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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK

Saturday 6th March

Vise House 2:00 pm

This newsletter marks the end of an era for the Buderim Historical Society. Since 2003 Prue Cawley has been the life and soul of the Society. Now she has decided to retire from what has been an extremely onerous work load which included producing this newsletter over many years. Onerous, without doubt, but always performed with a cheerful friendly attitude.

PRUE – A VALUED FRIEND AND HISTORIAN

We are all here today to offer our thanks to Prue for the long and distinguished service that she has provided to the Buderim Historical Society. As well as being an excellent leader she has formed some formidable friendships with likeminded fellow members.



Prue began her involvement with the historical society back in around 2003. Someone described Prue has been described as a strong, quiet thinker who grew into a variety of roles. In fact, she as an individual could see the true potential of the Buderim Historical Society which would take it beyond the limits of care takers of a wonderful cottage. She has been a stalwart in so

many facets of our organization with positions filled including roles of Secretary and President plus everything else that needed doing. One of Prue's claims to fame was the forming of the group called the Social Fundraising Group (AKA "Sexy Female Group") other

villains in this included Jess, Lorraine, Pat, Elspeth and Anne. The purpose of this group was to provide a new service as well as help supplement funds of our association.

Prue's personal development flourished teaching herself the advanced computer skills that would enable her to run an organization that was going to have vital links to the local Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Department and of course the Queensland Museum. Prue saw that the 2017 Standards Review by the Queensland Museum was particularly pertinent to the development of a framework for our organization. This action or vision stimulated and provided the necessary growth to make the Buderim Historical Society the strong and well directed organization that it is today. Mentioning the Pioneer Cottage in the Buderim Community and synonymously Prue Cawley's name comes to the fore. Yes, to the Buderim Community Prue Cawley is intrinsically linked to the Pioneer Cottage and BHS.

While my time with Prue only goes back a short space of time many of you sitting here would be able to fill volumes about the contribution that Prue has given our wonderful organization and the Buderim

Community. When I was welcomed into the BHS family saw Prue as the very friendly and patient lady who organized the roster for the guides and was responsible for the baking of the beautiful cakes shared over afternoon tea. I quickly learnt the many facets that she took responsibility for as well as the vast personal knowledge she had about the cottage, the Burnett Family, and the early Buderim Community.

Prue's eagerness to care for and ensure the well being of our formidable collection of historical and relevant items held in our care guarantees their future existence. So grand is this collection we are now very selective in what we allow into our very guarded collection of Buderim historical items. Prue was a true custodian taking a very professional approach to ensure the long-term care of our cottage and the collections associated with the association. She was a defender of the notion that all items in our collections must have historical relevance to the Buderim community and this certainly provides integrity to the items that we hold dearly. Prue and a team of fellow members have been working away to ensure that our vast photographic collection is preserved and is being put into a format that can be used by researchers and the wider community.



Jess and Lorraine say farewell to Prue



Kevin, Ruth and Prue

Prue is generous and very giving of her time. She was very much at home whether interacting with the local council heritage committee, the Queensland Museum or the casual visitors who present themselves to the front door of the cottage. In her many roles in this association, Prue, had always presented as an energetic member who significantly lifted the historical intellect of fellow members of BHS.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the networking that Prue did with the schools of the Sunshine Coast. The open doors of the cottage and the grounds were always welcoming to the hundreds of students that visited. To many of the students who visited Pioneer Cottage it was their first connection to a real-life historical experience. Prue, educators and students thank you for the sharing of the Pioneer Cottage and the pearls of wisdom that you passed on to the many visitors.

I wish you well with your future endeavors and please be assured that you have given us significant direction for the future and life of this association. There will always be a door ajar at Wise House or at the Pioneer Cottage for you, Prue.

Kevin Briggs
President

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THANKS TO BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND PIONEER COTTAGE from PRUE

Thank you all for coming today and for your friendship.

When I decided to retire it was a rather sudden decision but I started to get a few health problems and COVID-19 showed me I could stay at home and do next to nothing quite happily. Also, I had never retired properly since starting work at 15 years old. So why not!

I have had many wonderful years here right from the start when I met Olive. She had done a sterling job but I decided that I would never feel that the Cottage was my own personal home and that I would get out when the time had come rather than being forced out. That time has come. (No I don't think you were going to force me out yet).

I have seen many great developments here. New veranda which meant we could fundraise with group morning teas and it brought Doug and Derrick over from the BPHTI who became our main fixer-uppers along with Mike.

A new fence after many squabbles with the EPA and new gates from the Garden Club. The men then painted inside the cottage and Vise House and Robyn got Dulux to paint the outside of the Cottage for free!!!

Bev arrived with her excellent secretarial skills and local knowledge as well as Bill who has become our historian and author.

The garden has gone through a wonderful development starting with Laurel then Maxine and now Lois all ably and consistently helped by our wonderful Lorraine.

Then along came Ruth and David both excellent at paperwork, organisation, cleaning and, in David's case, maintenance (who could forget the repairs to try to prevent leaking from the roof and such?). Steve came as a bonus via Ruth. Ruth also got Kevin to join and talked him into being our new President.

We have gone through a few Treasurers from Jillian who really got our books back in line. Robyn was a blessing – we could all see where we were going then and now Margaret is continuing in the same way.

Jess – who could forget Jess. The mainstay of this establishment. Her knowledge of the collection and computers is only overshadowed by her love of everything and everybody here. If she doesn't know how to fix a computer problem, she calls on her sons to help and she does so much from home as well as look after Stan. She is a real gem and I don't know how this place will ever replace her.

Then along came Janet & Geoff. They have filled an area we were lacking – research and what a great job they are doing with the Photo project.

As for the many volunteers we have had to assist us in keeping this wonderful cottage open. Their dedication to the BHS has been superb. Every one of them – committee or visitor guides, have been conscientious and reliable so it was easy to run the rosters with only a few hiccoughs for the last 17 – 18 years. So, I would like to say thank you to everyone for my wonderful time at Pioneer Cottage. Prue

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are intending to come to the History Talk would you please RSVP to Bev Lavarack 5445 1355 or lavarack@westnet.com.au by THURSDAY 4 MARCH. This request is due to COVID restrictions limiting attendance numbers.

HISTORY TALK – PIONEER WOMEN



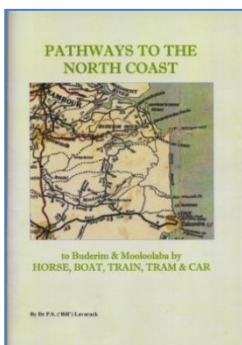
On Saturday 6 March we resume our History Talks at Pioneer Cottage at 2:00 pm. This week the talk will be given by Susan Guy, a descendant of one of Buderim's earliest pioneers, William Henry and his wife Susan Ferguson Guy. Pioneers of Buderim included so many talented hardworking men. At first there were surveying teams, farmers, loggers, teachers and preachers. Beside these men were the hardworking women who turned slab huts into homes, grew food and raised families. Opposite: the Guy family, probably about 1900.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

29 January 2021

- May I take this opportunity to welcome our committee back to our first meeting for the 2021 year. I once again look forward to working with our committee and volunteers over the next year. I am sure that we are all hoping for a COVID-19 free year so that we can maximize the use of the Pioneer Cottage and the resources of the Buderim Historical Society.
- Many thanks to Prue and her photographic project team for the extensive report that has been put together reflecting the amazing amount of work that has been carried out which forms the basis of David's grant application. The group has provided our photo collection with a systematic approach allowing it to be used by BHS and researchers from the wider community. Many thanks for your efforts Prue, Jess, Geoff, and Janet.
- I believe that it is time to review with Prue our volunteer roster so that we can look at effectively accommodate the use of our volunteer guides. I would like in general business to discuss how best we can use the volunteers who have committed to do the work of volunteer guides at the cottage. In Prue's absence I would like Prue to be sent details of our discussion.
- A big thank you to our green keepers and gardeners who have done a magnificent job of maintaining the high standards of care for the flower beds and lawns of the cottage over the Christmas period. Thanks Doug, David, Lorraine, and Lois Turnbull for the wonderful work that you do tending the flower beds and lawned areas. David planned to meet with Simon to discuss the expectations of mowing styles, however Simon was a no show.
- Our new/revised Strategic Plan for 2021 is taking shape thanks to the team leadership being given by Ruth. Our SWOT meeting which was held at the beginning was well attended. Ruth allowed the diverse group to contribute a broad spectrum of ideas which will now form the basis of our work for the next SCCH group that meets on Tuesday the 16 February. This work will form the building blocks of our Strategic Plan which will be formulated at our next group meeting being organized by the SCC Senior Heritage Consultant in February.
- Curriculum development is being undertaken to provide, review and enrich the Year 2/3 unit of work titled, "Now and Then". Our working party consists of Donna, Ruth, and me. The general purpose of the redevelopment of the unit is to make it more interactive and hands on. The purpose of the unit refinement is not to eliminate guides but moreover make it a more hands on experience for our student visitors. We continue to explore local school interest. Ruth's statistics on students visiting the cottage indicate that most school visitors come from the year 2 and 3 areas of the local primary schools.

Kevin Briggs



BOOK LAUNCH

In October two new books by Bill Lavarack were launched at Pioneer Cottage.

***Pathways to the North Coast – to Buderim and Mooloolaba by Horse, Boat, Train, Tram & Car.** 2020, 48 pages. How the early settlers travelled to Buderim and Mooloolaba, from Pettigrew's boats (1864) to the Bruce Highway (1935). Describes how the roads improved from rough bush racks to suit the arrival of motor cars. Price \$25; and*

***History of Sport on Buderim Revised edition 2020.** This is a revision of Bill's earlier book which is now out of print. Price \$15. These books, and others, are available from Pioneer Cottage.*

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