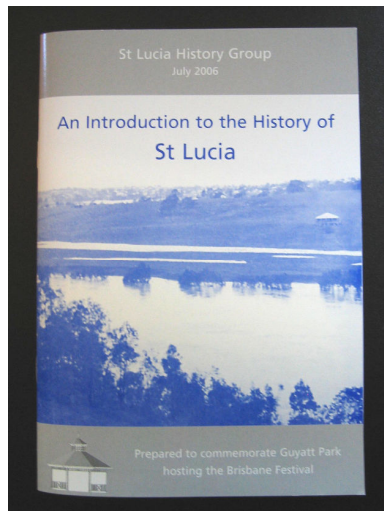


St Lucia History Group Publications



Since SLHG was formed, progress on the research of European settlement has forged ahead based largely on primary material together with recording the experience of some of our long-term residents. We have yet to do more than scratch the surface of life before the 'settlers'.

The Group now meets quarterly and welcomes anyone with an interest in local history to participate. Meetings are informal and typically include an update on current research topics and filling gaps in the evolving story that is the History of St Lucia. Progressively, member presentations have been documented in the form of referenced Papers and Research Notes.

It has been the group's practice to lodge hard copies of these self-published papers with the Brisbane City Council Library. Toowong and Indooroopilly Libraries have copies in their Local Studies sections. Many of the papers remain 'work in progress' so it was decided to issue future updates and new papers as they are produced in electronic .pdf format.

The group has also published the more polished booklet 'An Introduction to the History of St Lucia' in July 2006 to commemorate Guyatt Park hosting activity as part of the Brisbane Festival. Sales have been slow yet steady and the initial print run of 1,000 is almost sold out. The booklet is now also available on CD and on request, is accompanied by a copy of the current Research Papers/Notes.

The following table provides an outline of the research Notes and Papers currently prepared by group members. Any copyright in original material rests with the individual authors.

We trust you find the contents interesting and informative and look forward to your comments, corrections, criticism or contributions to the ongoing work of the Group. Please feel free to contact the individual authors or:

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<i>Disc Ref</i>	<i>Title and summary</i>	<i>Author/issue date this version</i>
01	<p>St Lucia before 1852</p> <p>This Paper covers the period from Aboriginal times, through European discovery, the convict era and the free settlement of Brisbane, up to the first sale of land in the future St Lucia</p>	<p>Peter Brown February 2013</p>
02	<p>Lang Farm and Glenolive 1852 to 1923</p> <p>Robert Cribb was the first purchaser of freehold land in St Lucia and named his property <i>Lang Farm</i>, adding to it over the years. In 1876 well known architect Richard Gailey purchased the land and later built his mansion <i>Glenolive</i> there. In 1901 Dr Sandford Jackson bought the mansion and land, and lived there until subdividing it in the 1920s</p>	<p>Peter Brown February 2013</p>
03	<p>Farming Sub-division 1852 to 1881</p> <p>The story of the farming families (about twenty) who cleared the land and grew cotton and later sugar cane. William Dart established a horse driven sugar mill and refinery. Every family grew fruit and vegetables for themselves and to take to the Brisbane market initially by row-boat</p>	<p>Peter Brown February 2013</p>
04	<p>Residential Sub - Division in the 1880s</p> <p>William Alexander Wilson purchased Dart's cane farm but soon, with others, subdivided this and most of the land on the northern side of the peninsular for housing. There being no roads, the main access to Brisbane was by river which made land sales slow. That, followed by the financial crisis of the early 1890s and the floods of 1890 and 1893, saw most of the developers and purchasers become bankrupt. The Carmody family, however, continued dairy farming until the 1920s</p>	<p>Peter Brown February 2013</p>
05	<p>The Naming of St Lucia</p> <p>When A W Wilson purchased Dart's cane farm he renamed it the <i>St Lucia Sugar Plantation</i> for a reason and when subdividing it used the name <i>St Lucia Estate</i>, part of which was progressively adopted for the whole suburb. Where today's <i>Guyatt Park</i> is Wilson also developed <i>Ironside Estate</i> naming it after his wife. Ironside State School adopted the name in 1905, and when housing developed in the vicinity in the 1920s that neighbourhood claimed the name for itself</p>	<p>Peter Brown February 2013</p>
06	<p>Representing St Lucia – A Paper on the Governance of the suburb of St Lucia.</p> <p>This research traces the development of the various levels of government from colonial times to the implementation of the Greater Brisbane Scheme in the mid 1920s. It covers representation in Colonial and State Parliaments with a more particular focus on the activity of the Divisional Board era of local government</p>	<p>Andrew Darbyshire February 2013</p>

