW Margaret The Mecca of our Desires—Kuranda and
the Famous Barron Falls.
First published. in 1914

RIMMER, Mike Up the Palmerston: a history of the Cairns
Hinterland up to 1920. Vol 1, 11 and 111.

Mick Borzi's A Very Public Life