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SOCIETY AGM & AUGUST MEETING:

As well as the wonderfully entertaining stories about Glenfalloch's 50th birthday, there were other important things to attend to during the August Meeting. These included the election of Society office bearers, to administer and oversee what we will be doing in the next 12 months. Pre-meeting nominations comfortably filled all positions with a healthy combination of re-elections and new members elected, being the feature. The Society remains in good hands. A full listing of all Society office bearers appears at the tail of this Newsletter.

GLENFALLOCH DAY By any standard, the Society's August Meeting featuring Glenfalloch's 50th birthday, was a great success. Possibly it was our largest gathering, certainly for our AGM, and then to enjoy a delightful presentation of both the history and the current demographics of the building, simply made for a very pleasant afternoon. David Hinchliffe, supported by an assembly of stakeholders, residents and other interested parties, entertained the gathering well into the afternoon..

We heard about the background to David's association with the building, starting over 40 years ago, delivering goods to the owners of the Building. He eventually bought one of the Units, and has accumulated many memories of the place since.

A Glen 50 Committee was set up to organize the celebrations, which extended to an invitation to all to attend a tea party on the premises, on Saturday night, last. The **Riverfire** provided a great night of fizz and buzz for the large gathering.

Brian Cahill, his wife Denise, together with local raconteur Gary Balkin revealed some of the darker and lighter secrets of the Building during the afternoon's presentation. Other residents, Margaret Shapiro, Denise Rogers, Jenny Davidson and Ben Law, were a part of the forum that provided quality banter to a very enthusiastic and responsive audience.

Glenfalloch, located in Oxlade Drive, was New Farm's first high-rise building.

Glenfalloch was structured under the Corporations Act, and not like the Body Corporate/CTS arrangements that prevail over the administration of

our density living habits today. Company Title means that new owners become shareholders in the Company.

MC David Hinchliffe, at his initial interview with the **Glenfalloch** powers-to-be, recalled his anguish at the time, of being subjected to a type of scrutiny, he had not encountered before.

A permanent record of the meeting and the celebration is being produced by the Committee. Not just for locals, but even for those outside the cherished intimacy of Glenfalloch; it will make fascinating reading.



The G50 Committee



An interested and enthusiastic audience



Society stalwarts and Committee members, Desley Garnett and Phil Evans at the August meeting.

REFLECTIONS – 1000th SALE AT MARY RYAN

On hand at the Merthyr Village store last week, Christine Purdy was joined by the Authors and Ross Garnett, the President of the **New Farm & Districts Historical Society**, to present a plaque to the Store commemorating the 1000th sale of the book through her Store. Cheryl Lourey, of Newstead was presented with a delightful bouquet, being the lucky purchaser of that 1000th copy. A morning of treasured photo opportunities arose.

Gloria Grant has a theory that every second person in Brisbane has a New Farm connection of some kind. Comments on this day revealed the extent of the diversity of Reflection fans. Community awareness of the entire area has been dramatically aroused, as a direct result of the release of "**Reflections on New Farm**". Local schools have taken the opportunity to upgrade their own Libraries, with this most, not just entertaining, but historically essential piece of work.

The Plaque organized by the Society to celebrate the 1000th sale, now hangs proudly in the Store, for all to see.



NOTICE

At the next Historical Society meeting on 26th September, Jenny Smith will bring along a copy of a little booklet she has written about her experiences living at Kinnaird House, a YWCA Hostel for young women, at 120 Bowen Terrace near the Story Bridge. Jenny wrote and illustrated the book in 2006, but it refers to the time she lived there in her youth. Jenny is happy to take your order for a copy of the booklet. They sell for \$13 plus postage and handling. You can contact Jenny directly on 3876 7853 for more information



Shop owner, Christine Purdy was joined by Gloria Grant and the purchaser of the 1000th copy, Cheryl Lourey at the presentation.



President Ross taking yet another delivery of "Reflections".



