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### EDITORIAL

Reminding us of our mortality are the three bereavement notices of valued members that are placed towards the end of the newsletter. Sadly it's a proven fact, and even scientifically proven, that as stated in the *Rbaiyat of Omar Khayam*\* (Edward Fitzgerald's version) we all face the same eventual destiny. But rather than dwell on the sadness of their parting, we should perhaps be celebrating what they contributed to society, and nothing is more obvious in our own little world of mining history than that all three contributed much to the Association.

*\* But helpless pieces in the game He plays  
Upon this chequer-board of Nights and Days  
He hither and thither moves, and checks ...  
and slays  
Then one by one, back in the Closet lays*

*"The Moving Finger writes: and, having writ,  
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,  
Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it."*

Not too morbid I hope, and if you read the Ed's note at the end of Al Bashford's bereavement notice, perhaps we can all laugh at our eventual and certain destiny!

### Conference Report: CT 2014 Charters Towers, July 2014.

Read the President's report on the web page, but without doubt it was another very successful week, and despite the

troubles and tribulations following the sad death of organiser Kett Kennedy, everything went like clockwork. There were lots of people who contributed to that success and thanks go out to all who helped and who attended the proceedings. Apart from the great variety and standard of papers provided by our international and Australasian members, the highlights were the excellent day spent at Ravenswood where Peter Bell had a leading part, and the prelude to the film 'Under Hill 60' when Ross Thomas provided some fascinating insights into the making of the film of the 'digger tunnellers' who participated in the often harrowing events of World War I. There were also the keynote presentations by Peter Bell, and by Collin Myers. We received a wonderful reception from the local Shire and members of the community, and were well fed by local caterers, and by the Chef at the Conference Dinner held at All Souls St Gabriel's School. There were also the usual entertainers who livened the evening. Lots of messages of congratulations were received, which augers well for future conferences.

### NOTE:

If you attended the conference and took photos, Stephen Imrie would be delighted to place these on the webpage to accompany the report. Send to Stephen at: [slimrie@bigpond.com](mailto:slimrie@bigpond.com)

## **FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

### **21<sup>st</sup> AMHA Conference, Darwin 21-27 June 2015**

We are still gearing up, but once again it promises to be an eventful week, starting off with a familiarisation day in Darwin on Sunday 21st June and ending with a two-day tour taking in Pine Creek & vicinity, and with a return journey to Darwin on the 27<sup>th</sup> via the Golden Loop. Among the attractions of the week will be a boat tour of the harbour, which I'm sure everyone will enjoy, and visits to local places of interest. As the weather at that time of year is perfect, we expect to see lots of members come up for the sunshine. The conference dinner will take place at the Novotel, and the menu has already been selected – remember, singing voices are at a premium at this event. The business sessions will take place in pleasant surroundings, and with a sea view, at the **NT Museum and Art Gallery**. We are being helped by the NT History Association and local reps Bev Phelts and Jainie Mason are our contacts at that end.

As we are visiting Pine Creek during the 2-Day Tour when the local Goldfield festival is taking place, there will be difficulty in obtaining local accommodation. However, we have made some block bookings, and if you intend to participate then **I'd strongly advise that you inform the Secretary asap to book your overnight room for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Note that share facilities are available (in two-bedroom accommodation). If you wouldn't mind sharing (you also share the cost) then please let me know.

We have a fair contingent who will be travelling on the Ghan Railway, so these should be well warmed up for the occasion by the time they reach Darwin. If you would like to join the train-set, then please contact me for your name to be forwarded for further information.

Some time ago I sent out information on a **special AMHA deal** by the **Hilton Hotel** Chain in Darwin. If you are interested in finding out more – again, please contact me for information, asap.

Conference Registration forms should be available soon.

**Call for Papers:** - If you intend to present a paper at Darwin, please inform the Secretary of the title asap, and submit the abstract by 31 March 2015.

## **BITS & PIECES**

### **AUSIMM National Mining Games**

Thought that this would interest members, and as I had a bird's eye view from my window, then I couldn't resist placing this info before readers. The background to the Games is also of interest, and I for one wasn't aware of this disaster, from which the idea for the games emanated - though no doubt our N. American members will be well-aware.

The Perth branch of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM), which incorporates student chapters from UWA, Curtin and Murdoch universities, hosted the 2014 National Mining Games on the grounds of the UWA Sports Science Oval from the 15-16 August. About 180 participants participated. The various concrete blocks, apparatus and machinery on the oval that tested competitors' skills on mining related activities made this a games with a difference.