- 07 **Posties Cops and Ferrymen - Government services** Andrew Darbyshire
 Sub-titled Part One this research focuses on early postal, police and ferry services in St Lucia and the adjoining suburbs of Toowong, Indooroopilly and Taringa, the immediate neighbours included to reflect the nature of these services. Part Two, the balance of government infrastructure services is yet to be addressed
January 2010
- 08 **A Fair Slice of St Lucia - Thomas Lodge Murray Prior (TLMP)** Andrew Darbyshire
 TLMP purchased a significant area of land in what would become St Lucia when this was first offered for sale in the late 1850s. His purchases were speculative in a period in his life when he was between pastoral ventures. This research includes information on his ancestry, his family, extracts from his diaries including contemporary events and tracks his progress through Queensland from the early 1840s to his death in 1890. In addition to his pastoral pursuits TLMP was our first salaried Post Master General, long serving member of the Legislative Council and one of the founding members of the Queensland Club
April 2014
- 09 **Early Settlers, The Dart, Watt and Jarrott Families** Marilyn England
 Initially this research focused on the Dart family, early St Lucia settlers, however, their pioneering activities were closely intertwined with their close neighbours and subsequent research on two such families the Jarrotts and the Watts has been included
September 2005
- 10 **History of Bird Life in St Lucia** Ian Venables
 This paper examines the influence of European development on the local environment and the species and diversity of birdlife it can support
September 2005
- 11 **Residential Development after the 1880s** Peter Brown
 The part of St Lucia within walking distance of the railway station at Toowong slowly developed as did the area serviced by the regular ferry which ran from Laurence Street across to West End from 1920. This provided a direct connection to the City tram service. In the better times of the 1920s *Coronation Park Estate* and *St Lucia Heights Estate* were developed along the ridge line. With the opening of the University in 1949 the area became a traditional post-war suburb with housing, shops, churches, and an active community
February 2013
- 12 **History of Roads and Road Names** Peter Brown
 Swann Road, Carmody Road and Ryans Road were the only 'Government Roads' in 1853 and even then it was the job of the farmers to clear them and add others. In 1889 St Lucia Road (Sir Fred Schonell Drive) was constructed and provided the first direct link across Toowong Creek to Brisbane. Street names were first regularised in 1893 and some modified in 1939. The University also changed many street names
February 2013

- 13 **Parks and Creeks** Peter Brown
Parks generally didn't exist until Council began to acquire house lots from 1945 onwards to create them throughout Brisbane. St Lucia now has many parks, large and small. Several creeks run from the ridge line down to the northern flats but have mainly been hidden by housing. The longest still exists from the school, behind Highland Terrace, through Acacia Park and down through the sports fields to the Brisbane River
February 2013
- 14 **Living in St Lucia Pre World War 2** Peter Brown
Personal stories of people and events in St Lucia from Lloyd Rees's childhood, to the 'St Lucia Aerodrome', to growing up in the area and to the depression years of the 1930s
February 2013
- 15 **Industrial and Retail Development** Peter Brown
St Lucia had factories making chain link fencing, boats, joinery, coffins and the famous Alvey fishing reels. Car workshops accompanied several petrol stations. David Guyatt opened the first 'general store' in the suburb in 1890. In 1913 a store opened at the top of Gailey Road, and in 1923 the Allens opened a store on Sir Fred Schonell Drive; both stores exist today and have been joined by others. From hawkers and daily home-delivery to Bob Browning's supermarket, St Lucia has always been well served
February 2013
- 16 **Droughts, Floods, Land Values, Heritage Listing and Housing** Peter Brown
Droughts and frosts helped drive the early farmers from the land, and major river floods from 1890 through to 2011 have devastated residents several times. Lost original mansions such as *Glenolive*, *Tomona*, *Jerdanefield* and *Mobolon* are detailed as are houses remaining from 1890, church halls from 1915, and the original Progress Hall from 1923. Several buildings are listed on Local, State and Federal Government heritage lists
February 2013
- 17 **Community Organisations** Peter Brown
In 1866 the first farmers built and organised their own school, and soon after a chapel. Later residents have supported the school through its growth, built four churches and the Progress Hall, and supported many community organisations such as the Golf Club, the Bowls Club, a Cricket Club, a Garden Club, Scouts and Guides, Lions, Red Cross etc. all of which are reviewed here
February 2013
- 18 **Living in St Lucia Part Two, Post WW 2** Peter Brown
More personal stories of people in St Lucia through the war, and of bringing up families in the rapidly growing suburb. Also the history of trolley buses that almost made it to St Lucia, and that of regular bus services from 1922
February 2013
- 19 **Education in St Lucia** Peter Brown
All the history from the farmer's wife led school lessons of 1864, through the community building its own school, to the well respected Ironside State School of today. St Lucia had a Catholic
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Primary School in the 1950s and '60s, which continues as a Pre-school only today. A community led Nursery/Pre-school/Kindergarten began in 1939 and still thrives to this day at Ironside. All the history of the 'Boys Farm School' of the 1930s to that of the world class University of Queensland today, including why, how and when it came to St Lucia

