



FOPIA Newsletter

November 2020

FOPIA UPDATE

It is now some months since FOPIA made donations to various organisations and was subsequently officially wound up. The website remains operational until December 2020. The email address is still current. It is no longer used on a regular basis and will be removed in due course.

The advent of COVID-19 has been disruptive to say the least, however, we managed to carry out the work required to finalise FOPIA's closure.

DONATIONS UPDATE

As you know, FOPIA donated funds to the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Redland Museum and Fort Lytton Historical Association. An update is as follows:

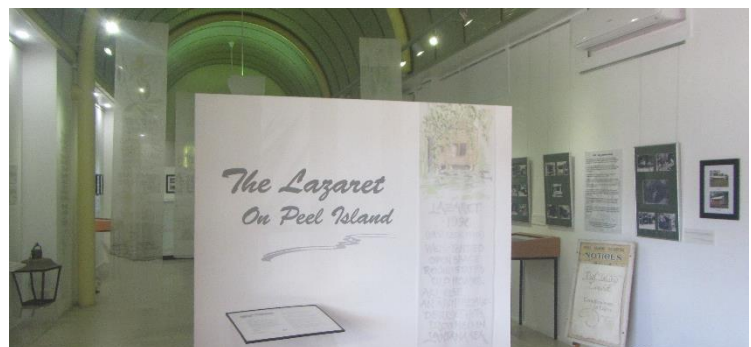
ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS SERVICE (Queensland)

The Ventilator - costing in the vicinity of \$50,000, of which FOPIA donated \$10,000 - is at the base at Brisbane Airport for use in any of the planes requiring the equipment. The ventilator is one that can be used for all ages - from very early premature babies to the elderly.

REDLAND MUSEUM

The Redland Museum kindly agreed to take delivery of FOPIA's display items previously held at Fort Lytton and Scott, together with Rick Thomason from the museum, have managed to relocate the items to the care of the museum.

Timing was opportune as the museum was able to immediately set up a display (details of which were sent in the prior email to members) on the Lazaret. It is very impressive and well worth the time to visit, if possible, before the end of November.



Some photos of the display have been included should you be unable to attend.





Thanks go to the museum's Rick Thomason and to Scott for a great job with setting up the display.

DONATION FOR INSTALLATION OF MURAL AT REDLAND MUSEUM

The Artist engaged by the museum to paint the mural, Christian Griffiths of The Sauce Studio, normally resides in New South Wales.

Christian had been commissioned by other organisations in Queensland prior to the advent of restrictions due to COVID-19. Luckily, he was able to start the mural following completion of his other work in Queensland. It was recently completed.



The basis for the design was an old photograph of the Garage operated by Mander Bros and situated in Bloomfield Street.

The mural depicts the inside of the garage with the view through both the window and the garage door showing the Poinciana tree outside.

It has been made all the more interesting by the inclusion of "garage items" from the time and the addition of "original cars" from past eras.

Note the telephone number : "Phone 67" !!!