The origins of the Games go back to 2 May 1972, when a fire broke out in the Sunshine Mine near Kellogg, Idaho, USA. At the time, 178 miners were working in the mine. Carbon monoxide, heat and smoke spread rapidly through the underground workings hampering the efforts of rescue teams. Initially 85 miners escaped safely and two more were rescued seven days later. On 13 May, the last of the 91 victims were brought out. The tragedy was the country's worst hard-rock mining disaster since 1917.

The International Collegiate Mining Games started in 1978 and continues to this day to honour and remember the men who tragically perished in the disaster and the families they left behind. The tradition has been adopted by Australia with the commencement of these annual National Collegiate Mining Games.

### Miners Memorial

After more than 10 years of fund raising which brought in over \$23,000, a Memorial Wall on which are currently inscribed the names of 1,492 individuals who have died through mining accidents on the Eastern Goldfields was unveiled on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Perhaps fittingly, the WA Minister for Mines and Petroleum, the Hon. W (Bill) Marmion officiated, and the Memorial was dedicated by The Most Reverend Roger Hef, Archbishop of Western Australia. The Wall is located in the forecourt of the WA Museum in Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie/Boulder. The search for names is ongoing, and AMHA member Moya Sharp has spearheaded the compilation, which has been a collaborative effort. To view the register, go to the following address:

[www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au](http://www.outbackfamilyhistory.com.au)

### WW1 Tunnellers Memorial Waihi, NZ

Sue Baker Wilson has written to seek support for the Waihi Heritage Vision organisation that is planning to install a memorial to the WW1 New Zealand Engineers Tunnelling Company (NZETC) in Waihi, NZ in March 2016.

The project including a memorial wall and life-size statue, is estimated to cost NZ\$145,000. Some NZ\$116,000 has already been raised and the organisers are seeking further contributions.

The memorial not only recognises New Zealanders, but also Australians, South Africans, Americans and Dalmations who joined the NZTC (similarly, the Australian Tunnelers recruited miners from other nations).

Financial contributions of any denomination will be gratefully accepted, while a sum of NZ\$1,999 will be acknowledged at the memorial opening in 1916. Contributions of NZ\$1,500 and over will be both acknowledged at the opening and acknowledged on the interpretive panel adjacent to the memorial.

For further information please contact Kit Wilson, Chairperson, Waihi Heritage Vision, at

[kestral@netsmart.net.nz](mailto:kestral@netsmart.net.nz)

### PUBLICATIONS

**Stewart, Alistair**, *Somersaults in the Sand: Adventures in the Geological mapping of Australia*, Halstead Press, Sydney, 2014. \$29.25.

This is one for the geologists and was brought to our attention via the Earth Sciences History Group newsletter. The author worked for nearly 40 years with the Australian Government's Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (now called Geoscience Australia). He did 29 field seasons in the Northern Territory, Queensland, and Western Australia, and mapped just over one per cent of Australia's landmass (roughly equal to the size of Austria). To order the publication go to:

[www.somersaultsinthesand.com](http://www.somersaultsinthesand.com)

**Philip Goldswain, Nicole Sully, William M. Taylor (eds)**, *Out of Place: Occasional essays on Australian regional communities and built environments in transition*, UWA Publishing, Crawley, WA, 2014. ISBN 9781742585543. Pb 304 pages. \$39.99

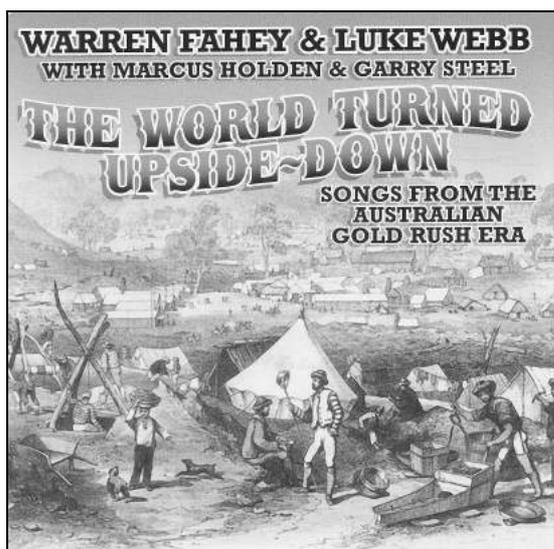
This recently produced publication should appeal to many of our members, as it takes into account previously ignored consequences of boom and bust development in the local and national arenas. From Gwalia and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia, Charters Towers in Queensland, and Broken Hill in New South Wales, the authors revisit sites of history from the different angles of architecture, landscape theory, social history and visual arts. The focus of the book examines places shaped by rapid urban growth (and often, decline), remote and demanding environments, and migrant and transient societies, all of which are heavily related to mining. A review will appear in this year's journal.

