

THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

October/November/December 2017

PATRON

Lorrell Jamieson

PRESIDENT:

David Wood 5477 0102

VICE PRESIDENT:

Prue Cawley 5445 1341

SECRETARY:

Bev Lavarack 5445 1355

TREASURER:

Robyn Edwards 5456 1943

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

Wilma Hiddins

(Curator) 5445 3653

Lorraine Buhk 5444 1955

Doug Benckendorff 5445 4683

Ruth Ormerod 5326 1740

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Jess Harris 5476 9539

HISTORY TALKS:

Wilma Hiddins 5445 365 3

MEMBERSHIP:

Ian Jackson 5445 4650

DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK.

Next history talk will be in

February 2018

School Visit

Chancellor Park College

14th & 17th August 9.30 – 1

Bilal/ Mountain Creek

School

15th, 16th & 20th November.

Christmas Soiree

Friday 1st December 5-7 pm



Robyn & Prue at the AGM.

This September we welcomed our new President David Wood. Here is his first report.

President's Report September 2017

This month has seen the culmination of a number of projects undertaken by the committee and volunteers through the past year. A large number of volunteer hours have been exerted in collaborating with experts and pulling together information, that has resulted in a professional approach to the management of Pioneer Cottage and our collection.

A significant effort was the production of year five curriculum materials with Janis Hanley. We all learned a lot more about the history of the Burnett family and the significance of various pieces of Burnett memorabilia in the Cottage. Although we are still to find a school willing to test these educational materials I think that we can adapt these to improve the experience of other visitors to the Cottage. I hope to address this in more detail through the year

The significance assessment by Josh Tarrant has also focussed us on the value of some of the documents that we hold on our collection. It also resulted in additional conservation work being undertaken, some with assistance by Sunshine Coast Council to coincide with the Sunshine Coast fiftieth anniversary celebrations and the associated historical display. The conservation of old Buderim Progress Association minutes currently being undertaken is a great result from the Significance Assessment. The Significance Assessment will also assist us in future grant applications for conservation and management of our collection.

A major achievement which we all approached with some trepidation has been the Standards Review Program conducted by Museums and Galleries Queensland. Through diligent work, led by Prue, Ruth and Robyn, we have provided evidence of our operating processes and conformance with "Best Practice" in the management of our museum. The field visits from Museums and Galleries staff have been very useful, with lots of helpful tips about how we can improve the management of our collection and the visitor experience to Pioneer Cottage.

It is worth reiterating the overview comments from the Museums and Galleries staff -

“The cottage is operated by a strong, professional and dedicated committee which is evident in how well cared for the premises and collection are. There is a demonstrated attention to detail which was obvious from responses to the Self-Review Survey and evident at the Field Visit.

The house and grounds are incredibly well tended and every effort is made for preservation of objects in the collection, with the committee making the most of resources and environment. The group make considerable advances through their own motivation for caring for collection such as purchasing archival quality materials and trying to achieve best practice with storage, cataloguing, etc. Of particular note was the storage solution of having shelving on wheels in what is a relatively small storage area. There is also a concerted effort to catalogue all collection items.

Most impressive is the group’s demonstration of great management processes such as record keeping, minutes, policies, procedures, and more. Everyone on the committee has their own defined roles and a clear understanding of their duties. Furthermore, the committee have been strategic with leveraging support for the cottage such as partnering with Council and looking at different ways to raise revenue.”

We can be very proud of this summary of our current state, the result of the work of past committees over the last fifty years. In recent times however, I believe that the work of the last committee has been outstanding, working seamlessly as a team, very ably led by Prue. As new President I find that following on from Prue is a daunting task, however the Standards Review has given us a few more major tasks to undertake in the coming year. The fact that we have participated in this review will make us eligible for more grants that will assist us with management and conservation of our buildings and collection.



I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by Robyn Edwards, our past Treasurer. Her diligent work has the accounting side of our organisation so well organised, that even I can understand it.

Finally, I would like to thank Prue for her efforts and achievements over the past few years. She is a hard act to follow, but I hope that I can keep our team functioning as effectively as it has in the past. I look forward to working with all of you.

