

## Centenary Suburbs Historical Society 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



This week we celebrated 20 years of documenting the history of the Centenary Suburbs. During those years we have published a number of books about the pioneers who settled here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Society has raised awareness about our history through exhibits at the Mount Ommaney Library and also with a spot at the Rocks Riverside Park festivals.



We had our AGM and Caroline Hamilton was re-elected President. Our local Councillor, Matthew Bourke, attended as Chairman for the election of the executive and then told us about plans for parks in the area. We then had a presentation from our Guest Speaker Mal Lancaster who had been an active member bringing recognition to the early aviator Thomas Macleod whose memorial plaque was unveiled in 2010. Mal spoke about his career as a photographer for Defence and he had many memorable photographs to show us.

*Caroline Hamilton and Mal Lancaster*



Councillor Christine Watson formed the historical society in 1996 to collect and preserve the area's history. Our focus is on the Centenary suburbs of Seventeen Mile Rocks, Sinnamon Park, Jindalee, Mount Ommaney, Middle Park, Jamboree Heights, Sumner, Riverhills and Westlake. Many people have been surprised to learn that our area has such a rich pioneering history. We will continue to collect and preserve our local history for future generations.