It was a very distinguished gathering.

NOTICE : Memberships for the 2009–2010 year are now due. You can pay in the Courtyard at the meeting or post your payment along with your details on the [membership form](#) to the Secretary. Not sure if your membership is current? Come and see one of your friendly Committee members on the day to check.

We'd love to welcome many new members too.

SOCIETY SNIPPETS

New Farm State School has received some funding to digitalise school photos and will be accessing those that we have in our archives.

September is a good time to take advantage of the cheapest price for posting parcels overseas. Buy your **Reflections on New Farm** for posting to friends and relatives overseas and we will give you an Australia Post postage bag free of charge.

Mary Ryan will set up a small bookstall at the next meeting, including Ian Townsend's 2 books **Affection** and **The Devil's Eye**, Dr. Rod Fisher's book, released this year, **Boosting Brisbane** will also be featured. If you buy these books at the Meeting, Ian and Rod are happy to sign them.

Tides of Teneriffe is almost ready for printing, so will be out in time to be another great Christmas present.

The Society will play the role of keen observer in the upcoming Mary Ryan organized New Farm **Heritage Walk**. Held in October, this year's event looks to be another very successful day. Inputs into the event from Gloria Grant, Gerard Benjamin and Rod Fisher, all keen Society members, will ensure a great day for all. It's a most interesting and well supported New Farm development.



Heritage Walk organizers overseeing a trial run of the October event.

September Monthly Society Meeting

The meeting will be held, as usual, at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm at 2.00 pm. The intricacies of the AGM are now past and, as predicted, formalities were put away rather quickly at the August Meeting. September's Meeting features **Ian Townsend**, an ABC Radio identity, who will be presenting his version of events on matters of the Bubonic plague and its effects and influences in Brisbane.

COMMITTEE CHATTER

The September 2009 Committee Meeting outcomes included:

Early planning for perhaps the big-ticket item for 2010, **The Heritage Trail**, done in conjunction with the Brisbane History Group, is now underway. The works of Historian **Rod Fisher** will be the centrepiece of the event.

Guest speakers for the Society's monthly meetings right up to Christmas, are all in place.

The Committee will be regularly briefed on the website data and statistics, to ensure that content is kept current and appropriate. Budgets were to be created for the digital archiving of all Society material.

Enquiries are to be made with relevant Authorities on matters of the installation of heritage plaques in the precinct.

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Society Committee member – Lois Kennedy

The Committee is very keen to establish some further online interaction between relevant and appropriate websites. Our link with the recently launched New Farm Park Site has been very productive. Suggestions from the Society membership are welcome.



SEPTEMBER MEETING


1900: BUBONIC PLAGUE REACHES BRISBANE
Scores die in Queensland!

ABC Radio National's *Background Briefing* Reporter
Ian Townsend
will reconstruct the story

Stamp out the Plague

The time to get rid of the rat is NOW.
NO RATS—NO PLAGUE!

"The notice is issued by the Honorable Health Committee in the approval of the Honorable Minister of Public Health.—October 16, 1900."



Plague isolation

New Farm & Districts Historical Society Meeting
Saturday 26th September, 2 pm (donation \$3)
Venue: Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre,
52 Merthyr Rd, New Farm
Enquiries: 0409 498 402

OCTOBER MEETING: Tony Dempsey will speak about Amity House. Prominent Brisbane politician, businessman, historian and sportsman in the late 1800's, Thomas Welsby, built a home called Amity in 1892, which still stands near the River at New Farm. He moved into the house in December 1892 and in February 1893 endured the disastrous floods, which came within inches of the verandah.

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Many thanks to the Village News for its ongoing support for the Society and its ongoing interest in historical aspects of the peninsula suburbs. Be sure to get your copy of the latest edition for the story on the plaque presented to Mary Ryan's New Farm Bookstore to acknowledge the achievement of selling 1000 copies of **Reflections on New Farm**.

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