

City's stories set in stone

Tales dug up in graveyards

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THEY are the ghosthunters of Greenslopes.

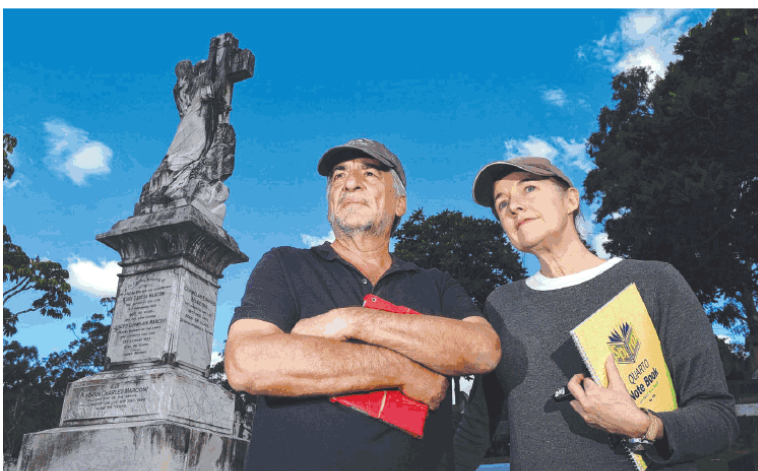
Journalists Chris Adams and Helen Goltz have been exploring the cemeteries of Brisbane, digging up the past so to speak, in search of fascinating true stories for their book *Grave Tales Brisbane Vol 1*.

Between them the couple have years of experience in newspapers, radio and television production and reporting.

"We have always loved history, the hunt for a good story and uncovering facts," Goltz said.

"Writing *Grave Tales* brought it all together for us. We are also so lucky to have amazing resources at our fingertips like the State Library of Queensland, and Trove which are preserving our history and continuing the challenge of digitising newspapers and photos."

Adams said they had met many like-minded people who undertake cemetery



Greenslopes journalists Chris Adams and Helen Goltz dig up stories from Brisbane's cemeteries for their book.

PICTURE: JOHN GASS

tours in various cities to explore the past.

"Our aim is not to feature particularly renowned people, but to highlight significant stories from our history," he said.

"Many of our subjects were unwilling participants

in history, but have been immortalised by it."

The book features people who willingly or unwillingly were participants in events that made local and national headlines.

"They may have lived in the same suburbs, streets,

and even the same houses as exist now, or unexpectedly came to rest in a Brisbane cemetery," Goltz said.

Included in the book is the story of the Wood family from Coorparoo, murdered in their Cavendish Rd store.

Bulimba's inventor of Go-

anna Oil, Joseph Marconi, is also featured. The authors said his death would have caused an uproar today with society's focus on "One Punch Can Kill".

Grave Tales is available online at gravetales.com.au or from Amazon.

Infrastructure charges boost

INFRASTRUCTURE charges netted \$192.1 million in revenue for Brisbane City Council last financial year.

A question on notice earlier this month revealed the figure.

However, a later question from councillor Nicole Johnston (Tennyson) calling for a list of specific projects the money was spent on was denied.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said the money went into a pool with other funding that was spent on Priority Infrastructure Plan projects throughout the city.

In the frame for photo prize

PHOTOGRAPHERS with their lenses focused on Brisbane's natural environment can enter a citywide competition.

The Lord Mayor's Green Heart Photography Competition is open until Sunday, October 8.

Entries can be made via the Brisbane City Council website.

Photographers of all ages will be able to enter, with primary school, secondary school and open categories.

Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au for details or to enter the competition.

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