### Mining Songs

We've stretched the publication information to include a musical item for those who like to put on the billy and chew the damper around a hot fire. This relates to a new CD by Warren Fahey and Luke Webb entitled 'The World Turned

Upside-Down' that features songs from the Australian goldrush era. The songs were included in Fahey's recent e-book of the same name (see AMHA Newsletter of September 2013).

Most of the songs in the collection come to us from anonymous writers, however, there are two exceptional contributors - Charles Thatcher, better known as 'The Colonial Minstrel' and George Loyau, who used the non-deplume of 'George Chanson'.



The role of these 'popular' songwriters and music publishers cannot be underestimated for their songs definitely travelled far and wide. We are also fortunate that both identified the tunes to their songs. Other songs came from newspapers, magazine and the oral tradition - many have never been recorded before, especially the songs about the early New South Wales goldrush.

The CD can be purchased for \$25 from Rouseabout Records ([www.undercovermusic.com.au](http://www.undercovermusic.com.au)) or downloaded from iTunes for \$16.99 (don't forget to also download the booklet with notes on the songs and performers).

*Contributed by our songster President, Ross Both.*

## JOURNAL

Glad to report that the 2014 journal is on track with a number of new authors and a good variety of articles. However, while this year's journal is being finalized, don't forget that if you have something

that you'd like to have considered for 2015, its never too early to submit. Incidentally, next year's journal will include contributions from our international contributors who presented papers at Charters Towers, and from our own contributors who will be invited to submit papers for the refereed section

## INFORMATION WANTED

### Seeking Phillip Saunders

Cameron Mart from Perth, WA, is carrying out research for a book on prospector, miner and explorer Philip Saunders. He has recently started the process of gathering information and wonders if anyone could provide him with leads for his research?

Philip was the first man to discover gold in the Kimberley (in 1881), first to discover the Union Reef, NT in 1873, first to discover Copperfield (WA) in 1898 (not confirmed), and was one of the first men on the Palmer River. He also made countless other minor discoveries throughout Western Australia, the Northern Territory, and Queensland. He spent time on almost all the country's major goldfields in VIC, NSW, QLD, NT, SA and WA. He died in the latter state in 1931 aged 90.

Cameron has found some information regarding his activities in WA and NT (from 1873-1931) but is struggling to trace him in Queensland (circa 1857-1873), and also in Victoria where he grew up. If anyone has any information on useful archived material or other references, Cameron would be delighted to hear from you. If you can help he can be contacted at:

[kmart@minemap.com.au](mailto:kmart@minemap.com.au)

## HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Just to remind you that quite a few people are still to renew their memberships for 2014. Folk, it only takes a couple of clicks to register via our web page: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=11343>

If you can't remember whether you've registered, then just email me at: [mel.davies@uwa.edu.au](mailto:mel.davies@uwa.edu.au)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go to **Ray Boyle** who as a *very mature* age student took out his Phd at Central Queensland University earlier in the year. The title of his thesis was: 'Mount Morgan Limited: The Triumphs and Disappointments 1932-1990'. Ray who had a long career in the mining industry is understandably over-the-moon. Ray began work at the Mount Morgan mine in April 1948 as an apprentice fitter and turner. In 1968, already holding tertiary qualifications in mechanical and electrical engineering, and while employed in professional positions at the Mine, he enrolled in further engineering courses with the recently established Capricornia Institute of Advance Education (CQUniversity's predecessor). He left the Company in 1983 after 13 years as Chief Engineer.

During his last year at Mount Morgan, his recommendation that the Company should donate its archival material to the [then] Capricornia Institute was accepted and this material now forms the Mount Morgan section of the Capricornia Collection.

