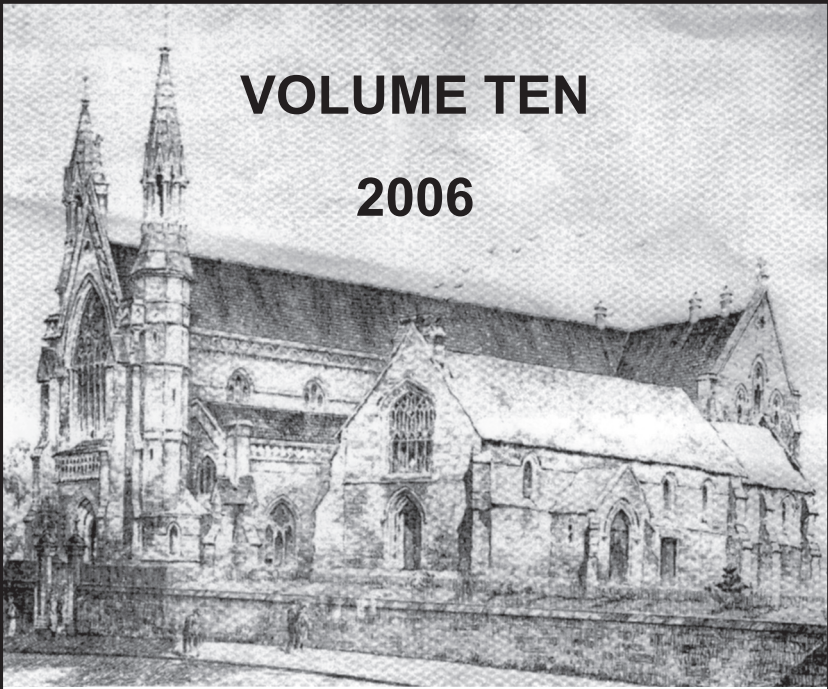


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## INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure that I introduce Volume 10 of the *Proceedings* of Brisbane Catholic Historical Society. The journal continues the vision of Rev Dr Tom Boland, begun with Volume 1 in Australia's Bicentennial Year (1988). In the interim, its size has grown from 68 pages to that which you are now reading.

Happily, we can report the recognition of the academic career of Dr Boland, in the Award of *Doctor Honoris Causa Australian Catholic University*, on 10 May 2006. A report of those proceedings, together with the address that he delivered on this occasion – *John Paul II and History* – begins this volume. Later, in *A Life on the Ocean Wave* he presents an account of the voyage to Australia by one of Queensland's pioneer priests, Fr Henri Brunn.

An appreciation of one of the Society's founding members, Sister Mary Peter Hodda, rsm, has been provided by Sister Patricia Sullivan, rsm. For many years Sister Hodda was a tireless supporter of our various activities.

This issue represents a new departure for our *Proceedings*. For the first time, the possibility of contributors having their papers peer-reviewed has become a reality. Articles submitted to this process are marked with the symbol ✻ both in the Contents page and next to the Title on the paper itself.

In addition, in an attempt to encourage circulation for writers of local history, the editorial committee has decided to present details of books recently published. A list of these can be found at the end of the volume.

As is the Society's custom, the papers presented here reflect the wide range of research interests followed by various members.

Our indigenous sisters and brothers were the focus of two papers that treated different historical periods: *Duncan McNab, James Quinn, and the Mission to the Queensland Aborigines (1875-1880)* by Mark Cryle, and *The Catholic Church and the Struggle for Civil rights of*

*Australian Aboriginal People in the 1960s* by Stefano Girola. Both authors are from The University of Queensland.

In his paper, *From the Barrier Reef to the Outback: Building the Townsville Diocese*, Len Horner has chronicled the development of the northern diocese over the period 1930-2005; while Peter Ball's *G. C. Wilcocks and 'Wynberg'*, provided an interesting insight into both the man and his residence which has since become the home of the Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane.

Women Religious and their Convent High Schools are represented by two case studies: Anna Barbaro's *A Case Study of the Presentation Sisters in Queensland*, and Peter Connell's *Exploring the History of All Hallows' Convent*.

To mark 90 years of St. Laurence's College, South Brisbane, Alan Druery related some of its stories in his paper: *St. Laurence's College: the light on the hill and the characters who kindled it*. Martin Kerby, for his part, concentrated on the war service of Christian Brothers' ex-students from Nudgee College and Gregory Terrace, in *Under a Foreign Flag*.

Original research was presented in other areas also. Sister Rosa MacGinley analysed the early Brisbane Catholic newspaper, *The Age*. Maggie Boyle succeeded in holding the interest of her hearers by *Uncovering the History of St. Mary's, South Brisbane*; and Rod Manning regaled us with stories of *The Australian Irish Potato Famine Monument*.

Finally, may I thank the editorial committee and those who have prepared the various papers for publication. May these pages bring you much happiness and enjoyment.

*Dr Chris Hanlon*

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*BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY*