

THE PIONEER

THE BUDERIM HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc.

July/August 2021

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DIARY DATES

HISTORY TALK

7 August, Vise House

2:00 pm

SCHOOL VISIT

Sunshine Beach State School

16/17/19 August

AGM – 11 Sept, 2:00pm

MUSEUM MYSTERY

MADNESS

Month of September

OPEN HOUSE

23/24 October

VALE

KATE JACKSON

(PRUE CAWLEY)

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend Kate who was a valued volunteer guide at Pioneer Cottage.



When I asked her why she volunteered for us she said: *'Sitting on the veranda of Pioneer Cottage brings a feeling of peace and tranquillity the like of which I have never experienced anywhere else. Here I can catch my breath, step back into a time when life was much slower, simpler and deeply satisfying. There are my mentors; the ghosts of John and Anne and others in the family, to keep me company while I am there. The magic is unfailing. Two hours on the veranda of Pioneer Cottage is the best and cheapest therapy to be had. Anywhere'.*

(This was originally printed in our B150 special edition of THE PIONEER 2012.)

Kate continued to work for us until her hearing prevented her from being able to communicate as well with the visitors as she wished. After this she remained a very true friend as well as giving donations towards our annual Christmas Raffles of bottles of whiskey (greatly appreciated by the winners).

Kate will be greatly missed by all who knew and appreciated her quiet English dedication to a job well done.

President's Report June 2021

Cottage Volunteers

We have been very fortunate with the acquisition of a number of new volunteers which certainly will assist our future efforts of succession planning for our organization. Some of our new volunteers bring with them skills that will assist and support our long term members. The willingness of the new members to volunteer their time means that Ruth has been able to form a roster that has spread the work of the Guide Volunteers across a larger number of people. A great outcome of this

activity is that we are now in the position to be able to add Monday once again to our opening hours of the cottage. I thank all our volunteers, old and new, for the wonderful, continued work that they do for our organization and Pioneer Cottage.

Membership

I thank Ian Jackson, our Membership Manager, for his timely reminder about the payment of this year's membership dues. The dues remain at pre Covid levels with Single membership being \$15, Couples \$20 and Life membership \$85. I urge all members to pay as soon as possible so that this can eliminate reminders from our Membership Manager. Membership fees can be paid by return mail, payment through our front desk Visitor Guides or bank transfer. Thanks to Ian for his continued work as our Membership Manager.

Paranormal Group Proposed Visit

I have made contact with Daniel Sheiroff from Para Vision regarding the possibility of his request for a second follow up visit to Pioneer Cottage. Daniel was pleased about my contact regarding another visit, however, is currently involved in some commissioned work at the old site of the Cooroy Butter Factory. Daniel has penciled in a return visit to the Pioneer Cottage at the end of August or early September. When further information is available, I shall notify all committee members.

Peregian Beach College Visit

I am pleased to be able to report that we had our first post Covid excursion to the Pioneer Cottage on the 10 June. While the group was only small, 12 Year One students, never the less worked well as a rehearsal for larger groups that will be attending. Ruth and myself divided the group into sub groups and we systematically did each of the five designated areas in the cottage precincts. The resource folders and printed work sheets for the pupils worked well with the direction of our guides. The class had been immersed in knowledge provided by a great-grandparent from the bygone years. The students were very receptive to what they saw and were able to relate the items in the cottage to what they had heard from the great-grandparent visitor's talk. I am currently awaiting the return of the evaluation form from the class teacher to hopefully affirm the success of their visit to Pioneer Cottage.

Electrical Certification

Following the electrical inspections and resultant remedial work carried out on Pioneer Cottage and Vise House our buildings now stand with a "clear bill of health" for all electrical matters. Given the total of the invoices of the work carried out David forwarded the accounts to the BWMCA who kindly accepted financial responsibility for the accounts. Certificates were issued by KAE which approves the competency of the electrical systems of our buildings.

History Talk By Neil McGarvie OAM



Neil McGarvie was our guest speaker at our History Talk on the 5 June. The topic for the presentation was **'Buderim community projects where Buderim Historical Society had played a significant role'**.

1. Buderim-Palmwoods Tramway Projects.

Information from BHS in 1993-4 raised my interest in the Palmwoods to Buderim tramway remnants (it was actually a light-rail line) which was built from 1911 and then operated from 1914 to 1936. I really enjoyed chasing up details from many remarkable Buderim informants. I prepared a Conservation Plan for the tramway remnants and the local Council used it to inform their work with the Buderim volunteers on the Telco Rd walking track.

The Secretary of BHS moved, through BHS, to have the tramway walking track land that extending down towards Forest Glen for about 1600 metres, and which

was still Council owned, Heritage Registered with the Environmental Protection Authority, (as it was then known), so that it could not be built on or disturbed.

It became known where the Buderim Tramway's German Krauss loco was located and where the remains of the other loco, the American Shay, were, these being the two Buderim Tramway locos. BPHTI was able to purchase the Krauss using discretionary funds provided by the Mayor of the time, and other supporting Councillors. The Krauss has now been cosmetically restored from a very dilapidated condition, by BPHTI, and it is awaiting a decision on a display site in central Buderim.