Ray's study provides a new analysis of the history of the Mine by examining areas of praise or criticism in the operations of Mount Morgan. His research shows that the Company provided a guaranteed income, social and educational support to generations of Mount Morgan people, but failed to expand its activities and initially disregarded the surrounding environment. The abstract for the thesis reads:

'The 108 year history of the Mount Morgan mine has been told and retold but little attention has been paid to the sixty-one year history of Mount Morgan Limited. It is now over twenty-three years since production ceased, so fewer people remain who were associated with this period of the mine history. Most are unaware of the reasons for its success or failure, and of the management decisions that ultimately affected the lives and prosperity of the Mount Morgan

community. Consequently, there have been areas of narration, especially in this latter period, which have drawn either praise or criticism, often without sufficient and accurate historical detail by way of comparison. The thesis addresses these shortcomings across the relevant areas, drawing principally on primary material contained in company archives lodged with CQUniversity, Rockhampton and supported by pertinent secondary literature. By examining areas of 'praise or criticism' in the operation of Mount Morgan Limited, and placing these within the context of the broader mining community, the thesis offers a new analysis of the history of the mine.

The thesis establishes that, while returning significant dividends to its shareholders, and providing a guaranteed income, social and educational support to generations of Mount Morgan people, the Company failed to expand its activities and initially disregarded the surrounding environment. In evaluating these commercial, social, operational and environmental areas of its operations, the thesis addresses not just the perceptions of the triumphs and disappointments of Mount Morgan Limited, but also examines its relationship with the broader mining community, both national and international. It addresses the extent to which it followed or departed from industry practices elsewhere, including the extent of influence exerted by directors and senior staff, the introduction of a welfare scheme and social initiatives, as well as its persistent, but ill-fated attempts to diversify its operations.

We are sure that researchers of the mine will be well rewarded with the fruits of Ray's work.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the AMHA took place at the World Theatre Complex, Charters Towers on 10 July. The meeting went smoothly under the iron gaze of our then President Ruth Kerr, and there were no surprise announcements. It was decided that our 2016 conference will take place in Cobar,

NSW, and feelers went out for later suggestions among which WA and Lightning Ridge were mentioned, in addition to Traralgon, Victoria.

Our new President is Ross Both, and Vice President is Ken McQueen – both old hands as members of the AMHA, who will, I'm sure, steer the ship safely through the year.

For the officers and committee. See list at the end of the newsletter.

### **Eulogy for Ralph Winter Birrell**

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, Ralph Birrell passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The following eulogy has been kindly forwarded by member, and Ralph's friend and compatriot, James Lerk:

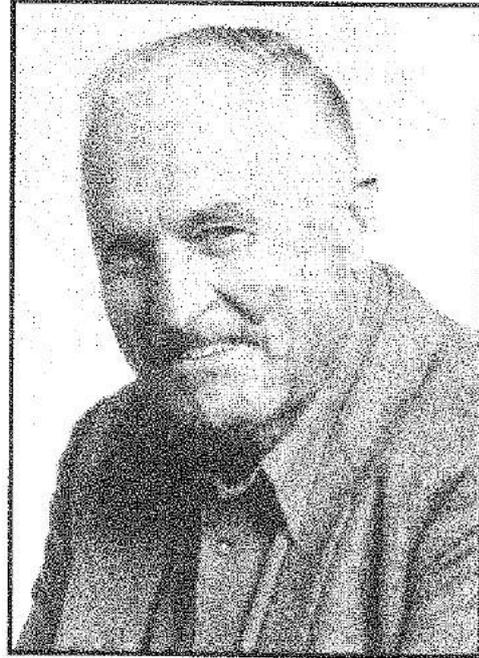
### **Vale, Ralph Winter Birrell**

Bendigo lost a great educator, researcher and involved community member with the passing of Dr Ralph Birrell. He was born at St Arnaud on 20 March 1927. St Arnaud was an old gold and silver field. Educated there at the local state school, then high school. No teacher was available in 1944 to take the matriculation physics, mathematics and chemistry, so with the help of a scholarship completed that year in Melbourne.

At the beginning of 1945 Ralph was a trainee primary teacher for a few months before being sent bush to head up a 15-pupil school. With another studentship he attended the teachers' college, then received an extension scholarship to do a science degree at Melbourne University. He worked during semester breaks at the Commonwealth Fertilisers and Chemicals.

Appointed to Kyneton High School he taught mathematics and physics at the senior level, resigning after two years to do further study for an electrical engineering degree. During the summer semesters he worked seven days a week at Mt Isa Mines as an electrician's offsider. In the semester he taught English to migrants this is how he met his wife of 59 years, Marta. They married in January 1955, and almost immediately took the train to Broken Hill where he commenced

as a junior engineer at Zinc Corporation/New Broken Hill Consolidated. By 1957 Ralph was in charge of electrical construction and maintenance as well as having responsibility for the winding engines.



