



# Museum Matters

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## Chairman's Chatterings

### Meeting the Standard

Recently *West Moreton Health* hosted surveyors from the *Australian Council of Healthcare Standards (ACHS)* who came to review how our services measure up against the national standards. Hosting surveyors is not an interruption to the provision of healthcare but is a valuable tool to ensure the best healthcare is delivered to our community. Infection prevention and controlling healthcare associated infections is so important to the provision of healthcare that it is a standard itself and is a result of the early healthcare pioneers. Quality care standards are not a recent phenomenon, in fact they are steeped in history. Florence Nightingale was renowned for the implementation of quality standards as she applied them to reduce overcrowding of hospital wards, the provision of ventilation to wards, handwashing, the removal of the cavalry horses from beneath hospital basements and the regular flushing of sewers. It was the implementation of these basic infection prevention standards that improved patient outcomes.

I would invite you to make some time at the end of October to visit the museum as our volunteers are busily putting the finishing touches on our new display *'Pestilence, Plagues, Poultrices, Poxes, Pustules and Pyrexias -- Fevers, Infections and Epidemics of Ipswich and the Ipswich Hospital'* This will be an opportunity to understand the history and progression of infection prevention standards from an Ipswich Hospital perspective.

## Born and Bred in Mutdapilly

Mutdapilly (home of the Juggera people) was named by Patrick Logan (Commandant of the convict settlement) as early as 1827. It is believed the name Mutdapilly translates from the Aboriginal language as muddy gully.

By 1881 (census record) Mutdapilly had a population of 1,520. Mutdapilly is 20 km south of Ipswich, with the Cunningham Highway passing through north to south.

The well-known filmmaker (*Forty Thousand Horsemen, Jedda*), Charles Chauvel, spent some of his childhood years in the Mutdapilly district with his pioneer parents, but it was our own Grace Margaret Pampling, future Matron of the Ipswich General Hospital 1904 to 1918, who was born and bred there.

Grace and Charles (at different times) would have attended the former Normanby School which later became Mutdapilly State School.

Grace Pampling was the 4<sup>th</sup> child born to parents Jonathan and Margaret Pampling. She was born on the family property *Ashwood* in 1866. It could be assumed this child would grow up to marry a farmer from the Mutdapilly district, go on to farm with her husband, and produce a large family of sturdy little country kids. Surely this was the norm for those days? After all, this is what her Mother did, producing 10 children over a period of 20 years.

But Grace's life was to take another path.

Grace trained as a nurse at Brisbane



Hospital rising to the position of Head Charge Nurse and later, Acting Matron at that same hospital.

Not only did Grace give excellent service in her chosen career but she was instrumental in contributing to the welfare of future Queensland nurses by helping to establish, through the **Australasian Trained Nurses' Association**, a pathway for all nurses to establish themselves in a true profession. The hard-working, highly-trained nurses deserved this recognition!

Grace was Senior Charge Nurse at the Brisbane Hospital when she attended the inaugural meeting of those interested in establishing a **Queensland Branch** of the **Australasian Trained Nurses' Association** which was held in the Technical

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## Death of Harrisville Hospital

A country hospital was established during 1911 by a committee of voluntary workers in Harrisville. The first matron of Harrisville Hospital was Miss Clark, but her stay was short, about one month. She was followed by Matron Christian. At that time Dr Sharp and his family arrived from England. He was the first doctor to practice in Harrisville. Unfortunately, he was killed in a car accident at Sandgate in a black out during World War 2

The Harrisville Hospital closed on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1973. The "death certificate" was signed by four members of the Ipswich Hospital Board, Messrs K. L. Hall S.M. (Chairman), W. Berry, Emrys M. Jones, and Dr J Reid.

*Queensland Times 15/1/94*



Harrisville Hospital

## Community Visits to Museum

Group visits to our museum continue to grow in popularity. Since the last newsletter we have had 160 visitors in association with the National Trust Great Houses of Ipswich day in May. Twenty four school children from a number of local schools attending the hospital on a careers day took the opportunity to explore the museum. Blue Care made a call

with a number of their clients who reminisced on days past.

