

THE PIONEER

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK.

3rd June @ 2pm

Laurel Asimus &

Buderim Garden club.

14th – 17th May

Museum & Galleries

Australian National

Conference

18th & 19th May

Significance Assessment

Josh Tarrant

Between 31st July & 13th

August

Field visit from M & G

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 3rd June at 2 pm

The subject is "The Buderim Garden Club".



↑ The Garden Club's Nye Award

Wilma Hiddins.

This club has existed on Buderim for over 70 years bringing joy and friendship to numbers of people.

The longest serving president, Gwyneth Sadgrove will be with us – ably supported by our own gardener Laurel Asimus and the Garden Club Archivist, Bev Lavarack.

All visitors welcome

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time for a newsletter again – gee time flies especially when we are busy.

We started off March with a briefing session for the **Standards Review** the historical Society has agreed to undertake this year. The Sunshine Coast Council has facilitated this for us with Museums and Galleries Queensland and it will really make us understand how our cottage works and what we need to do to improve all systems needed to run a small museum.

This has given us a huge amount of work looking at how we run our museum and what back up we have in paperwork including policies and procedures. It also looks at how financial we are, how we do our displays and conservation and security etc. all this and more is covered with this program.

So far, we have returned three self-review surveys and a couple of activity sheets. In July / August the reviewers will conduct a field visit to help them understand our situation and then they will offer suggestions. This will be followed, in September with an onsite review then an action plan will be presented in November.

After all of this we should have developed needed policies etc. and have a clearer view of where we are heading into the future.

So what else has been happening?

We have received a completed **Year Five Schools Program** – again funded by the Sunshine Coast Council and it is a beauty. Janis Handley has worked with us since June last year and recently we had a workshop where we acted as the year 5 group and walked through the program.

We learnt that the students are taken back to the year 1891 at the cottage. Before they come to us they choose which Burnett character they'd like to be for the day, and explore the cottage, finding their character objects, learning about life in the cottage then. There are team challenges in each room, that teams can compete on. They fill in work sheets and can discuss the visit further when back at school.

By exploring day to day life for the members of the Burnett family in 1891, students will gain an understanding of the nature of colonial presence, including the factors that influenced patterns of development, and aspects of the daily life in Buderim and the Sunshine Coast Region, discussing the challenges faced by the settlers, including their sea journey from England, and touching on the interaction with the Gubbi Gubbi people, and how settlers impacted the local environment.

It has been a great learning experience for us as well and we look forward to our first group experiencing it too

Then on the 19th March we had our wonderful **St Patrick's Concert of Harmony and Humour** put on for us by Bev Gourlay and Ken O'Flaherty. What a wonderful day it was. Bev was superb with organising it for us and keeping us all on track. She collected money from tickets every day and gave it to Robyn to bank. She kept telling us it would be bigger than we expected and she was so right.

Tickets were sold out before the day and on the day, many more still turned up at the hall. We had every seat imaginable in use including the benches from the foyer. We were a bit concerned about enough food for the afternoon tea but we needn't have worried.

The concert was toe tapping good with Ken and his McGuinness Band playing great – well known, Irish songs and jigs. Bev and Aart sang lots of memory lane songs (Bev looked great in her huge emerald green skirt), the young Irish Dancers put on an excellent display (they were so young) and Joe Lynch had everyone laughing heartily at his Irish stories and poems. Cam Young kept the show running in his usual expert way. These wonderful people donated their time for us. Thank you doesn't seem enough to say.

I think everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea but it was a bit hard getting so many served in the time aloud so the concert went overtime. No one complained though as they were all enjoying themselves so much.

After this great effort, we made \$4,904.00 so we wish to thank Bev and Ken so much for this great effort.

With the proceeds, we are buying a fireproof safe to keep some of our significant items and back-up from the computers in.

Our display at the Council run **Heritage Discovery Day at Eumundi** was successful too even though we couldn't be there. We did an abbreviated display of Christening Gowns like we had at the 50th celebration.