With the birth of their first child he applied for the head of Electrical Engineering at the Bendigo School of Mines /Technical College. He was a gifted lecturer being able to explain complex ideas in a simple manner. Then was appointed principal of the college in late 1965, and nurtured a period of unprecedented growth. Encouraged the college to move to a green-fields site at Flora Hill. The first computer was operating in 1968.

Renamed the Bendigo Institute of Technology and later the College of Advanced Education, he was a competent and capable administrator who encouraged women and supported them with his open door policy. A number of degree courses were introduced and student numbers boomed. Through political shenanigans he was cheated from remaining the director of the institution, Ralph was deeply disappointed. However he took up a challenge to build a large pisè house in the bush at Strathfieldsaye, then commenced a business in electrical and electronic consulting for seven years.

Head hunted by the Army to be in charge of the proof and Experimental Establishment at Graytown. Supervising the testing of all ordnance, ammunition and explosives. This work required great precision for which he was ideally suited till 1992 when he retired.

Ralph knew that with his love and deep understanding of mining that he could contribute to knowledge in a worthwhile way. Now a new era began he produced a number of really worthwhile monographs, became an expert on mining law and its development. 'Staking a Claim,' is an important reference work published by Melbourne University Press. In 2006, at 79 years of age, he was conferred with his PhD for his thesis, 'The Development of Mining Technology in Australia 1801 - 1945'. Together with James Lerk they produced the glossy 'Bendigo's Gold Story'.

Ralph continued to research right up to the last, he was at the point of writing a book dealing with, early land sales, tracking the fortunes or otherwise of the people involved - an important subject that had been largely ignored by historians. Ralph really enjoyed the times that he could attend AMHA conferences and his contribution will be missed. He is survived by his widow Marta, children Olga, Rika and Alexander and their families.

*James Lerk*

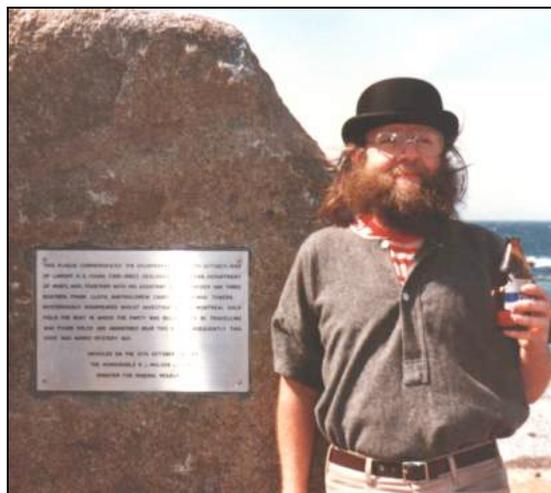
#### **Vale, Al Bashford 1939-2014**

Alistair (Al) Bashford, a keen and intrepid member of the AMHA, passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 after a short illness. He had just turned 75. From 1967 until his retirement in 2005 Al was Librarian in the Library of the Geological Survey of New South Wales, based in its various offices in Loftus, Kent and Bent streets Sydney, at St Leonards and in Maitland. He was highly regarded by his colleagues and visitors to the library, particularly for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the library collection and his great helpfulness in seeking out information.

Al migrated to Australia from the UK in 1960 and studied economics at

Sydney University before obtaining a position as a Librarian at the State Library of NSW. In 1967 he was seconded to the NSW Department of Mines as the Librarian at the Geological Survey Library. He had few family members in Australia (two brothers), but many friends through his work and social contacts.

*Photo provided by Lindsay Gilligan*



*Al at Mystery Bay in 1980 at the unveiling of the memorial to Lamont Young and party*

Al joined the AMHA in 1996 (a year after our formation) and attended many of the annual conferences. He was a devoted bike rider and many will recall his exploits, cycling to AMHA conferences in Broken Hill, Kalgoorlie and Kadina. He cycled the breadth of Australia including across the Simpson Desert. Al was a quiet unassuming and obliging man with a rebel streak and unique sense of humour. He will be sadly missed in the AMHA.

(My thanks to Lindsay Gilligan, Ian Percival and Roger Cameron for providing some background information on Al).

*Ken McQueen*

#### **Eds note:**

Perhaps nothing illustrates Al's sense of humour more than the notice that I received in June, just before Al's death. A mailed package containing a copy of the journal I'd mailed to Al in November 2013 landed on my desk. Written on the package were the words '**Returned – Recipient Deceased**'. A joker to the end!