During this time the volunteers also worked with the relevant Government Department of Natural Resources and Mining and had the unnamed creek, that flowed below the large wooden tramway bridge near Telco Rd, officially named 'Tramway Creek'. Also at the request of local residents in the area, another tributary of Martins Creek rising in park land off Mons School Rd, was named 'Diggers Creek'

2. Buderim Historical Time-line.

I was asked by BHS to begin research for a history of Buderim and BHS applied for the funding of this planned project, but the book was not produced at that time. The recent publication of a Buderim history named 'Timber, Trains, Turmoil' by the President of BPHTI has recorded it all very well. However, I assembled all the gathered records of happenings and dates in Buderim, that I had drawn from BHS records, into a Buderim History Time-line with BHS assistance.

3. The history of the Aborigines in the Buderim area.

It had been noted that very few Pioneer Cottage records addressed the local, present and past Aboriginal population and my wife, Jean, and I began some research from already existing written and printed records, to write an essay for BHS aimed to develop further the Aboriginal and South Sea Islander ("Kanakan") segments of Buderim's history.

4. South Sea Islander and Aboriginal heritage in Ballinger Court Park between No 8 and No 10 Ballinger Court in Buderim. We were involved with the volunteer efforts to conduct community working bees on a Council block next to our home with the aim of establishing a public bushland park. As the park took shape I checked out the area with BHS and found, in the red cedar box in Pioneer Cottage, a plan and photo of a permanent camp that had existed on the park area and which was used by South Sea Islander workers in the sugar industry in Buderim's early days! Many Aboriginal women had married SSI men. Burial sites existed in the park area.



BHS assisted in the search for the history of this park area and then included it in the 'Buderim Walks'/'Walk Buderim' locations, that they had prepared for Council.

5. Early General Buderim History.

Just a couple of historical facts picked up along the way that some may not be aware of:

One of the main unloading points, for ship's cargo in and out of Buderim, had been a wharf in Eudlo Creek and an associated large shed both of which were located off Fishermans Rd, Kuluin, adjacent to the roundabout near Neil Manson's garden supply business.

William Pettigrew, who was at one time Lord Mayor of Brisbane and whose ships serviced the Buderim area, built a saw-mill at Maroochydore and he also donated land and building materials for the building of Buderim's first Provisional School in Panorama Cres on the left of Mooloolaba Rd, past Foote Ave, as it goes down the hill from Buderim.

Conclusion.

As a group we are Buderim residents interested in history/heritage issues so it is vital that the important organised groups within the community, for example Buderim Historical Society (BHS) and Buderim War Memorial Community Association (BWMCA), and such bodies are supported and nurtured. Without the continued input of these long-standing citizen originated groups the orderly advancement of Buderim and its history, will be threatened.

Neil McGarvie

SFG Meeting – Thursday 10 June

A SFG meeting was held last Thursday which was attended by Ruth Ormerod, Donna Sharman, Jenny Powell, Bev Lavarack, Lorraine Buhk. Ruth chaired the meeting. The committee made decisions which allocated tasks and made decisions for our forthcoming Christmas in July celebrations. I thank all those who attended.

September Museum Mystery Madness

Elspeth McEachern, Senior Cultural Heritage Officer, visited Pioneer Cottage on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the promotion of Nambour Museum, Landsborough Museum and Buderim Pioneer Cottage during the month of September. Visitors to the host museums will be invited to participate in a fun quiz related to the displays in each of the museums. A lucky entry will be drawn from each of the sites and its owner will be awarded a voucher. The purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in each of the local museums' sites.

Annual General Meeting.

Saturday 11 September at 2:00pm.

Is anyone willing to take on an executive position? We are short of one committee member at present. Just in case, attached is a Nomination Form to be filled in and returned to us by 27 August. Please come along to show your support and there's a good afternoon tea after the meeting.

Garden Report

The gardens may be looking a bit bare at the moment as work this month has concentrated on pruning the perennial shrubs and propagating plants for planting in July. With a bit of luck the timing of these activities will result in a mass of blooms in spring and a good show for the 'Open Day' in October.

Plant of the month would have to be the monster with spiky blue flowers, growing next to the front steps into the Cottage. The plant, *Pycnostachys urticifolia*, is commonly known as Hedgehog Sage. It does have a name tag on it, but we get so many 'what is that' enquiries from visitors that I am going to replace it with a larger, more visible tag. Lorraine and I are continuing to work on the plant picture album. It is a slow job, waiting for plants to come into flower and be photographed (Lorraine), a sample taken, pressed, dried and sent off to the Qld. Herbarium for identification (Lois). However, I think it is well worth doing as it will provide an accurate source of information of the identities of many of the unusual plants growing in the Cottage gardens.

Lois

HISTORY TALK

The next History Talk will be on Saturday 7 August at Vise House at 2:00pm. The speaker will be Geoff Baker, one of our new, but enthusiastic members. His subject:

Window on the Past – A peek inside the Buderim Historical Society's Photographic Collection

Geoff and Janet Baker joined the Buderim Historical Society after retiring to Buderim in 2020. They were honoured to be asked to help out by going through the Society's collection of over 2000 photographs to identify the most significant historical images and then find original or very good copies in the collection. As a first step, the Society has received a Council grant to restore and reproduce high quality copies of 25 of these images.

Many of the best images in the collection have been used extensively in publications on the history of Buderim and the Sunshine Coast. Geoff has been tracking down the story told by some of the less well known images in the collection. His presentation will introduce us to these images and the stories they tell about life on Buderim in the early years of farming.

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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 11th September 2021

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

DATED: this.....day of.....2021

Signature of Proposer

Signature of Secunder

Accepted by the Nominee for the position indicated above.

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Signature of NomineDate.....