



# Humpybong and After



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## Jim Fenwick Master Photographer

*Jim Fenwick says "I am a member of the Redcliffe and District Woodcraft Society with a specific interest in wood turning. This interest in wood survived from my early years when I made windows and doors in Martins Joinery at Redcliffe and almost became an apprentice carpenter before joining the Courier Mail in 1950."*

Jim was chief photographer for the Courier Mail from 1974 until he retired September 1994. He was pictorial editor for eight years from 1983 to 1991. Amongst the many awards Jim received over the years was "The Walkley Award for journalism in 1965" for his pictures of the "Kaptajn Nielsen". Jim recalled that the dredge capsized in Moreton Bay at night on 18 September 1964, about 4km from the Tangalooma resort... "I flew out to the ship the next morning from the resort in a helicopter, and as it hovered above the hull of the ship, I jumped down onto the upturned hull which put me in a perfect position to photograph the rescue of nine seamen trapped inside the hull. Two of the rescuers were awarded the George Cross medal for their efforts. Another award was first prize in the 1977 "International Sport Press Association World Sport Picture Competition" with a rugby league picture taken at Langlands Park in a Brothers v Easts game. In 1980 he was judged Australian Press Photographer of the Year.

Jim was a member of Media Service Committee of Commonwealth Games for four years prior to Brisbane Games in 1982. He also covered the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988 and the Commonwealth Games in Auckland 1990 for News Limited. Jim was a war correspondent with the Australian Army in Somalia in 1992.

Born in Brisbane in 1934, Jim moved to Margate in 1942 with his family including two sisters Billie and Marsha. He was a student at Humpybong State School from August 1942 to 1948. Jim married June Encheimaier in 1957 and they have three children Michael, Cheryl and Martin.

Long term community service includes secretary of the Grace Lutheran Church congregation 1958-1973, president of the Grace Creche & Kindergarten management committee from 1977 to 2005 and president of Redcliffe Apex Club in 1973. Jim has been a member of the Committee of Service of the Zion Lutheran Rest Home, Nundah since 1996.



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Jim's sister Billie Kruthof lives in Redcliffe and his other sister, Marsha Waggoner lives in Los Angeles. Marsha is a renowned professional poker player and is one of the best women players in the world. Both attended Humpybong State School, and Billie also attended Scarborough State School.

Treat yourself to a "remember when" session and view Jim Fenwick's memorable shots from the Courier Mail in the Jetty Gallery at the Redcliffe Museum-open Easter Saturday and Easter Monday-exhibition closes on 29 April 2007.

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*President Paul Woodcock's closing remarks at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Dinner on February 23, 2007.....*

*So our next big night will be February 23, 2017; bit scary isn't it? If you would indulge me for a few moments just to reflect on the next 10 years. I think these years will see a different path being taken by the Society. To paraphrase Albert Einstein, a different path does not mean destroying the old barn and creating a skyscraper (heaven forbid in Redcliffe); it is rather like climbing a mountain and gaining new and broader views, discovering unexpected connections between the starting point and its rich environment.*

*The starting point which Kath MacAdam (member of first Redcliffe Historical Society committee) and James Houghton (first President) outlined is still there it forms a significant anchor point for the broader view offered by the developing environment which is Redcliffe and the wider world which \*Sharan Harvey has alluded to.*

*Today we have three significant agencies which drive local history in Redcliffe – the museum the local history section of the RCC library and the Redcliffe Historical Society- these weren't there 10 years ago. Over the next couple of years the Society needs to climb the mountain and look at the environment and the opportunities it offers.*

*What do we mark out as our territory? What can we do best? How can we take advantage of the changes in the environment and how best can we support the museum and the library to ensure the on-going preservation of Redcliffe history? These are new challenges for the Society; but over the last 40 years it has met and overcome many such challenges and emerged stronger and more focussed. I'm sure it will do so again.*

*In drawing the evening to a close I want to thank each of you for coming this evening to join the Society in celebrating 40 years. Please continue to support us over the next 40 years by being aware of history disappearing and of history being created in Redcliffe.*

*I believe we all have a debt to the city and we one way to repay it is to record and preserve its history*

*Again I thank you on behalf of the Society. I hope you have had a pleasant evening and I look forward together with you to being a part of Redcliffe's history far into the future.*

*\*Sharan Harvey is the Manager of Library Services for Brisbane City Council.*