



# THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

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## **DIARY DATES**

### **HISTORY TALK.**

History of the Buderim  
War Memorial Hall with  
John McMahon. 2 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### **Morning Tea**

Lionesses

23<sup>rd</sup> January

### **School Visits**

Already booked – Bilai  
March & November



## **Buderim Historical Society**

### **President's Report.**

We finished the year on a high note with the soiree being very successful with everyone enjoying themselves and the weather being in our favour. Our presence at the Buderim Christmas Fair also provided us with additional funds. Thank you to the volunteers who represented us at the Christmas Fair and who offered to assist with raffle ticket sales. The decision was made not to set up in the main street on several days due to inclement weather but despite this the ticket sales were very good. The raffle was won by Merle Rogers - the Christmas Cake and bottle of Chivas Regal, with second prize going to Kay Wieden a bottle of Chivas Regal.

Our four project grant applications to the Sunshine Coast Council were successful and we are well advanced with these projects already.

Steve Chaddock from Timeline Heritage has been contacted to get started on the first phase of an interpretive plan for Pioneer Cottage and we will hold a series of meetings with him or one of his staff members to review all of the existing information that we have and sort out how we can best present it to inform and educate future visitors to the cottage.

The preservation needs assessment of the Pioneer Cottage collection has commenced with data recorders collecting temperature and humidity readings in the cottage and the Vise House store room over the last few months. The Consultant, Melanie Fihelly will examine the data at the end of the month and meet with us to develop a preservation plan.

The Buderim Progress Association Minutes 1924-1930 have been treated and placed in Mylar sleeves for further protection. They have been submitted to the Cultural Heritage Curator at Sunshine Coast Council to be scanned into digital format. This will enable future research without the need to physically handle the documents. Prue and Jess

have discovered more documents of a similar age and significance and we will need to decide whether we get them treated by a conservator.

Vernon software have been paid for a licence for 'eHive', a collection database that will be the new home for our collection of photographs and accession list. There will also be some training for future users as part of the package. We expect that movement of data into the new database will take place in the next month or so.

Discussions have been ongoing with BWMCA about the future maintenance of Pioneer Cottage and Vise House. Alan Marrs, who has assisted BWMCA in the past with management of their properties, visited Pioneer Cottage and advised that there was very little that needed to be done in the short term, but advised that the first priority would be to get the roof checked for leaks, as it had appeared that water had come in during some of the heavy rain recently experienced. Contact has been made with the contractors who have previously repaired the roof and inspection will take place in the next week or so. Alan also has suggested that we get architectural students involved to survey the building so that we can develop three dimensional models of the cottage for maintenance planning and interpretive purposes.

I have found a template for a Heritage Conservation Plan on the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection web site, and with the information that we already have available, it appears that there will be no need to engage a heritage architect to produce a plan for Pioneer Cottage. I will be liaising further with the BWMCA committee, with a view to writing the plan ourselves, with some assistance from the Heritage Conservation staff at Sunshine Coast Council. Apart from the projects that we have funding for, we will also be following up on other recommendations from the Standards Review. It looks like it will be a busy year ahead, but I expect that our efforts will make visits to Pioneer Cottage more enjoyable and informative for residents and visitors to Buderim.

David Wood

16 January 2018

### **HISTROY TALK - 10<sup>TH</sup> February 2pm**

To start off the New Year we will welcome John McMahon to talk about his experiences during his long association with The Buderim War Memorial Hall.

John has been the stalwart at the Hall and has been in charge for what seems like forever. He has seen many changes and has overseen many very necessary repairs and maintenance. His management ensures that our hall is well booked and popular for concerts, fairs, weddings and successful plays etc.

Come along and hear John and then enjoy a nice chat and afternoon tea.





### Christmas Soiree.

After getting David's report a lot of this is repeated but enjoy.

Everyone seemed to enjoy our Soiree in December and we were pleasantly surprised that our Patron Lorelle Jamieson turned up despite the Mayor having to attend another function. We were



beautifully entertained by Joan Evans playing our piano in the background. Then another surprise, Robyn Edwards grandson Jack, who has only been learning the violin for one year, played two pieces for us on his brand-new violin. He was thrilled to help and very keen to display his expertise. He is well known as our youngest volunteer who helps whenever needed along with



his sister Caitlin.

It was a beautiful night and we had just cleared up when a short shower of rain fell.

Maybe you will come and join us this year.



### RAFFLE WINNERS

Our raffle was drawn by Lorelle Jamieson and the Cake and whiskey was won by Merle Rogers and the bottle of whiskey by Kay Wieden.

### AUSTRALIA DAY PARADE



On Friday we will be number 6 in the parade on a huge trailer. We are hoping the weather will be fine and that lots of our friends will be there to cheer us, and everyone else, on.

We will not be serving morning teas because last year after the parade there was so much to do that we didn't do as well as expected (lots of left over scones!).