



THE PIONEER

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK.

Bernadette McMahon
Her history on Buderim
2pm Saturday 14th April

RAFFLE TICKETS

Sales in street 26th-28th
March

EASTER MARKETS

Saturday 31st March
9am – 3 pm

EUMUNDI DISPLAY

Sunday 22nd April
9am-3pm

Eumundi Hall

ANZAC DAY

25th April
Wreath laying

SCHOOL VISIT

Matthew Flinders
3rd May 9.15 am

Buderim Historical Society

HISTORY TALK - SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, at 2:00pm
by BERNADETTE McMAHON

At our next History Talk we will have the pleasure of listening to Bernadette McMahon speak about her family, the Crosbys, who came to Buderim in the early 1900s. Bernadette grew up here and attended the Buderim Mountain State School where her mother taught for many years. Her father was very involved in the community including the early days of the Ginger Factory in the 1940s. Bernadette will have many stories to tell about growing up in Buderim. It will be a very interesting talk so please come along and bring your friends.

Bev Lavarack

President's Report March 2018

The ongoing saga of the Pioneer Cottage roof leaks has finally been concluded. The contractor arrived on Thursday 22 March in fine weather and managed to complete the repairs. He is confident that he has stopped the leaks. On the advice of John McMahon, I have contacted Wahoo Plumbing to arrange a quote to replace the guttering on Vise House.

I have been in touch with Dr Marcus Bussey Senior Lecturer in History and Futures Studies at The University of the Sunshine Coast, to discuss the possibility of History Students doing research or work experience at Pioneer Cottage. He was very enthusiastic about the idea and has passed my details on to Amy Clarke who runs several undergraduate courses in history, including a heritage course and we look forward to their students attending the cottage.

We have been advised by Melanie Fihelly, the consultant engaged to carry out the Preservation Needs Assessment, funded by a Sunshine Coast Council Grant, that due to the pressure of other work, she will be unable to meet the project completion deadline of 15 May. An application for

an extension to 30 June was made to the Council and approval for an extension granted. This will provide us with better data on the environmental conditions experienced in Vise House and Pioneer Cottage, and more time for us to get involved in the project.

With assistance from Steve Ormerod we are making good progress with the new BHS web site with just a bit more work to get the content right. We have been using a Google site for editing but once we have the content and layout finalised we will review where the site will finally live.

The migration of our old accession database to eHive has been completed and Jess has been in frequent contact with the software provider's staff in New Zealand, learning how to make the most of the new platform. It is very user friendly and has the capacity to provide several reports on the collection and where different items are located. We will also be able to set up links to the web site so that people using the web site can readily access photos and documents located on eHive.

The BWMCA Advisory Committee organised for a fire audit to be conducted on Pioneer Cottage and Vise House, by Australian Fire Protection. This was completed last week with Ruth and John McMahon accompanying the auditor in his inspection. The results were very positive with only a few minor issues to be addressed.

Last Sunday Prue and I attended a special meeting of BWMCA for affiliated organisations to discuss the future direction of the organisation. The BWMCA Advisory Committee has been concerned about a lack of participation by people in the community, and how the organisation can serve the community better.

David Wood

23 March 2018

Work report

Doug and David have been very busy erecting our new Opera House (their term for the new garden shed). This took them several days in-between heavy rain. It has been sealed and all the equipment has been moved out of the toilet and into the shed.

Doug then attached guttering to the toilet block which will water the gardens either end. He has also re-piped (if there is such a word) the taps we use for the garden watering into one system, so we can use either our tank supply or town water without moving the hose fittings. New lawn has been laid around our paths and the sundial where run-off from poisoning the paths had killed our grass.

School visit

Bilal attended the cottage recently with the Buderim Mountain State School children. It was a very busy time as rain meant we had to compress three days of students into two.

Consequently, we ended up with 60-70 children both days and up to 24 adults. Those teachers amazed us with how well they could control that many people and still give them such a wonderful experience of our cottage and life on early Buderim. I am sure the children were exhausted at the end but what wonderful memories and learning.

Congratulations to Mich. and her team.