

A SLICE OF BULIMBA HISTORY

SAMUEL 'SAM' BUCKBY Teacher, Poet & Bulimba lad.



1920's class photo

Sam Buckby was born at Strathpine in 1886. After training to become a teacher, he served in schools at North Pine, Eagle Farm and Hamilton, Lagoon Creek and Evergreen, before enlisting for military service in WW1 in March 1916. He was discharged in January 1919 and returned to teaching.

In 1923 Sam transferred to Bulimba State School and, of course, it was here that his creative juices really began to flow!

In 1929, he published *Digger Sea-Mates: A Novel* (under the pseudonym Frank Blair). He was particularly interested in poetry and from 1943-1944 he published two volumes - *They Shall Not Pass and Other Poems* and *'Neath Sunny Skies: A Further Selection of Poems*. Many of Sam's poems vividly describe his travels and the places he visited. But his heart was clearly in Bulimba. In fact, his poem *Bulimba* reveals his appreciation of the beauty of the district. It was written from the top of the hill that we all know and love!

In 1948, he published an autobiography entitled *Those Days in England*. Sam Buckby died in 1950 in Brisbane.

An excerpt from *Bulimba*
by Sam Buckby

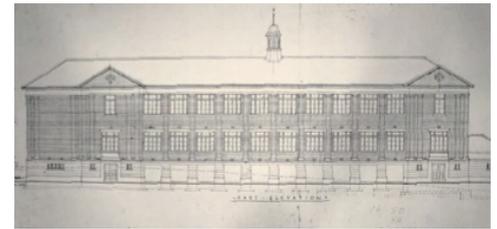
On a majestic rise
That towers towards the skies,
You greet the stranger's eyes,
Oh, fair Bulimba.
You meet the morning sun
When the day has just begun,
As though his grace you won,
Oh, fair Bulimba.

Upon its towering height,
The school, dispensing light,
Unrivalled as to site,
Has charms endearing;
The varied scenes from there,
Scarce bettered anywhere,
Can well with most compare -
Perfection nearing.

Out there within the Bay
The wanton wavelets play,
While ocean booms away,
On lonely beaches;
But nearer by your feet,
The river's silv'ry sheet
Let's ships each other greet
On busy reaches.

Broad river flats are seen,
Where farming once has been,
But where now midst the green
Bright dwellings nestle.
While on the river gay
Slow moving to'wards the Bay,
The rippling wavelets play
'Gainst ev'ry vessel.

150 FOCUS



Bulimba State School Architectural Drawing - Queensland State Archives

Bulimba State School's 'Sesquicentenary' is just around the corner.

Heritage Weekend - July 23rd - 25th - will see the entire Bulimba Community unite to celebrate 150 years of our wonderful school. And what a milestone this is when you really think about it!

The 150-year festivities will recap and recall the rich history of our school and will showcase the sustainable, global school we have become. You might like to book to take a guided tour of the school and find out lots of fun, historical facts. Or you can truly immerse yourself in history by stepping back in time in the five Display Rooms. These will showcase and illustrate the years 1866-1939, 1940-59, 1960-79, 1980-1999 and 2000 to now.

This event will attract thousands of people to the myriad of daytime and evening events. Past students, teachers and friends of the school will meet and mingle with today's teachers, friends and families of the current 820 students. And of course, the local Bulimba and surrounding communities will be very much involved too.

Did you know that the last school birthday celebration event was the 125th celebration - on the July 16th 1991? That was when Bob Hawke was the PM and *The Simpsons* debuted on Channel Ten! It was also the year that the Bulimba State School Library was restocked for \$6 a book.

This Newsletter presents a snippet of what you will discover over the Heritage Weekend ... Find out more in the next edition.

WHAT'S ON

Bulimba State School Heritage Day is the perfect opportunity to meander down memory lane, take a tour of the school, meet up with new mates and old friends or just sit and enjoy High Tea in the School Hall (bookings essential, because everyone loves a high tea!).

'You can step back in time in the Decades Rooms and see some wonderful memorabilia, pictures, compare old prices of household provisions and even join the roll call from your year at the school. Plus you can check out (and laugh at!) the vintage fashion through

the ages. The action packed, fun filled, memory laden day kicks off at 10am and the fun continues through till 8pm - ending on the bottom oval with a good old fashioned Aussie Bush Dance with heaps of tucker.

Did you know that Bulimba State School opened in 1866 with just 28 students from 19 families.



HERITAGE WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday 22nd July 6:30 - 10:30pm **150th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Commemorative Book Launch**

A special evening of rekindling friendships and sharing memories at Moda - Portside Wharf, Hamilton overlooking the Brisbane River and Bulimba State School.

Saturday 23rd July 10:00am - 4:00pm **Bulimba State School 150th Anniversary Celebrations Day**

Step back in time as we celebrate with a day packed with good old fashioned fun. Explore the school, reminisce with old classmates and see how the school has changed through the years.

Saturday 23rd July 5:00 - 8:00pm **Bush Dance**

BBQ, Street Food and a live Rantan Bush Band will provide fun.

Sunday 24th July **Privately arranged reunions get together**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

These are selling like hot cakes, so get in quick to secure what's left.

Contact Sharon on 0438 764 085

Naming Sponsor opportunities

The Heritage Day Bar

Get your company's name here - it's likely to be one of the more popular places on Heritage Day!

The Upper Stage

Thousands of pairs of eyes will be staring at the Upper Stage throughout the day

Historical Book & Exclusive Gala Dinner

An exclusive opportunity to get your company name/brand into this historical book and be the naming rights sponsor at the Gala Dinner on 22nd July.

Heritage Day High Tea

Sponsor what promises to be one of the most popular - and tasty - aspects of Heritage Day!

150 Commemorative Book

Historical Name Listing - \$20 per single line (25 characters) entry

Your personal slice of Bulimba history! Get your family or business listed in the 150 Commemorative Book. Deadline for submissions is 15th June 2016.

DVD- a Trip Down Memory Lane

Screening Room and back cover for the exclusive Bulimba State School DVD

Sponsor this stunning, professionally produced DVD, which captures hundreds of golden moments of Bulimba history and school memories.

Plus ...

Only 2 Gold Sponsorship Packages left.

DONATING PARTNERS

Big thanks to our sensational donating partners who have kindly given us heaps of great stuff. The generosity of these people and companies will make Heritage Day a huge success:

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- Bunnings
- Biscoe Wilson
- Hawthorne Clinic
- Hannah Photography

Thanks, thanks, thanks.

NEXT ISSUE

Coming up in the next issue of the Heritage Newsletter

- Bus, taxi, bike, hoverboard and parking? Getting to the event
- Action packed & fun filled. The schedule for the day
- The BSS Heritage High Tea. Booking information

There is something for everyone!

CONTACT US

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