June saw an interested group from the Probus club of Forrest Lake take a tour of the display. Also that month a group of 20 ladies from the "West Moreton Ladies Discussion Group" enjoyed a special opening of the museum with an interesting presentation on the history of the hospital by Jane Kingston followed by a guided tour of the museum display.

Perhaps our most unusual group was 21 Girl Guides from Brisbane participating in an "Amazing Race". They had to find the first patient, information on a sampler made by the first matron (Ellen Raymond) and from the foyer of the museum details about our display of enema equipment.

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College building, Brisbane, on Wednesday 27 April 1904.

This association sought to improve the status of all nurses through registration and to develop standards of training in hospital schools of nursing.

It is interesting to note that another nurse, Nurse Weatherall, was also in attendance at the inaugural meeting. Nurse Elizabeth Weatherall was appointed Matron at Ipswich General Hospital on Matron Pamplung's resignation, serving 1918 to 1919.

In attending this 1904 Inaugural meeting (22 doctors and 70 nurses in attendance), these two ladies, Grace Pamplung and Elizabeth Weatherall were working with and supporting the leading figures in Brisbane's medical fraternity. They were indeed mixing in very fine (medical) company.

Matron Grace Pamplung embraced

the wider parameters of her nursing duties to bring about the Registration of Queensland Hospitals as Training Hospitals and worked resolutely towards establishing all nurses as members of the **Australasian Trained Nurses' Association**.

Even at the time of her leaving Brisbane Hospital (1904), Grace Pamplung was praised for her work in training pupil nurses over a number of years.

Once established in Ipswich, Matron Pamplung joined forces with the Medical Superintendent of Ipswich Hospital, Dr Thornton, to establish formal training for Ipswich pupil nurses. Dr Thornton delivered lectures in Anatomy and Physiology, Medicine, Surgery, Therapeutics and invited visiting honorary medical staff to lecture on Medical and Surgical areas from their specialty. Matron Pamplung lectured on all aspects of Nursing, Invalid Cookery and Housekeeping.

Today (2018) reflecting on the nursing life of Grace Margaret Pamplung, we remember her persistence in achieving success completing her three-year training period; we remember her fine contribution to the years spent in hospital wards in Brisbane and Ipswich; we remember her tact, kindness and leadership as she fulfilled her roles as Ward Sister, Charge Nurse, Senior Charge Nurse, Acting Matron, Matron, and we remember her keen discerning mind being able to project into the future to see the importance of Registered Nurses and Training Hospitals all coming together under one standardized umbrella.

Grace Pamplung not only had vision; she worked positively to make that vision a reality. Grace Pamplung, a country girl from Mutdapilly, succeeded in 'making a difference' in the lives of all nurses.

## Cooneana Homestead 150 yrs

The last few months have been busy for the museum members. In addition to the Rosewood visit the museum participated in 150th birthday celebrations of 'Cooneana Homestead' organised by the Ipswich Historical Society.

We were positioned in one of the rooms of the old homestead. The steady rain and lamp light added to the atmosphere and certainly did not deter a steady flow of visitors to our display. As the day progressed we did succumb to the luxury of an electric lamp.





## Quilts & High Tea

### The Children's Ward Quilts

The Ipswich Hospital Museum volunteers visited St Luke's Anglican Church in Rosewood for their High Tea for the ladies of Rosewood. A high tea was served to the ladies under the shade of a magnificent Poinciana tree in the church grounds. The men of the parish waited on the tables.

Jane Kingston a volunteer of the Hospital Museum was the guest speaker at the event. She spoke on the early history of the hospital also recounting several stories from the era. Her presentation was well received by the more than 70 ladies in attendance.

In addition the museum provided a display of nine of the Sunshine Ward quilts that are part of the museum collection. The quilts chosen for dis-

play in the church were those of local interest. Four being originally from the Rosewood St Luke's Ministering Children's League (M.C.L.) 1929—1932) and a further three from the Lowood area being from the Junior Red Cross.

The Ministering Children's League was a place where young girls of the district went to hone their embroidery skills.

The family names of Freeman, Yarrow, Brooks, Bowles, Lacey, Wass, Loveday, Stubbs, Vance, and Rafter are just some of the names of the girls who stitched the quilts. These quilts



*Sue, Kim, Celia, Sandy, and Nancy*

were used on the children's beds in the Sunshine Ward of the hospital. They came out for special occasions like Christmas and Easter. The quilts are a treasured part of the museum collection.

