

Queensland Manx Society Inc.



Rolling Newsletter – NOVEMBER, 2014 Centenary Celebration Plans for 2014

The Management Committee of the Qld Manx has decided to send out regular Newsletters to keep you informed on what is happening from month to month and to ask for some help from members and friends where needed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The QMS annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 25th October at Arana Leages Club. Attendance was not good. Only 19 people turned up to support and elect the Committee. However, after much discussion and soul searching, the following Committee was elected.

PRESIDENT: [for 12 months only]

VICE PRESIDENT: [for 12 months - maybe to take over the role of President]

ACTING SECRETARY: [For 12 months only]

TREASURER:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: [For 6 months only]

LIBRARIAN [1]:

LIBRARIAN [2]:

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

COMMITTEE MEMBER:

WEBMASTER:

GEORGE COWIN

MAXWELL CAIN

VAL ASHWORTH

DOUG QUAYLE

VAL ASHWORTH

LILLIAN SMITH

NORMA CONWELL

EDNA DAVIS

TONY ASHWORTH

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A Survey form was handed out to members asking for their thoughts and ideas on a change of venue and change of programme for the Qld Manx Society. A copy of this survey form is enclosed for your attention and we would appreciate any feedback you wish to give us.

It has been decided to hold only **TWO FORMAL** luncheons from now on – Tynwald and Christmas events at a venue to be decided on and the rest to be planned as informal activities which we can all join in if we wish. The Committee is hoping to form a Social Group who will plan activities [with feedback from you] such as picnics [Bribie Island, North & South Coasts were mentioned] films, concerts, boat trips, etc. If you as member wish to attend, then you do so and it will not matter how many of you there are. If you cannot attend the first outing, then you can join in the next. This way, we can all enjoy our meetings, do something together if we wish, or just have a lunch and a chat. These activities need not cost very much, but be enjoyable to all.

I think this will be a great way to go on for the future. We will still need a President and Treasurer, and someone to keep the Library for those who like to read our literature, the Webmaster will be needed, but the Secretary should have much less to do, as the idea will be that we all meet and decide on what we all want to do next and then do it. All the Secretary will need to do is keep records of these outings, and the Newsletter Editor can write them up and print photos, etc. Please think about what you would like to do and how you would like the QMS to continue.

The positions of Secretary and Newsletter Editor will become vacant in a few months, and if we wish to keep the Society going and our records up to date, these positions should be filled. I will be taking a much needed break over the next few months and will not be available to act in these positions as I have recently. Please consider and make yourselves available. The jobs are not hard to do, once you get into the swing of things.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE: Please check to see if your membership is up to date.

NOTE: We still have some Souvenir Programmes left over from the Play "**Threads That Bind**". If you would like a programme to keep, as a Centenary memento for the QMS, please let me know and I will send one to you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party on the **13TH DECEMBER** at Arana Leagues Club in the Foundation Room. This year the Cornish will not be with us, but we will have an exciting group called the "**Red Hot Mamas**" performing for us. This is the group Yvonne Barlow-Turner is part of. **Please come, bring your family and friends and enjoy our last Centenary event for the year.** Luncheon prices will be forwarded on to you at a later date.

Remember that Santa will be paying a visit so please wrap a present marked for a male or **female** recipient, and bring it with you. The present is to be up to the value of \$10.00. and every person coming must bring something in order to get a gift from Santa.

Please let the Secretary know if you are coming **by the 6TH DECEMBER.**

NOTES ON QMS MEMBERS:

Our very own Manxman, John Corlett, is not well and is in the Mater Private Hospital, 9 North, Room 946. The Phone number there is 3163 1108 and he has a phone in his room. He has an infected foot and is confined to his bed on drips and lots of tablets, which he hates, but is still cheerful and positive. Please give him a ring, or go and see him. I know he would welcome a visit from fellow Manxies. **John's temporary address will be: Unit 8, 54/56 School Road, Capalaba, 4157 and Telephone Number will be 3290 1417.**

VALE - MONA THOMPSON:

Helen Saxby has informed us that her mother, MONA THOMPSON, passed away on Monday, 27th October, and her funeral will be held on Thursday, November 6th, at Gregson & Weight, Wises Road, Maroochydore at 2.00 p.m. Mona has been a long time member of the QMS, was always an enthusiastic member and loved being with other Manxies. She was in her nineties and had been in care recently. I know we will miss her and her lovely smiling face. If you wish to contact Helen, her telephone number is 5479 3750, email: Helen.saxby@bigpond.com A Sympathy card will be sent on to Helen and family from the QMS.

NEWS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN

HOP-TU-NAA THRILLER - by Jackie Turley – 16th October:

Douglas-based author Chris Ewan has written a new novel "Dark Tides" a Hop-tu-Naa thriller, which is being published by Faber in the UK and has been sold to America, where St Martin's Press will publish it next year. As with his last novel, Chris has set "Dark Tides" in a number of locations that will be familiar to island residents, such as, The Ayres Nature reserve, the lighthouse at the Point of Ayre, Injebreck reservoir, the chasms, Eary Cushlin and the Isle of Man prison. His previous novel was "Safe House" which was well received.

END OF AN ERA FOR HORSE TRAMS By Jackie Turley

Sunday, September 14, will be the last time that horse trams will pass each other on the double tracks that run along the seafront. Work is due to start later this month on the second phase of the promenades improvement scheme, which will pave the way for the line to be made single track and moved to the seaward side of the road. The second phase of works involves the reconstruction of the road, footways and drainage on a short section between Peveril Square and just before the junction with Regent Street. Subject to Tynwald approval, the track will then be rebuilt as a single track with passing places. The horse tram service will not run at all in the 2015 season but it is hoped it will return for 2016. It was thought it would be safer for passengers to have the single track. Also, as there were not as

many tourists these days and in an endeavour to keep the horse trams running, it was deemed to be “the right way forward”.



KINDRED SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS:

CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA [QLD] will be holding their Christmas Celebration at Coorparoo R.S.L on the [22ND November](#), 2014. Price will be \$25.00.

Traa dy loor - “Time enough”

Val Ashworth.....