



# THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

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## **DIARY DATES**

### **HISTORY TALK.**

Ken Simper

The Simper family on

Buderim

2pm 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Vise House

### **AUSTRALIA DAY**

See us in the parade.

## **HISTORY TALK - SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2:00pm by Ken Simper**



On 2 February Ken Simper (the son of one of our members, Joyce Simper) will present the History Talk for the Buderim Historical Society at 2:00 pm. His topic will be 'The Simper family and their contribution to Buderim'. In the 1950s Tom and Joyce Simper, with their young family of Ken, Valerie and Shirley, settled on Buderim. Over the next few decades they were an integral part of the Buderim community. Tom was president of the BWMCA, and he and Joyce were prominent in the Methodist (later Uniting) Church. They were also involved in the Tennis Club, the Foote Sanctuary and ran Buderim's first newsagency among many other activities. Their period covered the change of Buderim from a farming to a largely suburban community.

Bill Lavarack

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT JANUARY 2019**

The Galleries and Museums Achievement Awards are presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland to honour the achievements of individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence. The awards are open to all Queensland public/non-commercial museums, galleries, historical societies, keeping places and other related cultural organisations and the individuals who work in them. Our Vice President Prue Cawley was a joint winner in the category 'Individuals: Volunteer Staff' with Geoff Moore the President of North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah.



. Prue received a specially commissioned trophy by Queensland artist, Bruce Reynolds, made possible through the generous sponsorship of Brian Tucker Accounting.



The announcement of finalists and winners in eight different categories was held at Bankfoot House, on 7 December. Unfortunately, this clashed with our soiree, however Prue was able to make it back to Buderim in time to share the news with us at Pioneer Cottage.



The soiree was again an enjoyable occasion, with the weather being kind to us. It was with some sadness that we farewelled Laurel and Peter Asimus, who are moving to Brisbane. Laurel's dedication to the garden will be missed, however members of the Buderim Garden Club have rallied to assist with the future maintenance of the garden, with a number of volunteers offering to take over different tasks.

There has been some movement of furniture in Pioneer Cottage in the past month. We were fortunate to have a donation of a display cabinet by Patricia James. This cabinet with a timber frame and drawers, with glass shelves, was originally from Maisons store in Burnett Street, located adjacent to the Old Post Office. This has been placed in the parlour. The Chaise Lounge in the back bedroom, which appeared to be constructed from three separate pieces of furniture and with no apparent historical significance has been donated to the Buderim Amateur Theatrical Society.

BHS has been successful in the award of a minor grant of \$2000 from Sunshine Coast Council, for purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment in Vise House. This will entail installation of a screen and overhead projector for use in history talks and other presentations in the Vise House meeting room. This equipment will enhance the use of Vise House for all community organisations which meet there.

On 12 December, a meeting was held at Vise House with Councillor Hungerford, an officer from Council's traffic section and residents of Ballinger Crescent to discuss a solution to the parking problems encountered by most people visiting the street. Early in the New Year, Ballinger Crescent will be turned into a one-way street, with entry from the southern end and additional angle parking bays. This will result in more parking spaces and more orderly traffic flow.

The Cultural Heritage staff from Sunshine Coast Council have indicated that they have sourced a consultant to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Pioneer Cottage, to be financed with Heritage Levy funds. At the last BWMCA meeting it was agreed that preparation of the plan would assist us in planning the future maintenance of the cottage and would assist in meeting the ongoing requirements associated with its Heritage Listing. The first meeting with the consultant is expected in the next few weeks.

Jess Harris has been nominated by us for an Australia Day award in the Senior Citizen of the year section. Several committee members will accompany her to the presentations on the 25<sup>th</sup> January. We wish her every success and thank her for all her hard and dedicated work.

David Wood, President.

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

My life began in the industrial heartland of the Victorian power industry. Much to my father's disgust I turned my back on my roots and headed off to college. The classroom was to become the vocation which provided me with a most rewarding and enjoyable career which was undertaken in Adelaide, Goondiwindi, London and the Sunshine Coast. My career allowed me to further develop interests in cultural and sporting pursuits. History has always been an interest that has influenced the travels that I have undertaken with my family over the years. Finally, I have always thought of myself as a community minded person who has served on committees in numerous organisations.



## VALE

### Loloma Weir

It was with great sadness that we heard only just this week that our great friend and benefactor, Loloma Weir, had passed away late last year.



Loloma married Stuart Weir in 1944 and they had one son. Both Stuart and Loloma spent their childhood years in Fiji, Loloma as the daughter of a missionary and Stuart as the son of a manager for the Colonial Sugar Refining company. After their marriage, they moved about as required by the Army, living in Melbourne, Queenscliff and other parts of Victoria, Canberra and Brisbane as well as England and Malaya (as it was then known) with Stuart pursuing a keen interest in various aspects of local history wherever he went, particularly in Australia.

Stuart and Loloma bought a property in Buderim in 1971 with retirement in mind and made the move in 1977. Stuart's legacy was great and included his booklet on the origin of Buderim's street names, his research into local pioneer families and historic sites. Stuart's ashes were buried under a frangipani tree in the grounds of Pioneer Cottage.

After Stuart's death Loloma often visited the cottage and made annual donations to help with its maintenance. Loloma was very active in the community and was a very keen bridge player but spent her last few years in Buderim Views.

**(With thanks to the Buderim Foundation's Gifts in Memory).**

## WELCOME TO NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are very pleased to welcome two new volunteers who have come on board to assist with our garden. Lois and Viv already volunteer at the Botanic Gardens and last Sunday they got in and weeded our hibiscus garden which had become very much overgrown since our good rain. Thank you both we appreciate having you working with us.

We have also welcomed a new visitor guide this weekend – Welcome Gail. She is new to Nambour and loves history as well as gardening.

**Wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year.**