



THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

August / September 2019

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 10th August @ 2.pm

Vise House



Len Sorensen

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 10th August 2019 – 2:00pm.

Our next **History Talk** be given by Bill Lavarack and his subject will be on the Cooktown orchid.

Bill has published a paper re this subject in the *Queensland History Journal*.



The Cooktown orchid was proclaimed as Queensland's floral emblem in 1959. The history of the discovery of this species involves early Royal Naval charting expeditions to northern

Australia. Commercial collecting of this attractive species followed soon after its discovery in 1849 and over collecting has occurred until recent times threatening the

Cooktown orchid in the wild.

Come along and enjoy a great talk with lots of beautiful photos and a good afternoon tea when you can all get together and have a chat.



LEN SORENSEN'S CRICKET BAT FINDS A NEW PERMANAENT HOME

At a small ceremony at Pioneer Cottage on Saturday, Chris Agapow, President of SCU/Buderim Cricket Club presented Len Sorensen's cricket bat to Buderim Historical Society. Len Sorensen (1912 to 2000) was a legendary Buderim cricketer from the period either side of the Second World War. During his 39 seasons of competitive cricket as a wicketkeeper/batsman, he made over 100 centuries and regularly topped the North Coast averages. He was close to Queensland selection when the War intervened. Len was compared with Don Tallon from Bundaberg who played in Don Bradman's 'Invincibles' in 1948. Tallon was almost certainly the better keeper, but Len was probably the better batsman.

Len Sorensen gave the bat to the Buderim Cricket Club, probably in the 1970s, to be used as a trophy in the annual cricket matches which were held on the Buderim School Oval on Australia Day. It is obviously old and discoloured and shows evidence of many well-hit balls. It is mounted in a glass fronted case and is on

display at Pioneer Cottage.

Chris Agapow presented the bat to the Buderim Historical Society represented by David Wood (President), and Bill Lavarack (historian). Also present were Barry Ashby and Elvin Sorensen who, along with Bill Lavarack, played with Len in his last season in 1964, and Simon Whittle, well known Sunshine Coast ex cricketer and past President of BWMCA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Buderim Historical Society has been successful in our application under the Sunshine Coast Council Minor Grants Program for sun Blockout blinds for Pioneer Cottage. A condition of the grant was that an exemption certificate be granted under the Queensland *Heritage Act* from the Department of Environment and Science. A certificate has been granted and the blinds are expected to be installed on Thursday 25 July. A condition of the exemption certificate is that photographs are taken of the affected area before and after installation and forwarded to the Department. When the certificate was granted, we were also made aware of the General Exemption Certificate for Queensland Heritage Places. The purpose of this exemption is to provide upfront permission for the ongoing maintenance and minor work necessary to keep Queensland Heritage Places in active use, good repair and optimal operational condition. The supporting technical notes provide information and guidance to owners, occupiers and contractors about how to carry out maintenance and minor work without damaging the significant fabric or features of a heritage place. A copy of this certificate has been placed in the Volunteer's Information Folder at Pioneer Cottage.



Following a meeting on the 13th June with Heritage staff from Sunshine Coast Council and representatives from Australian Heritage Specialists to discuss a draft Conservation Plan for Pioneer Cottage, I understand that a final copy has been mailed to us. The whole process has been a bit disappointing, as there has been very little contact with the contractor, apart from a request for copies of our policies and processes since the meeting to discuss the structure of the draft report. It is expected that the Conservation Management Plan will guide any future maintenance of Pioneer Cottage, to ensure that its heritage values are maintained.

As part of the ongoing community consultations around the new Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan due to commence next year, Prue and I attended a workshop at Venue 114 to discuss the structure and content of the new plan with representatives from other Sunshine Coast groups involved in museums and galleries. Sunshine Coast Council is inviting community groups to comment on the existing 2015-2020 plan strategies (<https://heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/About/Heritage-Levy/Heritage-Planning>) and the new Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2020-2030 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJPKML5>.

Preparations are well under way to present the Pioneer Cottage garden at its best for the Open Garden/Open House on 19 and 20 October. There have been a lot of ideas bouncing around about adding more colour to the garden beds and extra work on weeding and mulching.

As reported in the last Pioneer, we are still yet to settle on a date for a volunteer update on BHS policies and processes and a fire safety and evacuation planning discussion led by a representative from Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. The fire safety session will be conducted by Simon Waterhouse from Buderim Fire Station. The whole exercise is expected to last about two hours and volunteers will be advised of the proposed date by email once arrangements are finalized.

David Wood - 23 July 2019

SCHOOL VISIT



Another exciting week at Pioneer Cottage had started first week in July. Three classes of year 2 Buderim Mountain State School came to enjoy a great educational experience with the staff from Bilai Environment Education Centre. We had 75 students and 19 adults all over the cottage and in the grounds. While some learnt about our indigenous heritage, damper making, washing and such, others are trying old fashioned games and sewing and a further group was searching the cottage for artefacts that are different to what we use now.

Despite keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather the forecasted rain came for the next four days. This was a very disappointing for we had children booked for each day. We hope they can find time in their curriculum to fit the visit in towards the end of the year as it is such an important educational tool to show them our fabulous cottage.

Our next school visit will be Sunshine Beach State School on the 6th & 7th August.

MEMBERSHIP

Have you paid this year's membership yet? We are still missing a few payments so please assist in the continued running of our Historical Society by paying as soon as possible. Of course, if you have paid thank you so very much. Prue

You are invited to

The Buderim Historical Society Inc.

Annual General Meeting.

To be held

Saturday 14th September

@

2 pm

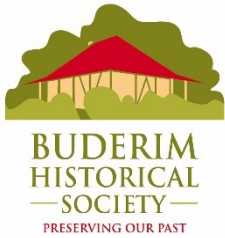
In

Vise House

5 Ballinger Cres

Afternoon tea to follow.

Please come and join us and maybe even nominate to be on the committee. Nomination forms are on the next page.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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NOMINATION FOR EXECUTIVE POSITION

I, (full name of proposer), printed
being a member of the Buderim Historical Society Inc, hereby nominate:

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(full name of nominee)

to hold the position of

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from the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 14th September 2019

Seconded by (full name of person seconding
proposal) printed – also a member of the Buderim Historical Society Inc.

DATED: this day of 2019

Signature of Proposer

Signature of Seconder

Accepted by the Nominee for the position indicated above.

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Signature of Nominee

Date