- 20 **Bridge to St Lucia** Peter Brown
Residential developers prepared plans for a bridge from Boundary Road West End to where the University is today in 1885. The Cross-River Commission of 1926 recommended a bridge to St Lucia. The Government assured doubters of the suitability of St Lucia for the site of the University, that a bridge would be built from West End to permit tram access direct from the City. Nobody was able to justify the funds to build a bridge until the BCC funded the Eleanor Schonell bridge in 2006 for buses, cyclists and pedestrians only
February 2013
- 21 **Long Pocket** Peter Brown
The farming families of St Lucia and Long Pocket formed an isolated community long before there were suburbs west of Brisbane. In 1864 they combined to build a school and a chapel, where Ironside School is today, 'equidistant' from both communities. Long Pocket survived as a farming area until controversially the State Government compulsorily acquired some of the farms in 1947 for its own purposes, mainly the CSIRO and the Indooroopilly Science Centre. Further controversy was to follow as Brisbane City Council then acquired the rest of the Long Pocket farms for a public park and then in 1962 leased about half of the park to the Indooroopilly Golf Club as an expansion of its nearby St Lucia course. In 1973 they exchanged almost all the remaining park land to the Golf Club in exchange for the existing St Lucia course – which remains a public course
February 2013
- 22 **A Century of Change, Glenolive to Riverford** Peter Brown
The high-rise apartment block Riverford stands in the grounds of the original *Glenolive*. Whilst there is some duplication of information in earlier papers this extends the research beyond the 1920s subdivision and its subsequent redevelopment. This is considered to be a good example of how residential requirements have changed over the generations
February 2013
- 23 **Portion 9 Parish of Indooroopilly** Peter Brown
This Portion is better known today as Guyatt Park St Lucia and its residential surrounds. It is a particularly interesting Portion due to its sub-division as *Ironside Estate* in 1885, and its location within walking distance of a railway station and a ferry. It has seen many changes from the original 1857 farmers, to a strawberry farm in the 1930s, to the homes of city commuters and well known people.
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- 24 **County of Stanley, Parish of Indooroopilly** Peter Brown
Counties and Parishes originated in England c600AD, and were
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introduced into Australia in 1788 as part of the land management system. This Paper researches how St Lucia came to be within this particular County and Parish from 1842, together with the derivation of the names

