



THE PIONEER

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK

Saturday March 7th @ 2.pm

Vise House

SCHOOL VISITS

Buddina School

26th & 27th February

Matthew Flinders

27th April

BUS TOUR

Kangaroo bus line

25th February

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 7th March 2020 – 2:00pm

Our next **History Talk** will be given by long time Buderim resident, **Jim Hennell**, water diviner, rock blaster, carpenter, house builder, environmental activist. His passions in life are rock, water and wood. Jim crafted the 50 timber plaques presented to Living Legends during the B150 celebrations in 2012.



His subject: **Water Divining on Buderim** – should be very interesting so come along and bring your friends. Afternoon tea provided.

Bev Lavarack

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

It was with great pleasure that we nominated David Wood for an Australia Day Award for all his great service at Pioneer Cottage and the Foote Sanctuary.

Several of the committee joined him at the ceremony. His category had many worthy nominees but we felt David was a very suitable contender.

Congratulations David for being such a great President and Volunteer.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2020

Well, we at the start of another year and a new decade, and it looks like it is going to be another busy year for BHS. I understand that Prue has already received enquiries about

possible school visits, and we have begun to make plans that may increase our pool of volunteers.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank the Management Committee for nominating me in the Sunshine Coast Australia Day awards and for supporting me at the awards ceremony last Friday. I was honoured to be a participant in the awards among people who have made extraordinary contributions to our community.



Following on from the success in sourcing new volunteers by our colleagues at Eumundi, I contacted Volunteering Sunshine Coast about the services that they offer to members. The organization has a database of people interested in volunteering and assists with publicity and screening of potential volunteers to ensure that their skills and interests match the roles that we have to offer. I discussed the possibility of joining VSC with several of the committee and it was agreed that it was worth following up. I have submitted an application for BHS to join VSC and expect to hear more from them in the next week or so. On Australia Day I met two couples who are interested in joining BHS and hope to make further contact with them as a result of our first meeting.

On 10 January we had a presentation ceremony at Pioneer Cottage to acknowledge the gift of the plan of Buderim's second golf course from the Neuendorf Family. Visitors included Keith Neuendorf, Simon Whittle, Gary Shaw, Jill Blake, and Simon's sister and her husband (visiting from North Queensland). A reporter from the Buderim Chronicle was in attendance to take photographs and as a result we got good coverage on page 3 of the January 16 edition of the Chronicle. Thank you to Bill Lavarack for preparing the press release and to Prue and Bev for the scrumptious morning tea. Jill and Keith expressed an interest in joining BHS, with Keith mentioning that he had some other family items that may be worthy of the BHS collection.

I have contacted several roofing contractors over the holiday break, following the problems that we have encountered in getting R&R roofing back to Pioneer Cottage. With the amount of work on their books due to hailstorms late last year, it appears that the earliest indication that they can give us for estimating and quoting on the work is April.

I have forwarded the Conservation Management Plan to the Department of Environment and Science with a request to set up a meeting with one of their local staff to discuss implementation of the recommendations of the report in regard to repairs and maintenance, and the terms of an exemption certificate under section 74 of the Queensland Heritage Act. My next task is to itemize the different jobs with appropriate specifications, so that we can call for expressions of interest from local tradies. I will also contact the Cultural Heritage staff at Council to explore the options for grants to carry out the work, in addition to liaison with the BWMCA executive.

David Wood

BUDERIM'S SECOND GOLF COURSE

On Friday 10 January a small ceremony was held at Pioneer Cottage to mark the donation to the Buderim Historical Society of sketch plan of Buderim's second golf course by the Neuendorf family. It is not widely known that Buderim had two golf courses, one after the other in the 1930s.

On 26 September 1931 a golf course was opened on Buderim. This course was the result of hard work by a group of volunteers including Dr H.K. Shaw, E. Middleton, G.H. Ott, H.L. Ferguson and W.P. Mitchell. The course was on a five-year lease on land owned by H.V. Fielding and H.J. Murphy and was bounded by what

are now Ferguson Avenue and Golf Street and straddled Gloucester Road. The membership was about 30 to 40 men and women. The club was a success until September 1935 when the cost of extension of the lease was found to be prohibitive. At this stage Dr H.K. Shaw offered his property 'Marimba' for a new course – an offer which was gratefully accepted. In August 1936 play commenced on the new course which was below Dr Shaw's house between Orme Road and Jones Road. Parts of it were very steep. The original small clubhouse was moved to a location on the new course. In 1938 Dr H.K. Shaw, E. Guest and A. Moodie were mentioned as prominent players. The course fell into disrepair during World War II and was not used after the War. This is the course which is depicted in the sketch plan. This decorative plan was prepared by well-known Buderim resident Captain George Burrows who was described in his obituary in 1944 as a 'well known and highly esteemed Buderim personality'. He was involved in numerous community groups and played an important role in Buderim life between the Wars. He was born in 1875 in Poona India, the son of a British General and joined the British Army, serving in India. After retiring with the rank of Captain, he moved to Buderim, arriving in 1912.



Music was his passion and he was a major force in local music circles including the Nambour Philharmonic Society in the 1930s, being president for several years. He also formed a local Buderim group known as the Regency Players Jazz Orchestra which played at dances and concerts in the Buderim School of Arts. Captain Burrows was president of the Buderim Tennis Club in 1924 and a regular player for the club over the years. He also painted local scenes in oils. He was obviously a man of many parts. To produce this plan, he paced out distances using a compass and a clinometer to measure heights, skills he no doubt acquired in the Army. The finished product is not only an accurate representation of how the new course should be laid out, but is also a beautiful work of art.

It has been conserved and mounted and was kindly presented to the Buderim Historical Society by the Neuendorf family. It is now on display at Pioneer Cottage.

Bill Lavarack.

GARDEN NEWS



What wonderful rain for our garden! The New BGC Garden group will start on 3rd Monday of February and each month on 3rd Monday from 6am for 2 hours. Our bird bath has been moved to a more suitable spot for the birds to find it. It has been a very successful addition to the garden with lots of different birds using it especially during the drought. All the weeds in the hibiscus garden and paths have been sprayed and several Agapanthus will be thinned out. Our grateful thanks to the Buderim Garden Club and our volunteers Lois, Lorraine and David for their work in keeping the garden looking so good.

It certainly gets lots of wonderful comments from our visitors.