In April, we attended **The Easter Fair** and raised funds mainly by our raffle which was won by Lindy Kenniwell. We also got two new members and we would like to encourage you all to invite your friends and neighbours to become members also. We raised \$730.00 mainly with our raffle.

The week after this we had a group from Kawana Probus Club join us for morning tea. They enjoyed the visit very much and wrote a glowing letter of appreciation.

Unfortunately, it was wettish for our **Trash & Treasure Day** on the 22nd April and when we were setting up on Friday it was very windy and we feared for the next morning.

Luckily it cleared fairly well and we enjoyed working with the Buderim Palmwoods Heritage Tramways to sell quite a lot of our T & T. We did donate left over books to the Men's Shed who really appreciated that they were such good books. The remaining collectables etc. were given to Bloomhills.

We made \$2,583 of which half is towards the Tramways funds. We would like to thank all our volunteers, both ours and the BPHTI's, and those friends, relatives and everyone who donated towards our last T & T. Thank you all.



At the Trash & Treasure these two **silk hankies** were discovered in one of the donation boxes. They are beautiful and we would love to keep them so if you donated them could you please contact us so we can get some information from you as we feel they would be 100 years or more old. The embroidery is so good that you have trouble working out which is the right side to display them on.

All told April was a great month for our finances and we look forward to employing a Significance Preservation Consultant to advise us on the conservation of some more of our valuable items. This will be after Josh Tarrant has finished his significance assessment for us later this year (another program made available to us by the Sunshine Coast Council).

On the 28th April Matthew Flinders' Anglican College visited us and we were able to adapt some of our Year Five Program to suit them. They really enjoyed their visit as expressed in the letter below from their teacher.

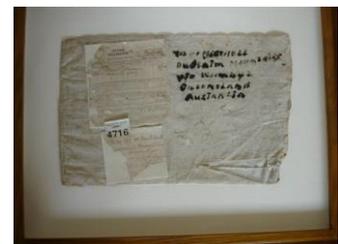
Dear Prue,
We would like to thank you for all your effort during our visit to the Pioneer Cottage last Friday. We understand that it is a big ask for each guide to take 15 groups through the cottage in 3 hours, and we appreciate it greatly. The students had a wonderful time, as well as learning about Buderim's history and life in the past. It has certainly helped our history unit, where students are looking at changes in technology as well as places of significance from the past in our local area. One student in my class told me today that when she grows up, she wants to live in the Pioneer Cottage!
Would you please pass on our thanks to the other volunteers who guided our groups through the cottage?
We hope to see you again next year.
Kind regards,

Linda Fisher

The Sunshine Coast Council's **Discovery Weekend** drew a lot of extra visitors to the cottage on Saturday 6th May. It was great to see the cottage so well loved and appreciated.



We have received our freshly conserved articles back from RSM and they are looking great. We had our industrial Coffee Grinder, two



Merrybud food containers, the calico mail bag and our Coffee Award for the best coffee in the Commonwealth, all restored. The Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Levy – Regional Collection Care

Program paid \$5,000 towards this conservation and these articles will be displayed in the 50th Anniversary Exhibition at the University of the Sunshine Coast in August.

The Coffee Grinder has gone straight to the University so I couldn't include its photo here.

On the 8th & 9th May we were visited by Sunshine Beach State School's year 2 classes. A total of 84 children attended. This is the first time they have attended the cottage and all were very excited to see our cottage.

Unfortunately, Monday was a bit wet and as half of the class was supposed to play old fashioned games outside whilst the others were inside it presented us with a slight problem. So, games were played on the veranda and in Vise House and all went well.

On the 13th May I attended the Museum & Galleries of Australia's National Conference for four days. This has been made possible by the Sunshine Coast Councils Heritage Levy paying my registration fees.

It was a very full program and I am had a lot of trouble working out which sections I to attend. I will report back in the next newsletter.

I have been having great difficulty in sending out this newsletter despite changing my internet provider. I must thank Steve Ormerod for his help and I have now got to learn how to reduce my photos apparently. I have removed many from this newsletter so must apologise for the delay

Prue Cawley President