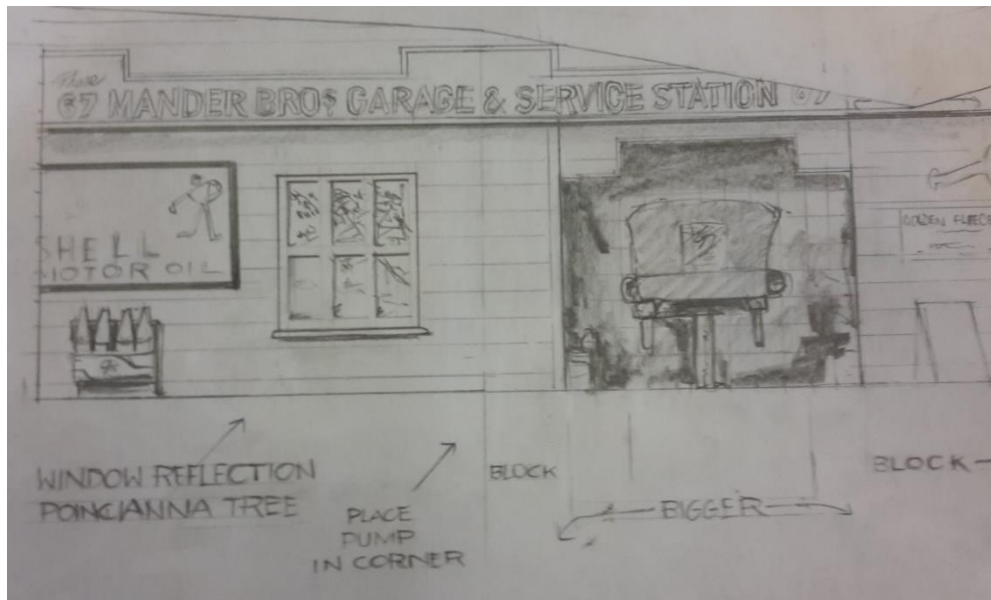
Redland Museum has commissioned a Plaque for the Mural. A proposed draft of the wording was provided for FOPIA's approval. The museum indicated the Plaque would be on a gold background with a timber frame. We understand the Plaque has been ordered but is yet to be installed.



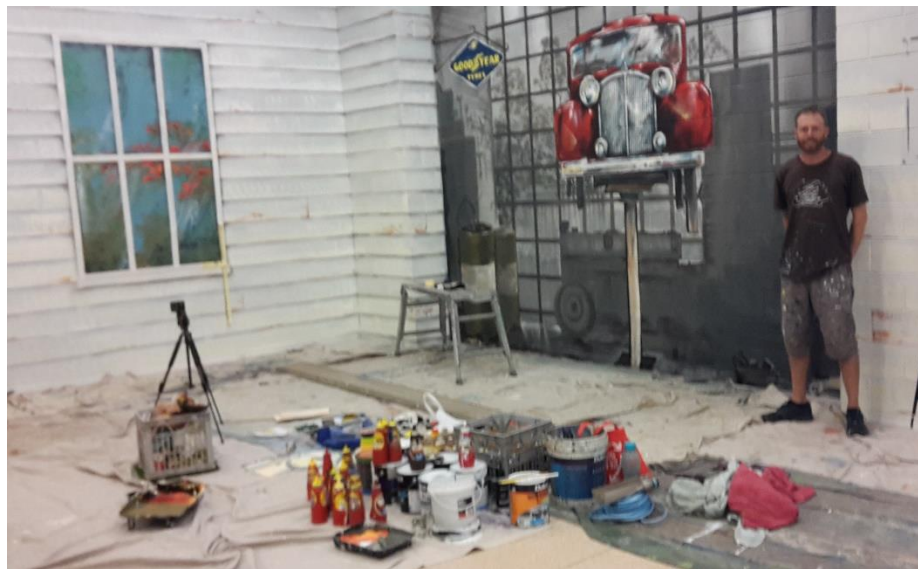
Draft of Proposed Plaque



The original photograph showing the garage door with Poinciana Tree outside



Concept Drawing for Mural



The Artist, Christian Griffiths, with the Mural in the initial stages

FORT LYTTON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

FLHA has purchased a mannequin for the Quarantine Station Officer's Uniform, however, are still to source and purchase the display cabinet. We have asked for a regular update and will keep members informed.

FESTIVE GREETINGS

Best Wishes for the coming Festive Season - Here's to a Great 2021 for All !!!
Take Care, Stay Safeand Well away from COVID !!

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The Redland Museum Information - The Museum is now quite extensive, very professionally presented and definitely deserves a visit. The website lists current events including talks being held.

Museum Opening Hours:	Monday to Sunday - 10:00am to 3:30pm
Entrance Fees:	Adults - \$7.00 / Concessions - \$5.00 / Children - \$2.00
	Family Pass - 2 Adults and 2 Children - \$15.00
Rotary Heritage Library:	Monday to Friday - 10:30am to 1:00pm

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