



## Newsletter August 2024

### President's Note



Welcome to our August Newsletter. Our new Committee has got off to a great start with a very useful meeting with our Patron, Alanna Geary, in July. We have also conducted a Strategic Planning session which has allowed us to develop some clarity and focus around the work of the Committee for the coming year. Our conversations highlighted five key focus areas or priorities for our work; given consideration to our current strengths and challenges as an Association; alongside the opportunities for the future.

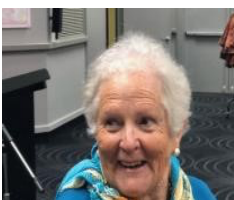
Our five priority areas are:

- Engagement and Identity
- Membership
- Events
- Revenue and Grants
- Museum
- Volunteers and Capability.

If you have any great ideas or suggestions for how we might progress these key areas, please email them to us.

**Cathy**

### Museum Report



Recent improvements have occurred at the Museum of Nursing History, with shelving in the storage area kindly installed by our friends from the Engineering Dept of the RBWH.

We would like to ask for volunteers for a working Bee to be held some time in September with the date still to be decided.

Landscaping has also been completed in the garden areas around the Museum so we would encourage you to come and have a look sometime.

Fire and Safety officer visited and talked through safety with volunteer staff available, leaving a recording on Computer for future volunteer training. Nursing students recently visited from Taiwan.

Museum Standards have been reviewed by Joy Wilson and discussed with Museums and Galleries Queensland.

We have a number of Book and artwork donations in recent months for which we are grateful. We are keen to reconvene a sub- committee for the Museum as soon as is possible.

**Joy 0488 418111**

## Membership Report



We are very keen to focus on increasing our membership over the coming year; and ensuring that we have the correct contact details for all of our existing members. Our current membership numbers are....

**Members (financial) 146**

**New members 2023/4 10**

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in suggesting membership to any of your own friends or colleagues who trained or worked at the Royal Brisbane Hospitals.

*Lorraine 0409 562 904*

## Bearers Of The Tradition

Last year the Committee reproduced the Bearers of Tradition Book with all nurses that trained at the RBH included. It tells the story of nursing over the ages across our campus. Approx 150 copies were sold in 2024. We have about 50 copies still available for purchase. We will also sell any remaining books at our upcoming events.

To purchase a book directly from the Museum of Nursing History for \$60. If you are unable to attend the museum, we can post the book to you after payment of additional postage costs. Please contact us if you would like to purchase a book.

## Return to the Nurses' Quarters



As you are aware we are currently planning an event at the Nurses' Quarters to be held on **October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 230pm.**

The function will be held in the Edith Cavell Function Room at the newly developed Herston Quarter.

As was previously mentioned, this will be in place of our usual September fashion parade and morning tea.

Ticket prices are still being finalised, but will include finger foods, refreshments and tea and coffee. There will also be optional tour of the Lady Lamington building.

Details in relation to ticket purchases will be sent out by the end of this month.

## **Save the Date**

Our Annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Kedron Wavell Social Club. We will stay in touch with details of this event closer to the date.

### **Your Committee, elected at the May AGM is....**

President	Catherine See
Vice-President	Vacant
Treasurer	Kerry Biggs
Secretary	Bernadette Smith
Membership Secretary	Lorraine Birtwell
Honorary Museum Curator	Joy Wilson
Committee Members	Marian Linnane Aileen Hinsch