David Wood
President

Would you like to learn about conservation?

Would you like to help our curators on either a Friday morning or Saturday?

How about IT skills? We need help with our Accession Register.

Excellent training by Jess is included and this could possibly help you in obtaining a job in the public sector.

If you are interested in any of these positions contact us, we would love to have you join us.

Vale

Joyce Short (1927 – 2017). The passing of a true Buderim Living Legend.



In 2012 Buderim celebrated its 150th birthday and, as part of the celebrations, a group of older residents were designated ‘Living Legends’. No one deserved this title more than Joyce Horatia Short (née Nelson). Her family came to Buderim in 1912. Her parents were Frank and Olive Nelson and she was born at Palmwoods hospital on 7 July 1927. In 1947 she married Les Short, who was the son of a Buderim pioneering family. They lived at the same address in Lindsay Road for 52 years and were together for 61 years until Les’s death in 2008. They had four children, Anne, Carolyn, Kent and Rhondda, 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Joyce attended Teachers’ College and taught at Buderim Mountain State School until she was married. In those days the Government would not employ married female teachers and she had to retire, later returning to Buderim School as a teacher’s aide. She was an excellent pianist and obtained qualifications in piano. Joyce was closely involved in the Buderim community including the Red Cross and the Craft Cottage where she was an expert cake decorator. She played the piano at wartime dances and later for BATS. In her later years she wrote a series of reminiscences about Buderim as it was in her younger days. These are a valuable record, accurate and humorous. She was one of a small group who could remember riding on the Buderim Tram.

I got to know Joyce well when I was writing ‘Stories of Old Buderim’, spending many hours at her unit in a retirement village in Maroochydore. Her memories of life on Buderim extended beyond her own lifetime, as she had assembled detailed records of the Short and Nelson families.

Joyce Short passed away on 8 September. She was a popular and friendly figure in the Buderim community over many decades and will be sadly missed by her many friends.

Bill Lavarack

Annual General Meeting

At our Annual General Meeting in September David Wood was elected as our new President, Prue Cawley is now Vice President, Bev Lavarack remains as our excellent Secretary, Robyn Edwards retired as Treasurer but due to unforeseen circumstances she has returned for which we are extremely grateful. The committee remains unchanged: Ruth Ormerod, Lorraine Buhk, Wilma Hiddins and Doug Benckendorff. This committee has an excellent record and works so well together.

Volunteers

We have included advertisements for new volunteers in this newsletter. We are not desperate but we would like to increase our numbers and, hopefully, would like to find some younger people for succession planning.

We hope by offering many different types of jobs and less stringent hours of working we may encourage people to come and join us to see if they would like to volunteer with us.

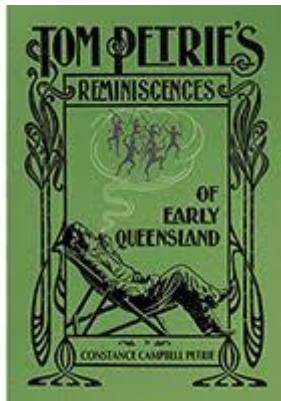
Maybe you would like to come along or you may have friends or relatives who would be interested. Let them and us know.

History talks

We must apologise. There will be no more history talks until next year.

We had planned one in October but our speaker was unable to attend and it was a bit late to reorganise another one.

But the good news is we now have the first three organised for next year so watch this space to learn who and when!



A reprint of the book “Tom Petrie’s Reminiscences of Early Queensland” is available from the State Library Shop (SLQ Library shop libraryshop@slq.qld.gov.au for \$29.95. this tells of Tom Petrie’s visit to Buderim Mountain in 1862 and how Buderim got its name.

Bill Lavarack

Christmas Soiree

Our soiree this year will be held on Friday the 1st December from 5-7 pm. As usual we will have some entertainment and this year Joan Evans will play the piano in the Parlour for us just like when the Burnetts lived here. Come and join us.

Community photocopying proudly done by **Ted O’Brien MP Federal Member for Fairfax P: 07 5476 2800 – P O Box 1978 Sunshine Plaza QLD 4558**