**Vale, Kett Howard Kennedy, 1948-2014, historian, writer and academic**

Kett Kennedy, a friend of 38 years and former Professor of History, Head of the Department of History and Politics, and JCU staff member from 1975 to 1997, died at home in Charters Towers, from cancer, on Saturday 22 February 2014.

Kett was the initiator of the formation of the Australian Mining History Association in 1994. It occurred in north Queensland in Ravenswood when a number of mining historians were attending the Australian Historical Association conference. He had also been at the first International Mining History conference at University of Melbourne in 1985, and attended the second international conference in Bochum, Germany in 1989.

Kett was also a significant supporter of the Professional Historians Association (Queensland - formerly Queensland Historians Institute) and historical societies such as The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and those in north Queensland. He was a mentor, an enthusiast and encourager of historians and the study of history in the community as well as the University.

Born in Mackay, Kett went to school there and then to University of Queensland. He transferred to James Cook University in 1969 and worked with Professor Brian Dalton. He completed his PhD on 'The Public Life of William McCormack, 1907-1932' (Queensland Premier 1925-1929) – the first PhD in the Humanities completed at James Cook University. Kett then went to work as a Research Officer for the Australian Labor Party with Jack (later Sir) Egerton in Brisbane until 1975. He had married Gail Bussey in 1971; returned to James Cook University in 1975 and their son, Patrick, was born in 1978. He was a great lover of horse racing and was a committee member of the Townsville and District Rugby League Club. After his first marriage was dissolved, his friendship with Siriol Giffney developed around 1996 into a firm partnership.

He rose to the position of Professor of History at James Cook University in 1995 and was fiercely loyal to his department, staff and students. He took early retirement in 1997 and continued research and writing. Kett was regarded as one of Australia's leading mining historians, and his publications were legion.

Kett was an active organizer of the International Mining History Conference in Melbourne in 1985 and was one of the early members of the Australian Mining History Association when he joined in 1995. At the time of his death he was organizing the Australasian Mining History Conference in Charters Towers for 6-11 July 2014.



In the course of his teaching career he also wrote on trade unions and industrial disputes. He was also a commentator in state and federal elections in north Queensland from the mid 1970s to 2013. He was very active in the local community contributing to the local newspaper, *The Northern Miner*, on politics and history.

In more recent years he wrote on a variety of subjects – history of Mackay, stories of Dalrymple Shire in the Peter Black years, a Ravenshoe murder, and a Charters Towers politician, John Dunsford (1893-1905) culminating in two significant books:

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Kennedy, Kett and Giffney, Siriol, *Within Living Memory: Dalrymple Shire during the Peter Black years* (Charters Towers, Dalrymple Shire Council, 2003).

In 2008 Kett succeeded in persuading the Queensland Electoral Commission at the last electoral redistribution to change the proposed name for the electorate covering the area from Moranbah, including Charters Towers and up to Atherton from Macrossan to Dalrymple. He made his submission describing the characters and careers of John M. Macrossan and George E. Dalrymple available for a lunchtime meeting of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland. The submission was included on the Commission's website.

Kett was a very generous person and greatly encouraged history students and graduates of James Cook University to publish their research in historical journals. He lodged a significant submission in 2011 to the Australian Research Council in relation to the ERA Scheme advocating that the *Queensland History Journal* and the *Journal of the Australasian Mining History* be listed in their Journal Ratings List. He was also a great supporter of the Family History Society in Charters Towers, stimulating them to research cemeteries and other local sites and stories in their region. At the time of his death Kett was organizing the Australasian and International Mining History Conference in Charters Towers held in July 2014.

*Dr Ruth S. Kerr.*

\* A list of Kett's publications is appended to the end of the newsletter.

### **AMHA Officers**

The following members were elected to office at the Charters Towers Annual General Meeting:

**Patron:** Prof. Geoffrey Blainey, AC

**President:** Dr Ross Both.

**Vice President:** Prof. Ken McQueen

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Mel Davies, OAM

**Auditor:** Dr Glenda Scully

### **Committee:**

ACT Dr Barry McGowan.

SA Dr Peter Bell & Dr Brian Hill

NSW Prof Adrian Hutton & Greg Knapman

NT David Carment and Bev Phelts

QLD Ruth Kerr, OAM & Jan Wegner

VIC Nick Williams and Mike Williams.

TAS Greg Dickens & Dr Nic Haygarth

WA Wendy Carter and Howard Tew

NZ Dr Lloyd Carpenter & Dr Philip Hart

**Journal Editor,** Mel Davies

**Assistant Journal Editor:** Nick Williams

**Webmaster:** Stephen Imrie

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