- 25 **Long Pocket Early Settlers – the Carr Family** Andrew Darbyshire
These notes, based on discussions with Mrs Enid Carr of Taringa gather together a number of local research threads including members of the Carr family and the compulsory acquisition of the farms at Long Pocket for the proposed park that never eventuated
January 2010
- 26 **James Henderson – Original purchaser of major landholdings in St Lucia, Taringa and Indooroopilly** Andrew Darbyshire
These notes trace the steps taken to identify the initial purchaser of the 53 acre Portion 31 Parish of Indooroopilly, the author’s interest being a somewhat more modest 405m². A shortlist of three candidates was drawn up and through an iterative process the identity of the relevant James Henderson confirmed. His 1865 sub-division of a parcel of land he purchased in 1853, the ‘Village of Nona’, current day Toowong, and Queensland Railway files provided the final clues
January 2010
- 27 **The Southern and Western Railway Brisbane Extension – Toowong to Indooroopilly** Andrew Darbyshire
Initially commenced to examine the relative stage of development of current day Toowong, Taringa and Indooroopilly at the time of the construction of the railway in the 1870s the research expanded to include railway stations and infrastructure up to the 1950s, adjacent or related Hotels and the reconstruction of the Albert Bridge at Indooroopilly following the collapse of the original structure in the 1893 floods
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- 28 **The History of the St Lucia Pre-School 1948 to 2000** Isa Maynard
This history prepared by Isa Maynard, Director 1964 to 1973, based on material unearthed by Mrs Marjorie Voss, covers the establishment of the St Lucia Kindergarten and follows its development through its first 50 years. It outlines the challenges associated with maintaining this community service and whilst specific to the St Lucia facility, its story more than likely reflects the same issues facing its contemporaries
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- 29 **St Thomas Aquinas School, St Lucia 1953 to 1966** Liz Little
Motivated by a successful reunion, past pupil Liz Little made a presentation of her research into this comparatively short lived and unheralded catholic school to the SLHG in November 2006. An initiative of Father Hogan and the Brigidine Sisters the school started life in recycled World War 2 military huts, sharing the building until the new Church was completed. The research notes touch on the teachers, students, the practice of religion, uniforms, sports and other activities
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- 30 **Charles Robert Haly, Pastoralist, MLA, Police Magistrate** Andrew
Darbyshire
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Whilst there is a short lived direct connection with St Lucia, CRH owned a Portion of land for a while, this research was undertaken primarily because he was a contemporary, and brother in law of Thomas Lodge Murray Prior. TLMP's first wife Matilda had two sisters who visited her early in married life on the Logan and ended up marrying TLMP's associates CRH and William Barker, both pastoralists in their own right. CRH and brother William O'Grady were early pioneers of the South Burnett establishing Taabinga, initially a 300 sq mile sheep holding. The notes touch on William's early demise, CRH's political career, insolvency and final days as Police Magistrate at Dalby
- 31 **Moreton Bay District Surveyors Office, selective notes from 1844 - 1860 Letterbooks** Andrew
Darbyshire
January 2010
Office practice before the invention of the typewriter and carbon copy paper was to keep a handwritten facsimile of outgoing correspondence, in this case in the form of a pre-bound 'Letterbooks'. Whilst this inevitably presents a one sided version it does provide an insight into the events and dynamics of the everyday work and demands of the early government surveyors. A branch office of Sydney, there appears to have been a relatively high turnover of staff not helped by the strains on their health associated with primitive conditions in the field. The 16 pages of summary notes refer to local research interests of the author and items of general interest
- 32 **Early Residential Sub-Divisions Taringa and Indooroopilly** Andrew
Darbyshire
January 2010
This is a compilation of copies of the Estate Sales Lithographs held by the John Oxley Library for these suburbs. Arranged in chronological order (printed and assessed) this provides an indication of the pattern of development
- 33 **SLHG – Notices and Notes from meetings September 2005 to December 2011** N/A
January 2012
Topics discussed at SLHG meetings do not always arise from or translate into formal research papers. The inclusion of meeting notes is an attempt to address this situation. Subject matter captured in this way include World War 2 recollections, Guyatt and Pollard families, 'greater' Lang Farm, Jerdanfield House, Middenbury (ABC, Toowong), Capemba (Swann Road Taringa), the Ygosse Boat Yard, University of Queensland, TJ Rothwell and early aviation
- 34 **St Lucia at War** Marilyn England
2008
The Australian Army took possession of the nearly completed first stage of the University of Queensland St Lucia campus buildings for the duration of the Second World War. As Advanced Land Headquarters this attracted a number of specialist units to the local area all of which required accommodation. This was achieved by requisitioning existing residences or setting up temporary camps

- 35 **St Lucia Families – The Guyatts** Nanette Asher,
David and Martha Guyatt emigrated from rural England in the 1880s opening the first shop in what would become the suburb of St Lucia. The family were active in the community, David representing the area on the local Divisional Board and their family being instrumental in building the first Methodist Church. These Notes are in two parts, the first covering David, Martha and their family, the second their grandson Leo who was a well known figure in the early Brisbane theatre scene Joan Haig and Andrew Darbyshire
July 2013
- 36 **Capemba, Swann Road, Taringa – the first two residents Clement Lindley Wragge and Thomas James Rothwell** Andrew Darbyshire
Clement Wragge was engaged by the Queensland Colonial Government in the 1880s to review their embryonic weather observation service and make recommendations for its development. His report was accepted and he was appointed to run the department. He bought land at Taringa and engaged AB Wilson to design and build Capemba for him. Shortly after federation the weather bureau he created was closed down and he sold up and left Brisbane. Up and coming Tailor and Outfitter Thomas James Rothwell purchased Capemba and lived there until his death in the 1920s. These research notes outline the lives of these two contrasting characters *April 2014*
- 37 **Some of the achievements of Doctors Karl and Gertrude Langer** Laurie West
These notes are a record of the presentation given by Laurie to SLHG in 2004. Karl and Gertrude Langer left their native Austria to escape the repressive environment in the years leading up to the commencement of World War 2. Initially living in Sydney they settled in Brisbane. Laurie was both a client for, and friend of the Langers and these notes are his personal memoir *August 2004*

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