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*Jane Kingston, Elizabeth McNalty, Christina Marre, Pat Camplin*



*Enid, Margot and Doreen*

### MINISTERING CHILDREN

The annual display of work of the Ministering Children's League of St. Luke's Church of England. Rosewood, was held in the rectory last Saturday afternoon. This class meets each Friday afternoon, and under the guidance of Miss A. Pentreath a great amount of sewing has been accomplished. This year eleven quilts have been completed and sent to Yarrabah Mission Settlement, two to New Guinea, and one to the Ipswich General Hospital. They are composed of linen squares, each one worked and inscribed by a child of the league, and in the centre is "St Luke's Rosewood M.C.L., 1930." In addition to the quilts, a Christmas outfit, three dresses, two nightdresses, and petticoats have already been forwarded to Minnie, the little Papuan girl that the league has undertaken to maintain, also 118 bags and clothing have been sent to the New Guinea and Yarrabah missions. After the work has been inspected by a large and interested gathering afternoon tea was served, and several prizes were distributed by the rector (Rev. A.W. Gilbert). Afterwards games were enjoyed on the lawn.

*The Brisbane Courier (Qld. : 1864 - 1933), Wednesday 10 December 1930, page 20*

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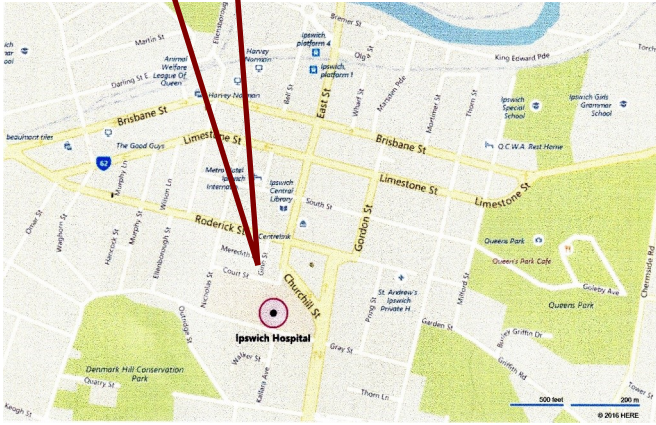
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**Current Display**  
Closing early October



**Next Display**  
Pestilence, Plagues, Poultrices, Poxes,  
Pustules  
opening in October

**YOU ARE WELCOME:**

Every Wednesday: 0900— 1200  
or by appointment

(groups welcome)

**FREE ENTRY**

### Standards Review Program

Museums and Galleries, Queensland reviewers, Maggi Solly, Christine Ianna and Leisha Walker paid a field visit to the IHM in August as part of the 12 month Standards Review Program the museum is undertaking. The Ipswich Hospital Museum appreciated the reviewers valued feedback, knowledge and time and are looking forward to their formal report to guide our future direction. Thanks go to all the museum members who participated in the day.

### The Goodna Explosion

In February 1943 two boys from St Patricks convent school Goodna discovered two shells while walking through a paddock near an army camp. Believing the shells were spent they were showing it to the children on an asphalt playground under the school which was built on stumps. The consequent explosion when the shell was accidentally dropped on the asphalt caused damage to the surroundings including a water tank twenty feet away resulting in a great loss of water. Eight children were severely injured and were taken to Ipswich Hospital by three ambulances. Surgery was performed by Doctors Trumpy and Williams with Dr Harvey as anaesthetist. Dr Gordon directed triage. He cut a strange figure in his pyjamas and dressing gown and two massive poultrices tied to



his face having left his sick bed suffering from mumps. The hospital had no blood bank and donors were summonsed for cross-matching and transfusion. The operations continued through the night and seven children survived. A boy with shocking injuries to both legs died five hours after the explosion which left the medical and nursing staff somewhat subdued as they believed that all the children should have been saved.

*The Ipswich Hospital 1860 – 1991. Ross Patrick*



*Christina Marre, Leisha Walker, Christine Ianna, Ross Blinco, Maggi Solly, Jane Kingston and Elizabeth McNalty.*

*(Jane and Elizabeth modelling our new volunteer shirts supplied by Ipswich Hospital Foundation)*

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